

Petition Requests SGA to Hear Bill

Signers Want Assembly To Discuss Party Switches

By CAROL BLAKESLEE

A phantom petition was circulated yesterday to get a bill prohibiting political party switching before the SGA Assembly tonight.

Assembly will meet at 7:30 in 203 Hetzel Union.

Ronald Smolin, freshman arts and letters from Philadelphia, said last night that he was one of the circulators of the petition, but that he did not know who had started it. The petition asks that Assembly take immediate action on the bill, he said.

Smolin, who is active in Campus party, said the party's publicity manager had called him and asked him to pick up a package of petitions which would be left at the Association of Independent Men office.

The SGA Constitution provides that legislation can be brought on the Assembly floor by a petition signed by 3 per cent of the student body. This would be about 400 signatures.

Smolin said he had about 40 signatures, but could not estimate how many other petition circulators had gotten.

The proponent of the bill in question, Edwin Urie, alternate Assemblyman, said the petition seems to be an example of "democracy in action." He said that he had signed the petition but didn't know who had started it.

Urie's bill recommends a change in the by-laws which would prohibit a candidate elected on one party ticket from being nominated by another party during his term of office.

The Rules Committee did not place the bill on the Assembly agenda this week because Urie was not present at the committee meeting to explain the bill.

Urie said last night he had been ill the night of the Rules Committee meeting, adding that he knew of other bills involving by-law changes which had been brought before Assembly whose proponents did not have to "go through questioning."

SGA Vice President Larry Byers said that through precedent proponents of bills have appeared before the Rules Committee. The committee can then decide whether the bill is in the correct form to get the point across or whether more work should be done on it in committee.

SGA President Leonard Julius said copies of the bill would be ready for distribution to Assembly members tonight at the request of John Brandt, alternate Assemblyman and Campus party clique chairman.

Text Book Tax Petition Signed by 3000 Students

The SGA petition which asks the State Legislature to exempt students from a tax on college text books has been signed by about 3000 students.

James Kridel (C.-Soph.), who is in charge of the committee circulating the petition, said he has set 50 per cent of the student body (about 8000 students) as the goal. The drive for signatures will end tomorrow.

Ike Will Not Defy Soviet Flight Limits

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has abandoned the idea of defying Soviet objections and flying military supply planes to West Berlin at high altitudes.

President Eisenhower killed the idea Tuesday on recommendation of the State and Defense departments.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter disclosed the surprise backaway at a news conference yesterday.

Herter said that Eisenhower has decided after reviewing the controversial issue that such flights are not necessary at this time from an operational standpoint.

The secretary stressed, however, that the Western Allies reserve their rights to fly into West Berlin at altitudes higher than the Soviet-proclaimed ceiling of 10,000 feet whenever they believe it necessary.

Ranging over other international problems, Herter made these main points:

● He does not agree with Cuban charges that he insulted Prime Minister Fidel Castro by his bluntly worded dressing-down of Cuba's top diplomat here Monday.

● The Soviet Union clearly is seeking to interfere in Japanese internal affairs by its continuing denunciations against a Japanese-American security treaty.

● West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's visit next week can be very significant in Western plans to forge a united front prior to summit talks on the future of Berlin and Germany.

● The Eisenhower administration intends to follow up the President's good-will visit to Latin America by more discussions with South American governments and by pressing ahead with plans for loans.

Mueller to Lecture at Penn

Dr. Erwin W. Mueller, research professor of physics, will present a lecture to the Society of the Sigma Xi at the University of Pennsylvania Wednesday.

Final Exam Changes

Changes in the spring semester final examination schedule are printed on page 5 of today's issue of The Daily Collegian. Conflicts may be filed Monday.

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2 Councils Unanimously Back ICCB Proposal

The Engineering-Architecture and Business Administration student councils voted unanimously last night in favor of council representation on SGA Assembly while two others, Mineral Industries and Chemistry-Physics took no conclusive vote.

Home Economics student council considered the issue Tuesday but took no vote.

The Engineering-Architecture student council voted that the Intercollegiate Council

Board should be represented on SGA Assembly without stipulating all the college presidents should have seats.

However, the debate among the council members assumed that all the presidents would have seats. William Bowers, president of the council, said that he felt the council presidents are the student leaders on campus. "They are well informed through their council representatives, and have better communication with the students through the council meetings," said Bowers.

One council member, a freshman himself, said that freshmen are not prepared to take such an important position as representatives in student government since they haven't been at Penn State long enough.

The Business Administration Student Council favored the ICCB proposal that all the college council presidents sit on the SGA Assembly.

Larry Abrams, president of the council, said that college presidents would be better qualified through their experience obtained while on council and more cognizant of student issues and University policy, than students who have not been acquainted with or could possibly have sufficient knowledge of these issues and policies.

Dean Ossian MacKenzie of the College of Business Administration said that college presidents sitting on the student government in previous years have played an important part in bringing to the attention of both government and council issues directly concerned with their respective colleges.

With a majority of one member, the Mineral Industries Student Council came out against the seating of ICCB members on the SGA Assembly. However, poor attendance due to rescheduling of the meeting forced the council to consider its straw vote as a temporary one. The issue will be returned to the

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Switching Upheld By Crosby, Darran

By ELAINE MIELE

Jack Crosby, junior class president, and Walter Darran, junior class representative, who switched their affiliation from Campus to University party, said last night that they did so because Campus Party "collapsed."

In a combined statement, Darran and Crosby said that following the spring elections last year Campus party did not have any continuing organization.

The University Party, Crosby said, has more organization in the form of regular meeting and research committees.

Crosby said he was in favor of strong political parties, but being made to stay with a certain party could be a direct hindrance to those interested in student government.

"I realize that being an as-

semblyman is a twofold responsibility—working for the students and supporting the party," Crosby said. We both feel that supporting the party must be secondary to representing the students and furthering their causes, he said.

"The way it (Campus party) was being run did not indicate that it was trying to further student needs, Crosby said. Therefore, because of our objective for good student government we switched parties, he added.

Crosby commented on the proposed bill which would prevent Assembly members from switching political affiliation while in office. "We should not be held responsible by SGA to belong to parties whose organization can change so easily," he said.

Darran said that the character of Campus party had changed from what it was last spring.

Cold Continues As Snow Ends

Snow will taper off to flurries this morning after depositing between three and four inches on this area. Another storm may bring several more inches of snow tomorrow afternoon.

The cold weather should continue for the next several days. Today's high should be about 28 degrees and tonight's low will be about 18.

Snow flurries will end tonight, but the cloudiness should remain through tomorrow. The high will be about 30 tomorrow afternoon.



Senate to Hold Meeting At 4:15 in 121 Sparks

The University Senate will meet at 4:15 p.m. today in 121 Sparks.

The Senate is expected to continue consideration of proposals for new courses and changes in courses and curriculums.

The plan to change the basic University calendar was turned over to President Eric A. Walker at the last meeting. The calendar decision is now up to Walker and the Board of Trustees.

Megonnell to Speak At Engineering Meeting

William H. Megonnell will speak on "Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service" at the American Society of Civil Engineers meeting at 8 tonight in the Mineral Science auditorium.

AIM OK's Merger; Details Postponed

By JANET DURSTINE

The Association of Independent Men Board of Governors passed a motion last night approving the AIM-Leonides merger, but postponed discussion of its definite date and details.

The postponement was made because of objections by Carol Frank, Leonides president, that Leonides was not yet ready for the merger, and because of problems outlined by Dean of Women Dorothy J. Lipp and Dean of Men Frank J. Simes. The subject will be postponed until both AIM and Leonides decide they are ready to discuss it.

The structure originally proposed by Carl Smith, merger committee chairman, provided for a merger of the two bodies as of April 1. A decision on the sub-structures of the merged body would be postponed.

Smith said this would allow the structure to be developed in accordance with Dean Lipp's community living plan.

The plan, which Dean Lipp explained for the board, would divide the residence hall system into communities consisting of both men's and women's halls.

Simes said his main concern about community government

was that the government system in women's residence halls is not as well developed as that in men's halls. He said it would be a problem to try to form a combined government with two different types of organizations.

Men's residence halls are organized into houses, and presidents of these houses sit on area councils affiliated with AIM. Women elect their representatives by living units. The president of the living unit sits on the Women's Student Government House of Representatives. A separate Leonides representative is also chosen.

Simes also said independent men's and women's problems are different. David Garland, West Halls council president, said there were no basic disagreements between men's and women's representatives on the coed West Halls Council.

WSGA Plans Women's Career Week

A plan for a week of lectures and panel discussions based on a woman's future after college will be presented for approval to the Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

Jessie Janjigian, president of Women's Student Government Association and a member of the Senate committee, will present the plan.

WSGA Senate decided at their meeting last night to hold the affair the second or third week in May.

The week will be orientated towards women and will include panels and discussions on marriages, business careers and sub-

jects such as budgeting of interest to all women.

WSGA hopes to set up displays of chinaware and wedding and engagement rings.

The week will be climaxed by a fashion show to be held on Sunday.

In other business Sally Darnes, chairman of the housing committee, reported that Otto E. Mueller, director of housing, has said refrigerators will be installed in Atherton.

Mueller also said ramps will be installed leading to Redifer dining halls so that girls will not have trouble going to meals in icy weather.

He said that ironing boards will

be installed on the upper floors of McKee and that soft drink machines will be installed in the women's residence halls except for West Halls. The girls in West Halls get their snacks from Waring, he said.

Mueller told the committee that there was no possibility of getting longer cords for the phones and sitting in the halls while talking on the phones could not be permitted because of a state law prohibiting crowding of the halls.

He said that the phones could not be equipped to call off campus because too many trunk lines would have to be added to the telephone system.