

Presidents' Views

AIM-Leonides Merger Considered Desirable

One of the main reasons behind the proposed Association of Independent Men-Leonides merger was "poor communication" between the two groups, Harald Sandstrom, AIM president, said.

AIM and Leonides have many joint activities and because they are two separate groups "many intermediate steps slow up the process of planning these activities," Sandstrom said.

He said so many of the functions of AIM and Leonides are similar, that merging the two groups would be much more efficient.

Last year's Indie Encampment recommendation that a joint planning commission be organized to coordinate activities was carried out. Representatives of both AIM and Leonides formed a committee to plan joint activities and reported back to their respective organizations.

But, according to Sandstrom, the joint planning commission "did not function as well as AIM and Leonides members hoped it would."

He said there was some disagreement about the commission's authority. The commission was not certain whether or not it should originate and plan activities and then administer them independently.

Sandstrom said that it took too much time for representatives to report back to the parent organization for approval. Sometimes the commission went ahead without approval, he added.

A workshop was set up at this year's Indie Encampment to work out some of the difficulties of the joint planning commission. The merger proposal originated in that workshop.

Sandstrom said the merger had been discussed before but never "seriously."

On the actual structure of the combined groups, Sandstrom said, "I don't think it would be feasible to take both organizations as they now exist and simply put them together. The group would be too unwieldy."

The elections system and the representation (proportion of men to women) system would have to be reorganized, Sandstrom said.

AIM and Leonides have not drawn up any plans for their proposed organization. They will not draw up their constitution and then decide on the merger but will officially decide on the merger first, Sandstrom said.

The committee working on the constitution will then have more incentive and not wonder whether or not what they are working on will be approved or rejected completely, he said.

Leonides Council last night approved by a 17-6 vote the merging of Leonides with the Association of Independent Men into one independent organization.

The council further decided to establish a joint committee of five Leonides and five AIM members to carry through a merger plan.

Both motions were made by Dorothy Tynan, senior in psychology from Glenolden. The approval of the merger came only after an involved discussion of the merits of the proposal and some confusion as to parliamentary procedure concerning secondary suggestions from the floor.

Carol Frank, Leonides president, was absent from the meeting due to illness, later gave her views on the proposal.

Miss Frank said she was in favor of the move, but the idea "needs a lot of study." According to Miss Frank, the proposal came out of an Indie Encampment Workshop which had originally planned to discuss the Joint Planning Commission, at present the only permanent joint group of Leonides and AIM.

Since the two groups do so many things together, a merger would make things more convenient, said Miss Frank. Also she added the increasing incidence of "community living" is making it very difficult to segregate the two groups.

However, she said, it will be necessary to provide some group just for the women, since some projects such as the housemother's tea, the Mother's Day Breakfast and Mardi Gras are strictly girls' projects.

The ideal setup she said, would be a joint body which would contain two separate sub-groups, one for the men and one for the women.

Miss Frank emphasized that she approved the plan for merger but had personal doubts about the way it is being handled.

Her plan had been to establish a committee to merely study the proposal, its merits, necessity, etc. before approving the idea of the merger. This idea was also brought up from the floor at the meeting by Anne Farley, sophomore in education from Cedars. However, Miss Farley's motions to table the motion or to establish a committee to study the plan were not acted upon.

As set-up by the Council, implementation of the merger will be established by the committee. A constitution will be submitted and voted upon by both Leonides and AIM. If the constitution is approved the question will be put to all the independent students for a vote.

Blue Key Hat Society Taps 11 Junior Men

Eleven men have been tapped for initiation into the Blue Key junior men's hat society.

They are: Jack Bergstein, Benjamin Bronstein, Lawrence Epstein, Gerald Goldberg, Richard Goldberg, Marshall Goldstein, Edgar Grubb, Gilbert Kahn, Stuart Medwin, Guy Tucci and Kenneth Weis.

Transportation Society Initiates Nine Students

Nine students were initiated into Delta Nu Alpha, men's transportation fraternity, at a special meeting last Wednesday. The new members are Robert Carroll, Kent Yarnall, John Craig, Joseph Kling, Samuel Goll, John Nevin, James Swope and Nicholas Dunyak.

Lakonides Applications

Applications for membership in Lakonides, women's Physical Education honorary society, are now available in 101 White Hall. Upperclass women who are physical education and recreation majors with a 2.5 all-University average are eligible for membership.

Ed Association to Meet

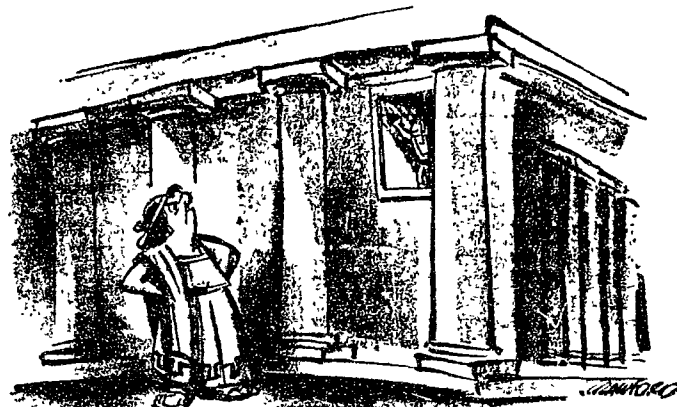
The Student Education Association of Pennsylvania will hold its first meeting of the year at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Simmons main lounge.



STUDYING CAN BE SCREAMS

If studying is bugging you, try mnemonics.

Mnemonics, as we all know, was invented by the great Greek philosopher Mnemon in 526 B.C. (Mnemonics, incidentally, was only one of the inventions of this fertile Athenian. He also invented the staircase which, as you may imagine, was of inestimable value to mankind. Before the staircase people who wished to go from floor to floor were forced to live out their lives, willy-nilly, on the ground floor, and many of them grew cross as bears. Especially Demosthenes who was elected Consul of Athens three times but never served because he was unable to get up to the office of Commissioner of Oaths on the third floor to be sworn in. But after Mnemon's staircase, Demosthenes got up to the third floor easy as pie—to Athens' sorrow, as it turned out. Demosthenes, his temper shortened by years of confinement to the ground floor, soon embroiled his countrymen in a series of senseless wars with the Persians, the Visigoths and the Ogallala Sioux. He was voted out of office in 517 B.C. and Mnemon, who had made his accession possible, was pelted to death with fruit salad in the Duomo. This later became known as the Missouri Compromise.)



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But I digress. We were discussing mnemonics, which are nothing more than aids to memory—catchwords or jingles that help you remember names, dates and places. For example:

*Columbus sailed the ocean blue
In fourteen hundred ninety-two.*

See how simple? Make up your own jingles. What, for instance, is the important event immediately following Columbus's discovery of America? The Boston Tea Party, of course. Try this:

*Samuel Adams flung the tea
Into the briny Zuyder Zee.*

(NOTE: The Zuyder Zee was located in Boston Harbor until 1904 when Salmon P. Chase traded it to Holland for Louisiana and two outfielders.)

But I digress. To get back to mnemonics, you can see how simple and useful they are—not only for history but also for everyday living; for instance:

*In nineteen hundred fifty-nine
The smoke to look for is Alpine.*

"Why Alpine?" you ask. Taste that fine, fresh flavor. Enjoy that subtle coolness. Until Alpine you needed two cigarettes to reap the benefits of Alpine—one for flavor, one for high filtration—and smoking two cigarettes is never graceful; in fact, with mittens it is nigh impossible. Now you need only one cigarette—Alpine. Get some. You'll see.

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