FR. THEODORE HESBURGH, while in Washington recently, extended an invitation to President Ford to visit Notre Dame. Ford’s decision regarding the proposed visit will be announced today.

Hesburgh invites Ford to campus

By Tom Drage

President Gerald R. Ford has been in­
vited to speak at Notre Dame on Monday.
March 17 by Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh,
University President. White House sources
said yesterday that an acceptance or
refusal would be announced by

tomorrow morning.

A personal letter of invitation from
Hesburgh was delivered to Ford while the
Notre Dame president was in Washington.
D.C. last week, according to a White House
spokesman. Both the White House and
Hesburgh have refused comment on the
purpose of the visit until Ford’s personal
confirmation is released.

Hesburgh has personally welcomed to the
Notre Dame campus was Dwight Eisenhower in June 1960.

PHOTO: Tom Lose

ALTHOUGH it may still be winter, this sailboat is proof-positive that spring is not far away (Photo by Tom Lose).
**Count Dracula legend unearthed**

by Valerie Zarbiris  
Staff Reporter

Dracula, the world's most famous monster who sucks blood from helpless victims or a national hero who challenges the most daring of all acts of impalement? This was the topic of a lecture given last night by Professor Rafael Floresco of the Irish Studies Institute.

In a packed Washington Hall, Floresco explained that the Romanian king "Vlad the Impaler" and the vampire legend were combined by Bram Stoker, an 18th century writer. The name Dracula comes from the Rumanian word "dracul," which translates as "son of the devil." Pamphlets and stories and American Bela Lugosi movies expanded the tale until today's version of the Count Dracula resulted.

In fact, a Transylvanian native, was brought up to believe that Count Dracula was the original of "George Washington" of Rumania. Dracula had defended the nation with valor against a Turkish invasion in the 16th century against overwhelming odds and the small country has never been under serious attack since.

Dracula had never become a popular neck-biting Dracula until he came to the United States and read Bram Stoker's Dracula.

Interrogated with the legend, he often came across medieval documents telling of Vlad Tepes gray palimte of impalement, or putting stakes through human matrials or impalement, or putting stakes through human matrials. This is known as the Gothic version, the basic theme, story, and impalement and other tales.

It was then that Floresco earnestly started studying the vampire legend.

Floresco and McNally traveled to Transylvania and discovered most peasant still believed in vampires and knew of Dracula and his crimes.

It was Bram Stoker's own doing that Dracula stories are alive today. The Transylvanian-accented professor is convinced that Stoker did research on his novel though he never set foot in Transylvania, so his fiction is fact or legend.

Although Dracula has been translated into many languages, it is not available in Romanian. In fact, it is not allowed in the country, just as no Dracula movies are allowed. The President of Rumania wants to keep the traditions separate in the country. He doesn't want any defacing of the national hero.

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Calendar change is still possible

by Ken Bradford
Staff Reporter

The 1975-76 academic calendar can still be changed if students so desire. Grace residents Bill Scheible and Pete Morelli will conduct a poll of six-hundred students and faculty members to determine if change is sufficient support for an alternative calendar.

The preliminary poll has already been tested in preliminary polls in Grace and Farley Halls. In these two halls, the alternative calendar, which features a Labor Day start and a week-long break at Thanksgiving, was favored over the official calendar. The preliminary poll showed that 98 per cent of the students

reopening opposed the calendar currently planned for the 1975-76 school year.

"We're running out of time. This is the last possible chance for the students and faculty members who want a change," Morelli stated. "If we don't win this time, the administration has nothing to go on because we were right in the first place."

Preliminary University Calendar:

Aug. 25-Sept. 1 Sat. thru Mon. Orientation for new students.

Sept. 2, Tues. Registration for all students. Sept. 3 Wed. Classes begin at 8:00 a.m. Nov. 24 Wed. Thanksgiving holiday begins at 12:30

Dec. 2, Mon. Classes resume at 8:00 Dec. 12 Fri. Last class day.

Dec. 13-14 Sat. & Sun. Study days (no exams)

Dec. 15-19 Mon.-Sat. (noon) EXAMS

The persons to be polled today will be the same persons polled by the earlier Student Government computerized poll. The poll will be taken in the interview between the calendar currently accepted for next year and the Scheible-Morelli alternative calendar.

"We believe that would be like a simulated hospital room, an audio-tutorial lab for self-paced learning. Our new library, seminar rooms and audio-tutorial labs will be available in the fall," said Dr. Mary Martucci, Chairman of the Nursing Department.

"However, none of these plans are definite as far as I know and I am expecting official notification soon," she said. "The audio-tutorial lab would be equipped with audiovisual materials, study carrels and other research supplies.

Computers to Madeleva

"We are also talking about moving the computer terminals to the basement of Madeleva when the Nursing Department moves to the Campus School. In addition we are thinking of combining the business computer facilities with the psychology lab into some kind of statistic lab in Madeleva where the Nursing Department is now," commented Kennedy.

Health Services change

The allocation committee is also planning the relocation of the Health Services from the first floor of Hickey Hall to a new building on the North Side campus. The new building is currently located in the basement of Holy Cross.

"By moving the Health Services to Holy Cross we are expanding from a six-bed infirmary to an eight-bed infirmary, with a separate doctor's office, nurse's office and two exam rooms, instead of a cut-and-dried (continued on page 7)

Sister Ann Ida Gannon, B.V.M., president of Mundelein College in Chicago, has been chosen the first nun to receive the Laetare Medal, the University of Notre Dame's highest honor.

The choice of the well-known college administrator, who will retire from Mundelein's presidency this June after 30 years, was announced Saturday March 8 by Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame. "In selecting a distinguished woman religious, our choice is Sister Ann Ida," Hesburgh commented, "a woman of broad vision whose professional achievement has gone hand-in-hand with her religious commitment and whose life has exemplified the service of women religious to society and to the Church."

Notre Dame's Laetare Medal has been given annually since 1883 to Catholic, Protestant and Jewish educational leaders in the United States, the American Catholics, but only lay persons were eligible for the award until 1966. While Sr. Ann Ida is the first nun to be honored, she is the second nun to be nominated for the award.

Generally regarded as the most significant annual award conferred upon Catholic educators in the United States, the Laetare Medal consists of a gold bar bearing the inscription, "Magna est veritas et laetare laudem," and a separate doctor's office, nurse's office and two exam rooms, instead of a cut-and-dried (continued on page 7)

Sister Ann Ida Gannon, B.V.M.

St. Louis University. She taught in Chicago's St. Mary's High School before joining Mundelein's Department of Philosophy as chairman in 1951. She assumed the presidency of the College six years later and announced her upcoming resignation last month.

Mundelein's president serves as chairman of the American Council on Education last year and headed the Association of Women College Presidents in 1972. She has also been active in several other educational organizations and was recently named among the top four national leaders in the nation, a survey conducted by Change magazine.

Active in extending the role of women in society, she served on the President's Task Force on Women's Rights and Responsibilities in 1969 as well as on the Illinois Commission on the Status of Women.

At Mundelein, she began new continuing education programs to serve the needs of mature women, and the North Side college now

now appears every Thursday at 9:15 p.m. on WENN-CHannel 5

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With regard to the world hunger issue, Hauerwas said that it "presents us with a great moral crisis and we should be asking ourselves about that which show the university to be relevant."

He continued, that "just as the study of humanities does not humanize a person, neither does ethics make a moral man." Values are too diverse to be taught in a uniform way, he claimed. They involve training, he added.

"The university is tempted to sell its soul to a moral store which is proportional to the university's primary moral role," he stated. Hauerwas noted that the diversification function is an important aspect. "The University is meant to be a melting pot of different moral problems; its primary task is to itself. It is the institution to give people the psychological and physical spaces to be dedicated to life and mind," he said.

Articulation of truth
The articulation of truth is a moral task, Hauerwas stated, and we are better off in the long run if we knew the truth.

"The challenge that takes the risk that it is better to produce men who pursue the truth even though it may cause pain in the long run," Hauerwas said. "The pursuit of the truth is not separate from the pursuit of the good. We expect in our students and faculty integrity." "We must take the reality as it is and not as we would wish it to be. This requires honesty, justice, humility, humor and kindness. As the demands of truth can be so destructive that only the love of others can sustain us in such a moral endeavor," said Hauerwas. He then raised three questions: how the University is to fulfill this role, what kind of community will we be in such a world and how are we now doing it successfully.

Redes sites moral leadership

Professor of Law Robert Rodes followed Hauerwas, saying, "I see more moral leadership in the University than Hauerwas does, a Christian should be concerned about hunger.

"We are not all of us inadequate before suffering; we need to work together out of common necessity," stated Rodes, citing such obstacles as our habit of being comfortable and our fear of taking a stand and "losing our minds.

Professor of Government Peri Arnold represented a different background. "There is assumption of both Hauerwas and Rodes that morality is easily available and I want to suggest that it is a much harder job to find a basis for morality," he said.

First, he mentioned that we assume in our moral life of the university. Second, he suggested an inquiry into the role of holy beliefs. Thirdly, he proposed that the university might provide the basis for reflection. "We must teach men and women how to reflect on the beliefs. The values can be memorized but memory serves a poor purpose for moral choices," he claimed. He noted that only in a "heterogeneous community of religious beliefs" is it possible to reflect on such issues.

Burtchaell on Christian tradition

Burtchaell was the last to address the issue, stating, "As a University, our principal task is a search for learning; this can be a big concern in our moral life as well. Community. If men and women are good thinkers, which is now a great moral impact on the world," he said.

Burtchaell described qualities of the University, first citing the fact that it is a tradition to become not only proficient in a discipline but also to try as a whole person, which has moral implications, may possibly be eliminated next semester.

Rodes answered in detail by saying that there are courses in the University which help us learn how to think and analyze problems. He then concluded by saying that he is far from the idea of what to do about the moral issue.
Reactions vary over drinking age bill defeat

by Marianne Schultz
Staff Reporter

Optimism for the lowering of the drinking age in Indiana to eighteen years of age was expressed February 14, when Chester F. Devon, chairman of the House Business and Labor Committee, decided not to hold vote on House Bill 188. After a public hearing on the bill Wednesday, March 5, the outlook for its passage looked bleak. The following day looked very optimistic for the bill when the Indiana State Representative Bob Dovis moved, Indiana State Representative Robert DuComb stated, "It was a surprise to me"...of the vote. Devon decided not to hold the vote. He might have made that decision because he felt that the vote bill would not have had sufficient support during the final debate to be released into the House's agenda. DuComb decided not to hold the vote either, thus dismissing the possibility that Devon personal feelings concerning the bill might have entered into his decision relating last Thursday. DuComb admitted, "It is not in our opinion of the Alcoholic Beverages Association...Chairman Devon was so convinced that the bill was completely revised that he decided not to vote on it at all...in the hope of entering into the house's agenda." He stated that he was not ready to abandon all customers three free calls. After a public hearing on the bill, the House Business and Labor Committee, decided not to hold vote on House Bill 188.

Over telephone companies
InPIRG scores major victory
by Brian M. Clancy
Staff Reporter

The Indiana Public Interest Research Group (InPIRG) won a major victory February 14, when the House Business and Labor Committee decided not to hold vote on the bill concerning Indiana telephone companies efforts to charge customers money, not into ways to save utility extension of billing periods. The Indiana Public Interest Research Group submitted plans for telephone companies to add directory assistance charges to regular phone calls. They are trying for quality projects...at least lowering the drinking age to 18 or 19 for beer, campus placed on drinking." Mary Basker agreed, "Sometimes you wonder if it isn't a case of the old "forbidden thing"—that people make such a big deal out of it because it's not allowed. At home we have parties and alcohol is merely regarded as a natural occurrence, but not as the major reason for having or going to the party."

Freshman Rosemary Marks from New York and her paper on the consequences of the alcohol situation here on campus. "Campus unity is being shot. People are being more and more preoccupied." Probobly the biggest obstacle preventing alcohol from being allowed on campus is the policy to make the university liable." she added. "What bothers me is the total inconsistency of the situation. What makes someone more mature in Michigan than in Indiana?"

In conclusion, the three agreed, 'Notre Dame is not like a normal college.'

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Operation Brainstorm

Entry deadline ends Wednesday, March 19

by Kaitie Kerwin
Multi-Rep Reporter

Time is running out for students who wish to submit entries to Operation Brainstorm, an idea contest sponsored by the Ombudsmen Service. The entry deadline is Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

All Notre Dame undergraduates are encouraged to submit ideas in the areas of social change, activities, service or policy. Submissions will be judged for originality, practicality and implementation.

Richard J. Sullivan, University Hospital Ombudsmen director and one of the three judges for the contest, stressed the importance of the third aspect of these criteria.

"Most of the suggestions are very practical," Sullivan said. "The way a student amplies his idea will probably determine the winner."

Sullivan explained that a student must not only have an imaginative idea, but a detailed, logical implementation plan for his idea. He must not only have an imaginative idea, but a detailed, logical implementation plan for his idea.

Sullivan said that the contest as an opportunity for the student to vent his gripes and make constructive suggestions. He added that they have not only have an imaginative idea, but a detailed, logical implementation plan for his idea.

Sullivan pointed out that through many ideas are grand prize winners, they are still solid, practical suggestions that will give consideration and channeled through the Ombudsmen office.

Sullivan said that although many ideas brought to light through Operation Brainstorm, it would like to see its influence and effectiveness and reputation to improve the process of implementing ideas and to give individual students a greater chance to see their ideas put into practice.

"We hope this yields something. If it works out we might sponsor it again," McLean noted. "Sometimes ideas take time to get out," he added. "Involving, as examples Darby's Place, the La Fortune renovation, An Tuinal, Mardi Gras, and the Ombudsmen Service," Sullivan went on to say that he had been pleased with the quality of suggestions so far.

"With the help of the Ombudsmen Service," McLean said, "it might take 2 or 3 years for a student to see his idea in action," said McLean.

Although Sullivan is happy with the quality of suggestions so far, McLean has been disappointed with the low returns.

"Some student government personnel regarded the contest as reflecting the student attitude: 'Let someone else do it.'" Sullivan explained that a student needs a specialist our job, but have an angle on how it works. Sullivan pointed out that a lot of people feel it's not their job, but implementation is important purposes of the contest.

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He hopes that many people have ideas, but implementation is important purposes of the contest. 
The 44th annual Bengal Bouts went under way Sunday evening in the ACC, with 18 fights taking place among contestants from 127 in the 16 lb. brackets.

Hark-hitting, aggressiveness and a little blood characterized the first half of the evening, but most of the first eight fights produced one clearly dominant fighter as evidenced by the one TKO and five unanimous decisions. Only two fights were close enough to warrant split decisions.

Terry Broderick opened the evening with a unanimous decision over Dan Roman in the 127 lb. class. Sophomore Mike Mullin followed with a unanimous decision victory over Joe Mims in the 135 lb. bracket.

The bouts' first close match came next in the 140 lb. division with sophomore Pat O'Brien winning a split decision over Bob Metzler, stopping Bob at 35 seconds in the second round.

Joe Coover's unanimous decision over Dave Brown in the 160 lb. bracket and Steve Schuster's win over Tony Yonto, also by unanimous decision, brought a close to the first half of the night's events.

After intermission the bouts in the heavier weight brackets took place in the taking place in both the 165 and 175 lb. divisions. The hitting was harder and the bouts a little shorter with five of the eight fights being stopped before completion. Matt Wulffner opened the 180 lb. weight class with a third round TKO of Neal Fitzgerald. Junior Tom Plouff then followed with a third round rally that bloodied John Tartaglione's face and earned him a TKO victory in the final round. John Ricotta and Tom Plouff then provided the crowd pleaser for the night with a wild, scrappy bout resulting in a split decision victory for Ricotta.

The New York sophomore managed enough hard combinations among the quickflurries to win the bout. John Garland finished up the 180 lb. bracket with a TKO of Mike Thomas when Thomas failed to answer the bell for the second round.

In the 190 lb. match Lou Bulte dominated the first two rounds of his fight with Tom Hastings to gain an unanimous decision. Sophomore John Thornton used an aggressive jab attack to eke out a split decision win over Shane Carew.

The first knockout of the evening came in the third match of the 175 lb. class, with junior Thad Naquin disposing of Bill Blum at 26 seconds in the third round. The match had been close until a right to the jaw decked Blum. Bob Farrel then closed the evening by defeating Gus Cefiledi by a TKO at 40 seconds in the second round.

The bouts resume tonight at 8:00 with 18 matches slated for the evening. Tonight will mark the first competition in the 180 and 190 lb. weight classes, along with bouts in all of the lighter divisions as well. Both bouts will begin in the 160 lb. weight class when defending champ Phil Herbert takes on Mike Thomas. A winner on Sunday night will allow Herbert all three of his opponents last year on route to the division title and the match with Bob is expected to be a tough, fought-out one.

In the 175 lb. bracket the bout between Thad Naquin and Bob Farrel promises to be one of the highlights of the event. Both fighters won convincingly on Sunday.

Defending champ Chet Zawalich opens the 180 lb. bracket with a match against freshman Carl Penn. Zawalich is the favorite of the division, but the competition is by no means easy, with Penn and other division contenders Mike McGarry and Ed Coppola (both expected to be a rought, hard-fought one)

Sophomore Brian Ricotta in the 185 lb. division will face runner-up in 1974 faces Ron Buttarazzi, and Tom Bake takes Rudy Foti.

The complete agenda for tonight's action is:

**Observation**

NCAA tourney tickets go on sale today at ACC

Tickets for Notre Dame's first round game in the NCAA Midwest regional against Kansas will go on sale today at the second floor ticket windows of the ACC. The $5.00 ticket price includes admission to all seven games being played at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis. Attendees will present the limited amount of tickets that is received, each student must present only his or her own ID card.

Should the Irish win and advance to the regionals at New York State, tickets will go on sale next Monday and Tuesday March 17th and 18th, again on a first come, first served basis.

McCoey to speak at FCA meeting

Tonight's meeting of the Notre Dame chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will feature Mike McCoy of the Green Bay Packers as a guest speaker.

The former Irish All American will discuss his pro football and Christian fellowship experiences. Students, faculty, staff and all others are invited to attend the meeting which will be held in the chapel of the 125th. The meeting will start at 9:00 PM.