

Editorial Opinion

Effective Referendum

A new proposal for a referendum amendment for the Student Government Association constitution passed its first reading before All-University Cabinet Thursday night.

The amendment provides that a petition signed by three per cent of the student body could call for a special ballot on any issue which had already been voted on by Cabinet. If 20 per cent of the student body voted in the election, under the new amendment, the majority decision would bind Cabinet's vote on the issue, and could be overruled only by a three-fourths Cabinet vote.

The amendment comes from Cabinet's new executive committee, and seems to be the best referendum proposal presented so far. The proposed system combines the provisions needed to make a referendum vote feasible with the safeguards necessary to prevent it from becoming the weapon of a minority or a method of cutting down Cabinet's effectiveness.

Cabinet as a whole showed good judgment and good sense in dealing with the referendum amendment. The executive committee came up with a reasonable plan, and Cabinet approved it overwhelmingly after defeating two attempts to revise the proposal.

There was an attempt, during the debate, to raise the percentage of students needed to validate a special election from 20 to 30 per cent. Ellen Donovan, president of the Woman's Student Government Association, who had presented the amendment, defended the original figure. Miss Donovan pointed out that an issue might concern only a small group, a group which could not get a 30 per cent student vote and would thereby forfeit its referendum rights if the change went through. Cabinet backed her argument and defeated the attempted change.

Another change in the amendment was tried, this one to raise the number of students needed for a petition from 3 to 10 per cent. Miss Donovan also opposed this attempt, saying it would "defeat the purpose of referendum," and that all that should be needed for a petition is a small group with enough interest to want to bring an issue in front of all the students. Cabinet again backed her, overwhelmingly defeating the quota raise.

At this point, it appears the amendment has a good chance to pass its next two readings and become a reality as a part of the Student Government Association constitution.

Cabinet should be commended, both for drawing up the new plan and intelligently presenting and approving it.

Art on the Dump

While student government has been debating such issues as compulsory vs. voluntary ROTC and referendum voting, a small but outspoken group of faculty members have been up in arms over the removal of two George Gray Barnard statues from Schwab Auditorium to a University salvage dump.

William L. Werner, professor of American literature and author of the "Bookworm" column in the Centre Daily Times, and Dr. Harold E. Dickson, professor of the history of art and architecture, have been leading the fight to restore the controversial plaster models to a "proper place."

Werner especially has been highly critical of Dr. Albert Christ-Janer, director of the School of the Arts, and his part in having the statues removed.

Christ-Janer has said he does not consider them works of art, and that they are not in very good shape. Werner and Dickson say they are works of art by a distinguished Pennsylvania sculptor.

To us, it seems that since Barnard is recognized by many as an outstanding sculptor, a shack on a University salvage dump isn't a very fitting place for his work.

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Letters

Jammed Lines Miff Reader

TO THE EDITOR: I believe that it would be very advantageous to extend women's residence halls telephone hours until midnight. This extension would make it much easier to call coeds, especially from town.

Under present conditions, with many women having activities that last until 9 or 9:15 p.m., there are 40 minutes available in which a fellow can call a girl and be reasonably sure of getting her.

During these last 40 minutes, the lines in to the University are jammed.

Actually, it is a very discouraging and frustrating experience to try to call AD 8-5051 in these last minutes. Also, I believe it is very trying on the telephone operators' patience.

Evidence of this is presented in the fact that the operators sound cheerful during the day, but sound tired and discouraged between 9:15 and 9:55. The extended hours would spread the load out and make it easier for the operators.

Most of the coeds I have talked to indicate they favor extended telephone hours. I would guess that quite a few coeds each evening wait for calls that cannot get through.

So far, the only reason that I have been able to find for the discontinuation of phone service is that the operators end their shifts at 10 p.m.

I will admit that I do not know how much telephone operators are paid, but operators are on hand after 10 p.m., and I do not think it would cost much to keep on a few more operators for an hour or two

-Henry H. Bell, Jr., '61
-J. Eugene Wapner, '60

Gazette

TODAY
Freshman Class Dance, 9 p.m., HUB Ballroom
German Department Open House, Movies, 2:30 p.m., Mineral Sciences Auditorium
Outing Club overnight, 8 p.m., Osmond Parking Lot
School of the Arts, "Jazz Drawings," Bruce Mitchell, 2 p.m., HUB
United Student Fellowship Hike, 1 p.m., Church
Varsity tennis, Maryland, 2:30 p.m., courts
Varsity track, Navy, 1 p.m., Beaver Field
WRA Aquacade, 8 p.m., White Pool
World University Service program, 3 p.m., HUB Ballroom

TOMORROW
Artists' Series, Cleveland Symphony orchestra, 8:30 p.m., Rec Hall
Bible Fellowship, 2 p.m., 209 HUB
Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab
Chess Club, 1 p.m., 203 HUB
Eastern Orthodox Society Service, 10:15 a.m., Chapel
Encampment Committee, 7:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Freshman Customs Board, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
German Department Open House, Movies, 2:30 p.m., Mineral Sciences Auditorium
Hillel, Lox and Bagel Brunch, 11 a.m., Foundation
Protestant Service, 9 a.m., Chapel
Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab
Theatians Annual Banquet, 7 p.m., Autoport
U.C.A. Talk, 3 p.m., Chapel lounge
United Student Fellowship, "A Night In Japan," 5 p.m., Church
World University Service, 3 p.m., 214 HUB

MONDAY
Alpha Phi Omega, election of officers, 7 p.m., 217-218 HUB
Alpha Phi Omega pledges, 212, 213 HUB
AAUP, 8 p.m., 110 EF
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Delta Theta Sigma, 9:15 p.m., 217-218 HUB
DOC Student Council, 7 p.m., 215 HUB
Economics Faculty Seminar, noon, HUB dining room "C"
Engineering Mechanics seminar, 4:10 p.m., 203 Eng. "A"
Faculty Luncheon Club, noon, HUB dining room "A"
Freshman Customs interviews, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
IFC, 7:30 p.m., HUB
Leonides, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
May Day Committee, 5 p.m., 213 HUB
Mineral Economics seminar, 4:10 p.m., 121 MI
Mineral Industries seminar, 4:15 p.m., Mineral Sciences Auditorium
Model RR Club, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Senior Class Gift Committee, 7 p.m., 217 HUB

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Norman Altman Ronald Brauser, Thomas Burgess, Walter Caplan, Rafael Crespo-Cintron, Werner Deuser, Jacob Engle, Rell Ford, Richard Kearns, Ellen Kuhn, Kathryn Moyer, Phyllis Muskat, Alfred Snyder, George Walker.

Thespians to Hold Banquet Tomorrow

Thespians will hold its annual banquet at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Autoport Cadillac Room.

After dinner the pledges will give a show, followed by a special meeting to introduce the fall show directors. President Stuart Kahan, the out-going show director, will announce his successor and other directors and crew heads. He will also present plans for the fall show.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"I just boosted their morale—I told them SOMEONE is going to pass."

Kremlin Pursues Its Usual Tactic

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

Andrei Gromyko, pursuing the usual Kremlin tactic of trying to make its opponents look bad just prior to negotiations, professes to fear an aerial clash over the Arctic no man's land because of bad U.S. judgment.

If U.S. planes, taking off toward the Soviet Union because of radar blips from flying geese or meteorites, approach the Soviet borders, then the Russians would take "immediate steps to remove the approaching danger."

U.S. nuclear bombing bases, far from the Soviet borders, are in Texas, Maine, Britain, North Africa, Okinawa, and elsewhere.

Some planes are in the air at all times, on training or patrol flights bombed up and ready to go. Others are on 15-minute alerts. As a part of training and in sheer precaution, they answer unexplained blips on the early warning screens. At certain predetermined points they are called back or, lacking specific orders to continue, turn back automatically.

The White House denial that they fly across the Arctic indicates the distances they keep to avoid disturbing Russia. These distances are far greater than those kept by Russian submarines which may be capable of firing nuclear missiles from the Atlantic or Pacific.

The American defense system and the precautions taken in connection with it are well known to all, including the Soviet Foreign Office.

The Kremlin poseurs, no matter how they profess to shudder in their boots, are in no slightest fear of a surprise attack from the United States

or any other Free World ally. The Free World, because its people are free, has dissenters from defense policies who can make themselves heard—something that can't happen in Russia. These dissenters have given Gromyko his cull. The Soviet Foreign minister merely had to adopt the line from them, without adding an iota. He just follows press reports.

As for "steps to remove the approaching danger," the Soviet Union needs no appeal to the United Nations Security Council.

The Kremlin has it in its power to remove the danger, if any, once and for all, unilaterally and without appeal to anyone else.

But for the policies of the Soviet Union, there would be no Strategic Air Command, no B52s or B47s. No bombs in the air and no alerted crews.

WDFM Programs

Saturday night: 6:50, Sign on and news; 7, Hi Fi Open House; 8:55, News; 9, Campus Beat; 11:30, Sign off and news.
Sunday night: 6:50, Sign on and news; 7, The Third Programme; 11:30, Sign off and news.
Monday night: 6:50, Sign on and news; 7, Album Review; 7:30, Band Concert Time; 7:50, State News and National Sports; 8, Sounds in the Night; 8:30, Greek Quiz; 9, News; 9:15, Marquee Memories; 10, News; 10:05, Symphonic Notebook; 11:30, Sign off and news. *Also carried on WMAJ

