Braunstein Denied Post Second Time

By GREG WHITE

Yale Braunstein, speaker of last year's student legislature, has twice been refused a place on the Board of Trustees finance committee by President Kenneth Pitzer. Braunstein's rejection was a second such exclusion from the committee.

The refusal is sparking criticism of Pitzer and may result in Student Senate resolutions recommending keeping all students off any Trustee committee.

Pitzer rejected Braunstein's nomination to the important committee because Braunstein is on probation. It is contrary to University policy to put such students in "positions of trust and responsibility."

Braunstein says that he has been kept on probation, thus losing eligibility for the nomination, by Pitzer because the president is wary of the often firey and controversial ex-speaker. Braunstein's probation and appeals history stretches back to last spring.

Braunstein's first rejection came at the end of fall term before his appeal was heard by the appeals board of the Judicial Council.

Yesterday afternoon, Braunstein met with Dean of Students Peter J. Bulkeley who reportedly urged him to withdraw his nomination in order to smooth relations with Pitzer. Braunstein is standing firm, waiting for the student Senate to consider the matter in its meeting tomorrow evening.

All Or None

Dave Edwards, chairman of the student Senate, is upset at Pitzer's continued refusal to accept the nomination. "I personally don't like it—if the students are to have their own representative I don't see why anyone should have a veto. Yale has not been convicted of any crime."

According to Edwards, Braunstein and John Grube of the Council of Presidents, a move may be made at tomorrow's Senate meeting to refuse approval of any student nominee to Trustees committees until Braunstein is approved. Grube said that he "had heard of senators who say if Braunstein is rejected all the nominations should be rejected."

Edwards said that he wanted to study Pitzer's latest decision before he decides what course of action to follow at the Student Senate meeting.

Three Term Probation

Braunstein was placed on probation for three terms last year by then Dean of Students Joel Smith for a private matter that was unconnected with any April 3 Movement activities. His probation was slated to end in June, 1970.

Braunstein had agreed to a hearing before Smith rather than before the Stanford Judicial Council (SJC) because Smith had requested that he do so and because he believed that the charges would be dismissed or probation limited to one term.

However, Smith indicated a punishment that was harsher than Braunstein had expected. His ruling was the basis for Pitzer's first rejection at the end of last quarter.

No Other Objections

Braunstein's name was submitted to Pitzer by the Nominations Committee of the ASSU, which is headed by Grube. He was nominated to fill one of fifteen vacancies on university committees. Pitzer is reported to have checked the nominations with Board of Trustees President W. Parmer Fuller and the chairmen of the respective committees. No objections were understood to have been put forward to any of the other nominations.

Last spring, Braunstein, angered by his unusually long probation term, appealed Smith's decision to the SJC,s appeal board, which is composed of two faculty members and one student.

Law professor Jack Friedenthal, head of the SJC and a member of the appeals board, emphasized that the recent hearing, held during the recent Christmas vacation, was not a trial but that it resulted in "recommendations to the President and (he) then informed individuals involved of what the decision has been."

Pitzer's original decision was made before the appeal had been heard. Friedenthal explained that the several months delay between Braunstein's request and the recent hearing was actually the fault of last year's legislature, which was headed by Braunstein himself. "The fault lies with the fact that the student legislature did not pick the students for the student selection committee," he said. It is this committee that makes the nominations to the President for the new members of the SJC.

It was left for this year's Senate, beset with internal difficulties and a long wait for election results, didn't get around to choosing the new members until last month. In effect, there was no SJC to hear the case.

Finally, Braunstein agreed to be heard by old members of the Judicial Council. This was the hearing that took place over Christmas vacation, and its results are those that particularly upset Braunstein.

Harsh Decision

Prof. Thelton Henderson of the Law School, Braunstein's counsel, thinks "the hearing was fair—Friedenthal's rulings were very fair and gave us wide latitude in what we could present. However, the decision was a disappointment and a little harsh."

The decision was to keep Braunstein on probation. "Frankly", Braunstein says, "I do not understand what the Judicial Council says. The president has been given four or five alternatives and he decided to take the one that would keep me off the finance committee. Pitzer doesn't like me."

Braunstein feels that Pitzer's stance may involve a lot more than just harsh exercise of his options as recommended by the SJC appeal board. "They don't want anybody in there who will rock the boat or somebody who knows what the budget is about."

No Jury Trial

According to his counsel Henderson, this is just about what he may have to do. "What happens now is vague—I don't think any case has ever been taken further than this. We may have to go to other courts outside of Stanford. It all depends on what Yale wants to do." According to Braunstein, other lawyers told him last spring that "courts would find in my favor because I had no real trial by jury."

Braunstein has mixed feelings about the students role on the trustee committees. "I sort of agree that students shouldn't be on them because it's tokenism—there are only two students to a committee and they can easily be outvoted. However, I wanted the nomination because I think that somebody should point out to the Trustees that what they are doing is not necessarily the best thing that has happened to Stanford since the founding grant.

"But if the administration can reject nominations, then its possible that the Trustees will get only people who are meek and mild or who will tell them what they want to hear."

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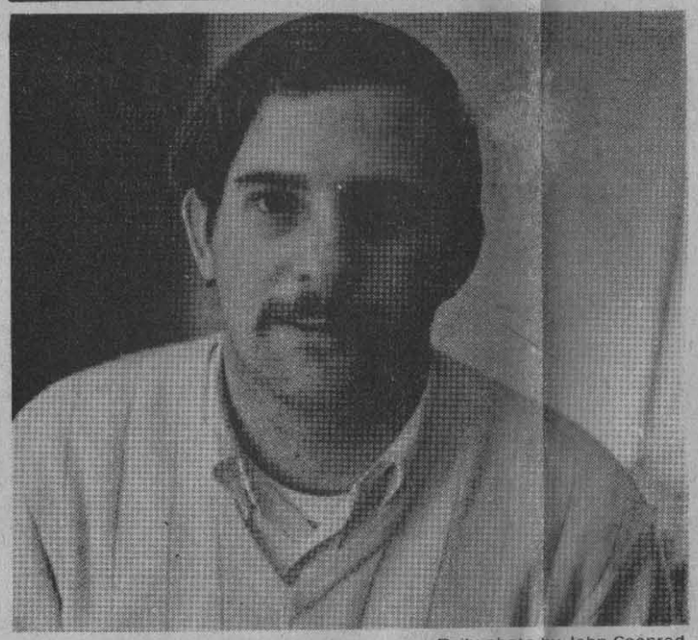

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CONTROVERSIAL CANDIDATE—Yale Braunstein, speaker of last year's student legislature, received his second rejection in his attempt to gain a seat on the Board of Trustees finance committee. Braunstein says that President Pitzer is keeping him on probation in order to block the nomination. He intends to take the matter to the student Senate meeting tomorrow night.

Cost Overrun To Slow Coyote Hill Construction

By MICHAEL KUHL

Super-high bids for construction of the planned animal research facility on Coyote Hill have set the project back, but apparently won't stop eventual completion of the complex on the easterly flank of the hill.

Robert Lindee, associate dean of administration at the Medical School, said that the project is still "very alive." However, he is currently analyzing the cost over-run with representatives of the University, Syntex Corporation and the architect.

The National Institute of Health (NIH) had earlier approved a grant of $281,000 to construct the $600,000 facility. Syntex, a pharmaceutical firm specializing in birth control pills, had also agreed to share about $100,000 of the building costs in return for using part of the facilities which it would lease.

Lindee declined to specify how much the construction bids, opened in late November, had exceeded the estimated costs of the project.

Reports indicated the costs were about 20 to 30 percent higher; one report indicated they were as much as $900,000.

Unrevealed Reasons

The exact reasons for the price rise haven't been revealed. Possible items include rising building costs, delays in releasing the bids, and increasing prices in the trades important to the project.

Asked whether the project would be doomed by the high costs, Lindee said, "I honestly don't know. We will have to do some modifications to bring (the costs) down."

He insists that it is only an "impediment." The Medical School is convinced, according to Lindee, that the project can be "salvaged to a tolerable degree."

Under the original agreement with Syntex, the University agreed to build two "separate identifiable . . . but somewhat similar units" for the two research groups, with a third area for joint use.

Possible Reduction

Any alteration in those plans could mean a subsequent reduction in the NIH grant if the building space is reduced. Lindee said last night that there is "absolutely zero" possibility that the governmental agency might increase their grant to cover the costs.

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ROTC Enrollment Same Since Lottery

By Frank Miller

Little increase or decrease Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) enrollment at Stanford has been reported since the draft lottery of last December.

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