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TIM to Study Possible Student Complaint Group

By LARRY JACOBSON

The possibility of establishing a student committee on town affairs to act as a liaison agent between University students and the State College Chamber of Commerce will be studied by a committee appointed by Town Council last night.

The council also approved the final reading of its new constitution by a unanimous vote. The constitution will go into effect immediately.

House Lauds University Centennial

A resolution passed yesterday by the State House of Representatives calls the University "Pennsylvania's finest institution of higher learning," according to the Associated Press.

The resolution, congratulating the University on its 100th birthday, expresses the legislature's "sincere appreciation and gratitude," the article went on to say.

According to the AP article, the University is called in the measure "one of the most important factors in the elevation of the commonwealth to the position of respect which it enjoys today has been its educated citizenry and no institution has contributed as much in this field as the Pennsylvania State University."

The resolution, which was introduced by 10 Republicans and Democrats, including Preston A. Frost, Republican Centre County representative, won immediate approval upon its introduction.

The resolution continues: "The University's prime purpose, which it has so well accomplished through the years, is to serve the educational interests of the commonwealth and nation. This is being accomplished not only through expert instruction and guidance on the campus proper but is extended to every part of the Commonwealth through an extension program," the article stated.

Independents Plan Week

Plans for Independent Week March 11-18 were discussed last night at the Association of Independent Men-Leonides joint executive meeting.

The group also discussed the National Independent Student Association Convention which will be April 6-13 at Fort Collins, Colo. Several representatives will be sent to the convention.

Raymond Rubner, vice president of the council, introduced the idea of a student committee as a cure for the differences that have been occurring between townspeople and students. Rubner stated that "the political parties on campus do not represent the majority of students", therefore, a committee should be established to air the gripes of the students.

Committee Planned

Rubner's plan calls for a large committee, composed of a representative from each group on campus, that would have a voice on All-University Cabinet and on the borough Chamber of Commerce. If a student had a major gripe, he would take it to the committee, which in turn would get permission from Cabinet to present the problem to the Borough group. Rubner feels that if a problem were presented to the townspeople in a sensible manner, there would be much more cooperation between students and borough.

Rubner stated that he formulated the plan as a result of student complaint that the borough police were too strict in enforcing parking fines. He feels that many of the fines were "unjust."

Become Council Members

Under the new council constitution, all town independents automatically become members of the group, which changes its name to Town Independent Men (TIM). Any independent man may attend the meetings which will be conducted in a town meeting manner.

Previously, voting for the council members was done by wards. Voting for TIM officers will now be done by all members who attend the election meeting held in the spring. The new voting law is aimed at curing the voting troubles the council had previously. According to TIM president Donald Weidner, the new constitution was formulated to create more interest in TIM.

A dance to be held April 2, in the Hetzel Union Building was also approved by TIM. The dance will be open to all students and will be free.

Dulles States Policy On Formosa Issue

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP)—Secretary Dulles said tonight the United States won't defend Chinese coastal islands "as such," but implied it will fight if the Reds try to seize the isles as a springboard for conquest of Formosa.

In a major foreign policy address, he declared the United States would be alert to Chinese communist actions in the area, while "rejecting for ourselves any initiative of warlike deeds."

Dulles, in addressing a dinner of the Foreign Policy Assn., made these other main points:

1. He rejected an idea, reportedly favored by some British officials, that Nationalist China voluntarily surrender to the Reds all offshore islands. He said "it is doubtful that this would serve either the cause of peace or the cause of freedom."

2. The recent upheaval in Moscow which put Marshal Nikolai Bulganin in the Premier's role is "an elemental personal struggle for power" but it may also reflect a "basic policy difference" between the Russian Communist party and the Soviet government. If "Russians of stature" will put their nation's welfare first, instead of subordinating it to the

Communist drive to win the world, "then indeed there could be a basis for worthwhile negotiations and practical agreements" with "the new Russia."

3: Fear among Asian people that the United States has no real intention of supporting them in opposition to communism "has mounted to the danger point." But, he stressed, the American people have made known their determination to "restrain those who violently menace liberty" and the Eisenhower administration "will soberly execute" this policy.

Dulles' address dealt mainly with the critical Far East picture. A shortened version of his talk was scheduled for broadcast.

Dulles, in his cautiously worded address which apparently continued the policy of "keeping the enemy guessing," did not mention Quemoy or Matsu by name.

Constitutions OK'd By Senate Group

By ROG BEIDLER

The revised constitutions of the campus political parties were approved by the Senate Committee on Student Affairs yesterday, Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of student affairs, announced.

The constitutions need only the final approval of the University Senate to become official. This will also officially charter the political parties.

The revised State and Lion party constitutions were okayed by the Student Affairs committee's subcommittee on organization control and were given to the committee for approval yesterday. The Campus party constitution received approval from both of the

groups yesterday.

The major alterations in the new party constitutions are in the eight specific recommendations made to the parties by the subcommittee. These are:

1. A clause containing the tenure of office for clique officers.

The Campus party constitution satisfies this as it states—"appointments shall last until the chairman making them is no longer in office or until such a time as they may be dissolved." It also states that all officers elected by the steering committee shall hold office until the next scheduled All-University clique election. The constitution says officers can be removed for "action contrary to or in violation of this constitution, malfeasance in office, or embezzlement."

Lion Party

The Lion party constitution states that "all elected officials may not serve more than two semesters without facing re-election." It also says that the election of clique officers shall take place at the end of each spring semester. The State party constitution was not available, Rae Delle Donne, State party clique chairman, said last night.

Steering Committees

2. That the parties' steering committees be composed of a majority of elected officers, although provision for some appointed provisions is feasible.

The Campus party constitution fulfills this as it requires that five All-University officers and 20 class clique officers shall be elected. Fifteen members may be appointed.

The Lion party constitution states that 38 of its members must be elected and 30 may be appointed.

3. Party finances should be

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More Exact Grade Is Goal of New Plan

By DOTTIE STONE

(This is the second of two articles on the proposed grading system.)

The proposed grading system, which will be presented to All-University Cabinet tonight, suggests using decimals with the numbers from 5 to zip.

This system is equally as easy to use in determining the quality of a student's work, as the grade given is exact. Honor points, in this system, would be figured by multiplying the grade received in a course by the number of credits. The sums would then be added, and divided by the number of credits. This grade would then be translated from a number percentage into the decimal grade. This would not be done if a student received a 1 to 1.9, as he would be passing the course without credit.

Rudolph Lutter's Report

Rudolph Lutter's report suggested that the quantity of work, now expressed in honor points, could be recognized by the accumulation of course credits toward the minimum number needed to graduate. Thus a student carrying a five credit course would be compensated by moving nearer the fulfillment of his college requirement faster than a student carrying a two credit course.

Would Reduce Work

This system, Lutter, acting as a one-man committee, pointed out, would reduce work in the recorder office as fewer calculations would be necessary.

At the time the report was written, six student councils had been asked to give their opinion of the system. This was not an approval or disapproval of a particular grading system.

Out of 130 students at the councils, only eight opposed the system, while six abstained.

45 Schools Report

Of 45 schools which returned questionnaires on their grading systems, 84.5 percent used a system which 4 was the highest and 0 was the lowest grade. Twenty-two point five percent used 3 as the highest and -1 as the lowest grade.

There were no schools in the report using a 5 to zip grade level, which is the proposed system at the University.

Froth Circulation Staff

The Froth circulation staff will meet at 7 tonight in 316 Sparks. New candidates may attend.

HUB to Open By Next Month

The Hetzel Union Building will be ready for occupancy on March 15.

Although the building will be opened Tuesday for the University's Birthday Dinner and the campus post office will begin operation on the ground floor of the building on the same date, some sections of the building will not be completed, furnished, and ready for use until next month.

Centennial Stamp, Envelopes Sales Continue High

The sale of Centennial stamps and envelopes at the Student Union desk in Old Main continued high yesterday.

Student Union clerks reported that 9000 stamps and about 8000 envelopes were sold yesterday. This brings the total of the three-day sale at the Student Union desk to 26,000 stamps and about 18,000 envelopes.

The post office reported Tuesday that it had sold 911,500 stamps during the first two days of the sale. Post office officials had no record of how many stamps were sold yesterday.

Of the cumulative total of stamps sold, 800,000 were purchased by the University. The heavy individual demand for stamps, however, prompted a post office official to say yesterday that the borough postal station had never sold a stamp with such a demand.

Lutter to Present Grading Changes

A report concerning a possible new grading system for the University will be presented at tonight's All-University Cabinet meeting. Rudolph Lutter, a committee-of-one, studied the problem at the request of Cabinet.

Lutter's report evaluates the present grading system, contains past studies, a student-opinion sample, and a proposed grading system. It also compares the new system with those in use at other

would change the present grades, 3 to -2, to a 5 to a zip, so that decimals can be used. This new system is more accurate and precise than the present system, Lutter says.

Lutter said he would ask Cabinet to accept the report and send it to University Senate. He said he felt that the report would be accepted by Cabinet, but was not as sure of the outcome if it were presented to Senate.

Robert Homan, secretary of Cabinet, will read the Community the last meeting, one word was Forum report for final vote. At omitted and the report could not be voted on.

Homan will also request that \$200 be given to the University Christian Association for the "Re-

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AGENDA

Committee Reports:

1. Grading System —Rudolph Lutter
2. Community Forum —Robert Homan

Old Business:

1. Soccer Team Awards —Richard Gordon
2. UCA Contribution —Robert Homan

All-University Cabinet will meet at 7 tonight in the board room on the second floor of Old Main. Students may attend the meeting.

colleges and universities of the same size and curriculum as the University.

The plan proposed by Lutter