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Political Party Revisions End Dictatorships

It is a slow mill, but it grinds exceedingly fine.

This is the saying which might apply to the position in which the campus political parties now find themselves. After freedom that knew no bounds short of student pressure, these groups now are under the wheel and are being reduced to self-evaluating organizations. From this it is hoped to build a sound political system at the University.

What is referred to is the current constitutional revision being conducted by both parties, Lion and State, at the orders of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs subcommittee on organization control. The subcommittee gave the negligent parties until Jan. 13 to complete the task. The constitutions will then be reviewed and accepted or rejected with further recommendations.

The action is not a mere formality and the parties do not seem aware of this. The subcommittee composed of representatives of the student body, faculty, and administration are determined to change the parties until they meet student needs, or deny them the right to function on the campus.

For the reasoning behind this move, one need only look at the procedures followed by the parties today. What exists is a group with control centered in one person, the clique chairman, to the extent that the organization resembles a dictatorship. This setup is responsible for filling 15 elective offices, the three officers for each class and the three All-University officers.

How so? Drawing from the party constitutions which set up both parties along similar lines, the control is found to rest in the hands of the clique chairman and an executive committee of people named and removed by the clique chairman. This executive chairman in

the past has been elected by this executive committee.

Thus in the present setup we find two bad things. Decisions are made by a dominating clique chairman or an executive committee which dares not oppose him or it will be dissolved. Also, the clique chairman names the committee which names the next clique chairman, establishing a non-blockable way of perpetuating a political dynasty.

The Senate subcommittee has as its main object the elimination of this dictatorial system. In the eight recommendations given to each party to use as a basis for revamping their constitutions, the stress was placed on putting control of the parties in the hands of the students and bringing operations into the light. This is no more than is expected of any other groups which operate at the University under Senate charter.

Parties, however, seem above this. So far their several meetings to discuss the situation have been hush-hush, hand-picked discussion affairs rather than open meetings of those interested in the cliques. Assuming open clique meetings may be impossible, proper constitutional revision committees have not even been appointed by the clique chairmen. The closed-door, dictatorial policies continue.

Considering this, it appears the outcome of the revision may be expected to be as disappointing as the original constitution which were presented to All-University Cabinet and the Senate in the charter applications. They were a shame to students of government and the loop-holes in them made it obvious they were prepared with the intent of allowing dictatorial powers.

The showdown is here and the results can go only in favor of the Senate subcommittee. The results will not hurt political parties; run by the student body they can be strong and fill their rightful niche in the University.

Ag Council Elections: Keep Them Closed

Agriculture Student Council will be faced tonight with the decision of whether or not to open elections of council officers to the agriculture student body. The Ag Hill Breeze, agriculture students' weekly newsletter, came out this week with an editorial favoring opening the elections. To appreciate the Breeze editor's reasoning, we must first understand the unusual organization of the ag council.

The majority of college councils on campus are composed of students not representing any particular group of their college. They are merely representatives-at-large who vote according to their independent judgment. However the ag council is made up of representatives from the agriculture clubs, organized under the various departments of the college. Theoretically these representatives vote according to the majority decision of the groups they represent.

A designated number of representatives are elected from each club, according to the enrollment in the curriculum with which that club is associated. The clubs are nonrestrictive in membership and require little of their members except payment of dues which seldom amount to more than 25 cents per semester, and in some cases attendance at an initiation ceremony.

The students elected by these club members serve as ag council representatives.

The Breeze editor set forth two chief arguments against the present system of elections. He pointed out the council representatives were not compelled to vote with the majority of their clubs and thus students have no guarantee their majority votes are being cast by their representatives. The other argument was that students who do not belong to clubs are not represented on the council and thus cannot participate in elections of council officers.

These arguments overlook two pertinent factors in student government: that students are elected to councils to represent their constituents in all phases of council action, including elections of that council's officers; and that the council representatives are in a much better

position to judge the ability of potential officers of the council than is the student body.

Should the student body take over elections of officers to the council, we fear they will put both themselves and their elected officers in an unfortunate predicament. For while the members of each department may be well acquainted with all potential candidates from their particular curriculums, they could not possibly be familiar with the qualifications of all agriculture students. This factor in itself will handicap a wise selection of officers.

The proposed change in elections procedure was probably suggested with the hopes of increasing interest in student government. However, we feel that to risk the welfare of the council and its effectiveness would not warrant the probable low increase in student interest that such action would create.

If there is a lack of enthusiasm and interest in agriculture student government (which this proposal of a change seems to indicate) then the fault probably lies somewhere in the manner of selecting council representatives, not officers. For while officers are a vital part of any organization, they cannot function effectively without a strong and efficient group behind them. Actions of student councils are necessarily a reflection on the entire council, and can in no way be attributed to the officers exclusively.

—Peggy McClain

Gazette...

Today
 COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 100 Weaver
 COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 7 p.m., Collegian Office
 COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., business office
 COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 1 Carnegie
 DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory
 FRESHMAN COUNCIL MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Commuters room, Woman's Building
 HISTORY ROUND TABLE, 7:30 p.m., Recreation Lounge
 JAZZ CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 105 White Hall
 NEWMAN CLUB, 7 p.m., Catholic Student Center
 PLAYERS MAKEUP WORKSHOP, 7 p.m., basement make-up room Schwab
 PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Psychology Lab

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Even though I'm flunking, Professor Snarf, I always look forward to attending your class."

Some New

Impressions

By DIEHL McKALIP

HOUSEMOTHERS

Talking to one of our freshmen fraternity housemothers the other day, we were informed by her that she objected to the title of housemother. Also no good were hostess, "mom," Mrs. So-an-So, or the first name.

Mrs. So-and-So was too formal, first name too familiar, and housemother too institutional sounding. "Hostess sounds like some-

one running about with towel on arm and menu in hand saying "Your table" to a group of strangers," she said.

She said the result was that her boys now call her by a nickname coming from a name she was dubbed with when a school-girl. She explained this is a combination between the formal and the familiar. "It has character," she points out.

MAIL BAG ITEM—

Coeds at the University of Rhode Island have complained they object to having hurricanes named after the fair sex. The "Hurricane Gals" contend the blows are dangerous and deadly, and by using ladies' names, we may minimize the hazards of these cyclonic storms by kittenish references to Dolly, Carol, Edna, and so on.

At the university 15 per cent of the coeds have hurricane names with the Carols representing the most numerous bloc. They have endorsed a code suggested by Dr. John G. Albright, an authority on meteorology, which they feel is simpler and more descriptive. It is made up of shorter words easier to use in both written and spoken communications.

Here is a partial sample of the suggested code as it appeared in the Intercollegiate Press bulletin showing the defined terms that could be substituted for the "Hurricane Gals": Alice—amok, frenzied; Barbara—baff, a blow; Carol—cark, a worry; Dolly—doxy, a wench; Edna—eyra, a wildcat; Florence—flam, a drumbeat; Gilda—gaff, a barbed spear; Hazel—havoc, destruction.

JAM SESSION—

Your editor braved the raving mobs Sunday to take in a "jam session." He was impressed. He went to hear Mike Pedicin and his combo (short for combination, we believe) from Philadelphia and points West, who were making with a real nervous beat at the Sigma Nu house.

While usually preferring the old masters (we seem to be a square), we could not help but enjoy the entertainment. The atmosphere of people packed in a stifling room and letting their hair down in unison was infectious. It even caused us to forget how warm it was, that we did not sit down or hardly move for three hours, and that we were missing supper (dinner to you cats from the East).

We wonder, if this is a typical display of the enthusiasm for this brand of music, if it would not be a sound idea to stage a session on a campus-wide scale. It should attract both the serious students of this type of music and the curiosity seekers. One big outfit could be imported or several small ones to do shift work and then stage a free-for-all at the end. Possibly a project for our new jazz club.

Tonight on WDFM

51.1 MEGACYCLES

7:25	Sign On
7:30	Scott Unabridged
8:00	Behind the Lectern
8:30	Music of the People
9:00	Informally Yours
9:15	News
9:30	This World of Music
10:30	Sign Off

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