Ailing, King, Taylor, Butler only Metros for Fri. game

Metros lose five to low grades

by Ann Miller

IUPUI's Metros are finding themselves in serious trouble with the coming of the new year, as their ringing out of the old has far exceeded their ringing in of the new. Coaches Kirby Overman and Sam Johnson report that only four players are eligible to complete this semester, and with a record of 3-10, the remainder of the season looks grim to many.

The ejection of the Metro camp rivals which Moscow engineered, according to one Metro observer.

Some of last semester's all-stars who were expected to play the last half of this season—-notably Barry Gowdy, Fred Alexander, and Robert Harris—have left school and town. Transfers Mike Beatty and Al McCray are tied up with transcript troubles.

But the most critical problem may be the loss of leading scorer Doug White, guard Kent Van Damens, and pivotman Bart Lomason, through scholastic inscrutability.

White was averaging close to 30 points per game, while Lomason, the tallest Metro at 6'6", lead the club in rebounding on several occasions. Van Damens, besides guiding the offense, was chipping in almost 14 points a contest.

Also sidelined because of grades are forward George Frazier and Dave McConico, a guard who transferred here from Western Kentucky. "It's a simple case of lack of moxy," asserted an upset Overman.

Coach Overman went on to explain that the basketball program offers only one full-ride scholarship, and the rest of the team members have Basic Economic Opportunity Grants from HEW that require them to be on work-study.

"Freshmen have enough difficulty adjusting to college life without having to juggle studies, a job, and basketball," Overman said. "It's nearly impossible for a kid to go to classes, attend basketball practice, work from 6-10 pm, then come home and study well enough to make the grades. We attempted to set up a study table, but the work schedules interfered. The program just plain needs more money for more scholarships."

Overman also had a few curt words for some IUPUI faculty members. "Most of our players made good grades in high school, and the Athletic Department, after midterms, attempted to check with the professors to see how well the guys were doing. But few bothered to fill out the forms or notify us that the players were experiencing problems in their classes. When contacted by phone, the teachers assumed a 'who cares' attitude,' he commented.

His squad decimated, Overman must now add at least one player to the remaining Scott Alling, Reggie Butler, second-leading scorer Kim King and captain Wayne Taylor, or be forced to forfeit Friday's match with Indiana Tech. Not only would this be a blow to the basketball program, but it could be seen as an embarrassment to the entire university as well, considering that the contest is a pre-arranged preliminary to the Indiana Pacers contest against the Philadelphia 76ers.

Two physical education students from Overman's Coaching of Basketball class, Randy Malandro and Tom Carabas, were mentioned as possible fill-ins for Friday night. Meanwhile, the situation promises to ease somewhat after classes begin on Jan. 8, when 6'6" guard Heywood Garrett of the 77-78 team, becomes eligible. Scouting efforts at intramurals will also be utilized in attempts to fill the void on the Metro roster.

Seemingly reluctant to discuss the remainder of the 78-79 slate, Coach Overman preferred to elaborate on his plans for "next year." But, unless some major recruiting miracles are accomplished by then, it promises to be a long, lean 1979 for the IUPUI Metros.
Trustees approve two appointments

Two major appointments—one for the IU School of Medicine and one for the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology—were approved by the IU Board of Trustees on Dec. 9. Robert L. Campbell, director of the Section of Neurological Surgery in the medical school, was named the Betsy Barton professor of neurosurgery, and Gerald L. Arffa was named professor and chairman of the department of supervision of the engineering school. Both appointments took effect Jan. 1.

Campbell, a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College and the Ohio State University College of Medicine, joined the IU medical faculty in 1987, when the Betsy A. Barton Fund for Neurosurgical Research was created in the IU Foundation.

Campbell is the author or co-author of more than 41 articles in professional journals. Arffa comes to Indianapolis from Schenectady, N.Y., where he has been with the General Electric Company since 1980. His most recent position at G.E. has been manager of manufacturing studies programs of the corporate professional development operation at Schenectady. He also has served as an adjunct faculty member at Onondaga Community College, Schenectady County Community College and the College of Saint Rose—all in New York State.

A doctoral candidate at Union College, Arffa expects to receive his degree in June. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at Clarkson College of Technology and his master of business administration degree at Syracuse University.

According to Dr. R. Bruce Rendel, dean of the school, a course in the use of transactional analysis is in development. The course will be taught by Arffa, who was trained by Dr. Gerald Arffa, a co-founder of transactional analysis, and Dr. R. Bruce Rendel, dean of the school.

Refund policy announced

Refund policies for the spring semester have been announced by the Bursar Office. The schedule allows for 100 percent refund of fees for those who withdraw by Drop/Add day (Jan. 13), 50 percent or $50, whichever is greater, for withdrawal through Jan. 30.

Refunds may be obtained by filling out a change of course/section form available from a student's school or division and turning it in to the Registrar's Office.

The Bursar Office states that the refund process may be expedited by taking care to ensure that forms are completed properly and that all copies are legible. Bursar says, the process will take from three to six weeks, depending on the volume of refunds needing to be processed.

Metro tickets on sale

The IUPUI Metros will have a booth in the registration line this week and will be selling all remaining single session tickets for IUPUI-Pacers games for double-headers.

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The first Metro-Pacer card of 1978 will be this Friday, when the Metros run up against James T. Berg. The Pacers will host the 1978 Eastern Division Champion Philadelphia 76ers, featuring the incomparable Julius "Dr. J." Erving, hefty Doug Collins, and certified walking aircraft carrier Daryl Dawkins.

The only other January home tilt, on Jan. 18, pits the Metros against the New Castle State Hospital; the U.S. Naval Hospital at Great Lakes, Ill.; Winard Memorial Hospital, St. Vincent Memorial Hospital; and the V.A. Hospital. Campbell has been president of the Central Neurological Surgeons. He presently is chairman of the manpower committee, Joint Socio-economic Committee of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons; chairman of the Placement Committee; and a member of the Nomenclature Committee of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. Campbell is the author or co-author of more than 41 articles in professional journals.

Project open to local students

As part of "Students and Seniors Share Services," a two-year demonstration project under the auspices of the National Council on the Aging, students at IUPUI, Butler, Christian Theological Seminary, Franklin College, Indiana Central, Indiana Vocational Technical College, and Marian College will participate in a variety of service and learning experiences with the elderly and with agencies that serve the elderly.

Students from all disciplines and major subjects will be involved in field placements, practicums, class projects, employment and supervised volunteerism during the next two years. The local projects sponsor, the Consortium for Urban Education (CUE), has received a contract for Title XX funds through the Indiana Office of Social Services and the Indiana Commission on Aging to support a day activities program for the elderly.

From among the seven local institutions, the program will employ 31 students. Students will be paid $3 per hour for two four-hour work days per week or $24 per week.

An additional 25 students are needed to volunteer to visit and engage in activities with homebound elderly for an hour and a-half each week. Students must be able to commit themselves for the entire semester.

This program is open to sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students who are full-time or part-time degree seeking students and whose GPA is no less than a C.

Both the employed and volunteer students will be required to attend a series of six Saturday morning workshops throughout the semester. All students will be able to earn at least one hour of academic credit for attending these sessions and for participating in an evaluation of the experience. Additional credit hours may also be obtained through various independent study courses on each campus.

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Not only does January mark the beginning of another semester here at IUPUI, but it also marks the start of another year for the Sagamore under a new editor.

A new editor always has it a bit rough—there’s a new position to get used to, additional responsibilities to assume, and, perhaps most importantly, a new staff to assemble.

The Sagamore has almost always had problems getting enough people together to put out a paper. There have been times in the past when just a few (and we mean few) people worked long and hard to put out the Sag.

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Staff problems were perhaps the biggest obstacle last year’s editor, L. Mark Finch, had to deal with. It sometimes amazed us the way he managed to put out the paper, issue after issue, considering the small crew he had to work with.

We guess the biggest achievement during Mark’s spell as editor would be the Fall Orientation Guide. That issue marked the first time the Sagamore went to a truly magazine format, something neither Mark nor anyone else here had ever tried before. And those results could be called magnificent.

We wish Mark good luck for the future and hope for his continued success in the outside world.

Thanks, Mark. Thanks for everything.

Idea Powerful

At first glance, Dr. East’s Learn and Shop program might appear to be another in a line of “Convenience College” creations, begat by Weekend College and ending with (who knows?) “English Comp with everything and a side of fries to try something neither Mark nor anyone else here had ever tried before. And the results could be called magnificent.

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Busing not effective says Bean

To the Editor:

I have read with great interest the letters written to the Sagamore concerning the ongoing controversy of the Indianapolis busing case, and I would like to add some thoughts of my own on the subject.

I agree wholeheartedly with your editorial, “Hold the Busing,” of Nov. 28, 1978. It seems to me that most discussions about busing totally ignore the adverse effects that busing has on the bused students and their school lives. I am glad that you chose to bring this to the public’s attention.

I find it ironic that Mr. John T. Liss calls your editorial “superficial,” because his letter itself is exactly that—superficial! Mr. Liss, if you disagree with the Sagamore’s view, why not tell us specifically what is wrong with it, instead of vaguely labeling it as “emotional” and “superficial”? Your reply did nothing to help resolve the issue.

In regard to Mr. Thomas Feeley’s letter, I agree with him until he says, “The issue is not busing.” Wrong! The issue is busing! I agree that we need to desegregate our society, but busing is not an effective method of achieving that goal. Respected Sociologist James S. Coleman, in his study released in 1973, plainly states, “Busing does not work (to bring blacks and whites together).” If we believe we need to push harder for desegregation in other areas, particularly housing (if our housing is desegregated, busing will not be needed to bring black and white students together!). It is unreasonable to ask our children to achieve a desegregated society if the adult world is incapable of doing the same.

Surely we can find ways to merge the black and white societies without disrupting the fragile lives of school children.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Bean

Clothing drive a success

To the Editor:

This is a letter of thanks to all the kind and thoughtful people here at IUPUI who recently contributed to the Sigma Gamma Rho clothing drive for Christmas. Every bit of clothing that we received was much more than appreciated not only by our organization, but also by the families that received them for Christmas.

Once again, thank you all for making our first clothing drive a big success.

Sincerely yours,

The women of Sigma Gamma Rho Gamma Zeta Chapter

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More Letters

Leill questions ex-editor

To the Editor:

On Nov. 29, 1978, the Sagamore published an editorial entitled "Hold the Busing..." a comment on the forthcoming desegregation of public schools in Indianapolis. The editorial concluded that the best desegregation plan was "no plan at all." This "no plan" solution is a racist one since continuation of the status quo means systematic denial along racial lines of the guarantees of the Fourteenth Amendment as they apply to public education. The editor dealt exclusively on the emotional and superficial aspects of the case (busing), and not all on the basic issue, that is, remedying the violations of the civil rights of blacks of public school age in Indianapolis. I wrote a letter to the editor pointing to this error.

To my astonishment, the editor chose not simply to publish my letter, but to append a rebuttal to it (a practice of questionable fairness): He defended himself by writing that the Fourteenth Amendment "guaranteed" citizens the "privilege" of moving to a specific school district with the assurance that school district boundaries have been manipulated to create a "Color curtain" separating blacks in inner cities from whites in suburbs.

I again wrote to the editor indicating the error of his interpretation, and once more be appended a rejoinder. His statement was so ambiguous, however, that it was impossible to tell if he were again defending his erroneous view or if he were blaming his error on someone else. He wrote that "a highly respected member of the Political Science Department" had concurred with his interpretation.

Appeals to authority are rarely anonymous. I have, therefore, interviewed all of the full-time members of the Political Science Department. All disagreed with the editor's interpretation. Readers deserve some explanation of this discrepancy.

In his final edition, the now ex-editor published another letter on this matter, this one from some students in a class on Social Problems that I taught. Although these students were quite properly attacking the editor's position, he misleadingly captioned their letter a defense of me with his interpretation.

The new leadership of the Sagamore has inherited some continuing responsibilities. The issue of school desegregation needs to be treated with depth, accurately and objectively. This responsibility is especially critical in a university where many of its black students have been the victims of segregated schools and a "loaded game board" which held them in place while many whites fled to suburban districts.

I believe that the Sagamore should encourage letters to the editor from students by assuring them that the editorial powers will not be misused to subject them to illogical, superficial and insulting remarks.

Yours truly,
John T. Liell

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Woodruff Place once a ‘Beverly Hills’

by N.K. Balasubra

Woodruff Place: For 90 years, a city within a city.

Once considered the Beverly Hills of Indianapolis, Woodruff Place is, and has been, undergoing renovation and repairs to restore it to its former beauty and elegance lost by the passage of time.

Woodruff Place, for those unfamiliar with it, is a community on the east side of Indianapolis consisting of three streets—East, Middle and West Drives—and is bounded by 10th Street on the north, Michigan Street on the south, Arsenal Technical High School on the west and Tecumseh Street on the east.

James O. Woodruff, a New York financier, came to Indianapolis in the early 1870s to help construct the city's water system and, while on a carriage ride with his bride, was awed by an under-developed area of the city known as the Dark Woods. Seeing his chance to build a home similar to the large and decorative estates he had seen on a recent tour of Europe, Woodruff bought the land and began to build his bonanza immediately.

Shortly after, the grounds surrounding Woodruff's home were plotted into lots 80 feet wide and 170 long, which sold for as much as $8,000.

Woodruff Place's streets were patterned similar to those of Vatican Park with wide, grassy esplanades and costly stone statuary. Woodruff spent nearly $250,000 for 60 stone flower urns and statues of lions, deer and women.

Many aristocratic families came to this grandiose setting and erected decorous homes—balconies and winding staircases that led up to tower rooms were not uncommon, nor were carriage houses.

After several unsuccessful attempts to gain police and fire protection from the city of Indianapolis, Woodruff Place became a corporate city in 1872. In later years, Indianapolis would try many times to annex the residential community, a move Woodruff Place Residents fought all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court before they lost on Nov. 21, 1961.

Woodruff Place, however. During the financial panic of 1873, creditors demanded immediate cash and Woodruff lost everything he had, including many of his friends. He returned to New York, where he died in 1879 at the age of 39.

Members of the "jet-set" began buying, building and moving into Woodruff Place again in 1875 after the panic was over and the area began to thrive, becoming a favorite among members of the literary society.

General Lew Wallace made changes and rewrote parts of his book Ben Hur while visiting his sister, who lived in Woodruff Place. Booth Tarkington, Hoosier novelist, used Woodruff Place as the locale for his book Magnificent Ambersons. And Indiana's James Whitcomb Riley, who lived in Lockerbie Square, found Woodruff Place so inspiring that he wrote a poem entitled "June in Woodruff."

Even though each home owner used the highest quality of material available to construct his estate, deterioration began to engulf the community. Statues, fountains and homes descended into decadence. Traffic rolled across esplanades, leaving ugly nits, and many street lamps were inoperative. And, with no budget established for the renovation of the area, the decay spread.

Woodruff's mansion was torn down in 1936, and by 1940, all of the original homeowners had either died or sold their estates. The once gracious homes were made into rooming places or split into tiny apartments.

In an effort to save the community, the Woodruff Place Civic League was formed. Each president and member of the League has made definite contributions in restoring the beauty and elegance of Woodruff Place: tightening up on existing building codes which forbid the breaking up of single dwellings into multiple living quarters, renovating fountains and statues, and establishing an over-all effort to maintain the community.

The League, with assistance from the Indianapolis Park Department and the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Committee, sees more renewal efforts for Woodruff Place, which was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places on July 31, 1972.
Things men have made, with wakened hands, and put soft life into are awake through years with transferred touch, and go on glowing for long years. And for this reason, some old things are lovely, warm still with the life of forgotten men who made them.

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Seger, band no strangers in town

by Tom Lasheam

Whatever pictures you've seen of Bob Seger, be they magazine clippings of quiet offstage poses, or the live shots included with his thinner en-Towa album, the one obvious remark that can be made about all of them is that they look like nothing else but rock and roll. An abstract idea like this being brought into the flesh and then onto a stage is no easy feat, but hard work and a lot of sweat does make it possible. Thus it was no great amount that Seger and his boys took complete control over their very willing sellout crowd at Market Square Arena in a staggering triumphant manner.

Before the show, Bob and Silver Bullet went through campfire paces on almost every imaginable type of tune, from rock to ballads and back again, making 100 percent certain that each facet of the gig-to-be was nailed down tight, with no room for slip-ups. It was one of the extensive sound checks I've seen in a long time, and it proved well worth the exertion when preparation gave way to concert precision as a revved-up audience went wild.

'The Band,' Seger was a moving picture this time, going into the moves and the music headlong and never surfacing for air. The attention-getters were the gut-pummeling "Old Time Rock and Roll," "Hollywood Nights," and the sardonically introduced "Fell Like a Number," with Seger's raspy throat never once showing signs of weakening. His highly capable band (Drew Abbot, guitar, Chris Campbell, bass, Rob Ticknor, keyboards, Dave Tesgarden, drums) kept the rockers rocking while Bob leaped around like some creature possessed.

The love songs got the female portion of the crowd into swooning submission. "We Got Tonight" and "Still the Same" were sung with poignant perfection and a large amount of emotion. In fact, the whole evening was loosely based on emotion, a fact that can be situation by any of the screaming young girls who were lucky enough to latch onto him when he trudged deep into the ranks of the viewers a la Springsteen. That and a mirror ball were the fitting climax to a great show by a great entertainer. I can still see Bob standing frozen mid-song, with arm extended and hair dangling in his face, obliterating any expression, save defiance. In my opinion, that's one hell of a picture of rock and roll.

After the performance was over and the fans were slowly wending their way homeward, the backstage was just beginning to come alive in the usual question/answer pattern, with couple of groups thrown in, just for kicks. Bob had long since been whisked away in a limo back to his Hyatt House headquarters (where he remained sequestered away from overzealous groupies for the remainder of the evening), but Ann Reid was happy to have his place and once we met, more of a friendly discussion than an interview ensued.

Exactly how does the Silver Bullet Band tour for such an extended period of time?

"The band never really says 'okay, we're going on tour' answered Ann. "We call it a spring tour or a fall tour or whatever because the crew goes out with the trucks and drives everything, but we go home all the time. In fact, we're getting ready to go home tonight. We get one day off—we go home. We all lead very private lives, so it gets a little, definitely. "I always look to rock and roll as a means of entertaining people to the nth degree," he went on, "take 'em as far as you can. Every place we've gone it's been sellout shows because people love music and when people love your music there's nothing more they can really say."

When will a new Seger release be upon us?

"The new album is already underway," he said with a sly grin, "and we're going to start working on it within the next few weeks actually, 'cause Bob's just got a wealth of ideas."

This brought up the query why stranger in Towa was so long in the making. Revealed Alts:

"We liked it done several times and Bob kept saying 'no, it's not ready, we're not putting it out until it's ready.' I have nothing but the utmost respect for somebody who can do that because there's a big temptation to simply say 'okay, we've had our double platinum album, let's put out another one. It'll be a success no matter what.' He doesn't do it that way. He puts out real music that's from his heart and that's part of his success, the fact that it's real."

"This, above all else, is the quality that can make or break an aspiring rock and roll. If you're not honest with yourself, you can't be honest to your fans, and fans are quick to realize facetiousness for what it is, no matter what disguise it wears. It's apparent that Bob Seger has no masks at all..."
Top news stories in 1978 picked

The economy, marked by inflation, the near-collapse of the dollar in foreign money markets, and a prolonged coal strike—was the biggest news story of 1978 in the opinion of Ralph Helmsiger, veteran journalist and member of IU Bloomington's press.

Helmsiger includes in the economy story the "taxpayers' revolt" as seen in California's Proposition 13 and the November election, which reflected taxpayers concern over government spending and rising prices.

Helmsiger saw the first-hand in Europe last summer the effects of the erosion of the American dollar. He recalled an interview in Frankfurt with a Swiss coin dealer who placed a 20 franc coin on the table and up and "this was nothing fancy." Since then the dollar has declined 35 percent against the Swiss franc, he said.

In listing the Jonestown massacre-murder-suicide as another top story he noted the lessons that the bizarre tragedy taught: "It is a reminder of following a leader blindly in whatever course of action he may take. It is also another reminder of the evil of sects. I believe sects has probably caused more wars and more deaths than any other force in history.

Helmsiger pointed out that two stories dealing with Middle East topics have been of significant news interest and are likely to continue to be. The unrelated stories claiming a large share of the headlines are the Israeli-Egypt peace talks and the internal strife in Iran. Standing in the way, in at least part, of a peaceful settlement of both issues is religious and political fanaticism, Helmsiger pointed out.

Two of the major stories of 1978 involved the journalism establishment and were of more than passing interest. Chided by Helmsiger were the U.S. Supreme Court cases involving (1) search of a premises for material or information that might be related to a crime as in the Stanford University student newspaper case and (2) the case of New York Times reporter, Byron Farber, who refused to turn over unpublished notes concerning stories about a doctor on trial for murder.

Inflation doesn't change lifestyles

Inflation has made people more cost-conscious, but this doesn't necessarily mean that they are cutting back on their purchases. They still spend a significant portion of their food dollars on snacks and convenience foods.

This is the view of Lillian Matthews, chairman of the home economics department at IU Bloomington. Dr. Matthews and Dr. Walter Beam, an associate professor in the department and an analyst on family life, were asked for some observations on 1978 and its impact on the American family.

Beam agrees that most Americans are aware of inflation, but have not let it change their lifestyle. People are still buying what they want, he said.

"We are very reluctant to give up things we are used to or things we want," Matthews said. "We rationalize our needs, I think, also that many couples hate to see their children deprived of the things they want. Spouses, usually wives, take a job to supplement the family income so that the family lifestyle can be supported."

Matthews believes that it will take a real energy crunch to force people to change their lifestyles. About this, she said:

"Intuitively, we admit there is an energy problem, but we think somebody else will solve the problem without our sacrifices. We just leave it to the government. If anything is going to force us to change our lifestyle, it will probably be the energy shortage."

Indirectly, the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) has had an impact on families this year, Matthews said. Public and media discussion of this issue has made more men and women conscious of the inequity of some laws concerning property rights and employment practices, she pointed out. Women who do not take an activist role in women's causes still are concerned about equality in the labor market, divorce settlements and property rights, she said.

Concerns of a different sort were described by Beam. He said this has been a year of spiritual searching for many people. He thinks this is reflected in increased church attendance.

"People are looking for something that will give them some sense of direction," Beam said. "There seems to be a move from 'doing your own thing,' to searching for a cause or direction in life."

Matthews sees more interpersonal relations with greater concern for others and a need for sharing. Perhaps more tolerance, too, she said.

On the economic outlook, Beam thinks it will have a direct bearing on the stability of marriages. Traditionally, he said, the divorce rate is lower in times of recession or depression and higher in times of full employment and prosperity.

Top '78 court cases selected

Some historically significant cases were decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1978. Two of the most notable are the Allan Bakke discrimination case and the one which involved the right of police to search newspaper offices for evidence relating to a crime, even though the newspaper is not involved in the crime.

The current term of the court, which runs from October until June, is not likely to produce decisions with such impact or controversy, according to an IU-Bloomington constitutional law expert, Patrick Baude, a professor at IU-B law school, talked about the current term in an interview:

"There is significance in what is pending before the Supreme Court this term. This is the first term in a long time in which the Supreme Court does not have to decide anything about the Watergate controversy. It has no capital punishment cases before it; no far-reaching environmental cases like that of the smelt-darkar, and no significant reapportionment cases.

"By and large, it's not likely to be a blockbuster year. It's probably going to be more of a year in which the Supreme Court regroups and solidifies some of the important decisions of the previous two terms." Baude noted that the Supreme Court entered the current term with another distinction. It had the fewest number of cases in 10 years awaiting its action. "Few" is a relative term, since some 4,000 cases are sent to the Supreme Court each term. About 8,000 can be quickly dismissed, leaving 2,000 from which the court must pick the ones most likely to raise important issues. This usually numbers about 150 cases a year, Baude said.

In terms of issues before the court, two laws involving regulation of automobile dealers could turn out to be insignificant, or the court might use them to articulate even more forcibly than it has in the past its new direction for the protection of business from government regulation, Baude said.

There are pending cases involving the Freedom of Information Act and a few involving federal statutes which might be significant, Baude noted, but these do not involve constitutional issues.

In summing up the outlook for the current term of the Supreme Court, Baude quoted Justice Brandeis' comment that the most important thing he did in court was "doing nothing." By this, Baude explained, Brandeis meant that the court's important role is deciding ordinary technical questions of law, that transferred in the appropriate political arena the ideological and economic clashes of the day.
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China major development in '78

The major development on the international front in 1978 was China's new international ties with Japan and budding relations with the United States and Western Europe, an IU-Bloomington history professor says.

Robert Byrnes, a specialist on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and a close observer of the international political scene, summed up the major international developments in 1978 in an interview.

"China's action in seeking new international relationships shows the break with the USSR is irreversible," Byrnes said. "It shows an abandonment of communist methods and attitudes in trying to modernize China.

"China's break with Russia shows a diplomatic disaster of the highest magnitude for Russia. Also, the Soviets could have had the trade and aid agreement with Japan if they had been willing to give up their policy of not giving aid to countries that did not support the Soviet Union. Instead, China now has the trade and aid agreement."

If the Russians had relinquished the islands, China then could have left Japan in 1945. Instead, China now has the trade and aid agreement.

The second greatest change, Byrnes thinks, is a reemergence of the United States and could have gotten much Japanese technology. China is working with France and Japan in the nuclear field.

Byrnes also noted that Spain has moved in three years from a fascist dictatorship to a constitutional parliamentary monarchy, which he called "an incredible achievement." Portugal carried out a similar change earlier, he said.

In listing the political changes in Europe, Byrnes pointed out that the communists have been forced to take an interest in the trappings of democracy in order to win in France and in Italy. "And they still are fighting a losing battle."

The Middle East and developments there during the year complete Byrnes' list of major political developments during 1978. The fact that Israel and Egypt have negotiated seriously and have made "remarkable progress" is a major achievement, Byrnes said. He is confident that an agreement will be reached by the two countries.

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