Rossie And Murphy Finalize Plans Process Clash With Administration

Senate Censures Administration

By CHRIS WOLFE

The student Senate Wed. night passed by consensus strong censures proposed by SBP-elect Rich Rossi against University President Rev. Rev. Edward J. Hesburgh ASC, because of the suspension of four Notre Dame students for parietal hour violations. It also laid down articles to be presented to the University President and Board of Trustees as a basis for future University action in administering justice.

The main objections of the Senate were the injustice of both the procedure involved in the case, and the severity of the penalty.

Among the procedural actions specifically objected to were the lack of a trial for the students, the misleading of the students to testify against themselves, and the secrecy of the proceedings.

The judgment against the students was meted out by the University Board of Discipline, which according to the Senate "proceeded to determine guilt and assess punishment without hearing evidence ... even though rights of the accused who were misled to testify against themselves."

The actions of three of the students in violating the rules occurred at the end of semester break, but proceedings were instituted only two weeks ago. The incident came to the notice of the hall rector, Rev. Thomas Plante CSE, who suspended them during the student body presidential campaign. The Senate objected to "proceedings in this form for an offense to which the sole basis of indictment is rumor, and that rumor six weeks old."

Another objection to the procedure was that the trial board was composed only of rectors, who are not peers of the accused. The members of the Board are Father Blantze, Keenan Hall Rector Rev. John McDonald CSE, Father Kevin Cavanaugh, Rev. James Flanigan of Dilor, and Rev. John Dupuis of Howard.

Several objections to the "subsidiary" of Administration's actions included the contention that the University was apparently "cracking down" to make an example of students, even though the parietal rules hasn't been enforced in this way all year.

The Senate bill, in condemning the severity of the sentences, pointed out that the University itself has said that the rules were designed to "protect privacy of the residents of the hall, not to punish moral offenses."

The Senate commended the President of the Student Body to draw up certain articles to be presented to the University President and Board of Trustees for their approval. These articles included demands for specific determination of maximum penalties for violations against University regulations, open trials with rights of the defendant to not incriminate himself, and the use of the Campus Judicial Board to provide a trial by peers.

The Campus Judicial Board had been originally given jurisdiction over the incident, but this jurisdiction was withdrawn, according to Rossi, after a discussion in which Father Hesburgh asked Dean of Students Rev. James Riehle to crack down on parietal rules violations.

Rich Rossi said that the Administration believes that "they can make the rules and enforce them any way they choose."

He feels that such action denying students such basic rights is "un-American" and "a contradiction in a Catholic University."

Although consideration of Student Body President-elect Richard Rossi's censure against the Administration's handling of the four students accused of parietal violation was the Student Senate's major concern Wed. evening, the assembly also passed legislation dealing with Student Union President election, and a University NSA commission, and elected next year's stay senators. It also tabled a bill which would have put the Senate on record against the Vietnam war.

Stay Senator Bob Rigney sponsored a bill which provided several constitutional amendments, the most important of which provides that the Student Union President will be selected by the outgoing Board of Directors before the student body officer elections. The primary reason for this was according to Rigney "to set the Student Union outside of student politics."

Mike Mead of Holy Cross Hall offered an amendment to change the election of the Student Union President to a date after the elections, on the grounds that earlier selection might involve that president in the elections. His motion to amend failed by a vote of 17-15. Rigney's motion then passed by a vote of 32-1.

Another Rigney-sponsored bill involved the creation of a National Student Association Commission on campus. This would enable the University to take advantage of some NSA activities which are not possible at the present without such a commission. The bill passed by consensus.

The election of the stay senators was limited to four people in contrast to this year's six. The reason for this is that SBP Richard Rossi's cabinet, which the stay senators parallel, will be narrowed to two by combination of the hall life and student affairs positions. The former senate post for public relations was eliminated by a vote of 18-9. The stay senators elected were: John Hickey of Walsh, Steve Ahern of Stanford, Mike Kendall of Carroll, and Tom Duffy of Zahm. Hickey is a junior; Kendall and Duffy are sophomores; and Ahern is a freshman.

After a suspension of the rules, Vice-President Tom McKenna and off-campus Senator Paul Higgins presented their bill on Vietnam. The first issue raised was whether it was constitutional for the Senate to consider the bill. Phil Rithweg, the acting Chairman, ruled that it was, and was upheld by a vote of the Senate.

The bill reviewed some of the history of the Vietnam conflict and called on the Senate to "condemn the present American policy in Vietnam". It called on the Administration to seek a peaceful solution with prerequisites of bombing cessation and negotiations with Hanoi and the National Liberation Front.

When queried on the impact of the bill the sponsors said that it was specifically an expression of the Senate opinion, although this didn't rule out the possibility that it indicated student opinion as well. Higgins and McKenna also said that if the bill passed they planned to write a cover letter, approved by the Senate, and send the letter and bill to University student senators throughout the country and to U.S. Senators.

John Powers of Dillon Hall moved that the bill be tabled pending a student government referendum on or before April 8. He said that as an individual he favored the bill, but thought that any expression of opinion should be as representatives of the campus, rather than as a separate group. The roll call vote on the motion was given as 18-17 with 1 abstention.

Because McKenna will no longer chair the Senate due to the expiration of his term of office as SBVP in April, and is not a member, a motion was passed granting him speaking privileges when the bill is considered.

Senators...
Faculty Senate Passes Cut Bill

In a three hour session Tuesday evening, the Notre Dame Faculty Senate passed resolutions on class attendance procedures and an Open Student Speakers Policy, while initiating debate on a campus Publications Policy.

Following various committee reports, a resolution was advanced on class absences. The source of the statement was two-fold: a) it would give the individual instructor as much leeway as possible; b) grades would be based on performance, not attendance.

The instructor of each class, at the beginning of a term, would be required to outline his or her attendance regulations. Theoretically, he could demand novicats (as some do for certain lab courses) or allow unlimited cuts. Fault was placed in "the unreasonable regulations of the teaching staff."
1200 Parents Arrive For Week - End

More than 1200 parents are expected to participate in Notre Dame's Sixteenth Annual Junior Parents Weekend this Fri., Sat., and Sun. According to class officials the highlight of the Weekend will be the President's Dinner to be held Saturday evening in Stepan Center.

"The purpose of this Weekend," said Jim Conway, chairman of the Junior Parents-Son Weekend Committee, "is to educate the parents to what Notre Dame is, to what education here is really like."

Conway said that the committee attempted to modernize the format of this year's program to give the parents an idea of some of the changes taking place at Notre Dame.

The weekend provides an opportunity for the parents to sit in on their son's classes and, on Saturday afternoon, to meet with the faculty and deans of the undergraduate colleges.

Rick Rembusch, Junior Class President, outlined a broader purpose for the Weekend. "We hope that this weekend will provide an atmosphere which will permit the parents to meet their sons on their own ground. It's a chance for a little more personal understanding between parents and their sons."

Rembusch also said that parents would have the opportunity to see the commitments their sons had made to such programs as Neighborhood Study Help, CILA, Student Government, and Student Union. He feels that the weekend helps many parents to realize that their sons have made committed commitment to their society.

Besides the President's dinner, the program also includes a special concert by Henry Mancini and his orchestra on Fri. evening at the Morris Civic Auditorium, and a Communion Breakfast in the North Dining Hall to follow the Mass.

University President Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC, and Rick Rembusch will be the main speakers at the President's Dinner. The keynote speaker at the Communion Breakfast, which formally closes the weekend, will be Prof. John Houck. Prof. Houck will replace Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, CSC, Vice-President of the University, who was originally scheduled to deliver the speech.

Prof. Houck, former President of the Notre Dame Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, will speak on the "generation gap" in relation to the University, the student, and his parents. Conway praised Prof. Houck as one of the few professors at Notre Dame who is "truly concerned about the students and deeply involved with the problems faced by our generation in the modern world."

Preparations for this year's Junior-Parents Weekend were begun last October by the Committee under the direction of Conway and Thomas P. Flanagan, a junior from Homewood, Illinois.

SMC Government Submits Bill Of Rights

By SUZANNE SMITHER

The proposed Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities was distributed last week to the student body of Saint Mary's in the hope that comments, criticisms and suggestions would be made to the members of the committee which drafted it. Meetings in the halls have given students the opportunity to ask questions and to voice their opinions.

These measures have met with scant response. Perhaps the most perceptive was a suggestion that the Statement of Rights be cut to one sentence: "Refer to the Constitution of the United States of America."

One senior remarked, "It's unbelievably comprehensive, but the section on due process is vague. It needs further delineation in order to avoid confusion." Vagueness in that particular section could cause trouble, for, according to Mr. DiGiovanna, philosophy professor and member of the Student Rights Working Board, "The entire statement hinges on due process."

Another senior hopes the officers of Student Government "realize what they're getting into. Now Student Government will be responsible for all actions of students in the community."

The Executive Board met last Monday to discuss the areas of Student Government authority outlined in the Statement of Rights. Theoretically, this authority should extend to all areas affecting student life. Its actual implementation will depend on the Procedural Manual, now being written, and possible expansion of the Student Government Constitution.

The greatest changes affecting student life come under the headings of Personal Rights and Social Rights. According to the former, "Each student has the right to manage personal affairs except where there is conflict with the good of the community." The obvious question is who will define the "good of the community."

Social Rights include this statement: "A student who violates the civil law should not automatically be subject to penalties of the institution; however, the college community does have the authority to take action against a student who is found to be a threat to the college community as a result of her off-campus activities."

The obvious question is who will define the "good of the community." Social Rights include this statement:

"The section on Academic Rights is not comprehensive enough. For example, if a student wishes to change a grade she feels to be unfair, she can only appeal to a board which has no power to overrule the decision of the professor. All she can hope for is a sympathetic note on her transcript."

The Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities assumes that every student realizes that she is a member of Student Government, and that she will fulfill her obligations to the college community. Will students accept the responsibility of governing their lives? Will they enforce regulations once they have made them? If so, the Saint Mary's student body will be respected in the college community for implementing this student-initiated document. If not, there will at least be no cause for another "Bitch-in."

Student Government President Stevie Wernig told the Executive Board, "This year Student Government has branched out to include academics and the Student Government of Rights. If you think Student Government should participate in the academic process of the college, find out student opinion on what Student Government should be doing at Saint Mary's."

The committee which worked on the proposed Statement of Rights has done everything possible to elicit student opinion, but the students have not responded. Before its adoption, the statement may be read once more at a general assembly of students. As it stands now, the Statement of Rights and Responsibilities, as described by a member of the incoming Executive Board, is "a nice empty skeleton with no muscles." The students of Saint Mary's College must either furnish their skeleton, or watch it crumble.
Hey! Not Thy Will But Mine Be Done

An Open Letter To Rev. Theodore Hesburgh

March 26, 1968

Rev. Theodore Martin Hesburgh, CSC
President in Absentia
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana

Dear Father Hesburgh:

I received your photo-offset letter in my mailbox on March 25. Apparently, it was not addressed to me at all but to Christopher J. Murphy, the present Student Body President. I find this a rather unusual procedure, especially if it is supposed to get primary attention from him. Are we supposed to tell him what you said if we see him? Wouldn't it have been easier just to write to him alone and spared the University (currently predicting a $500,000 deficit this year) the $600 to $800 printing bill?

You state in your letter that you "believe" about one-sixth of the student body attended the General Assembly against the planners. If indeed the documents presented to you have undergone "some months of study and planning," then certainly those who have formulated the measures should be prepared to explain and defend them. And since it is only these bills that are to be discussed, there is no reason to suppose that, if they had any solid conception of what they wished the University to be, the President and Vice Presidents would not be able to react to these concrete proposals without extended deliberation.

Incidentally, I was somewhat embarrassed to note that the paragraph chiding Mr. Murphy for the spelling errors in his document contained an obvious grammatical mistake. A dash is expressed on a typewriter by two consecutive hyphens, not one. I am surprised Mr. Shuster didn't catch that one.

You state in your letter that you "believe" about one-sixth of the student body attended the General Assembly. Aren't you sure? Won't Father McCarragher let you read the Observer so you can find out what the students are doing? Or perhaps you feel that the one thousand students who sacrificed their time in an attempt to formulate some constructive proposals on University life are not worthy of the attention of such a nationally prominent personality as Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC.

I am happy to see that if the Board of Trustees feels itself threatened, it will pack its bags and go home. This shows a truly mature and responsible approach to student unrest. I am happy to note that all the encomiums that you and other University officials have delivered on Chris Murphy at SUMMA meetings have not deterred you from publishing a professional character assassination to the entire student body at your earliest political convenience. I think continued vacuous pieces like your latest letter which go all out to provide winning rhetoric would go far to cover your underlying belief that this University's students are to be treated as children.

Though there have been no times when I have been tempted to think otherwise, as I have said so many times, I would trade the President of the University and a high draft choice for Kingman Brewster. I am sure that from there we could move forward and, in doing so, create a better Notre Dame. I am sharing this letter with anyone who is willing to believe that a university president could lend his name to such a piece of polyethylene viciousness as your letter represents.

With all best wishes and prayers, I am

Devotedly yours in Notre Dame,

(Mr.) Dennis J. Gallagher
Student

An Open Letter To Rev. Theodore Hesburgh
The symbol of the Republican Party is an elephant. This is totally unfair to elephants. An elephant never forgets. The Democrats have some magenta butterflies. Every four years, it nominates the most transparent loser available. Every four years, it claims to be the party of the American people. The Republican Party in all its philosophical and political manifestations, the elephant, if it must be an elephant, should be white.

Unfortunately, you can’t come up with a fatherly old general every year. Ike was such a general. Many thoughtful people who criticized him for his unintelligible speeches in 1948 if they hadn’t been afraid that Harry Truman would react with some rather strong language.

So the Republicans are faced with the necessity of coming up with the biggest loser of the century. All, it would be a pity to have quantidade of speech experts. There aren’t many winning generals around any more. More than a dozen Republicans aren’t even crazy about that elephant now.

The American people.

Nominated for a seventh price of failure will come high. It’s not a fatherly old general every year. Ike was governor of New York, the Kennedy was almost nominated, but the party admittance. But he is no friend. Even those closest to him will admit privately that they have lost respect for this man with each disciplinary case he has handled.

Last September Frank Riehle returned to campus and was informed that a student (a senior art major) had been arrested for selling marijuana. He met with and dismissed the student in an hour. The suspension of parietal hours last spring which 70% received no notice from the University registrar.

As a result of this disciplinary travesty now you wonder why some of us are so bitter with a $5 fine.

The University normally has been giving three o’clock rule which says that the University forbids drinking in the rooms of students. And the case of a senior who was caught carrying across campus, fined and told by Fr. Riehle that “next time carry it on in a suitcase, that’s the way they did it when we were at school here.”

This would not have been so bad, except for the fact that the Administration has completely ignored the drinking regulation within the halls. But every now and then it picks up an example and crucifies it.

Witness the case of parietal hours last week where four students were suspended for violations of the rule forbidding students in the dormitory to drink, for the first time a protest of an hallucinogenic drug.

Like all Universities, Notre Dame has some rules and regulations which are signed to guide the community. They have one which forbids drinking in the rooms, one which forbids women in the rooms, and another which forbids the use of a hallucinogenic drug. An elephant never forgets.

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Faculty Club Opens In May—be

On the campus of Notre Dame, in the midst of a year that has seen many changes and challenges, the new Faculty Club has opened its doors. This new club is the result of a concerted effort by the university administration to provide a more inclusive and student-centered atmosphere. The club aims to foster a sense of community and to serve as a gathering place for students, faculty, and staff.

The club is located in a renovated space that was previously used for administrative purposes. The design of the club reflects a blend of historical and modern elements, creating a welcoming and comfortable environment. The club features a bar, a lounge area, and a dining hall that can accommodate a variety of events and gatherings.

The opening of the Faculty Club is part of a broader effort to enhance the student experience at Notre Dame. The university has been making significant investments in the physical infrastructure and in the support services available to students. The new Faculty Club is one of many initiatives that demonstrate the university's commitment to creating a vibrant and engaging campus community.

As the year progresses, the Faculty Club is expected to become a hub of activity, hosting events ranging from informal gatherings to formal dinners. The club will also serve as a central location for faculty and staff meetings, providing a space for collaborative work and professional development.

Overall, the opening of the Faculty Club is a significant milestone for Notre Dame. It marks a step forward in the university's efforts to create a more inclusive and engaging campus environment. The club is a testament to the university's commitment to its mission and to the students who call Notre Dame home.
The Mail

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Folk singing Sundays in Washington Square...the artists and writers at Big Sur...the big guys and the little guys...the people who agree with you and the people who don’t...just being together...all the people at TWA who want you to have a good summer...Find them...Find you.

Summer is a finding-out time. Check your travel agent, or your TWA Campus Rep: Tim Meskill at 284-8142.

up up and away

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By TOM CONDON

It's spring, and a young man's fancy turns, of course, to baseball. The air is once again filled with citruses and cactuses. O.A.S. relationships ease as the standouts from the South American leagues come north to Florida, and financial relationships ease as holdouts from the north come to any of several American fun places for the yearly ritual, spring training.

It is traditionally the first duty of this individual, upon spreading his typewriter keys to the sun, to predict the outcome of the pennant race. This is, of course, a mere formality, a gesture expected by his readers. So he gathers together his cohorts, they check with the local bookies, and all give roughly the same predictions, which tend to be rather redundant and dull.

So it was with unspoken pleasure that we received the prognostications of Hugh Sonfirst, New Hampshire's most colorful sportswriter and sports editor of the Holdat Tiger. Hugh no longer follows the south, preferring his snug isolated little hamlet over the southern bullpens of inequity. In fact, he no longer listens to the games, or reads the boxscores. But, since he once met Ty Cobb, he still gives his predictions, as he has done with characteristic Yankee ingenuity for the past 50 years. So, as a tribute to a grand old man, we are privileged to quote a few excerpts from Hugh's in depth article.

First, the American League:

St. Louis—"I look for the Browns to take it all this year. You can say all you want about the recent Chicago Cub infield, Tinker to Evers to Chance, but you can't beat Christmas to Friend to Arf. Also, Sportman's Park is in a nice neighborhood."

Philadelphia—"Connie Mack is as young as he used to be. Anyone who would trade Nelson Potter to the Browns has got to be on the brink of sensibility. Without Potter on the mound, the $100,000 infield won't be 'worth a Continental.'"

New York—"Ruth may have built the house but the other teams are going to break the windows. He and Gehrig are both gone and the dynasty is over. The Bronx Bombers, it is suspected, signed the Kellogg Pact. They may, however, get some help from that Italian kid."

Boston—"Teddy Williams is too skinny to ever make it through a big league season."

And the National League:

New York—"John McGraw's Giants will again sweep the senior circuit if he can keep Jim Thorpe off the firewater. And, Christy Mathewson is still the best hurler in either league. If they can teach Fred Merkle how to catch, they've got a winner."

Boston—"The Braves will be strong again this year. Wally Berger is the best player in baseball and Boston is a great two team town."

Brooklyn—"These Bums couldn't win a pennant in a Coney Island shootout. They aren't going to be some question as towchich league they are actually in."

Chicago—"As long as Wrigley keeps supplying his team with free chewing gum they will be too contented to win the pennant."

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Bengal Bout Finals Tonight

A special Bengal Award will be part of the blood, sweat, and split decisions featured tonight in the Notre Dame Fieldhouse, The Award, resurrected after five years, has been given in the past to such boxing greats as Rocky Marciano, Billy Conn, Carmine Basilio, and Barney Ross. Non-boxers, such as Dave Condon and Elmer Layden, have also been singled out, since qualifications for the honor depends on service to boxing and to the Bengals, not simply on a left or right hook.

Dominic J. Napolitano, who directed the Bengals for the past 34 years, said that the award had been discarded until this year "because in recent years especially, it has been difficult to find a man who has made a significant contribution to boxing in one way or another."

But the Award will not be the biggest draw when the Bouts begin at 8:00. Three of last year's champions, Larry Broderick in the 135 class, Jim Loverde in the 155 class, and Bob McGrath in the 160 class, are still in the running for the new letter jackets. Broderick, last year's 127 lb. champ, demonstrated some of his student power on Bob Oscar of New Jersey Wed. night and Jim Loverde won a slug fest with Kent Casey, a sophomore from Carroll, Iowa. Bob McGrath, whose brother John meets Broderick for the 135 lb. title tonight, won a split decision over Rick McPartlin of Chicago.

Both the McGraths are southpaws and seemed to catch their opponents off balance quite a bit during Wed. night's session. John pounded Tom Suddes with a series of lefts and won by a unanimous decision.

Brian Murphy, most commonly known as the epitome of the Rugby team, lost a tough decision to Tom Breen in the 177 lb. division. Some observers thought that Murphy seemed uncomfortable "with gloves on instead of a bottle in his hands" but are confident that he'll feel more at home when the Rugby team journeys to Ireland during the Easter vacation.

Observer Editor-in-Chief Pat Collins, originally slated to meet Larry Broderick in the disguise of the Masked Phantom, had to withdraw from the card early this morning when a hangnail developed on his left hand.

Breen will meet Tom "Baby Earl" Etten of Chicago for the 177 lb. title after an extracurricular fighting during a softball game, won a split decision over Ed Brosius, a freshman from Chicago.

Tonight's bouts will decide the championships of eleven weight divisions.