

Editorial Opinion

Independent Government

An examination of the present status of SGA and its constitution immediately brings to light certain points.

First, the constitution must be reworked by the interim government as established by the Senate Committee on Student Affairs last spring. That interim government includes the SGA officers and all Assemblymen who have not graduated and are still academically eligible.

The Senate Committee's mandate also stated the constitution must be completed by the end of the fall term. Either this must be adhered to or an extension granted.

University officials have said several times they want a significant student government—and we now propose one.

The all-University governing body is SGA.

Under this body are the autonomous governing units throughout campus. These are AWS, MRC, IFC, Panhellenic Council, and TIM.

Their jurisdiction extends only to legislation over their individual areas. They do not tamper with SGA matters—and SGA keeps its hands off residence area matters.

The IFC and Panhel Council deal in legislation over the groups which they represent—the Greeks. Also included here are Greek boards of control which regulate the rush codes and judicial infractions affecting the groups as a whole.

We also propose a completely autonomous judicial branch of government that is organized under SGA and ultimately responsible to the Senate Sub-committee on Discipline.

For women and men students there are a series of lower pleas courts in the residence areas. The women's courts have a women's central appeals court as do the men—a men's appeals court.

These appeals courts are responsible to the discipline sub-committee.

Town men will have an off-campus tribunal with their appeals going to the discipline sub-committee.

In this system SGA has complete jurisdiction over all disciplinary functions. Its courts dispense all penalties including disciplinary probation. They can also recommend more severe penalties to the Senate Sub-committee.

This is not a major change in the present system but it is a major shift in jurisdiction, for it is taken out of the hands of the residence area governments and out of the offices of the Deans of Men and Women. Every case would go to the courts. No case would bypass the courts to the deans' offices.

The representation system of this government is at the grass roots—the residence areas. But the representatives are nominated by the party wards and the residence area governments keep their hands off.

This basically is the structure SGA brought to the Senate Committee on Student Affairs. The judicial system, however, could not be considered until the present groups—the deans' offices and the Senate Sub-committee on discipline—straighten out their own functions.

In addition, the Senate Committee on Student Affairs will have to give real judicial power to the SGA.

On the legislative side, the committee did not approve political parties. Again, they will have the final say on this question.

The whole question of what powers will be granted often becomes analogous to the situation in the United Nations. The organization as a whole cannot be powerful because its members are afraid of one another and afraid of yielding any of their individual power or own national interest.

As the new constitution is formulated, we urge that the document state the determination of the student body to uphold the right of self-determination and self-government. We urge an independent and meaningful constitution. We urge that the maturity of the students be finally recognized.

We've urged these things before. We cannot urge them enough.

Letters

HUAC Film Editorial Hit By Freshman

TO THE EDITOR: The editor's criticism of the HUAC and the film "Operation Abolition" is completely unjustified. The main objective of this committee is to expose internal subversive activities of the Communists. To do this they must question those suspected of subversive activities.

They were in the process of such questioning when college students from California rioted, and it was a riot.

The leader of these students was Harry Bridges, a man whom the F.B.I. has labeled a Communist, despite what the editors of The Daily Collegian say. It is truly unfortunate that such influential people on campus could be so misinformed.

I suggest that if the editors can prove that "Operation Abolition" is all lies, they do so. If they have no such proof, it would be most advantageous for the student body if they refrained from making such false statements.

For those who will see "Operation Abolition," may they keep in mind that no one would like to see less of the HUAC than the Communists themselves.

Editor's Note: The Supreme Court's 1957 decision on the Watkins case said "... there is no congressional power to expose for the sake of exposure."

—Bill Blackom '65

Buckley Answered

TO THE EDITOR: Neil C. Buckley (Collegian, Oct. 27) would not need to "fear Rule W-6" if he would "look at the record" as Al Smith, the distinguished Governor of New York, used to say.

Mr. Buckley asked, "... has the student body even been consulted on a major policy issue?" The answer is yes. The first explanation of the four-term plan was presented to 1960 Encampment at Mont Alto.

It was favorably received and approved and not one word of protest about the Thanksgiving Holiday was voiced.

—C. O. Williams
Dean Emeritus of Admissions

Letters

Plea for Better Lighting

TO THE EDITOR: Yesterday I practically ran into Sue. This occurrence amazed me as Sue was the blind student, not I.

She is attending school only because of the services of the student readers. But she does lead a relatively normal life. Sue even joined a sorority—but she's missing something vital, something I wouldn't give up for anything in the world—her eyesight.

Unfortunately, Sue will not remain alone, for more and more students are losing more of their sight daily. Of course part of the loss can be attributed to the mistreatment of their eyes—but not all.

The other cause is poor lighting. I have not yet lived in a dorm with adequate lighting and fail to see why this situation exists, especially at a

time of life when people are doing tremendous amounts of reading.

It seems to me that proper lighting is much more important than freshly painted doors, new bulletin boards in the halls, and all the other changes which are recently improving the dorms.

Why hasn't something been done about the lighting? Is it too expensive to provide better lights and does the University therefore plan to have us study in the library where the lights are better instead?

If so, why aren't students allowed to supply their own lamps, especially floor lamps which give better lighting than any number of desk or table lamps? Why doesn't the University investigate the situation and see what can be done?

—Gail Radcliffe '64

Gazette

TODAY

- Alpha Phi Omega, 8 a.m., HUB, first floor
- Cosmopolitan Club Haloween Party, 7:30 p.m., Evangelical and Reformed Church
- English Colloquium, 8:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
- English Department, 11 a.m., HUB assembly room
- Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m., 361 Engineering A
- Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 111 Boucke

- OSGA, 4 p.m., HUB reading room
- OSGA, 6 p.m., HUB second floor
- Players' production, "The Cave Dwellers," 8 p.m., Center Stage
- PS Bible Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 212 HUB
- Science Fiction Club, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
- Swedenborg Society, 8 p.m., 216 Boucke
- Westminster Foundation, "Operation Abolition," 7:30 p.m., Presbyterian University Center

World Roundup
U.N. Committee Passes Motion On Moratorium

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) —The U.N. Main Political committee approved last night, over U.S. and Soviet opposition, a new call for a voluntary halt on testing of nuclear weapons.

By a vote of 72-21 with eight abstentions the 103-nation committee approved a resolution submitted by India and five other nonaligned nations urging a moratorium pending a test ban treaty.

The United States and the Soviet Union voted against the proposal.

The margin assured ratification by the General Assembly, where a two-thirds majority is required.

The action came as the United States announced it is making preparations to resume tests in the atmosphere — if necessary — and the Russians set of No. 29 and 30 in their current series which included two superbombs of at least 25 and 50 megatons.

Judicial Race To Indicate Voter Mood

HARRISBURG (AP) — A campaign for judge—even a Supreme Court judge—normally is about as politically innocuous as a contest for school board.

The one coming up next Tuesday is different. Professional politicians who believe in signs profess to see in the outcome some inkling of the mood of the electorate that would have a bearing on the big races in 1962.

The race is between incumbent Democrat Anne X. Alpern and county judge Henry X. O'Brien, Republican, both Pittsburghers, both age 57, with extensive experience and proven vote-getting abilities.

The race takes the spotlight because it's the only statewide contest on the ballot this year.

Nobel Prizes Go To 3 Scientists

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Three scientists working separately in California were awarded Nobel prizes in physics and chemistry yesterday for using new tools of the atomic age to uncover secrets of life and matter.

The 1961 prize for physics was shared by Dr. Robert Hofstadter, 46, of Stanford University, who opened new prospects for harnessing nuclear energy; and Dr. Rudolf L. Moessbauer, 32, of Munich, Germany, now at the California Institute of Technology. His work may help make space travel safer.

Dr. Melvin Calvin, 50, of the University of California was awarded the chemistry prize for his research with plants that may help to find the answer to the question of how life began on earth.

Writer Thurber Dies Of Respiratory Failure

NEW YORK (AP) — James Thurber, whose writings and drawings kept a generation of Americans laughing, died yesterday. He was 68.

The writer and cartoon artist died of pneumonia and respiratory complications which followed a brain operation he underwent after a blood clot caused his collapse in a hotel room Oct. 4.

Thurber's writings included magazine short stories, fables, and humorous personal essays, and he drew countless cartoons.

General Walker To Quit Army

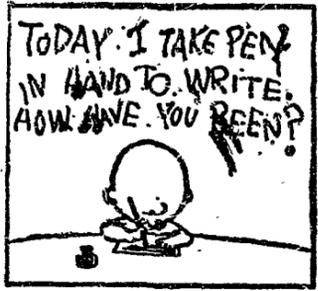
WASHINGTON (AP) — Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker announced last night he is quitting the Army because he feels its action in rebuking him and taking away his divisional command destroyed his usefulness in uniform.

Announcing his decision "with a heavy heart," Walker said he will forego his retirement pay of more than \$12,000 a year in order to be free as a civilian to continue his campaign against what he regards as Communist infiltration.

The general is a key figure in the controversy over how much freedom military men should have to speak out against communism.

Red Math Explained

MOSCOW (AP) — Delegates to the 22nd Communist congress are teaching the world mathematics — Soviet style. They describe the 8-3 vote against Premier Khrushchev in the Presidium in June 1957, as "a technical arithmetical majority," unworthy of being taken seriously. The true majority, they said, lay in the fact that everyone knew the majority of the Central Committee and the population were really behind Khrushchev.



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