



## USG To Debate Issues Of International Concern If 500 Students Petition

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A national or international issue will be debated by the Undergraduate Student Government only at the request of a petition signed by at least 500 students.

After a lengthy debate last night, Congress approved this action by a 22-to-1 roll call vote.

The issue of whether consideration of national and international affairs is within the realm of Congress was discussed last week, at which time the bill proposing such action was postponed indefinitely.

## Somerville Will Join Froth Board

Official notification of the approval of Janis Somerville, president of the Association of Women Students, to serve on the Froth's Board of Directors was submitted to the Committee on Student Organization yesterday.

Only two verifications remain to eliminate the latest stalemate. These are for the head of the art department from Jules Heller, dean of the College of Arts and Architecture, and for the director of student affairs for Commonwealth campuses, from Robert G. Bernreuter, assistant to the President for student affairs.

Heller has been out of town and is not due back until early next week, and Bernreuter has declined to give his approval.

DONOVAN said yesterday that he felt there was a good possibility the committee would be able to solve the problem created by Bernreuter's refusal without too much trouble.

In the committee's meeting Tuesday, one major change was made in the proposed Froth constitution. The Board of Directors was reduced from 12 members to 10.

The main reason for this was President Eric A. Walker's refusal to appoint a member of the Board of Trustees. The President would not comment on why he refused.

Also removed was the USG secretary-treasurer.

Last night Harry McHenry (town) moved that Congress not debate such issues. This motion was defeated by a vote of 11-10.

A motion that Congress debate national and international affairs was then made by Harry Grace (town). This motion was amended by Fred Good (fraternity) to read only if there is a petition signed by at least 500 students.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL revision on special elections slated for its first reading last night was referred back to the Rules Committee when its sponsor, Jon Geiger (fraternity), inserted an extra provision.

The bill, as stated on the agenda, read that when a congressman is disqualified from membership, the president of the area council will appoint, with the approval of his council, a replacement to serve the unexpired term.

The provision that Geiger inserted called for the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes in the full congressional election to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If the congressman had run unopposed, the area council president would then appoint a replacement.

Geiger withdrew his second bill, calling for the area council to break a tie occurring between two congressional candidates, because he said he wanted all elections revisions presented at the same meeting.

### Walker To Speak

President Eric A. Walker will address the University faculty at 4 p.m. in Schwab. He will discuss various aspects of the University.

# Meredith Reveals Education Plans

JACKSON, Miss (AP) — James H. Meredith said yesterday he plans to continue in school at the University of Mississippi and will register for the spring semester today or tomorrow.

"I see signs that give me hope that I will be able to go to school in the future, under adequate, if not ideal conditions," he said in a prepared statement.

THE 29-year-old Negro, smiling frequently, read the statement to a battery of 200 newsmen and television cameras at a news conference here.

"The Negro should not return to the University of Mississippi," he said. "The prospects for him are too unpromising. However, I have decided that I, J. H. Meredith, will register for the second semester."

Meredith knocked down more than a century of whites-only tradition at the university when he gained enrollment last fall—a dramatic registration following a lengthy court battle and a night of campus rioting that killed two and injured hundreds.

He remained as the only member of his race attending a public school with white persons in Mississippi.

LOOKING BACK on almost four months of studying, eating, sleeping and attending classes under the guard of federal forces — time of sporadic harassment lasting right up to the end of the semester, Meredith said he pondered the question for several days before deciding to return.

## Light Snow Falls, More Expected

Less than an inch of snow fell in the local area yesterday, but more than three inches of snow was reported in the Philadelphia area.

A fresh arctic air mass invaded the Commonwealth last night and temperatures are expected to be somewhat colder today.

Today and tonight should be partly cloudy and cold. A high of 22 is expected today and a low of 4 is seen for tonight.

Mostly cloudy skies and occasional snow is possible tomorrow. The high will be about 25.

During that time, he said, he talked with U.S. Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, whose Justice Department staff helped fight his legal battles and helped guard him. He didn't reveal the details of their conversations.

AT WASHINGTON, the attorney general heard of Meredith's decision to return to the university, and said: "I believe almost all Americans share his hope that he can continue his education in peace."

Earlier, President Kennedy told a news conference: "I would be sorry if Mr. Meredith did leave."

I hope he continues. It would be a loss not only to Mr. Meredith, but to the university."

Gov. Ross Barnett, who stood at the front of Mississippi's struggle to keep Meredith out of the university last fall, declined comment on the student's announcement.

AT OXFORD, 200 miles to the north of this capital city of Mississippi, the campus was quiet. Most of the students were away for midterm holidays — the period between the end of the fall semester last Monday and the start of registration today.

## Pentagon Asks ROTC Shakeup

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon proposed yesterday a drastic shakeup of the reserve officers training program, withdrawing support of the junior ROTC course in high schools and streamlining the college program.

There were indications the plan would run into Congressional opposition.

Rep. Carl Vinson, D-Ga., the committee chairman, already has ordered a subcommittee study of ROTC affairs and said he expected recommendations that would insure continuation of a proper ROTC program.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE Robert S. McNamara outlined the proposals for an executive session of the House Armed Services Committee.

McNamara proposed that military departments be authorized to offer an elective two-year ROTC course leading to commissions in the Army or Air Force. The two-year program would be in addition to the current four-year ROTC course.

The defense secretary said a two-year course would include 12 to 14 semester hours on the college campus and up to 12 weeks of summer camp training at Army or Air Force bases.

IF THE PLAN is successful, he said, it "would gradually replace the four-year program on a school-by-school basis in all except military colleges."

He also called for authorization of a limited number of special Air Force scholarships, stressing engineering and physical sciences, to go to promising students who agree to accept regular commissions and serve four years of active duty. The Army may later adopt the scholarship program.

McNamara said the compensation paid advanced ROTC students should be increased. It hasn't been changed since 1947.

The Army's junior ROTC program's is offered in nearly 300 high schools at a yearly cost of \$6 million.

"After thorough study, we have serious doubts whether most of this program is worth the cost," McNamara said.

## TV Schedule Set for U.N.

Closed and open-circuit television schedules for the University's first Model United Nations General Assembly, to be held on campus Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, were announced yesterday by Carol Hoffman, chairman of the project's steering committee.

Miss Hoffman said the event will be telecast on campus via a closed-circuit hookup from 7:30 to 9:30 Friday evening and from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon in all rooms on the ground floor of Sparks.

In addition, she said, channel 10, WFBG, Altoona, will televise the assembly over open-circuit television from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

SHE SAID televising the assembly at these times will enable student viewers to see the highlights of the three-day program.

Andre Bovay, assistant to the director of general services of the United Nations, will address the assembly Friday evening before delegates begin to consider proposed resolutions, she said.

On Sunday afternoon, the program will conclude as the entire body of delegates votes upon proposals produced at Saturday's committee sessions.

Miss Hoffman also said that free tickets for persons who wish to observe the Friday evening and Sunday afternoon sessions in Schwab may still be obtained by presenting a matriculation card at the Hetzel Union desk.



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EN GARDE: Elaine Levin (2nd-liberal arts, Atlantic City, N.J.), and Penny Honker (2nd-liberal arts-Myerstown), are shown practicing one of the fencing techniques learned in the

Women's Recreational Association Fencing Club. The purpose of the club is to improve on the basic techniques taught in the physical education classes.

## 1,200 Greeks To Participate In Church Services Feb. 10

Approximately 1,200 fraternity and sorority women will participate in church services on Feb. 10, the Sunday morning of Greek Week, as part of a "Brotherhood Day" program, John DePetro, Greek Week committeeman, said last night.

DePetro said that about 800 Greeks are expected to participate in Jewish-Protestant services at 10:55 a.m. in Schwab. He added that the Chapel Choir will sing during the service.

The Rev. P. Barrett Rudd, act-

ing executive director of the University Christian Association, will give the sermon in Schwab.

Rudd's topic has not yet been announced. Rabbi Norman T. Goldberg of the Hillel Foundation will assist at the service.

Approximately 400 Catholics are expected to attend the 11 a.m. Mass in the Hetzel Union ballroom that Sunday, DePetro said.

DePetro said that Greeks should be seated 15 minutes before the services because seats have been reserved for them until that time.