

Editorial Opinion

# A New Field for USG

For the second time in two weeks a bill concerned with national and international affairs will be discussed on the floor of the student government Congress.

Last week the Congress tabled indefinitely a motion to condemn the House Un-American Activities Committee.

This week the Congressmen will be asked to take a stand on the apartheid policy of the Republic of South Africa.

These bills have brought up again the question of whether it is within the realm of student government to discuss national and international issues.

We uphold the rights of USG to discuss and to take stands on these issues.

We believe it is the duty of the Congress to represent the views of the students of this University. It is the only body on campus which can represent the opinions of a majority of the students.

Students have strong opinions on affairs on this campus. Student government has attempted to accurately present these views to the faculty or administrators concerned.

But, students have views on other problems besides campus ones. There is no adequate way of having these views represented. Most students cannot vote and therefore are not represented in the U.S. Congress. Also most students do not belong to a special interest group such as a labor union which would represent their views.

Thus we feel that it is the responsibility of student government to move into this new area of student representation. No one else can do it.

In this particular case, the Congress is being asked to condemn the policy of apartheid, an extreme form of segregation which separates the nation of South Africa into two communities—the blacks and the whites.

The bill states that apartheid is "incompatible with the democratic principles of the rights of the individual without regard to race, religion or creed."

We agree fully with this bill. We urge the Congress to adopt this resolution and that student body president Dean Wharton make the views of the students on this University, as expressed by their representative government, known to the officials of this nation and those of the Union of South Africa.

# Proposed Election Changes

Two bills on the elimination of special elections will be presented before the USG Congress tonight.

One bill, a Constitutional amendment, calls for the elimination of special elections to fill midterm vacancies on the Congress. It proposes that these seats be filled by the person who received the next highest amount of votes in the regular election. In case there is no runner-up, the seat would be filled by a person appointed by the president of the area council where the vacancy occurs.

We are very much in favor of this procedure for filling vacant Congress seats. We urge the Congress to approve this constitutional change.

The second proposal is a change in the elections code which would eliminate run-off elections in the case of a tie in the original balloting.

The bill proposes that the area council involved break the tie.

We do not agree with this proposal. More than one person is elected to the Congress from most areas. With fewer choices offered in a run-off election, students may have a definite preference for one candidate even though they may have supported both in the first balloting.

In the few cases where a tie might occur, no solution is as fair and democratic as another election.

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# Critique on Critique

by donnan beeson

Jazz, ice cream cones, liberalism, American opera and poetry comprise much of Critique, a student-edited magazine which is out today. Much of the material within the striking cover is refreshing and good. It has been a long time since a student effort has shown so much potential.

Although the editors seem to have been more interested in attracting a diverse crowd than in technicalities, their product is commendable and on the whole, good reading. The material offered to the reader is gathered in slices from almost every facet of campus and real life.

The most obvious and therefore the most unfortunate of these offerings is a feature on three of our more famous football players, with specially autographed pictures (for one's scrapbook) added as a special treat.

Over and far above this are other articles, written by student, faculty and outside contributors.

Nathan Cobb, manning the jazz department, has written a sensitive, all-encompassing essay describing Jazz to the layman. It is a unique presentation and creates a "feeling" of the subject within the reader.

Writing incognito, one of the editors of the magazine has humorously reported the results of a survey taken on students' propensity for eating ice cream cones by the National Foundation for the Dissolution of Vital Social Problems. Besides making one want to run to the Creamery, it shoots a few well-aimed and well-earned darts at certain members of the administration. Glad to see the satire back on campus.

A play designed to fit well into the Theatre of the Absurd movement, written by James McElhaney (grad student), is glaringly cynical and leaves one wishing for slightly more subtlety. But perhaps irrational man is this way.

Poems by Lynn Freedman and Lewis Kochin (students) are of merit also. Kochin's work seems to be particularly meaningful and well-polished.

An article by Sen. Karl Mundt on liberalism stands out as one of the most valuable features offered. He explores his subject extensive-

ly and offers the reader one of the best arguments yet put forth on the subject.

The lack of good opera in America comes under fire in an article by Leonard Raver (professor). He ties his complaint in with a coming Artists Series program and expresses appreciation at its being offered to the University.

Another faculty member, Mary Jean Thomas, contributed an article for the theatre department of the magazine concerning "The Fantasticks," a coming production by the University Theatre.

Three pages are devoted to poetry by John Tagliabue, professor at another college.

Amusing features in the magazine include blurbs from various (one in particular) campus publications with editorial comment. There are cartoons and a calendar of upcoming events outlining those functions which a student interested in becoming or seeming to be an intellectual should not miss. This feature should prove very useful.

Every student should give up the two-and-one-half ice cream cones' worth of money to peruse this, THEIR magazine. One cannot help but think that students are more interested in reading their own or their peers' work than in reading other contributions to a student magazine.

This is not to say that faculty, politicians and other writers do not have much to offer, but why not take the chance to express ourselves? On a campus such as this which has borne the burden of few vehicles for student expression for so long, there is indeed cause for us to correct the situation.

Take heed, fellow workers.

## WDFM Schedule

- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30, 1963
- 4:15 "The Philadelphia"
    - Vaughan Williams "Fantasia on Greensleeves"
    - Strauss: "Fledermaus Suite"
    - Mendelssohn: "Violin Concert in E"
  - 5:00 Dinner Date
  - 6:00 Washington Reports: news from the capitol
  - 6:15 WeatherScope
  - 6:20 Virtuoso
  - 7:30 Weekend Preview: Dick Althouse Interviews Bob Riefkind, director of the Fantasticks
  - 8:00 The Composer Speaks His Mind: Mr. Stevens & Dr. Raver discuss Haydn and his music
  - 8:30 E. Power Biggs Series
  - 9:00 Campus & Religion
  - 9:15 Mostly Music: Light popular music
  - 10:00 Symphonic Notebook:
    - Brahms: Symphony No. 4
    - Franck: Symphony in D
    - Mozart: Symphony No. 40

# Robert Frost, Poet

By ANN PALMER

Editor

A great man died yesterday and took with him the deep and heartfelt regrets of his beloved America.

Robert Frost, who died at the age of 88, was American in verse. Natural, simple, down-to-earth, and free. He was one with his birches, his flowers, his bonfires, his wood-piles and his roads not taken. He was the country, rural people and Nature.

Frost was a man who, in the midst of world confusion and constant tension, kept his precious optimism. So it was Jan. 20, 1961 when he recited "The Gift Outright" at the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy.

"Firm in our free beliefs without dismay, In any game the nations want to play. A golden age of poetry and power, Of which this noonday's the beginning hour."

Frost had a rare power which enabled him to capture, in relatively few words, the very essence of life. In "The Road Not Taken" he says: "Two roads diverge in a

wood, and I — I took the one less traveled by. And that has made all the difference."

In one line he has described the precious freedom of every American citizen: "Something there is that doesn't love a wall . . ."

His deep understanding of humanity is always evident. With a single word he has been able to stimulate the imagination and hopes of a nation. With a phrase he has done even more. And with the entire volume of his works he has given America a gift that can never be replaced.

Robert Frost is indeed a man worthy of high tribute. He has left this country a goal toward which to work. He has left America a faith in its future. He has left America these lines:

"There is no one I  
Am put out with  
Or put out by . . ."

"And I may return  
If dissatisfied  
With what I learn  
From having died."

from "Away"

# 'Code' Revisions Supported

TO THE EDITOR: Several questions concerning elections procedures have arisen recently and several recommendations for Elections Code revisions will be submitted to the USG Congress tonight, and at other meetings in the future.

I agree with George Jackson that all run-off and special elections should be eliminated, and that in the event of ineligibility of the Congressman, the area council President should, with the approval of his council, appoint a replacement for this position.

The replacement for this position would not necessarily be of the same party as the ineligible Congressman. This is a small sacrifice parties will have to contend with for not nominating or endorsing candidates capable of handling academic and extra-curricular chores, and is only reasonable.

Concerning Mr. Gordon's idea of special elections in the winter and spring it seems to me, only to add complications of elections and an extra burden to the elections commission and student body as well as being unnecessary. As for Gordon's idea of temporary replacements before special elections; it is evident, and seen from experience, that very few people, new to the Congress, in a few short weeks can accomplish anything of significant importance to their area and develop any interest or knowledge of the overall affairs of the student government.

The recommendation of Jackson's that all political parties may

endorse candidates, but that the candidates must still file a petition is also enthusiastically supported by University Party, but I would like to add one revision to this.

Granted the Congress will receive more responsible candidates who have more time to petition for nomination and more independently handle their own campaign; but, there may be a difficulty in acquiring this list of names in an area where each party endorses a full slate of candidates, and where people also run independently.

I believe, for example, that in an area such as the fraternity area where between 15 and 20 candidates could be seeking office and where as many as 2,000 different names may be required for these petitions, that since each voter has the privilege to vote for five candidates for election, that a person in this area or all areas may sign the same number of petitions as positions open in the area; this seems only reasonable and democratic.

Gordon's and Jackson's proposals are all well intended in what each believes to be the interests of student government, but when the Congress attempts to decide on these, and any others, I hope and expect they will act with foresight, based on past experience, to eliminate the several elections code revisions and constitutional complications that seem manifest each time a new election is completed.

—Francis Conte  
University Party Chairman

