

Editorial Opinion

Lion's Paw and AIM

Six members of the Association of Independent Men Board of Governors Wednesday night attempted to regulate the voting of the AIM president on All-University Cabinet.

The members attempted to insert a phrase in the AIM constitution which would have prohibited the AIM president from voting against the wishes of the board at a Cabinet meeting.

There was lengthy discussion on the proposal. However, backers of the "directed-vote" phrase failed to mention one of their main reasons for supporting it: opposition to Lion's Paw.

It seems that the AIM president is usually a member of Lion's Paw, a secret senior men's society. This is true of John Morgan, the present president. It has been true for at least the last four AIM presidents.

Lion's Paw, through the years one of the most controversial campus groups, has often been accused of voting in blocks on issues facing Cabinet. Many times issues coming before Cabinet have apparently been discussed in Lion's Paw meetings.

Therefore, the backers of the "directed-vote" proposal attempted to insure that their Cabinet representative would represent them, not Lion's Paw.

Although they failed in their attempt, the underlying push behind this move should not be lost. This attempt would never have arisen if AIM members felt they were being fairly represented on Cabinet.

Evidently, some of them felt otherwise. Evidently, they felt their views were being relegated to secondary importance behind those of Lion's Paw.

It is indeed unfortunate for student government that even some of the members, albeit a minority, of the AIM board feel they must take away some of the power of their president in order to have their views heard on Cabinet.

But, on the other hand, we cannot blame them for wanting to make sure they are represented on Cabinet. And, as one member put it so ably after the meeting:

"If the president of AIM is to be a messenger boy, better he be a messenger boy for AIM than for Lion's Paw."

Coeds' 'Emancipation'

When the Senate Committee on Student Affairs yesterday lifted the ban on drinking for women students 21 years of age and over, it showed a realistic attitude toward the regulations governing University women.

For this "emancipation" may have a far reaching effect on future WSGA regulations. It will probably induce more women to sign the Honor Code, since the previous drinking regulation was the reason many women refused to participate in the code.

In turn, then, this may eventually lead to other liberties such as an extension of hours. And at the same time there may be more effective enforcement of the WSGA regulation that forbids students under 21 to drink.

Circa's Arrival

Circa literary magazine, formerly the Lantern, will make its first appearance Monday under the sponsorship of All-University Cabinet and the Artist Series Committee. Included in the revamped magazine are five stories and five poems and illustrations.

We would like to commend staff members for their efforts to preserve a University literary publication. Students should support these efforts by purchasing the magazine.

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Safety Valve

Editor Charges Steele Incorrect

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to All-University President Robert Steele's recent letter "disassociating" himself from "Who's in the News at Penn State, I would like to clarify a point or two.

Mr. Steele charges as incorrect the statement (in the letter sent to the students) that the selections were made by a selections committee composed of the All-University President, the nine college council presidents, etc.

While Mr. Steele chose not to recommend or pass judgment upon anyone, the rest of the committee did pass judgment upon those selected. (In fact, the original list of students was drastically cut in accordance with their

The Daily Collegian welcomes letters from its readers on topics of public interest. Letters should be brief and to the point and all are subject to editing for space requirements and good taste. All letters must be signed by the writers, and the withholding from publication the names of writers, when requested, will be left to the discretion of the editors.

recommendations). Mr. Steele was a member of the Selections Committee, albeit his abstention.

Mr. Steele also mentions that the values of Who's in the News were "seriously questioned by all the student representatives present at that meeting." This is true. Because of this feeling, the project was deferred so that a re-appraisal of the book could be made, with the resumption of the project contingent upon a favorable reply to the re-appraisal.

The returns of a scientific student survey—indicating that 82 per cent of the student body favored the book—encouraged us to complete the undertaking. It would seem that the sentiments of the student representatives were not representative of those of their constituents.

Who's in the News is designed to recognize, record, and stimulate student achievement and leadership. Improvements, including more publicity for the publication itself, have been undertaken this year in an effort to better attain these goals.

—Earl Kohnfelder, Editor Who's in the News (Editor's Note: A list of students nominated for the publication was later submitted to the Collegian editor, managing editor and city editor for possible additions or subtractions. We made some additions. However, Mr. Kohnfelder would not allow the number of names to be cut that we wished. Therefore, the editors did not continue with the names and did very little as part of the "selections committee.")

'Things Were Out Of Proportion'

TO THE EDITOR: The West Halls Council, supposed representatives of the residents of the west halls area has done it again.

The council came up with a magnificent plan in celebration of the yule season. A huge party . . .

Well the affair was held Tuesday night and the place was packed. The only items lacking were a couple of hundred coeds to socialize with the boys who showed up . . . Too put it mildly things were out of proportion.

With their usual adeptness at making mistakes the West Halls Council planned and advertised the social and then entirely forgot to make proper provision for the turnout of men. Surely something could have been done to encourage the girls of Thompson Hall to attend . . . Jeff Pollack, '81

Letter cut

Gazette

TODAY AYI Colloquium, 3:10 p.m., HUB assembly room, speaker—Dr. Ralph W. Tyler, Stanford University Agriculture College Forum, 4:10 p.m., 109 Armory German Sing, 7:30 p.m., Schwab Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m., HUB ballroom Mineral Industries Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., Mineral Science auditorium Newman Club Christmas Ball, 8 p.m., church hall Players production of "The Caine Mutiny Story," 8 p.m., Center Stage Social Service Research Center dinner meeting, 6 p.m., HUB Wesley Foundation tree trimming, 8 p.m., at church United Student Fellowship Christmas Party, 7 p.m., at church

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Oh, there we are—the Dean will see YOU now."

Sand in my Shoes

HUBbers Stay to Play, Old Main Slips Away

By Judy Harkison

When the rumor of "The Great HUB Collapse" was reported in this column last Wednesday, it did not create a mass evacuation of the building, but a few students, we hear, did change their hang-out habitats.

Apparently they're not taking any chances.

However, now we have found the truth behind the

story. There is no need to panic—yet. But we would advise some students to shorten their coffee breaks.

A huge limestone cave was not discovered under the foundation but students may be interested in the fact that in 2,001,975 A.D., such a cavern may exist.

The HUB is built upon limestone. And the depression in the service driveway in front of the building is caused by water seepage which is dissolving the limestone deposit.

Now the rate of consumption depends upon the amount of precipitation which falls on the area. In any normal territory this cycle would perhaps take over a million years.

But with Penn State's torrential downpours, the March monsoon season and four big weekends a year—each ensuring three days of precipitation—the time required to complete the process may be speeded.

How much it will be speeded is your worry, not mine. I graduate in June.

However, since this can't affect us this year, here's another interesting bit of information for you and Dr. Walker to reflect upon. A Collegian reporter

(of sorts) has done intense research into the ground underlying Old Main.

It is his theory that the building rests upon an immense clay bank. This bank slopes toward the downtown shopping district. With the above mentioned torrential downpours, a mass land and building slide may occur.

There may be only seven days left to shop in State College.

\$17,240 'Inherited' From Visking Co.

The University became the heir apparent to a \$17,240 endowment, the J. Paul Smith Memorial Fund, when the Visking Co. of Chicago became part of the Union Carbide Corp. last December.

This amount is the remains of a \$25,000 fund established in Smith's honor for Visking Co. employees' children. But since there no longer are any employees of that company, the fund now goes to the school from which Smith graduated, the University, to aid students working toward science degrees.

Tonight on WDFM

6:45: Sign on and News; 7:00 "A" Train; 7:50: State News and National Sports; 8:00: Hubzapoppin'; 8:30: Friday Night News Round-up; 9:00: Just For Two; 10:00: News; 10:05: Light Classical Juke-box; 11:30: News and Sign-off.

