Voting Begins On New Constitution

by Tom Clingan
Editor-in-Chief

After two years of revision, argument, and postponement, a new Student Association constitution comes before the student body today. A major publicity drive has been initiated to acquaint the students with the proposal, which needs the approval of 60% of at least 1500 members of the Student Association.

The constitution proposal has long been a subject of controversy inside Central Council. Originally introduced in much different form in April of 1969, it evolved to the current model through numerous major revisions and three different administrations.

The referendum is being held today, tomorrow, and Wednesday in the Campus Center (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and in the three uptown dining halls and Walden cafeteria (4:30—6:30 p.m.).

Also on referendum are several amendments to the present constitution, in case the new proposal does not pass, which will make the current system more livable.

The major differences between constitutions are the legislative and executive branches. Currently, all functions of both branches are contained in the Central Council. The new proposal would provide a separate, elected executive and a wholly-elected Central Council. This makes both bodies more democratic and responsive to public feeling, as well as involving more students in government.

The opinions of students in the government are still mixed, however, on the topic of the constitution. Student Association president David Neufeld is very much in favor of its adoption. “The only fair way to expend such a large sum of money [mandatory tax; about $360,000] is to have a purely elected Council based on living areas. There will be a much closer relationship between the students and their representatives,” said Neufeld. He added, “The main problem with the old constitution was that it took three years to change it.”

The original version of the “new” proposed constitution was introduced on April 34, 1969, to be placed on referendum during the first week of October, 1969. Debate on the issue was so extensive that in October the bill was not ready for referendum. Near the end of that academic year, in April of 1970, another bill was passed ordering action by October 15, 1971. This bill was reaffirmed by the new 1970-71 council at its first meeting. Yet, due to an unexpected lawsuit (among other things) action was never taken. The constitution continued to be discussed, on and off, during the current year.

Chairmanship of the Constitutional Revisions Committee passed through several hands. For all the stated eagerness, no one seemed to want to do the work involved.

Finally, on February 11, 1971, the current version was presented to Central Council by David Neufeld. The vote at the next Council meeting, on February 18, was 18-1 in favor of placing the bill on referendum. One week later, a different constitution proposal was introduced by Jeff Waaasman, who felt that the political and monetary functions of the Central Council should be divided between two different bodies. This would ease problems if S.A. ever went over to a voluntary tax again. His version of the constitution was tabled for the next regular meeting, March 4, which was cancelled for lack of a quorum. Therefore, the original version will go to the polls as originally passed on February 18.

Voting for the proposed Student Association Constitution will be held in all the quads as well as the Campus Center today, tomorrow, and Wednesday.

Capital Colleges Discuss Problems and Cooperation

by Al Senia

Capital area colleges took the first step toward political and social cohesion Tuesday night when sixteen representatives met at Schenectady Community College to discuss common problems facing their institutions—and to search for viable answers.

The meeting, attended by representatives from Union, R.P.I., Skidmore, St. Rose, Albany Med, Schenectady Community and Albany State lasted for about two hours. It was the first in a series of such sessions; the second is planned to take place in approximately two weeks.

One of the topics discussed and now being studied is the feasibility of co-ordinating next year’s student activities calendar so that a greater diversity of entertainment can be offered to all students in the area. Problems, such as two area colleges scheduling concerts for the same night would be overcome.

It is also hoped that the local student governments would be able to effectively communicate with one another and to establish a full time lobbying group to present the student body’s views to legislative leaders.

What the organization is ultimately aiming for, of course, is to bring a sense of community to the Capital District—something that almost every student knows is sorely lacking. Though the group is experimental, it seems to be a very crucial first step. And hopefully it will lead to important innovations and help overcome the obstacles to student unity.

Politics was another area of major discussion, with the delegates hoping that the group will be able to spur greater cooperation among area colleges. As it stands now, there are few ties between the several institutions; and a more cohesive organization could supplement these services.

Efforts may also be made in the near future to establish a full time lobbying group so that local college students, acting collectively, will be able to effectively voice their views to legislative leaders.

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One student put the problem in perspective when he turned to the Albany State representative and asked excitedly: “Why can’t we use your Mohawk Campus for another Woodstock?”

Perhaps, some day, we shall.
The baby seal in the photo was one of 50,000 killed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, one of over half a million seals clubbed, speared, shot and gaffed during the 1970 Canadian–Norwegian slaughter in the Atlantic.

Don't believe furries who would persuade you that Friends of Animals has been "misleading" you, that any slaughter anywhere is done for the benefit of the seals. As the bubble-domed helicopter flew low over the first day's ice floes, twenty miles out in the Gulf, | saw baby seals, clubbed, speared, shot, gaffed during the 1970 Canadian–second day of the Canadian season on seals—| saw mother seals nuzzling the skinless corpses of their babies. Standing ten feet away from the killers on the ice, | saw my name to your mailing list. 

If You Are One Who Cannot Be Indifferent to the Suffering of Other Creatures 

intends to pound on the world's conscience until sentient men and women everywhere are made aware of the unnecessary cruelty and destruction being inflicted upon animals. Your contribution will be used to plead for those creatures who can tell no stories for themselves but who dumbly implore your pity.

Friends of Animals, Inc.

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Weight Watchers—be sure to call either Ro Colangelo (472-2723) or Sue Levy (472-2722) for the report of reducing. Colangelo went from 275 to 232 (pounds!) while Levy went from 310 to 261 in just 5 weeks.

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Senior portraits (Class of 1972) for the 1972 TORCH are now being taken. Sign up now at the Campus Center Information Desk.

Harry E. Cniff Professor of Astronomy at SUNYA will be holding a forum on March 8, 7pm in LC 25. Photos and Moon Rocks will be on display.

Meetings

Refer Switchboard will be sponsoring a community meeting and general rap to get feedback of Refer and the needs of the Albany Community. The meeting will be held at the Trinity Methodist Church (215 Lancaster at Lark Street) in the Junior Chapel, and will begin at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 10. All are invited to attend.

Ukrainian St. Jent Organization meets Thursday, March II, at 7:30 in the R. P. I. Student Union. For more information, call Martha 237-7722 or Kathy 457-8979.

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Geology Club will be showing a film entitled "Drainage System of the Amazon" Monday, March 8th at 7:30pm in ES 223. All are invited to attend.

Cathexis presents a film "Behavior Modification: The Teaching of Language to Psychotic Children" on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:30 in LC 25.


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Reminder—to all groups participating in State Fair ’71. Applications for booths are due no later than March 15. Any questions? Call 7-5438.

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Any students requesting flights to Europe & Asia, see Bob Burstein in C.C. Lobby. Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or call 346-3360. 

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Officials Predict More Withdrawals
by Fred S. Hoffman
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Heartened by apparent progress in Laos, defense officials expect nearly 100,000 additional American troops to be withdrawn from South Vietnam over the next six months.

South Vietnamese capture of Sepon, a major hub on the enemy's supply trail network through Laos, boosted the optimism of those Defense Department officials about increasing the momentum of the U.S. pullout.

While Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird has denied that Sepon was as such an objective, he and other top officials have acknowledged the area's importance because of major routes running through it.

The U.S.-supported Laotian operation still could run into serious trouble from reinforced North Vietnamese troops, but Nixon administration officials appear confident of the outcome.

The pace of the U.S. troop withdrawal slowed early this year as allied planners prepared for the South Vietnamese ground offensive into Laos.

Now the pace has quickened.

The most recent official report, issued last Monday, showed a total of 336,000 American troops in Vietnam.

This means the command will have to send home another 45,000 men in less than two months to reach the 351,000 level projected by President Nixon for May 1. Officials indicated the pullout in March and April will be a couple of thousand bigger than that.

Although Nixon will not announce his new troop-reversal commitment until April, Pentagon officials anticipate that the monthly average beyond May 1 will total at least 12,000 and perhaps somewhat higher.

On that basis, they say they expect the withdrawal of almost 100,000 more American servicemen by the end of August.

This would lead to the overall number of U.S. troops still in Vietnam to about only 40 per cent of the 543,000 peak American strength there in April, 1969.

U.S. thinking in supporting the South Vietnamese drive into Laos is that disruption of the Ho Chi Minh trail, last major supply channel to North Vietnam, will prevent the enemy from building up his military stocks in the battle zone before the long rainy season.

In addition, American strategists believe the North Vietnamese ability to mount major offensives will be crippled through early 1972.

It follows, these strategists say, that a swifter American troop withdrawal could then be undertaken safely, and the South Vietnamese would have another year to gain strength.

The events of March 8 will begin with discussion classes about problems of Women's Liberation. The members of these classes is as follows:

1. CC 315 to be announced
2. CC 515 Women and the War
3. CC 375 Birth Control and Abortions
4. SS 259 Angola Davis
5. SS 146 Politics of Housework
6. SS 259 Gay Liberation
7. SS 146 Black Women
8. SS 250 Women and Their Bodies
9. SS 146 Women and Children

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"Food for Thought"

Do you think class government should be abolished?

...is relevant?

What would you like to see class government do?

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Free coffee and donuts
**ARTICLE I CENTRAL COUNCIL**

Section 1: Executive and Legislative powers granted herein shall be vested in a governing body known as the Central Council. It shall be the responsibility of Central Council to enact and promulgate laws, regulations and procedures. Central Council shall have the authority to take all actions required for the conduct of the Student Association.

Section 2: Composition

a. Central Council membership shall be derived from two elements: Faculty and Student Association.

b. The basis of representation to Central Council shall be determined by the number of students residing in the student bodies of the University. The voting members may be elected from the voting membership of the Student Association.

c. The number of voting Faculty members shall be determined by the number of students enrolled in the University, with the limit being three hundred.

d. Appointment of the faculty members shall be made by the Board of Regents.
We’ve Still Gotta Crow About “Peter Pan”

by Robert Kattan

If Peter Pan did nothing else for people on this campus, it did ascertain that the overwhelming majority present at the performances last week do indeed believe in fairies. But I could go much further to say that for that same overwhelming majority, this did much more. It turned back the clocks of time to the carefree days of childhood, to the fondest fantasy of adventure in an unknown land, as echoed in Peter’s words “I’m yooy, and I’m free!”

The musical accomplishments, provided by a 27-piece orchestra under the direction of Professor R. Findlay Cockrell, was an integral part of the performance. Most noteworthy were the periods during which the pit and orchestra played as an ensemble, with the harmony flowing evenly, greatly enhancing the musical numbers.

The two principal characters were the most sensational ones, Claudine Cassan (Peter Pan), a junior this term; Mark Goor, whose excellent coordination and talent Nana (the dog) stole the first act. The lost boys were excellent in song, dance and acting, with Toodles (Shara Brown) and the Twins (Margery Rosenthal and Frances Caruso) faring especially well.

Nothing could surpass the entertainment provided by the pirates with their coordination (or occasional lack of it) in their musical numbers. Boy, did they look mean!

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‘Good Nucleus for Next Year’ -Doc

by Robert Zaremba

Sport Editor

After the disappointment of not getting an NCAA bid had mellowed somewhat, Coach Richard "Doc" Sauers was the first to point to the old adage, "there's always next year."

And next year will be the seventeenth time Doc has faced a next year. In the previous sixteen seasons he has never failed to come up with a winner, and prospects for his newest challenge seem bright to him. Admittedly he will be losing the services of some excellent ballplayers. His graduating Co-Captain, Alan Reid and Jack Jordan are the ones he feels he will have the most trouble replacing. Jordan holds the number six spot on the career points. The Coach speaks of Jack as "pound for pound and inch for inch the best rebounder I ever had...a real good competitor."

Alan Reid was also tremendous-ly valuable to the Danes in his two year stint with them. His hands were amazingly quick and amazingly accurate. "Al was without a doubt!" comments Doc,"the quickest, fastest man I have ever coached." He used his speed of hand to lead the team in clean steals and conversions, and also in making a habit of stuffing opponents who were going in all alone on break-away layups. Offensive-ly, his shooting between this year and last rose almost 12% as he finished the season roughly 47% from the field.

Sauers felt that this year's team was far superior to the one he coached to an NCAA Tourney berth two years ago. "We didn't have any one individual as good as Margison (Rich) or Price (Scott), but we were much quicker, handled the ball much better, and had a much stronger team defense." Even with the loss of four starters, Doc points to John Quattrochi, Dave Welchons, Werner Rolls, and Don Jones as a good, solid nucleus for a team next season.

"Quattrochi will have to be our leader next year. John's my kind of ballplayer. There's no doubt that he's capable of the job." Quattrochi ended up the season leading the team by far in causing enemy turnovers. John puttogether 108 steals, charging draws, and whatever else he could think of to lead the team in that category. Quattrochi was one of those who was always in the right spot at the right time, always scooping up the loose ball.

Dave Welchons came very much into his own toward the end of the season. Doc refers to his 6'2" guard as "the best passer on the team", and indicates that a little more confidence and experience could make him really go places in the next two years.

Applications are now available for the Tauber Institute of German Summer Studies for all levels of study in HUM 210 of the German Department. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Herr Uli Frolich at 346-3360.