

Proposal Killed; SGA Will Keep Spring Election

By MEG TEICHHOLTZ

SGA last night defeated a motion that would have "frozen" the present Assembly until next fall, and decided to hold elections as usual this semester.

The proposal to postpone elections was made by Duane Alexander, head of SGA's reorganization committee, after a suggestion from Campus party. It also asked that SGA officers be elected this spring.

In the fall, the proposal continued, an Assembly would be elected under the constitutional revisions mapped out in the interim.

The debate, which began two hours after the scheduled time because some Assemblymen were at a senior banquet, led off with questions to Monroe Newman, chairman of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs, on SGA's status.

Attempting to find out if SGA could approve this recommendation in light of the upcoming review of its charter by Newman's committee, Assembly asked Newman to define its present status.

"You may not deviate from your present form," Newman answered, "without permission. Whether you can extend your charter is up to the committee. If you ask for any reasonable organization, the committee would probably go along with this," Newman said.

He said he had not received a request from Richard Haber, SGA President, to extend SGA's present charter. SGA last week asked Haber to make this request, Dennis Eisman, chairman of Campus party said.

Judith High, C-Sr., then led the opposition to the motion, saying that it was unconstitutional for SGA to postpone its elections since the constitution stipulated that elections be held in the spring.

Robert Harrison, U-Jr., added "this seems to be a rush job—I can see no reason why we can't continue with the present constitution for the time being."

Ruth Rilling, U-Jr., countered this, saying "If we elect Assembly this spring we'll have a new group and all our work will be handicapped. You're here, you know what this is, so let's freeze."

The motion was defeated—after which Alexander asked Assembly, "What do you want to do?"

Miss High moved that elections be held as planned, after which Jacqueline Leavitt moved a substitute motion that Assembly be elected late in the spring after the officers were elected to provide time for reorganization.

Miss Leavitt's motion was defeated and Miss High's passed.

Nkrumah Arrives in Tunis

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)—President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana arrived Thursday for talks with President Habib Bourguiba and probably with leaders of the Algerian rebellion.

Washington Readies for Laos Crisis

WASHINGTON (AP)—Signs of a diplomatic crisis on Laos mounted yesterday — warships left port, secrecy clutched the Pentagon, officials listened for word from the Soviet Union and the President apparently prepared a vital announcement.

President Kennedy followed two main directions during the day:

● He evidently ordered some U.S. military units to rush toward Southeast Asia.

● He awaited some reaction from Soviet Premier Khrushchev to an urgent appeal from Britain for agreement to a cease-fire in the civil war that now threatens to erupt into a major East-West conflict like the Korean War.

The crisis in Laos has intensified because pro-Communist rebels, supplied by a Soviet air-

lift, are threatening to defeat the loyalist troops in the kingdom.

At Hong Kong, the U.S. aircraft carrier Midway and two destroyers suddenly left the harbor two days ahead of schedule. They were believed heading for the waters of Southeast Asia.

There was speculation that other units of the 7th Fleet also were heading toward the crisis-stricken area.

But at the White House, press secretary Pierre Salinger, when asked for comment on reports that American forces are on the alert and are on the move, replied: "I have absolutely no comment on that."

Similar replies came from the Pentagon. One of the tightest secrecy blankets since the Korean War was thrown about all official information concerning U.S. military forces.

Britain made the appeal to Khrushchev after consultation with the United States.

The British diplomats told the U.S.S.R. the Western powers

would accept a Communist-backed proposal for an international conference on Laos if the Soviets agree to a cease-fire.

There was no doubt, however, that Kennedy also was trying to make it clear to the Soviet Union that if diplomacy failed, the United States would meet the Communist threat with strength.

Such a move apparently would take the form of increased military supplies to the Laotian government and possibly of troops from Asian members of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization.

Officials have said there is no thought of sending U.S. troops there.

"Oh, we haven't gotten to that stage at all," said Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, who had been briefed on the crisis by Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

Dirksen, the Senat Republican leader, also told newsmen Republicans would stand behind Kennedy in whatever decision he makes.

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Leavitt Asks Assembly To Disband

By CAROL KUNKLEMAN

Jacqueline Leavitt, U-Sr., last night proposed Assembly abolish itself on the grounds that it is only acting as a subcommittee for the administration.

"I have been participating in student government for three and a half years, I am aware of its potential, I don't think we have lived up to it and we are only giving students a reason for their apathy," she said.

Miss Leavitt said that such mass confusion as caused at the meeting by Duane Alexander's pending revised constitution would be eliminated by disbanding.

"Let's wait until a strong student interest group organizes a movement for a real student government," she said.

Looking around at the gallery, Miss Leavitt said there was an indication of real student interest at the meeting because about 60 students had attended.

Objections to the proposal came from Nancy Williams, U-Jr., who said, "If the administration will not let us stay as we are now, they'll abolish us. This is not the way out, and neither is reorganization."

Another objection came from Judith High, C-Sr.

"I can't imagine you (Miss Leavitt) being serious," Miss High said. "SGA is included in too many projects to be disbanded."

The motion was defeated, with Miss Leavitt casting the only affirmative vote.

Earlier in the evening in the debate on the question of whether SGA needs reorganization, Miss Williams said SGA was being forced to reorganize.

Alexander refuted the statement. "We want responsible people here; this is why we are reorganizing."

The present Cabinet is ineffective and does not have responsible leaders, Alexander continued. SGA itself is not carrying out the purpose of student government, he said.

"Are you reporting to a def-

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Panhel, WRA, Indie Results

By BETSY MULCEY

Leonides, Panhellenic Council and the Women's Recreation Association elected officers yesterday for the coming year.

Patricia Shockey, junior in business administration from New Brighton, ran unopposed for Leonides president.

Susan Common, sophomore in journalism from Forty Fort, was elected first vice presi-

Gershenow Quits Post as Chairman Of Liberal Party

Earl Gershenow resigned as chairman of the Liberal party last night.

Gershenow said the reason for his resignation is that he is involved in too many other campus activities and that his studies are "suffering." "I just can't handle it," he said.

"I haven't done any homework in a week and a half," Gershenow said. He explained that when he accepted the party chairmanship he "bit off more than I could chew."

For the benefit of everyone concerned, the party as well as himself, Gershenow said that it would be better for him to drop his position as chairman since he is no longer able to do a thorough job.

"I am definitely not planning to run for an SGA office," he added. This would be too time consuming and there are other qualified candidates to fill these positions, he explained.

Gershenow said that Dale Harris, vice chairman of the party, would take over as acting chair-

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dent of Panhellenic Council and Pamela Chadwick, sophomore in secondary education from Madison, N.J., is the new second vice president. Both are members of Phi Mu, the sorority which will hold the chief council position next year.

The WRA presidency went to Barbara Newman, junior in elementary and kindergarten education from Lower Merion, who ran unopposed for the office.

Leonides Mary Stones, junior in science from Deposit, N.Y., won the vice presidency over Gay Vieyra by a vote of 193 to 97.

Patricia Scaaff, sophomore in applied arts from Arlington, Va., defeated Mildred Vorkapic, 237 to 60, for the office of recording secretary.

The new corresponding secretary-treasurer is Joelle Bronstein, freshman in liberal arts from Allentown, who defeated Jeanne Phillippi, 167 to 135.

A total of 314 voted in the Leonides election which is approximately 1 per cent of the independent women.

Panhellenic Council Joan Zimmerman, junior in recreation education from Teaneck, N.J., is the new Panhellenic treasurer. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

The new corresponding secretary is Barbara Yunk, junior in journalism from Pittsburgh, and is president of Delta Zeta.

Margaret Krick, sophomore in elementary and kindergarten education from Wayne was elected recording secretary. She is a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Approximately 750 women of 1,300 sorority women voted in the Panhel elections.

The Panhellenic Council re-

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AWS Elex Declared Incomplete

By ROCHELLE MICHAELS
Yesterday's Association of Women Students election results are not complete because the West Halls polls were closed 40 minutes early.

Janis Beachler, elections committee chairman, told Collegian late last night that she authorized the early closing (6:20 p.m.) so that "the votes could be counted and we could have the results as quickly as possible."

Miss Beachler instructed the elections chairmen for each residence area that, should there be a "lag in the voting around 6:30 p.m. and no one has been at the polls for five or ten minutes, they may close the polls and report to election headquarters in McElwain Hall."

Because of this mistake, Patricia Dyer, chairman of AWS Central Judicial Board, has instructed the West Halls polls to reopen from 11:40 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. today.

"Every precaution will be taken at this time to see that the elections are legal in every respect," Miss Dyer said. "Polls will be operated by judicial members," she added.

Nancy Williams, candidate for AWS president, said that she did not feel that elections have been conducted "in the proper manner."

Ruth Rilling, the other presidential candidate, expressed her hope that "women will take advantage of this extra opportunity to vote, as long as this decision has been made."

Senator Will Address Forestry Banquet Today

Senator Jo Hays, D. Centre, will be the guest speaker at 6 tonight at the annual Forestry Banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn.

The Forestry Ball will follow the banquet in the ballroom of the Inn and will feature music by "The Collegians."

Tickets for both the banquet and ball are available in 109 of Forestry.

Red Group Tours Ghana

ACCRA, Ghana (AP)—A five-man delegation from Red China headed by Lu Shu-chang, vice minister of foreign trade, is here on a two-weeks tour of Ghana, repaying a visit of a Ghanaian mission to China two years ago.

Fans to Play Grandmaster In Chess Match

William Lombardy, of New York City, international grandmaster in chess, will play local chess fans in a simultaneous chess exhibition at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Waring lounge.

The exhibition, in which Lombardy will move from table to table and play competitors simultaneously, will be open to the public. It is sponsored by the Penn State Chess Club and the West Halls Council.

To participate in the match, the competitor must be a member of the U.S. Chess Federation. Memberships will be available at the exhibition for \$2. The fee for members of the Chess Club is \$1.50.