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Some Know One, Who Knows 300?

Independent men are undoubtedly as friendly as anyone else, but we doubt if even the most gregarious lists 300 other indies among his acquaintances.

Yet unless an independent man is "in the know" with someone on the Association of Independent Men's board of governors he must fulfill such a requirement to run for an AIM office.

The AIM constitution states that nominations for AIM offices may be made by any member of the board of governors or by an independent man presenting a petition to the board signed by 300 male independents.

This in the constitution of a group which continually cries for new blood and more interest on the part of its constituents.

The 300-signature petition requirement for self-nomination is grossly unfair to the independent students. It virtually puts the power to choose the government in the hands of a fraction of the thousands of indies. Under it the board of governments becomes AIM itself, perpetuating its boys and shutting out all others.

Unless one is a member of the board or close to a member, he has no chance to try for an office. To obtain the signatures of 300 male independents may be possible for one man to do,

but we doubt if it ever has or will be done by one man.

Any fraternity man who has run for an Interfraternity Council office can verify the fact that to contact 50 house presidents to gain their support is a trying task. The difficulty in reaching 300 individuals is difficult to conceive. We cannot imagine a man who could claim that many acquaintances who could authoritatively attest to his qualities for office.

So why require a man to present so many signatures? To make sure that he is really serious in his quest for office? Safeguards must be taken, of course, to screen out jokers, but the present requirement is unreasonable and serves to discourage worthy office seekers.

Or is that what the AIM board of governors wants—only its boys on the ticket? In fairness, we must say that we do not think so, but that is what the 300-signature requirement serves to do.

If AIM really wants more independents to take an active interest in its affairs it should move soon to eliminate this unfair, unrealistic self-nomination requirement from its constitution. Otherwise it will surely continue to struggle along as a largely ignored body perpetuated only by a few zealots.

—Mike Miller

IV. Culture: Draw Your Own Conclusion

In trying to write an ending to these articles on culture we have found ourselves at a loss because there seems to be no real conclusion. How can we hope to cure ills many students do not consider to be ills at all? Aren't we expecting too much if we encourage more and more organizations to bring more and more of the intelligencia onto the campus if some of what is brought here already is given a cold reception?

The answer is obvious. We can "do" nothing except serve to stimulate the undergraduate's mind, to make him take stock, if he will, of his own cultural status.

If he chooses to ignore us he can write his own "culture conclusion." He can take his diploma and never have to sit through another lecture in his life. He can go to any movie he feels like and never have to listen to another classical record.

He will be a "university" graduate, but if being a university graduate means no more to him than a set of adequate grades and a cer-

tificate of course completion we can not tell him he is spoiling the connotation of "university" graduate.

But maybe the words "university" graduate are not supposed to have the lofty meaning we have come to associate with them. And maybe our questionable student is perfectly within his rights to usurp all the benefits that go along with holding membership in this hitherto exclusive group of educated individuals without having to uphold its traditional standards. These standards themselves may have sunk to be but meaningless stereotypes; and we may not be within our rights to criticize our graduates for ignoring them. These standards may even have been replaced with far better and more useable ones. We don't know.

All these things we say, not because we expect a sudden awakening to mass action, but to make the student formulate his own "culture conclusion" based on what he has found to be generally true and what he knows of himself to be specifically certain.

—Jackie Hudgins

Tell It to the Six Dead Marines

The six Marines who died as the result of an infamous night march through a Parris Island swamp were the victims of murder.

This is the only conclusion we can draw from reports of the tragedy.

Who is guilty? Is it S/Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon, who led 75 Marines into the swamp as a disciplinary measure? Is it the military system and the military leader who allow such inhuman actions to take place?

It is both. McKeon showed an obvious callous thoughtlessness, a grotesque misuse of authority, and an appalling lack of judgment in marching the men into unfamiliar territory.

But the Marines—and the United States government—cannot escape blame for the tragedy. They allowed McKeon to gain a position of responsibility in which he could, without asking, march his boys to their deaths. (The six Marines, incidentally, were young: two were 17, three were 18, another was 20. McKeon is

30. And they were new to the Marines, too. Basic training had started only six weeks before the march).

"My purpose in taking the platoon to the river," McKeon said later, "was to teach them discipline."

Instead, he taught America something of the way the Marines apparently operate.

We suspect that America has a lot more to learn about this. How many other civilians-turned-soldiers have been subjected to negligent, dangerous, needless chances such as this? How many others have been injured with the cases hushed up? How long will this method of discipline teaching be tolerated by our military leaders and by the public?

"I can't find words to express my grief," McKeon said. High Marine brass also expressed deep regrets.

Sympathetic words will not soften the blow. But angry words, coming from an aroused public, may prevent future tragedies.

—The Editor

Gazette

- Today
- DAILY COLLEGIAN Business Staff Senior Board, 7 p.m., 111 Carnegie
- HOME ART INTEREST GROUP, 7 p.m., 224 Home Economics
- NEWMAN CLUB Discussion, 7:30 p.m., 304 Old Main
- NEWMAN CLUB Legion of Mary, 8:30 p.m., Student Center
- NEWMAN CLUB TV Party, 8 p.m., Student Center
- PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 214 Hetzel Union

University Hospital

Harold Albrecht, Jean Bodman, Robert Bohning, Ralph Brower, George Carrick, Mikel Cohick, George Dishong, Frederick Greenleaf, Chester James, Robert Jubelirer, Morton Kaplan, Richard Liedt, John McDermott, Andrew Marezki, Patricia Moyer, Albert Orr, Michael Ott, David Patterson, Terry Rebe, James Robinson, Phyllis Rubenstein, James Sahlin, James Seastone, James Strucher, Richard Wolford, Roy Vollmer, Francis Walls, Lawrence Speck, Joseph Dudek, and Russell MacNamee.

Angel Flight Applications Available at HUB Desk

Coeds interested in applying for membership in Angel Flight may pick up applications today, tomorrow, and until 5 p.m. Saturday at the Hetzel Union desk.

Students interested in applying should have a 2.3 All-University average. Coeds will be chosen by present Angel Flight members on the basis of beauty, personality, and interest in Air Force activities.

62 Cows Are Drawn For Show Competition

A total of 62 cows, one of the largest number ever listed, was drawn Thursday night by contestants for fitting and showing competition in the annual Dairy Exposition on May 12.

A limited number of cows are still available for use. Transportation to the barns began Monday night.

WSGA Representatives Vote to Meet Weekly

The Women's Student Government Association House has voted to meet every week instead of every other week.

Margaret Forster, president of the House, asked members to remind coeds to put donations in the boxes in hostesses' offices for the WSGA Clothing Drive, which closes Friday. Clothing collected will be sent overseas by the Friends Church.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"But Hortense, are you sure this is what Worthal meant when he said, 'Meet me at Chapel'?"

Middle East Stew

To Calm Fedayeen Is Nasser's Problem

By J. M. Roberts
Associated Press News Analyst

One of the dangers in the Middle East is that Gen. Nasser, having stirred up the Fedayeen, suicidal avenging bands of Palestine refugees, may not be able to lull them again regardless of United Nations pressure.

Arab refugee hatred of the Israelites, which also encompasses the United States because she sponsored Israel's creation, is one of the bitterest things on this earth today.

Nasser has been using it, playing on Moslem fear of Israel, hoping to solidify the Arab states with himself as their leader.

The great danger lies in the fact that Israel cannot forever permit the deep penetrations of her soil—or at least soil which she claims—without gradually losing her ability for defense in an ultimate time of critical need.

These Fedayeen raids are mostly just that—raids. But nobody knows how much actual infiltration is taking place, not only for the purpose of getting fifth columns started, but also to establish bands of saboteurs and guerrillas for future reference.

These raids, or penetrations, have heightened Israeli talk of a preventive war. Indeed, faced with progressing Communist arming of countries which possess overwhelming manpower, such a war might become a matter of national survival. Despite all her pleas for arms, reliable estimates still credit Israel with the ability to do now what she might never be able to do again—whip her enemies before they can get set.

By attempting it, she would be ignoring the fears of the world that war in the Middle East would eventually become universal. But since that is not definite, and the Arab threat is, Israel might try to take care of today, letting tomorrow take care of itself.

Nobody knows just what arguments United Nations Secretary General Hammarskjold is using in his current discussion on the ground. One thing he does not have, however, is what a great many think offers the only stop-gap solution, pending fundamental settlements. That is notice from the Western Big Three, acting in concert, that a war will just not be permitted.

The reason such a warning is being withheld is that the Arabs would consider it a pre-judgment of their aspirations and a decision by the West that they are in the wrong.

American officials, at least, think this would hamper UN efforts to re-establish the violated armistice pending political settlements.

The British, who have so often

held back for very similar reasons when the United States preferred firmer action against Russia, favor the more direct approach. They think it will be impossible to get the UN to undertake in the Middle East another police action such as it undertook in Korea.

Aid to Be Given To 3 Ag Projects By Industry Grants

Three research projects in the College of Agriculture will be aided by grants from industry and other agencies.

The Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. has provided a \$5000 grant in support of a study in the departments of poultry husbandry and agricultural engineering. It will be directed by Dr. Glenn O. Bressler, professor of poultry husbandry.

A grant of \$3700 for a two-year period from the Pennsylvania Flower Growers' Association will support research in the department of horticulture. Dr. John G. Seeley, professor of floriculture, directs the work.

The American Potash Institute has provided \$2000 for a study in the department of agronomy. It is directed by Charles D. Jeffries, professor of soil technology.

Exams Added To Finals List

The following additions have been made to the spring semester final exam schedule by the Registrars Office.

- Ag Ec 1 May 28 8 105 Mech Eng and 219 EE
- Ag Ec 6 May 26 1:10 105 WH
- LA 21 June 1 1:10 312 Spks
- Min Ec 490 By app't
- HI Equip 213 June 1 7 p.m. 100 Weaver
- Rur Soc 11 May 28 8 105 For and 305 Spks
- HI Ed 303 May 28 8 See List
- Ed 1 May 26 7 p.m. 1, 2, 3 CH
- 100 Weaver, 105 For and 112 BL
- Int Und 300 June 1 8 316 Spks

Collegian Business Staff

Daily Collegian Senior Board business staff will meet at 7 tonight in 11 Carnegie.