Class Abolition Postponed; Inefficiency Study Planned

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No referendum on abolishing class governments will be held this year. The Student Senate, meeting impressively in the RMC Conference Room, decided that leadership in the S.A. and the colleges wouldn't give the movement sufficient support to make such a referendum meaningful.

The decision was supported by college cabinet opinion in which the results were as follows:

- Baker — unanimously against referendum.
- Hanszen — 8 to 7 against referendum.
- Jones — 9 to 2 for referendum (2 abstentions).
- Wiess — 6 to 6.
- Will Rice — 9 to 1 for referendum (1 abstention).

It was the consensus among Senate members that the referendum could not pass this year. The argument was advanced that the classes fill a social function even though, as Phil Tuttle countered, "each class party is a potential debt to the S.A."

"The greatest problem in abolishing classes," Wiess' Senator Tim Mock observed, "is that students are not prepared socially to co-operate among colleges."

To solve the question of class functions occupying too many dates on the Social Calendar, Paul Corneli moved to amend the By-Laws, removing the phrase "each class," which would mean that classes would not necessarily get a closed date.

When this failed to pass, George Sawdy then moved to limit each class to one social event each year which would be on a closed date. This also failed to pass, the reasoning being that since a referendum was not going to be held to abolish classes, it would not be fair to limit their activities. It was also felt that such a limitation would set the abolition movement back several years because the classes could argue that the Senate was trying to stifle them.

The report from the "Senate Committee to study the Proposed Removal of the College Presidents from the Structure of the Senate" was discussed and its recommendation that no action be taken this year but that a report containing both sides of the argument be submitted to next year's Senate, was accepted.

Another committee was formed to streamline the business work of the Senate so that meetings can be shorter and more to the point. It was felt that this would let more important issues such as integration, tuition, and academic goals be brought up before the Senate. The suggestion was made by Jack Calfee that the individual Senators are not fully bearing their responsibility for helping out the issues from students and bringing them up before the S.A.

(It was pointedly mentioned that the Senate's prestige is not helped by light treatment in certain publications.)

No more committees were formed.