by Phil Cackley
Senior Staff Reporter

Planks supporting women's rights, stiffer gun control measures, and large scale economic reforms to help minorities were passed Friday night by the Mock Democratic Convention's Platform Committee in a fifth and final meeting.

Advancing passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), among other specific legislation, the committee also called for full employment to help lift minorities out of their economic dilemma.

Controls on buying guns approved by the committee included state committees to determine who would be permitted to purchase firearms, and state regulation of stores selling firearms.

Also passed were planks favoring family planning reforms, in criminal rehabilitation, decriminalization of marijuana and a crackdown on the selling of narcotic drugs, and equal recognition of Israel's and Palestine's rights to live in the Middle East.

Debate was subdued at the final meeting of the committee, with women's rights and gun control issues being the most difficult proposals dealt with. The minority rights bill was passed unanimously with no debate and no amendments, thanks to a proposal drawn up by the Black Caucus.

The main area of contention in the women's rights bill was whether to support the ERA alone, or to also advocate legislation dealing with specific women's problems. After a lengthy debate, the delegates kept both the ERA and the specific legislation.

The plank said that far-reaching reforms were needed to stop sex discrimination and called for enforcement of already-existing laws, the passage of the ERA or specific legislation, enforcement of Affirmative Action programs, and increased government hiring of qualified women, especially in high level Federal jobs.

A minority plank of exactly the same content was passed except it made no mention of the ERA.

A bill entered anonymously called for repeal of the 19th plank, the word "person" in the 14th Amendment would not be construed to include members of the female sex. The bill received one vote.

Gun controls called for by the plank said there would be a two week waiting period before selling a gun, a two week waiting period after his talk on Whitman, which allowed everyone to share vividly in his dream of America.

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An excited, capacity crowd of over 600 students and professors jammed Washington Hall long before Borges was scheduled to appear. When the blind writer poet finally was led slowly onto the stage, wild applause was there to greet him. The momentum of that rousing welcome carried through the entire evening, as the audience became immediately enraptured with the port little man, so full of vibrant mental energy.

Borges' talk focused upon Walt Whitman, whom he called the "Father of Free Verse." He raved about Whitman's "Leaves of Grass." He spoke of Whitman's great contribution to the world of American literature, as he defined it: "An essential poet" in the formation of the modern American language, as Whitman was still able to demonstrate vividly Whitman's great love for America.

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Rome backs birth control

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Unusual weather plagues www

by Lisa Morel
Staff Reporter

Plans for the 2nd annual "Wacky Weather Weekend" will have to take place this Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21 in cooperation with St. Mary's Social Commissions. But if you are not a wacky weather lover, then this weekend will not be your favorite weather event.

In an effort to provide a fun and exciting weekend to fill the gap between Mardi Gras and An Tos-Nav, the Weather Commission of St. Mary's, attributing this margin to the general apathy of all students to campus events, decided they would expose the transient character of Notre Dame life.

The students may register here but soon become involved in their university life, they aren't aware of what is happening in St. Mary's. The Weather Commission of St. Mary's Social Commissions is still unable to prove its point because the weather isn't cooperating. It is the chosen time for the Wacky Weather Weekend to have unusual weather. "Last year we wore raincoats and this year we wore cold weather clothing," commented John Popp, President of St. Mary's Social Commissions. "Maybe we should change the name to Wacky 'Weather' Weekend!" But as for me, I would just as soon see the weather stay warm so more people will come out and have a good time."

Molly McKenna, St. Mary's Social Commission is in charge of Friday's activities which will begin with a Happy Hour at Kubik's from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., sponsored by the junior class. Also, depending on the weather, activities will be ice-skating on Lake Marion and tobogganing. The rest of Friday's activities will take place in LaFortune. The bands that will be reactivated to do an encore of a discotheque, is the band Mcintosh Equipment, donated by The Observer. The lounge will be open for people to sit and relax and socialize.

Beginning at 12 p.m. with hot dogs and hot chocolate being served in Holy Cross Hall. There will be an extra shuttle bus running, beginning at 11:30 a.m. At 11:00 A.M. and 5:30 p.m. the South Shore Line should be available for transport of some of the participants, according to John Popp, President of the Weather Commission. Activities will be held at Stepan Center 8:00 P.M. and the price will be $1.00.

The prices will be $1.00 for the South Shore Line and $2.00 per person. Ticket sales will be announced later in the week.

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by Jean O'Meara
Staff Reporter

Notre Dame students may determine county issues

A "solid block of votes from the Notre Dame community could affect the outcome of the election," said Clerk to St. Joseph Councilman, Mr. Ron Garvey, this Friday in his office at the County Court House. "In the past, they have showed up on the political side, but were not very involved in apathy." He added.

According to Cathy Bernard, president of the League of Women Voters in St. Joseph County, this includes the level of participation of students and local levels will be determined from a total of 2,097 registered voters in the County. "So far," primaries.

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On a broader level, the League of Women Voters is preparing questions for all candidates which they, as a group, think should be included in the party platforms. President of the League, Barnard, mentioned a few of the concerns. On the national level, Barnard thinks the Equal Rights Amendment must be dealt with. "It should not be left to ERA or Right to Life," she stressed. "One of the instead of signing the State Code, the Federal funding for the survival of the South Shore Line should be distributed by the Senate Hartke, Barnard said.

Those representing the State levels must be confronted with their political positions on revised Penal Code, pari-mutuel betting, the phosphate ban, and Barnard. Notre Dame students, she continued, are confronted with their candidates and their convictions. In this way, they could affect not only party platforms but in the primaries.

COUL to distribute social life questionnaire Tuesday

by James Fishbain
Staff Reporter

Co-ed housing, student drinking habits, and social space will be the topics of a questionnaire to be distributed by the Committee of Undergraduate Life (COUL) on Tuesday, March 20. Sen. Vance Hartke, D-Ind., headed the project, said the team.

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O-C rep needed

Anyone who is presently living off-campus or definitely planning to live off-campus in the fall who wishes to run for Off-Campus Student Life Council Representative should pick up a petition at the Student Government Offices between 12 and 2 p.m. today through Wednesday. Petitions are due Wednesday night at 6 p.m. for positions on the slate for the Lewis Formal. 11:30 a.m.

Four males assault couple

by Frank Tennant
Staff Reporter

A Notre Dame law student and his date were assaulted early Saturday morning outside gate 10 of the ACC. William Sparks and his date were walking while leaving the Lewis Formal, by four males at approximately 1:15 a.m. Sparks, a second year law student, was, according to the driver side of the car after he let his date in the passenger side. The reason for the fight is unknown but it was reported that the driver side assault was not planned.

Sparks said he received only minor injuries. He suffered abrasions and will be the scene of the ice-skiting event. At 1:40 p.m. there will be an ice cream eating contest with one person from each hall competing in a race to eat a half-gallon of ice cream.

Beginning at 2:00 p.m. will be a basketball game between two teams in a racetrack setting. At 2:30 the egg-toss will begin. The winner receiving prizes.

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Last Thursday's Town Meeting was interesting as much for what was said as for what was not said.

The meeting brought out the ideals of the panelists about what Notre Dame should become. From Fr. Hesburgh's notion of Notre Dame as a "caring community" to Prof. Peter Walshe's plan for an egotarian university, the panelists discussed a number of interesting visions for Notre Dame.

Beneath the rhetoric, serious questions were raised about the future of this place, including how it is governed and how students and faculty are treated in the "corporate structure" of the University. These questions went unanswered through the evening session.

What was not said was why the University adheres to a policy of "in loco parentis" and what the University claims is a surrogate parent. Prof. Hesburgh observed in his book "Philosophically "in loco parentis" is a poor way of treating the students of the same age.

Undoubtedly, some good things emerged from the Town Meeting. It brought together students, faculty and administrators to discuss both ideals and grievances. It provided a clarification of the University's policy and the administration's hopes to build a campus pub if Indiana ever approves a 18-year-old drinking age. It also gave Prof. Hesburgh a chance to say that he would "show and tell" University plans for LaFayette.

Ed Byrne and Student Government had a good idea to hold the Town Meeting. Yet whether the Meeting fulfilled its purpose is another matter. Many of the serious questions were not answered.

Prof. Hesburgh's remark that the University's problems are small compared with world problems of injustice and hunger is obviously true, but that is no excuse for minimizing the serious and legitimate grievances of persons in the University community.

The Town Meeting may have been long on lofty ideals, but it was short on practical issues.
The Sophomore Literary Festival will present John Gardner, a noted American novelist, critic, poet, scholar, and mediev­alist, tonight at 8 P.M. in the Library Auditorium. "The New York Times" proclaimed Gar­ner as "a major American writer whose promise for the future seems unlimited." Critics have acclaim ed Gardner as a writer with rare brilliant imagination and power and he is limited in his "Homeric vitality." Garn er was born in 1933 in Batavia, New York. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Washington University at St. Louis and his master's and Ph.D. degrees at the State University of Iowa.

Of his early life, Gardner writes, "I grew up on a farm and wrote poems, novels, and plays on the typewriter in my grand­mother’s law office and under the tractor in the back lot when I was supposed to be milking. Went to DePauw University, where I thought I was a chemist; left after two years and went to Washington University in St. Louis where I thought I was a great poet and was going to die tragically young. Went to the State University of Iowa where I worked hard and wrote worse than in my childhood. Became, by accident, a mediev­alist." Gardner has taught creative writing and medieval literature at Oberlin College, Chicago State College (Chicago, California), San Francisco State, Southern Illinois Uni­versity and Bennington College (Vermont). Gardner has written several textbooks and six novels; his articles of short fiction have appeared in many journals. Gardner is co-author of The Forms of Fiction (1963); he has also written modernizations of The Complete Works of Gawain-Poet (1965) and The Alliterative Morte Arthur (1971) along with The Construction of the Wakefield Cycle (1974) and Dragon, Dragon and Other Tales (1975).

The collection reflects important con­temporary interpretations of the Old English Classics, and is extensive and ambitious groundwork by Nicholas Nickel Mountain. The traditional approach is, however, proved in a remarkable manner, to the University of Iowa after a distinguished career as a scholar-teacher of medieval literatures.

The second essay is written by John Gardner, the accident in which he is so frequently involved in the Library Aud­itorium as a guest speaker of the Sopho­more Literary Festival. The opening of the second essay and the World’s Complexity” he suggests that Beowulf may somehow be myster­iously and indirectly responsible for the murder of Ongehowe by illustration and parallel between Beowulf and the Old Swedish King and the flame-spewing dragon.” Blood-drenched as Beowulf’s hands are by the end of the poem, Gardner nonetheless feels content with indirectly blaming Beowulf with yet another death, and further allows his imagination to relate the expected story with hideous monstrosity. But he does so without malicious intent.

Of the 25 essays on Anglo-Saxon poetry in this critical cornucopia, the first five deal with Beowulf and the presumed

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The Observer
University of Notre Dame
Hearst jury to visit SLA crime scenes, holdouts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Members of the jury in the Patricia Hearst trial were scheduled for a guided tour Monday of some places she has seen, including the federal bank where she was kidnapped, the bank where she would be acquitted of the robbery charge.

The trial was scheduled to resume Tuesday, and chief defense lawyer F. Lee Bailey said Miss Hearst would be back on the witness stand to conclude her testimony.

In an interview on ABC's "Issues and Answers" broadcast Sunday, Bailey said if the jury went to visit the federal bank robbery scenes, it would be another indication that the jury was interested in the defendant's ills, the case and the trial.

He said he does not believe the prosecution proved in its presentation that Miss Hearst could have been a "bystander" of the SLA because the time the terrorist group kidnapped her on Feb. 4, 1974, to the time the robbery took place about 10 weeks later.

The prosecution has maintained that Miss Hearst was a "willing participant" in the robbery, but Bailey said he was told by prosecutors they wanted to help SLA "soldiers" in the holdup of the bank.

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Next week there will also be departmental open houses in the college. Information about the time and place for these open houses is available in the Freshman Year Office.

The College of Science will be "spotlighted" in the next two weeks. Next week literature and video presentations and career in the various phases of science will be available in the Freshman Learning Resource Center.

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Irish topple Rugged Mountaineers

by Fred Herbst

It was tougher than expected, but Notre Dame beat upset-minded West Virginia Saturday 97-77 before a sellout crowd of 11,345 in the A.C.T. The game was highlighted by the outstanding play of Notre Dame's Macro-Plastic All-American Darris G. A. drian's rise to the 2,000 career point plateau. In the first half, the Irish outscored the Mountaineers 39-19. West Virginia had their hands full with the rugged Mountaineers. The visitors kept Notre Dame from getting their offense untracked with a tough man to man defense that included a shot clock to one of their lowest scoring halves of the season. Notre Dame countered by playing a game that was full of heart and determination this time around.

After four minutes remaining in the half, West Virginia led 24-22. The Mountaineers took the first four points to pull ahead by five. The Irish appeared pressed during the Mountaineers' first four points, but had shots and Dailey blew a layup before Ray Martin hit Dick Williams on a back door play with six seconds remaining to trail 37-34 at the half.

Flowers led the Irish in the first half with 11 points and Toby Knight added eight points apiece. Tony Robertson and Mark Olaha each had six, while Scott Hayford had four points.

As the second half opened, the crowd in the A.C.T. looked on as the Mountaineers started with a 6-0 run. Dailey's basket gave Notre Dame a 3-point lead, but the Mountaineers refused to yield, pulling within a point with 9:11 left in the half. The visitors were unable to catch the Irish but remained within ten points until Notre Dame blitted them 15-5 in the last two minutes of the game.

Flowers connected on 13 of 16 shots from the field and led Notre Dame with 26 points. When Dailey connected on the second end of a one-and-one with 26 seconds left in the contest to give him his 26th point of the game, he became the second Notre Dame player in Notre Dame history to score 2,000 career points. Only Tim Kennedy had reached the plateau.

A minute and a half later, Flowers stepped up with a three-point play. Tony Robertson added six, Dailey added three, and the Mountaineers were unable to get nearby the score.

In the last two minutes, the IrishFluided the game 6-6 and scored 17-5, losing the final score 97-77.

Irish head coach Digger Phelps said, "Other people are going to have to score if teams are going to come in and beat us." Tony Robertson scored 20 points against the Mountaineers, while Warren Baker added 17.

Notre Dame played without the 20-point effort of Dave Hanlon, who split his last five games due to a knee injury. The injury is not serious and he is expected back for the next game.

The Irish will start a four-game road trip tonight as they invade the new Indianapolis Market Square Arena to play Butler.

By Fred Herbst

Notre Dame's hockey team allowed 11 goals in its first game, while people that aren't supposed to, do. The Irish kept a pair of games from the nation's top teams, Michigan Tech University. Instead the Irish walked out of the 820-seat rink with little bit Friday 7-6, but came back and defeated the Huskies 10-9 Saturday.