

AIM Makes Progress Dennis Tells Town Men

The Association of Independent Men has made a lot of progress in the past, but there is still much to be done, AIM president Robert Dennis told Town Independent Men Wednesday night. The TIM meeting was the first held under the new constitution. Ten men attended the meeting.

Open House Discussed By Student Council

Plans for the open house which is to be held jointly by all colleges on campus for the first time was discussed by the Education Student Council Monday night.

The purpose of the open house, to be held April 23, is to acquaint high school students with programs offered at the University.

A central meeting of all visitors will be held in Schwab Auditorium. Visitors then will divide into separate groups to visit colleges and departments.

Council was not in favor of founding a chapter of Kappa Delta Epsilon, women's professional education society, on campus. It would only infringe upon the activities of the Future Teachers of America and the Association of Childhood Education, council decided.

Grades—

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ed that it was his personal belief that Lutter's plan would be undesirable for two reasons:

1) Such a plan would emphasize grades which many faculty members feel is undesirable.

2) Many instructors feel that it would be impossible to give such an exact grade.

Lutter contended when presenting his report to the Senate that students have a tendency to emphasize grades because they feel prospective employers and graduate schools place heavy weight on marks.

Percentage Grade

Lutter also said that an exact percentage grade to the first decimal point as he proposed would not be an absolute grade but would enable instructors to evaluate students in relation to one another and transfer their evaluation to the grading scale.

The report of the Senate committee also stated that the elimination of minus grades reduces the chance of error in faculty reporting of grades.

The switch to letter symbols for grades will simplify the interpretation of grades to parents and prospective employers, according to the report. Work in the recorders office also will be facilitated by the elimination of minus grades, the report states.

Tables Recommendation

The Senate tabled a second recommendation of the Committee on Review of the Grading System which would establish as the minimum graduation requirement an All-University average of C for all students qualifying for degrees on or after June, 1959. A C average under the new system is equivalent to the present 1 grade. This recommendation was tabled because if adopted it will involve changes in University

"AIM must develop a communal spirit among the independents, and this will be hardest to do in the town," Dennis said. It will be the job of TIM to try and effect this spirit among town independents, he said.

NISA

Dennis also spoke on the National Independent Student Association. He explained what NISA does to coordinate independent organizations on all campuses in the country and the ways in which each independent group benefits from it. Dennis said AIM is perhaps the best independent group in NISA.

Approves First Reading

The first official act of TIM since its inception two weeks ago, was to unanimously approve the first reading of the proposed AIM constitution. The constitution must be read a second time before it gets official approval from TIM.

Raymond Rubner, TIM vice president, announced that plans for the proposed student committee on town affairs will be presented to All-University Cabinet. The committee was proposed at the last TIM meeting as a "go-between" for townspeople and students. Committee purpose would be to settle differences that arise between town and students.

Spring Dance

The annual TIM Spring Dance will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight April 2 in the Hetzel Union Building. It will be the first dance to be held in the HUB by an independent organization.

TIM's annual picnic will be held May 7 at Greenwood Furnace.

regulations. The problems posed by this recommendation will be studied jointly by the Committee on Review of the Grading System and the Committee on Rules. A report of this joint committee will be presented to the Senate in the future.

Recommendations Stressed

Dr. Forster stressed the importance of this recommendation. He said that the adoption of the new grading system had, in effect, loosened the requirements of the University. This requirement would tighten requirements, he said.

The adoption of the C graduation requirement is necessary, Dr. Forster said, to prevent students lacking a proper average from being graduated by accumulating grade points as can now be done.

He cited an example in which a student with a .5 All-University average had been graduated. He said a study by his committee had shown that in 1953 4 per cent of the graduating class or 62 students would not have been graduated if this requirement had been in effect.

The selection of June 1959 as the effective date for this requirement was chosen so that the rule would not be applicable to the large majority of students now enrolled, Dr. Forster said.

Dog Disappears, Tuna Gets Lost; Fishy Dog Story

Blivit got lost and evidently so did the tuna fish.

This refers to the case of seafood that the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority was expecting from the Chicken-of-the-Sea Company.

During the week of Nov. 8 which honored the Friday dish, the sorority refreshment chairman wrote a letter to the company suggesting that a free case of the stuff might establish its product in the eyes of "the future homemakers of America."

The company agreed and said a case of tuna was on its way. It has yet to arrive.

Another lost: where is Blivit?

Decrease Seen In Line-Cutting

Line-cutting in men's dining halls has decreased during the past week, James W. Dean, assistant to the dean of men, said yesterday.

West Dormitory Council voted Tuesday night to outlaw line-jumping after a recent flare-up was noticed by the resident counselors. Ten cases were reported within two weeks, Dean said, but for over a week no students' names have been turned into his office.

Men who are reported to the dean of men's office for cutting in line at meal time are referred to the Association of Independent Men Judicial Board of Review for suggestions of punishment.

Frank J. Simes, dean of men, said this system of discipline was put into effect upon the request of the students.

Delta Sigma Pi Will Hold Dance

Delta Sigma Pi, professional business fraternity, will hold its annual "Rose of Delta Sig" dance from 9 p.m. to midnight tonight at Beta Sigma Rho.

Ossian R. MacKenzie, dean of the College of Business Administration, will present the annual award, an engraved cup, to the queen of the dance.

David H. McKinley, assistant dean of the College of Business Administration, Ralph H. Wherry, associate professor of insurance, and Eugene A. Myers, associate professor of economics, and adviser to the fraternity, will be the judges for the queen contest.

Cabinet--

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Academic Freedom Week Committee progress report when Cabinet members suggested the possibility of holding a symposium.

Projects suggested in the report were the proclamation of Academic Freedom Week, getting educational material in the Daily Collegian and on campus station WDFM, using display posters, and holding discussions at coffee hours, faculty luncheons, religious group meetings, and Future Teachers of America meetings.

Reading Tryouts Set

Preliminary tryouts for the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Interpretative Reading Festival will be held March 15. Students interested may sign up between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in 312 Sparks. Detailed instructions will be given at that time.

AIM Executive Veto Lauded by Simes

An executive veto for the Association of Independent Men would be an excellent way to prevent irresponsible legislation, in the opinion of Frank J. Simes, dean of men.

The addition of a veto power to the AIM constitution was

tentatively rejected at the Board of Governors meeting Feb. 23. It had been included in a constitution revision.

Final reading of the constitution will be held on Wednesday, Robert Dennis, AIM president, said. At that time the veto power, along with several minor changes, will be accepted, rejected, or amended.

Power of President

Simes said it is conceivable that, in the heat of argument, the board might pass some irresponsible legislation that the president, with his veto, would be able to delay.

It is stipulated in the revised constitution that the board could override the veto with a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Opponents to the incorporation of the veto power in the constitution have stated that they believe it would be unwise to place so much power in the hands of a single individual, who, in the years to come, might prove to be irresponsible.

Simes said he did not believe the veto would be used excessively, nor would tend to make the president too powerful.

The opposition also stated that the dean of men's office has virtual veto power over AIM legislation and that an executive veto power would be redundant.

In Answer

In answer to that, advocates of the addition of the veto pointed out that it would be wiser to present responsible legislation to the dean of men's office for approval rather than something hastily passed that might be rejected. The veto power, they stated, would tend to make the entire Association of Independent Men a more responsible group, and one more worthy of the respect of the administration.

Jacoby Wins Award

James Jacoby, fifth semester journalism major, was awarded the first industrial journalism award on Tuesday. The award, which consists of \$1000 to be applied to University fees, has been established by the Associated Editors Society of Pittsburgh to promote interest in the field of industrial journalism.

er could use a beard trim to make himself heard, and Denisof's wig is utterly out of place—with Centennial upon us, Players could have found someone with a real one.

Players should obviously confine themselves to less ambitious projects or take longer rehearsal periods: the results are too dire to warrant such little care.

Spring Week Groups
Groups entering Spring Week should elect a chairman and names should be turned in at the Student Union desk in Old Main by Tuesday noon Joseph Barnett, general chairman of Spring Week, has announced.

Four Members Of Faculty Granted Leaves

Four faculty members have been granted leaves of absence by the Board of Trustees.

An indefinite leave was approved for Leland H. Bull, county agricultural agent in Centre County, to enable him to accept a position as deputy secretary of agriculture of Pennsylvania.

Dr. J. Frank Cole, professor of bacteriology, will visit other universities and assemble material for a new course in systematic bacteriology and also will visit food research laboratories to study sterilization by irradiation methods from July 1 to Dec. 31.

Elwood F. Olver, associate professor of agricultural engineering, has been granted a leave from July 1, 1955, to June 30, 1956 to do graduate work at Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

Dr. Arthur H. Waynick, professor and head of the department of electrical engineering and director of the Ionosphere Research Laboratory, has been granted a month's leave of absence, from May 1 to May 31, to lecture at Cambridge University in England under a Guggenheim Fellowship.

'Medea'--

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woman of Corinth, delivers her lines with eloquence and great thought.

John Aniston, as Jason, seems totally bored with the proceedings. He manages to fluff enough of his lines to distract the audience, but he has nothing on the melodramatic moanings of Patricia Snyder and Louise Juele; Miss Juele, in particular, made about a third of her lines audible. Miss Snyder suddenly awakes when she has some lines, but not too often, and her make-up hardly helps.

Kenneth Cooper, as Creon, and Gerald Denisof, as Aegeus, also manage to lay notable eggs. Coop-

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