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## Ask the Seniors!

Let's ask the seniors how they want their graduation run. The answer to ending this squabble over whether an alternate indoor ceremony is needed or even wanted lies with the candidates for degrees for whom the commencement exercises are being staged.

For this reason, senior class president Donald Balthaser should call a real meeting of the Class of 1955. For a change the class will have an issue of common interest to settle, and the meeting will not be called just to fulfill the requirements of the constitution.

University officials have stated they are looking into the possibility of an indoor ceremony if the weather is not merely inclement but extreme. They are trying to give everyone a chance to attend the program even if they have to sit in the rain.

Part of the neglect of an alternate ceremony in Recreation Hall, in addition to the space limitations and the difficulty in equipping it since Beaver Field is going to be already set up, stems from the administration's interpretation of the student attitude. University officials and Balthaser have said seniors indicate they prefer to shoot the works outdoors because they would not want to have to select two of their guests to go inside.

We doubt this prevalence of opinion since students we have contacted seem to have no difficulty in selecting their parents to accompany them to the exercises. This sample even seems ready to do without any guests if they can only have an assurance of a formal ceremony to cap their degree work.

Extreme weather is not inconceivable, and the decision to make no indoor plans should not be decided by administration officials, a few representative students, or occasional comment.

There is need for a real class meeting. Then the wishes of the seniors, comprising the bulk of candidates for degrees, can be determined.

## On Segregation

If the United States Supreme Court plays footsie with southern states any more, it will soon be 100 years since the races were declared equal with nothing having been done to implement it.

The deplorable practice of imposing on minority groups has long been a weakness in the country and currently seems to be the favorite pastime in the South. Resistance to the ending of school segregation still exists despite the Supreme Court decision banning it. The question now is the implementation.

While anti-segregation agencies urge a 90-day limit on the preparation of plans to stop segregation, lawyers for Southern interests have asked the Court to "fix no date and give no criteria to the lower courts for guidance." At first this seems a reasonable request, since it is admittedly difficult to reorganize a social system within three months.

Closer appraisal, however, reveals this to be another attempt to save a way of life that supposedly ended with the treaty closing the Civil War action. If plans have not been made through the years to treat all citizens on a common level, the chaos of a forced deadline may be the only answer to settling the issue once and for all.

The Supreme Court has said there shall be

## Money Granted To University

The University has been named as one of the 15 colleges and universities awarded a total of 16 Stanolind Foundation fellowships for graduate study for the 1955-56 academic year. The fellowship offered is in petroleum engineering.

Each fellowship grants \$1500 and pays tuition and fees. An additional \$500 grant is allowed geology fellows for summer field work.

Selection of fellows will be made by the University. Students interested in applying may consult their department heads.

Fellowships granted by Stanolind are unrestricted, and fellows retain full rights to results of their study and research. Acceptance of a fellowship in no way binds the fellow to subsequent employment by Stanolind.

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## 11 Soviet Editors Slated to Visit 8 U.S. Schools

The Institute for International Education has announced eight American colleges and universities to be visited by 11 Soviet editors arriving in this country Tuesday.

Other schools will be added to the itinerary if they agree to receive the Russians. They are the first non-diplomatic Soviet delegation to tour America coast to coast with U.S. government approval since 1946.

The editors, all men, call themselves a "student" delegation although their ages range from 26 to 39. Eight of the 11 hold senior editing positions with publishing houses, newspapers, or magazines whose publications are designed for college students.

The University was not on the itinerary of the Soviet group.

Fifty-one years ago this year the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity men were quarantined in their house because of scarlet fever.

## The Vote Will Tell

The revote for Athletic Association officers Monday may prove a good test of men students' interest in AA.

Voting for AA officers has always been done during All-University elections; as is to be expected, AA votes were generally as heavy as the male All-University vote.

This does not mean, necessarily, that men voted for AA officers just because they were voting for other positions. However, Monday's turnout for the voting will show whether an AA ballot can draw any interest on its own merits.

The AA was wise to make void its March ballots after learning that women possibly took part in the voting. The association also has set up a poll schedule that should make participation in Monday's elections convenient.

If the interest is there, men will not be inconvenienced by the revote.

The situation that forced the revote may prove to be less unfortunate than it seems. Results of the balloting will show just how strong a backing AA has among men students.

—Peggy McClain

## A Small Request

Once again Alpha Phi Omega has taken up the annual fight for grass on campus. Unfortunately APhiO members are usually the only ones who pay any attention to the campaigns, but the group must be commended for trying time after time.

This year, the men produced some ingenious signs begging, warning, and threatening students to keep off the grass and to stop using unpaved paths across campus lawns.

The signs are drawing much attention from passers-by. But the grass is still drawing pedestrians who are in a little too big a rush to stay on the sidewalks.

APhiO has gone to a lot of trouble to post these signs over campus. The men have not done this simply because they enjoy painting signs. They are doing a job that should be shared by the entire population at the University.

It's time University residents gave in and for once paid heed to what is really a very small request. Just keep off the grass. This is not too much to ask.

—P.M.

## Gazette...

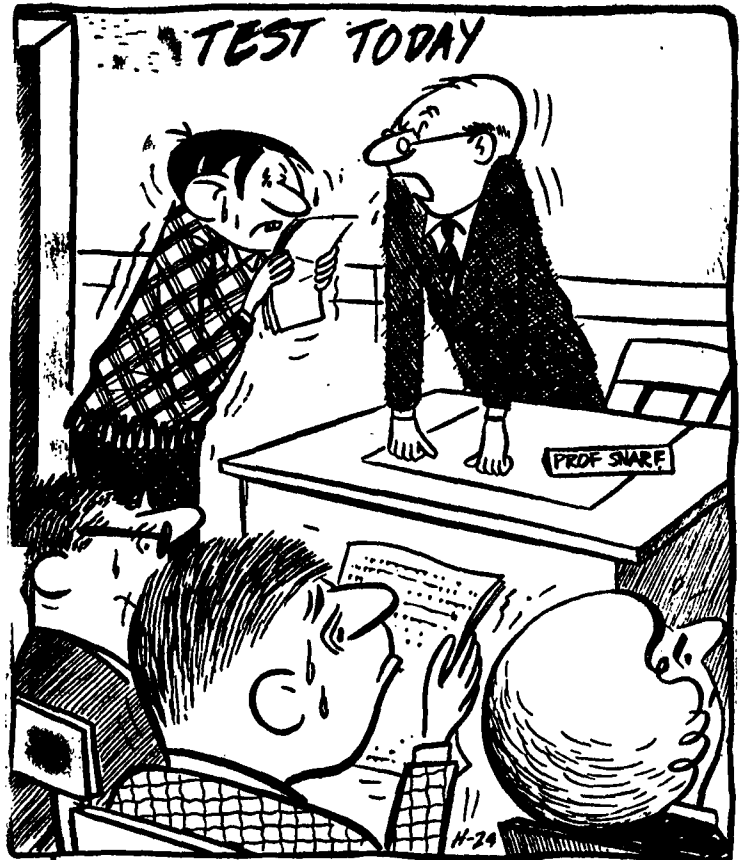
Today  
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main  
NEWMAN CLUB, DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Church  
NEWMAN CLUB, SPRING FLING, 8 p.m., Student Center  
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT, CAMP INTERVIEWS, 112 Old Main, Camps: Conrad Weiser, April 21; Menatoma, April 22, 23; Kon-o-Kee, April 23; Sinking Creek, April 28, 29.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
Marjory Blank, Sally Collins, Franklin Cortese, Judith Goodrich, Harold Hawley, Richard Johnson, Sanford Lichtenstein, Marvin Margulies, Naomi Mermel, Arthur Mitchell, William Oliver, Kaye Oplinger, Edward Pasko, Barry Pifer, John Sensenig, Bernard Strope.

no segregation in the schools and it is the duty of this body to see that its decision is effected. It cannot be done by allowing the South to delay this transition further.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"—Just what it says—'If ..... of ..... what ..... is .....?' If you had read the assignment, that question would be perfectly clear."

## The Philing Station

By PHIL AUSTIN

Apathy is something everyone can talk about but no one can cure. Each year politicians—especially those on campus—and government leaders seek cures for the disease but the disease continues despite their heavy thought. Thought on the subject is important, but only if the underlying reasons for the disease of apathy can be analyzed.

This year on campus a symptom of the disease has come into focus for the first time—"constitutionalism." Every organization seems to be more concerned with the contents of its constitution than with other immediate problems facing it. This may be due to the fact that the immediate problems are complex and the organizations wish to avoid complex problems if at all possible.

It may also be due to the fact that these organizations realize their incapability of handling such problems, since the problems affect not only themselves but other agencies, such as the University administration, and neither can find footing on equal ground to solve these problems. Student government is not sovereign. It can rule, but it is unable to reign.

This failure to solve immediate problems creates a frustration with the students. This frustration tempers into a slow disgruntlement. As more examples of failure to solve problems are made, this disgruntlement with student government erupts into apathy: "What can they do, anyway?"

Student government is controlled by the administration to the extent that the Senate Committee on Organization Control has the power to recommend charters for all campus organizations. And a student organization cannot operate without a charter.

Often the gravest problems facing students are such that the best their highest student government body can do is to recommend something to the administration. The administration need not accept these recommendations. This means that student government at its highest, most refined level is nothing more than a sounding board of both the general student body and the administration. This weakens All-University Cabinet in the eyes of the students. Since the epitome of student government is weakened in students' eyes, how can other organizations gain respect?

But of course, apathy isn't restricted just to campuses. We see the furor of government rage about us continually, locally, in the State, in the national government, and internationally. Yet a minority of persons understand the organization of these govern-

mental agencies or care to understand why existing conditions prevail.

We live at a tremendously fast pace. It's the nature of the society in which we live. Therefore, we have eliminated all but the necessities from our lives. This explains why government in general has fallen from the public's view and why students in certain curriculums naturally aren't expected to participate in government while at college. However, if students do not participate in government in college, in a type of laboratory government, will they participate in the real McCoy once they end their formal education?

The philosophy of the American system of government is predicted upon the belief that the public will exercise the proper controls upon government, and the government will respond in the manner desired by the majority of the public. However, government by specialists—such as students have at the University—now is the thing, since specialists seem to be the only ones who seem to know anything about government.

## AA Election Booth Located in HUB

Voting for Athletic Association officers will be held at the Hetzel Union Building only, Ronald Weidenhammer, AA president said yesterday.

Originally, it was planned to have a second voting booth at the corner of the Mall and Pollock road, near the bulletin board. This was ruled out, however, because of the possibility of students voting twice.

The revote will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday. Men must show their matriculation cards to vote. Names will be checked off a master list.

The revote was called because women reportedly voted in the first election held last month.

## Tonight on WDFM

94.1 MEGACYCLES  
7:35 ..... Sign On  
7:38 ..... Starlight Serenade  
9:00 ..... Weekly News Roundup  
10:30 ..... Thought for the Day