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SMMC Administration must approve
Assembly votes open lobbies


by Mary Gallagher
St. Mary's Editor

A formal proposal for 24-hour open lobbies was unanimously approved by St. Mary's Student Assembly at their meeting last night.

The proposal, drafted by Hall Life Commissioner, Miiku Tracey, the Hall Presidents, and Student Body Vice President Sue Welte, calls for specified lobby areas in each of the four residence halls to be open to visitors 24 hours a day in an effort to demonstrate "responsibility and hospitality" on the part of the students. "In all phases of living on campus, including the residence hall lobby." An attached appendix outlined possible security measures to be implemented along with the proposal. Aside from the procedures already in operation for locking exterior access to the halls, additional internal measures would be taken.

Parietal proposal planned

Welte added that plans are underway for a parietal proposal to be submitted at the January meeting of the Board. "We feel that January would be the best time to submit a comprehensive, well-researched plan," Welte said. "And we intend to solicit full cooperation from all segments of the community for getting it drawn up."

Welte hopes that the open lobby proposal would do the rest immediately upon approval, but this remains at the discretion of the Board.

New security measures

The security measures involve separation of lounge and parlor areas from residential areas.

The large double doors at the entrance to the main first-floor hallway in LeMans would be closed at 11 p.m., with access beyond those doors restricted to LeMans residents only. In Holy Cross, the main lobby area and offices would be open to visitors, with access to the residential area through the sign-in desk only. The McCandless visitors' area would remain as is.

Fr. Whelan, Grace rector

prominately 500 dormers were at classes, while a second of 500 people, the students are being instructed by the fire warden. "It is the fire alarm that causes the alarm and it is fire alarm that causes the alarm."

"What doesn't do the alarm," Margie Fr. Clark, "is that flames don't cause the deaths...it's the smoke that kills." And in a centrally air-conditioned building such as Grace, he says, the danger is greatly magnified.

Both he and seventh floor residence advisor Steve Lansey, who stayed behind to direct the evacuation, said that the fire alarm noise-duration should be extended that its present two minutes. "That doesn't give everyone enough time to hear it," or to understand that it is a fire alarm evacuation. They should clear the building, say both Fr. Clark and Lansey.

Lansey, later surveying the damage on his floor, reported that the smoke was so thick he couldn't get from one floor to the other, nor to the central staircase, without being asphyxiated, and throughout the afternoon Grace's centrally conditioned air-steady smoke, underlying his and Fr. Clark's concern about residents' reaction to the fire's danger.

"There's no doubt in my mind that it will be passed all the way on."

SBVP Sue Welte declared last night. In other business, the Student Assembly voted to appropriate $5.00 per student to the Observer for the service of providing the papers to the student body. These funds would come from the $19.00 student activities fee which is included on every student's bill. Previously, a separate, direct billing procedure had been followed. The Assembly members were also asked to make their constituencies aware of the positions open on the many task forces and planning committees established for the review of the college, and to urge them to participate.

Student Center party

Student Body President Jean Seymour, who chairs the Assembly, concluded with a projection that the new student center in Regina would have its grand opening on Tuesday, October 31, with a Halloween costume party. Tours of the facilities will be conducted by student government, and the party will feature games and a live band.

Full text of proposal for open lobbies

Whereas, the lobby areas of residence halls are used as a common meeting area between residents and visitors.

Whereas, the lobby areas, being centrally air-conditioned, are accessible to all residence hall residents, including visitors.

Whereas, those students with self-responsible hours are permitted to leave the residence halls after dorm closing, and,

Whereas, during the winter months, visitors are not permitted to enter the residence halls after closing.

We, the members of the student body and student government, propose that the lobby areas of residence halls be open 24 hours to permit visitors to enter and be entertained by the residents of each hall, especially during inclement weather.

At stated in the Residence Hall Manual, each resident must comply with the campus sign-in-out policy. Those students with hours, must be in the dorm by dorm closing hours of 12 a.m. on Sunday-Thursdays, 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturdays. They may entertain visitors in the lobby after dorm hours, although they will not be permitted to leave the hall after said hours.

Students with self-responsible hours are permitted to receive their visitors in the lobby area after dorm closing, following the usual campus sign-in-out procedures. Sign-in-out is required on the Night Hall Director's yellow sheet. Visitation in the usual sign-in-out policy will be subject to sanction by the Student Relations Board. Security will be maintained as usual by the Night Hall Director in each residence hall by and campus security. Upon leaving the residence hall after official dorm closing hours, the student with self-responsible hours must present her ID to the Night Hall Director. The residence halls as our homes, should extend their hospitality and courtesy as men tioned above. We, as students, take responsibility and hospitality and should be contained in all phases of living on campus, including the residence hall lobby.

Fire damaged Seventh floor of Grace Hall

"Fire erupted in a laundry utility cart on the seventh floor of Grace Hall. (arrow) Fire and smoke damaged the walls and floors of the elevator lobby on that floor."

by David Rust
The University of Notre Dame and South Bend Fire Department firemen extinguished a blaze on the seventh floor stair-tower section of Grace Hall yesterday. There were no injuries reported.

The fire broke out at approxi mately 1:30 p.m. in a laundry utility cart. Approximately the result of an ash tray emptied into a waste container on the cart, which sat directly in the front of the elevators.

Firemen immediately responded to the call, the Notre Dame fire engine arriving two minutes after the street side and South Bend fire engines later.

By 1:50 the fire was under control. Damage caused by the flames, which witnesses describe as rising ten feet into the air, included total destruction to all but the metal frame of the cart, barely burned and scorched wall and bulletin board, and a carpet burned through in several places. Grace Assistant Rectors Fr. Berton Clark was distressed at hall residents' reaction to the alarm. Though most of the hall's ap
Washington - The Senate debated a measure that would block passage of the proposed Soviet-American trade agreement if Moscow does not remove the economic freeze. It now imposes on Jews and others seeking to emigrate to Israel and elsewhere. Seventy-one senators introduced an amendment that would bar key provisions of the treaty, which is reportedly near completion.

Washington - Led by the United States and Soviet Union, scientific academies of a dozen nations set up a "think tank" to seek solutions of problems created by industrial societies. The International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis, as it will be known, will be housed in Austria. It will study problems such as pollution control, urban growth, public health, and overpopulation.

New York - Sen. George McGovern, at a Liberal Party dinner here, extolled the Nixon Administration "the trickiest, the most deceitful administration in our entire national history."

Washington - President Nixon and his top political advisers met at Camp David to decide how to meet democratic demands that the President is "hiding" from the voters. The President, who has made only three campaign appearances since his nomination, is expected to step up the pace. Meanwhile, his campaign director accused Senator McGovern of engaging in "ocularic name-calling and character assassination." 

E Rapid City, S.D. - Vice President Agnew brought the Republican campaign to Senator McGovern's home state of South Dakota and accused the Democratic nominee of using smear and innuendo in his pursuit of the Presidency. Agnew then called McGovern "very popular in certain segments of North Vietnamese society" because of his "philosophy of defeat."

Overcompetition reason for concessions cutback
by Connie Griege
Observer Staff Reporter

Dr. Robert Ackerman, Director of Student Activities, cited overcompetition and physical appearance as reasons for the reorganization of football Saturday concession stands.

In previous years, each hall was guaranteed two stands for each game home with other campus organizations permitted only two home games. Under the new organization, halls are included in campus organizations and must comply to the "two-game" quota. This costs each hall three weekends in the concession business.

Less stands, more profit
Ackerman said he felt that the competition from 35 organizations each running stands would be too great for anyone to make a profit. With each hall allotted two games, every weekend. His comment on the "eye sore" created by the stands was that on the contrary "the stands and bands that each dorm supported provided an added attraction to the entire football weekend."

Halls' loss justified
According to Ackerman, "It was not fair to let residents halls create a monopoly" on this fund raising activity. He cited other campus organizations such as the Glee Club depending almost completely upon this type of fund raising activity. He said that if halls used proven pressure and control, they would have other methods such as food sales which would fill their treasuries.

The director noted that in most cases food sales and concessions run under the guise of university organizations are in fact the source of income to particular individuals.

"The selling of goods in pure form is a good fund-raising activity, but the halls will not exert control over who controls the funds." Ackerman then continued to state that he would prefer everything get together with SLC and devise a specific policy covering the distribution of profits in fund raising by university organizations.

Halls presidents react

Jeselnick feels the university was short-sighted in its decision to reorganize concessions without the consultation of HPC. "It is not a workable solution without hall presidents of HPC; it was given to us with little or no choice," Jeselnick stated.

Jeselnick said the hall presidents feel that the entire issue should be reconsidered. "It is not the time to reconsider changes in something I feel is wrong," closed Jeselnick.

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Hesburgh's letter expresses serious concern

by Jim Ferry

Observer Staff Reporter

University President Father Theodore M. Hesburgh in a letter addressed to the members of the Board of Trustees, expressed the "serious concern" of the University administration, as well as educators of all colleges and universities throughout the country, over the matter of charitable contribution deduction.

When the 93rd Congress convenes in January, it will be drawing up bills to reform tax laws. Such bills, Hesburgh said, are a serious threat to the practice of charitable contribution deduction, which has been a major means for raising money for the University for quite a while.

In his letter, Hesburgh stated, "In all know that tax benefits or advantages are not the primary motivation for giving, particularly to Notre Dame, but they certainly are an important consideration."

Hesburgh agrees with Congress attempting to cover up loopholes, some of which he termed "silly," but there is one tax law he sees as basically beneficial. That is the law which permits any person who wishes to contribute money to culture, religion, health or education, to receive some in return by allowing him to deduct a certain amount from his personal income tax.

The President also stated that this was the only country on earth that maintained a private education system, as well as a public education system, and that 1 million people presently attend these private institutions. He feels that if charitable contribution deduction were repealed, the University would be in "big trouble." Thus he urged the members of the Board of Trustees to follow legislative developments carefully and to consider communicating their views to their Congressmen and Senators.

Hesburgh: Tax benefits are important.

Campus Senate to Speak Friday

by Greg Rawinski

Senator Edward Moore Kenna will speak in Stepian Center Friday morning. Neither plots of the speech or its theme is known with any degree of certainty. Discussions of the Senate have hinted at legislation concerning the Massachusetts legislature.

Newswark, one of the youngest of the Kennedy brothers; as "a dream candidate for Vice-President". But Senate Kennedy turned down the offer, making it clear that he had no intentions of running for national office in 1972.

Senator Kennedy has already appeared with Presidential hopeful Senator George McGovern on the campaign trail, including stops in Cleveland, Detroit, and Chicago. His reception has been so great that one Philadelphia paper actually gave the non-candidate top billing in its headline: "Security will be "very tight", according to Mr. William Hoppocke, who is re-ordinating the Senator's visit. Senator Kennedy will break-foot at the Indiana Club at 7:45 on Friday. He will arrive at Stepian Center between 9 and 9:30 and speak for approximately a half-hour.

From Stepian Kennedy will proceed to Elkhart Airport for an 11:30 appearance, and then fly to Fort Wayne.

St. Mary's Dining Hall, Madeleva Memorial, or Niles College of Loyola University. He is President of the lay faculty and a member of the executive board of that college.

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Kountz to Speak

Frederick J. Kountz will be the second speaker participating in "The American Scene: A Cultural Series", hosted by Saint Mary College, Notre Dame.

Mr. Kountz is associated with Niles College of Loyola University. He is President of the lay faculty and a member of the executive board of that college.

Kountz will speak on "A Variety of God Incitations in Secular Literature" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 1972, Carroll Hall, Madeleva Memorial, Saint Mary College, Notre Dame Indiana.

The public is invited to attend.

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Coup's Challenge

"To determine what are the most essential and indispensable elements of our total mission, the most essential as contrasted with that which might have been deemed desirable under other circumstances."

—charge to the Committee on University Priorities, Fr. Theodore H. Hesburgh

The success of any committee charged with finding the pulse of Notre Dame and translating that pulse into a concrete representation for faculty members who have been excluded from the core of university decision making is dependent on two factors: working with the full support of the Observer and of the student body. That support has been lacking in the past, and the committee is not sure it has the support of the student body without the full support of the Observer.

I propose a change. In stead of setting a value on football tickets, let the committee propose a series of semi-annual or quarterly issues. The Observer and other volunteer organizations. The Observer and other volunteer organizations. The Observer and other volunteer organizations.

The problem is with three critical factors working to shape the thinking of the student body. First, the university seems to be isolated in the surrounding community, isolated in the eyes of the public. The university is not able to present itself as an entity that is capable of when it has student support. We would like to set the record straight for the students that the alteration of the calendar was accomplished with the support of the SLC and not the unorganized efforts of a small group of people. It resulted solely from the efforts of a small group of people.

Second, the committee is faced with a tremendous workload which must be met by an already heavily burdened academic and administrative lead. The university will not be able to meet the frequency of its meetings because sub-committee work is in the completion of public confidence will suffer again. The conscientiously researched input of students was valuable in more places than the classroom.

Two Possibilities

The committee can take one (or both) of two tracts to repair the damage done to public confidence. First, it could expand meetings with the student body, and the organizational meeting on Friday the committee could make a firm decision to hold many public sessions.

Both of these two moves would improve Coup's wanting public image. In particular, the addition of a woman to the committee proper would correct what is probably the most crucial of the oversights. Such an action would show that the committee was receptive to public input and that it was listening. Frequent open sessions would reduce the fear among faculty and students that the committee was receptive to public input and that it was listening.

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On the campus of Notre Dame attempting to a recogine an avenue of its history is young. The Society of Ujamaa, it could be because meant its slow destruction. Experienced for centuries. And if you see that in order to regain womanhood or type of dehumanization black people have there can still be a working relationship between two people. In no way do we here and women while opening areas of comprehensive work, things change. Will these speakers that have been working with have the solutions to all of society's problems. Because of this premise, it does not really understand that the Society of Ujamaa's spurious aggregate view, in a prose style so ponderous and musturdic at its internal logic, so lacking in personal character and the rhythms of the human heartbeast, that one would think from a superficial glance that her personal feelings had nothing to do with her arguments.

Thus, significant as these points may be in a paragraph reading of "The New Chastity..." They are not really problematic, unalterable baggage. For beyond Miss Decter's conclusions, assumptions and inferences is the rubric of this book—writing this book—the killing of the head of the women's Liberalization Movement in order that the body may expire. And in that purpose she was failed to fail from the start, for even if she had succeeded (which she hasn't), even if she had refuted the hypothesis she has raised (if the movement (which she hasn't), and the "deficit" made and for all others who have created ideologies in the U.S. the women's movement, she has one suspects that the movement would continue to fulfill its non-ideological impetus of Miss Decter's assumptions about the way life is. Thus, such as, for instance, her assertion, "For a man, sex is an sex... but... life is indeed often felt by him to be more and more of them, each incident of potency in bed providing some intimate recusation of his admiration to deal with the world outside it." Nonetheless, in the case of a woman, "If she likes sex, she does mind it, or positively whereas it is in respect of university activities that pertain to Black student affairs. University has had formal supervision of the Center on the Black Student Affairs Committee. This Committee exercises its role in respect of the Council by its liaison with the student committee that plans, coordinates, and evaluates the programs that the Center offers.

Inferences should be made to the committee of students which is currently chaired by an undergraduate, Ray concerning membership. Voting membership shall be awarded to all members of the student body who shall participate in the program of the society and who have a financial contribution toward defraying the operating expenses of the society. The executives of the society shall be selected only those members of the society who shall be appointed by continuing program of the society; and when that history of active participation is challenged, the incumbent Steering Committee's evidence shall adjudicate the matter.

I think I went through the change of life once. It seemed and barely reached puberty when I went to bed a sweet single and awakened the next morning a confirmed bachelor. men of the first symptom when I went back to my home town for a visit. My mother and I were out shopping for a son at last when we ran into a neighbor boy (friend who knows all my life, anyway), the blonde lady is ready to my mother across appliances. "Is this little Rich?"

"Black, you know Mrs. Plumb, don't you?"

"Of course, I'd know him anywhere," she cackled and continued as if I weren't there."

"You know, the boss is right here.

"As well as can be expected."

"Is he healthy and productive?"

"Considering," my mother said, "How proud you and Moreno must be. Tell me, is the boy still single?"

"Yes, Ethel," Mrs. Plumb placed her chubby hand on my mother's Times. "He'll make a lovely son-in-law for some lucky girl."

"Yes, Ethel," Mrs. Plumb. "I'm going to give him a call and maybe we can arrange something with Ethel."

I was at the supermarket recently when I bumped carts in Produce with Mrs. Stacker, the mother of Marjorie, a girl I went to high school with.

"Well, well, well," Mrs. Stacker said, "I read in the paper that you're still single."

"I didn't know boy, I don't think anything in the paper."

"Not as well as can be expected.

"How do you know, the girl isn't the other girl or something?"

"It just never occurred to me to get married."

"Never occurred to you? Now take my sister, Gilda."

"What about her?"

"Nothing. Just that. Take my sister, Gilda. You know, girl, you are the ones who really lousing up the silver business. And it's not only me—Manny the manager and Lilly who puts your name on lines."

"You eligible types are putting us all out of a job.

"No, we aren't. And I'm very happy with that one on your conscience."

"And with the pride owner of a monogrammed sterling silver service."

"I'm just doing my job, Miss."

""A regular Sherlock Holmes, aren't I? You know—what you say your name is, single daughter is still single."

"I, I know. I read it in the paper."
Calendar of events released by Student Union

The Student Union Services Commission, sponsoring the "Second Annual Hot Dog Day" in front of the golden dome during lunch today, "Hot Dog Day" is only one of the many projects that the Service Commission is planning for this year. Another example of the same two-fold according to Monte Kearse, who works closely with the Student Union office in LFortune.

hot dog day

"Hot Dog Day gives the Service Commission some exposure to various students on campus. It brings people together while letting them know we're existing," He emphasized that it was "nothing big", but that it was a "change of pace".

The freshman directors will be distributed on Monday by the Service Commission.

Bike registration total failure

Chris Singleton, president of the Notre Dame InPirG has had the Academic Commission, the Notre Dame Commission and the Social Commission.

Ted Kennedy

The Academic Commission will be playing on Friday morning in Stepan Center while the Student Union will open Notre Dame on October 11th. The Academic Commission is responsible for the different speakers on campus, such as the recent appearance of Norman Mailer.

The Commission is hoping that other political figures will speak at Notre Dame.

"Hounddog Taylor"

Last year's Blues Festival is being replaced by a series of monthly Blues concerts in Washington Hall. "Hounddog Taylor" will appear on October 12th.

The Cultural Arts Commission can be reached for additional information at 3797.

The Social Commission has sponsored both the Seal and Crafts and Chicago concerts. The Guess Who, Stephen Stills, Harry Manx, and Yes will round out the semester's concert schedule. No bookings have been made for the second semester at this time. There are however, three concert dates in the series.

InPirG requests to drop fee proposal

By Jerry Bradley
Observer Staff Reporter
The Notre Dame InPirG has advised the administration that they do not want to put an InPirG fee of $1.25 per semester in the student's accounts.

"Despite the poor turnout, Singleton feels that those bikes that were registered will be safer. He stated that the odds are less than one out of two that a bike would be stolen if it has a registration decal.

Stressing the purpose of registration was to deter thieves, he said, "You have no real protection. If someone really wants to steal a bike, they can."

He pointed out that there were a large number of registered bikes when all the others are more difficult to identify.

He mentioned that the identification of a lost or stolen bike without proof of purchase or knowledge of its serial number is insufficient to claim it.

Singleton whose bike was stolen this freshman year, felt that the registration will eliminate any such problems.

Seeing no possibility of a second semester registration, he stated, "If people don't show interest now, I don't know why they'd show it later."

All other plans are limited to tonight and Thursday's registration in the two dining halls.

The Tuesday event is sponsored by the South Bend campus, registration, and $1.75 for national registration. The national registration involves a computer system that informs the student's home if they are found anywhere in the country.

Singleton felt that each individual must know the serial number, color, make of the bike, and any other identifying characteristics.

For the few bikes without serial numbers, a student's device will be provided to imprint a number. This equipment should be available within the next few days, while the decals should be ready for distribution today.

The Academic Commission, the Notre Dame Commission and the Social Commission.

Roche Schuller of the Cultural Arts Commission explained that the InPirG is "trying to bring a wide range of events to Notre Dame."

The InPirG is sponsoring the Nemesis '73 series in the Engineering Auditorium. The series focuses upon films that have become famous as works of art.

The Servant will be presented Wednesday night. Patron cards are still available for the series.

Black Students Meeting

"The New Scholastic Frontier Society" will provide a Forum Monday October 9, 1972 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Black Cultural Arts Center on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. The topic of discussion will be "What should be the Black Cultural Arts Center with respect to the campus community and the community at large?"

If you have any questions call Harold at 1871.

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Sr. McNeal states:

Students need value system

by Jim Greaser
Observer Staff Reporter

Telling students that they are "dependent on other Sister," Sister Patricia McNeal urged the student community yesterday to create and live a value system for itself.

Mc Neal pointed out to the crowd of about 75 at the non-violence lecture that the faculty in most fields presents a certain set of "tools" to the student which he is to use in his later life. She questioned, "Why can't we as students do you see how you will use those tools?"

New counselors selected

Ann Beth Hollander and Vicki Ann McNee have been appointed Admissions Counselors for Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame. This new division of the Registrar's office reports to Sr. M. Raphaelita Whalen, C.R.C., Director of Admissions.

Misses Hollander and McNee will officially represent St. Mary's College in a new in-depth recruiting program. They will be concerned with potential students' personality, psychology, and development. In no way will they interview students, but will seek out those who accept the type of education and atmosphere they personally desire.

Miss McNee, currently at Indiana U.

Mike McKeal, 1972 Notre Dame graduate, also spoke on the "power of non-violent action." McKeal, who recently completed a 60 day fast, said that "to speak about non-violence is to speak about suffering."

The purpose of the fast he said, was "to appeal to good people to come out and live a full life," and give dedication to their "brothers."

At the discussion following the lecture, students blasted the University as a far too "comfortable" community with no relations to the suffering going on around it.

Fr. James Carroll, director of campus ministry at Boston University, was also present at the lecture. He urged students to realize that the problems "are here and need to be faced here and there." Speaking on the inefficiency of rhetoric in a viable non-violence, Carroll added that it "is hard for us all to have any words at all."

Also present was N.D. graduate Paul Rogers, formerly in NROTC, here to now a peace activist. When students mentioned discouragement at the small number at the meeting, Rogers pointed out that discouragement because of the "opening," an awful lot of seeds get planted. "Don't let this thing die."
The Irish Eye

Saturday's meeting between Notre Dame and Michigan State is more than just another football game. It's more than a traditional encounter between the two rivals. It may be the key to Irish hopes for an unbeaten season.

There weren't many people around who thought prior to the season opener with Northwestern, that this year's Notre Dame team could go through their schedule unblemished. There were just too many questions marks. This was to be a rebuilding year, not a championship year.

But the fact coach Ara Parseghian remarked, "What happens in our first three games will go a long way in determining how well we do this year." Two first games are history. They're recorded in the books as easy Notre Dame victories. And now the Irish are looking ahead to Saturday afternoon and their highly televised, annual tussle with Duffy Daugherty's Spartans. It's a game that doesn't figure to be as easily won as the first two.

Some naively confident fans may point to State's 21-16 loss to Georgia Tech two weeks ago in East Lansing and to last year's 51-6 drubbing at the hands of Southern Cal and say that the Irish not only should win Saturday afternoon, but that they should win big.

Those fans should be reminded that the Spartans' defense limited Southern Cal, which had been averaging 430 yards in total offense, to only 280.

"Michigan State was the best defensive team we have played," Trojan coach John McKay said after Saturday night's game. "They should win big."

They should be reminded that Michigan's State offense was guilty of only five turnovers and three interceptions. Two Trojan touchdowns came after MSU fumbles inside the Spartan 30 yard line. Another score, the game's first, came on Lynn Swann's 93 yard punt return. A fourth Trojan touchdown resulted from a 25-yard rundown of an intercepted pass. That's virtually "free" points that the Spartans got.

"It would be easy if anyone can assure me that Michigan State will stumble away five times, give up a couple of long returns and put itself in the hole constantly," Parseghian told his squad earlier this week. "But you can't count on it.

The complacent fans should be reminded that Southern Cal led by only a 14-4 score after three quarters.

They should recall that Michigan State has ballplayers like Brad Van Pelt, probably the nation's finest safetyman, All-Big Ten guard Joe Deluise, and tight end Billy Dupee, one of the best in the midwest at that position. Linebacker Gail Clark is an All-American center. And the Irish are counting on a tough Spartan defense. And, offensively, M.S.U. has plenty of good running backs, all of whom can move with the football — quickly.

In addition to their array of talented athletes, the Spartans have several other "plus" factors going for them. First of these is that they're playing in their own stadium, a place the Irish have won but once in the past 22 years, that victory coming by a 29-0 score in 1970.

The Spartans are coming off a 1-0 unscoring game, the worst loss for Daugherty in his 19 years as a head coach. You can bet the jolly Irishman didn't take that loss with a smile and has been working his club hard all week in preparation for Saturday's game with the Irish.

Finally, M.S.U. has lost three straight games to Notre Dame in their fiercely contested series. The Irish have never beaten the Spartans four consecutive years. There's no doubt that the State players will be "up" for the game.

Taking an overall view of the season, the M.S.U. game this weekend looks like it could be another point between a "good" year and the possibility of a "great" year.

If the Irish can get by the Spartans, they'll meet Pittsburgh, Minnesota and Texas Christian in Notre Dame Stadium on the next three weekends. Pitt has nothing and, while Minnesota and the Herded Frogs have to be rated as average-to-good college clubs, their chances of upsetting the Irish at home don't seem to be too good. After all, Notre Dame has lost just one of its last 22 games at the green stadium dating back to 1941.

The Irish, in Philadelphia, is next on the schedule and the closest game the Irish have played with a Paraseghian-coached Notre Dame team was last year, when the Irish won 21-0. If it's close this season, it'll be a great one.

Air Force, at Colorado Springs, is the eighth game on the slate and is also the biggest threat to Irish hopes of arriving in Los Angeles for the National Title. And a bit might be all that's needed to send the young, enthusiastic Irish hot on its trail.

As of now, Duffy Daugherty and the Spartans are barring that trail. That's why Saturday's meeting with Michigan State is more than just another ball game.