Constitutional struggle

Battle lines drawn up

by Tom Mirabile
Staff Reporter

The contending parties in the most recent student government debate debated and drew battle lines today in the wake of Jim Clarke's surprise proposal to amend the university constitution at last night's Hall Presidents Council meeting.

Former student government treasurer Mike Marget led the opposition to Clarke's proposal, which was voted down by the council, arguing that "Clarke's constitution is not a choice, contrary to what the editorial said in today's Observer."

Clarke's plan creates an elected executive coordinator who administers the service functions of the student association. The Student Association Chairman is elected by and from the HPC, and is the ultimate leader of the organization. Marget objects to this on the grounds that the elected executive coordinator may develop a conflict with the HPC chairman.

"A candidate who is elected executive coordinator might not share the same philosophy that the appointed chairman holds," contended Marget, "and this would cause problems that are obvious."

Marget added that a common problem in student governments today is the conflict between popularly elected presidents and their respective parliamentary bodies. Jim Clarke, contended, defending his proposal with the argument that the halls presidents keep up with the problems of the students best. Thus, he said, they should be allowed to come together and solve mutual problems of the halls.

In the other constitution this is not the case because the President is charged with the decision and must lay his plan to consult the forums, but don't have to listen to their opinion in its implementation," explained Clarke.

Clarke felt that the SBP and SBVP only represent the problems of one hall. Those who live two years out of the year and those two weeks during the student body convention. They are not documented to any students. They don't represent the students," he charged.

Marget outlined the basic principles of his alternative constitution. It consisted a division of roles between popularly elected presidents, and the persons concerned with student affairs.

Clarke argued, "We feel the policy decision making process should be put on hands of the forum, and elected executive coordinator would run on the platform of a program of student services and leave it up to the students to decide between the candidates."

He added that the executive coordinator could be forested into a recall vote if it was felt that he was not trying to live up to his promises.

Asked why he had decided to submit an alternate proposal, Clarke revealed, "We went to the compromise meetings with good faith, hoping the present administration would too."

The only thing accomplished in the first meeting, he said, was that both he and Marget agreed not to run for SBP, and that both he and Etienne would write up constitutions over spring break.

Clarke said, "We both generally had a similar system of checks and balances. Mike Marget opposed the system of checks and balances and asked us to wait for the HPC meeting to present our proposals before them."

At the meeting," he continued, "we discussed our different forms of checks and balances to make sure that the president and the forum were on an equal basis."

"Around this time," said Clarke, "I saw that both sides of the commission had reached a stalemate and if our side walked out there would be no constitution and the present situation would be even more confused."

Clarke stated that he had never endorsed the committee's constitution and his first idea had been to try and get the HPC to change parts of it.

But from the period the committee presented the constitution to the hall presidents and the HPC met last, I came to realize that the constitution that had come out of the committee was completely against the principle I had campaigned for in the recent election," he declared.

"Clarke said that it was not until late Monday afternoon that he decided to write his alternate proposal based on his own principles.

"With the fact that I had a big test to study for I found that I had little time to type it up, let alone see other people about it."

"I didn't get copies of the constitution until late Tuesday afternoon and the meeting was at 4 p.m. so I had to present it at the meeting when I would have rather presented it to each hall president individually," Clarke said.

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Mike Marget objects to Clarke's proposal on the grounds that the coordinator may have conflicts with the HPC chairman.

Marget discussed the merits of the constitution which had been drawn up by an Academic Senate committee consisting of Dennis Elkind, Chris Singleton, Fred Baranowski, Mike Marget, and Jeanne Clarke.

"It realizes both problems of running the student government office and the day-to-day problems of the hall presidents," Marget said. He felt that too many people for too long had operated under the delusion that there is anyone person concerned with student affairs.

"Marget believed that the forum should not be set up as a legislature because there is nothing for it to do except legislate the budget."

"What we felt necessary was to set up an advisory body to inform the SBP and the university administration of student opinion," student leaders need that constant input," he said.

He added that the student members of the Academic Senate were included to assure that they would benefit from that same input. Student Body vice-president Etienne concurred with everything Marget said and added, "The Student Association President's power will be no different than they always have been which is generally nil. His duties will be to represent and lobby for the students with the administration and under the advice of the forum."

Asked what they thought would be the chances of their constitution being approved by the HPC both Marget and Etienne said that it will depend on everyone understanding the reality of the day-to-day working of student government.

It was added that both sides of the commission had reached a stalemate and if the council members would wait for the HPC meeting to present their proposals before them.

"Our constitution asked them to be the hall representatives to come to the meetings with the opinions expressed by students within their halls," Marget said. "We would use their time in the forum meetings to bury themselves with mental tasks much like the old senate," Etienne said.

"Asking about the chances for the passage of his proposal, Clarke said that an alternate version of his constitution would stand an excellent chance of getting passed.

Clarke commented, "Because it was hastily drawn up I would expect and appreciate constructive criticism. I would be a fool in thinking it would pass as it now stands."

Other reactions around campus were mixed. Former Student Government Academic Committee Chairman and current member of the Academic Council Fred Guiffrida took issue with the Kersten Administration's document, specifically the clause that places student Academic Council members on the Forum.

"This clause will do the Forum very little good," Guiffrida contended, "and might do the Academic Council members even less. Never, in my four years of student government experience has the SBP or SBVP taken an interest in academics. The hall presidents have too much to worry about with the good work." Guiffrida also took issue with the document as a whole. "The quorum American preference of a popularly elected leader is the cause of most of the student government's conflicts," he said. "The presidential election for the HPC has valuable advantages that we should not pass up."

Current Student Government representative to the Academic Council Ed Ellis reiterated his previous comment that placement of council members on the Forum was "stupid." Beyond that he stated, "I am not prepared to discuss either constitution."
LaFortune plans finalized

by Greg Rowinski
Staff Reporter

A design for an Irish Pub is one of the plans submitted by the LaFortune Renovation Architects and approved by the LaFortune Renovation Committee last night. The architects emphasized the need for openness and clarity, the building, according to the chairman of the architects, Senior Ken Knevel, Blitch, and Zabbra.

The three architecture students who made the plans will now concentrate on minor changes. The planned changes will open up the pub and increase space for students.راس

The architects are a subgroup of the Renovation Committee that was created last year to bring about the development of the Student Union and student government offices. The project is planned in phases, with all changes coming by the end of the year.

The architects hope that the Irish Pub will resemble the Windjammer and displace the Rathskellar and displace the Windjammer and displace the Rathskellar. The proposed Irish Pub will have a kitchen and replace the off-campus kitchens."
Graves: jobs open for minorities
by James Rosni
Staff Reporter


Graves focused on the problems that minority students will have finding jobs in their future and explained the opportunities open to them. Specifically, he referred to the March issue of Black Enterprise, which outlined the opportunities open to blacks in large corporations in 1973.

Graves then spoke about the "valuable" opportunities open to blacks in the communication arts field. With 15 black owned radio stations existing and many more starting in this country.

In the field of Law and Politics, Graves spoke of J. Cooper, a graduate of Notre Dame, who is now 28 years old and the mayor of late Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Cooper had worked with Graves as an administrative assistant to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Graves asserted, "There are many opportunities for young black lawyers who are good black law firms and are coming into existence throughout the country."

"Racial Prejudice"

Salvatore J. Bella, Professor and Chairman of the Notre Dame Department of Management, introduced Graves as, "

Graves' other businessman, but businessman who happens to be black."

Graves, later in his lecture, referred to this as a belief that he also professed.

Graves said, "There is a double standard of hiring blacks in large corporations." Graves explained, "Some companies might lower their standards to bring you on board. But after climbing these first three steps within the company, it becomes increasingly harder to compete with your white counterpart for those higher positions."

Graves added, "In some companies like General Electric, which is looking to hire black engineers, it will help you to be black but in others it will hurt."

Graves was recently chosen to be one of the ten outstanding minority businessmen in the country. Graves had this to say about the nomination, "I thought that it was a disaster. I would like to receive that award in ten years as an outstanding businessman, but not an outstanding black businessman."

Graves added then, "We cannot forget for a second who we are, but we must see ourselves as professionals rather than minority professionals."

Success in Business

"To succeed in business it helps to be hungry." Graves stated as he explained how his opportunities arose as an upcoming businessman.

"After Kennedy was assassinated, the army had taught Graves leadership and this helped him obtain his position with Kennedy."

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Graves also said that another important quality of a successful businessman is his large ego. Graves asserted, "If you can't be in business for yourself and believe in yourself—forget it!"

During his college years at Morgan State College in Baltimore, while majoring in Economics, Graves ran a gardening business on the campus. Graves said, "I didn't know much about gardening but hungry enough to do it and I had the 'brass' to do it."

Graves presently heads five corporations and is a member of the national board and executive committee of the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity.

Graves was brought to campus by the Urban Studies Institute, the Black Studies Program, the College of Business and the Department of American Studies.

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Yes To Clarke

The stage has been set for what could well be the most important meeting in the short history of the Hall President's Council tonight in Saint Ed's Chapel. The players have all been introduced, the names announced. It now remains for this body to decide whether or not the student body of Notre Dame will win, lose or draw in their attempt to achieve effective student government.

There have been other political battles on this campus which have been clouded by ideas which are too similar, fear of radical change, or just plain uncertainty as to what this student body needs in the way of self-government. None of these conditions should exist this time around. Experience has taught us too many painful lessons.

The inability of the six SLC representatives to receive any substantial amount of feedback from the large constituencies by whom they were elected, caused a large cloud of apathy to surround the present Board of Commissioners. A check as to how many times they convened during the past year is evidence enough of their inadequacy.

Elections in recent years have been a confused collage of candidates some of whom were experts in the field of student policy, some of whom had new and interesting ideas in the field of student services, and some of whom had no practical knowledge of the student government whatsoever. Obviously policy and service are two distinct and extremely important areas, and each should be filled by experts. And students should not have to sacrifice good administration in either area simply because the two areas have foolishly been consolidated.

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But no longer will students have to attempt to judge confusing and often vague policy proposals, for the Chairman of the Student Association will be chosen by and from the Student Association Forum. And students will have a direct input into that choice by electing their respective hall presidents and campus representatives, people whom they can responsibly judge because of their immediate contact with those candidates.

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Opinion

Politics are a game, especially when one confesses to it Notre Dame. The petty political endeavors of the past month are enough to shatter the average person's calm in America. Not even the Vatican is above the game. All one has to do is make the remark one way or another and the poke is on. If the issue is a bad one, the poke can turn into bad, personal feelings.

Politics, or more precisely, manipulation, is a game. Everyone is a player. You can see the moves, the set-ups, the outcomes. However, students should not entertain high expectations, for it has no real power. Its functions are primarily three: (1) services which basically comprise the operations of Student Union, whose structure is not questioned at all. (2) lobbying for students, and then fuse these ideas into our own plan. (3) lobbying for the real policymakers to pass down decisions favorable to students.

As most of you have long recognized, there is no real power here. Student government is no purely independent body. It is a subordinate body to the Senate and to the Board of Commissioners, etc. This should be no surprise. This is exactly what the system is designed to do. In the meantime, it has also divided the student voice and further weakened student government.

The only speakable argument presented against this analysis is that student government does not inherently turn down ideas which are too similar, fear of radical change, or just plain uncertainty as to what this student body needs in the way of self-government. None of these conditions should exist this time around. Experience has taught us too many painful lessons.

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The HPC has proven itself to be the most representative body of students on this campus. One proposed constitution affords them the legislative power to remake that representation more than just a meaningless advice. That proposal is Jim Clarke's.

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remember spring break?

photos by mike budd
University Year for ACTION, a project offered at St. Mary's next year, will allow students to work directly with the Spanish speaking community in South Bend, St. Joseph County, and Northern Indiana, without interrupting their education or entirely removing them from the college, stated its director, Dr. Richard Bohan.

Recruitment for the year-long VISTA program will continue through Tuesday, April 3. However, he advised that any interested students go to Holy Cross Hall SMC, tonight between 7 and 8 pm where active recruitment will be held.

"The VISTA program offers the one opportunity to combine the application of a liberal education, the commitment of the students and the needs of the community, in a unique and meaningful way. It is an educational as well as a service program, and the students of the college will have an important role in the final design, as well as the education of the Year for ACTION," he said.

According to Bohan, the goal of the St. Mary's program is to develop a multi-purpose community center. Students will work through education, culture, youth organizations and leadership development to build up the community.

Projects

"The original steps in designing the projects are the responsibility of the college," Bohan stated. "Many students from the class of 1972 were taken during the summer of 1971. The final design and the recruitment for the program was worked out with the help of student volunteers, and this work continued. However, tentative projects included -

- The Community Cultural Center, in which volunteers will work to raise the English vocabulary of the students and help them develop a first grade level expectancy by the time they enter the local schools. Secondly, workers will conduct a health and nutrition course for parents.

- An Urban and Migrant Newsletter will be compiled by volunteers. This newsletter will serve as a means of communication and supply information regarding the services available and the rights and conditions of the community.

- A Data Analysis project will be organized to analyze existing information concerning conditions of the migrant camps and will serve as a liaison between the community and the general public.

- The Community Cultural Center will deal primarily with teenagers, developing cultural activities, providing job training and guidance, and developing community youth leadership.

- A tutoring program has also recently been established.

Academics

By participating in this program, for a full year, students can earn between 36 and 38 hours of credit. The departments of education, political science, psychology, and sociology, which are sponsoring the program, will grant credit for work completed by the students as a volunteer and for independent study off-campus. Specific courses offered through the program involved the active participation in work within the community.

In addition, "volunteers can take some courses on campus, preferably seminar-type courses, as long as neither the schedule nor the workload do interfere with their work," Bohan said.

"In most circumstances," he continued, "no more than twelve hours may be earned in a major sequence during the VISTA period. A total of 36-38 hours may be earned so that students will make normal progress toward graduation during the Year for ACTION."

Bohan stressed that this program will not delay and individual's graduation, "if you graduate with your class, you won't be admitted into the program," he stated.

Community Living

Volunteers are expected to live in the community in which they are working during service, and in this way, identify with the community being served. Bohan said.

Students will be living in St. Mary's dormitories, and the housing agency will search for appropriate housing, he added.

Finances

All volunteers are regarded as federal employees under VISTA and as full-time students. Thus, their compensation includes $100 per month for living expenses, $30 a month for personal expenses, and a stipend of $30 a month payable at the end of service, for service longer than six months, and accumulated during service.

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Admission

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Notre Dame will not participate in this program, he stated. However, since St. Mary's is the only college in Indiana offering this type of program, students from other schools are invited to participate, and will be admitted to St. Mary's as Special Students. Credits obtained in this program will be transferable to the students' original school after completion of the program.

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Abortion talk tonight

A Cincinnati physician and his wife, Dr. Jack and Barbara Willke, will discuss "Abortion: Medical and Social Aspects" at 8 p.m. tonight in Washington Hall of the University of Notre Dame. The program is sponsored by the Student Union Academic Commission and is open to the public.

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National League picks

by Dusty Baker and Ralph Garr. Three, along with outfielders Darrell Evans, Harold Baines and Ron Johnson, gave the Braves an attack that may match Cincinnati's. However, the pitching, still, figures to be of third place caliber.

Pitching is also the question mark in San Francisco, where a pre-season swing went power hitter Ken Henderson to Chicago for pitcher Tom Bradley. The effectiveness of Bradley, and of veterans Sam McDowell and Juan Marichal, and the return to top form of slugger Willie McCovey are the keys to a successful season for the "other" Bay team. Improved pitching could toss the Giants back into their familiar role as title contenders, but that is to be too optimistic too.

Houston's Astros have a power-hitting outfield, including Cesar Cedeno and Jim Wynn-but the status of their manager (Leo Durocher) is the same as that of their pitching staff-questionable-and that of their batting-average questionable. In San Diego, despite the presence of Nate Colbert and Dave Roberts, is in the Padres sixth. In the Eastern Division, the Pittsburgh Pirates have regained the biggest loss of all. The death of Roberto Clemente, a home-ranger-left the defending Eastern titans with a vacuum in right field, but it also left the Bucs without a solid in­ spirational leader, and filling that gap will be much more difficult. The Mets are going to be up against some tough competition, but Bill Stone, Joe Torre, and Milt May return, as do pitchers Steve Wood and Juan Marichal, and the return to top form of slugger Willie Me Covey are the keys to a successful season for the "other" Bay team. Improved pitching could toss the Giants back into their familiar role as title contenders, but that is to be too optimistic too.

The Irish announcing the trip, Fr. Durbin said, "It looks like it's a stronger team than last year. There is good competitive desire and they seem to want to play the game." Speculating on the season, Durbin said, "Again this year we are going to be up against some tough competition, Ball State, Ohio University, and a handful of Big Ten schools."

The team will participate in the Mid-American Invitational at Oxford, Ohio. The Irish will be back at it in a lot of good preparation down South and they have been practicing here since they got back."

Fr. Durbin also commented on some of the courses that the team will be playing on, saying, "The degree of difficulty on the away courses will be much greater than at Notre Dame." The coach cited the fact that most of the courses the team will play on this year will be over 7,000 yards long. The Notre Dame course is only 6,800 yards long.

The Irish begin their regular schedule on April 11 in the Tennessee Invitational at Knoxville. On April 21 and 22 the Irish will compete in the Ohio State Invitational and, on the 26th, the team will participate in the Mid-American Invitational at Oxford, Ohio.

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