

AIM Junks 'Direct Voting,' Substitute Representative Plan

By LARRY JACOBSON

In a two hour and forty minute meeting punctuated by procedural questions, the Association of Independent Men Board of Governors voted, 20-6, against including a "directed vote" clause in their newly revised constitution.

The new constitution, minus the voting clause and with a few minor changes, was then approved unanimously.

Mother To Testify In Baby Case

State police will present its evidence today against Elizabeth Ann Kerstetter, 27, of 121 1/2 Logan Ave., State College, who is being charged with murder and concealment of the death of an illegitimate child.

Miss Kerstetter will appear before Justice of the Peace Guy B. Mills on a charge of murdering her new-born baby Oct. 2 and placing it in a shallow grave behind Nittany Lion Inn.

The woman has been confined in Centre County jail, Bellefonte, since last Thursday. She was apprehended by state police at the Inn where she worked as a salad girl in the kitchen.

Mills said the hearing tomorrow will be to determine if there is enough evidence against Miss Kerstetter to bring the case before county court.

The State College woman was apprehended five days after the body of the male infant was discovered lying on the ground behind the Inn by Walter Stone, a dishwasher, of Port Matilda. Police theorized that the body was dragged from its crude grave by a small animal.

Police said further investigation into the case is being postponed until after today's hearing. They said the complete autopsy report has not yet been received from Dr. Anacleto Hermogenes, Williamsport pathologist, who examined the body soon after it was found.

Police said they do not know yet whether the infant was killed before it was buried or whether it was buried alive. A trooper of the Rockview detail said a search for the father of the child is also awaiting outcome of the hearing.

Young GOP's to Hear Mid-East Policy Talk

The Young Republican Club will meet at 7 tonight in 212 Hetzel Union.

A speaker from Jordan will talk on "The Effect of the United States' Middle East Foreign Policy."

Rade Convicted of Forgery; Committed to Psych Hospital

Centre County Court has ordered Stephen Rade, former sophomore from Philadelphia, to be committed to a psychiatric hospital after he and an accomplice were convicted yesterday on a forgery charge.

Rade and Stephen Schulman, also of Philadelphia but not a student, pleaded guilty before Judge William W. Litke to forging and passing about 10 checks worth \$15 each in the State College area during October.

Rade was charged with aiding and abetting forgery and violating the firearms code by filing identification numbers from a pistol. Schulman was charged with forgery.

Litke ruled the sentences of the youths be deferred and that the two be committed to the Philadelphia Psychiatric Hospital at the expense of their parents.

Litke said examinations by several psychiatrists showed that both Rade and Schulman had "anti-social behavior patterns." The judge said the two will be confined to the institution for a "substantially long period of time."

Litke said Rade and Schulman will be confined subject to control and further orders of the court.

If approved, the voting clause would have forbid the AIM president to vote in direct opposition to a stated policy of the board, at an All-University Cabinet meeting.

Immediately following the decision on directed voting, the board defeated a motion by James Goodwin to delete the phrase stating the president shall represent AIM on Cabinet. Goodwin said he made the motion because he felt the president would not be representing the board if he voted against the board's wishes. This would be hypocritical, he said.

At the same time, Thomas Shiels, West Halls representative, moved that if the president vetoed a board policy on a certain issue, and the board overrode the veto with a two-thirds majority, the president should not sit on Cabinet when that issue was being discussed. Instead, Shiels said the president should appoint a member of the majority opinion to sit on Cabinet.

Morgan ruled the motion out of order. William B. Crafts, assistant to the dean of men in charge of independent affairs, started the ball rolling against a directed vote terming it a "shackle." No group on campus has this type of clause, he said, and if approved, it would put the board "in a mighty funny position."

AIM president John Morgan backed up Crafts' opinion. Morgan told board members he had heard many opinions from administrative and political science faculty members calling any such restriction "ridiculous."

Still other arguments against the proposal said it would leave the president in an inflexible position on Cabinet, unable to change his vote if new material or facts were brought into the open on any particular question.

Many members felt such a restriction would be an insult to the president's integrity, claiming that he would have to justify any actions he would take, and would always be subject to impeachment.

Taking a different tack, Goodwin supported the proposal saying it would uphold the principle of a representative democracy. "AIM is supposed to deal with the independent man," he said, "and this group

(AIM) is supposed to be a sounding board for the independent man's opinion."

The president does not sit on Cabinet as an individual, he claimed, but rather as the representative of all independent men. If the president does not vote according to the board's wishes, he is breaking down all communication channels which good student government should strive to maintain, he said.

Goodwin noted that the AIM president could use the power of veto to override a board's policy statement. "Then if the board overrides that veto (two-thirds majority needed), it means that two thirds of the members feel strongly enough about that certain issue to want it expressed on Cabinet," he said.

Carl Smith, West Halls Council president, trying to discredit the "inflexible" claim, said if something comes up on Cabinet that the board has not discussed, the president is free to vote as he wishes. In addition, he said, the board could always give the president a "carte blanche," or free choice.

Student Fined For Speeding

James Noll, fourth semester sophomore in electrical engineering from Harrisburg, was fined \$15 Tuesday for speeding.

Justice of the Peace Guy B. Mills said Noll was charged with speeding on South Atherton Street about 2:30 a.m. Nov. 23.

Mills said the student had questioned the fact that he was speeding. Noll also contended that he was not followed by a patrolman the required distance of one-fourth of a mile, Mills said.

But Mills said a police report showed Noll was followed the proper distance before he was stopped.

Noll's fine was \$10 for speeding and \$5 for costs.

Behind the ROTC Question

ROTC Controversy First Heard in 1931

By PAT EVANS

Twelfth of a Series

Present moves for voluntary ROTC are not the first— in 1931 a survey of 211 male students by the College Student Council, predecessor to All-University Cabinet, showed that two of three students favored voluntary election of basic ROTC.

The Daily Collegian back in 1931 was campaigning vigorously for a change in the ROTC program. Ridge Riley, now executive secretary of the Alumni Association, was then Collegian editor and one of the Collegian reporters writing ROTC articles was Ralph D. Hetzel Jr., son of President Ralph Dorn Hetzel.

The Board of Trustees in January 1932 considered the Student Council's resolution and a report by a board committee which had studied the ROTC question. The Collegian described the resulting action:

"The knell of compulsory military drill here was sounded when the Board of Trustees . . . authorized College officials to set up a more modern program of training in national defense."

Tentative plans in the new program approved by the board were to permit a student to substitute courses relevant to his course of study for the compulsory drill and accompanying tactics. The suggested program was described as similar to one adopted at the University of Minnesota.

Students, under the proposed Trustee plan, could elect courses concerned with various phases of national defense, instead of spending actual drill all the time devoted to military instruction.

With the plan, expected to go into effect with the fall semester in 1933, a chemistry major

could elect a chemical warfare course for some of his military work credits. A liberal arts major might choose a course in international law and relations.

A Trustee report explaining the Board's action said:

"There has been a growing feeling for some years that the present course in military training fails to prepare the student adequately for the part he will be called upon to play should the emergency of national defense arise."

In a story printed Jan. 22, 1932, the Collegian said, "Officers of the national War Department will be consulted in formulating the courses. The plan must be approved in its details by the Board of Trustees before it is put into action."

What happened to the Trustees' plan will be discussed in another article.

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