Concerning majors

**AL college offers new options**

by Paul Young

Staff Reporter

The College of Arts and Letters will institute two new options to the traditional university major system. The options were approved at the December meeting of the Academic Council. The first option would allow students to begin their major in the sophomore year and finish as a junior. The senior year would then be free for evaluation of the student's own major and the study of interdisciplinary courses related to the major.

The second option would provide an alternative to a major by substituting combinations of present majors. This program of Collegiate Sequences would not only offer the student a more liberal background, but could also serve those whose interests lie in a certain field such as public affairs (possibly a government, history, economics combination).

**Blood drive**

**IRA ends truce**

TYPICAL EARLY-SEMESTER hassles at the bookstore are displayed in this crowd and waiting line. (Photo by Paul Joyce.)
Higher cutoff decreases number on Dean's list

An increase in the Dean's List cutoff point from a GPA of 3.25 to 3.4 has resulted in a substantial loss among qualifying students in all four colleges, according to University Registrar Richard Sullivans.

Sullivan yesterday reported that the average GPA also declined the past fall semester. The spring semester of 74, the post point for the Dean's List was 3.25. The Academic Council passed the resolution to raise the GPA to 3.4 because it felt that grades were easily obtained. The increase in the required grade average led many among Dean's Lists students.

For the spring semester of 1974, 2,457 students made the Dean's Lists in the four Colleges while for the 1974 Fall Semester only 1,840 students made the Lists. The spring semester GPA was 3.95 total for the four colleges. This fall semester marked a decline with the average GPA being 2.92 in the four colleges.

Academic Council student representatives Susan Hics, ex-plained that the council felt the Dean's List was becoming meaningless.

“Having a low GPA allows more students to make the Dean's List and there isn’t any distinction,” Hicks said.

Hicks, a sophmore engineering student, added the Council also felt that graduating with honors was less honorable because the low GPA allowed more students to graduate with honors. James Ambrose, student Government academic com-

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Faculty reacts to Ford’s program

By Don Reimer

A survey of a half dozen Notre Dame faculty members yesterday concerning President Gerald Ford’s economic proposals drew varied reactions.

Ford’s program, outlined Wednesday in his State of the Union address to Congress, contains literally a reduction in both corporate and personal tax rates combined with an increase in oil taxes. The President also asked for a moratorium on social spending and a reduction in the “absolutely tiny” government surplus and standby authority to raise gasoline taxes.

The new tax plans would add approximately 2 billion dollars to the price of fuel, while reducing overall taxes by nearly 22 billion dollars.

Government Professor Peri Arnold, who commented that Ford’s administration’s action were “welcome and late”, pointed out the three fold problem covered by Ford’s plan. “Ford has three, not very well-patched together concepts of tax policy,” he said. “One of them is to fire up, stop inflation, and solve our energy problems all in one program.”

Gas tax criticized

Much concern was voiced over the ultimate effect of the energy program. Professor Thomas Swartz, an associate professor of Economics, called the energy tax “a creative black hole.”

“Gas tax is only going to drive up gas prices domestically and the oil companies will gain access to the public’s money,” Swartz said. He expressed doubt that the “extra profits” tax he predicted on the oil companies would be sufficient to substantially reduce their extra profits.

Swartz suggested a “severe excise tax on gasoline to reduce consumption.” “The revenue from this tax could be used to develop mass transportation and new energy sources,” added Swartz. A system of high sales tax was also suggested. “Many groups would also be influenced in this case,” he explained.

Professor John Durbin expressed serious doubts about the distribution of the import tax on oil. “The idea of distribution of this tax to one to three dollar importer duty over everyone that uses petroleum was very simplistic,” Durbin stated. “It assumes great elasticity of demand for natural gas, jet fuel and other petroleum products.”

“Any rebate gained on taxes by a person will likely be simply taken back through this increased tax,” Durbin remarked.

Tax cut inevitable

The possibility of greatly increased inflation due to this proposed billion dollar rise in the federal budget deficit was explained by Economics Professor Stephen Warland. Warland, who said that the new program was “classic way of dealing with a depression”, cited the cost-push type of inflation as being the main inflationary force.

He explained that cost-push inflation is not caused by increased demand, but rather by a cycle of wage and price rises. Therefore, the increased demand caused by the federal budget deficit will not automatically cause inflation if properly handled.

It will still take skillful statesmanship, however, to make sure that the cost-push inflation doesn’t fester away on prices rather than provide a valued weapon, Warland, and will definitely need wage and price guidelines of some sort.

The lowering of tax rates was generally viewed favorably by these professors consulted, though some doubts were voiced.

Governement and International Studies Professor John Roos, in what he termed only as “initial” reaction, said he concurred about the equity of distribution of the initial tax cuts. “They might prove to be regressive,” he said, “because of the higher petroleum prices which affect the poor more than the upper classes.” “I do agree that some type of cuts are needed,” he added.

All of the professors questioned agreed that some type of tax cut was inevitable.

“Unemployment is going up at a disastrous rate, so Congress will have to pass some kind of tax cutting measure,” observed Professor Swartz.

Professor Roos pointed out that the form of distribution of tax benefits would be subject to some debate. Roos emphasized that the issues of oil taxes and relaxation of environmental controls would probably be strongly contested.

Professor Arnold agreed that “recession measures,” such as tax cuts, would certainly be passed. However, he declared that Congress would fight the energy program. “The Congress is not going to fail to vote programs such as national health care,” Arnold stressed.
Helm’s testimony defends CIA actions

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former CIA Director Richard Helm said Thursday his agents had to spy upon American radicals because some of them had links with foreign subversives, and he defended the CIA’s record “without regrets, without qualms, without apology.”

Helm lashed back at the CIA’s critics in prepared testimony at a special Senate hearing, describing himself as “indiguated at the irresponsible attacks” against the agency and warning they could seriouly damage U.S. interests “if suffered to pass unchallenged.”

Helm, new ambassador to Iran, was CIA director from 1966 to 1973 and deputy director before that, when most of the domestic intelligence activities outlined Wednesday by the current director, William E. Colby, took place.

“I was and remain proud of my work there, culminating in my 6½ years as director,” Helm said in a four-page statement presented to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

“I believed in the importance to the nation of the function that the agency served. I still do without regrets, without qualms, without apology.”

Helm and Colby appeared before an expanded panel of the Armed Services intelligence subcommittee, which began “in-depth” hearings into allegations the CIA violated its charter by spying upon American anti-war dissidents and other domestic radical groups in the 1960s and early 70s.

“Unlike Colby’s testimony, Wednesday before a Senate appropriations subcommittee, Thursday’s hearings were conducted behind closed doors in order to preserve what was described as a need for intelligence secrecy.

“Of necessity, intelligence must be protected by secrecy which, in turn, necessitates public confidence and trust,” Sen. John C. Stennis, the committee chairman, said.

Committee sources said Colby merely read the report on CIA domestic activities he had made public Wednesday. It included admissions the agency kept files on some 10,000 American dissidents, infiltrated the anti-war movement in the 1960s, staged three break-ins to safeguard CIA secrets, tapped the phones of 31 U.S. citizens to check security leaks and opened mail sent to two unidentified Communist countries by U.S. citizens.

Helm, making his first extensive public statement on the issue, in effect delivered an uncompromising justification for the activities Colby had disclosed.

In normal times, he said, few Americans would ever “come within the purview of our foreign intelligence operations.”

“Until the recent past, such involvements were rare occurrences. Then in the late 1960s and early 1970s came the sudden and quite dramatic upsurge of extreme radicalism in this country and abroad, an upsurge of violence against authority and institution, and the advocacy of violent change in our system of government. He said this dissent, by itself, was of no interest to the CIA.

“It became so only in the degree that the trouble was inspired by, or coordinated with, or funded by, anti-American subversion mechanisms abroad. “As the workload grew, a very small group within the already small counterintelligence staff was formed to analyze the information developed here and to give guidance to our facilities abroad.”

IRA calls off 25-day cease-fire

By DONALD O'BEGINS

DELBURG (UPI) — The Irish Republican Army announced Thursday it was suspending its 25-day-old cease-fire in Northern Ireland and Britain because of a “lack of response” from the British government.

While declining it would not extend the truce beyond midnight Thursday, the IRA said it was still willing to negotiate “to secure peace and justice in our land.”

The council had been meeting in what IRA sources called “heated and protracted” discussions since Tuesday, when Northern Ireland Secretary Mervyn Rees addressed the House of Commons about moves toward peace in Ulster.

Rees had said he would “speed up” the release IRA and British leftist prisoners and withdraw British troops to their barracks as a prelude to withdrawal from the province if a permanent cease-fire was guaranteed.

He followed that with a statement Thursday that “the IRA inferred by the low number" freed, quickly denounced the move as “dangerous brinkmanship.”

Thursday’s statement called the number freed “an insult to every member of the Irish race.”

It also listed seven other reasons for its decision to call off the cease-fire, including a “lack of response to our peace proposals by the British government.”

In view of the above facts, but principally due to a total lack of response to our peace proposals by the British government, the Army Council cannot in conscience renew the order suspending offensive military action,” the IRA said.

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Capitacist enterprise and, to the visitor, the dichotomy is intriguing. To an regime of Moscow but also the spell of the Communist states. Unfortunately, that proposition. So, three of us left Schloss itin erary was extremely flexible since we could take or drop classes for schedules for eastern Europe. The advent of the individual could detour the length of our stay.

Arriving from Vienna to Zagreb was more unusual than had been anticipated. We had been advised that visas were unnecessary for Yugoslavia, the only exception among the Communist states. Unfortunately, that advice conflicted with the official practice. During the night we were awakened a number of times for a review of our passports. The inspectors' lengthy confirmPasswordatory procedures were eventually returned along with accompanying visas without conferring. The day was similar in that we left early for a train to Belgrade and Belgrade. Four hours later we arrived in Belgrade. The sedate residential greenery of, which this city belongs to, was lighted mightily with the gathering masses of the downtown area. Belgrade's facade of enjoying "Austrian," accustomed to cities (even "Austrian" appearing about the after-10 pro

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James S. Ward, a twenty-one year old senior Science major at the University of Notre Dame, died of a heart attack in Tallahassee, Florida on Saturday, January 11. Ward was on tour through the South with the University of Notre Dame's choir, at the time of his death.

A resident of Beaver, Pennsylvania, Ward was suddenly collapsed on the beach at approximately 9:30 a.m. That night, the news of his death was reported to the public at noon.

An autopsy later performed that afternoon showed that the cause of death was a congenital coronary artery defect which in turn triggered a heart attack. Ward had recently been accepted into the School of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh for the fall term in 1975. He achieved 6th place in his class at Notre Dame.

Ward's family, consisting of his father, mother, and sister, were slowly informed of the news. His sudden death was a great shock to his family and friends. All the members of the choir who went to the funeral were housed by neighbors and friends of the family.

It was the greatest outpouring of grief I have ever seen," Stewart noted. ''Jim was so unassuming I never realized how popular and well loved he was," he continued.

Jim was the first in the choir to welcome the freshmen and he became even more outgoing during the tour," added David P. Wachtman, a member of the choir. "Jim was the best man to have and I think the thought that the tour had been a wonderful experience."

SMC freshman elections are null and void
by Mary Jane
St. Mary's Editor

Although Friday the Thirteenth is traditionally considered the day for bad luck, Mary Jane suggested that Thursday the Twelfth is equally capable of surprising visitors as evidenced by the announcement that the freshmen class elections at St. Mary's will be null and void. December 12, are null and void.

The announcement was made following the discovery that the balloting boxes in two of the four residence halls on campus were not used.

According to Election Commission Katie Kearnay, a work schedule, assigning the hours which certain students were to man the polls, was done in each of the dorms prior to the election. However, two of the halls failed to comply with the schedule. Kearnay warned that the identity of these halls remains unknown.

The election has been rescheduled for next Thursday, January 24. No new candidates will be allowed to run, but those who were on the ballot last month will also be listed on this one, she stated.

Candidates will be allowed to re-consult with the candidates on Saturday. All campaigning must end at 7:00 p.m. on B. Wed the 22nd.

Freshman choir president hopeful include Joan Caronna, Charlotte Degenholtz and Kathy Habersan. Among the candidates for freshman vice-president are: Mary Garrett, Barbara Halley, Joan Miller, and Laura Ann Prestine. Kelley Nosh and Laura Sickler are seeking the position of freshmen class president. While Karen Van Gemert and Mary Klansen are running for class treasurer.

Two representatives to the freshman assembly will be selected at this election. Among the candidates for class president are: Joyce Fertig, Karen Field, and Cindy Hance.

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LeMans Hall residents given new red carpet treatment

by Mary Egan
Staff Reporter

LeMans Hall residents received red carpet treatment during Christmas break as new red and black carpeting was installed on the upper floors of the dorm. Carpeting in Holy Cross on the first floor resident area and the chapel will be completed shortly.

"This was done at the direction of the Board of Regents," explained Dr. Mary Alice Cannon, vice president of student affairs.

"The students have been asking for it for years," she added. The Hall Life Committee recommended the carpeting to the Board of Regents at their October meeting.

The carpeting helps reduce the noise levels in the halls and keeps them warmer.

Student reaction to the carpeting is generally favorable. "I like the carpeting, but the red color doesn't go perfectly with the green walls," said one student. "It will be easier to keep clean," said another.

"This is the kind of carpeting that will clean easily," said Dr. Cannon. The carpeting will reduce the noise level, which has been a student complaint in the past.

The price of the 900 square yards of carpeting, including installation and labor charges is approximately $407,000, said Dr. Marie Pierre Cadby, director of fiscal affairs. The low cost of the rugs was possible through the benefactions of a Board of Regents member, she explained.

Runners that the money for the carpeting came from unused science lab fees are not true.

### Chorale gives concert in Chicago

by Kathy Mills
Staff Reporter

Under the direction of Dr. David Clark Iselite, the Chorale gave a concert at the Beverly Arts Center in Chicago January 15. The reason for this performance was to open up the Center's concert series.

According to Dr. Iselite, the group's selections were "a potpourri of everything," ranging from "Jessie's Dream" to Appalachian folk tunes. Included in the repertoire were "The Devil's Dream," "Dodee," "Fiat My Love," "Randall Thompson's Alleluia," and Vittoria's "Ave Maria."

Dr. Iselite stated that he felt that the performance went well, although the Chorale had only a short time to rehearse.

The concert was "very pleased," said Dr. Cannon. The students had sung for about a month before this latest performance.

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Notre Dame has been playing Marquette for the last 58 years in a rivalry that used to carry no more than the usual Holy Cross-Jesuit animosity. The last five years, though, have become more than fraternally fraternal. In 1973, Phelps and Dwight Clay made their debuts in the Warriors Arena by breaking Marquette's 52-game home winning streak on the now patented "Irishman" corner jump shot.

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