Pope sets correct Catholic beliefs

To the Editor:

While reading Mary Condello's letter, "Shaper trusted American Catholics", Oct. 16, I could not help but remember a meaningful story which was told to me by the late Pope Paul VI. A journalist once interviewed Hans Küng, a theologian famous for his continuous criticism of the Pope's infallibility.

"Well, Mr. Küng, so what do you pretend? Do you want to become Pope?" the journalist asked.

"No way," he answered. "I'd much rather remain infallible!"

Condello voiced outrage at the "self-righteous" author who dared to say that there was anything anti-Catholic about rejecting Catholic doctrine as taught by the Pope. Perhaps, it is not too rash to assume that Condello dismisses from papal teaching in some respect and stills feels every such a Catholic.

If so, she is among those faithful who hold the unconscionably humble and modest opinion that they cannot dictate religious and moral matters for themselves, thank you, without consulting the personal opinions of anyone so fallible as a mere Pope.

For people who freely call themselves Catholic, the Pope is not just one more member of theUA Council has also

space in the renovated Student Center. Taken in that light, the UA Council would not have opted to stock Coop merchandise at Coop prices in the new UA Convenience Store.

I ask the UA Council to reconsider its selection of a vendor for the store, and to further examine the role that they might play in determining the quality of the retail vendors that will be in the renovated Student Center.

I hope that the UA Council is realistic about the venue that it is supporting. In view of the lack of student activity reserves, if appropriate, is it to spend $10,000 (initial stock and startup expenses) a service whose debt, if any, could come directly out of student activity reserves? Would the space better be used as schedulable student activity space, given that during the renovation, student activities have lost the use of rooms 407 and 491?

I am surprised the Council allowed this store to be approved with so little forethought. Before the store starts, it could lose up to $5000 in startup funds that might have been used elsewhere. Must we wait for an additional $10,000 loss before we say anything?

John Kuenzig '87

Church, nor he be another "spiritual leader," as Condello contendsingly does him. Among many other things, Catholics differ from non-Catholics in that we believe that the Roman Pontiff is the successor of Peter and the Vicar of Christ on Earth. This is a hardly a negligible point, as any non-Catholic Christian is happy to tell.

Anyone can freely admit the possibility that, in matters of faith and morals, the Pope is either infallible or fallible. But it is quite plain, even to the most hardened skeptic, that both positions cannot be right at the same time. If we accept this, it should be just as plain that both positions cannot be Catholic.

John Paul II himself recently told American bishops in Los Angeles, "It is a grave error to claim that dissent from the Magisterium is totally compatible with being a 'good Catholic,' and that it poses no obstacle in the reception of the Sacraments."

Juan A. Lotzian '91

The role of the committee is to honor peace makers, not to appeal footnotes or implememental policy. If the committee is sincere in thinking that this plan will work, then the prime shoulde have been awarded to President Nasa.

The support of the committee was responsible for getting Orte-
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