



Rilling Wins AWS Post; Committee May Consider Complaints on Elections

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Ruth Rilling, junior in arts and letters from Philadelphia, was elected president of the Association of Women Students after the polls were reopened yesterday because of a mistake in the election procedure.

Many complaints had been voiced by women students

3 Parties Will Hold Nominations

The three political parties will hold preliminary nominations and final registration tomorrow at 6:30.

Robert Dufner, chairman of elections commission, said that tomorrow is the last time students may register for each party. Those who registered at last week's meetings do not have to re-register tomorrow.

Each party plans to nominate a full slate of candidates for the Spring Elections. According to the decision of SGA Assembly at its Thursday meeting, the elections will be held as usual with posts open both on the Assembly, for the SGA officers and the junior and senior class presidents.

University party plans to hold discussion and voting on proposed revisions of its constitution. Michael Dzvonic, acting chairman of the party, said that the recommendations had been drawn up by the executive board and must be approved by the party at large.

University party will meet in 10 Sparks at 7 p.m., Campus at 7 p.m. in 119 Osmond and Liberal at 6:30 in 121 Sparks.

Preliminary nominations are made from the floor by the members of the parties at large. All nominees at preliminary nominations must be re-nominated at the final nominations set for April 9, according to the elections commission chairman.

Each party is allowed to nominate candidates for 70 per cent of the Assembly seats to be filled, Dufner said. He added that the 70 per cent excludes the offices of SGA president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. The junior and senior class presidents are

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over the management of the elections. Therefore, Patricia Dyer, chairman of AWS Central Judicial Board, said that she will "suggest to the AWS Senate that they organize a committee to investigate the situation."

This committee will try to determine where the faults for this year's mistake lie and will make specific recommendations for the revision of the AWS



RUTH RILLING
... A.W.S. President

elections code so that there will be no problems of this type in future years, Miss Dyer said.

The election results were declared incomplete late Thursday night when it was discovered that Janis Beachler, elections committee chairman, had closed the polls at West Halls 40 minutes early.

Miss Dyer then authorized those polls to open yesterday for that length of time.

The official results are as follows:

Miss Rilling defeated Nancy Williams for president by a vote of 651 to 612.

Marla Stevens, sophomore in arts and letters from Greenville, N.Y., won over Judy Allen, 665 to 600 for first vice president.

Paula Poyser, freshman in division of counseling from Rocky River, Ohio, was elected second vice president over Marcia Evans, 620 to 611.

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Laos Peace Hopes Depend on Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hopes for a cease-fire in Laos to douse a smouldering threat to world peace turned yesterday night on the still-silent Kremlin.

While the United States moved military units toward the little Southeast Asian kingdom, a worried world waited to see what Soviet Premier Khrushchev would do.

The immediate, pressing question: will the Soviet Union accept a British proposal for

a truce between the U.S.-backed Laotian government and Communist-led rebels?

If Khrushchev says yes, presumably the threat of another Korea—with its ever-present peril of general war—will subside.

If Moscow rejects the offer or remains silent, the United States stands pledged by President Kennedy to honor its commitments to Laos—and these call for armed intervention if necessary.

The London proposal for a cease-fire to be supervised by an already existing international commission made up of representatives of India, Poland and Canada, carried no time limit and no one here was prepared to set a deadline.

However, Sen. Alexander Wiley, of Wisconsin, ranking Republican member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, may have given a good clue when he said: "What we will do will depend on what the Kremlin will do in the next 48 hours."

With Poland representing the Communist bloc and Canada the Western world on the truce commission, the key role falls to neutralist India.

Kennedy underscored this yesterday by appealing to India's Prime Minister Nehru to cooperate wholeheartedly in the efforts to arrange a truce.

Wiley, at a session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, went further and said India already is playing "a tremendous" part in the behind-the-scenes negotiations to reach an agreement under which Laos would be saved from a Communist takeover.

This, in turn, caused concern in other quarters and India's ambassador to the United States, Mahomed Ali Chagla, commented: "We are not sending any troops to that country; Laos is not open to a military solution, only to a political solution."

SGA Tables Nomination Proposals

SGA Assembly late Thursday night tabled new recommendations on nominating procedures for its revised constitution presented by Duane Alexander, chairman of the reorganization committee.

Debate will probably be resumed on the suggestions when SGA convenes after Easter vacation.

Alexander's suggestion would have taken the election and nomination procedures out of the main body of the revised constitution and placed them in the by-laws to permit Assembly to debate them separately.

In addition, Alexander had intended to present the two opposing viewpoints on nominating procedure that have developed in the week since the revised constitution was released.

He said last night that his intention was to leave a decision on method — whether parties or residence councils should hold nominations — to the Assembly, or let them "throw it back to us."

He added that he "was going to let John Brandt present his recommendation on nominations."

He said that his recommendations would alter the revised constitution so that each residence area represented on Assembly would hold a nominating meeting open to all residents. Originally the revision called for nomination

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Band Concert Will Feature Horn Soloist

The 107 members of the Concert Blue Band will present a program at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Schwab.

Philip Farkas, French horn artist, will be guest soloist. He will play "Concerto for Horn" by Ralph Hermann.

James W. Dunlop, conductor of the band and professor of music education, will be assisted by A. Elliot Block, graduate assistant in music education.

The band will play "American Week-End Concert March" by Serge de Gastyne; "Prelude and Fugue in F Minor" by Houston Bright; and "Praeludium and Allegro" by Vittorio Giannini.

The program will continue with "Charles County Overture" by Joseph W. Jenkins; "Saguaro" by Ted Royal; and Symphony No. 5 (Finale) by Dmitri Shostakovich.

Following intermission the band will play "Parade of the Charioteers" from "Ben-Hur" by Miklos Rozsa; "Dance Toccato by Denes Agay; selections from "West Side Story" by Leonard Bernstein; and the "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa.

Weather to Be Milder

The thick cloud cover that has hung over Pennsylvania since Tuesday may break this afternoon allowing sunshine to boost temperature readings to more seasonable levels.

Today should be mostly cloudy and slightly milder with some afternoon sunshine. A few snow flurries are likely and a maximum of 47 is expected.

Partly cloudy and milder temperatures are predicted for tomorrow. A maximum of 52 is expected in the afternoon.

Last Issue on Tuesday

Tuesday will be the last day Collegian will publish before spring vacation. Publication will resume Friday, April 7.

2 Chapters Defy Discrimination

The fraternity discrimination controversy gained support last week, as chapters of Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta joined the fight to erase prejudices in membership selection.

The Phi Delta Theta chapter at Lake Forest College, Illinois, repledged a Jewish student this week in defiance of the fraternity's national headquarters.

Chapter members decided that, if necessary, they would go to court to retain their affiliation with the national group and at the same time to keep the right to choose any member they feel is desirable.

The fraternity's national headquarters notified the Lake Forest group that it was violating a national policy in pledging a Jewish student. The policy restricts membership to those of the Christian faith.

Explaining the fraternity's na-

tional membership policy, Peter Culp, president of the Penn State chapter, said that Phi Delta Theta, according to a constitutional clause, can not take any members who would not be considered acceptable to the total national membership of the fraternity.

He explained that the national headquarters has the authority to interpret this clause.

In similar action, the Beta Theta Pi chapter at Dartmouth College protested a measure imposed by the fraternity's national office on a fellow chapter at Williams College, Mass.

The Dartmouth chapter voted to sever its connections with the national fraternity in opposition to the measure which instructed the Williams College chapter to postpone this year's initiation because of a Negro student in the pledge class.

In a clarification of the action, John Lang, president of the Penn State chapter, said that the national measure has been misconstrued by the Dartmouth chapter.

Lang explained that the measure was not passed as a protest against the Negro pledge but as a protest against a policy of the Interfraternity Council at Williams.

This policy, known as the "total opportunity" program, he said, attempts to limit fraternity membership at Williams by stating that no fraternity may pledge members until all students who have registered for rush have been offered bids.

Lang said that Beta's national headquarters is opposed to this policy because it is a definite attempt to limit membership selection.

If the policy is not abolished on the Williams campus, he said that all Beta chapters may follow the Dartmouth example and disaffiliate with the national organization as a joint expression of opposition.

"There is no discriminatory clause in our constitution," Lang added.

Harris Discusses Gershenow's Move

Earl Gershenow's resignation as chairman of the Liberal party resulted from "outside pressure," according to Dale Harris, acting chairman of the party.

Miss Harris would not comment, however, on the source of this "pressure."

Gershenow said Thursday night the reason for his resignation that he was involved in too many other campus activities and that his studies were suffering.

In summarizing the Liberal party's immediate aims, Miss Harris said that the party's chief concern is the lack of worthwhile communication between student government and the administration.

She explained that the need for this communication was brought out in the questioning of Monroe Newman, chairman of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs, by the members of SGA Assembly Thursday night.

Newman had appeared before the Assembly to answer questions concerning the status of SGA.

Miss Harris pointed out that if the lines of communication between the Assembly and New-

man's committee had been effectively maintained, such an appearance would not have been necessary.

In its future plans, Miss Harris said, "The Liberal party will become even more a party of action."

She explained that there are many issues which have "died" in the eyes of SGA that have not "died" in the eyes of students. She cited the HUB parking problem as one such issue.

"One of the main goals of the Liberal party," Miss Harris said, "will be to bring these matters before the students and to act on them."

Another of the party's main aims, she said, is to bring new faces to student government in order to eliminate "the same people making the same mistakes."