

Editorial Opinion

Government Must Grow With the University

Out of the ashes of last year's All-University Cabinet is rising the first major reorganization in student government since 1939.

The scandals that rocked last year's student government apparently have instilled new concepts of organization and responsibility in this year's leaders.

These concepts were set forth in September when Student Encampment adopted a set of principles for a completely new student government system. The principles, which were later endorsed by this year's All-University Cabinet, are:

- 1. To provide education for post-college citizenship.
2. To include separation of powers (executive, legislature, judicial), including elimination of the overload of combined legislative and executive duties.
3. To allow for maximum participation by students in student government.
4. To incorporate proportional representation of students by class and/or college into the legislative body.
5. To integrate student governments of the campuses and centers with that of the main campus.

Now the All-University Cabinet Committee on Student Government Reorganization is getting down to brass tacks

Its members already have unanimously rejected the idea of keeping the inadequate, outmoded Cabinet system which has existed since 1939. They are organizing a specific structure and already have incorporated points two and three into that structure.

And they have set 50 as the number of members for a large, unicameral legislature, perhaps the most striking feature of the proposed system.

A 50-man legislature, made up of several students from each class, would include one representative for slightly fewer than each 300 students. There are approximately 600 students for each member of All-University Cabinet.

A 50-man legislature, made up of several students from each class, would allow more students to get more legislative experience on an All-University basis and to get that experience earlier in their college careers.

A 50-man legislature would allow the establishment of a committee system not practical under the Cabinet system. Standing student committees are needed to keep tabs on what similar committees of the University Senate, the administration and the Board of Trustees are doing—and are failing to do.

And a 50-man legislature elected at-large would eliminate the "interest group" system upon which the All-University Cabinet is based.

Almost every member of Cabinet holds his seat because he represents an interest—engineering, dramatics, seniors, independent women, Collegian, etc. A far better basis of representation is proposed for a new system: election at-large by a whole class to deal on a broad basis with problems affecting the student body as a whole.

These are some of the ideas coming out of the Cabinet reorganization committee. The committee has accomplished much, but it must look ahead to countless hours of thinking, formulating, organizing.

The committee and the good work it is doing serves a monumental tribute to the recovery of student leadership from the incompetent and the insincere who wrecked last year's campus government.

Washington

Tornado Toll Averages 218 Deaths Yearly

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (P) — Nature on the rampage is nothing to fool around with.

And that seems especially true of the tornado, which can be tricky, almost whimsical, and incredibly devastating to anything or anybody unfortunate enough to be caught in its path.

The tornado that hit St. Louis seems to be typical.

It didn't cut a very wide path and it didn't go very far, but in a few horrible moments it left behind a trail of death and destruction.

Anyone who ever has been around a tornado can tell you of straws driven with such fury that they pierce an oak fence post, of large objects, maybe an automobile, lifted, moved and then set down again unharmed, of its dipping motion, that spares one but strikes the other, of chickens plucked naked.

No one knows the velocity of a tornado's spiraling winds.

Some say 400, some 600, some go up to 750 miles an hour. Instruments that might settle the argument are likely to be torn to bits, too.

Meteorologists are able to spot tornado weather, but they still can't predict where one will hit.

But they hope that eventually the tornado problem will be solved. Among the interesting suggestions: Fire a guided missile into them, and dissipate their energy while they still are far above ground.

This hasn't been tried yet, but if it ever does it's going to be tough on our guided missile supply. Probably due to better spotting services, more tornadoes are turning up each year.

In 1957, the last year for which complete figures are available, 924 were reported. These took 191 lives.

The annual toll from tornadoes runs surprisingly high. The statistics go back to 1916. Since then, on the average, 218 persons die each year.

The blackest day in tornado history? That would be March 18, 1925, when a tornado swept through Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

On that dreadful day 689 were killed and 1980 were injured.

Gazette

TODAY

- AHE, 7 p.m., Triangle
AIM, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Botany Club, 12, 202 Buckhout
Camera Club, 7-30 p.m., 212 HUB
Chess Club, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB
DeMolay Club, 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Kappa Phi Dessert Party, 7 p.m., Wesley Foundation
Nittany Council, 8:30 p.m., Nittany 20
Sophomore Advisory Board, 8:15 p.m., 218 HUB
Spring Week Evaluation Committee, 8:15 p.m., 216 HUB
TIM, 7:00, 218 HUB
UCA, 7 p.m., Waring Lounge
University Credit Union, 7:30, 217 HUB
Women's Choir, 6 p.m., HUB assembly hall
WRA Bridge Club for Intermediate Players, 7 p.m., White Hall
WSGA Senate, 6:30, 216 HUB
Zoology Club, 7 p.m., 113 Frear

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Kenneth Bartlebaugh, Ronald Bibza, Carolyn Brown, Betty Jo Cordell, Katherine Dietrich, Sandra Dragone, Mary Fautsch, Francine Garfinkel, Joseph Hahn, James Jones, Thomas Kloess, Frederick Meckley, James Myers, Resan Pakkal, Judith Sand, Lois Smith, Dan Stone, Margaret Whittaker.

WSGA Judicial Issues 71 Penalties

The Women's Student Government Association Judicial Board of Review issued 54 blackmarks, 12 1 o'clock removals and 3 lenient weekend campuses at its meeting yesterday.

The penalties were given for lateness, excessive noise, unexcused absence from residence hall meetings and incorrect signing in and out.

Two 1 o'clock removals which were postponed at the offenders' request were increased to lenient weekend campuses.

The case of a coed who forgot to sign out for the between-semester vacation, but who sent her hostess a postcard, was dismissed.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Biber



"I can't sign your petition to drop my class—I need your 'F' to equalize my grade distribution."

top of the mall

Cutniks Say Nix To the Beatniks

by Lynn Ward

We've heard rumblings about the existence of a "new" group on campus. After considerable sleuthing, we've learned that this new group goes by the name of Cutnik.

Its members are quick to assure us that the suffnik of its nickname in no way denotes a similarity between the principles of the Cutniks and their more widely known namesake (if such a quality as principle can be ascribed to the Beatniks).

No, these Cutniks are far more intellectually dedicated souls. These are the students who advocate cutting the duller lecture classes to escape to the stimulating confines of the library to probe deeply into the material the professor would brush over in the class they are cutting.

And if not to go to the library, the Cutniks will cut required classes from which they feel they can gain nothing, to take advantage of President Walker's new policy statement on "sitting in on lectures"—a la European universities.

Everywhere on the college campus scene, our botanical-league neighbor in Philadelphia (you must admit that the ivy-league term is a bit over-worked) has snipped a bloom in its fullest growth. That is to say, the Undergraduate Council at Penn has voted to do away with Skimmer Day. It is a sad day in the annals of collegiate history.

The only consolation we find in their action is their proposal to relace Skimmer Day with a Jazz Carnival; however, we question whether the Penn

men even consulted with us before they did away with one of Penn State's oldest traditions—traveling down to the "City of Brotherly Love" for the Skimmer Day festivities.

This drastic step coming so soon after the elimination of Penn-Penn State football weekends might lead us to believe our presence at Penn's weekends is no longer desired. Can this be?

And further on in the collegiate circuit, we learn that more than two-thirds of the students at Swarthmore College boycotted the college dining facilities Sunday night in a we-want-better-food protest.

The particular meal they objected to was Sunday night supper: clam chowder, creamed potatoes, ham spread and liver-wurst with bread and butter, potato chips and carrot and pineapple salad.

Some people might find cause for boycott with this, but can you guess what their big noon meal was? Steak, French fries, mixed vegetables, Roquefort tossed salad, rolls and preserves and ice cream or fresh fruit for dessert.

Now we ask you, how crowded would our own dining halls be were we offered such a spread?

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