

# Bessey group requests to speak with Trustees

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Three representatives of the United Students will attempt to gain permission to present the group's views on the dismissal of three ATL instructors to the Board of Trustees when that body meets Wednesday in Kellogg Center.

According to John Dennis, spokesman for the United Students, the representatives, W.C. Blanton, Chris Leveridge and Doug Brunger, will ask Warren Huff, chairman of the Board of Trustees, to be allowed to suggest that the board delay a decision on the removing of W. Gary Groat, Ken Lawless and Robert S. Fogarty and to refer the matter back to the ATL Dept.

Dennis Blanton and Steve Ballance met with T. Ben Strandness, chairman of the ATL dept. and the advisory committee, after he said Friday that he would meet with students in his office. Dennis said he believes Strandness feels that he can't do anything about the matter at this time.

In a letter to the United Students,

Strandness said he had been invited to speak with the Bessey Hall group Friday and "in some ways I'd very much like to, but my experience with rallies is that they don't foster reason and hence

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## ASMSU memk own demands

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Members of the ASMSU Student Board are questioning their endorsement of a resolution last week demanding that the ATL Dept. give reasons for the dismissal of three instructors.

Mary Parish and Art Tung, members-at-large who voted in favor of the resolution last week will ask for reconsideration of the question at tonight's meeting.

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are better suited to the night before the big games."

Dennis said the ATL faculty was scheduled to meet tonight but that the meeting had been cancelled.

He said he was told by a member of the ATL advisory committee that Strandness didn't think a meeting could be held under the existing conditions.

"According to the by-laws, the ATL faculty has to meet two more times before the term ends," Dennis said. "The same source told me that the subject (of the dismissals) is sure to be discussed."

The United Students also sent a letter to President John Hannah stating that anyone involved in demonstrations at Cowles house "had no authorization from this group or from its steering committee to undertake such action."

"We deplore this invasion of your privacy and recognize that you as an administrator have done nothing that we or anyone else connected with this issue could construe as unfair or unreasonable," the letter stated. "We consider this issue to be one between the students and faculty and appreciate the policy of non-interference thus far followed by the administration."

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Lou Benson, member-at-large, voted against the resolution last week.

"We cannot say this," Benson said of the resolution. "We do not have the power or authority to demand anyone to do anything."

"We should have suggested

changes to the ATL Dept, rather than demanded of them," he said.

Larry Owen, president of Interfraternity Council (IFC), said he will not reconsider his vote.

"I don't think that cognizance of the students' rights has been shown in this matter," Owen said.

The action of the ATL Dept., Owen said, "neglects the fact that their decision affects students, and the students should at least be informed as to why."

ASMSU Chairman Jim Graham said that he has not heard adverse student opinion over the student board's action, although administration officials have expressed their concern.

While Graham's position has not changed on the resolution, he has urged that the Bessey Hall vigil end.

"I'm dissatisfied with the present condition in Bessey Hall," Graham said. It is becoming an "episode of futility," he said.

He commented that the demonstration has succeeded in embarrassing the University, but he felt it was beginning to embarrass the student body as well as the administration.

Graham urged that although he feels Bessey Hall should be voluntarily vacated, this does not mean the protest should end.

The resolution passed last week by 9-3 vote. It demanded that reason be given to substantiate the firing of the three instructors, and that they be given a chance for review and appeal of their case by the ATL Advisory Committee.