

# Senate Asks Study Of Testing Methods

The University Senate last week approved a recommendation to investigate examination techniques to improve the composing and grading of tests because of the increasing classroom enrollment.

Presented by the Senate Committee on Educational Policy, the recommendation asks the

# TIM Elects Haines As President

By KAY MILLS

Philip Haines was re-elected president of the Town Independent Men's Council at their meeting last night.

Fred Phanco, junior in electrical engineering from Wesleyville, was elected vice president. He defeated Ralph Levy, outgoing TIM secretary.

Elected secretary was Richard Ashe, junior in metallurgy from Philadelphia. He was opposed by Ron Lvon.

Frank Burkett, sophomore in electrical engineering from Somerset, was chosen treasurer. He was unopposed.

These officers will be installed at the TIM Council banquet 7 p.m. Saturday at the State College Elks Club.

In other business, the parliamentarian was authorized to study the TIM constitution regarding changes to enable the council to function effectively throughout the entire year. The constitution with incorporated changes will be presented at the next TIM Council meeting.

Lloyd Bobb, Arthur Given and Joseph Cioffi were admitted to council membership by a unanimous vote.

Frank Jankosky, outgoing vice president, was appointed parliamentarian for the fall semester. Jankosky is currently a seventh semester student.

## Indian Embassy Attache To Give Talk in HUB

N. B. Menon, first secretary of the Indian Embassy in Washington and acting cultural attache, will speak on "India's Outlook on the Contemporary World Crisis" at 8 tonight in the Hetzel Union assembly room.

Menon's talk is sponsored by the International Relations Club and the History Round Table. He has been invited under the auspices of the international understanding course and hopes to speak in these classes tomorrow. He also hopes to talk to the Indian students.

# Prof to Retire After 14 Years As Head of ME

Norman R. Sparks, professor and head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, will retire on July 1.

He has served on the faculty since 1924 and since 1946 has been head of the department.

Sparks attended Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam, N.Y., where he received his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1923 and the degree of mechanical engineer in 1926.

In 1923, he accepted a position as a mechanical engineer in the Motive Power Department of the New York Central Railroad. The following year, he was named instructor in mechanical engineering at the University and he has continued on the faculty since that time.

On leave from the University during World War II, he served as a lieutenant commander and commander in the U.S. Navy. His Naval assignments included duty as the first engineer in charge of the Diesel Training program at the University and later he held a similar assignment at Cornell University.

Sparks has published many articles and has written a textbook dealing with mechanical refrigeration.

Division of Academic Research and Services to study available literature on this subject.

It also specifies that consideration be given to the creation of a permanent "Measurement and Evaluation Center" to aid departments in improving their testing procedures.

C. R. Carpenter, head of Academic Research and Services, who had not yet been informed of the Senate's actions, said yesterday that the big problem lies in getting information to the faculty on the types and forms of examinations available.

According to Carpenter, investigation of testing could take two forms: Problems in composing and administering widely used standardized tests with a reliability coefficient, such as aptitude and achievement tests, and course related examinations and quizzes.

"In the latter instance especially, a testing center, similar to one at Ohio State University, could be a great help to faculty," he said.

At Ohio State, testing division writes and grades some of the examinations, thereby eliminating part of the faculty burden. Results of the tests are also recorded to help in improving the quality of examinations.

Carpenter added that the problem of constructing a "good test" is difficult. The constructor must know the skill and art of draying up a fair examination, he said.

"All types of tests have a place in academic examination. To get a fair opinion of a student's achievement a battery of tests should be administered," he said.

A new hydro-electric power plant, scheduled to go into operation near Niagara Falls in 1961, will be capable of lighting 22 million 100-watt light bulbs at the same time.

## MI Will Hold Meeting On Honesty Program

An orientation meeting for freshmen and sophomores participating in the academic honesty program in the College of Mineral Industries will be held at 7 tonight in 229 MI. The honor system which has been accepted only by the MI College, is in effect in two of the college's curriculums. They are geo-chemistry geo-physics and mineral preparation.

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