For the past year, the Class of 1986 has been engaged in an experiment that is unique among college communities in the United States. It is the Freshman Year of Studies, initiated by Father Herbst and brought into being by Dr. William Byrnes, Dr. Charles Seedy, and Mr. Thomas Bergan. The purpose of the program is to lower the alarming 17% of students who drop out of the University or flunk out because of enrollment in the wrong college. Under the new system, freshmen will not irretrievably commit themselves to any college in their first year. Instead, they will be given an opportunity to change colleges if they find that they are more suited to another area of studies.

The program will principally affect students interested in science and engineering. At the end of the first semester, the program will reduce the number of freshman science students at the A.B. college, and by the end of the present academic year, total freshman enrollment will drop to 270. The curriculum has been so arranged that these students will only have the option of social science credits to make up. Some engineers voice the objection that liberal-izing freshman year will force them into a more concentrated load of engineering subjects in the junior year in order to fulfill the degree requirements, but the advantages of the new curriculum seem to outweigh the disadvantages.

In spite of the mistakes which were made and the people who were hurt by limitations of curriculum, the common freshman year seems to have fulfilled its basic purpose during its first year of existence. It has given students greater opportunities for guidance than they have ever had before. The number of students on the Dean's list indicates that the new program is not any more demanding on the freshmen, but that it offers them a more equitable curriculum designed to help them, just as University life more effectively by allowing them to sample a wide variety of courses in their first year, rather than delineating the area in which their interests will lie.

The unjust criticism of the new system has been that it is too flexible to be a revolving door, with no special incentives for the exceptional student. However, fifty freshmen in the advanced placement program have been taking more advanced courses; however, these courses are only available in most subjects; and there have been more able teachers and less grad students in the past year than ever before. This class has paved the way for students of future years to complete third-division to college with less friction and more logical guidance than was ever possible under the old system.

The Freshman Year, which won the tournament and the trophy last year, pleased the other team in the top four, as Joel Kees of Dallas, Texas, and Bill Morrey, of Chicago, Illinois tied for third place with Gene Bauer of Glendale, Kentucky and Jim Scovall of New Haven, New Jersey, who represented Brown-Phillips.

Stanford Wins Trophy

Standard Hall was first place and a year's possession of the Patrick Curran Memorial Trophy in the Freshman Inter-hall Debate Tournament, of Notre Dame, from Montana, and Ohio State, in New York, gathered in the trophy for Stanford by completing their day with a victory over the second-place team from Chicago. The Ball team of Howard Dolley, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and John Suszar of New York, Pennsylvania, which won the tournament and the trophy last year, pleased the other team in the top four.

A B Sophs Meet Major

The Most Your Major Programs for the College of Arts and Letters were held throughout last week in the Student Center. At this very important week-long event, the students met to present the works of their colleagues and answer questions concerning the subject. At the end of the week, the students were informed of their progress and development. The students were also awarded the titles of the most successful and the most inspiring. The titles were awarded to the students who made the biggest improvements during the week and who contributed the most to the overall success of the program.
Masbros Speaks on Latin Economics

"Latin America is going through an intense revolutionary process and all kinds of forces are being mobilized either to slow down this process or to accelerate it."

This quote is taken from an address by Emilmo Masbros, the Executive Secretary for the Latin American Congress of Labor Unions. The speech was delivered to a group of students in the Notre Dame Law Auditorium, as part of the Latin American Symposium on Religious and Social Change. Senior Masbros, 33 years old, and with voice amplified by the microphones of his Communist counterpart, Fidel Castro, went on to outline the major problems facing the Latin American people.

"...Today 120 million Latin Americans go to bed with hunger pains... of 30,000 Chilean babies who die before reaching the age of one, 50,000 die of hunger... In Mexico 80% of the people are suffering from malnutrition; 40% of the people live on a corn diet and never taste wheat bread. "Contrast with this the fact that the population in Latin America is rising at a rate of 3.5% yearly and the economic growth is increasing at a mere 2.5% yearly, and a picture of the problem is quite distinct."

The problem in Latin America rises from the Communist-threat problems throughout the world. The countries are backward, large majorities of the population are ignorant of the least civilization, politicians and the very few well-educated are for the most part uncooperative with the problems that exist.

Population here, as in most undeveloped areas, is a major problem. Another basic problem is the warping of farm land. Acres are being confiscated.

Significantly, a lack of solutions pervaded the whole conference. Senior Masbros called for a revolution in the economic, political and social conditions. Bishop McGrath of Panama suggested that many problems could be solved or at least remedied by a stimulation of the latent religious and cultural aspects of the countries. So one, however, introduced a solid and practical course of remedy.

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A Place for the Unique Language

Today, most important colleges and universities in the United States maintain art galleries (some universities without, which, while open to the public, are primarily intended for the aesthetic and scholarly use of their students. This policy reflects Newman's observation that the university as a center of excellence may stand for an image of beauty forms the profoundest sense.

The history of Notre Dame's art collection goes back very early, to around 1850. The first section was totally destroyed by fire in 1855. A new collection was started but was substantially reordered until in 1894, by which time, was made possible by the art

An extensive program of lectures and informal discussions was added to the courses in art history, and the Art Department has been joined with the English Department to form the joint undergraduate program in the American Studies.

The total membership for the next year will be thirteen although the current number is seven, with an average of twenty-five. To remedy this the Board will hold discussions on some of the more controversial topics, to be included in some reading during the vacation. It will be impossible to do this within the time set aside for discussion in the reading list. It will be possible to do this within the time set aside for discussion in the reading list.
Irish Rallies Topple Ohio U. 8-7 16-6

Plenty of timely hitting and some outstanding rel- 
ief pitching by Ed Lupton and Rich Bieley helped lift 
the Irish winning streak to ten last weekend as 
Jake Rieder and Jim Huminek drove in the final 
two runs of a 16-6 conquest on Friday.

The baseball team is still the nation's top 
ranked team, and in Saturday's 8-5 loss against 
Northwestern, the Irish took another step towards 
climbing the national rankings.

The home team has been impressive against 
most opponents this season, and with the loss of 
last weekend, they are still in contention for a 
place in the top five.

**JON KANTOR (15) HAS GOT AN EYE AND AN ARM.
OUT FOR DAVE PIVET (69) AS BOB LEHMAN (61).
JIM CARRILL (47) AND TOM GUEVERED.**

**Netmen Split**

Netmen split this past weekend. The Irish lost 
two and won two, while the baseball team 
remained undefeated in their last nine games.

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