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TIM: May Work

The promoters of an organization of independent men living in town are still at it.

Wednesday night a plan was put into action which sets up a group called Town Independent Men (TIM). As we interpret it this is to be a town meeting for all town independents with the only elected men being the officers. The men will discuss common problems and relations with borough residents, and if a vote must be taken, the only prerequisite is that those present attended the spring election of officers.

On paper this is all very nice. We wonder if it will work, however. The general student disinterest in their governmental groups is extremely strong among the town men. Shortly the same interested few will probably be carrying the burden, but at least these men will not have the usual trouble getting a quorum.

The one solution that seems plausible to use is for the new organization to adopt a vigorous program of probes into the living conditions of town independent men. At times this may border on the sensational, but it would show those effected that TIM was not sleeping. Vigor and fan-fare must be used to woo the support of these men.

Examinations of problems have long been a pastime of many student government bodies. And about all these look-into's have resulted in stacks of unused reports gathering dust in some forgotten file.

We urge you as the new TIM to look into these age-old questions of housing, food, and dealings with merchants and take a stand, congratulating the good and condemning the bad. And carry the programs out; do not let papers gather dust. With such action TIM can work.

Safety Valve—

Denies Corruption

TO THE EDITOR: I appreciate the interest of Mr. Schreiber in regard to the traffic situation (yesterday's Safety Valve). However, his allegations have very little basis in fact.

Mr. Schreiber wants to know why students in Irvin, Watts, and McKee Halls cannot use areas 61 and 62 instead of 7 and 50. Had he investigated the matter, he would have found that areas 61 and 62 are used solely by faculty, staff, and disabled students.

He also suggests giving students parking areas nearer their living areas. Mr. Schreiber doesn't seem to know that the only areas open to students are I, II, 70-A, 72, 73, 80, 50, 23, 42, 43, and 40.

Mr. Schreiber has little room for complaint when one considers he lives on campus and has to walk to class while students living as far from campus as Chi Phi and Alpha Epsilon Pi cannot get any parking space at all and must walk not only across campus but through town.

Mr. Schreiber suggests increasing space. Where? On campus? Further out than the present areas? And does he realize that parking lots cost \$100 per space?

In answer to Mr. Schreiber's charge of corruption, and the suggestion that Dean Simes become a member of Traffic Court: Does Mr. Schreiber know that Dean Simes fully approves of all Traffic Court methods and decisions? And that Dean Simes is Traffic Court's final method of applying sanctions to delinquent offenders?

And does he know members of Traffic Court give up their seats when close friends or fraternity brothers appear at the meeting? And has he asked himself if members of Traffic Court are benefiting from handling fines?

Constructive criticism always has and will be welcomed by myself and members of my court. However we ask that these criticisms be based on facts, rather than rumor, half-truths, and the complete lack of understanding and knowledge of a situation shown by Mr. Schreiber.

—Mark Wiener
Chairman, Traffic Court

Grievance Plan

Recent consideration of the University's grading system might successfully include a program like one undertaken at Denison University in Ohio.

There a Student Committee of Academic Affairs has been innovated as a sounding board through which student criticisms of any part of the academic program may be voiced.

Under the plan at Denison, the committee is made up of representatives from all student living quarters. A student having a complaint would direct it to this committee, via his representative; the complaint would then be sent to an evaluations committee and be referred from there to the proper authority or department for solution.

For example, a student who felt an unreasonable amount of time was being required to complete daily assignments in a particular course (but who hesitates mentioning it to the professor for fear of lowering his standing in that class) would refer his complaint to his student representative.

The committee is expected, by Denison, to result in better cooperation between students and the faculty. It is conceivable that the same results could be achieved from putting such a program into effect at the University.

The need is always present for closer communication between students and professors. The need is especially pressing at the University, chiefly because of the size of the classes.

Success of the program at Denison does not, of course, assure such success on our own campus. However, the plan sounds both logical and feasible. It would be worth consideration.

—Peggy McClain

No Athletes, Please

The season for political candidates has begun. Potential student officers are being solicited by the three parties. And the big question is: Which will the ballots most resemble—football, basketball, wrestling, boxing, or track programs?

Athletes in politics are a tradition here. It's time the tradition was broken.

This is not a generalization that no athlete is a good student officer. It is possible, and has happened, that an athlete can organize a group as well as round out a team score.

It does mean, though, that a sports hero is not an ideal student officer by virtue of his athletic prowess, and well-known name. Students who have won the faith of their fans by setting examples of fair play and leadership on the sports floor are not automatically endowed with a knowledge of parliamentary procedure, a knack at handling fellow officers, presence in front of a legislature, and a miraculous sort of method for manufacturing enough time to fulfill their duties as officers.

When the two sets of qualities are combined in one person, it can be chalked up to that particular student's own qualifications, and not to the fact that he is a sports hero.

In the past years, campus parties have relied heavily on big-time varsity lettermen to fill their ballots. "We need a name to attract voters," parties say.

It follows that our sports heroes' names are those most often heard among the student body. It is simply mass reaction to this sense of familiarity that draws in heavy votes for these sports-candidates.

If voters, and parties too, would be honest with themselves, they would realize that few men who are active enough in sports to have achieved campus-wide recognition have the time to devote to student government positions.

—Peggy McClain

Gazette...

Today
DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m.,
405 Old Main
NEWMAN CLUB—"SLOPPY JOE" PARTY, 8 p.m., Student Center

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



emotional relief

Singing In The Wilderness

By EDMUND REISS

Having long been an appreciator of jazz, especially Dixieland, we decided to look in on Max Kaminsky's concert in Schwab Auditorium.

If the purpose of a college education is to give wide knowledge through both formal studies and experiences, anyone who has never seen a jazz concert is missing a noble experience. Of course, by this we are assuming that Kaminsky's concert is a typical concert, at least in audience participation.

The little music we were able to hear seemed at least entertaining, if not good, but this music was not the most interesting part of the evening and certainly the least influential part of the experience.

Although we are only amateur sociologists, we feel the atmosphere at the concert would have been a fascinating thing for a budding graduate student to include in a study of mass behavior.

It was obvious as soon as the concert began that very few people were there to listen to the music. Rather, it seemed that the members of the audience were more anxious to rid their bodies of an excess of exuberance that must have built up since the semester vacation.

If this is the purpose of a jazz concert, we wonder why the Jazz Club had bothered to bring a high-priced musician to the University. Or for that matter why bring any musician at all? It seems the same result would have been had if someone walked on stage and blew a whistle.

We certainly are not criticizing the concert nor the behavior of the audience for we realize that those who went to hear the music must have been very small in number. All we are doing is examining the experience, and be-

ing of a very utilitarian vein, we are looking for a way to use such an event so that the utmost value may be obtained from it.

It seems that the obvious definition of a jazz concert is a gathering in a large hall for the purpose of acquiring an emotional relief. No doubt everyone would agree to that. Since we are not concerned with substitute ways of receiving this emotional relief, we might submit for reader approval the idea of having these jazz concerts before final examinations. Then students might be able to concentrate more on their studying since they would be in a happy, peaceful state of bliss and all tension would be gone.

No doubt there are several other ideas for what should be done with these jazz concerts, but this seems the most practical.

Language Reading Test

The foreign language reading examination required of candidates for advanced degrees will be given from 7 to 9 p.m. March 7. French and Spanish candidates will meet in 316 Sparks; German candidates in 227 and 228 Sparks.

Tonight on WDFM

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9:00 Weekly News Roundup
9:30 Light Opera
10:30 Thought for the Day

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