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Town Referendum Contrary to Constitution

The recent decision of the Town Council executive committee to conduct new elections is the only logical and legal avenue open in the present snarl. The new elections will be conducted in the procedure mapped out in the council's constitution.

However, the stipulation proposed by the elections committee of the Association of Independent Men to go into effect if two-thirds of the wards are not represented at the nominations, throws a new light on the matter.

The decision laid down by the elections committee states that a referendum would be conducted to amend the election procedures in the constitution to permit representatives to be elected under the situation that existed previously which the elections committee declared illegal.

In the first place, the present constitution of AIM in Article VI, Section D, paragraph six, gives the election committee the power to conduct council elections. The paragraph states: "The chairman of the elections committee of the board of governors will, in cooperation with those duly delegated by the Office of the Dean of Men, be responsible for the election of representatives to and officers of the councils."

This would give the elections committee the authorization to conduct elections. But the method of election is left to the individual councils. Article VI, Section B, of the AIM constitution provides:

"The councils shall have jurisdiction over all legislation, projects, and activities which pertain to their respective area so long as such

legislation, projects, and activities are not contrary to or in violation of this constitution."

This would make it appear that regulation and laws for the conduct of elections would be in the hands of the individual councils, not the elections committee.

In addition, the method of changing election regulations, as proposed by the elections committee, runs contrary to the provision for amendment in the Town Council constitution. This is not to say that the idea of a referendum is not democratic. Referendums approach the purest form of democracy. But democracy, as we understand it, is also a form of government based on law, not on men.

Therefore, if the amendment procedure is to be carried on according to law, then the council constitutional provision is the one to be followed. The constitution provides: "The amendment shall be valid if it has been read at two consecutive Town Council meetings and passed by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of Town Council."

The council constitution, therefore, stipulates that a council must be formed before any amendments can legally be passed. The constitution does not mention a referendum in any way, either prohibiting or permitting one. The constitution does mention what constitutes a valid amendment, thereby precluding any other method as illegal.

The situation is legal, not algebraic. The multiplication of negatives does not necessarily produce a positive.

—Dick Rau

'Who's Who' Committee Needs Revision

It almost goes without saying that the recent choice of students for Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges was, to say the least, faulty. Of 30 seniors picked by the selections committee, several are not qualified to be honored. Because they were included, several others, deserving the honor, were omitted.

Those selected for the publication are included, with outstanding students from institutions all over the nation, in a publication carrying their biographical sketches. Such inclusion carries quite a bit of recognition. Yet if Penn State's selection is representative, that publication cannot actually contain sketches of the nation's really outstanding students.

The Penn State selection committee was a student group, with one member representing each of the nine undergraduate schools. Each member submitted a list of nominations of students in his school. Final selection was made by the entire group.

There is no basis to question the honesty of the selections committee. There is basis, however, to question its composition and the procedure it used in selection.

The committee decided members of cabinet should be included in the list by virtue of their position. This was the primary error because it immediately reduced to nine the number of

vacancies left. Then too, there is no reason why cabinet members must be considered outstanding students. Many of them hold one position on campus, and that may be relatively inoperative compared to the service rendered by students not on cabinet.

The composition of the selections committee was on the basis of undergraduate schools. This pre-supposes that students should be selected in a school category. But activities and other qualities that make a student outstanding have no regard for school lines.

There would be several possible alternatives. One might be to let senior class officers select those to be honored, since all honored are seniors. But this could lead to embarrassment and bitterness because class officers themselves are not always outstanding students.

A better plan might be to form a selections committee of students who without doubt will be honored. These might be the All-College president, and presidents of Interscholastic Council Board, Women's Student Government Association and the senior class.

If this plan is not feasible, then All-College Cabinet must be burdened with the responsibility of establishing a selections committee, on approving all nominations. Something must be done to assure Penn State's student leaders of this recognition they deserve.

IFC Workshop May Suggest Panaceas

Penn State's fourth annual Interfraternity workshop will get underway tonight. At this time more than 300 fraternity leaders will meet in various houses to discuss, and attempt to find solutions to mutual problems.

Ideas will be talked over at forum-type meetings. If any particular idea is deemed worthwhile the group will make a recommendation which will be brought up before the IFC for approval. Members of each discussion group will carry back to their chapters new ideas and techniques.

These ideas and techniques can be used by individual fraternity members as a guide for the betterment of their own fraternity and the fraternity system as a whole. In this way, fraternities will keep abreast of the times.

Some things accomplished as a direct result of these workshops are the establishment of the IFC rushing committee, the creation of a re-

vised fraternity rushing and pledging code, the establishment of Greek Week as an annual event, increased membership in the fraternity marketing association, annual Christmas parties for children of State College and surrounding areas, gradual transformation of "hell weeks" into community "help weeks," and an improvement in relations between fraternities and alumni, other fraternities, independents, sororities, administration and the residents of State College.

In addition to these tangible results, those who participate in these fraternity workshops have the opportunity to participate in a group experience which will make a definite contribution to their college training.

The IFC is to be commended for its excellent accomplishments in these workshops in the past. There is every hope that this year's program will be equally successful.

—Jack Reid

Gazette...

- Today
 ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., 219 E.E.
 GRANGE, regular members, 7 p.m., new member initiation, 8 p.m., 100 Horticulture.
 NEWMAN CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center.
 OMICRON NU, 6:45 p.m., Home Economics Living Center.
 WRA MODERN DANCE CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall rhythm room.
 WRA UPPERCLASS BOWLING CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall alleys.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT SERVICE

The companies listed below will conduct interviews on campus. Schedule interviews now in 112 Old Main.
 AMERICAN CYANAMID CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in ChE, and ME; M.S. candidates in ChE, and Chem. who have completed at least one semester, and Ph.D. candidates in Chem., and ChE expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Nov. 10 and 11.
 OHIO BOXBOARD CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in Bus. Adm., Arts and Letters and IE on Nov. 11.

ELI LILLY AND CO. will interview Jan. B.S. and B.A. graduates in Chem., IE, ME, ChE, Bus. Adm., Secretarial Science (women), and Bacteriology (women); M.S. and M.A. candidates in Psychology and Chem. who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in Organic Chem. and Bio-Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Nov. 11. They are also interested in Junior Bus. Adm. and Engineering students desiring summer employment for the 1954 season.

CHANCE VOUGHT AIRCRAFT will interview Jan. graduates in Acctg., Bus. Adm., and Econ. on Nov. 11.
 DUPONT will interview Jan. graduates in Acctg., Bus. Adm., and Econ. on Nov. 11.

UNION CARBIDE AND CARBON CORP. will interview Ph.D. candidates in Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Nov. 12 and 13.

S. MORGAN SMITH CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in IE and ME on Nov. 12.
 MONSANTO CHEMICAL CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in EE, ME, ChE, Commercial Chem., and Chem.; M.S. candidates in EE, ME, ChE, Commercial Chem., and Chem.; and Ph.D. candidates in EE, ME, ChE, Commercial Chem., and Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Nov. 17.

DEERE AND CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in ME, Ag E, IE, EE, CE, and Commerce students on Nov. 17.
 CHICAGO BRIDGE AND IRON CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in CE on Nov. 17.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"I know you made a 3 on th' blue book—but you just look like a 1 student."

Glancing Around

At Odds and Ends

By DICK RAU

There comes a time in everyone's life when the need arises for a housecleaning. This is the time. For the past few weeks I have been collecting little gems, none of which are quite worth dwelling on for any length.

Probably the most frequently discussed topic last weekend was the weather. The arrival of snow surprised almost the whole East coast. State College, I believe, was the lone exception. Weather is almost a tradition here.

For the information of the freshmen, State College usually has only one snowfall a year. It starts in November and ends in April. The snowfall last year ended about half-past April. That was also a big weekend. State College weather on big weekends is also fast becoming a tradition.

State College did have a good summer though. It didn't snow once.

The snow had another aspect. It reduced me to the physical labor of putting chains on the car—before breakfast yet! I had the choice of walking into town for breakfast or putting chains on the car. After viewing the drifts, I decided that wrestling with the chains was the lesser of two rather obnoxious evils. Since then I have changed my mind.

Car chains were probably designed by buggy-whip manufacturers to wreak vengeance on those souls who deserted the horse for a slightly more convenient mode of transportation.

Speaking of automobiles reminds me of a little incident that took place Oct. 28. My car battery, after having served reasonably well for nearly four years, is showing signs of giving up. Those signs became acute on the night of Oct. 28 when pressing the starter button produced one half starved groan followed by a series of rather dull clicks under the hood.

The situation was grim, particularly considering that the Hort Woods parking lot is devoid of the hills necessary to start without a battery. Then one of those rare individuals identified with the almost extinct race known as gentlemen and scholars came forward.

He was parked in the car next to mine with a young lady. His proffered hand of assistance was gratefully received. For someone to pause in such endeavors to aid one's fellow man in distress truly exhibits evidence of a gentleman and a scholar.

Getting on to other fields, I can across a couple of safe driving slogans in periodicals other than Froth. One was a plea from a

soldier to his mother: "Please drive carefully. The life you save may be my replacement."

Another plea for safety was heard from a southern newspaper. It seems that subscribers are hard to get, and the paper wants to conserve the few it has. The paper also cited the difficulty in delivering to eternal addresses.

My ego was swelled all out of proportion the other week. It seems that I have a reader. He forwarded a pack of matches obtained from a cigarette machine in the Pollock Union Building. The advertising message should be of interest to all enrolled here: "YOU CAN GET A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION AT HOME."

All this and college too.

Getting back to the activity of last weekend, there was one item that really caught my eye. Listed with all the goodies to be awarded to the Junior Prom Queen, there was one item tagged, "stole from Schlow's." This little item brought all sorts of pictures to my mind. I finally decided that how they got it was their business, but at least they could be grammatical about it.

Tying up this little bundle of odds and ends, there is one more gem to be included in the collection. A couple weeks ago, a professor discussing labor problems tried to say "threatened strike" and came out instead with "strengthened strike." When one or two students snickered, he philosophically reasoned that after all it was 9 a.m. Monday. He was right. Half the students hadn't noticed anything out of the ordinary.

Fraternity Urges Hitch-Hiking Ban

The national president of Phi Sigma Delta urged that hitch-hiking as part of the pledge program be prohibited in a recent letter to President Milton S. Eisenhower.

A resolution passed by the fraternity, at its national convention prohibits hitch-hiking on pledge trips.

Laurence J. Sobel, president of the fraternity, suggested in the letter that the resolution be suggested to fraternities at the College. One was a plea from a