

Editorial Opinion

ICCB on Assembly Would Ruin Concept

The move to replace elected members of SGA Assembly with student council presidents is an illogical regression toward a rejected student government system!

Re-appearance of council presidents on Assembly would ruin the theory of a representative government and leave the body wide open to control by specific interest groups.

The Intercollegiate Council Board which has made the proposal is composed of the council presidents. ICCB feels that it could add much prestige, informed thinking and reasoning to the Assembly.

This may be true to some extent. However, it would mean virtually reverting to the castoff Cabinet system. If council presidents are added, then why not add IFC, WSGA, AIM, and Panhel presidents who certainly fulfill the qualifications given for having ICCB members on Assembly?

The main idea for the entire reorganization was to give students representation through elected officials relatively free of obligation to interest groups. It is a known fact that some councils are controlled by one or two individual groups. Some council members are actually elected without any votes. They had no opposition. This is hardly representative!

The council presidents are elected by their own councils. A student who did not receive even one vote and did relatively little work could become president and thus sit on Assembly merely by being popular with members of his council.

Some council presidents may feel robbed of the prestige attached to Assembly membership. This, of course, is a poor excuse for wanting to be Assemblymen.

Others feel that the class presidents are not elected as Assemblymen but as heads of their classes who sit on Assembly by position. They use this to support their arguments for seating council presidents. But the class presidents are elected by the classes as a whole, and the voters understand that election means a seat on Assembly.

The representative SGA system is not operating at its top potential. But the system is not even a year old. Many of the inadequacies may be attributed to lack of experience. Upcoming elections should eliminate those Assemblymen who are now dragging their feet.

Since almost all council presidents are seniors, their addition would overload Assembly membership with seniors. This would eliminate many underclassmen who are receiving valuable student government training.

Eliminating this training would discourage underclassmen who look ahead and see no future for themselves on Assembly unless they are council presidents. Eventually this would revert to a system of "unrepresentative representation."

Student leaders of several years running saw the definite need for junking the Cabinet system. The representative system, passed after a tremendous amount of research and discussion, might be open now to minor revisions, but not to changes that would completely ruin its underlying principles.

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Letters

Transfer Rule Seen Unfair By Students

TO THE EDITOR: Insofar as such a thing is possible I wonder if you could get some member of the SGA Cabinet to explain how this body can fail to oppose a measure which benefits no student and will probably hurt some students

I am speaking of the requirement that all transfers who are not planning to pledge a fraternity and who don't have some other "valid reason" live in dormitories.

I understand that the administration can and will use such measures as are necessary to stay within the state budget. This after all is its job

The job of the SGA and its leaders, on the other hand, is not to blindly accept administration decisions. The job is to represent before and protect students from an impersonal administration.

Is it possible that the measure just mentioned will benefit students? I find it difficult to see how. Anyone who wants to, can find space in the dormitories now. In the future, students who don't want to live on campus but can't find a valid excuse, whatever that may mean, will be forced, many times against their will, to live in some dormitory.

If the SGA is just going to be a rubber stamp for administration decisions it is not likely that students will be any less apathetic at the next election than at the last. If a representative doesn't fulfill his responsibility to represent those who elected him, he can't expect to increase the number of people voting for him.

-Robert Biesterfeldt

Eliminate Nittany, Solve Problems

TO THE EDITOR: At present there are two seemingly unrelated complaints being aired on campus: the men in Nittany don't like their living conditions, and at the same time, there is an unwelcome reception for the idea of making independent transfer students spend their first year on campus

Couldn't these problems be settled by postponing the transfer-on-campus arrangement for a few years and fill the new dorms first with the men who might have to live in Nittany? Then the Nittany dorms could be razed - a process long overdue.

Even if no new dorms were immediately constructed in their place, the campus would be better off without such an eyesore.

-Rae Hoopes, '60

Gazette

- TODAY Academic Affairs Research Committee, 6:40 p.m., 218 HUB Association of Childhood Education, John Cox, sixth grade discussion, 7 p.m., Atherton east lounge Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB Dancing Class, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom Greek Week Committee, 8 p.m., 214 HUB Israeli Folk Dancing, 7:30 p.m., Hillel Foundation Math Department, 7 p.m., HUB main lounge Newman Club Fraternity-Sorority Committee, 7:15 p.m., 215 HUB Play Rehearsal, 9 p.m., 216 HUB Riding Club meeting, 7 p.m., 105 Armsby Sports Car Club, 7 p.m., 212-213 HUB Student Christian Residence Council, 6:30 p.m., 215 HUB TIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room WSGA, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB

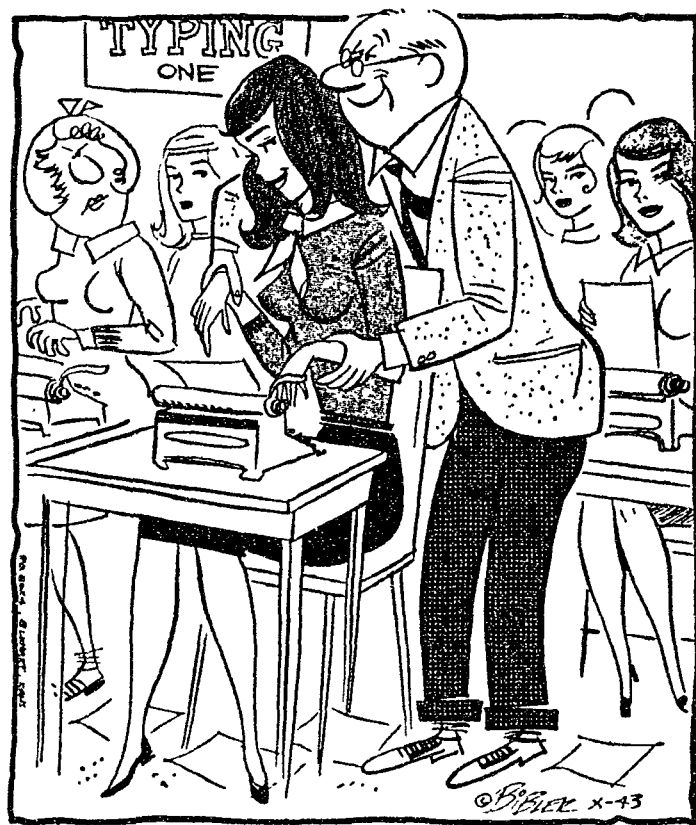
- HOSPITAL, Reni Amwake, Robert Backer, Linda Beigton, Neil Buckley, Richard Crothers, Mary English, Eleanor Foerst, Joanne Kohut, Sandra Laboon, John Lasky, George Machlan, Salvatore Maiolatesi, Spencer McGraw, William O'Malley, Stephen Rumbaugh, Nancy Stang, Fredric Tietz, Janet Timlin, William Updegraff, Joan VanDenHende, Brian Watson, Terry Wood-ide.

Junior Receives Grant For Study in France

Marjorie Brewster, junior in music from State College, has been awarded a UNESCO grant for study at the Institute for American Universities of the University of Aix-Marseille in Provence, France.

Miss Brewster is enrolled at Aix-Marseille this semester. In addition to her academic courses, she will study piano under Mlle. Lavigne of the Conservatory of Music.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



Even Filibusters Have Funny Side

By Arthur Edson

WASHINGTON (AP) - The night and the Senate wore on. Usually only a few senators were around for the historic, continuous debate on civil rights.

Now early morning had come at last, and Sen. John L. McClellan (D.-Ark.) had the floor.

"At one time during the night," McClellan said, "I counted four in the press gallery, nine in the visitors' gallery and three or four senators on the floor."

A reporter who had spent the night sitting up with talkative senators agreed it hadn't been much.

"But earlier we had a little excitement," he said. "I forget the exact time, but it must have been around 2 a.m., while people were still dropping in. One woman, a blonde, came in in a strapless evening gown. She looked as if she might have been a burlesque queen on her way home from work."

"It wasn't much," he conceded, "but it was the best we had." That probably is as good a way as any to describe a filibuster. If it's excitement you're after, hope that some blonde saunters into the gallery. The senators aren't likely to supply it.

If you think this is exaggerated, let's examine the Senate as it spins its wheels.

8:57—McClellan begins to talk.

9:09—McClellan asks permission for a clerk to read one of his bills to the Senate. To no

one's surprise, since the point is to wear the other side down, Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill) objects. McClellan says he will read bill himself.

9:15—Sen. Clifford P. Case (R-NJ), tiptoes across Senate floor. He's toting his topcoat and hat and looks like a man knocking off from the night shift.

9:20 — Senatorial attendance booms. McClellan reads on. "Article B, Section 2 of such act," he says.

9:27—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn), with the puzzled expression of a farmer who can't imagine why one of his cows failed to report for milking, walks across Senate floor, looking neither to left nor right, and disappears into the back pasture.

9:40—McClellan wishes he could get approval to have a clerk read an amendment to his bill but supposes someone will object.

Douglas wakes up, bobs up. "I don't want to disappoint my good friend," he says. "I object."

"My good friend from Illinois did not disappoint me," McClellan said. "He lived up to my expectations."

