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## AIM Executive Veto: What's It Worth?

**Pro** If the Association of Independent Men decides tomorrow night it doesn't want an executive veto incorporated into its constitution, it will be stating publicly that it doesn't have confidence in its president.

AIM would surely be a weak organization if it did not respect the opinion of its chief executive enough to listen to his opinion concerning legislation that might ultimately affect 5800 men at the University.

The president, by definition of his office, is not allowed to enter into discussion before the board. But the president, also by right of his office, is in a position to know better what would be wisest for the association. He has a seat on All-University cabinet and visits weekly with the dean of men.

If, in the heat of argument, the Board of Governors passes some legislation the president feels is unwise and not in the best interest of the association, he would, if he were granted the veto power, be able to slow it down, if not stop it altogether.

The veto power, stated in the revised constitution to be vetoed on tomorrow night at the Board of Governors meeting, stipulates that the veto could be nullified by a two-thirds vote of the governors present.

AIM is one of the largest and best organized groups on this campus. It has enjoyed unparalleled growth during the last two years, James W. Dean, assistant to the dean of men, said recently. If AIM has grown in number, power, and influence, why, then shouldn't it grow in responsibility?

With the addition of the veto power, AIM would be given an opportunity to prove its maturity. It would be able to show that it knew how to use power effectively.

The AIM president should be trusted with a veto power, just as the All-University president, and the Woman's Student Government Association president, are.

—Jackie Hudgins

## Keep It Clean

Two months from tomorrow the 1955 version of Spring Week will begin. However, committees are right now planning the week's events.

To these committee members—who are representing the student body as they lay their plans—we direct a word of advice: simply, keep Spring Week in good taste.

This advice is passed on because of the mixed opinions as to the worth of Spring Week. Most of this opinion tends to favor the week because it provides an organized and creative outlet for spring enthusiasm and at the same time does worthwhile things, such as providing funds for scholarships.

Unfortunately, all these nice things can be easily over-shadowed by the critics who point out that poor taste often prevails over the entire show. Because people show a greater tendency to talk about the bad than the good, the ills which regularly appear in the carnival, and sometimes appear in the parade, are magnified to make the whole week seem in poor taste.

Cases in point, while usually being separated, are quite frequent, having to shut down a show because it does not meet ethical standards; stopping a group from participating because of the rowdy conduct of the members around the project; University officials not bringing visitors to the events for fear of embarrassment; the mortification to a girl, who a few weeks before had been given a high award, pictured doing an act of questionable taste.

Frankly, some students and the bulk of the University administration have taken a weary view of Spring Week antics. This, and we emphasize, does not mean the administration is against a Spring Week, but it means they dislike the trend the week has taken of late. Thus, it seems safe to conclude this year's Week must be a good one or there may be none next year.

We appeal to the committee men and women to lay their plans well. We hope the many students that work under these plans will follow this move for a good Spring Week; one in good taste.

## Gazette...

Today  
ANGEL FLIGHT, 7 p.m., Armory  
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 7 p.m., 218 Willard  
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 217 Willard  
COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., Business Office  
COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 103 Willard  
ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE STUDENT COUNCIL meeting has been canceled  
FRESHMAN COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., Commuters Room, Woman's Building  
NEWMAN CLUB, Daily Rosary, 4:30 p.m., Church  
NEWMAN CLUB, Bishop Sheen on TV, 8 p.m., Student Center  
PLAYERS COSTUME WORKSHOP, 7 p.m., Basement of Schwab  
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
John Arnold, Donald Baker, Stephen Behman, Richard

**Con** An executive veto for the Association of Independent Men boils down, in the long run, to a harmless enough provision, but an unnecessary one. It's doubtful if AIM ever has, or will pass any bill so revolutionary or detrimental that a presidential censor is needed before the bill is sent to the Dean of Men's office for approval.

It seems also, at this point, that rather misleading arguments are being used in favor of passing the veto.

Chief of these is the opinion of "advocates" that a veto power would indirectly produce a more responsible AIM, and hence a group more worthy of the respect of the administration. Such responsibility, supposedly, would be evidenced in "feasible, well thought out bills" sent to the Dean of Men's office for approval, or, as the case might be, in the absence of any illogical, hastily drawn up bills. Neither of which in the long run has much to do with the responsibility of AIM as a group.

For instance, suppose AIM came up with a bill fitting into the category of "hastily drawn up and unfeasible." Suppose further that the AIM president vetoed the bill. The bill, unless passed again by the group, would not show up in the Dean's office. This would inevitably result in the significant "absence" of such bills.

But this show of responsibility would be due to the AIM president, and in a few cases to conscientiousness on the part of the group.

Suppose even further that the Dean's office has an influx of AIM bills considered "well thought out" and reflecting group responsibility. Production of such bills could be attributed to an executive veto to this extent: a "rash" bill was proposed at one meeting, vetoed, and modified enough to pass at the second meeting.

Modification would most likely be due either to persuasion of the group on the part of the president to see his point of view or a determination of the group to pass a bill, in one form or another.

However, this does not constitute responsibility. It seems rather, to be a shrewd sort of conforming to administrative standards.

In short, an executive veto would not so much cultivate AIM responsibility as it would impress upon the group that they adjust their legislation to the AIM president's and administration's desires, or be just plain out of luck.

This does not necessarily mean the veto would be detrimental to the group. If its primary purpose is to make this sort of adjustment, then the veto is a harmonious adornment to the constitution.

But so far as increasing the value of the constitution, adornment is all the veto will be.

—Peggy McClain

## Safety Valve—

### On Medea - -

**TO THE EDITOR:** In Mr. Beau-Seigneur's pitiful attempt at being intelligent in Friday's Daily Collegian (review of Medea) he didn't do too badly—considering that he misspelled "Euripides" only twice. . . . He was also quite successful in changing the name of the Shakespearean heroine Ophelia to Orphelia. . . .

We would like to assure Mr. Beau-Seigneur that Players made a valiant attempt at securing marble steps, but the United Marble Workers of Italy were on strike at the time. We will agree with him, however, that stone doors should have been used. They probably wouldn't have "quivered with each opening." Had Players done a Passion Play, we would suppose that Mr. Beau-Seigneur, with his "cinemascope mind," would have liked to have seen real nails being used.

In short, with people like Joe Beau-Seigneur criticizing dramatic productions with evaluative criteria that should be employed for a cattle show, we cannot help but think that it is his species of intellectual cauti that is contributing the most to making Penn State the cultural desert that it is.

●Letter Cut

—Ken Williams

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Either spelling is correct. The misspelling of Ophelia was a typographical error.

### Student Conduct

**TO THE EDITOR:** I, for one am thoroughly ashamed of the student conduct in Rec Hall Wednesday night.

We have finally proved beyond a doubt to our city cousins what real farmers we are.

Jesse's (Arnelle) ovation was the only redeeming aspect of the entire game.

—Audrey Arbuckle

Brandt, James Byrne, Richard Coats, Colleen Daniels, Hana Gach, Robert Hackman, Marcia Hammel, Carole Hite, Irene Jacob, Lawrence Lillecoch, William Murray, Norman Paul, Marcia Ripper, Jane Schrope, Joyce Stark.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Well, one word led to another and then I foolishly said, 'Professor Snarf, if your ideas are so red hot why aren't YOU out after one of those \$25,000 a year jobs instead of teaching school?'"

### Some More HUB

## Impressions

By DIEHL McKALIP

### YES, THE HUB WILL OPEN—

Despite many delays and resettings of the opening day, the Hetzel Union Building will open. The magic date is firmly set at Tuesday, March 15, and George Donovan, the genial proprietor, is determined to make it stick.

The current week is one of practice for the staff of the building of educational pleasure as the day crew experiments with its ability to handle the crowds and the night crew tries to see if it can clean up after them. Sunday, the building braves the masses when the HUB is open for inspection by students.

Probably the biggest test run this week is in the food service area. Some 600 students and faculty and staff members have been invited to be "guinea pigs" and take their noon meals in the Terrace Room for 25 cents a day.

Behind this pilot group is the desire by food service to get the serving technique, called the hollow square, down to maximum efficiency. The principle is for the customers to get their eating utensils from an area in the middle and then dart to the counters on three sides for what they want.

As it was described by R. C. Proffitt, manager of the food stores and food buyer, "If you can reach it, it is your turn to put it on your tray."

Some slowness the first day of the experiment was attributed to the fact that many of the pilot group are taking advantage of the low price for "all they can eat."

It is always the unexpected that puts the spark into an opening like yesterday's. The trays, vital to cafeteria type service, did not arrive the first of the month as expected. It seems they were shipped by railroad freight, a tough way to get to State College and University Park. Food service finally had to go get some by truck.

Although the food is billed as the same as that being served in the dormitory dining halls, it tasted differently. This can probably be credited to the lush surroundings and to coed dining. It even made the HUB-long line seem fast.

The crowning blow from the first-day users came when one of the students, in the mad fit of darts to and from counters, dashed to the display area and took his cake from there.

### CENTENNIAL PLUG—

Currently there are two Centennial projects underway: a beard growing competition and a Centennial song contest. This is by way of a short plug for both.

It is too early to gauge results on the song contest with the deadline not till the end of the month. However, the beard contest seems to be falling down. So far only about 16 men have entered the latter event.

We wonder what happened to all those stalwarts who defended man's right to grow chin foliage a month ago. Sign up at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

## Dickinson College Honors Professor

Dr. Philip S. Klein, professor of American history and head of the department of history, has been honored at Dickinson College, Carlisle, for his research on the life of James Buchanan, United States president from 1856 to 1860.

Invited to deliver the Boyd Lee Spahr lecture at Dickinson on the subject, "James Buchanan at Dickinson," Dr. Klein at the close of the program was presented a Sartain engraving of Buchanan.

Dr. Klein is writing a biography of President Buchanan who was Pennsylvania's only president.

### Ag Council to Meet

Agriculture Student Council will meet at 7:30 tonight in 103 Agriculture.

The finals of the Paul I. Gulden agriculture speaking contest will be heard.

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES  
7:25 Sign On  
7:30 Dramatic Presentation  
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 Thought for the Day

Now's the time to ask her to the . . .

# AIM-LEONIDES SPRING DANCE

Friday, March 18, 8:30-12:00 p.m. TICKETS ON SALE AT STUDENT UNION DESK - INFORMAL - \$2.50 per Couple Music by Johnny Nicolosi