

## Lost in the Shuffle

With all the fuss about personalities, and three candidates for student body president, the constitution is likely to get lost in the shuffle next Monday (Tuesday and Wednesday, too).

The Constitution skimmed through, illegally, in April with a little over 50 per cent of the students voting. It is reasonable to believe that a 50 per cent vote will be obtained next week—which places those persons who sit back with a smug smile and say "I don't have to vote, the best way to defeat it is to not vote," in an awkward position.

Those people who don't like the Constitution have to get out and vote "no," if they are to have their opinion considered; since it is pretty well assured that the 50 per cent that voted before will be voting again.

Which makes us very happy. It is irritating to see people defeat something simply by taking no action whatsoever.

It will at least be interesting to see them walk to the polls.

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Inner circles report that Hendricks Hall members have been holding recent closed meetings to vote on petitioning for entrance into the Greek bloc. If the vote is affirmative, the Hall will change its name to Hendricks Alpha Hall, or HAH.

## The Word From ATO

To the Editor:

We feel that the myriad of unfounded accusations directed at our house and at its candidate's principles in its relation to the USA party have necessitated an immediate stand as to our motives in bolting the Greek bloc.

For the past few days you have heard that our withdrawal from the bloc is a set-up deal, that a pressure group is calling our moves and should we secure the election, we will immediately return like an errant sheep to the AGS fold; you've heard that we don't trust the USA and simultaneously that the USA doesn't trust us; you've heard us called a group of "dissatisfied malcontents;" and you've heard us called traitors, shrewd politicians and Machiavellian in the sense that any means to secure office will be justified by the ends.

What is the basis for these beliefs? Is there any foundation to them? Definitely not. Rather to us, the accusers are utilizing every possible means to smear us to win the elections by any means by which they might profit. Then why did we bolt the bloc? What are our own and our candidate's intentions? What will we do if elected?

Now get this: These are our principles and we have sincerely advocated them and will even more sincerely adhere to them. First we bolted because we don't like to be told who to run and when, we don't like the AGS's conception of rotation of office, and finally because the USA representatives in an effort to achieve a fair government came to us and asked us to run in their nominations.

As to intentions. If elected we plan to maintain those USA party principles we have advocated through our candidate in whom we have the utmost confidence. We want fair campus government with office rotation based on merit rather than living organizations. We want above all to remove an unwarranted social barrier, to erase the line that exists between Greek and Independent students politically.

What will we do if Mountain is elected? Just as we have maintained above, WE ARE NOW AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT OF THE USA PARTY AND ITS POLICIES. AND PLAN TO BE INDEFINITELY. WE'RE NOT GOING TO "SELL ANYBODY DOWN THE RIVER." Both Greek and Independent students stand to gain by having our candidates elected for we promise to you the fair student government inculcated in our party platform.

The handwriting is on the wall. There is only one candidate for number one position whom we are sure is sincere in his promise to be loyal to the students, both Greek and Independents, to his party and the policies he has advocated. We plead especially for objectivity to the Independent students. Don't let unbased propaganda engender mutual distrust between our party and its candidate. If you do, the pressure group will have its candidate on top of the political heap.

Joe Richards  
President  
Alpha Tau Omega

## The Squirrel Caeg

## A Fable About Pats, Plebes, Etc.

By Stan Turnbull

Animal fables seem to be the thing now, so here's a not-too-obscure one to try on your own Wurlitzer.

(Might as well point out ourselves, and save the editor the trouble, that views of columnists are their own. Would also like to point out that this columnist's views—and doubts—are shared by others. And so as not to make this too obscure, let's drop the blue and green ducks, and talk about ancient Rome; we'll call 'em the patricians-Pats—and plebians, or Plebes.)

No use in filling in too much back history; the Pats were an organized group and the Plebes were a group that was originally all un-organized but now included some disgruntled Pats.

When it came time to elect officers to the Forum, particularly Emperor, in the spring of 1950 B.C., one of the very largest factions in the Pats suddenly announced it was going to run on the Plebe party, with the intention of "cleaning up Rome's politics." This was very,

hard for the citizenry at large to swallow, the the faction yelled it very loud, so loud that the honest, capable leader of the Plebes believed them.

The Pats then had only two really top possibilities for Emperor; one of them had held office before and knew the ropes, the other had not. At the nominating assembly the one who had not, won by two votes. It was hard to believe that he was the best candidate, and many honest people thought maybe a subversive group with Greek letters was behind it.

That made two party-supported candidates in the race, but a lot of honest people thought it was possible the "reformed" Pat would soon throw back in with the Pats, so that in effect the Pats might have candidates on both tickets, both backed by the greek letter subversive group. But in all honesty, they could not prove it, particularly in the case of the "reformed" one, who honestly did appear to be up and up.

Then came the next event: the candidate who had stuck

with the Pats, who had held offices, and who had made no "deals" (or he would not have lost, being the obviously most qualified candidate), and who had not gotten the Pat nomination, heard lots of citizens say that he was the best candidate, and that he should run. So he entered his name in the race for Emperor, on a no-party ticket.

With the elections very near, he tried to gather support on two grounds: 1, that both the other candidates may be backed by the subversive group, although the "reformed" one might be sincere; and 2, that regardless of anything else, he was the most experienced and ablest candidate. He had served on the Senate, something that neither of the others had, was definitely not allied with a subversive group, and had the respect of both honest Pats and Plebes alike.

That was the way matters stood on the eve of elections in 1950 B.C. Strange to relate, the next page of the history book was torn out, so we don't know the outcome.

## In The Bag

## Here is a Difference of Opinion

Letters

To the Editor:

To begin with, I would like to commend you on your intelligent and forthright interpretation of the present political scene. There seems to be only one answer to your question, "How far can Barry Mountain and the ATO's be trusted to support the policies of USA?" That answer is: No farther than you can throw the ATO house. The ATO's will hardly wait for the ballots to be counted before returning to the AGS fold. USA or AGS, ATO is still TNE. "The Club" has it figured out mathematically: A 100 per cent chance beats a 50 per cent chance. With TNE-backed Gerry Smith on one team and TNE-backed Mountain on the other, how can TNE lose? With this situation, it is obvious that Art Johnson's efforts for democratic student government will give the student voter the same amount of choice as a Russian voter. USA or AGS, it's still TNE.

A disgusted independent,  
A. O. Giovannini

The opinion expressed in your letter is no doubt held by a number of people—mainly independent, but undoubtedly some Greeks, too. However, the opinion is not necessarily an accurate or correct one.

Yesterday we asked these questions, in the hope that someone (preferably the candidates) would come forth with the answers. Some of the answers are printed elsewhere on this page.

Your suspicions are ones that can understandably arise. And they are real suspicions that must be considered by the candidates and the political parties: for these suspicions will influence the vote, or decision not to vote.

But we should not pass final judgment until we have attempted to honestly get the answers to these questions. And do not get discouraged or disgusted because there is no independent running for the number one position.

The USA coalition elected the first independent student body president last year since the late 30s. If USA has decided that the best candidate this year is a Greek, that is not an indication that the independents have been "sold down the river." The USA still offers each individual a chance to run for the party's nomination—it does not discriminate against the Greeks, nor does it discriminate against the independents.

As to the charges of TNE, all candidates deny any affiliation with such a group. And you may further look to their

actions to determine if they are backed by such a group. If you are truly interested in student government it would be wise to ask each of the three candidates to come before your living group and speak.—Editor.

## Oops!

Editor, The Emerald:

I should be very happy to be misquoted in your excellent paper on almost any subject from St. Augustine to sex. But in these times, when various agencies are building up files on various people from various sources, I should prefer not to be misquoted in print with reference to Russia.

Your headline Tuesday attributes to me the view that world revolution is not Stalin's plan. I am aware that most of your readers are totally indifferent to my view on this or any other subject; but just in case this clipping should be added to somebody's file, I should like to straighten out the record. It has always been, is now, and will probably continue to be my view that world revolution has always been, is now, and will probably continue to be Mr. Stalin's long-term goal.

Very truly yours,  
Gordon Wright



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