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Haber to Call for Plurality



THE EMPTY CHAIRS of absent Assembly indicates the lack of quorum at last night's meeting to decide whether a majority or plurality vote would elect the new SGA officers. The Assemblymen present decided to endorse a plurality vote on the basis of a precedent set in the 1955 and 1960 elections.

Assembly Members Vote To Adhere to Precedent

SGA Assembly members last night decided by a straw vote to uphold the 1955 and 1960 precedents of using a plurality vote to select the winner of a three-candidate race for a student government position.

By this vote, the group which could take no formal action since it did not constitute an Assembly quorum, directed SGA President Richard Haber to use his full executive power in supporting the Assembly's desire for plurality.

The first suggestion for solving the plurality-majority problem came from Walter Darran, U-Sr., who proposed that the group advocate a majority vote subject to approval at the next Assembly meeting.

Darran later withdrew his suggestion, stating that the arguments and evidences of a strong plurality precedent had changed his feelings toward the matter.

James Sloane, freshman class president, opposed Darran's proposal for a majority vote using his election this fall as an example of precedent of a plurality vote.

Sloane ran against two other candidates and defeated his closest competitor, John Androski, by a margin of three votes.

Another incident of a candidate running in tri-competition and being elected by a plurality vote was brought up by Allison Woodall, U-Soph.

In the 1955 presidential election, Earl Seely defeated his competitors with 1775 votes against the 1196 and 708 votes received by his opponents, she said.

Miss Woodall maintained that the SGA constitution provides for more than two candidates running in an election and therefore the assumption held by many Assemblymen that it was constructed for a strict 2-party system is invalid.

Nancy Williams, U-Jr., also supported a plurality vote: "Certain people feel that a majority vote would have definite advantages for them. For this reason we should accept the precedent of a plurality vote. If we keep using SGA to further political interests, we had better give up."

Senate May Consider Term Loads

The Senate Committee on Educational Policy may propose limitations on individual credit loads under the 4-term plan to the University Senate today.

The committee may suggest that the minimum credits that a student may take per term be set at 8 and the maximum at 13, John J. Schanz, chairman of the committee said yesterday. The limitation would encompass all credits, including physical education and ROTC, and would apply to all curriculums, he said.

The committee may also suggest that the minimum number of credits required to obtain a degree be set at 124 and the maximum number at 150, Schanz said.

Schanz said that the individual colleges would set up their term and degree requirements within the limits set by the Senate. The colleges would not be able to exceed or go under these bounds, he said.

The minimum and maximum credit loads are designed for normal students within the term. However, the ruling would not be iron-clad, Schanz said.

It would enable students with high academic averages or credits to exceed the limit of 13 with the consent of their individual colleges.

Senate Receives 1st Ed Bills

By CAROL KUNKLEMAN

The first three bills implementing recommendations from Gov. David L. Lawrence's Special Committee on Education were submitted to the Senate yesterday.

The measures, which deal with college scholarships and loans, community colleges and increased state subsidies for school construction, are the result of a year-long study

by the committee.

Sen. Jo Hays, D-Centre, one of the four sponsors of the bills, said yesterday that the bills do not have the official backing of Lawrence, but all have a "good chance" of passing in the Senate. Under the first bill, the \$1.3 billion ceiling on state-backed construction would be removed and the present construction limit per pupil would be raised from \$1,100 to \$1,200 per pupil in elementary schools and from \$1,700 to \$1,800 per pupil in high schools.

Hays said this bill is simply an extension of the present construction limit now effective in the state. Construction limits could be applied to students in community colleges but wouldn't be extended under the measure to college students, he said.

Under the second bill, community colleges would be established by school districts, acting individually or jointly, and by city governments. Financing of the colleges would be split in one-third shares by the state, the local districts and student tuition.

If community colleges were established, he said, 70,000 students would have to be accommodated by 1970.

The third bill establishing a \$1 million revolving loan fund would affect high school seniors graduating in 1962-63.

Under the bill, the state would guarantee loans made at low interest rates by students from

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Philly Daily News Says 128 Players In Hoop Scandal

The jittery collegiate basketball world learned yesterday that New York District Attorney Frank Hogan wasn't kidding when he said the basketball scandal might reach massive proportions.

The Philadelphia Daily News reported that 128 more players and eight referees are expected to be named in the point-shaving conspiracy.

The Daily News said that 38 schools from coast-to-coast would be involved.

So far 11 players from six colleges have been implicated in the present mess which is being investigated by a New York grand jury.

"New names to be disclosed include those of two All-Americans and eight referees. Additional Philadelphia area players, some now graduated, are involved," the Daily News said.

It also said that all but one of the Big Five schools are now involved.

Last weekend, Hogan's office disclosed that three St. Joseph's stars — Jack Egan, Vince Kempton and Frank Majewski — had accepted money to shave points. Ed Bowler, a LaSalle reserve, also was named.

"Indications are that everything so far has been just a preliminary to the main event," the Daily News said.

Hat Society to Honor Mortar Board Scholars

Mortar Board, senior women's hat society, will honor outstanding junior women at an Honor Day program May 18.

These coeds, the "Mortar Board scholars," were selected on the basis of academic excellence and faculty recommendations, and are eligible to receive financial grants from the Helen Eakin Eisenhower and Charlotte Ray funds.

Laos Rebels Announce Cease-Fire

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Pro-Communist Laotian rebels proclaimed a cease-fire effective at 8 a.m. yesterday. A later attack by the rebels on a key town in the narrow southern waist of Laos failed to dim hopes here that all fighting soon would stop.

The general tendency was to blame the assault, in battalion size, at Pha Lane on a failure in communications. Western military experts have predicted there would be some incidents and fighting even after a formal cease-fire.

The cease-fire order to Pathet Lao forces and their rebel allies was broadcast over North Viet Nam's Hanoi radio.

It was coupled with an appeal to the Western-backed Laotian government of Premier Boun Oum to negotiate an armistice followed by a peace conference.

It was disclosed that neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma, recognized by the Communists as legal premier of Laos, called on all parties in the civil war to gather Friday for a political conference to discuss a new coalition government at Na Mon village, site of the military truce talks.

A New China News Agency dispatch said the call was broadcast by the rebel voice of Laos last night.

Souvanna said the discussions would concern "first of all the question of a coalition government and that of Laos' representation at the Geneva conference."

An armistice could pave the way to a political solution to be weighed by 14 nations at a conference in Geneva.

Milder Weather Seen for Today

Although yesterday was the forty-fifth day of spring, wet snow mixed with the cold rain that fell in the morning.

This made yesterday one of the rare May days on which snow has fallen.

Today should be partly cloudy with considerable afternoon sunshine. A high reading of 56 degrees is expected.

Partly cloudy skies and cool temperatures are predicted for tonight, and a low of 35 is expected.

Tomorrow should be mostly cloudy and cool with afternoon showers.

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