

Young Democrats Club Chooses New Officers

Last Thursday evening Oct. 11, the Young Democrats Club held its organizational meeting at which 1961-62 officers were elected and plans were formulated concerning future goals and policies.

Sandra Freedman, organizational chairman, presided over the meeting until W. L. Barden was elected president, at which time, Miss Freedman turned the meeting over to Mr. Barden.

Other elected officers of club are: Sandra Freedman, first vice president; Robert P. Royall, second vice president; M. Aileen Clark, secretary; and Roland H. Hodges, Jr., treasurer. Mr. Royall was also appointed college organizer.

Dr. William F. Troutman, Jr., chairman of the Political Science Department, was elected sponsor for the campus political group.

After officers were elected, membership to the state YDC was voted upon and unanimously approved.

Dewey Sheffield and R. Lester Harris, president and secretary, respectively, of the Wilson County unit of YDC, attended the meeting, at which sixteen persons joined. Mr. Sheffield explained to the local group the organizational charters of the Wilson County and state Young Democrats Clubs. He also pointed out that the campus YDC would be able to obtain state and regional speakers through the state organization.

Mr. Barden, president of the club and one of the persons instrumental in its formation, when asked to express his views on the club, said: "Tonight a momentous step forward has been made on the campus of ACC. Our plan is to enlighten and inform the campus of political problems that beset our times and work toward their solutions."

USF Fires Three Student Officers

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Three students at the University of San Francisco have been fired from their positions in the last week. The three are: G. Edward Stephen, former editor of the university newspaper, the "Foghorn;" Mike Kunath, former head yell leader; and Leland Vandendale, former editor of the USF literary magazine.

Stephen was dismissed Oct. 5. The official reason for their firing was "possession of alcoholic beverages on campus," but a variety of other reasons have been offered as the true causes of their dismissals.

San Francisco metropolitan Newspapers have claimed that it was differences over "philosophies," not alcohol, which led to Stephen's dismissal. Stephen himself offers a different cause.

According to Stephen, he was dismissed because he refused to cooperate with the university's disciplinary board. He claims he was not asked if he had consumed any alcoholic beverages, but whether or not he knew who had. The board was brought to ask him the question after two empty beer bottles were found in the office of the "Foghorn." Stephen also stated to the USF student legislature that no definite proof of the charge had been established.

The reasons for Kunath's dismissal are even vaguer. Kunath said he felt he was fired because of "a string of minor offenses linked together to indicate irresponsibility." The Dean of Students, Father Francis T. Moore, says Kunath was dismissed because he urged freshmen to participate in more activities during initiation that the regulations allow, and that other personal reasons played a role.

The only one of the firings which seems not to have led to any questions about its causes is that of Vandendale. He and university officials agree that he was fired because of public criticism of the administration.

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We urge all Democrats to join with us, for there is no better way of learning the functions of our government than by participating in a pressure group or party — preferably the YDC."

Miss Freedman, first vice president, said that they were extremely pleased at the large turnout and amount of enthusiasm that was shown. She announced that a membership drive would begin immediately and that plans are being made to send delegates to the party convention to be held in Durham Nov. 9-11.

Dr. Troutman, sponsor for the club, had these remarks to make about the newly formed YDC: "I welcome the interest shown by the Young Democrats in organizing their club. Unless I overestimated the determination of the students present tonight, the Young Democrats will make a big difference in politics on this campus and in the entire region."

The next meeting of the Young Democrat Club will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 8:30, in room 206 in the classroom building. All students who are interested in joining are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Political Science Club In Meeting

The Political Science Club met last Tuesday night, Oct. 10, 1961, in the home of June Burwell. The main topics of discussion were plans to have political figures give programs at future meetings, and a proposed showing of the controversial movie "Operation Abolition."

President Roy Barnes gave and received suggestions from members about the possibilities of having prominent state and local political leaders speak at meetings during the coming year.

Some of the suggested speakers were: Congressman L. R. Fountain, State Senator Joe Eagles, State House Representative Tom Woodard and Tom Pearsal, who originated the "Pearsal Plan" for integration and segregation of N.C. public schools.

Jim Van Camp, chairman of the Campus Swareness Committee, proposed that club members be given a preview of the movie "Operation Abolition," a movie depicting the alleged activities of communist agitators during a meeting of the House on Un-American activities committee, which took place in San Francisco.

It is planned that this film will be shown to the students in the near future or be a part of the CAC program.

National Student Group Is Planning Conference

Probably never before in history have such diverse and pressing demands been made on the United States educational system. International tension, the world wide revolutionary effects of the emergence of under-developed nations and domestic crises such as the phenomenal increase in enrollments and consequent shortage of teachers require a re-evaluation of contemporary education.

For this reason, the United States National Student Association will hold a conference on the "Aims of Education," Nov. 17-19. The conference is supported by the Johnson Foundation, and will be held at the Foundation's Wingspread conference facilities near Racine, Wis.

Since the conference will include students, faculty, and administrators, it should be particularly fruitful. The varied backgrounds and concerns of the individual participants should contribute to constructive criticism of contemporary educational goals and problems as well as constructive proposals for future changes and reforms.

The conference will cover four main topics:

1. What are the aims of education? Discussion of this subject requires an attempt to define the term "education."

2. What should be the aims of education? It is important to discover if there are any permanent goals which education can set for

itself, or if the aims of education must be changed as the times change. It will also be important to distinguish between an ideal education and the education which can actually be attained in the face of modifying social, political and economic forces.

3. Is American education capable of taking the necessary steps to improve itself? Can it, in fact, provide the leaders to deal with the international and domestic problems America must face?

4. What is and should be the role of students in defining and attaining the aims of education? Because USNSA is particularly interested in and concerned with the student's participation in the educational process, the emphasis here will be on the student's concern and responsibility for charting educational goals, and the desirability and potential for including students in the discussion and implementation of educational policies.

Application forms are still available from student body presidents, USNSA campus coordinators and the national office in Philadelphia. They must be returned to the national office not later than Oct. 15.

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Young Republicans Name New Slate Of Officers

The Young Republicans held their first meeting on Monday, Oct. 2. It was decided that the

following meetings would be held in room 209 of the classroom building on Thursday evenings at 7 o'clock. The newly elected officers are: Dale Williamson, president; Ed Lawrence, vice president; Ann O'Berry, secretary; Rose Lee, treasurer; Faye Brinson, assistant secretary. The faculty advisor for this organization is Dr. Dan McFarland.

The Young Republicans will have guest speakers, panel discussions with member of the Young Republicans in Wilson and with clubs at other colleges, among this years programs. It is also hoped that a debate with the Young Democrats may be held during the chapel period. An occasional group dinner will lend to the enjoyment of the club.

Some of the members will attend the State Young Republicans Convention at Durham in the Spring. This group will assist in the general election of any GOP candidate.

Research Council Planning Awards

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council has been called upon again to advise the National Science Foundation in the selection of candidates for the foundation's program of regular graduate and postdoctoral fellowships. Committees of outstanding scientists appointed by the Academy-Research Council will evaluate applications of all candidates. Final selection will be made by the foundation, with awards to be announced on March 15, 1962.

Fellowships will be awarded for study in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological and engineering sciences; also in anthropology, psychology (excluding clinical psychology), geography, economics (excluding business administration), sociology (not including social work), and the history and philosophy of science. They are open to college seniors, graduate and postdoctoral students, and others with equivalent training and experience. All applicants must be citizens of the United States and will be judged solely on the basis of ability.

Applicants for the graduate awards will be required to take the Graduate Record Examination designed to test scientific aptitude and achievement. This examination, administered by the Educational Testing Service, will be given on Jan. 20, 1962, at designated centers throughout the United States and certain foreign countries.

The annual stipends for graduate Fellows are as follows: \$1,800 for the first year; \$2,000 for the intermediate year; and \$2,200 for the terminal year. The annual stipend for postdoctoral Fellows is \$5,000. Limited allowances will also be provided to apply toward tuition, laboratory fees, and travel.

Further information and application materials may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., N. W., Washington 25, D. C. The deadline for the receipt of applications for regular postdoctoral fellowships is Dec. 18, 1961, and for graduate fellowships Jan. 5, 1962.

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