

Editorial Opinion

SGA's 'Status Seekers'

In the recent past, many critics of student government have said that the present SGA could have worked if it had had a strong executive.

We feel, after observing Thursday evening's chaos, that only half the blame can fall on the incompetent executive branch. The other half rests on the Assembly, one half of which is usually asleep and the other, largely incoherent.

Jackie Leavitt's motion that SGA simply vote itself out of existence should have had some impact on the Assembly. But the sleeping members probably didn't hear it and the other half refused to take it seriously and grasp its significance.

While we cannot back this motion, we certainly appreciate the feeling with which it was made. SGA is ineffective and for many essential purposes, totally useless.

Being persistent, we do insist that student government can have some meaning and that attempts to change it from "mickey mouse" to "mighty mouse" should still be made.

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It will take courage to remain in student government and to stand up for it—a lot of courage. And yet there are people, we hope, who will continue working or who will begin working for student government who have the courage to start with nothing and build something meaningful.

We know courage, like honesty, is old hat and that its much more sophisticated to be the apathetic party student or the pseudo-intellectual (real ones are rare). But we do ask many students to re-examine their values to see if some of the most important ones have been lost.

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The complaint is often made that SGA is just for "status seekers." But the student who moans about status seekers and yet is too selfish to give up part of his own precious time is actually more useless.

A status seeker is motivated by self interest but so are many of the critics of SGA status seekers. Some critics refuse to participate in something which just might not give tangible personal rewards. Their "self interest" is in a need for security in obscurity.

A status seeker may sometimes accomplish something for others as a by-product, but the coward accomplishes nothing. SGA needs intelligent students who are not afraid of extra work or long meetings—people who would be motivated by the interests of their fellow students and for whom status is merely a by-product.

A few students like this have worked for student government in the past but the present and the future are questionable.

Better Use for Money

If these residence area record hops are making so much money, why can't it be put to better use than offering give-away prizes such as trips to New York and Fort Lauderdale?

West Halls has been conducting financially successful record hops all year and has over \$1400 in its treasury, according to Assistant Dean of Men Raymond O. Murphy. At one time this year, West Halls had reached the \$2000 mark.

Recently Pollock Council decided to cash in on the same idea.

But then came the give-away prizes. That these record hops can provide weekend entertainment for the students is fine. That they can bring in a profit should be a boon to the budgets of the area social committees.

But certainly more worthwhile uses can be found for this money than give-away prizes. It could help finance other social functions or equipment for the area. According to Murphy, West Halls did purchase a stereo and TV cable hookup from such profits.

Then there are such things as scholarship funds.

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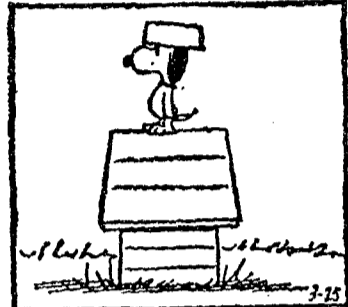
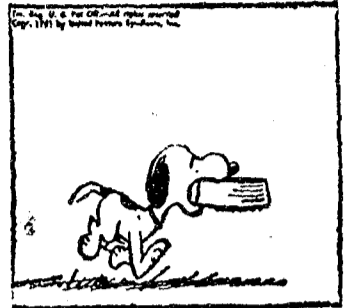
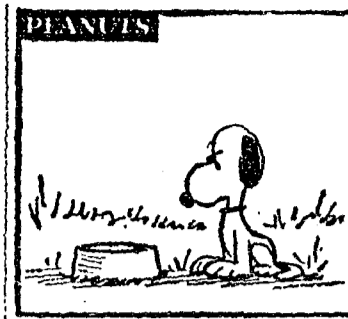
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AWS Elections

—by Elaine Miele

Since the AWS elections have finally been validated, the rumor that women's student government will continue is probably true.

We wonder though if all women students (not just their so-called leaders) really want to be organized under

an institution which does little else but sit around and ponder over its revised constitution.

Oh, pardon us! We realize this year AWS has worried a lot about improving communications between its central body and the rest of us. Senate members even had a lesson in parliamentary procedure so that they could continue to hold their meetings.

But when it comes time to hold elections for "new leaders," THEN the real fun starts. The first move is to screen candidates to decide which are "qualified" to run. This screening process was begun way back when the former WSGA still had the black mark system. (Remember the good ole days?)

We see no reason why any woman student who wants to run for a position cannot do so if she has the stipulated average. Why must an undemocratic procedure be used to select candidates for a supposedly democratic election? As long as the system is not

selective, no one can charge that so-and-so was picked to run because she is vice president of the Tiddy Winks Club or because she "knows" someone.

This would also prevent such things as withholding the primary slate for three days because not enough of the "right" people had applied for an office. Certainly, present AWS members have a responsibility to their organization. This obligation does not mean that they are free to pick the girls they wish to see have an office.

Other areas of the AWS elections need revising too. Charges such as unfair campaigning at the polls were made after Thursday's election. Why is there no rule expressly forbidding this or even forbidding any campaigning at all on elections day?

The newly elected officers should realize that corrections must be made in the present system of elections. Maybe then the entire organization should re-evaluate itself.

Gazette

- TODAY
 All-Student Movies, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
 Camp Mesocosa Interviews, 10:30 p.m., 218 HUB
 Graduate Student Association, Square Dance, 8 p.m., HUB ballroom
 SGA "Back the Budget" Committee, 1:30 p.m., 217 HUB
 Spanish Club Siesta, 7:45 p.m., Stephens lounge
 UCA Forum, 8 p.m., Eisenhower chapel
- TOMORROW
 All-Student movies, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
 Alpha Phi Omega, 1:30 p.m., 216 HUB
 Angel Flight and Scabbard and Blade, 8:00 p.m., HUB ballroom
 Blue Band Concert, 3 p.m., Schwab Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab Chem-Phys Open House, 2 p.m., 218 HUB
 Chess Club, 2 p.m., HUB card room
 Chess Exhibition, 2:30 p.m., Waring lounge
 Chimes, 9 p.m., Delta Gamma suite
 DARE, 3:00 p.m., second floor lounge, Faith Church
 Grad Student Bridge, 7:30 p.m., 212 HUB
 Landscape Architecture Exhibition, 2 p.m., HUB main lounge
 Navy Discussion Committee, 2 p.m., 212 HUB

- Newman Club, 6 p.m., 214 HUB
 Scabbard and Blade Coffee Hour, 9 p.m., HUB main lounge
 Spring Week He-Man Contest, 2 p.m., 214 HUB
 Spring Week Sponsorship Program, 1:15 p.m., 218 HUB
 Sophomore Class Advisory Board, 1:30 p.m., 203 HUB
 Swedenborgian, 10:45 a.m., 212 HUB
 Worship Service, 9:00 a.m., Wesley Foundation

MONDAY

- Alpha Phi Omega, business meeting, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
 Beta Colony, 9 p.m., 218 HUB
 Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room
 Faculty Luncheon Club, noon, HUB dining rooms A, B
 French Alliance, 8 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel
 IFC, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
 ISA, 7:00 p.m., 203 HUB
 IVCF, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
 IVCF, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
 Pi Mu Epsilon, 7 p.m., HUB main lounge
 Sociology Club, 8:15 p.m., Simmons lounge
 Student Handbook, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
 University BX Committee, 6 p.m., 218 HUB

Letters

Soph Questions Worth of SGA

TO THE EDITOR: While reading the Collegian yesterday, I noticed that there is a controversy concerning SGA's reorganization. I wonder why the students are concerned, when they should realize SGA can do virtually nothing of any consequence without University consent.

The University will not allow a group of students to modify its multi-million-dollar business against its wishes. As a result, the student should not be fooled when SGA says it can modify university policy if it had full student backing. Let us always remember that SGA asks; the University tells. —David Peffer '62

WDFM Schedule

- MONDAY
 8:25 Financial Tidbits
 3:30 Stock Market Reports
 4:00 Critic's Choice
 5:00 Music at Five
 6:00 Studio X
 6:55 Weatherscope
 7:15 Seven O'Clock Report
 7:30 The Little Show
 7:55 News Roundup
 8:00 Contemporary Concepts
 9:00 Campus and Religion
 9:30 Campus and Religion
 9:45 News, Weather, Sports
 10:00 Symphonic Notebook
 12:00 Sign Off
- SATURDAY
 2:00 Metropolitan Opera (Live)
 6:00 Spotlight
 6:55 Weatherscope
 7:00 Hi Fi Open House
 9:00 Off-Beat
 1:00 Rony and Mr. X
 3:00 Sign Off
- SUNDAY
 5:00 Chapel Service
 6:00 Chamber Music
 6:30 Mormon Choir
 7:00 Highlights of the Week
 7:15 The Third Programme
 1:00 Sign Off

Peace Corps, A Second Look

By STEPHEN R. BLUM
 Contributing Writer

At present this country is full of enthusiasm for the Kennedy administration Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps concept contains many laudable factors, most of which have been fully explained to the public via the press and by lectures on various campuses around the country.

The Peace Corps would certainly be a step toward humanitarianism.

The goals of the Corps, as roughly outlined by R. Sargent Shriver, its director, call for aiding underprivileged areas. The aid is to be primarily in the form of young American talents.

These Americans will be giving of themselves in order to ease the suffering—in its many forms—of the many peoples of the earth.

But it is not all that simple. Let us not hide behind any idealistic banner when considering what college men will do after graduation. The usual immediate choices are military, work or more schooling.

The main idea in our society is "to get out and do something." That "do something" is usually construed to mean make money, get a wife and build security as soon as possible. For a great many people the ideal that we ought to be our brother's keeper doesn't mean much.

Then there is the matter of the draft. Remember that this country is still drafting several thousand men monthly. The present draft laws do not expire until 1963.

An American male, in most cases, has to think of a portion of his life being devoted to fulfilling his military obligation.

This still leaves open the possibility of young women serving in the Peace Corps. And, as the New York Times survey indicated, the idea is more popular with women than men.

The reason is simple. There are not too many young men that want to devote two or three years of their lives to helping others before they have started to help themselves. This is not true of them all. But, I'm afraid when it comes to signing on the dotted line not

many American males are going to be willing.

Finally, the Peace Corps does not have bipartisan endorsement in Congress. Several conservative Republicans have already spoken out against the costs of running such a program. Whether or not this is a political disagreement made on party-line principles alone does not matter too much—it is a complaint from the out-of-power party.

The lack of bipartisan support presents one quick worry. Will the Kennedy Peace Corps die as soon as the Democrats are out of control?

If this is to be the case then this country is undertaking something, the grandeur and scope of which will be doomed to failure if it does not have more than four or eight years to keep working.

These problems are not, I feel, insurmountable barriers to the eventual success of the Corps. But, unless they are recognized and dealt with, the Peace Corps could become a dead dream rather than a live hope. It is too fine a dream to die.