O’Neil seeks support from Hall Council

by Bob Varestone
Staff Reporter

Tom O’Neil, Observer Editor-in-Chief, asked the hall presidents to support the Observer in fee increase at night’s HPC meeting in Mormonie Hall. O’Neil responded to the anonymous posters which claimed the Observer didn’t deserve the increase. The posters charged that the Observer has wasted its existing money on high salaries, partisanship, and mismanagement.

“The poster is full of things that are dishonest and untruthful,” O’Neil said.

O’Neil explained where the salary money went and he added that salary costs have been cut by $7,000 from last year. He said that Observer salaries are the only way he can pay back reporters and production workers who work for free.

O’Neil reported to the HPC the results of an audit which showed the budgeted fee of $218,000 this semester. He said much of this total is the result of a debt which has accumulated over the last three years.

The University agreed to a loan to keep the Observer going this semester, he added. But O’Neil urged the HPC to support a petition which would allow the Observer to raise its subscription rates for next year.

“If we do not get the increase,” O’Neil said, “we’re going to have to cut down on the number of publications or close down next year altogether.”

O’Neil was asked how much money could be saved this year by publishing only three times a week. “I think absolutely none will be saved,” O’Neil said. “If the long run you’ll have savings, but not immediately. You still have x-amount of advertising for x-amount of pages.”

The HPC also heard Mike Gassman present a body proposal report on the results of the LaFortune student survey.

“Nearly everyone thought LaFortune was used well as space for student government and publications,” Gassman reported, “but less than 10 percent thought it’s been used to advantage for social space and recreation.”

Gassman said almost 95 percent of the students wanted laundry machines in LaFortune. He also said 80 percent favored the installation of some sort of 24-hour hash machine.

Other ideas that students suggested, Gassman said, were to open a 24-hour coffeehouse and also a bowling alley. Gassman said sketches of some proposals for LaFortune will eventually be brought to Bro. Just Paezney, vice-president of student affairs.

Members of the SLC also reported that Paezney had turned down their proposal to renovate the Red Barn, an old house located near D-1 parking lot. Charles Most, representing the SLC, had offered Paezney a plan to renovate the Red Barn so that it could be used for social space and summer storage.

Kathy Kane, president of Walsh, reported from Paezney that gave seven reasons for the rejection. Paezney’s reply was on behalf of all the officers of the University. Paezney said the Red Barn was in deplorable condition. He said it would take $20,000 to restore.

“She’s being asked for student furniture,” Paezney added, “as a luxury that the University does not feel compelled to accommodate.”

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In Watergate suit

Lawyers settle with Cubans

WASHINGTON AP - Lawyers for former President Richard M. Nixon’s 1972 re-election campaign have agreed to pay $200,000 in an out-of-court legal settlement for four men recruited for the original Watergate burglary.

“This settlement provides what we have been saying along, that the Cubans were tricked into what they did, that they didn’t really believe what they had to see to have you to see the CIA records,” Hunt said.

Hunt knew the Cubans from his CIA days. He recruited three of the four men for the 1971 break-in by the White House plumbers against Daniel Ellsberg’s psychiatrist.

Then later, he again asked them for help on the Watergate burglary. But Schultze said the CIA records would show far more than their earlier association with Hunt. He would not elaborate, citing the secret classification of the records, which would have been made public in court.

In its last report filed with the Federal Election Commission, the Litigation Trust showed a balance of $1.2 million.

The $50,000 settlement for each of the Miami men will come from that balance, Schultze said. The agreement was reached over the weekend.

Hunt had been scheduled for a March 1 hearing in the civil trial. He had served enough of a 30-month to 8-year term for his part in the original break-in to qualify for parole and release from the federal prison camp at Eglin AFB in Florida.

Hunt’s release will leave only 129 others among the original Watergate defendants still in prison. He is serving a six-year, eight-month to 20-years term after refusing to plead guilty and going to trial.

The seventh defendant, James W. McCord Jr., served four months and now lives in Fort Collins, Colo. In a subsequent Watergate trial, four senior Nixon administration officials including Mitchell were convicted of joining a conspiracy to cover up the original break-in.

Among them, only former White House aide John D. Ehrlichman is currently in prison.

SMC Board of Regents meet

by Brigid Rafferty

Construction progress of the new athletic facility, budget changes for the 1977-78 academic year, and the approval of honorary degree recipients were among the issues discussed at the St. Mary’s College Board of Regents meeting held Feb. 18-19 on campus.

According to Dr. John M. Duggan, College president, the Building Committee reported that construction is three months behind schedule, due to weather conditions and material delays, but that the building will be ready for use in the summer. Over $1 million of the building’s $1.8 million budget has been raised to date.

“We’re planning a ceremony on May 1 as a dedication, to coincide with the community open house then,” added Duggan. “It will be something for this year’s seniors to participate in. The official dedication of the building will be held during September.”

The Finance Committee presented a five-year financial forecast of projected income and expenses of the College, and approved the budget for next fiscal year. The salary increase, which will average 7.5 percent, and increases in fees, stated Duggan.

Tuition will rise $150, while room and board will increase $70. There will be a combined activity-recreation fee of $50 per semester, which will be applied toward recreational operating expenses, equipment rentals, and the salary of an athletic director, who will supervise intramural and recreational sports and be responsible for the athletic facility activities.

Duggan concluded that the College’s financial situation for this year is “extremely good.”

The board approved the bestowing of honorary degrees for the Most Reverend William E. McManus, Bishop of this diocese, Mary Elizabeth Tildab, who has conducted research on the success of women’s college graduates, and Margaret Hillis, the director of the Chicago Symphony Choir. One other recipient has been approved, but is awaiting confirmation. A program for a new library was also discussed by the board, but a proposal will not be submitted until the May board meeting. “We have to get a definition of space needed and how to use it first,” said Duggan. The board authorized President Duggan to complete negotiations with the University of Notre Dame for the establishment of a two cooperative engineering program between the two institutions.

Duggan presented the plans for a potential sophomore year of study at St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth, Ireland, for a cooperative or experimental year,” explained Duggan, “with a limited number of students from St. Mary’s and Notre Dame. If it is successful, we will consider an enlarged program.”

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New Editor-in-Chief Marti Hogan with retiring editor Tom O'Neil.

[Photo by Jim Holman]
Nominations open March 7 for St. Mary’s SBPresident

Paula Carroll

Nominations for Saint Mary’s student trustee, vice president for academic affairs and vice president for student affairs will open March 7 and extend through March 11.

“The election is being run no differently than last year,” said Maria-Lisa Mignanelli, election commissioner. “Any changes are slight revisions in the rules, but these are just Duggan’s changes being explained,” Mignanelli said.

Mignanelli offered no explanation for the sluggish turnout in past elections, but voiced hope that this year’s election will show “a lot of kids’ minds,” Mignanelli explained.

She added that Government’s increase in activities, in publicizing their activities and in student involvement in government as signs that more students will participate in the election. “Last year people know more about student government and this will help,” Mignanelli claimed.

Platforms are due on midnight, March 11 to Mignanelli, in 506 LeMans. Campaigning will run from March 21 through March 27, concluding with the election on March 28. Any student who has attained second semester sophomore status is eligible and transfers must be in their second semester at St. Mary’s. For further information, contact Maria-Lisa Mignanelli at 4902.

The election of hall officers, InPIRG representatives and the Student Assembly representatives will be held later in April. The newly elected student government officers will make appointments to the positions of election commissioner, development commissioner, judicial commissioner and social commissioner.

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An information session for interested students will be held soon. He also presented some favorable improvements of the Rome program of study to the board. The recognition of staff in the office of Student Affairs, and description of types of services provided was made by Kathleen Bovin, dean of students.

Reports on work by the committees of the Academic Council in the areas of liberal arts in the core requirement, the intellectual climate, faculty governance, basic skills, and the Catholic and women’s dimensions of St. Mary’s Colleget were also given. The board approved Duggan’s recommendation for faculty tenure.

The future of the college is “excellent,” with enrollment at its highest, Duggan stated after a discussion by the board on nine proposals regarding St. Mary’s future, including continuing to improve faculty quality, remaining a women’s college of appropriately its same size and increasing scholarship funds to diversify the student body.

“We’re trying to improve the quality of social life here,” remarked Duggan. “We want more events to take place on this campus of a social nature.”

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6:30 am - lecture, “the land of israel in jewish theology,” by Michael Wyschogrod, sponsored by the center for the study of judaism and christianity, rare book room.

9:11 am - blood drive, for all students who wish to participate, infirmary


12:15 pm - mass, father griffin, lafortune ballroom

3:30 pm - lecture, “cater, keys and mars: the political and economic prospects for the remainder of the 1970’s,” by Dr. Leonard Rapoport, sponsored by dept. of sociology.

4:55 pm - mass, for all the world hunger coalition fasters, everyone welcome, walsh chapel

6:45 pm - meeting, al-alon, fellowship for friends and family of those with a drinking problem, memorial library, room 1201

7 pm - workshop, information workshop, sponsored by the student affairs, lemans, executive board room

7:30 pm - american scene series, “romantic love and the theology of marriage,” by Rosemary Haughton, british theological union, madeleine, library, room 1201

8 pm - philosophy perspectives series, by murray murphy, sponsored by the dept. of philosophy, galvin aud.

8 pm - lecture, “my forty-five years in russia,” by Dr. Victor Herman, sponsored by soviet and eastern european studies.

8 pm - basketball, loyalty at nd, acc

8:15 pm - concert, william cervy, piano, sponsored by music dept., library aud.

9:11 pm - mass, john steinman and bellorris, mass, free admission

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Campaign Platforms '77

by Greg B. Bangs
Political Editor

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by Patrick Cole
Senior Staff Reporter

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From the editor's desk

Further Explanation of Our Petition

The posters put up around campus yesterday have challenged the Observer's claim to needing an increase in student fees in order to keep going. We have managed to keep going despite deficit spending and a drop in advertising revenues. Because of the difficulties it would entail, we have not asked for a subscription increase since 1975, before the current round of inflation sparked by the oil hikes. However, with our operating deficit expected to run as high as $18,000 this year, according to University Auditor Louis Cohen, our alternatives are 1) to print on a less-than-daily basis, 2) to close down entirely, or 3) to ask for an increase.

We naturally decided on the increase and approached the administration about the procedure to get it. We were asked to get the approval of the majority of the students. Thus the petitions are being circulated around campus.

The students are not unusual in not being brave enough or confident enough of their own chances to even sign their names. Nonetheless they charge that The Observer can make ends meet by eliminating "wasteful spending." We believe there are plenty of profitable areas to cut before deficit spending.

The claim that we spend $2,000 per week in student salaries is false. The Observer is both a business and a service. Salaries must be paid to our business person - bookkeeper-secretary, manager, and advertising manager - who manages and advertises salespeople - all of whom are a majority of work for exclusively for their salaries. We can hardly expect salaries to fall into type until dawn for the love and glory of Notre Dame St. Mary's. Nor can we expect our bookkeeper-secretary, a wife and mother, to work for the sheer joy of keeping records. They must necessarily be paid.

Our total salary expense is approximately $12,000 per week. We cut salary expenses from last semester by $7000 compared to the same period last year. Any further possible cuts would not amount to very little.

The services end of our operation includes the bulk of our staff but only a small part of the salary expense. Those with editorial and management responsibilities receive a token salary ranging from $8 to $15 per week. Our reporters, columnists and layout staffs are unpaid, despite long hours of faithful work. As their only reward The Observer gives them a staff party at the end of each semester, a change in the position held by the Ombudsman and other campus groups for their volunteers. Another change on the poster is that the money spent for the $18,000, due to us in uncalled advertising revenues. As of this writing the college is slightly in debt. The $8000 of this has been owed for less than 90 days, the standard payment period.

The remaining $7000 is in accounts which, because of financial or legal troubles, are very difficult to collect soon.

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Another claim is that "food and drink fly freely" at The Observer office. Often, because of the late hours we work, people bring up food or drink. If anyone needs refreshments during a long evening of work he buys his own.

The charge that the van is used for personal purposes is based on fact, but exaggerated. This was done on a large scale in the past and is still done occasionally now. As Student Government and Student Union discovered last year, a student organization's van will sometimes be used by the students who volunteer to do that organization's work. That is inevitable, but we have sharply curtailed and controlled personal use of The Observer van this year and required that the user pay for the gas.

So the claims made by our opponents are based primarily on fact, but inaccurate. We wonder why anyone, for some reason, is concerned with the truth of the matter would make such charges without checking the facts and being honest about them. We do not expect to get in the clear any year that we are planning to make money. One of the big dogs stands for football games (profit, approximately about $0.00), Two: A movie bid (profit, approximately about $0.00). I'm sure if the people realize how much it costs to run the paper.

Not counting social events let me list for you a few expenses that cost the class money. Advertising costs, $150; Senior Fellow (so far), which by the way, there is no way of affording a Senior Fellow, $290; Death March, $50; Senior Retreat, $75, and telephone bills, $20.

Now, even though we plan at breaks even, some events have lost money. The Senior picnic is a clear example. The Senior picnic which I know the money would have been spent for the purchase of more food and beer. So our losses are not ones of mismanagement, but of wanting Seniors to enjoy their Senior year, at minimal cost.

This semester we are planning various events for Seniors. The big event of the semester, of course, is the Senior formal. The formal as you know is to be at the Conrad Hilton in Chicago. (For the reason for this is that we wanted to give those students who wished to attend be able to attend. The cost would be $165.00 a couple. Members of the Observer were worried about being left out because of our transportation, so we're providing buses. But right now they are a little too expensive ($9 a couple). We were hoping to subsidize transportation and probably for C$50.00 a couple.

Senior Week will cost the class over $2,000. We naturally decided to subsidize that so Seniors wouldn't have to contribute dollars that later in the year. (Graduation fees alone are around $200).

We took all of this into consideration plus the fact we really felt the money was required for the club, not to individuals. It's this view we took as class officers that resulted in our controversial decision.

Rob Tully
Senior Class President
Lew also criticized the system of appointments in place. "The current system is not transparent enough. It gives an appearance of elitism and that is a problem," he said.

Lew emphasized that although he would like to see the SBP expand, he is not looking to simply add positions. The SBP must first address the issue of accountability. Lew said, "If you increase the number of people, you must also increase the accountability." He feels that the SBP should implement a system where all members of the SBP are required to report to the student body on a regular basis.

Another concern Lew has is the lack of attention paid to the issue of social justice. Lew said, "The SBP has the responsibility to address the needs of all students, regardless of their background or circumstances." He feels that the SBP should work to create a more inclusive environment for all students.

Lew also expressed his concerns about the SBP's role in the decision-making process. He feels that the SBP should have a more active role in making decisions that affect the student body. Lew said, "The SBP should be a force for change, not just a passive observer of events." He feels that the SBP should work to ensure that the decisions made are in the best interests of all students.

Lew concluded his comments by saying, "We must work to create a more inclusive, accountable, and effective SBP. Only then can we truly represent the interests of all students."
Senate fattens Carter's economic program

WASHINGTON AP - The Senate voted yesterday to fatten President Carter's economic-stimulus program of tax cuts and federal spending amid growing opposition to his proposed $50-per-person tax rebate.

By a vote of 72 to 20, senators added $17.7 billion to the $13.5 billion stimulus plan recommended by Carter for the period that ends next Sept. 30.

The vote does not represent an endorsement of Carter's much-criticized $50-per-person tax rebate; it means only that if the rebate is approved, the budget will accommodate it.

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$300 million for improving outdoor recreational facilities, thus creating jobs in the national park, forest and wildlife services.
Christian sexuality discussed by SLC

dave O'Keefe

Christian sexuality at Notre Dame was the topic of discussion at yesterday's SLC meeting, which was attended by several guests invited by chairman Mike Casey to participate in the hour-and-a-half-long brainstorming session.

After opening the meeting, "If you had a son or daughter coming to Notre Dame, would you do what you would do to provide them the optimal growth in personal morality and sexual development?" council members and broke into small groups and brainstormed their individual answers.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up by a discussion of conclusions reached by groups and summary.

Casey offered the idea of instituting an academic or counselor program designed to acquaint fresh new students with these issues of human sexuality.

Fr. James Shilts agreed with the notion of a program acquainting students with these issues, possibly in the form of a seminar.

"It is the responsibility of the University administration," explained Shilts, "especially those involved in residence life, to educate students to some extent the faculty, to encourage and provide opportunities for students interested in the issues of human sexuality, which they are

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**Flowers: the rule's exception**
by Tony Pace
Sports Writer

Though the ideal of the well-rounded student-athlete is always stressed by the NCAA in its promotional spots, individuals that approach this ideal are the exception rather than the rule in the present intercollegiate athletic picture. Notre Dame basketball player Bruce Flowers is one of those few players who approach that ideal.

For the purposes of this article, the student portion of the student-athlete will consist of all those contributions made to the university and the realm of athletics. Flowers is a student in the sense that he makes noteworthy contributions in both the academic and the social areas.

As a member of the freshman 8-8-sophomore 9-9 circle, an integral part of the "ghetto" section of the University of Notre Dame, this is the fact that his commitment to the game of basketball consumes the major portion of his time. In the constant banter among Notre Dame students and alumni, no one can argue this.

Academically, Flowers is presently enrolled in the College of Business Administration, with the intent of majoring in one or more of the social sciences or disciplines at this university. Flowers has been a student athlete for over a year. Though I was never a scholastic counselor, nor do I have the time to go into accounting, but I am definitely sure that I want to own my own business someday. I want something that is mine so that I can work for myself. One day I hope to break it on my own. That's just the type of guy I am.

Even with these other aspects of his life, most of Flowers' life, for the present anyway, is directed towards the game of basketball. In a way, I didn't really have any jobs. I just like playing the game for the love of the game. There was a playground across from my home where the high school stars used to come and play. I played there from the time I could walk.

"In high school, I would play twelve months of the year. In season I usually played seven days a week, five days on the school team and two days in a league in Detroit."

Now for the Irish, Flowers is one of the members of the big rebuilding front line in collegiate basketball. Commenting on this fact, the "I think we are probably the most disciplined team in the country. We are tall enough, averaging 6-8 or 6-9, and we are a solid front line. We do all of the little things, such as boxing out, right and that just gives us an advantage over the less disciplined teams." Aiken observes.

The nickname "Butcher" is enshrined on the back of Flowers' warm-up jacket and he related the following story about his nickname. "Last year Dave Hoffman and I had a fight in the backcourt basketball tourney and our coach named the Butcher Brothers. I had the shirt on a couple of times so that was the number of faults that I would get away with. So, this season when we were seeing for surnames to put on the back of our jerseys, I thought that was the only one I could come up with. I thought that we should change it next year." Flowers has been the major source of trouble for Flowers in his first two campaigns and he hopes to improve in this area. "Fouling has been one of my major weaknesses and a reason that I have often been in foul trouble is that I have yet to learn to adjust to the ref's. Out west the refs let more go, they allow an aggressive game. In the East, the refs call every hand check. Each ref has a different interpretation and I will have to adjust. I don't think that this is really a problem, you just have to learn that he's there. But I still have to learn to adjust to the refs." Other changes that Flowers would like to see in the game have to do with his outside shooting and his free throw shooting. "My free throw shooting has been slowly improving and right now my free throw percentage is finally above 60 percent. If I'm going to make the free throws that would like to try to do, I'm also going to have to improve my outside shooting because right now the bulk of my game consists of layups and lay-ins that pop around the hoop." The outlook for this season, the goal is that NCAA tournament, which is to be decided in March. Says Flowers, "I think that the possibility exists of getting a bid hinges upon the San Francisco game. That is our season right there. The Dons know that they are going to get a bid and we don't. We should have all the incentive in that match. I'm sure that the Notre Dame fans will really be up for that game and that could really shake part in Notre Dame's success this season.

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**Hockey playoff tickets available**

**A Difficult Task**

A NCAA bid. It's a simple enough goal, but it's pretty difficult one to achieve. If you don't think I was right, you might have checked the Daily HIghlander ninety-Eighth grade.

The highlight of the season is the shock of the world, winning their first seven straight including road victories over Maryland and UCLA. The bid second straight. From then their next four in a row, and the NCAA Tournament picture looked bleak. Then after splitting two games, the Irish righted themselves and won their next nine games to bring their season mark to 17-5.

Now for a row. A NCAA bid seemed assured. Then, disaster, the form of West Virginia. Totally dominated by the Mountaineers, Notre Dame saw their winning streak and their certain bid go by the boards.

Additional training help has been contributed by some of the veteran boxers themselves as they have been in professional fights and freestyled fighters. One such person is senior Phil Harbert, a two-time champion and president of the Notre Dame Boxing Club. According to President of the Tournament Dominick 'Nappy' Napolitano who has been recovering from open heart surgery, "We do callisthenics for about 35 minutes and then do a lot of running. In the last couple of weeks, there has been more ring tactics taught which includes the throwing of punches and setting up combinations."

Besides Harbert, there will be four other returning and former champions who will be taking to the ring in this year's Bengal Bouts.

**Bengal Bouts**

By Monte Towl

The forty-seventh annual Bengal Bouts will start this Sunday at the ACC.

The list includes Joe Cooler, Jim Rice, and Tony Chadbourne from 1976 and Matt McGarrah who captured one of the crowns two years ago. They will all find the going tough that future". Though there are just a few of the good fighters who will be distributed among the sixteen weight classes.

"A number of the novice boxers have looked tough in practice sessions. Suddes cautioned. "They should prove to be quite competitive."

It is the competitive spirit of the Bengal Bouts which continues to draw thousands of area boxing fans to the ACC. This year's spectacular which has become a traditional late winter highlight. And the spirit once again becomes a reality as close to 50 bouts which will mark the end of this Sunday's bouts.