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Senate focuses on budget requests

by Steve Hoffman and
Brother Patrick Carney

After being addressed by Fr. Hesburgh last night, the Student Senate met as a "committee of the whole" to consider budget requests in a marathon session lasting until midnight.

The "Committee of the Whole" is a parliamentary device used to circumvent various formalities. However, it also means that none of the action is final and all will be reconsidered after the members reconvenes this evening to hear the remainder of the budget appeals. In another parliamentary move, last night's meeting was never adjourned — just suspended until this evening.

Student Body Treasurer John Coughlin stressed the recommendations as drafted by the Committee were as honest and realistic as possible, and that the deficit of \$13,000 was reduced as low as possible without endangering activities for the year.

SBVP Dedrick stated that to attempt to liquidate the entire debt this year would require cut-backs which would be unfair to the student body.

Bob Hall, chairman of the Sophomore Literary Festival, addressed the Senate in the hope that he might reverse the Committee's decision not to allocate any funds at all for the Festival.

While Hall admitted that the 1970 Festival has assumed the 1969's remaining balance of \$3,825, he contended that this year he does not have access to outside sources to supplement this amount. As a result, saddled with limited funds, he felt that the Festival would be of poor quality, with less days, less speakers, and no student-author dialogue.

After much debate, a motion was made from the floor to appropriate \$1,200 for the Festi-

val. This motion failed to pass committee vote, but a motion to allot \$1,000 was narrowly passed, and will come up before official Senate vote tonight for final approval.

The Contemporary Arts Festi-

mittee settled on the Finance Committee's recommendation of \$2,000.

Rick McDonough, WSND-FM educational radio spokesman, requested \$1,500 as a payment for "debts" incurred by Studnet

sonal contact between students being recruited and those trying to recruit them.

His request for an allocation of \$4,000 was passed by the Senate committee.

those that the money might better be spent in recruiting members of minority groups. This it was explained would only deal with one aspect of the problem. Fred Dedrick questioned the value of extensive recruitment of blacks into a hostile atmosphere.

Tom Thrasher took the floor and moved that the entire thing be deleted. He reiterated the idea that racism cannot be fought effectively with \$1,000 and also brought up a point questioning the very nature of the Senate's activities for the evening.

Other opposition took the form of questioning the motivation of support. The Senate split into two camps. One maintained that in general the student body was apathetic to the issue and would prefer to see their money spent for concerts and the like. On the otherhand were those who felt that it was the role of the Government to set priorities.

McKenna conceded that a poll would no doubt result in a victory for the concert theory but added that he felt he had a mandate from last year's elections.

"It seems to be a pretty crystalized commitment to anti-racism," he said. He told the other representatives that whether they like it or not, they are political and "have to take a stand."

When the issue was finally brought to a vote, the first motion for \$1,500 was defeated 24-22. However, the motion for \$1,000 was passed by a roll call

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Phil Bosco

Father Hesburgh with Student Body President Phil McKenna before the start of the Senate meeting

val, defending itself as an integral part of the University, appealed its allotment of \$2,000, and contended that a budget of \$6,100 was a necessity.

Dick Rodewig, chairman of the CAF, maintained that art is of great academic and social relevance, and accomplishes much in expanding horizons in the minds of people.

Speaking for the Finance Committee, Tom Thrasher countered that there was strong sentiment in the Committee to further lower the Festival's budget. Stay Senator Rich Hunter ventured that the CAF does not involve a great number of students, concluding that the Committee's recommendations were sufficient.

After voting down three higher requests, the Senate com-

Government. In 1967, SG allotted \$1,500 to the station but failed to produce the funds.

Dave Krashna then came forward on behalf of the Human Affairs Commission and explained his requests for an allocation of \$4,000 for the Minority Recruitment Program

"The Program cannot," Krashna remarked, "wait for the Administration to appropriate funds because of the tight competition with other universities for minority recruitment. This is why we are requesting money initially from Student Government," he added.

Krashna mentioned programs involving special weekends available to visit the campus for those prospective students who could not normally afford it. He stressed the importance of per-

Dave Krashna retained the floor to introduce the budget for the Students against Racism.

In the actual presentation, Jim Rocap pointed out that the group still has bills outstanding from last year's movies and White Racism Conference.

For the present year, he envisions a weekly publication with a circulation of about 5000 dealing with various aspects of the topic of race relations in addition to more films.

Among the objections brought to this proposal were

SLC debates, adopts student judicial code

by Jim Prisby

In a lengthy meeting yesterday afternoon, the Student Life Council adopted the Judicial Code.

After nearly two hours of debate over various amendments proposed to the Code, the Council moved to adopt it and it was passed easily. The final vote showed opposition from only four student representatives, while the other two students and all the faculty and administration were in favor of the proposal.

After the roll call vote was taken, Student Body President Phil McKenna, who voted no, commented on the Code's passage.

"Now that the Code is passed, I'll support it in its entirety. However, in good conscience, I could not endorse a Code that allowed students in only one case to be declared guilty until innocent," he said.

After the adoption, Phillip A. Facenda, special assistant to Fr. Hesburgh, recommended that the Judicial code again be considered for amendment at the beginning of the 1970-71 school term, and this passed unanimously.

Before the Code was finalized, however, McKenna did succeed

in having the Code amended on various points.

His first amendment concerned parietal hours. McKenna pointed out that one of the rules of the Code stated that the Hall Judicial Board will deal with all violations of hall rules and visitation hours. McKenna felt that separating visitation hours from the other rules was unnecessary. After much discussion, the amendment passed.

McKenna's next success in amending the Code concerned the time limit placed on the commencement of all hearings of the Hall Judiciary. The proposed Code read that all hearings must begin within "72 hours" after the charge had been made.

McKenna felt that this rule showed no confidence in the Hall Judicial Council and moved that a time limit be removed entirely. After much debate the Council moved to change the "72 hours" to three school days.

McKenna also succeeded in persuading the Council to eliminate the limit of members allowed on the Hall Judicial Boards. The previous limit was from five to nine members.

Fr. James Riehle, Dean of Students, strongly opposed this measure, and later combined with Fr. James Shilts, rector of

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Sex questionnaire at SMC

A questionnaire concerning the morals and sexual practices of the "St. Mary's Women" was distributed in the SMC student mailboxes Tuesday and created a small controversy on campus.

The two-page survey made no mention of author and, consequently, speculation was heard in all campus circles that the questionnaire was actually a front for some high-standing authority attempting to "catch students at something."

One senior said that she thought the survey was the work of Sister M. Immaculata, the Dean of Students, in an "attempt to prove that the new hours had affected student morals." Another senior felt that "the two questions on marijuana ('Have you ever smoked marijuana?') and 'Do you plan to continue...?'" indicate a definite link with the CIA or, at least, the FBI.

The survey proved to be, however, the work of a St. Mary's freshman. At 5 o'clock on Tuesday, she posted a note in the mail room stating that she was indeed using the information on

a confidential basis for a sociological study for her class, and that she hoped the students would help as requested.

By 7:30 the note had been removed and was replaced by two hand-written messages from Sister St. Mel asking the students not to return the questionnaires to their boxes as the student had wanted.

In an interview yesterday afternoon Sister Immaculata clarified the misunderstandings surrounding the questionnaire. The student, she said, and a friend had expressed to their sociology professor an interest in doing "additional research toward their education development." However, she added that "the student being a freshman probably didn't realize student feelings on matters this personal and the professor did not see the questionnaire before it was distributed." Sister said the student was not going to continue with the research.

Of those receiving the questionnaire, the majority claimed they would not complete it. When asked if she would, senior

Pam Carey said simply "Are you kidding?" An opposing sentiment was expressed by sophomore Kathy Shelton, "I filled it out because I think it was a good sociological questionnaire and I wanted to help."

Some of the questions included were:

(The possible answers were "experience", "love", or "other").

—"With how many different partners have you had coitus?" (Possible answers: one, two, three, four or more).

—"Have you ever engaged in sexual intercourse?"

—"At what age did you have sexual intercourse for the first time?" (Possible answers ranged from 16 to 22).

—"Would you ever engage in sexual intercourse again?"

—"Have you ever felt guilty about having sexual intercourse?"

—"Would you ever degrade (privately) another girl that has experienced coitus?"

—"Do you engage in any other sexual activities other than sexual intercourse?"

—"For what reason would you engage in sexual intercourse?"

Social action committee happy with turnout

by Bill Carter

About 20 of the Notre Dame—SMC and South Bend Social action organizations participated in a social action night Tuesday in LaFortune Center. Under the leadership of the newly-formed Kennedy Institute, the affair brought together all those groups interested in initiating their programs for the coming year.

The turnout of approximately 300 new people anxious to be-

come involved in the community social projects more than satisfied the expectations of Kennedy Institute Chairman John Mroz and the others responsible for the organization of the night.

Institute board member John Kries said that everyone associated with the social action groups was encouraged by the number and the attitudes of the students who came to the meeting.

"Everyone there was really impressed with the people who showed up. They were so enthusiastic and full of ideas that it was great just to talk with them," said Kries.

Kries explained that the night was put together out of the mutual desire on the part of all social action groups affiliated with Notre Dame to become more organized in order to handle some of the common practical administrative problems of all the groups more easily.

Earlier in the year the Kennedy Institute asked each of

the groups if they would like to become associated with the Institute more formally for the purpose of facilitating fund raising and recruiting programs.

"The Institute thought it might be easier if just one group, acting as a representative of the entire body of social organizations, went to the Foundations to make requests for grants.

"The recent budget cuts mean that money will be short all over, of course, so it seems like it would be a good idea if the groups got together and more or less pooled their resources," he said.

Kries said that most, if not all, the groups had agreed to the idea. The Kennedy Institute will probably later open its organiza-

tional structure so that the leader of each respective social group will be a member of the board of the Institute, and decisions and plans will be formulated more or less in common.

The Institute's plans for the future include a National Leadership Conference next month and a Community Relations Conference sometime early next year. The Leadership Conference will be held sometime around Nov. 13.

The Institute has invited every major high school in the country to send a representative to the conference. It has also agreed to pay for the expenses of any school representative who cannot finance the trip by any other means.

Peter Kelly of the Institute board will conduct the Community Relations projects with the aim of bringing together all possible ideas for improvements in the South Bend Community.

The Institute also plans to send two Notre Dame professors, two Notre Dame students and two SMC students to North Dakota next summer as part of a project to help in working with Indian reservations. The idea sprung out of the Institute's activity in Famous, Texas last summer.

However, most of the details for the North Dakota project are still well within the planning stage, and the idea probably will not be finalized until much later in the year.

Soph governments near merging

by John DiCola

The sophomore classes of Notre Dame and St. Mary's took another step toward a merger of their class governments in an Assembly meeting Tuesday night. The merger proposal was ratified by the Assembly and now awaits approval by the respective sophomore classes.

The forty Notre Dame and St. Mary's sophomores who make up the Assembly will attempt to contact their classmates within the next two weeks to obtain some sort of consensus of opinion. There will be no referendum to allow sophomores to vote on the merger. The members of the

Assembly will represent their classmates and attempt to reflect their opinions. The Assembly will vote at the next meeting, scheduled for November 11, either to merge class governments, or to remain separate.

The Assembly is made up of those sophomores who were chosen by the respective governments to draw up the merger plans. The Notre Dame sophomores in the Assembly were selected from a group who answered the ad in *The Observer*. The St. Mary's sophomores in the Assembly were selected from a list of seventy-five girls who had signed a petition for a merger of class governments. It is these twenty Notre Dame and twenty St. Mary's sophomores who will make the final decision regarding a merger.

Joe Stankus, President of the Notre Dame Sophomore Class,

admitted that many details of the merger still have not been worked out. Present plans provide for seven class officers. All present officers of each school will share duties. However, because there is no vice-president in the Notre Dame sophomore class, this post will be filled by the St. Mary's vice-president.

Stankus also said that he could foresee no real problems with opposition by Notre Dame and SMC Student Governments. He believes that there is a possibility of opposition by the St. Mary's Student Government, but that "they are somewhat overwhelmed" by the merger proposal. Stankus, when asked about opposition at Notre Dame, replied, "Since Student Government and class governments are separated, I think we can do this thing without their approval."

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Sadie is coming!

Last March the Student Union Social Commission asked the Ticket Manager to hold 1,500 Navy tickets for Homecoming. Tuesday morning, October 28, the Social Commission returned 1,090 of these tickets to the Ticket Manager.

The general admission seating plan passed in the Spring referendum, and inaugurated this fall, includes St. Mary's College students only. Female students from other schools will not, WE REPEAT NOT, be admitted to the student section without tickets, for Homecoming, or any other football game.

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Chris Wolfe

Needed: an axe

One of the most enjoyable pastimes imaginable must be to watch political figures closely, and at appropriate moments remind them of old promises. In this age-old tradition the temptation to remind Phil McKenna of certain things is overwhelming.

The Senate will consider the 1969-70 budget tonight, and that brings to mind certain promises made this year to balance the budget by paying off all student government debts. Oh! the vows made before the altar of fiscal responsibility! Ah! the promised courage to face the absolutely necessary cuts in expenditure! Ooo! the concern for proper use of the students' sacred funds!

Well, we're back to the real world now, with the promised responsibility, courage, and concern oozing away in the face of all sorts of idealistic purposes. Many student senators have already given up in the face of pressure for an unbalanced budget.

Now there are plenty of arguments for a balanced budget; for instance, the student government has a real duty to manage funds competently for student purposes. (Student government cannot afford the federal government's luxury of spending beyond means in order to hire economists who prove that we're just borrowing it from ourselves anyway!)

The biggest point though is that a healthy sort of cynicism is necessary for the financial handling of student government. That is the *only* attitude possible in view of the last two years' spectacles. Two years ago, in the reign of SBP Chris Murphy, the total budget was scheduled to produce a \$2,440 contingency fund (that's a surplus that one figures he'll have to spend anyway); this was slightly off, as the end result was a debt of \$24,793.92.

Such budgetary bungling was a dazzling display of financial finesse, however, compared to the Ross administration of last year. The total budget planned to produce a healthy \$14,458 surplus, and was only about 46 thousand dollars off - a deficit of \$32,681.58. So Rothschilds we ain't had as our financial director, huh?

The total debt now, folks, is a fairly significant figure: like around \$57,474.50.

Now Phil and his cabinet are making very sincere, and probably partly effective, efforts to insure tighter control over purse strings this year. But is it unrealistic to believe that at least some of the same problems in the past will continue to plague us - problems that have produced a debt which is over 50% of the funds produced yearly by our \$16 student government fee?

Apparently it is, or so we are going to be told. One can only hope that this year's student senate, which has already taken significant steps to eliminate its former sandbox image, will exercise its legitimate authority to restore confidence in student government's desire to manage its funds fairly and competently for the students.

Senate hears Hesburgh

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vote of 37-9. No vote was then taken on a third motion that no funds be allotted to the Students Against Racism.

Union Director Denny Clark told how his organization realized last spring that some changes had to be made in their financial set-up to increase efficiency. Over the summer they studied the matter as well as past budgets with Dr. Thomas Stewart and other members of the Administration.

The newly inaugurated accounting system will abolish the previous practice of the union administration never knowing how much money it had spent until after bills had been paid.

Before the midnight deadline, only the Administration and Social Commission were able to present their budgets and no votes were taken.

Fr. Hesburgh was introduced to the Senate during the opening segment of the meeting, and explained the methods of imple-

mentation of his proposed University Forum, and the functions it would serve. The primary intent of the Forum, as Hesburgh envisions it, is to foster a deeper sense of community and communication within the University.

The Forum itself, consisting of 22 members, would comprise representatives from all administrative organs on campus. Hesburgh defined the Forum as analogous to a town-hall meeting, and said that it would be held twice a semester which, he felt, was often enough to be meaningful.

The Forum still rests in an embryonic stage and awaits final approval by the Trustees and adoption of the Senate before finally being put into effect.

Sadle is coming!

Anti-race program goals told

by Tom Bornholdt

Jim Rocap, official spokesman for Students Against Racism, last night described the main purpose of the planned Weekend Anti-Racism Program as an effort for Notre Dame students to understand their hangups concerning blacks.

Rocap felt that the majority of Notre Dame students were not deliberately or maliciously racist.

He said that about ninety per cent of the hall presidents showed interest in the program at a recent meeting of the Hall Presidents Council.

The program would begin on Thursday and Friday evening, with an encounter group, possibly under the direction of Boland or Professor Seabrooks.

On Saturday and part of Sunday, a Students Against Racism group would be directing discussions about the various manifestations of racism in modern society such as racism in the media and primarily in primary and secondary education.

These discussion leaders will be equipped with information and statistics to destroy the myths.

Rocap cited the supposed progress of the black people in recent years as an example of a common myth. He claimed that the facts showed that the gap between black and white in society has been increasing.

The discussion group would then break down into smaller groups of four, with one being a member of Students Against Racism.

Rocap hopes to get between thirty and forty people in each hall to participate in this seminar. He expects at least

three or four people in each dorm to become involved in continuing the program in the hall.

He said that there was no planned permanent program for Students Against Racism felt that each hall should work out its own procedures and methods in eliminating racism.

Rocap wants to begin the program in either Alumni or Dillon halls for he felt that it would do the most good in a dormitory with a large black concentration.

He commented on the extent of campus racism.

"Our organization goes on the basis that everyone at Notre Dame is to some extent prejudiced. The people we are trying to reach in these programs, are for equality, but, who do not understand the different black movements, or, for that matter, white movements," he said.

He emphasized that the program would not try to shock students out of their prejudices by yelling insults and cries of racism. He felt that unemotional discussion and a list of facts would be much more effective and desirable.

SLC amends code

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Farley Hall, to add yet another amendment to this rule.

"The Hall Council shall determine the size of the Hall Judicial Board and the number of members which constitute a quorum," read the amendment which easily passed.

The SBP next recommended a change in the jurisdiction of the Student Judicial Board. The Judicial Code states that a student with three hall violations who moves into another hall and commits a subsequent violation, must be brought before the university court. McKenna felt that this rule showed little confidence in the ability of the Hall Judiciary to handle the case. The amendment was defeated.

Student representative Ron Mastriana proposed the next

amendments. He was successful on one of his proposals. The amendment that carried was the removal of the Hall President from the Hall Appeals Board. This leaves a resident assistant and two residents of the hall on the board.

The only other matter considered by the SLC yesterday regarded the Placement Bureau. A joint committee of the SLC and the Faculty Senate was formed to evaluate the bureau. The members of the committee are Dean Joseph Hogan, Professor Allen, and Ted Jones.

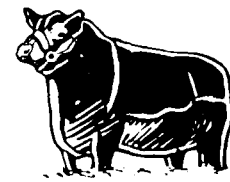
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