

AIM Group to Investigate Community Living Plan For University Students

A committee drawn from the executive committee of the Association of Independent Men's Board of Governors will investigate the feasibility of a type of community living between men and women students in the new residence halls to be built at the University in future years.

The committee, the establishment of which was recommended by the board's executive committee at last night's meeting, will investigate the possibility with the idea of formulating a statement of policy on the matter which would be supported by the board and students in general.

Chem Phys Votes to End Senior Finals

The Chemistry and Physics Student Council last night became the second council to vote in favor of eliminating final examinations for seniors.

The council passed the motion after stipulating that seniors must possess a "C" average in their course.

Tuesday night the Engineering Student Council passed a motion to exempt all graduating seniors from finals. All-University Cabinet will hear the motion at its meeting tonight.

Council will sponsor an open house on April 28. Joseph Eberly, junior in physics from State College, reported that 140 high schools have received invitations.

At least four tours through the different departments of the College of Chemistry and Physics will be conducted and faculty members will lecture.

Appointed to the open house committee were Kenneth Christiansen, junior in chemical engineering from Fanwood, N.J., Harlan Kline, junior in chemistry from Kutztown, and Marilyn King, freshman in chemistry from Hershey.

Lion Party Steering Committee to Meet

The Lion Party Steering Committee will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in 317 Willard.

Robert Spadaro, Lion Party Clique Chairman, said that attendance at the meeting is mandatory in order that future party policy for the coming All-University elections may be planned.

He added that all past members of the steering committee are included unless previously notified.

According to Leonard Richards, AIM secretary, the committee will make an extensive investigation of the matter which will consider it from every angle, and will also collect information on its application at other universities.

The committee will also seek to determine what type of community living will be best suited to conditions as they will then exist at the University.

Such community living would prevent what AIM President Bruce Lieske termed "the isolating of men and women students at extreme opposite ends of the campus."

Richards cited community dining as one facet of community living arrangement.

In other action last night the board agreed to set up a joint committee with members of Leonides Independent Women's Organization to begin planning a project for Spring Week.

The AIM-Leonides Spring banquet will be held May 5 at the Nittany Lion Inn, and the AIM-Leonides Dance will be held April 13 in the Hetzel Union ballroom with music by the AIM Band.

A proposal by AIM treasurer Harry Martini to request that Lieske protest the inequality of representation of independent and fraternity candidates in the Spring elections at tonight's meeting of All-University Cabinet was defeated.

Harold Dean, senior in arts and letters from Untontown, said by such a mandate the board would be entering into politics, which, he said, would be unwise.

Thomas J. Smith, junior in education from Wyomissing, was appointed a delegate to the National Independent Student Association's convention to be held at Austin, Texas, in April.

Other appointments approved last night were James Goodwin, sophomore in physics from Philadelphia, and Benjamin Winslow, junior in psychology from Patton, to the projects committee, and (Continued on page eight)

Surprised Owner Gets Back Auto; Thieves Escape

A stolen auto, ditched quickly on campus after being pursued by a Campus Patrolman, has been returned to its owner, who was unaware it was missing.

The patrolman noticed a 1954 Chevrolet traveling at a fast rate of speed at 2 a.m. Feb. 14. He took chase and overtook it at parking area 40.

Two young men then jumped from the car, one running north, the other south. The lone patrolman pursued on foot after the one who went north.

Both men got away, police said. The car, which was not damaged, was returned to the owner, Elwood McClellan, 325 E. Lamb Street, Bellefonte.

The car had been parked in Bellefonte, according to police.

5 Scholarships Are Available To Eng Students

Five scholarships available to students of the College of Engineering and Architecture totaling \$2200 have been announced.

The American Brake Shoe Scholarship will award \$500 to a sophomore in engineering, chemistry and physics, or mineral industries for his junior year. The scholarship may be continued for the senior year if his scholastic record is satisfactory.

The Cincinnati Milling Machine Company Scholarships are two awards of \$500 each to sophomores in electrical engineering, engineering science, industrial engineering, or mechanical engineering for their junior year. These scholarships may be carried over in the senior year if a satisfactory scholastic record is met.

The Martin Aircraft Scholarship will award \$250 to a sophomore in aeronautical, electrical, engineering science, or mechanical engineering for his junior year.

The Square D. Company Scholarship is an award of \$450 to a sophomore in electrical engineering, engineering science, industrial engineering, or mechanical engineering for his junior year. This award may be continued in the senior year if a satisfactory scholastic record is kept.

Application forms for these scholarships may be obtained from 204 Main Engineering. Applications should be submitted before March 1.

Dairy Science Club to Meet

The Dairy Science club will meet at 7 tonight in 117 Dairy.

News and Views to Meet

News and Views staff and candidates will meet at 6:45 tonight in 14 Home Economics.

Question Raised Over Specialization

In an unanimous straw vote, the Physical Education Student Council decided the physical education curriculum is over-specialized.

At the council meeting Monday night, Ann Farrell, junior in physical education said she had been asked to raise this question for discussion:

"Are the curriculums in the schools of the University becoming too specialized so that students are unable to take the electives they need for a well-rounded educational background?"

Divided Into Committees

The council divided into committees to study the problem after some of the members gave reasons why they thought there was over-specialization in their school.

A physical education major said that students in his curriculum were only able to take six credits of electives, and so were forced to overload or audit to take all other courses.

Repetition in Courses

Recreation and Health education majors are not as severely limited in electives a recreation major said, but he suggested that all students in the Physical Education School would have room to take more courses for their own information and for a minor, which is encouraged by the school, if some of the repetitious physical education courses were omitted.

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The committee on minors is to study how more room could be made for the student to take courses required for a minor into their four-year course of study.

Repetition and activity blocks will be studied to see if suggestions can be found for removing repetitious courses, and eliminating repetition in the activity blocks. Suggestions may also be made by this group of ideas that could be used in the activity blocks.

Recreation Committee

The recreation committee is made up of a group of recreation majors, who come under the jurisdiction of the Physical Education School, but will bring up suggestions on the problem which relate to their course of study.

The last group, although not directly concerned with the idea of over-specialization, was formed to study a problem of women's sports.

The ideas of the committees will be brought to the council at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the Hetzel Union Building. After ideas on these and other related subjects are formulated they will be discussed with a faculty group from the Physical Education College.

Convocation Planned

Plans were discussed for the Physical Education Student Convocation to be held Thursday, Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to noon in the (Continued on page eight)

Psych, Soc Clubs To Hold Combined Meeting Tonight

The Psychology and the Sociology clubs will hold a joint meeting at 7:30 tonight in the Hetzel Union assembly hall.

Dr. Edward L. French, director of psychology and education at the Devereux School in Devon, will give an illustrated talk on "Treatment of disturbed and retarded children." The meeting is open to the public.

Dr. French will also interview graduating seniors in the fields of psychiatry, psychology, education, recreation, art and musical therapy for positions at the Devereux School.

The interviews will take place on Thursday and Friday. Appointments can be made in room 130 Sparks with Dr. Duane V. Ramsey, assistant professor of sociology, and Fredrick R. Matson, professor of archaeology.

Talent Tryouts Set For Sophomore Dance

Talent tryouts for the Sophomore Class Dance will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Hetzel Union assembly hall March 4.

Sophomores are eligible to try-out. The talent show will be held during intermission of the sophomore dance on March 10.

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English Bothers Frosh

By EVIE ONSA

Why do so many students have trouble with English? About 25 per cent of the freshmen are placed in a no-credit English course. Last semester 41 per cent of these students failed. Why?

According to Theodore J. Gates, head of the English composition department, the major cause lies in the student attitude toward language studies.

Some students are satisfied with their present knowledge of English. Professor Gates said that a frequent student attitude is expressed as, "this is the way my ma and pa taught me—if it was good enough for them, it's good enough for me."

As an example that a change in attitude may be what is needed, Gates told the story of a football hero at the University who failed comp. 0 four times. But on returning from the service passed it the first time. "Anyone can pass comp. 0," he said, if he applies himself.

"We flunk so many," he said, "because they do not attain a reasonable level of competence for college students." However, he said, this can again be traced

to the attitude of the student. People in the Liberal Arts School usually score better on the placement tests and make better grades in English because they are inclined in that direction. It is not a difference in intelligence, he said, but a difference in interests.

Background Important

By the time a student reaches college his language pattern has been formed. It was established in the home and in the high school, he said, but mainly in the home. Aside from attitude there has been a decline in proficiency because colleges are now taking a larger number of students.

In a study conducted by Dr. John S. Bowman, professor of English composition; Dr. Martin L. Zeigler, research associate in psychology; and Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter, professor of psychology, it was found that there is a definite relationship between the students' marks on the English placement tests and on their general academic performance.

This study followed 1268 students through their four years at college. Results showed that the students who placed high on the test had better grades both at the end of their first and seventh semesters.

Correlation Exists

There is also a definite correl-

ation between placement test grade and the withdrawal rate. Two out of three comp 1 students will graduate while only one out of three comp. 0 students will graduate.

What is the solution to this? Professor Gates said that if the good students can be separated from the poor ones by testing after they arrive on campus, they should be separated before they are admitted. This may be part of the answer.

Next fall an experimental testing program will be set up at the University's 11 centers. This will be primarily a counseling program and will provide general testing for those students already admitted. It will not be compulsory.

GUADALAJARA SUMMER SCHOOL

The accredited bilingual school sponsored by the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara and members of Stanford University faculty will offer in Guadalajara, Mexico, July 2-Aug. 11, courses in art, creative folklore, geography, history, language and literature. \$225 covers tuition, board and room. Write Prof. Juan R. Rael, Box K, Stanford University, Calif.

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