Editors, SBP Stress Unity, Attack University Structure

HPC Rejects Way
Prefects Established

After a short but lively meeting of the Hall Presidents' Council Wednesday night, the Council decided to register their disapproval with the procedures used in creating the new hall prefect system.

Luking said the letter was composed in response to one of our big problems in achieving any sort of goal was division on the part of the students. The administration has learned that any student power by effectively divesting student issues, say an editor against the student body president.

Luking said the letter was not necessarily a statement of total unanimity among the editors, but that the letter is all free.

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ASP Questions Student Life Council

Last night the Action Student Party held its first meeting of the school year and focused its attention immediately on issues of salient concern. The addition of new prefects in halls across campus & the legitimacy of the newly formed Student Life Council.

With about 100 members in attendance Chairman Pete Kelly opened by giving a brief history of the party from its founding after the Lenny Joyce candidacy to its endorsement of this year's SSB Richard Rossie.

Kelly then expressed a hope for student involvement in university politics. Citing the developments on the national scene this summer, Kelly said, "students are turning away from national politics and trying to improve university life."

The ASP, according to Kelly has a good chance to win a majority of the Senate seats in this year's upcoming elections. "I think we have a majority of student opinion behind us," said Kelly, "if the ASP controls the senate we can have an effective forum. It won't be a control that dominates the Senate but a control that lets the students' voice be heard. The administration will only listen to individuals when they're members of a large group."

Kelly especially took a strong stand on the matter of 63 hall prefects installed in the halls this year. Stressing the policeman's role of these prefects Kelly said that he doesn't really trust Dean of Students Fr. James Riehle on the matter. "I think he's going to impose a quota system on these electors," was Kelly's reason for this distrust.

This matter of the prefects was also discussed by Hall Life Commissioner Larry Landry who reported that Fr. Riehle told the 63 new prefects that they were to be "counselors" rather than "police." Landry also offered the proposal that Fr. Riehle's bluffs be called by questioning the counselings qualifications of the new prefects.

Senior Bill Beyer expressed a desire that students become even more involved in national issues. "Such actions as the police state tactics of Dick Daley and his fascist cops can't be tolerated or ignored by students anywhere," he said. Beyer announced that marches will be held on Sept. 28, Oct. 26-27, and during the first week of November. If enough interest is shown in these marches plans will begin immediately for transportation and accommodations.

Local and State elections also offer an opportunity for students to have an effect in policy making. "But," Beyer warned, "demand clear-cut statements. Don't accept political doubletalk. These elected officials must be held accountable."

With the meeting open to the public, there were several questions from students, including one about campus violence. The issues were: "What have you done to prevent these occurrences," and "Aren't you afraid of the SDS?"

Beyer also felt that the students would have something to say in way of demonstrations against those that visited the campus in the near future, Sen. Strom Thurmond, Hubert Humphrey, and Spiro T. Agnew. In speaking about Thurmond, Beyer said, "I offer my services and any service I require to go after this person."

Resolutions passed at the end of the debate included a demand for a student body referendum or a senate vote on approval of the Student Life Committee. Also as a condition for candidacy for the committee, the student wishing to run must agree to accept the constitutional provisions passed by the senate concerning the relationship of the body to the senate.

With the meeting open to debate on the newly-formed Student Life Committee, Craig Fenrich reminded that even with six liberal students elected to the committee their voice would be canceled by the conservative members of the administration. This would leave the balance of power on the committee to the faculty members. Also by the formation of this body Fenrich stated that the symbol of direct confrontation has been taken away from the students and replaced with a weak voice.

Stay Senator Mike Kendall felt that the Student Life Committee was created to provide a new legislative body to take precedence over the old legislative body, the Senate. Kendall called this a form of government power, rather than student possewich paras.

A resolution also called for resignation by any student member of the committee who receives a "no confidence" from the student body. After this representative has resigned, his place will be filled immediately by election.

If these resolutions aren't acted upon satisfactorily, Kelly expressed the possibility of a "vote NO" campaign toward acceptance of the Student Life Committee.

At the end of the meeting the members were addressed by Assistant Professor of English Richard Birzot, who explained the formation and aims of the New Politics Party in Indiana.

Acting Columbia President Promises "No Repression"

NEW YORK, UP: Andrew W. Cordiner, Columbia University's acting president, told a student rally yesterday there would be "no repression whatsoever" on the troubled campus.

Cordiner's surprise appearance at the rally brought a flood of questions from students, including one about campus repression. "Repression is not a word in my vocabulary," he said. "It never has been and it never will be."

During his brief remarks to the rally, Cordiner said "what we want from this campus is, to be sure, the dynamic, forward looking, progressive institutions which emerge in uterine effort to have a program which corresponds to the temper and needs of our time."

The remarks were greeted by shouts of "Talk about the issues. The issues."

On Wednesday, helmeted campus police clashed with students who tried to crash into the gates. Police sources confirmed that registration was in progress, to register Mark Rudd, 21 year old SDS leader who was suspended for his part in last spring's bloody clashes.

There were no arrests but officials said students recognized by security officers would be disciplined dwitly.

After the disruption, the Committee on Student Organization announced the ban on SDS use of Columbia facilities. A spokesman said the ban was made because SDS had not lived up to an agreement to abide by Columbia's rules on campus demonstrations.

Navy Trip

Final ticket sales for the 1968 Navy Game Trip will be held Thursday night in the basement of La Fortune Student Center. Those who made a down payment last spring can also finish payment at that time.

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In the beginning was the word, and the word was, "freak." On one side and "fascist pig" on the other, in this year's "Chicago Celebration of the Dignity of Man," sub-titled "The Democratic convention. Now, after all the shouting and name-calling is over, it isn't very hard to see that men, people on both sides of the line in Chicago, have learned nothing from history, because they still engage in the most absurd of human activity, that is, fighting over words, over ideologies.

The most absurd part of the whole business is that the action on both sides was mis-directed. The cops in the street aren't responsible for Vietnam, nor for rat bitten Negro children on Chicago's south side. Those problems have one source and one solution, that is, money. The U.S. government spends two billion dollars a day on Vietnam, but not in Vietnam, because that two billion is being spent right here in America. That war is raging because powerful people are making money from it, and those people aren't the Chicago cops.

The Urban Coalition, and other groups trying to help the Negro out of his dilemma appeal to the middle class for support. They advertise to early morning suburban commuters for financial aid, yet those commuters have more economic affinity with the slum Negro than with the real wealth. (Twenty thousand a year income for an ad man is closer by far to the two thou Negro on welfare, than to the Rockefeller, each one worth five hundred million.)

Negroes burn down small groceries in Harlem, but the grocer runs a small store and owns practically nothing. It is the slum landowners, who are so few in number, who keep Harlem the way it is, and all the other Harlems in this country. They own the land, they charge the exorbitant rents, prevent needed massive urban renewal, and reap the rewards. The point is, that the people of the same economic classes are turning on themselves, that is, fighting over words, over ideologies.

The issue in the '68 Presidential campaign is law and order, and that is no issue at all. The calls for order are only catalysts which increase the alienation between the poor and not so poor, while those who make money off the Americans and Vietnamese dying in Vietnam, and from the ghetto Negroes - the big wealth remain untouched.

George Wallace's appeal is aimed at turning the blue collar workers against the intelligentsia and the left, although the left isn't threatening the workers, but rather the wealthy. And the funny thing is that George Wallace is on the ballot in fifty states; he spent several million dollars to get on the ballot in New York; and it doesn't seem likely that he could raise that kind of capital from his dear rubber workers in Memphis. Radical dissent is aimed at Humphrey, but Humphrey is broke, and Nixon remains unscathed with the full and outright support of big business.

The next president will be elected on the promise of restoring order. In the meantime frustrated radicals and Negroes will riot senselessly, cops will beat up hippies, hippies will hate cops, truck drivers will hate Negroes and hippies, Negroes will hate the corner candy store owner, and the chaos will continue, yet out of the chaos, up on a well cushioned hill, things remain smooth and golden.

Bobby Kennedy once told a secret. He said in a TV debate with McCarthy that there were two people in this country who had both made over a billion dollars a year for the last two years and had paid only $650 in taxes. Bobby Kennedy was wealthy, the lower and middle classes, and the intelligentsia, without the support of big business or big labor. Bobby Kennedy is dead. George Wallace is alive. And young people with a lot of smarts and education are still fighting cops. It's something to think about.

**Nixon Men To Organize**

Mike Kelly, Chairman of the Notre Dame Young Republicans, yesterday announced the formation of Republican campaign committees to attract Notre Dame students into the campaigns of various Republican candidates.

The Students for Nixon campaign will be headed by John Gibbons and NDYR Special Projects Director Tom Thrasher. This organization will be built on the remnants of the Students for Nixon organization that worked for the former Vice-President at the Mock Convention.

Kelly also emphasized the creation of organizations for local Indiana candidates. "The Democratic establishment has run this state, as it has run this country, for too long and is going to have to face the unpleasant prospect of running on its own record."

Kelly also announced that 260 members had joined the club on Activities Night despite the fact that they were charged $3.00 dues.

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Educational Research Robert L. Hassenger speculated on the current dimensions of student power, drawing a line between antiquated disciplinary practices and modern cities for campus revolutions. "In choice of courses, in governing so far as practicable the internal affairs of the college, and in participation in extra-college events, students should be allowed, not complete autonomy (which students rarely want), but the opportunity to work on a co-equal basis with faculty and administration. Coercive authority should at all costs be avoided," Hassenger said.

According to Hassenger, coercive authority, or the old-fashioned tight discipline which has formerly been prevalent on Catholic college campuses is dying simply because it is no longer effective. It has only served to stifle student ambition and creativity, because it is no longer effective. The more violent demonstrations of this past year are shameful, not only because they embarrass an institution but because they disrupt the essential work of the university, the educational enterprise."

On the term "student power" Hassenger was explicit. He deplored the naiveté of those urging complete student autonomy, and called for a student power that "means the undergraduate must be represented by voting power on every university committee that legislates in any way about student life, and perhaps even some aspects of the curriculum."

Hassenger maintained an optimistic tone throughout the talk. He mentioned the sincerity and earnestness of today's student in "his quest for identity and honesty," while shunning any hyperbole as "sssbour-ous." As to the unique position of the Catholic university, Hassenger said, "They will provide environments which attract, among others those who want to discover what it meant to be a Catholic Christian, and who seek to do so in a free, yet informed way. They will want to begin or extend and deepen their own religious commitments."

Hassenger concluded by stressing the severe need for interaction and growth through personal relationships on college campuses. And this includes, he said, "that students must have the freedom to make mistakes and the opportunities to learn from them."

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**Editor**

B eing a Notre Dame Freshman, I naturally attended the annual "Activities Night" in Stepan Center, Wednesday night. Speaking not only for myself but also for a good number of other Freshmen, I think that Notre Dame SRF. Rich Rossie gave a very poor speech on his first opportunity to address us. Rossie stepped up to the rostrum amid noises from the rear of the hall. He said he "wouldn't speak unless there was quiet," it was a very assuring tone. Nevertheless, the noise continued and Rossie spoke anyway.

Maybe he should have remained seated.

Rossie opened his address with a boring anecdote with the punch line being "Be Careful!" Rossie then proceeded to tell us not to be careful and how freshmen were generally conservative. He spoke about involvement and commitment, but he failed to tell us the cause he was referring to.

Rossie then made a "No-No," he decided not to use up already sleep-provoking speech with his own political beliefs. Yes, his own political beliefs on Activities Night! He mentioned the Kennedy and McCarthy supporters, and said, "We lost this year, but we'll win in '72." Entirely unnecessary.

Rich Rossie is not reaching us freshmen with that speech. He's going to have to do a little better than he did the other night. He couldn't even control the crowd of activities' supporters who made no all night.

Kunz gave a better welcoming speech from the steps of his hall at an impromptu Freshmen rally. Right now I wouldn't follow Rich Rossie to a soft-drink machine for fear he'd get lost.

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