

# Final Decision on New Parties New EE Curriculum To Be Given Next Semester To Go Into Effect

The applications of both new political parties are now in—the University party submitted its yesterday—and Frank J. Simes, dean of men and secretary of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs, said final official decision will “probably not come until next semester.”

Meanwhile, Simes said, the parties can go ahead with their organization and can be granted the use of classrooms for meetings.

## Ag Council Vote Favors No Rotation

The Agriculture Student Council last night approved a motion favoring abolition of the fraternity-independent rotation system for electing all-University and class officers.

Russell Beatty, council president, asked the members for their opinion before he votes on the issue when it comes up before All-University Cabinet.

Walter Knapp, junior in forestry from Cogan Station, who made the motion, said he believes when a free system was used the number of offices held by fraternity and independent men was about equal. They may not have balanced each year, he said, but “things pretty much evened up” in the long run.

Edward Ker, junior in agricultural education from Catawissa, said one disadvantage of the present system is that it keeps capable men out of office because of affiliation. Beatty termed the system one of “segregation because of affiliation.”

Jean Poole, senior in animal husbandry from Raleigh, N.C., said she believes no one is indispensable and at each election time there are many men on campus capable of holding office. Fraternities often get too strong if there is no such system, she said.

## 6th Graders to Discuss TV for Child Ed Grp

The Association for Childhood Education will meet at 7 tonight in Grange Playroom.

A group of local sixth graders will participate in a panel discussion of their favorite TV programs. Their teacher, John Cox, will be moderator.

The applications will be received by the Senate Committee on Student Affairs tomorrow. They will then be referred to the subcommittee on organization and control, which will study the constitutions and purposes of the aspiring parties and make a recommendation to the parent Senate committee, which will take final action.

In its application, the University party states the following general purposes:

•“While we feel that this is basically a 2-party campus, we also feel that unless another organization is provided at this time we may soon find ourselves with a 1-party campus.”

•“Closer relationship and understanding among the students, student government and the administration.”

•To voice “the opinions of the majority of the students.”

•To “provide an honest and responsible government” and to adopt the viewpoint of the “general student body” and not of “small cliques.”

The party’s constitution contains two departures from usual procedure:

•No mention of “clique” is made—the officers are referred to as “party” officers.

•An “executive committee” takes the place of the usual steering committee.

The executive committee—made up of the four party officers, 20 party class officers, all party candidates for All-University offices and class offices and a maximum of 30 appointed members—is empowered by the constitution to determine “all party policy.”

The party chairman has the usual clique chairman’s duties: to represent the party, to preside over all meetings and to make appointments subject to executive committee approval.

## Staff Member Promoted

Mrs. Rebecca Doerner, who has been secretary for International Student Affairs, has been named administrative assistant in the Office of International Student Affairs.

## Committee To Schedule Elections

The All-University Elections Committee will meet at 8:15 tonight in the second floor lounge of the Hetzel Union Building to set dates for the spring semester elections and clique meetings.

The dates decided upon by the committee will be presented for final approval to All-University Cabinet at its meeting Thursday night.

Chairman Peter Fishburn said the fraternity-independent rotation system subcommittee will present its report to the Elections Committee during the first week of February. If the report is approved by the committee, it will be presented to Cabinet Feb. 13.

The report will include reasons for and against the retention of the present system, which rotates All-University and class offices between students with fraternity and with-independent affiliation.

Also included will be information on rotation systems at other schools, a history of the University’s system, and results from an informal poll of major student organizations.

Fishburn said a report on party finances also will be ready by February. It will deal with the practice of assessing candidates to provide funds for campaigns.

## TIM Will Discuss Student Insurance

Louis Wonderly, chairman of a subcommittee of the Cabinet Welfare Committee studying a student insurance plan, will discuss the plan before the Town Independent Men Council at 7 tonight in 203 Hetzel Union.

The council will also discuss dates for the proposed record hop to be held in conjunction with radio station WDFM.

## Steele Scored for Fund Drive Job

All-University President Robert Steele was accused last night of showing a lack of coordination and leadership as chairman of the George “Larry” Sharp Fund.

Sharp is the student who broke his neck and became paralyzed from the neck down when he fell while practicing on a trampoline during gym class. His projected expenses for rehabilitation have been estimated at \$30,000, and the University does not carry any insurance for this type of injury.

The criticism was made by Education Student Council member David Faust at a council meeting last night. Faust asked members to talk up the fund drive in their individual organizations because, in his opinion, the campaign was sadly lagging.

Even though more than \$3,000 has been collected, Faust said the drive is still far short of the need, and unless the campaign picks up, Sharp’s family will be in poor financial straits. Faust attributed

the lag in contributions to “ineffectual publicity,” saying “this drive has been lacking stamina because of the evident lack of interest and coordination for the drive on the part of the chairman (Steele).”

Steele refused to comment on the accusations when contacted last night.

Faust later elucidated on his accusations, saying that other than stories in the Collegian, and a letter sent to various campus organizations, there has been no other attempt at mass publicity such as posters or radio announcements. “We’re getting more publicity throughout the state and nationally, than right here on campus,” he said.

Calling the coordination “haphazard,” Faust claimed that Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity, had volunteered its services to the fund committee, but was never contacted afterwards or told what to do during the fund drive.

As an example of the absence of impetus, Faust said, if the drive were really doing the job properly, penny jars would have been

placed all over the campus, and mass solicitation would have been organized in the dormitories. Instead, most dormitory contributions have been self-instigated, he said.

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A change in the curriculum of electrical engineering to a more basic treatment of subject matter will go into effect next semester.

Staff members and students of the Department of Electrical Engineering will meet at 7 tonight in 110 Electrical Engineering to discuss the new curriculum. The meeting is planned to explain it more fully to electrical engineering sophomores but is open to the public.

According to Ralph E. Armington, associate professor of electrical engineering, the change emphasizes the fundamental treatment of principles rather than the teaching of devices which are soon outdated. A more extensive treatment of electronics will also be stressed.

Approximately 170 fourth-semester students will be affected by the change and will take courses as set up by the new curriculum. Students who are past their fourth semester will not be affected by the change.

The curriculum gives students the opportunity to specify an option in the fields of electronics or power in their seventh semester.

Armington said the level of the courses will be higher and more based on advanced mathematics. The revised courses will eliminate some of repetition and overlapping now present, he said.

All fourth-semester students will take EE 31 and 32, fields and circuits. In the fifth semester they will take EE 33, electrical network analysis and EE 35, electronics. In the sixth semester they will take EE 37, energy conversion and control, and EE 39, vacuum tube circuits.

During their senior year, students will choose either the power or electronics option and take courses relating to it.

The other courses in the curriculum will be the same as before, as listed in the 1957-58 catalogue.

The curriculum will keep the present industrial automation option and the missile systems option. These options will not be affected by the change.

## Studies Continue On Shock Waves

A basic research project in the behavior of shock waves is entering its seventh year under the direction of Dr. Richard C. Stoner, associate professor of physics.

The Office of Ordnance Research of the Army, which has been sponsoring the project since its inception, has renewed Stoner’s contract for \$10,083 for a 10-month period.

The project involves studies of what happens to a shock wave when it crosses a boundary between two different media.

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