

Editorial Opinion

Directed Vote Unneeded

A "directed vote" plan will become part of the Association of Independent Men Constitution if it receives two-thirds vote of approval on its second reading tonight before the AIM Board of Governors.

The plan is the second one to come before the board in six months. The first was defeated on Dec. 10 by a 20 to 6 vote.

The present plan, approved 9-5-2 last week, would prohibit the AIM president from voting on All-University Cabinet in direct opposition to a stated policy of the Board of Governors. The president could, however, abstain in a Cabinet vote. He could also veto any action by the Board of Governors, thus necessitating a two-thirds vote to legislate a "stated policy," under the plan as it new stands.

Proponents of the constitutional amendment have advanced the following arguments:

1) No one man can make the decisions for 6500 and the AIM president does not sit on Cabinet as an individual but as the representative of all independent men. Therefore, the Board of Governors, as a sounding board of independent men's opinion, should be able to transmit its members feelings directly to Cabinet.

2) Persons outside the Board of Governors have attempted to influence the AIM president in the past and these persons and not the board often have made up the president's mind.

3) If two-thirds of the board members feel strongly enough about a certain issue to have their feelings expressed on Cabinet, the president should do this.

4) AIM is supposed to deal with independent men and as a sounding board for independent men's opinions. 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.

5) In replying to opposition arguments, the directed vote would not make a "puppet" of the president, since it would prohibit him only from voting against a board policy and probably would be used only in rare cases. If Cabinet comes up with something the board has not discussed, the president could vote anyway he pleases.

Arguments used by opponents of the plan include:

1) The proposal is "entirely undemocratic and not an expression of the president's abilities" and would impugn the integrity of the president.

2) Would put the board in a "mighty funny position," one occupied by no other group on campus, except perhaps the Chemistry and Physics Student Council, which has a directed vote provision in its constitution.

3) Would "shackle" the president and make him unable to consider Cabinet questions in the light of new facts brought up at Cabinet meetings. If every Cabinet member were to be bound under a directed vote plan, Cabinet debate would cease entirely.

4) Some administrative and faculty personnel have called such a restriction "ridiculous."

5) A truly representative democracy is not always "the best way" because the majority is not always well informed.

6) The president already may be removed from office if the board believes he has misrepresented their interests.

We believe the AIM Board of Governors should defeat the directed vote plan, but do not necessarily believe in the arguments.

First, we believe binding a Cabinet representatives vote would not tend to make that representative more responsible in his outlook or to more seriously consider how he can best serve his constituents.

Secondly, if independent men, or any other group, believe their interests are being badly represented on Cabinet, they can appeal to the students through the recently-approved referendum.

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Letters

Library Staff Also Human

TO THE EDITOR: Owing the library staff a tremendous amount of thanks for their patience and aid on a recently completed term project, I find it rather hard to leave unanswered a recent letter which detailed "unlibrary-like" conduct of the staff.

I feel that the writer has erred not only in arguing from the particular to the whole, but has also erred in viewing the staff only

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 style requirements and good taste. All letters must be signed, and the withholding from publication the names of writers, when requested, will be left to the discretion of the editors.

in the light of their job specifications, and has completely forgotten that we are all human, and subject to the usual frailties of human wants and needs (each may define his own).

This is a tough season on campus; the pressure is really on, but may I suggest that before developing a anger or hostility towards others, try self-analysis first.

—George A. Borosque, graduate student

Gazette

TODAY

- Academic Year Institute, 3:10 p.m., 213 Boucke
AIM Judicial Board, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Armed Forces Exhibition, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., HUB Lobby and Card Room
Book Exchange Board of Control, 8:30 p.m., 209 HUB
CBA Graduate Club, 7:30 p.m., Phi Gamma Delta, business meeting
CBA Graduate Club, 8 p.m., Phi Gamma Delta, A. C. Ravitz, "A Portrait of the Businessman in American Letters"
Chess Club, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks, Presentation of awards
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 213 HUB
DOC Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Election Committee Interviews, 6:30 p.m., 216 HUB
Flying Club, 5 p.m., 203 Willard, Election of Officers
Lakonides, 5:30 p.m., WRA Lounge
Metallurgy Seminar, 4:10 p.m., 317 Willard, Dr. J. A. Becker, "Absorption Studies on Metal Surfaces Using the Flash Filament Technique and Field Emission Microscope"
New Bayrischen Schuplatitlers, 7:30 p.m., Chapel Lounge
Newman Club Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Church
Newman Club Lecture Series, 7 p.m., 194 Chapel, Prof. Case
Newman Club Novena, 7 p.m., Church
Philosophy Club, 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB, Dr. Henry A. Finch, "Love and Knowledge"
Phi Sigma Iota, 8 p.m., McElwain Lounge, Anne Nitrater, "FLES: Foreign Languages in the Elementary School"
TIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
Sigma Pi Sigma, 7:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Slavic Club, 7 p.m. and 8:20 p.m., 214 Boucke, Movie: "The Grasshopper"
UCA, 8 p.m., 121 Sparks, Dr. Eddy Asirvatham, "India's Orbit in the Satellite Age"
Women's Orientation Committee, 8:10 p.m., HUB Auditorium
WRA Tennis Club, 8:30 p.m., White Hall Lounge
WSGA Honor Code, 8 p.m., 217 HUB
WSGA Senate, 8:30 p.m., 217 HUB
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
David Alexander, Charles Baker, Ronald Beamer, Susan Blumenthal, Bruce Ergle, Herbert Fink, Mercedes Gonano, Donald Garland, Morton Halper, Mabel Hays, Thomas Jones, Donald Keffer, Louis Lopreato, Wasinder Mokha, Bernard Ostroff, John Steiner, Edward Stoker, Loretta Sydek, Paul Tassie, Bruce Weiner, Jay Werner.

24 Freshmen Will Receive Chem Awards

Twenty-four students will be honored for outstanding work done in first year chemistry courses.

Each of the students will be presented with a copy of the "Handbook of Chemistry and Physics," published, and donated for the award by the Chemical Rubber Publishing Company, Cleveland, Ohio. The books are inscribed, "Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award, 1957-58."

The recipients were chosen on the basis of attainment as reflected by their grades. Instructors nominated their top students for the award and from this group the 24 were selected.

Similar awards were made in the past few years.

The students are: John Baer, George Bergey, Robert Black, John Brandt, Donald Clagett, James Dowd, Elizabeth Dowling, William Fahringer, Marvin Firestone, Carl Formoso, George Gilchrist, Robert Howarth, Barent Johnson, Edward Knoepfle, Edwin Marshall, Harry Mathews, Serena Pendleton, John Puhalla, David Ruppert, Alan Simmons, Ronald Smith, Charles Steerman, Robert Stouffer and David Wahl.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"I wish the commercials were longer—I never get a chance to study."

Words to Spare

Junior Movement Could Take Over

By Dick Drayne

The Interfraternity Council recently approved plans for the formation of a Junior IFC. The Panhellenic Council followed suit soon after by preparing for a Junior Panhel. Both of the new systems seem to have a sound basis—preparing pledges for places in the senior groups.

However, if the new trend were to get out of hand, it might create an unusual campus situation. The next logical step would be a Junior AIM and Junior Leonides. These could work as the IFC and Panhel groups, and could probably be successful. But here the idea might become a little absurd.

A junior All-University Cabinet might well be next. Here fledgling legislators could learn the tactics of the successful filibuster, effective methods of fouling up parliamentary procedure, and the rationalization of illogical arguments.

The Junior Cabinet would not of course long remain away from the influence of a Junior Lion's Paw. Soon it could have mock legislation passed by benefit of secret meetings and block voting.

The Junior Daily Collegian could of course watch over the new Cabinet closely, to prevent any breaches of student opinion.

But the junior groups might soon tire of their practice runs, and want to try something genuine. This would lead to definite complications.

Soon the freshmen drinking ban could come up before the Junior IFC and be promptly repealed. Junior Panhel could recommend that coeds be given 11 o'clocks every weekday

night. Junior Cabinet could recommend the abolition of compulsory ROTC, after a record two minute's debate concerning whether or not uniforms could be sold on the open market.

And what would happen to the new legislation and recommendations? There could of course be one stumbling block before the dictates of the new junior groups could become law—passing the junior administration.

This band of eager, bright-eyed aspiring administrators could be formed to cope with the ideas and recommendations of the new junior groups. The Senate Junior Varsity Committee on Student Affairs could pounce on the freshmen drinking ban repeal and squelch it, extending the ban to include sophomores. The office of the junior dean of men could back up the decision by demanding a junior checking system.

The Understudy Board of Trustees could step in to give a vote of confidence to compulsory ROTC, thereby restoring

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WDFM Programs

Wednesday night: 8:50, Sign on and news; 7, Telephone Bandstand; 7:50, State News and National Sports; 8, Jazz Panorama; 9, News; 9:15, At Your Service; 9:30, Music of the People; 10, News; 10:05, Virtuoso; 11:30, Sign off and news. *Also carried on WMAJ.

