**No pointed ears**

Nimoy draws large crowd
dy Dew J. Bauer

Emerging unscathed from countless battles with the Klingons and the Romulans, Mr. Spock (alias Leonard Nimoy) appeared at a recent meeting of the SMC council and told a crowd of about 700 students that science fiction is rapidly becoming a reality.

"We live in a science fiction age," Nimoy said. "The age of science fiction and science fact is closing rapidly. We are living through many of the stories science fiction writers wrote about not long ago. Ideas that people thought were far-fetched then, Nimoy said. "Yes," he answered. "Yes, it was far-fetched."

"Well, this is the next step in science fiction," he continued, "after the ship we had in our TV show." Nimoy explained. "President Ford described it as a good political move to capture the Star Trek vote, and if it had been a good move, he might have been elected," Nimoy said.

The start of the 60's TV series discussed what was so remarkable about science fiction. Science fiction ships had left, landed, and then went to a planet. Now the shuttle will land, like an airplane and will be able to take off a week later. It will completely change the economy of space, Nimoy said. People will want to buy time and space on the ship to do research. Anybody will be able to go into space, just like astronauts.

Nimoy continued on the topic of old science fiction tales and how many of them have become reality. "I'm sure that you have heard a story similar to this," Nimoy said, "where a taxpayer was producing so much pollution that the people had to go underground to survive." He stated.

"It's a real problem," Nimoy continued. "The New York Times about how the Arcopolis was being dismantled hopeful."

"When the show first came on," Nimoy continued, "it was considered a children's show. Then the audience was watching. There are more people watching the show now than when there was when it was on during prime time."

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**SMC council defeats extra finals study day**

by Pat Payne

The Saint Mary's Student Academic Council (SAC) met for the first time last night and voted down a proposal recommending that the last class day of the second semester be moved up to allow for three "independent study" days before finals.

Cathy Coyne, vice-president for academic affairs and chairman of the SAC, initiated the proposal to switch classes on Monday, May 7, because of student requests for more time to prepare for finals.

"The SAC representatives, one from each of the 19 academic departments, expressed opposing views on the matter," Coyne said.

"I think it's necessary for the SAC to get together. The chairman get together, but never the students from individual departments. Coyne pointed out SAC's relationship to the College. "We're a policy-making, revision-making body," he said. "Archie is, we vote on or recommend is sent to the office of academic affairs. Anything the academic office proposes must go through us.

"I don't want us to be a watchdog," Coyne continued. "We're here only to better the academic departments and should work with them," she said.

Three ad-hoc committees were formed at the meeting. One was initiated to set down specific goals, the second was formed to investigate students' rights and the third to investigate the possibility of an admissions system to help curb cheating and plagiarism.

Mary Lou Bielek, student body president, said that the SAC will make its final rulings at a meeting April 20.

**IRS redefines free education as taxable compensation**

by Martin Uleny Staff Reporter

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has proposed a change in a tax law requiring college professors to pay income tax on any tuition remission granted by their schools.

Currently, tuition-free education, a standard fringe benefit at many colleges and universities, is considered a nontaxable scholarship. The proposed change in tax regulations, retroactive to Nov. 2, would redefine this free education as a taxable compensation.

According to the IRS, the tuition benefit cannot be used as a charitable contribution. Thus, the IRS specifies a time period in which citizens may generate their own opinions concerning the measure. The deadline for comments is Dec. 17, on which the IRS will make its final ruling.

**Blow to independent schools**

According to Mr. Burtchaell, University Provost, if the tuition remission plans are taxed, "it operates a hardship only on independent schools. A state university is generally able to pay its faculty more than a private one because it is using tax money. This is a financial benefit which they have traditionally offered that they never offered. Tuition remission, state schools, the children are receiving the benefit from the taxpayers."

"We feel very strongly about this for two reasons," Burtchaell noted. "We think our faculty and administrators should be able to offer their children the thing to which they have dedicated their lives."

"Secondly, our fringe benefit policy is based on the presumption that anyone going into higher education forfeits higher remuneration elsewhere," he added. "We wish to protect them from enormous expenditures continuing periodically, life with which they couldn't cope such as medical expenses, disability, higher education for their children and retirement."

According to Burtchaell, Mr. Theodore Hesburgh, University president, is asking for the ruling to be reconsidered. Hesburgh consulted with university attorneys and is drawing up a formal statement.

"It's a legal problem, and we've been working on it for three weeks," Phillips Facenda, General Counsel, said. "We are unable to write a statement in a statement of Fr. Hesburgh's views to the IRS."

Facenda stated he hoped other colleges would coordinate their effort to protest the IRS proposal. "I'd encourage any colleges to approach us," he added.

**AAUP Makes Objectives**

The Executive Committee of the Notre Dame chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) has prepared a statement to the IRS after consultation with the AAUP national office, David Link, dean of the Notre Dame Law School, and Thomas Shaffer, professor of law. The statement submits four major objections to the IRS proposal.

1. The IRS programs are defined as "scholarships for the benefit of the students involved, not a compensation for services rendered by the faculty members." They say the students are granted the scholarships.

2. Tuition remission plans have been accepted by Congress and the IRS since 1954. A change in their status is "inappropriate for an agency to make arbitrarily and independently of our elected representatives in Congress."

3. Proposed IRS action is "prejudicial to an individual group which holds "minimal opposition to this change in administrative education, where tuition is necessarily higher."

4. Tax changes will have "a very serious effect on private education, where tuition is necessarily higher."

"Tuition remission plans are one method a private college may use to "compete for students," Burtchaell said. "We may otherwise find the conditions of educating these students. Improperly compensated if possible if they choose to accept an appointment at a private school.

James Robinson, professor of English and president of the Notre Dame AAUP chapter, requested that faculty members interested in the proposal send him a copy of the statement to use as a guideline. Comments should be submitted in writing (preferably six copies) to Donald C. Alexander, Notre Dame AAUP Chapter, Attention:CC:LR:T, Washington, D.C. 20224.

"It's the ultimate effects on education I worry about," Robinson stated. "The more expanding and tampering of the fundamental idea of what a scholarship is will affect those who receive scholars- ship than the fringe benefit idea."

According to Link, "the basic question is whether or not a scholarship should be exempt from income tax. They should go to Congress and the IRS.

"We must also consider the implications of scholarship, state subsidies and separation of religious and secular children. Where would the definition end up?"

"There are very complex legal implications. We're in a very subtle legal question as to where this exists and in what relationship to private education."

"My basic opinion regarding the matter is that the IRS should not change this through administrative rulemaking," Link noted. "Certainly, in one sense, any scholarship is considered a benefit, yet there are various legal arguments there as to who receives the benefit and is it to be a taxable benefit or not?"

"If the professor was in the 30 percent tax bracket, he would owe the IRS approximately $960."

**Proposals - A "Real Tax"**

If enacted, the IRS proposal would redefine area education as "taxable compensation," which would place a financial burden on private schools. A proposal recommended that the Council of College Presidents submit a proposal to the IRS to redefine "taxable compensation" as a "real tax."
**In Wisconsin**

Swine flu strikes again

concern among other residents of Green County. Public Health Nurse Jean Ripp said yesterday.

...People have been sick, and they are concerned," the county nurse said..."We are encouraging everyone to get immunization."

She said she expected an increase in the immunization program, with a previously unscheduled clinic set for today from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Monroe.

She said other clinics, scheduled earlier, will be held later this week in New Glarus and Monticello, and the flu vaccine will be administered in every community in the county next week.

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Security: totally responsible for safety?

by Bob Mador
Executive News Editor

EDITOR’S NOTE: This is the first of a two-part series probing the security procedures on various Indiana college campuses. Today’s article discusses the reactions of university officials to a court ruling. Tomorrow’s story will take a look at the security forces vs. the rapist.

A female law student at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., was raped in a gymnasium locker room in midday on a Saturday this past year. She consequently sued Catholic University for failing to prevent the rape and was awarded $20,000 by a jury, reports the Chronicle of Higher Education in its Oct. 4, 1976 issue.

Catholic University is presently appealing the verdict and The Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area has decided to file a friend of the court brief. All these universities are concerned about the case because the jury in its verdict gave no indication how the university had been negligent or what it could have done to prevent the rape.

The verdict and the still uncertain conclusion of the case has many university administrators concerned and confused. Richard C. Applegate, Catholic University’s vice-president for financial affairs, said in the Chronicle account that the university’s concern was that the case appeared to establish “a standard of care where none had existed, exactly, before.” He continued, “Do we have a greater obligation to our students than the metropolitan police has to other residents of Washington?”

A number of officials at Indiana colleges and universities agree that the Washington case has them also concerned and confused. “Catholic University is asking the court if they must be the insurer of everyone’s safety,” said Notre Dame University Counsel, Philip Faccenda. He pointed out that most recent court cases had placed limited responsibility on the university. “This case is a step in the opposite direction. Catholic University is being asked by the Indiana courts in favor of the property owner in such cases. "A man can let snow pile up forever and still not be liable," Faccenda commented. "But according to Faccenda, this rule has been consistently interpreted by Indiana courts in favor of the property owner in such cases. "A man can let snow pile up forever and still not be liable," Faccenda commented. “But it is doubtful whether the University would be held liable if such litigation were ever brought about by the victim of such a mishap. Faccenda explained that the standards used by the court in determining liability under the rule are the behavior of "the right thinking man taking reasonable care that his property doesn’t present a danger to people." The extensive snow-removal service that the University employs would most likely meet such standards.

A recent court case has Universities across the country worried about the role of their campus security forces. (photo from archives) The officials are likewise uncertain what the state of the law may be right now, they and their security personnel are sure of themselves when it comes to keeping the bad guys off campus.

Tomorrow: Security vs. the Rapist.

ND has no policy for ice injuries

by David O’Keefe
Staff Reporter

According to University Counsel Dr. Philip Faccenda, there is no established University policy designed to deal with student injuries caused by slipping on icy conditions.

"If someone sues the University," Faccenda said, "I obviously have to defend the University. But there is no set policy regarding this type of accident."

The legal rule commonly invoked in such cases is the common-law tradition of negligence liability. The rule is intended to protect an innocent victim from injury caused by the negligent behavior of a property owner. But according to Faccenda, this rule has been consistently interpreted by Indiana courts in favor of the property owner in such cases. "A man can let snow pile up forever and still not be liable," Faccenda commented.

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The ultimate test the jury applies, though, Faccenda explained, is "what would a reasonable prudent person have done in the same situation.”

Travis said he assumed the jury felt that Catholic University had been careless after looking at the case. "If the university had a watchman at the gymnasium and he heard screams, but did nothing, that would be something (which could be considered negligent),” he said.

The incident at Catholic University took place inside a building. Faccenda remarked that it is reasonable to provide security inside a building frequented by women, whereas it is much more difficult to guard open areas. Notre Dame administrators have been discussing possible ways to provide security in open areas for the past three years, however, he noted.

Notre Dame administrators decided that the University must totally insure safety. "Must they totally insure safety?" Travis asked.

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Washington, D.C. - Company disability and sick leave programs do not have to include coverage for pregnancy, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

The court met in a 6-3 decision that a General Electric disability benefit plan, which excludes coverage for pregnancy, is constitutional. The court ruled that such a plan is not in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which guarantees the equal protection of women from discrimination.

A high school principal, brought into question from a humor essay on women's rights groups, writes Karen Tomlin, now president of the National Organization for Women, called it "unfair to every woman in the country."

Glee Club to serenade women

The Notre Dame Glee Club will serenade the women's dorms tonight beginning in front of Lyons Hall at 8:30 p.m. and from Juniper and Dorr Roads to the main gate, and from the Grotto between the lakes to U.S. 11. The money is not available for such a project, however, Pears told her.

Prenatal care

John O'Leary from the council's infertility Advisory Board has reported that the infirmary now has a gynecologist. Dr. Robert Bichard, a semi-retired South Bend gynecologist, has been working on the project for some time and he has seen 22 patients.

Dr. Bichard comes in Tuesday mornings between 9 a.m. and noon and requires appointment. Dr. Leslie M. Bodnar, an orthopedic surgeon, will treat broken bones so specialized is needed to go to St. Joseph County Hospital for such treatment. Students, however, must pay for Dr. Bodnar's services, unlike other infirmary services.

Gassman told the hall presidents that an information and survey packet would be sent to all students at the beginning of next semester. The packet contains a disciplinary procedure flow chart showing student options. The committee will survey the campus on use of LaFortune Student Center and suggestions for its improvement.

High court declares: Pregnancy time not sick leave

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Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens dissented.

Brennan took the court's major position that what he said was a long history of George Washington University discrimination against women, the court called the company's 'Discrimination is the prime motive of its policy.' Brennan, the pre-eminent leader of the court's liberal minority, noted that he originally offered no benefit plan to female employees because of the words of one of his employees, "women didn't recognize the responsibilities of life for they probably were hoping to get married soon and leave the company."

Stevens said the court's exclusion of pregnancy from a wide-ranging plan that includes disability benefits for those recovering from hospital or attempted suicide has to be interpreted as sexually discriminatory. "It is the capacity to become pregnant which primarily differentiates the female from the male," he said.

Washers dryers top HPC meeting

By Bob Mader Executive News Editor

•  serenaded to the women's dorms
•  University Parking
•  concert at the Memorial Library some time during finals week, and the Student Body President Mike Gassman told the Hall Presidents' Council last night, Gassman said that the men will meet likely get the washers and dryers, but the location for them has not yet been decided.

University officers also discussed the cable television proposal at their last meeting. Gassman reported. President Theodore Hesburgh has termed the proposal an "eye-opening experience," and said the only problem is the expense, the SBP said.

However, Thomas J. Mason, vice-president for business affairs and Dr. James W. Fick, vice president for public relations and development, said they would investigate funding the $800,000 project. A decision on the proposal is expected the first part of next semester, Gassman said.

The Thompson of the Campus Lighting ad hoc committee told the HPC that the University plans to go ahead with a master plan for a new university lighting by Vincent Frazz, say that the University is planning to install lighting in the quad surrounded by architecture building and Lake D., "boulevard lighting" from the east gate down Juniper and Dorm Roads to the main gate, and from the Grotto between the lakes to U.S. 11. The money is not available for such a project, however, Pears told him.

"Prenatal care"

John O'Leary from the council's infertility Advisory Board has reported that the infirmary now has a gynecologist. Dr. Robert Bichard, a semi-retired South Bend gynecologist, has been working on the project for some time and he has seen 22 patients.

Dr. Bichard comes in Tuesday mornings between 9 a.m. and noon and requires appointment. Dr. Leslie M. Bodnar, an orthopedic surgeon, will treat broken bones so specialized is needed to go to St. Joseph County Hospital for such treatment. Students, however, must pay for Dr. Bodnar's services, unlike other infirmary services.

Gassman told the hall presidents that an information and survey packet would be sent to all students at the beginning of next semester. The packet contains a disciplinary procedure flow chart showing student options. The committee will survey the campus on use of LaFortune Student Center and suggestions for its improvement.

"The court reached in a 6-3 decision that a General Electric disability benefit plan, which excludes coverage for pregnancy, is constitutional. The court ruled that such a plan is not in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which guarantees the equal protection of women from discrimination."

Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens dissented.

Brennan took the court's major position that what he said was a long history of George Washington University discrimination against women, the court called the company's 'Discrimination is the prime motive of its policy.' Brennan, the pre-eminent leader of the court's liberal minority, noted that he originally offered no benefit plan to female employees because of the words of one of his employees, "women didn't recognize the responsibilities of life for they probably were hoping to get married soon and leave the company."

Stevens said the court's exclusion of pregnancy from a wide-ranging plan that includes disability benefits for those recovering from hospital or attempted suicide has to be interpreted as sexually discriminatory. "It is the capacity to become pregnant which primarily differentiates the female from the male," he said.
The Observer ran two polls, one for students and one for faculty in the College of Business Administration, to find out how overcrowding, if it is a problem, is affecting the effectiveness of the business school. Close to ten percent of all junior and senior students in the business programs were polled since sophomore students have no say in class selections. The persons polled were mainly female.

According to Charles McCollister, coordinator of analytical studies, the overall breakdown of teacher-student ratio for the entire University of Notre Dame in 1976-77 is as follows: Science, 157/906; Arts and Letters, 226/1840; Engineering, 94/906; Freshmen Year, 238 (66/1706); Business Administration, 57/1461.

When asked if their business classes were overcrowded, 67 percent responded yes and 32 percent said no, with one noting only some of his classes were crowded. 55 percent had no difficulty getting the courses they needed, and overcrowding has not caused 53 percent to take courses they normally wouldn’t take. The majority also thinks this does not affect their future plans; 59 percent agreed, 27 percent felt it hurt, and 12 percent were undecided.

When asked to grade the teaching staff overall, 15 percent said they were very good, 56 percent said they were good, 19 percent said they were adequate, and 5 percent said they were fair. Most people agreed that the class size limits the teacher’s effectiveness of teaching. 88 percent agreed it does, while only 9.2 percent disagreed.

Thirty-eight percent of the faculty were questioned next. The number of years they have taught at Notre Dame is eight, 47 percent felt it was their first year here. Many said the ideal class size depends on the subject and level of class for the most effective teaching, but when specified for junior-senior courses only, the average was 28 students. The average class size now was estimated at 48. 85 percent had one teaching assistant or grader.

When asked if they considered their classes overcrowded now, 52 percent said no and 47 percent said yes, and 42 percent think overcrowding has affected their teaching effectiveness. There was some comment on this question. Some cited that there was a “faculty problem” (not enough teachers). “Students don’t ask questions because there are too many in the class. The professor thinks people are not interested so he lectures more.” (Not allowing time for questions.) “Teaching is less effective in large classes than small ones so much so that it is absurd.”

When asked to rate the overall effectiveness of the teaching in the Business College, 52 percent said very good, 19 percent said good, 9.5 percent said adequate and 9.5 percent said excellent, but in relation to the conditions now present in the Business College.

An Examination of the Business School

B.A. Student/Faculty Ratio High

by Martha Fanning Production Manager

Enrollment in the College of Business Administration at Notre Dame has doubled within the past five years, according to Bro. Leo Ryan, Dean of the school. The large increase in students has caused the college to develop the highest student/faculty ratio within the University. It was reported as 28.3 to 1 in The Observer last year. Dean Ryan cited two factors which have contributed to the high ratio. “We have a free admission policy to the business school, and students have been choosing it more rapidly than we have been able to keep up,” commented Ryan.

“The enrollment has doubled within the past five years without the benefit of new faculty positions until last year.”

The business school added four new instructors to the staff last year, three new additions will be made next year and three more positions will be open for 1978-79.

“The current ratio is excellent, but in relation to the condition now present in the college of business, it is too high.”

“By 1980 we hope to have the faculty/student ratio in balance,” Ryan noted.

The dean also disclosed that the increase has been proportional to the various departments of the business school. The departments of accounting, finance and business economics have experienced the largest increases.

The effect of the ratio is hard to measure, according to Ryan, due to varying reports and teaching styles of the faculty. “I think it hurts to have too many large sections because teachers and students can not interact,” Ryan stated. “It is harder for teachers when they have three sections, all of which are large.”

Ryan pointed out that large classes are not bad, “but they should be balanced with smaller classes in upper division levels.”

He added, “The business school currently has the highest average class size of any other college at Notre Dame, and the greatest number of large classes.

In the past few years, a demand for courses by students outside of business college has also increased. Ryan explained that the college has had to limit their enrollment to specific courses.

“Many of the students had to change their curricula and minors, and have not been able to get the upper division courses in their major fields.”

Ryan commented that the business college itself is strong, and draws students from all over the country.

“The dean also commented that the expansion program depends on outside sources,” related Ryan. He added that he is encouraged by the early results.

The College of Business Administration, founded in 1920, is a member of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business. Both the undergraduate and graduate programs are fully accredited.
The Overcrowding Problem and What Is Being Done

by Mary Pat Tarpey Senior Staff Reporter

Enrollment in business colleges across the nation has increased. According to a May, 1976 article in U.S. News and World Report, there is more interest today in careers related to business than to liberal arts. The article said that for most people, "getting on the payroll" is top priority. Hard times have made the students more practical in their choice of careers.

And, in some schools across the nation, this increase in business enrollment has resulted in overcrowded conditions.

Marion Meyer, associate dean at Syracuse University School of Management, stated that enrollment in business courses has doubled in the last five years. "You can't double the amount of students and make few increases in faculty without causing problems," she commented. "We are short of sufficient amount of courses." We're using more teaching assistants than we ever did before," Meyer reported that Syracuse, with 1500 undergraduate business majors, had added 100 full-time and 250 part-time faculty members.

Marquette University's associate dean of business, Dr. Thomas J. DePaul, stated that although enrollment has increased, there is no overcrowding problem. Similarly, De-Quean University's assistant dean, William A. O'Brien, said, "We have an increase in students but we have increased the number of faculty. If the trend continues we could be."

The present student-faculty ratio at Wake Forest is 25 to one. Diamond added, "Recession plus a slow rate of growth and unemployment has made the young people reconsider his or her priorities."

Luoma of Emory University remarked, "There is the recognition among students that they have to make a living. This is a more distinct consideration than in the sixties and early seventies."

Notre Dame

by Tom Byrne Senior Staff Reporter

Efforts by Student Government to relieve overcrowding and curriculum inadequacies within the College of Business Administration have been partly successful, according to Dr. Patrick Tack, Ryan assistant dean. Among the more important revisions implemented by Ryan at the beginning of this semester were a partial solution to overcrowding problems. The achievements fall short, however, of the variety of course alternatives that students want, he said.

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Overcrowding continues

While improvements have been made this year, overcrowding continues to exist, particularly in the sophomore business classes. "Noting the "advantages" of smaller classes, Gasman pointed to the scheduling of electives as a partial solution to the dilemma.

"You find a lot of business majors that take all their courses in the business college," he said. "First, this doesn't fulfill the philosophy of the University as a complete education. Secondly, it encourages overcrowding of classes."

Gassmian advocates a "curriculum as- sessment" of arts and letters courses, so business majors can be more aware of which classes they could take. "That will reduce the pressure, he added.

The role of Student Government in academic questions, in the view of Gas- man, is to provide input to the administration. "Our job is to bring to the administration student needs and the feelings students have toward the problems," he stated. "We make suggestions and let them know about student needs. Our role is to keep presenting the problems."

Tack stated that he had received much feedback from the student body on the courses offered to non-business majors. "For us to take action, we need more student input," he said.

Gassmian. "The way things are set, for us to get more faculty, we would have to be taken from somewhere else. And that is more than just a salary; it means financing and tenure."

"They could feasibly find a large number of faculty," he continued, "but when their time for tenure comes up and they're standing there, they won't want to stay around."

Despite this problem, several new professors were added to the undergraduate faculty this fall, which helped some overcrowding and providing more current curricular options. According to Student Government Academic Commissioner Pat Tack, Ryan aims at "steadily increasing the faculty." He added that the problem of too few instructors cannot be solved in one year.

Tack stated that the "biggest crunch" in the business college, during the fall semester, had been "really relieved." She explained that three or four courses are currently required for majors, and finance majors had previously been taking two or three.

Gassmian observed that administrators are reluctant to commit more funds to the College of Business because of their conception of the "philosophy of the University. They believe the emphasis at Notre Dame is on the complete education," he said. "They feel that the school is in nature oriented towards arts and letters."

Gassmian also remarked that University officials believe the present upsurge of enrollment in business is a "fad," and will be relieved when the "jitters" pass.

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The Problem of Overcrowding in the Business Departments

Finance

by Maureen O'Brien
Staff Reporter

The chairman of the Finance Department, Prof. Herbert Sim, said that whatever problem there was with overcrowding, the situation has improved very much this year and he attributes it to the addition of two new faculty hired. The department has increased from 12 to 14 professors. Prof. Tavis, Prof. Johnson, and Prof. Haliran. Sim said the department might add another faculty member this coming year, but at the most one faculty member would be added.

On average, there are forty students in a classroom. Prof. Sim said that whatever there was with overcrowding, it has improved very much this year, which he attributes to the addition of the three professors to the faculty.

In the finance department, a major must take Managerial Economics, Business Law, Quantitative Methods, five business electives (such as Investment, Insurance, Real Estate), a business elective outside the major, and either Finance 361, 363, or Marketing.

Accounting

by Maureen O'Brien
Staff Reporter

Prof. Robert W. Williamson, Jr., chairperson of the Accounting Department, said that there was a minor problem with overcrowding in the department. He noted, however, that the problem has been partially corrected and will be completely corrected in the near future.

To begin with, the accounting department is hiring two additional professors for next year, which he attributes to the additional faculty hired. He noted, however, that the problem has been partially corrected and will be completely corrected in the near future.

This past year, the accounting department worked to reduce overcrowding in the junior required course, Business Accounting. From the past year, there are 10 sections of the course, a lottery is held for the 100-100 people who are hired by CPA firms. Others went to graduate schools and some others were hired by business firms other than CPA firms. A few were unemployed, about 20-30 graduates. All the "Big Eight" accounting firms and many other major firms come to Notre Dame to recruit graduates. Much of the recruiting is handled through the Placement Bureau. In addition, the accounting department is considering the advantages and disadvantages of offering a five-year program in the accounting major, although it is still in its early stages.

Management

by Chris Smith
Ass't. Managing Editor

Business students who elect to enter management as their field of concentration take a "core of courses designed to develop business and liberal arts competencies," according to the bulletin information published by the College of Business Administration. C. Joseph Sequin, chairman of the management department, commented on the philosophy which his department tries to follow. "We feel our courses should be business-oriented, yet liberal," he said.

"We have the long-term career in mind," he added. "Here at Notre Dame we're not so concerned with giving our graduates a 'job for sure' when they graduate; rather we want to enable them to enjoy long and successful careers as managers in organizations.

Sequin explained that Notre Dame's management program provides a very general background. This general background, he feels, is the best preparation for the business world that a graduate can have.

Sequin estimated that the management department had 140 students: about 60 juniors and about 70 seniors. Asked if there is overcrowding in the department, he said, "Over the past ten years, we have averaged 70 seniors per year. However, our professors service the other colleges and also the MBA school."

Sequin explained that any overcrowding that management students have felt is due to the increased number of students in other departments, especially accounting and finance. "Because students from the other departments take core courses taught by management professors, our faculty might be spread too thin," he noted.

As to the possibility of increasing the size of the department, Prof. Sequin thought this would be an unwise move. "The number of students is cyclic," he reasoned, "and next year the number of students interested in business might decrease, and balance out the size of the department. If we took on additional faculty, we would then have to fire them if this happened and that wouldn't be fair."

Presently, there are 16 full-time and 2 part-time faculty members in the management department. Also, there are three non-teaching professors, Leon Ryan and Vincent Raymond and Res. Donald McNeill, C.S.C., who is currently teaching theology. "We have at least our fair share of good professors," commented Sequin, "and some of our people are quite popular."

Marketing

by Martha Fanning
Production Manager

The marketing department includes 16 percent of the total number of students enrolled in the Business College, a three percent increase within the past five years. The total percentage is nearly double the national average of nine percent.

Professor David Appel, chairman of the department of marketing, attributes the interest in marketing to "a relatively young, dynamic student-oriented staff."

There are several goals in the department according to Appel. The objectives are "to help the student (1) gain an appreciation of the growing importance of marketing in an economy characterized by free consumer choice on the one hand and rapid changes in technology on the other; (2) develop the knowledge, skills, and competence required for the administration of all kinds of organizations in which marketing activities are carried on; (3) to prepare students for successful careers in business; and (4) to contribute to the social responsibility of marketers for economic and social development.

Courses offered by the department, which are not University electives, are open only to marketing students. Using this procedure, the department has been able to reduce the average class size. Appel cited a Greek senior in the class, "from the high 30's to low 40's."

Appel noted that the first year open up other classes to non-business and non-marketing students. Two courses available to non-marketing seniors next semester are Social Marketing and Advertising.

The program in marketing is designed to prepare students for a wide range of careers such as marketing research, pricing, merchandising, advertising, public relations, sales force administration, public relations and sales analysis.

In order to decide what courses should be offered for a given semester the desires of the students are sought. "Sometimes during the semester I take a survey of marketing students," stated Appel. In the survey several possible electives are listed. Students are requested to indicate what courses they would be interested in taking the following semester.

After required courses are scheduled, the department attempts to include classes of interest to students in the upcoming curriculum. "We try to include whatever the people want," emphasized Appel. The curriculum of marketing departments in other colleges is also examined for possible courses.

"One course which we have received several requests for is Sales Management. Presently we do not have anyone on the faculty qualified to teach this course," explained Appel. Stated that this may be a requirement for any new staff members added in the future.

The marketing department is also in the process of evaluating their curriculum, along with other departments. The re-evaluation may result in changes in the curriculum according to Appel.

Courses taught for students concentrating in marketing are supplemented by the activities of the Marketing Club and the Paul D. Gilbert Lecture Series in Marketing. The purpose of the lecture series is "to bring people in from industry to discuss real world situations," remarked Appel.

This year the marketing department, in cooperation with the Mishawaka chapter of the American Marketing Association, held the annual "Case in Point," a competition for Notre Dame students to "discuss real world situations," in which 40 students spent the day with several local business firms. The firm shows students their operations and discussions between them in the future and the businesses were held, commented the department chairman.

The planning department presently has eight right directors: David Appel, Robert W. Williamson, Leo Ryan, James Halloran, Stock, John Mayo, Saeed Sami, and John Weber.
Dear Mr. Herbst:

is the overall attitude you represent in this column. I am the Senior Fellow Committee of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College. It does not necessarily reflect the views of either institution. The Observer is an independent student newspaper serving Notre Dame and St. Mary's.

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Dear Editor,

Your sports in the test are too wrapped up in the women's liberation movement. I read your article "Basketball at its worst" in the Observer and couldn't help but feel that you were trying to objectively criticize the women's basketball team. Lord, the saddest part is that your attitude is what we think Notre Dame is trying desperately to change.

You are dealing with a larger realm than that of a game between rival teams. What you are purporting to express is an attitude toward women's sports and ultimately one of larger questions. We are not trying. I wish you would eat your "cute" shredded wheat and get your head up off the court and start building a better Notre Dame for men and women.

Betty Carey

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Dear Editor,

In response to your Sports Editor's column on the N.D. vs. St. Mary's basketball game, I find Mr. Herbst's words to be very harsh. So harsh in fact that I had not viewed the fusio in its entirety I would have felt him to be unfair to all involved.

His column was not an attack on the women's movement itself. It was the analysis of a basketball game. His ability to write well and to cover the story precisely far exceeded the abilities of any involved in Saturday's contest, coaches and players included.

I myself have viewed "good basketball played by women. It was a far cry from the talents revealed on Dec. 4 in the A.C.C. Referee Liburn O'Grady's 'rap of her 'so-called boss' I say this: If you could have made that game seem less of a farce than really was it would seem that yours was the irrefutable argument that is so typical of that occupation.

Mr. Herbst's statements were not totally rash. He gave credit to the only ones who truly deserved credit: Notre Dame's cheerleaders, you were more than cute. You reminded me of a student-faculty basketball game where after the first quarter the court was no longer the center of attention.

Tom Pavunda

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Dear Mr. Herbst,

We would like to congratulate Fred Herbst on reaching the heights of your professionalism. I was impressed by his article on the N.D. vs. SMC basketball game, and that was intended to be an informative sports article, it failed miserably.

But if the article was intended to be an editorial, Mr. Herbst failed to base his opinion in fact. Some of the absurd statements made show obvious lack of understanding of the spirit of the sport. The girls of both teams have worked very hard in establishing their teams. They take the sport seriously and do the many fans who support them. We feel that they deserve good reporting as do all the teams that represent Notre Dame.

No one ever claimed that these women would become national champs, or even try. That is the point. The point is that any group of students who give their time and effort in participation in a sport should be able to receive valid support from their fans and good reporting from the Observer without being ridiculed.

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To start with, Mr. Herbst got his priorities as sports editor mixed up. Before we write a column about something, it is standard practice to write a story about the game. Monday's paper carried no story about Saturday's contest. There is no "unbiased" report to get a picture of what Mr. Herbst was criticizing. Hence, a single paragraph complexion of the game was not much for responsibility.

Granted, the first half of the N.D.-SMC contest, which was viewed by this writer, was not the prettiest scene seen in a basketball floor. Yet, it was the first game of the year for both teams and they were obviously nervous and tight.

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Mr. Herbst did have a valid point about the officiating—it was not very good. However, he had to get "written" and throw in a tasteless crack at middle basketball. Not least be forgotten, the top two teams in the men's N.C.A.A.'s last year were from the midwest.

As for the scoreboard, the confusion came about because of a screw-up on the part of the official. The scoreboard operator was not completely responsible for the resulting error. The error was minimal when compared to the one on March 4. The official in the ND-VaPo game, yet nothing was reported on that.

It is hard to believe that in the midst of all the mad mugging, Mr. Herbst missed what could've been his only valid point. If anybody should be chastised for cheering, it should be ND cheerleaders for their outbursts. The Notre Dame cheerleaders picked up their equipment and left after the game. Instead of criticising fans who tried to make up for the lack of them. As stated, the SMC cheerleaders tried and were yelled at by Mr. Herbst. So much for responsibility.

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To start with, Mr. Herbst got his priorities as sports editor mixed up. Before we write a column about something, it is standard practice to write a story about the game. Monday's paper carried no story about Saturday's contest. There is no "unbiased" report to get a picture of what Mr. Herbst was criticizing. Hence, a single paragraph complexion of the game was not much for responsibility.

Granted, the first half of the N.D.-SMC contest, which was viewed by this writer, was not the prettiest scene seen in a basketball floor. Yet, it was the first game of the year for both teams and they were obviously nervous and tight.

Fanny, I thought sports editors should think of things like that. But the second half saw the quality of play, especially shooting, improve. On the whole, the game was a lot more exciting than the boring mismatch between Valparaiso and Digger Phelps' team that preceded it. What was more disturbing to Mr. Herbst's intolerance of a different version of the big boy's game were the pot shots he took at anything connected with it.

Perhaps the most shocking was his opinion of the coaches. Mr. McGuire, Tom Young and Digger Phelps are known for getting noticeably involved in the game proceedings of a game, yet Mr. Herbst puts down ND coach Sally Duffy for showing a little emotion. On the other hand, the St. Mary's coach is displayed with a lack of emotion. What does Mr. Herbst want, a status quo special? The next time he praises a coach for being in a newspaper, more than his Duffy and the SMC coach would have felt him to be unfair to all involved.

The Observer should apologize to the teams and coaches of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's for their poor job of reporting.

Cherene Smith

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Dear Mr. Herbst,

I am writing to objectively criticize your article "Basketball at Its Finest". Objectivity and actual sports reporting do not appear to have much value today, however your sports interests are too wrapped up in the cheerleaders.

This is not an attack on your personal priorities. You already overtly stated your views towards women's sports, "I'd rather have my personality than a win any day.

Okay Mr. Personality, my distress is the overall attitude you represent and encourage. It is obvious that your belittling ideas toward women's athletics are shared by many at this university. An example of this is the quality of references the women are assigned. But when a few dedicated people work to change a brick wall it is difficult to institute a viable program of sports for women, they deserve more than the off the cuff and unprovoked criticism of your "sports" reporting as given them.

You criticize passivity, you criticize excitement, you criticize score boards, you criticize a player who hits 13 points (how does a single player pull off such a feat)? all you like were the cheerleaders. Lord, the saddest part is that your attitude is what we think Notre Dame is trying desperately to change.

Your Sports Editor's column on the N.D. vs. SMC basketball game was intended to be an informative sports article, it failed miserably.

If the article was intended to be an editorial, Mr. Herbst failed to base his opinion in fact. Some of the absurd statements made show obvious lack of understanding of the spirit of the sport. The girls of both teams have worked very hard in establishing their teams. They take the sport seriously and do the many fans who support them. We feel that they deserve good reporting as do all the teams that represent Notre Dame.

No one ever claimed that these women would become national champs, or even try. That is the point. The point is that any group of students who give their time and effort in participation in a sport should be able to receive valid support from their fans and good reporting from the Observer without being ridiculed.

Through the efforts of a student-faculty basketball game — Begley, that's your chair over there.

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DEFINITELY THE BEST OF YOU SECURE THE HALLS AND PLAYGROUND — BEGLEY, THIS IS YOUR CHAIR OVER THERE.
Records

Say a Prayer for the Pretender

I don't know what happens when people die.
Can't seem to grasp it as hard as I try.
It's like a song that I hear playing right in my ear.
And I can't sing it but I can't help listening.
--Jackson Browne, "For a Dancer"

This preoccupation with death, hinted at in Jackson Browne's 1974 opus, Late for the Sky, is embraced head-on in his latest, and ultimately his best, most intriguing album, The Pretender.

Lyrically and thematically, The Pretender evokes images of a confused romanticist struggling to comprehend the meanings and motivations behind his wife's untimely suicide; in the resulting malaise and disorientation, Browne attempts to establish, at least allegorically, a cause-effect relationship between the belief in love and the inevitable, inevitable death which the singer teaches his son: "Among the thoughts that crowd your mind, there won't be many that ever really mattered."

The ordering of the songs is crucial here. For Browne carefully, almost methodically, charts a course of disillusionment. Side Two opens with "The Only Child", in which the singer teaches his son: "Among the thoughts that crowd your mind, there won't be many that ever really mattered."

With the growing realization that his hopes for a lasting love are but a dream, Browne wails, in "Daddy's Tune": "Nothing survives, but the way we live our lives."

The most important song on the album, however, is the touching "Sleep's Dark and Silent Gate" in which Browne succumbs to the passage of time and the inevitability of loveless death; in his resignation, he re-interprets the imagery of the highway, using the same phrasings within a completely different context, as if to nullify the desire for permanence. "The Pretender"; the album's closing song, forms the perfect antithesis to the buoyant spirituality of "The Fuse"; the love that accepts the impermanence of romanticism and resolves to retreat to a world of illusion and cynicism.

I'm going to find myself a girl who can show me what laughter means. And we'll fill in the missing colors in each other's paint by number dreams... 

I want to know what became of the changes we waited for love to bring.
Were they only the fluff dreams of some greater awakening?

Musically, Browne has improved on old tricks and come up with a few new ones. The interweaving background harmonies which characterized his earlier work are present with added sophistication, owing to the refreshing vocals of Bonnie Raitt, Rosemary Butler, et al. Jon Landau's skilful production lends expertise to the mixing of the album. For example, Jeff Porcaro's drum work is finally given appropriate attention without infringing on Jackson's singing or the ever-present slide-guitar which is Browne's trademark.

Finally, there is greater feeling, diversity, and range in Jackson's vocal performances. Case in point is "Daddy's Tune", an enthusiastic, rousing number which the singer handles with masterful conviction. The Pretender is a moving, clever, ultimately personal musical statement; as is expected of Jackson Browne, it is not only a fascinating work of art, but also a highly intelligent articulation of alienation and despair.

PS: The Pretender is now available at Mac's Record Rack.

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Scott Appleby

The Russian Gymnastic Team in action

Photos by Dominick Yocius

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the observer
Weather normalization could cause famine

by James Spalding
Pacific News Service

Despite this winter's record low temperatures and heavy snowfalls, climatologists agree, means unseasonable cold spells, frequent droughts intersected with floods, hurricanes, tornados and erratic rainfall—conditions that threaten massive crop failures, famines and possibly wars.

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Nimoy entertains crowd

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"I am grateful to be connected with the Notre Dame Jazz Combination," said CHER PETERSON, "I am a music lover, and if I have that, I will stick with it." Nimoy disclosed that he has a license against Paramount Pictures because of the merchandise rights to Mr. Spock. "They make a lot of money off of this, and some of the merchandise is really crap," said Nimoy.

Although he has filed suit against the studio, he deals only past of Star Trek, not the future, he continued. "Paramount has already hired a producer and director to make a Star Trek movie, and two screen-writers are currently writing the script," Nimoy felt that people were blaming him for delaying the movie, because of his legal suit. "Those accusations are totally wrong," he said. "I want the movie to be made. If the script gets finished soon, it is possible that we could be shot next summer," Nimoy added. A reporter asked him what he thought of the Spock role when it first came out. "I was a little concerned about it," he answered. "After all, I was considered a serious actor. So these guys wanting to put on these pot-shot roles... Mickey Mouse."

Nimoy added that the only souvenirs he has from the Star Trek series is one pair of those pointed ears.

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Sports

Pacers nip Braves 107-103

BUFFALO AP — The Indiana Pacers defeated the Buffalo Braves 107-103 Tuesday night despite a 42-point performance by the Brooklyn Nets' Bob McAdoo, who now holds the Nets' record for points in a contest. The Nets have two free throw attempts in the first half to race to a 50-26 halftime advantage. For the night, Notre Dame's sharpshooters hit 40 of 64 for 63 percent.

"Our guys really didn't surprise us at all," commented Wildcat mentor Tex Winter. "They couldn't react to Notre Dame's aggressiveness or their intensity."

Nets would not assemble any threat the entire game. Notre Dame pulled ahead in the early going and never bothered to look back. 

McKinnon was the only bright spot in the Northwestern attack. The six-foot seven guard hit 12 of 20 field goals to lead the total scoring with 25 points. Pete Rosenzweig followed with 14 points and was the leading rebounder for the Wildcats with four caroms.

Once again, the Irish had four players at double figures broke the battle. Bruce Flowers followed Patermo and Williams with fifteen points and was third in rebounding with seven. Freshman Rich Bran- 

nealing two free throws of the gift line. He was field goals and striking seven of 12 the outing performance in the final five minutes.

"One of the things we are blessed with this year, that we ranks boast the returner of eleven returning All-Americans. Filling strength in this weapon."

The epee also returns its first All-American. Hurd, a three time NCAA fencing champion, has also participated in the 1972 and 1976 Olympic Games winning a bronze medal in the former. DeCicco, who assisted last year, was an outstanding fundraiser at NTU, a percent NCAA power.

"If we get by the eastern trip, which is the toughest part of our schedule," noted epee captain Hurme, "we will have a good chance to go undefeated. But there are a lot of natural rivals later in the year such as the Big Ten schools. They always look poetically motivated for Notre Dame."