Bender explains SLC reorganization

by Tom Byrne
Campus Editor

In an effort to fulfill one of his principal campaign pledges, Student Body President Dave Bender will propose a major restructuring of the Student Life Council (SLC) to the Student Affairs Committee of the University Board of Trustees.

According to Bender, the objective of the change is to narrow the council’s focus, enabling more concentration on issues related to hall life. The two-page proposal states that the SLC was established in 1968 to provide a forum for discussion between students, faculty and administrators during the campus unrest of the late sixties, and has since outlived its usefulness. Instead, the proposal calls for the creation of a new representative body to “effectively deal with student life,” which at Notre Dame is “centered in and around the dormitories.”

In the view of Bender, the present SLC has been ineffective because of its failure to produce definite proposals concerning campus issues, such as reform of the present alcohol policy. A major advantage of a restructured council, said Bender, would be “publicty and attention,” which could be considered by the community, instead of confined to the SLC.

If the board of trustees approves the measure, the SLC will be replaced by a new body named the Campus Life Council, Bender explained that the council would be “publicly and administratively” geared primarily with hall life. Bender indicated that he intends for the Campus Life Council to assume a legislative role, drafting proposals on issues such as this year’s laundry problem. One of the first points to be considered by the new council, according to Bender, would be the passage of a set of uniform guidelines for the operation of hall judicial boards.

The most significant structural change in these proposals by Bender involves the removal of five faculty members and the addition of six rectors. The proposal describes the rectors as a “logical and necessary choice” for a council dealing primarily with hall life. Bender explained that the reduction of the number of faculty members to one attending once every three meetings also reflects the narrowed focus he proposes.

According to Bender, the rectors would be “actively involved in hall issues,” and added that they would have sufficient time to participate on the council.

Although the affairs of off-campus students would not be a concern of the Campus Life Council, Bender Commented that the SLC has the added advantage of dealing with off-campus involving off-campus students. He remarked that the problems of off-campus students are most efficiently handled by the Student Government Off-Campus Commission, rather than by a council.

Bender reported that rectors contacted yesterday about the proposal had expressed their support. Each SLC member will also be asked to review the proposal and submit a written evaluation to be presented to the trustees committee.

Another major alteration stated in the proposal concerns the selection of student representatives for the council. Instead of electing one representative from each quad and one from off-campus, Bender aims to seat four hall vice-presidents on the council. Hall presidents would not be suitable to serve on the council because of their heavy workload. Bender described the hall vice-presidents as “actively involved in hall life,” and added that they would have sufficient time to participate on the council.

Mitchell calls for end of black containment

by Patrick Cole
Special Projects Editor

Calling for an end to the containment of blacks in terms of progress, Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D-Md.), chairman of the Black Political Caucus, spoke last night at the 52nd Annual Dinner sponsored by the South Bend-St. Joseph’s Urban League.

The theme for the occasion was “Job, Dollars, Race, Government.” A total of 300 persons from the South Bend community and other nearby cities attended the dinner held in the ACC Monogram Room. An awards ceremony was also held to honor local members of the Urban League who had given service. Also making an appearance was South Bend Mayor Peter Nemeth who delivered the dinner remarks.

It was Mitchell, however, who brought the ceremony to its climax with his brief message about the true status of black America. He thanked the audience for being in support of the cause of the Urban League. Mitchell said that only 45 blacks have served in Congress so far, and that this feat has been accomplished by 52 years of struggle.

Mitchell forcefully attacked the idea that the blacks in America today do not have many problems. “Some say we need to learn how to survive in this economy.” The congressman also noted the threat of cutting off communications. “Like the death penalty,” he pointed out. “From 1922 to 1961 when they had it in my state, and of the 70 people executed, 62 of them were black.”

Mitchell also warned of the threat of cutting off communications with black African nations.

Mitchell considered the appointment of Andrew Young, the former Georgia legislator and civil rights leader, to the post of United Nations ambassador, an achievement in the fight against the containment of blacks. But there are blacks who “are still ill-housed and ill-fed,” he assured.

The blacks who hold power are the minority, he commented and “no man, woman or child attains opportunity until the minority helps the majority, the masses of people.”

To cure the problems, Mitchell said a lesson must be taught to blacks. “We need to know how to survive in this society,” he said. “Blacks need to learn how to survive in this economy.”

In conclusion, the congressman said that the problem of the new containment will not be solved without a love for one another.

After his 20-minute speech, there was a small reception for Mitchell in the ACC Monogram Room, where he met informally with local members of the Urban League.
The first session of a student-organized "Environmental Education Seminar" at the University of Notre Dame will be held Wednesday (April 13) from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in the Architecture Building auditorium.

Patrick Horsburgh, Notre Dame professor of astronomy, will discuss environmental awareness in a lecture entitled, "Heaven is the hand of natural retribution."

All interested persons are invited to attend the seminar, which is sponsored by the campus chapter of IPERG (Indiana Public Interest Research Group). The program was organized, however, by a small group or architecture, biology and geology students whose band is their conviction that environmental education must be a part of the high school curriculum. They believe the way to reach students is through their teachers, so they designed this five-session seminar especially for college education majors and current teachers.

Other sessions will include:
- "A lecture on sensitivity, "Can we eliminate the obstacles to an environmental conscience?" by Dr. Kenneth E. Goodpaster, assistant professor of philosophy, Wednesday, April 26, Architecture Bldg. auditorium, 8:30-9 p.m.
- A methods presentation on teaching environmental education outdoors by Prof. Donald E. Van Meter, Department of Natural Resources, Ball State University, Wednesday, May 4, Architecture Bldg. auditorium, 8:30 p.m.

For further information, contact Michele Pfeiffer at 233-1335.

Hunger Coalition Mass time changed

The World Hunger Coalition Mass usually held in Walsh hall will be celebrated today in the Bell Shed at 5:15. The Mass will be followed by a short dinner.

Jordanian president to visit US

AMMEN, Jordan (AP)—King Hussein of Jordan will pay a two-day visit to the United States on April 25 to discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict with President Carter, the royal palace announced today.

Informed sources said the king also will seek additional U.S. economic aid.

Hussein is to visit France on April 15, then proceed to England before going to the United States, these sources added.

In Washington, a White House statement on Hussein's visit said: "The President welcomes this opportunity to establish a personal contact with His Majesty, who this year is celebrating the silver jubilee of his reign, and to broaden the long-standing ties of friendship that exist between the United States and Jordan."

They will discuss fully all issues connected with the search for a just and durable settlement of the Middle East conflict, as well as other matters of mutual interest in our bilateral relationship.

ND students organize seminar on environmental education

Anyone enthusiastic about working on next year's Sophomore Literary Festival as chairperson or committee-member, sign-up in room 309 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Interviews soon, so hurry folks.

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A live rendition of Woody Allen's "Play it Again Sam" is to be performed in the Nazz April 14, 15, 22, 23. Curtain time is 8:00 pm. (Photo by Jim Hoffman)

**Carter confers with Russian ambassador**

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Carter conferred yesterday with Soviet Ambassador Vasiliy A. Dobrynin in an effort to resume discussions on a treaty limiting nuclear weapons.

While the White House was held against a backdrop of a dispute over apparent Russian violations of new U.S.-Soviet relations, which included strategic arms limitation talks.

Attending the session, Carter's first with Dobrynin since the breakdown in negotiations were Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, national security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski and Robert Hunter of the National Security Council staff, who took notes.

Emphasizing the meeting's importance, White House spokesman Rea Grauman said the two sides are anxious to meet in order to update U.S.-Soviet relations. Dobrynin's call was arranged before the coast guard seized several Russian fishing vessels off the Massachusetts coast over the weekend where they were in apparent violation of an agreement to limit nuclear wa-

**Student Gov't sponsors forum tonight**

Jake Morrissey
Staff Reporter

A Student Government Forum will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

"Its purpose," according to Dave Bender, student body president, "is to allow students to voice their complaints. During the campaign, people told us that the student government doesn't give students an opportunity to talk to them. The forum is one way of fighting this." Bender added that the forum is being established to give students a chance to articulate their views.

Kline appointed dean

Kathleen Connelly

Dr. Edward Kline has been named to the new position of dean of the newly established Freshman Writing Office and the Department of English, and the problems confronting area homes and their owners.

Bender, however, is quick to add that the "forum will be for the benefit of talented people here at Notre Dame. I think we should give them a chance to articulate their views. Any student able to attend is urged to do so.

**Last of the burglars Liddy sentence commuted**

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Carter commuted the 20-year prison sentence of Watergate burglar Vincent F. Snedegger today through Friday, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Huddle. Students would first bring the 10-card deck to the LaFortune Ballroom and pick up an IBM card. This card is then exchanged for a yearbook at the ballroom for 50 cents. The yearbook will be on sale at the beginning of next semester for non-students and those not eligible to receive their yearbooks now.

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Do animals have free choice? Most scientists say no, animals do what their best interests suggest Animals learn to do what they must do to survive. This is sometimes called "instinct." However, animals also have the capacity to learn through experience. We, on the other hand, are able to use language to express our thoughts and feelings. We can reflect on our experiences and make decisions based on those reflections. Humans have the unique ability to plan for the future and make choices that affect not only ourselves but also the world around us.

Parental thoughts

Dear Father Husbrough:

I would like to put forth some parental thoughts regarding the limited curricular options for the Summer Composition
Campus Life (SLC). In my opinion, the SLC is not doing its job
Should the SLC consist of a committee of students, faculty, and staff who are dedicated to improving the living conditions and overall experience of students in residence halls? This committee could be chaired by a faculty member and include representatives from each of the residence halls. The committee would have the authority to make decisions about issues such as

1. Lighting and noise levels in the halls
2. Maintenance and repairs
3. Security and safety
4. Social and recreational activities
5. Counseling and mental health services

The committee would meet regularly to discuss and address concerns raised by students. It would also solicit feedback from students through surveys and focus groups. This would ensure that the perspectives of all stakeholders are considered.

I believe that the establishment of such a committee would be a positive step towards improving the living conditions and overall experience of students in residence halls. It would provide a voice for students and a means to address their concerns.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
BEIRUT, Lebanon [AP]—Two years ago today war exploded in Lebanon, the opening act of a bloody tragedy that the country's leaders and people are trying desperately to forget.

Government censorship forbids any mention in the Beirut press of the artillery battles still spattering along the southern border with Israel between Palestinian guerrillas and Christian militias.

From conversations with a broad range of Lebanese it appears most people would rather not talk about the continuing fighting anyway. That would intrude on efforts to pick up where everyone left off before the "events," as the civil war is politely called here.

The events began April 13, 1975, with a Christian ambush on a busload of Palestinians refugees. They ended, at least for the time being, when Syrian troops occupied much of the country last November.

In the meantime, about 40,000 persons were killed, most of them civilians, and the city center that once made Beirut the hub of oil-based Middle East commerce was reduced to rubble. The battles also created a chasm of hatred between Muslims and Christians, despite frequent protests from both sides that sectarianism was not behind the war.

The director of the Information Ministry, Rams Khazen, is still unable to get his office back because he is a Maronite Christian who helped with Christian war propaganda and his ministry is in Muslim territory.

A head accountant in the same ministry, George Abu Rizq, also stays in Christian territory and confers with his office by telephone from temporary headquarters in Christian-held east Beirut.

"It's too bad," one of his colleagues says. "We were the only ministry split up that way." Reminded that the Army and Defense Ministry split into Muslim and Christian forces, and that the foreign-ministry at one point had controlling Muslims and Christian ministers, the replied, "Oh, yes, of course, but that was during the events...."

A Christian leftist party official who ran into a correspondent near the southern battle zone launched into a speech designed to prove that participation of his party alongside Moslem, "forces demonstrated that sectarianism had nothing to do with the war."

He said nothing of the Christian militia thugs who kidnapped several hundred Moslems on the outskirts of their religion and killed 150 of them on Dec. 6, 1975, the "Black Saturday," that sparked a new round of the war, one of many spats among numerous feuding tribes.

Also conveniently forgotten were the boosted Moslem foodstuffs who regularly stopped cars just entering the Moslem zone after a dangerous spring across no-man's-land. Dozens of Christians who had made it safely that far were shot and their bodies thrown under a nearby bridge, minus money and valuables.

Most Moslems are still afraid to go into Christian territory. The same is true for Christians keeping out of Moslem areas, but to a lesser degree.

The right wing of Lebanon's Christ leadership, particularly Camille Chamoun and his National Liberal party, are making plans for a permanent partition, even if it remains only the de facto split left by the war.

One evidence of this is the building in the Christian heartland south of Beirut of an unannounced $2.5 million airport, named Pierre Gemayel International Airport after the Phalange party leader who is Chamoun's main ally. The reason the Christians are building the airport is that Beirut's official international airport lies in Moslem territory.

President Elias Sarkis, himself a Maronite Christian, is hailed by Lebanese apologists as the political cement to keep the country together. But Sarkis, installed by Syria during the war, has yet to make his authority accepted without question.

The most dangerous problem facing Lebanon—the fighting in the south—is being run on decisions by Chamoun, Gemayel, guerril leader Yacine Arafat and Syrian President Hafez Assad. Sarkis has little to say about it.

For members of Congress
Payraise procedure altered

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But both the House and Senate that will review pay raise proposals, increase by a roll call vote before it can go into effect. Under the old law, the bike automatically went into effect unless either house vetoed it.

The new law is a result of the public outcry that occurred when a 29 percent pay raise for Congress, federal judges and other top federal officials took effect in February without a record vote by the House and Senate.

The Senate increase raised top congressional salaries to $57,500 a year. The increase, recommended by President Gerald R. Ford before he left office, took effect after the Senate tabled a motion to kill it and the House failed to vote on a similar motion.

The new law also will provide unemployment benefits for persons who have exhausted the 39 weeks of aid under regular state and extended federal state compensation laws.

This will cost taxpayers $528 million this budget year ending Sept. 30 and $215 million next year. Benefits will be denied to those who are not actively seeking work or who refuse suitable work offers.

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US increases 'nonlethal' aid to Zaire

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) - Moroccan troops sent to help repel an invasion from Angola were digging yesterday around the mining center of Kolwezi as United States announced it was increasing aid to Zaire only permitted pro-Western government.

Government and diplomatic sources said the 1,500 Moroccans, who arrived in southern Shaba province near the west, were taking advantage of a week-long lull in the fighting to consolidate supply lines.

In Washington, the Carter ad-
mnistration said it was stepping up aid to the government of President Mobutu Sese Seko, giving it a total of about $13 million in "nonlethal assistance," including a cargo plane.

At the White house, there was no elaboration on the considerations that led to the decision. However, spokesman Rex Granum said: "We do not consider the situation as an East-West confrontation."

In Kinshasa, diplomatic sources said six high-ranking Egyptian military officers arrived over the weekend to discuss aid for the Mobuto government.

An estimated 5,000 invaders, believed led by veterans of the Katanga separatist army of the late Monte Tshombe, attacked Shaba on March 8 from Marxist Angola where they fled after their rebel movement collapsed in the early 1960's.

The invaders have overrun, a
bout a third of the province, once called Katanga, and are threaten-
ing Kolwezi the center of Zaire’s copper mining industry, which is the foundation of the African country’s economy.

Mobutu claims the invaders are supported by Cuba and the Soviet Union. Presidents Fidel Castro of Cuba and Nikita Khrushchev of the Soviet Union have denied involve-
ment in the invasion.

About 20 French military instruc-
tors are also reported involved in combat operations. A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Paris said the instructors were sent to Zaire under a 1973 agreement, to train Zairians in the use of French equipment.

A Paris newspaper, Main de l'Iberie, quoted Nathaniel Mboumba, who is said commanded the Zaire invaders, as saying French and Belgian troops were fighting along-
side those of Zaire.

French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing denied in a nationwide television interview that French troops "are or will be fighting" the rebels.

Giscard d'Estaing said 11 French transport planes had been sent to carry supplies for Moroccan troops in Shaba as "signals of security and solidarity" to Eu-
rope's friends in Africa.

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