

Committee to combine proposals HPC: Compromise

by Jim Eder
Staff Reporter

The Hall Presidents Council last night formed its own five-member committee to write a new student government constitution.

After three and a half hours of debate the presidents decided not to endorse any of the proposed constitutions--Constitution "A" (submitted by the original committee), Constitution "B" (submitted Tuesday by Jim Clarke), and a new Constitution "C", submitted at last night's meeting by Kevin Griffin and Pat McLaughlin.

The new committee, consisting of Sue Anderson, Kevin Griffin, Pat McLaughlin, Bill Reinke and Paul Tobin, will attempt to write a compromise constitution based on the best points of constitutions "A", "B" and "C". This new document will be presented at next Tuesday's HPC meeting, where it will be reviewed and revised. If it is then endorsed by the presidents, it will be taken back to individual hall councils for ratification.

The first question discussed by the hall presidents was whether a new constitution should be written at all. Mike Cunningham, president of Dillon, proposed that the HPC retain its present state and not be incorporated into student government.

"The hall presidents know well enough how to allocate money to the halls, but we don't know enough about all the other organizations that will be requesting funds," reasoned Cunningham.

"We should be primarily concerned with our own halls, not the entire campus," he continued. "Let the student government worry about distributing that \$80,000."

Sue Anderson, one of the four Walsh Hall executive board members, argued that the HPC would be powerless if it could not gain control of the budget. "We could have to beg again for money for our halls."

By a narrow, 10-9, margin the hall presidents rejected Cunningham's proposal and decided to review Constitutions "A" and "B".

H-man (Dennis Etienne) explained that Constitution "A" provides the Forum with legislative powers only in budgetary matters, because "the committee that wrote it felt that the hall presidents should not get involved in politics."

Clarke argued that Constitution "A" would create a rivalry between the student body president and the other members of the Forum. "Constitution "B", however, doesn't allow for any rivalry between the executive and legislative branches. The Forum as a whole would serve as both, with its appointed chairman as spokesman and an elected executive coordinator to handle student services."

Clarke also warned that under Constitution "A" the student body president is not required to express the consensual opinion of the entire Forum. H-man, however, contended that the Forum could easily check the power of the president by establishing restrictive by-laws.

He also argued that the position of executive coordinator provided for by Constitution "B" would attract few candidates.

"The man elected as executive coordinator will do most of the work, while the chairman appointed by the members of the Forum will be doing all the talking and getting all the recognition," he reasoned. "I doubt if many people will want to hold a position like that, and I don't blame them."

Finally he pointed out that under Constitution "B", because the chairman cannot act independently of the rest of the Forum, the process of decision-making would be much slower.

"For example," he explained, "Steve Jeselnick came to me today with an emergency request for an additional \$100 for An Tostal. Under Clarke's constitution he would have had to wait a whole week until the Forum met again."

Jeselnick himself countered H-man's argument by pointing out that although the process was quicker in this particular case, if his request had been rejected he would have had no other recourse. "As it is now, one man has complete control over emergency funds, whereas under Constitution "B" the decision would be made by 26 people."

In the midst of the debate between advocates of Constitution "A" and those of Constitution "B", Griffin and McLaughlin introduced what they termed "a compromise constitution"--Constitution "C".

This new constitution proposes to give the Forum legislative powers on all matters "when it deems necessary." It also provides for a Student Association Chairman and a Student Association Administrative Director, elected by the student body on separate ballots.

The Student Association Chairman would: (1) serve as chief executive officer and official spokesman for the Student Association Forum; (2) serve as chairman



The Hall Presidents Council discusses pros and cons of three constitutional proposals during last night's meeting (Staff photo by Jim Hunt)

of all meetings of the Forum; (3) appoint the Judicial Board, representatives to university-wide committees, and committees of the Forum; (4) appoint a comptroller to manage the finances of the Student Association, with the approval of two-thirds of the Forum members.

The Student Association Administrative Director would: (1) serve as the chief administrative officer of the Student Association and (2) appoint administrative assistants and other persons necessary for the efficient operation of student services.

Clarke agreed to concede to this new constitution. "Even though I do not agree with its ideology completely, I feel that it is a fair compromise between my proposals and Constitution "A"."

Others, however, were not as willing to accept the new document. Arguments were raised once more about whether any campus-wide elections should be held at all. The presidents were also in disagreement over whether or not representatives from the Academic Commission should be seated on the Forum (Constitution "C" does not provide such seats).

Student Body Treasurer Mike Marget, an advocate of Constitution "A", accused Clarke of conspiring with Griffin and McLaughlin to come up with a third constitution that "appears to be a compromise but is really much closer to Constitution "B" than to ours."

H-man decided to let the HPC settle the problem of devising a new constitution by itself. "Decide what you want, I'm tired of all of this," he said, leaving the meeting.

Baranowski finally decided to adjourn the meeting, postponing the debates until the new HPC constitutional committee comes up with its proposals next week.

"Every possible student interest was voiced tonight, and that might have been the problem," he commented. "It is impossible to write a constitution that caters to every interest."

The following is a statement released by "a group of concerned students" at 10:00 last night.

After the debacle of the last student body presidential election, which was fought with rancid politics, "martial law" was declared on March 3, by the present student body administration. A group of five people, seemingly unrepresentative of the student body, was then set up to prepare a new constitution. During the short period of spring break, a "vague" constitution was prepared. The next event was that members of the original constitutional committee proceeded to author several new constitutional proposals. The ensuing effects have been that the student body has been subjected to a continuing series of political manipulations, has been left confused by the proceedings, and is in the serious danger of obtaining a student government that is not representative of the students. We therefore are asking that the SLC step in to end this farce and formulate the rules for a constitutional convention, representative of all students in order that a viable student government may be obtained at Notre Dame.

Any person interested in signing the following petition please contact one of the undersigned.

In light of the current constitutional "crisis", we the undersigned feel that the only means to a viable constitution is the calling of a constitutional convention representative of the student body at large. We therefore request that the SLC hold an emergency meeting to set up regulations and mechanisms for such a fully representative convention and that this convention commence at the earliest possible date.

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Literary Festival tabs great talent

by Jim Gresser
Staff Reporter

"This year's Sophomore Literary Festival will prove to be one of the finest since the Festival's inception," according to Festival Chairman Frank Barrett. Beginning this Sunday, April 1 the Festival will run through Saturday April 6.

John Asbery, Gwendolyn Brooks, Stanley Elkin, Arthur Miller, Chaim Potok, Kenneth Rexperth and Jerome Rothenberg will be the writers participating in the 1973 Festival and will be on campus giving lectures, readings, and symposiums throughout the week. All events are free and students are urged attend as many of the activities as possible.

One of the aspects that makes the Notre Dame Sophomore Literary Festival so distinct from all other college literary festivals is that the writers will also be visiting some classes to discuss their work with the students.

Barret notes that the Sophomore Literary Festival "has assembled some of the most renowned artists in the fields of fiction, drama, poetry and translation."



Brooks

Dedication

The members of the Sophomore Literary Festival Council have chosen to dedicate this year's Festival to those writers around the world who are suffering from political oppression. The dedication states, "Our committee is dedicating the Festival to all literary artists every where who are victims of political oppression because of their beliefs. The great number of poets, novelists and journalists imprisoned because they risked expressing their convictions in literary form is a repugnant effrontery to humanity."



Potok

In the forward to the Festival program, Barrett writes, "Keep in mind that this is a two-way program. Our guests come not as speakers in a lecture series, but as participants in a festival. This is an opportunity for interaction between students, faculty, and literary figures."

The dedication goes on to say, "We hope too that the boldness of those condemned to punishment because they did not fear to speak out will enhearten the timorous or intimidated among us. Whatever be the ideas conveyed by literary artists and the ideas prescribed regimes of every hue, what we must strive to emulate is the courage and dedication of writers to assert their freedom."

Gwendolyn Brooks

The writer who will open the festival is the Pulitzer Prize winning poetess, Gwendolyn Brooks. Brooks will read from her poetry on Sunday at 4:00 pm in the Library Auditorium. At 8:00 pm that evening, she will conduct a seminar on poetry in the Library Lounge.

Gwendolyn Brooks is without question one of the best poets in contemporary literature. As a black poet, her insights into the modern black man are deep and provocative. As a woman her warmth and feeling touch all her readers. With all her attributes combined, the poetic experience she provides is one of the most exciting.



Elkin

Fiction writer Stanley Elkin will continue the Festival with a reading from his work at 8:00 pm on Monday, April 2 in the Library Auditorium. Most of his fiction deals with characters who try to establish some sort of meaning and order in their lives but meet with a great deal of frustration. The plots often deal with very funny people doing some very bizarre things but under that, Elkin makes some very serious statements.

Novelist Dr. Chaim Potok, though he will be speaking later in the week, will be autographing books at Pandora's Book Store from 3:30 until 4:30 pm on Monday afternoon. Pandora's has arranged to sell all his books at cost while he is in the store autographing.

world briefs

Saigon--With a minimum of emotion and little joy, the last American troops left South Vietnam Thursday, leaving behind an unfinished war. As the colors were furled, ending close to a decade of American intervention, Gen. Frederick C. Weyand told a handful of servicemen at the ceremony in Saigon, "You can hold your heads up high for having been a part of this selfless effort."

Hanoi, North Vietnam--As thousands of joyful North Vietnamese lined the streets of Hanoi, a motorcade carried the North's last 67 American prisoners to Gia Lam airport for their return to the United States. The men, all of whom were captured since last June, included crews shot down during the final American bombing raids in December.

Washington--James W. McCord Jr., testifying under oath, told a Senate committee that his fellow Watergate conspirators had cleared their political espionage activity with ranking Nixon administration officials before carrying out the plot. McCord described former Attorney General John N. Mitchell as the "over-all boss" of the operation and said President Nixon's chief legal advisor, John W. Dean 3D, sat in on one planning session.

Pittsburgh--Steelworkers approved an agreement that would eliminate strikes and crisis bargaining. The agreement between the United Steelworkers of America and the steel industry, calls for talks to begin seven months before the end of their three-year contract, with unresolved issues to be submitted to binding arbitration.

Washington--The Securities and Exchange Commission issued a sweeping master plan that would replace the present fragmented structure of the securities industry with a common regulatory framework based on electronic communication between brokers and market centers. The suggestions were outlined in a "white paper" intended to provide guidelines for unifying all segments of the industry through a comprehensive communication system.

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on campus today

friday

- 10 a.m.-6 p.m.--action, recruiters, library concourse
- 4:30 p.m.--lecture, "The evolution of life," dr. manfred eigen, 123 nieuwland
- 7:30 p.m.--lenten communion services, (melkiesbyzantine) holy cross hall
- 8 p.m.--movie, growing up female, library auditorium
- 9 p.m.--concert, nd jazz band, laf rtune

saturday

- 10 a.m.--lecture, martha griffith, library auditorium
- 7 & 10 p.m.--movie, airport, engineering auditorium
- 8 p.m.--concert, beach boys, acc
- 8 p.m.--theatre, el teatro campesino (farmworkers' theatre), washington hall

sunday

- 8:30 a.m.--mass, knue rockne memorial mass and breakfast, stanford-keenan chapel-south dining hall
- 7:30 p.m.--dramatic reading, the just assassins by albert camus, grace pit, free admission and refreshments

Chicano repertory theatre reflects farmworkers life

by Mike Kulczyk Staff Reporter

El Teatro Campesino (Farmworkers' Theatre), appearing at Washington Hall tomorrow evening, March 31, is an important force in "people's theatre," aimed at restoring a sense of pride in the chicano history, culture, and race.

An acting repertory company founded in 1965 by Luis Valdez, El Teatro Campesino belongs to the agit-prop theatre tradition in which social agitation and propaganda are seen as legitimate ends of any art form. Examples of agit-prop groups are "living theatres" and "guerrilla theatres," drama derived from the "peoples theatre" of the Depression.

El Theatre members come directly from the vegetable fields and fruit orchards with different degrees of education. They are primarily involved in the workers' struggle to wage a strike (Huelga), win better living conditions, and form the United Farmworkers Union.

Unique acts

Luis Valdez, a graduate of San Jose State who also worked with

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Willkes dispute liberalized 'right to kill'



Dr. Willke: "Viability doesn't measure the baby, but rather the skill of the doctors, nurses and the hospital." (Staff photo by Jim Hunt)

by Marlene Zloza
Senior Reporter

Trying to answer the question "Is the being inside the woman a human life?" Dr. and Mrs. Jack Willke lectured to an attentive and shocked crowd of nine-hundred last night in Washington Hall. Speaking on a strict anti-abortion platform, the couple presented an in-depth program of slides, quotes and a film to reinforce their position.

"Some people ask whether it is safer for the mother to have an abortion or to have the baby, but that doesn't matter," said Dr. Willke. "if there is a baby inside the mother we have no right to kill it." "That puts it squarely on the line," added Mrs. Willke.

Dr. Willke stressed that "the word kill is not a judgemental choice, but an accurate description," regarding abortions.

"By any biologic dimension, what a mother carries is alive—that is fact," said Dr. Willke, "and if it is human life then we are killing a human."

"The scale in some cases must be balanced between the mother and her social problem and the human that is killed," explained Dr. Willke. "If we decide in favor of the mother then we have given one citizen the right to kill another just to solve her problem."

Sharing the microphone during the entire presentation, Dr. Willke and his wife, a registered nurse, began by admitting that their program was entirely one-sided.

"We make no apologies," asserted Mrs. Willke, "for years you have heard the other side, the mother's problems, and we don't think any pro-abortion speaker could tell you anything new. Much of what we will present is new information that even some doctors aren't yet aware of and we are asking you to make a valid and educated decision."

While displaying slides of premature babies and aborted fetuses, the Willkes, authors and veteran lecturers, refuted the "viability" argument for abortion before 28 weeks of pregnancy.

"Some people try to draw a line in time before the fetus reaches humanity, but since states and countries have not been able to agree, no one can claim accuracy in their judgement," stated the Willkes.

In the mid-1940's viability

reached to 30 weeks and now it is down to 20 weeks. "In 20 more years it may be at 10 or 12 weeks," said Dr. Willke. "What is changing is the increasing sophistication of our external life support systems. Viability doesn't measure the baby, but rather the skill and equipment of the doctors, nurses, and the hospital in which the baby is born."

The couple also had slides of very young fetuses which they showed while explaining the existence of life from the moment of conception.

"At eleven weeks she or she (the fetus) is what they will be at birth and you can hold the perfect form in your hand," Willke explained. "All organ systems are functional, the only thing needed is further growth and maturation."

At six weeks "quickening" occurs, muscle movements can be perceived, and human brain activity can be recorded. The human heart begins to beat at 18 days.

The Willkes traced this process

back to conception, when they contend life really begins.

"At the moment of fertilization a new, totally unique and independent being exists. It has the 46 chromosomes that characterize humans, can replace dying cells and needs only nutrition to grow into an adult," continued Mrs. Willke.

In a more clinical vein, the couple described the various methods of abortion and included statistics to refute the safety of such operations. In addition to deaths, complications include sterilization, transfusions, and various infections.

The Willkes then compared the deaths of unborn children with the extermination in Nazi Germany and gave the background of killings in post-World War I Germany.

After answering questions from the audience concerning views on capital punishment, mercy killings, and some of their points, the Willkes presented a short film of an actual abortion.

More visitation hours for men are sought

by Pattie Cooney
Staff Reporter

A recommendation for extended male visitation hours at all St. Mary's residence halls will be presented to the Planning Committee this afternoon by Kathleen Mulaney, Dean of Students and Chairman of the Area Committee on Student Life.

The recommendation asks for an extension of the visitation hours to include 7 p.m. to midnight on Fridays, noon to midnight on Saturdays, and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

Presently the visitation hours cover Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Male visitors must sign in at the front desk and be escorted upstairs by the person they are visiting.

Work on the recommendation started in September when a task force on hall life and activities began the preliminary planning and research to draft questionnaires.

Questionnaires were sent to students, parents, alumnae, administrators, and staff asking for opinions and the present visitation policy and suggestions for the future.

At the same time the questionnaires were sent out, the task force wrote to 130 colleges to obtain information on their visitation policies.

Over 3,000 constituents responded to the questionnaires. "The surveys showed quite a

diversity of opinions; we interpreted the questionnaires as best we could, arriving at the weekend hours," commented Sue Welte, SBP and vice-chairman of the Area Committee on Student Life.

Student respondents did not express great desire to have anything more inclusive such as visitation hours during the week. Reasons for not having them during the week included infringement on privacy and study.

Students also expressed concern over security. Therefore a security system similar to the one used on Sundays will probably be used.

"We feel that as young adults we are able to handle these situations and should do so before graduating. Extended hours would provide a more natural atmosphere and be an exercise of freedom within certain guidelines," said Helen Ann Bathon, chairman of the Task Force on Hall Life and Activities.

If the recommendation passes the Planning Committee, it will go to President Henry to be included in his report to the Board of Regents. A sub-committee on Student Life of the Board of Regents will consider the report at its April meeting. The recommendation will then be presented to the whole Board of Regents in May. If approved the extended visitation policy could be implemented beginning in September.

Nixon imposes price ceiling on meat products

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Washington—President Nixon announced tonight in a nationally televised speech that the government was imposing ceiling prices on beef, pork and lamb—but not live cattle and hogs—effective immediately and for an indefinite period.

Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz, explained at a White House briefing that ceiling prices for the various cuts of meats would be by individual processors, wholesalers and retailers would have to be calculated on the basis of their prices during the 30 days through March 28.

Arguing that the struggle against inflation included his budgetary battles with the Democratic Congress, the President asked the public to support his vetoes of spending bills. A vote to override vetoes and spend more than the \$268 billion Presidential budget is a vote for "higher taxes or prices," Nixon argued.

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Gordian Knot A Drinker's Convention Ed Ellis

The Student Government Constitution proposed by the currently in-power Guardians-of-the-Students'-Palpable-Will demonstrated very little of the intellectual ability we all reside in the reigning collection of poobahs. In fact, it stunk. The official administration disaster should be rejected by the various hall councils in short order, since it is patently unworkable and rather blatantly confused in its genesis.

Having projected the demise of this "document," the time has arrived, I suspect, to put aside jokes like the proposed structure and to consider a serious change, not only in our method of apportioning the public goods, but also in our procedure for selection of the student body president himself. In short, the past four years have seen three constitutions preside and at least three more proposed, all of which promised some sort of organized student government and all of which failed. I propose, in all modesty, that student government be run, not like a government—or even like an "association"—but rather like an American political party, and that the student body president be elected by delegates from the several halls assembled in solemn convention around 25 full beer kegs in the South Bend Armory.

I regret that I cannot claim sole authorship for this most felicitous design. My distinguished colleague the Hon. "Lefty" Ruschmann of Sorin Hall played a critical role in its birth, watering it with his beers throughout its infancy. In any case, I now present for the consideration of the Notre Dame Floundering Fathers the fruits of our collective discourse.

Let us consider the Armory and the convention itself.

The halls and off-campus would send a representative for every fifteen residents. The total would be just under 500 delegates, who would be organized by hall, each with a chairing and a party whip. Delegations could be committed to one of the principal contenders (in "primary halls," for example) or could be uncommitted or obliged to favorite sons or daughters (or "favorite things") on the early ballots.

The student union would provide 25 kegs of Falstaff ("Because we're all in this together") to help oil the political machinery. Only delegates should be allowed to drink draft beer, however, press and gallery visitors receiving beer in cans when they entered the convention hall. We would thus effectively surpass Mayor Daley by "six-packing the gallery." Lefty has suggested that for heavy drinkers we might even "case the joint," and it's fairly obvious that on the "fifth" ballot bourbon and scotch would be distributed.

Hall presidents would receive small black hats bearing the title "BOSS," and Student Life Council members and cabinet members would receive similar hats designating them as "Lieutenant Bosses." The convention must of course elect a chairing and it would wear a Falstaff hat to signify its position as brewmaster. Candidates for the nomination must wear dunce caps and sit in the corner.

To conduct business, smoke-filled rooms should be constructed, where only BOSSES and lieutenants would be permitted, and those only if they carried a cigar greater than six inches in length. A beer pipeline should also be constructed so that delegations need not leave the floor for beer. This was a problem for groups in last year's Mock Democratic Convention. Demonstrations would be encouraged, and a band provided to stimulate dancing.

Now we must recognize that with 25 kegs, the results of the first few ballots are irrelevant. The winner of this convention shall be the candidate leading the voting on the first ballot after the last keg is gone, regardless of whether this tally constitutes a majority.

It might be instructive at this point to draw several points of comparison between the Notre Dame student body and the American party system. First, both are confused, highly decentralized and definitively ungovernable. The Republicans this year failed to agree on whether or not they had engaged in political espionage at Watergate, and the Democrats couldn't figure out whether they had learned anything of value. Students here seem uncertain of whether they prefer parliamentary government, oligarchy, benevolent dictatorship, or unconstitutional monarchy.

Second, we all know that Domers are great football fans. And who has not heard of parties tossing around political footballs like busing, amnesty, or detente with China.

Finally, the students are like the Democratic party in the very important area of finances: they are always in debt, and they throw their money away on foolish things like booze, dope, or presidential nominees like Georgeous George McGovern.

This "Drinkers' Convention" plan offers several advantages over current or currently-proposed practices of electing the Student Body President. First, we would be getting student politics out of the "sunshine" and back where the subject belongs—in the smoke-filled rooms off the convention floor.

Second, and certainly more important, is the fact that we would, by this convention, fill the lengthy social gap between Mardi Gras and An Tostal weekends. Convention weekend might well become so popular that various convention minded bars would bid to steal it from the South Bend Armory.

Finally, the adoption of this plan would relieve us of our obligation to reject the latest of administration bureaucratic miscues, which was going to be before the several hall councils. Since our convention would be the ultimate judge of student policies we wouldn't need a government, and association, a constitution, or any of the tripe now paraded as the fruits of legitimate cerebral inquiry. After all, what could be more representative of the Notre Dame Student Body than 500 drunks?

In conclusion, I heartily recommend to the solons of LaFortune this plan, presented in the spirit of governmental reform, with tongue-only-partly-in-cheek.

the observer

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The Whole Shebang

I

It reached the boundaries of the ludicrous last night. Constitution C was added to the already declared A and B, and Petition D found its way into the fracas.

Right now student government finds itself in a state of near absolute chaos. There are three constitutional revisions before the HPC waiting for action and a petition is circulating asking the SLC to call a constitutional convention. (This is conceivably within the SLC's power in the area of student affairs. If a member of the SLC presents it to the body or a petition, said Petition D, is presented to them with 50 signatures, then the SLC can act on it.)

All over, there is a general confusion about what exactly is going on. Right now, each hall president has the responsibility of going back to their hall councils and explaining the situation so it will filter back to the students. (The students...you remember them. They're the ones that all of this is being done for.)

Which leads to an important if not obvious point. Does the Notre Dame student really care about what's going on now? Do they give a damn if a new constitution is approved or not approved?

Is this big political battle just for the enjoyment of those involved?

The fact that these questions have to be asked is an indicator of the situation at hand and must likewise be considered when the idea of a constitutional convention is presented. Chances are that the lack of concern with the present constitutional chaos will extend into the constitutional convention. Will it make students care any more about the constitution? The convention, in fairness, is the proper action. It allows everyone a voice in deciding the constitutional future of Notre Dame, but it could become just a bigger grouping of Notre Dame politicians arguing legalistic conceptions of how student government should be run. Long, drawn out, it would probably run itself right into the ground. Right idea, but poor execution.

It seems that if the politicians are the only ones who really care about the constitutional doings and will really be the only ones who are affected by them, then last night's Petition D is just somebody else's move to get in on the fun. Move over Ben Franklin, where do we buy the three cornered hats?

Jerry Lutkus

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After a meeting which lasted over three and one half hours last night, the HPC failed to give their support to either of the two proposed constitutions. What they did do was render dramatic evidence that the HPC has the mistaken notion that the Notre Dame student is far more concerned with the process of electing a government than with the effective functioning of that government.

Their decision to shelve the original proposal supported by the present student government demonstrates that they feel that the student government must not be dominated by an unchecked executive, and that they feel a vague constitution will not adequately serve the needs of the student body. That move is to their credit.

But the HPC's decision to compromise the proposal of Jim Clarke clearly says that while they recognize the need for a legislative body, they are not yet bold enough to approve a plan that would radically change the face of student government. Notre Dame, an institution based on tradition has decided, once again, to maintain another long reigning tradition, mediocre student government.

The proposal made by Pat McLaughlin and Kevin Griffin is indeed a lot closer to a truly representative government, than

the original proposal, but it lacks the daring of the Clarke proposal. And when student government has been as unable to obtain results as recent ones have been, the students no longer need variations on an old theme, but rather something innovative and promising.

But even close to half of the HPC does not recognize this fact. A proposal to simply leave student government in its present state, with all of its proven deficiencies was only defeated by a vote of 10-9. Obviously, Rip Van Winkle has many relatives at Notre Dame.

It will be claimed that the rejection of the Clarke proposal was an exercise in good judgement, and not a failure to enact the only proposal that is new and promising.

But history recalls that it was said to be good judgement to abolish the Senate in favor of the Board of Commissioners, to use our democratic process to elect an Oligarchy, to allow write-in ballots to be cast in the recent run-offs.

Along with those memorable achievements in good judgement tonight's HPC refusal to approve a distinctively new idea in student government has threatened the student body with continuing years of understandable apathy.

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Letters To A Lonely God

the elephant's night out

reverend robert griffin



Now that spring is breaking upon us once again, and all the dark sadness of the earth is bursting with the blooms of glory, I become a foolish romantic of the season with moods as capricious as the April weather. I weep in the presence of hyacinths, and I laugh at the solemnity of robins trodding in pursuit of worms across the lawn. The spring-time mood is the mood of lovers, and the heart reaches out to all the beauty it has ever known. That is why I remember with unexpected poignancy a Manhattan adventure that should never be mentioned at all. But it is springtime, and I am drunk unto foolishness on the noon wine of flowers. I want to tell a tale that could have been a lover's story (I think) except for the commitments that love has already made.

One day, two years ago, I was in New York, enjoying myself in the role of a Manhattan playboy. I was vested in a gray suit, with matching shirt, looking very much like an elephant on holiday. Obviously, there are people attracted to elephants, or the chaps who resemble them, though one does not expect to find the elephant-types window shopping at Tiffany's. On the other hand, us elephant-types are grateful for recognition, especially the recognition of pretty, middle-aged women who are staring in the same window at the very same Tiffany's diamond ring. That is what happened: both of us stared at the ring; then, becoming conscious of one another, we bowed our heads in the way that strangers have of acknowledging the other's presence. Then, strangers still, we moved off in separate directions.

A half hour later, I met her in Scribner's bookstore at the children's counter. She was looking at *The Giving Tree* I had just asked the clerk whether the store stocked *The Giving Tree*, and she directed me to the place where the jewel-fancier from Tiffany's was standing, reading a copy of the book I wanted to buy. *The Giving Tree* is one of the books that is read only by very nice people. When she saw me buy that book, I knew that she not only admired me as the elephant-type—gray and bulky and very wholesome—but that she also respected me as a very nice person. For a second time, we nodded our heads and we smiled, as though in mutual congratulations for our excellence in taste as readers. Then I wandered out onto Fifth Avenue in the late afternoon.

among the Virgins all over the room, where she could drop her cigarettes when she had finished them.

Eventually, I boarded a bus that took me down to Greenwich Village for dinner. I got off the bus at Sheridan Square, and immediately looked around for a restaurant. Then I became aware that the Fifth Avenue shopper had gotten off the same bus. She, too, was looking around, probably, I thought to myself, for an eating place also.

Irresistibly drawn to each other, it seems, by gems and literary habits, we walked toward each other.

"Good evening," I said in my shy, elephant-type way. "Are you looking for something?" She smiled back, as though to assure me that she understood the infinite purity of my question. "Yes," she said. "I am looking for a good restaurant where I can eat dinner."

It should be obvious by now that we dined together: beauty, middle-aged and pretty, supping with the beast, middle-aged and elephantine. Both of us recognized, I think, that we were violating the proprieties that say: never talk to strangers; but we trusted each other and ourselves. In the simple ritual of sharing a meal, we spoke words of friendship to the other's loneliness. Oddly, however, each of us guarded our anonymity.

Only first names were used: mine was Robert, hers was Catherine. I did not tell her I was a priest; she did not say if she was married. I told her I was a teacher; she said she worked in an investment house. I told her I was a Catholic who had recently visited the Vatican. She said she was engaged on Sundays in teaching the Wesleyan catechism to children. I spoke of Indiana and the people I love at the University there. She told me of her home, some miles from the City, where she lived with her mother.

I told her of my visit that day to a little, old lady who lived in a one room apartment—I did not mention I had brought her Holy Communion. The old lady's only companions were statues of the Virgin. She had hundreds of statues of the Virgin, collected from all over the world. The old lady smoked; but because of her lameness and aloneness, she was afraid of fire, so she had cans, half-filled with water, scattered

riding a wave brian hurley



Try to visualize the sound of the Beach Boys' music. Inevitably you'll paint a picture of sun, sand and surf, of *Caroline No* and *Wouldn't It Be Nice* and *Sloop John B*. The sights and sounds of the California surfing lifestyle are etched indelibly on the minds of millions of young people everywhere, many of whom have never seen a surfboard. America has grown up with the music of the Beach Boys. Similarly, the Beach Boys have grown and matured with their audiences.

group performed many of its established hits as well as selections from the then-newly-released album, *surf's up*. In the final segment of the concert, the Boys asked the audience to name its favorite Beach Boys song. The evening ended the way it began, with the warm sounds of summer echoing through the ACC arena.

The group's musical expansion began with *Pet Sounds*, considered by many to be the Beach Boys' finest album. *Pet Sounds* established Brian Wilson as the group's musical coordinator, conductor and arranger. Under Brian's direction, the group began performing experiments with orchestral accompaniments and electronic instruments. The songs became more and more sophisticated, relying heavily upon the vocals of Carl Wilson, Al Jardine and Mike Love. In the late '60's the Beach Boys concentrated their efforts in the recording studio, hoping to perfect that "sound" Brian Wilson had generated in his compositions.

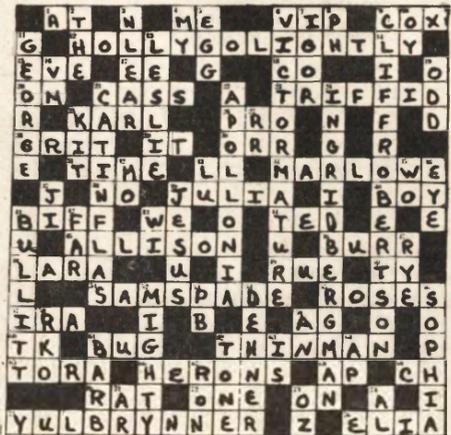
Since the Notre Dame appearance the Beach Boys have produced two albums: *So Tough* and *Holland*. *So Tough* introduced two new members of the group, Ricky Fataar and Blondie Chaplin, both of whom served as backup musicians in the ND concert. Additionally, the album is without the services of Bruce Johnston (he wrote "Disney Girls") who left the group in mid-1972. *So Tough* was not well received by the critics, perhaps because the influence of Brian Wilson's scoring and orchestrating abilities is non-existent.

Surf's Up, released in late 1971, was the result. The album achieved critical and popular acclaim. The Beach Boy's concert at Notre Dame in October of '71 provided a capacity audience with just the right amounts of nostalgia and innovation. The

Holland, released a few months ago, recaptures the magic of the Beach Boys' sound. "Sail on Sailor" and "California Sage" evoke memories of the early surfer songs; "Steamboat" utilizes a number of synthetic musical effects, reminiscent of *Surf's Up*. The album has been selling well, and the Beach Boys again are riding a wave of successful concert appearances.

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Griffiths coming Saturday

by Jim Lindsay
Staff Reporter

U.S. Congresswoman Martha Griffiths will discuss the nationally proposed Equal Rights Amendment this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Library Auditorium as part of an Equal Rights program sponsored by the Women's Rights Association of the Notre Dame Law School.

Griffiths, a ten-term Democrat from Michigan, was instrumental in the passing of the Equal Rights Amendment in the U.S. House Representatives in 1970. She is also the first woman ever to sit on the House Ways and Means Committee and is one of the most influential leaders in the fight to strengthen Congressional control of government spending.

Griffiths' discussion will be preceded in the three-part Equal Rights program by the showing of the film *Growing Up Female*, a study of the feminine awareness movement, Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Library Auditorium.

Following Griffiths' talk of Saturday, a panel discussion concerning the Equal Rights Amendment will be held at 2 p.m.,

also in the Library Auditorium. Representatives of various women's organizations, including the National Organization of Women and the Women's Political Caucus, will participate.

All students, male and female, are invited to attend the program events. No admission fees will be charged.

The Women's Rights Association of the Notre Dame Law School is sponsoring the weekend program in an effort to clear up some of the myths about the Equal Rights Amendment, according to WRA president Judy Snyder.

"Many arguments concerning the amendment simply aren't based on fact," said Snyder. "So we've set up this program for informational purposes."

The Equal Rights Amendment states that "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the U.S. or by any state of account of sex." The amendment further provides that "Congress and several states shall have the power within their respective jurisdiction to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

The Notre Dame Equal Rights

program is being presented at a very opportune time, according to WRA president Snyder, as the Equal Rights Amendment is due to appear for consideration in the Indiana state senate next week. Should the Senate pass the amendment, Indiana will become the 29th state to grant it approval.

Snyder is quite optimistic that the amendment will receive its required ratification by 38 states, as the legislation is still in its first year of a seven-year period allowed for state approval.

The passing of the Equal Rights Amendment could bring about several changes in present legal practices affecting both men and women, according to Snyder. The amendment's approval should open up present credit laws, making women creditors as liable as men in mortgage and home loan cases. Men may be given equal status to women in seeking child custody in divorce cases if the amendment is passed.

"But probably the most important effect of the amendment's approval," said Snyder, "would be the subsequent re-evaluation of all present social laws."

El Teatro depicts working struggles of the Chicanos

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the San Francisco Mime Troupe, explained El Teatro's unique actos: "We insist on calling them actos rather than skits, not only because we talk in Spanish, but because skit seems too light a word for the work we are trying to do." (*Ramparts*, November 1967).

El Teatro improvises within the framework of traditional characters associated with the strike. The Boss, the Scab, the Worker, the Labor Contractor—each character is presented with a clear identity defined by signs, masks, and a few props.

Picket lines to tours

El Teatro Campesino started in Delano, California to work on the picket lines of the grape pickers in support of the United Farmworkers. They performed without scenery, props, lighting, or scripts, much as they still do today.

El Teatro began traveling to the Southwest and Northwest in 1966 to raise funds and support for the union. They performed songs and actos on picket lines, at organizing meetings and rallies, and before sympathetic labor and cultural groups.

El Teatro Campesino has received the Los Angeles Drama Critics Award (1970 and 1971) and the Obie Award (New York, 1968.) El Teatro has also been the model for the Teatro Urbano (City Theatre) and the Teatro Chicano (theatre workshop for teatro groups.)



El Teatro Campesino tells the story of the farmworker in various actos.

El Teatro Campesino's performance at 8 p.m. Saturday night, Washington Hall, is being presented by a number of campus organizations: Cultural Arts Commission, Centro De Estudios Chicanos E Investigaciones Sociales, Chicano Studies Program, MECHA, and the Midwest Council of La Raza.

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Frosh, Soph offices abolished

Deadline today for class office petitions

by Jeanne Murphy
Staff Reporter

Today is the deadline for students interested in running for class offices to hand in their petitions, but this year only the top two classes will hold elections.

Presently there are two four-man tickets and one single candidate running for senior class offices, and only one four-man ticket running for the junior class positions. Freshman and

sophomore class offices, however, are being abolished, and no elections are planned for these positions.

According to present Freshman class president, Jim Bradley,

there is no immediate need for the existence of Freshman class officers. There are no formal freshman activities to coordinate and manage. Bradley commented that, upon being elected to his office in the fall, his main purpose as Freshman president was "to dig up a purpose for his role."

Very discouraged, Bradley and a few Sophomore class officers sought ways for abolishing the insignificant class offices. After consulting with Dr. Ackerman Bradley, Jim Hunt, Senior class president, and Greg Garrison, Sophomore class vice-president decided not to have any class officers next year. Senior graduation activities and the Junior parent's weekend, however, required some organization. The group changed the "no election" decision for Seniors and Juniors because these events need organization and management from the students.

Bradley stressed the fact that there was no pressure from the administration on class officers. The decision rested solely in the hands of the present officers who felt that their jobs are not necessary.

"All class offices are worthless considering the work that I have done as well as the work that other

officers have done," exclaimed Greg Garrison who expressed a desire for a temporary committee in place of officers. "All student government is in turmoil now," he continued, "there is no direction and no goal." He contends that class offices are a waste of time and talent.

Milo Coccimiglio, Junior president, also agrees with the new decision, contending that the Freshman and Sophomore classes have no structure. He does believe that there is a definite need for Junior and Senior class officers because the small amount of activities that these classes sponsor are full-time responsibilities.

Class offices have been nothing but a tradition passed on throughout the years. There is no formal document requiring class officers, nor is there written in any Student Government Constitution a necessity for class offices. Therefore, there is no need to appeal to a higher board of government to request formal abolition of class elections.

In the event that students want to run for Freshman or Sophomore class offices and have mass support from their class, Bradley foresees an election, although he sees no need for electing an officer who serves no purpose.

SMC coffeehouses successful

by J. Patrick Boyle
Staff Reporter

St. Mary's Office of Campus Ministry has sponsored a Friday night coffeehouse on an experimental basis for the past two weeks. The coffeehouses are the idea of Fr. Cormier, director of

Campus Ministry, and are organized by Jan Harrington.

Commenting on the program, Harrington said, "The coffeehouses have been very successful so far, and we (Campus Ministry) have asked student government for funds to expand our program."

The coffeehouse is located in a partitioned section of the Snac, Bar, located below the Student Dining Hall. Harrington describes it "as a dark, candlelit atmosphere with cushions on the floor, and a stage for our entertainment."

Lisa Kinner is in charge of entertainment, and anyone interested in performing may contact her at 4265. Students, Nancy Parker, Ann O'Connell, and Kit McGugan also assist at the coffeehouses.

Tonight, from 9 to 1:30, Julie Johnson, Dan Marroquin, Mark Niedercorn, and Rich Walters, Mike Plunket and Jim Gresser and Don DePetris and Ole Munson will perform at the coffeehouse. Refreshments will be served. Volunteers are needed to help out. There is no admission, and everyone is invited.

SMC assembly nixes lobby

Saint Mary's has decided not to join the Indiana colleges organizing a lobby to bring student concerns to the state legislature, according to Sue Oglesbee, SMC student body vice president.

The proposal to send a student representative came before the Student Assembly at their meeting last night, and was immediately dropped," Oglesbee said. She did not give any reasons for the action.

Dennis (H-man) Etienne, Notre Dame Student Provost, is heading the movement at Notre Dame, which he said "would go beyond backing the age of majority bill and become a permanent thing."

The Student Assembly did vote to appropriate \$200 in student government funds to a mission in New Mexico where five Saint Mary's students will be working this summer. The program, formerly under the auspices of the now-folded Dunbarton College, is presently under the direction of Sr. Margaretta Reppen of the SMC education department.

The Assembly also moved to invite members of the Board of

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ND grididders set for spring drills

by Vic Dorr
Sports Editor

Nearly three months have passed since Notre Dame's loss to Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, but those months haven't been idle ones for coach Ara Parseghian and the rest of the Irish staff and players.

Graduation losses, conditioning, and evaluations have combined to fill much of the three-month hiatus and, beginning tomorrow afternoon, the ND football squad will swing into spring practice—another phase of its off-season preparations for the 1973 grid campaign.

"We're a year older now, a year more mature, and a year more experienced in several positions," said Parseghian, who has a core of 14 returning starters—seven each from the offensive and defensive teams—to work with during spring drills.

But the graduation losses, while they are not many, are in key positions. Gone are both of last season's co-captains, tackles Greg Marx and John Dampeer, both regular fullbacks, Andy Huff and John Cieszkowski, and a pair of linebackers, Jim O'Malley and Jim Musuraca. Also leaving are tight end Mike Creaney, rover-back Ken Schlezes, and center Dave Drew.

"Those will be the areas of greatest concern," said the Irish head coach, "because those were our most experienced players." But there is still a good deal of experience returning this spring, including offensive linemen Frank Pomarico and Dave Casper, quarterback Tom Clements, running backs Gary Diminick and Eric Penick, and defensive back Mike Townsend.

Those players will join better than one hundred other hopefuls tomorrow at Cartier Field for the first day of spring workouts.

Pre-season selections kick off; Irish picked for eighth-already

Year in and year out, without exception, the brand of football played at Notre Dame does strange things to the analysts and predictors who attach themselves to the collegiate game.

Last season, the Irish were picked to finish third by one pre-season poll, and were written off as out of the Top Twenty by another, but coach Ara Parseghian's squad finished 15th in the nation with a 8-3 record, and left the forecasting extremists far out of bounds.

Jake Kline's moundsmen face doubled-up schedule

The Notre Dame baseball team and its pitching staff in particular has been taking advantage of a two-week layoff. The squad had better, because from here on out the Irish will be seeing double-double headers that is.

Notre Dame, 2-8 after a spring trip to the Hurricane Review in Tulsa, Okla. will open its northern schedule at home Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. with a twin bill against Hillsdale College. Then the Irish have two doubleheaders with Wisconsin April 7 and 8 and seven more before they meet Miami of Ohio in a single game April 27.

"I think the pitching staff will be ready for all this action," says Coach Jake Kline, now in his 39th season as baseball boss at Notre Dame. "When I saw this fall that we had a lot of kids who could throw the ball I decided it would be good for us to play this kind of schedule (46 games)."

The Irish should be prepared for their northern opposition. They had several strikes against them in the Review.

"Tulsa is ranked fifth in the country and five of our losses were to them," Kline explains. "We

Saturdays during the spring months are usually reserved for filmed scrimmages, but tomorrow's session, according to Parseghian, will be largely an organizational one.

"We'll try to organize our practice and our people," he said. "And, since freshmen were eligible for competition last year, all of these people will have been exposed—to a certain degree—to our system and our terminology. Saturday's practice will just be to refresh their memories. It'll be for teaching, techniques, and organization."

Tomorrow's classroom session will begin a month of full-dress workouts—a month which will conclude on May 5th, with the 43rd annual Blue-Gold scrimmage game—and Parseghian is looking for the month to be one of offensive refinement and defensive improvement.

"We feel we have to make drastic improvements in our defense," he said. "We were hurt by graduation, of course, and the effect of last year's defense was limited by some critical injuries at mid-season—Steve Niehaus (a starter at defensive tackle through the first four games) is a classic example—and we hope to have those players back."

"We also hope to return to the type of defense that Notre Dame has enjoyed in past years. We were disappointed in our last two games last season."

"I think we need to improve on offense, though we were not too bad there last year. We averaged 423 yards per game, but we'll have to have more consistency, and we'll have to be able to handle all of the defensive variations that will be thrown at us."

While satisfied with last year's showing on offense, Parseghian is still hoping for a spring that will see an improved passing attack and overall refinements in execution. But the defensive face-lifting may be a bit more ex-



Sophomore quarterback Tom Clements is one of seven returning offensive starters who will be taking part in tomorrow's spring drills.

tensive.

"It's possible our defensive philosophy might change some," admitted Ara. "We'll go into practice with new ideas, and we'll try new things, but that's really no different from any other year."

What will be different this spring is the presence of last year's freshman ball players, a group now eligible for four years of varsity competition. "We should be able to make faster progress because of that," said Parseghian. "On offense we'll have an edge in nomenclature and terminology, and we should have our offense totally established at an earlier

date. Defensively we plan to do some experimenting, to do some looking at different things, so our progress there probably won't be as rapid as on offense."

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