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Cabinet Passes Motion To Apply for License

All-University Cabinet last night unanimously passed a motion to recommend that the University apply for a license for the installation of a non-commercial student AM radio station.

The motion read: "The All-University Cabinet recommends to the President of the University and to the Board of Trustees that they, if it be deemed feasible, carefully consider the obtaining of a license for the operation of a 100-watt student AM station financing the cost of licensing, erecting, and putting into operation the same from funds formerly allocated for a student press, not to exceed \$21,000.

Leonard Richards, All-University secretary-treasurer, placed the motion on the floor of Cabinet although it had not been scheduled in the Cabinet agenda.

Jerome Radosh, alternate for Lash Howes, president of the Association of Independent Men, explained to Cabinet that the Federal Communications Commission has regular requirements for all radio stations. Regulations are more limiting for AM stations, he said.

According to FCC regulations an AM station of 250 watts or more must broadcast three quarters of its allotted time. Stations may be licensed for daylight, night time, or both.

Radosh said that, according to FCC rules, a station of 100 watts would not be required to broadcast any specified number of hours, but could operate on a part time basis. The number of hours would have to be scheduled on a regular basis, however, Radosh explained.

Robert Martz, chairman of the Board of Dramatics and Forensics, asked whether the plan would include the continuation of WDFM, the present FM campus radio station.

Radosh said that WDFM would be continued if it seemed feasible considering the expense of maintenance and operation and if the station would be considered a necessity.

George L. Donovan, director of associated student activities, said "WDFM is speaking into a dead mike." He added that coverage by an AM station would leave little need for an FM station.

Samuel Walcott, Cabinet parliamentarian, asked if the plan includes the present WDFM facilities and staff and the system of coordination with the speech department.

Radosh also stated that transponders and like equipment have recently been declared illegal by the FCC. Therefore, the University will never have an FM conversion system in effect, he said.

The University has been attempting to install transponders in dormitories since the spring semester of 1954. It has not been completely successful in setting up the transponder system. The transponders are installed to convert the FM signals to AM through the power supply so that students may pick up WDFM on their AM radios.

Walcott asked if the transmitter used by WDFM could be converted to AM, saving the University some initial expense. Radosh said this could be feasible, and might save some cost. However, he said, it would be impossible to decide until the actual conversion is made.

Radosh said the plan allows for the changing of transmitters, but is not planned to be a large scale operation. He said the basic difference will come in students' ability to hear the University radio station on AM sets.

The plan, according to Radosh, allows for the maintenance expenses to be taken from the student fee subsidy. WDFM is at present financed by student fees, 25 cents each semester from each student.

In discussing costs Richards stated that engineering and legal fees for the application of the license would cost about \$1000. This would include an engineering survey and the services of a lawyer.

According to the plan \$15,000 would be used for the initial construction and equipment, and

\$5000 would be set aside for future expansion costs.

The student press fund, amounting to \$25,000, was donated to the University by the classes of 1949, 1950, and 1951. The three classes combined their class gifts for a student press.

The student press would be set up so that publications at the University would be printed at the University on its own press rather than at printing and publishing companies as it is done at present. Publications such as The Daily Collegian, Froth, and other campus magazines and papers would have been printed on the student press if it had been set up.

It was later termed unfeasible to buy or use a student press at the University, so the three class gifts have remained in the form of United States Government bonds.

The Board of Trustees must approve the spending of any class gift money. Before the student press fund could be used for an AM station the board would have to approve the expenditure.

Radosh said that files for the Cabinet Radio Committee show that at least 20 other colleges have AM radio stations and have had them for a number of years.

He said that the committee's feeling was that the University is behind other schools of comparable size in broadcasting facilities. He said it also felt that there should be increased communications on campus, that a radio station would broaden the educational horizons for the students by bringing news, special events, and culture to the ears of the students.

A student FM radio station has not been brought to the University yet because of a lack of adequate funds, Radosh said.

Suggestions by the radio committee were based on detailed information from about 20 colleges and universities which at present are operating radio stations.

Committee members consulted representatives from the FCC.

Enrollment of 12,500 Expected for Next Fall

An enrollment of approximately 12,500 students is anticipated for the fall semester, according to C. O. Williams, dean of admissions.

Williams said that 200 or 300 more than this figure might cause some crowding, and the University might feel that it should take more than the 12,500 they have expected to enroll.

He explained that the number of freshman applications received to date was an in-

crease of 34 per cent over those received at this time last year. He added that the University was not required to take any quota of students, but they tried to take as many as possible. If the 12,500 figure is maintained the freshman class will contain 2000 men and 650 women.

Estimated Transfer Students
Williams said that estimates had been set up regarding the number of students who would be transferring from other colleges and from centers of the University.

From other colleges 400 men and 125 women are expected to transfer to the University, and from its centers 550 men and 200 women are expected.

More freshman students are accepted than there is space for, Williams said, to allow for the large number that would change their college choice over the summer.

Speaking of students attending the University, the dean cited a retention study made earlier in the year, which has shown that approximately 20 per cent of the men and 15 per cent of the women enrolled in the fall semester of one year will not return a year later.

Overall retention has been rising due to more careful screening of freshmen, he said, and this might mean that the University would not lose as many students this year.

Last year the University retained 76 per cent of its students as compared to the 72 of the previous year.

Of the trend toward a larger enrollment in the future, Williams said, the admissions office had predicted they would take 15,000 students in 1960, but looking over the number of applications for the fall semester he felt the figure would be closer to 17,000.

Temperatures Reached Record Low Yesterday

Yesterday a temperature of 26 degrees was recorded, the lowest temperature ever recorded here in the month of May, according to students in the department of meteorology.

Clearing and warmer weather is forecast for today, with a high of 60 and a low of 45.

750 Male Students 'Parade' on Campus

By JANE KLEIN

In utter disappointment due to the cancellation of the Armed Forces Day parade, approximately 750 Reserve Officer Training Corps members satisfied their desire to march, performing for Thompson Hall coeds in the West Dorm quadrangle last night.

The Armed Forces Day parade was permanently cancelled yesterday afternoon because of rain. Relieved paraders promptly hung up their ROTC uniforms.

At 5:45 p.m., a prankster, impersonating Col. Richard F. Reidy, commander of the Army ROTC, telephoned WMAJ that the parade would be held in spite of rain. Announcer Steven Fishbein repeatedly announced the change in plans over the air from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Many ROTC members donned their uniforms.

At 6 p.m. Col. Reidy called the station and declared the parade officially cancelled.

But 200 West Dorm students were disturbed to the point of distraction by the change. They marched down the Mall to the beat of an absconded Blue Band drum, and after congregating in front of the WMAJ station, began screaming, "We want Fishbein."

When Fishbein didn't appear, the group returned to the campus and headed for the Nittany-Pollock area.

With membership now exceeding 500, the paraders were halted by warnings from Frank J. Simes, dean of men, and Lash Howes, president of the Association of Independent Men, in front of the Mall bulletin board.

They disbanded and excitement subsided temporarily.

In fifteen minutes, the campus peace again was broken. Fire alarms shrieked in the West Halls dorm area, and over 1000 shouting male students cast longing glances at the facade of Thompson Hall, with bolted doors pre-

11 to Receive Senior Honors On Class Night

Five men and six women will be presented senior class honors at the annual senior class night exercises which will be held June 8 in Schwab Auditorium.

The honors include a male and female class donor, spoon man, barrel man, cane man, pipe man, bow girl, slipper girl, fan girl, class poet, and mirror girl.

Seniors voted for the students who will receive the honors from a list of 21 women and 23 men when they obtained their copies of LaVie. Voting was held Tuesday, Wednesday, and yesterday. Seniors also voted for their choice of a senior class gift at that time. The award winners will be announced at the class night ceremonies. The nominees were selected by the senior class night committee, headed by Walter Cron, in conjunction with the Senior Class Advisory Board.

Women eligible for the awards included Carolyn Cunningham, Patricia Farrell, Judith Pendleton, Ann Lederman, Sally McKnight, Joanne Caruso, Patricia Douthett, Sylvia Fish, Pauline Paulekas, Constance Anderson, Marilyn Fischer, Judith Sedor, Martha McDonald, Janet Feaster, Mary Buchanan, Ruth Kronenwetter, Joan Zeigler, Delite Hoops, (Continued on page two)

Declared Cancelled

Things Quieted Down

Receives No Advance

Diplomatic Consultation

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Red China Recognition Feared

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—United States officials today began looking into the possibility that other nations in the nine-member Arab League may follow Egypt's lead in recognizing Red China.

They fear this will happen and they presumably intend to bring diplomatic pressures to prevent it if possible.

The Egyptian decision to establish formal diplomatic relations with the Communist regime at Peiping was announced yesterday without any advance notice to Washington.

The State Department refrained from open criticism of the action—especially since Allied countries like Britain have recognized the Chinese Reds for several

years. Nevertheless, there was a feeling in the department that the Egyptian action considerably tightens that country's ties with the Communist bloc and will make future Egyptian-American relations possibly more difficult.

Problems of United States relations with Egypt are now under consideration in the National Security Council. There were reports that they were discussed today at a meeting of the Council over which President Dwight D. Eisenhower presided.

This afternoon Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Hussein spent an hour of consultation with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on what he told reporters were matters of "common interest" to both countries.

Hussein said he made the appointment with Dulles several

days ago—before the Red China recognition announcement—because he was about to go home to Cairo for consultations and he wanted information on the latest American thinking on various problems.

He said that he had not had advance notice of his government's recognition of Communist China. American officials also reported that U.S. Ambassador Henry Byroade had been given no advance word.

The action did not create surprise here, however. For some weeks, as Egypt's commercial relations with Red China developed, Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser refused in conversation with Byroade to rule out the possibility.

Of the 76 members in the United Nations about 25 have so far granted recognition to Red China.

Journalism Society Taps Ten Coeds

Theta Sigma Phi, national women's journalism honorary society, tapped ten new members at 6:45 a.m. today.

The tappers, along with the old members, attended a breakfast at 7:15 this morning in the Alpha Chi Omega suite.

To be eligible for membership in Theta Sig coeds must be enrolled in the School of Journalism or the department of home economics journalism and have a 2.5 All-University average as well as a 3.0 journalism average. Coeds must also be active in journalism activities to be eligible.

Tappers include Pauline Metz, Mary Dorman, Lillian Wright, Joan Creitz, Alberta Hoffman, Thelma Grossholtz, Claire Murray, Anita Lynch, Nancy Shwalter, and Evelyn Onsa.