

PRESIDENT ASKS FRATERNITIES TO MEET CHALLENGE

'Must Measure Actions By Ideals,' Hetzel's Plea

Urges Advancement To Keep Pace With Education

By James H. Coogan Jr.

The fraternity must justify itself in the eyes of the public.

This was the challenge President Ralph Dorn Hetzel flung in the faces of more than 100 Penn State fraternity leaders who attended the Interfraternity Conference banquet at the Centre Hills Country club Friday night.

Visions of a day of reckoning that is more real than fiction, the College administrator warned his audience of the impending trial.

"We are going to be called more strictly to account and we must be prepared to meet the test," he cautioned, in alluding to the promised investigation by the Carnegie Foundation.

Urges High Ideals

"Our great task is to develop intelligent men—men of high courage, clean morals, and with devotion and skill in meeting the larger social problems. We must be more mindful of our larger objectives and our ideals," he demonstrated.

Charging that the present-day fraternity is concerned itself too much with factors which are superficial, Dr. Hetzel pleaded for a new awakening, for a stronger realization of the obligations which rest upon the fraternity man, to the end that the fraternity's practices shall be measured by the standards of its ideals.

Extensive use of this measuring stick, he contends, will prove the unworthiness and inadequacy of present-day practices and hasten the promotion of higher standards.

"In fact we must," he admonished, "if we are going to preserve our organizations during the period of adjustment which is just ahead, and which is going to involve not only higher education, but all of the agencies and institutions which are associated with our colleges and universities."

Attacks Rough Initiations

The first distinction attacked by the College executive was that of age. The age of a fraternity, in his opinion, is no asset. Likewise, he questioned the value of a pretentious home. This should be a consideration of little or no importance in the choice of a fraternity, he asserted.

Trophies, badges and other fraternity regalia were also scored by the speaker.

The value of the social organization, with its accompanying likeness in character and personality, were similarly questioned by him.

Of the outstanding faults, President Hetzel was particularly emphatic in his denunciation of harmful initiation practices. He described the injury of a Dickinson pledge as a "hot on the fraternity satchel."

F. C. MAY ADOPT 2 PLANS FOR IMPROVING SCHOLARSHIP

A revised scholarship card and a freshman study guide, two plans advanced at the scholarship chairman's luncheon, will be put into effect by Interfraternity Council if they meet with the approval of College officials and the chapters.

On the proposed record cards the instructor will be asked to check off reasons why the student is deficient.

ASKS Fraternities To Accept Challenge



PRESIDENT HETZEL

GERSTENBERG CITES FRATERNITY AIMS

Asks Local Chapters To Stress Leadership Development As Chief Purpose

As a challenge to all fraternity men, Dr. Charles W. Gerstenberg, chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference, in his message to the local conclaves asked the fraternities to fulfill their purpose and develop leaders.

His message was read by Malcolm Kirkpatrick '30, president of Interfraternity Council, at the banquet Friday night.

Outlining the objects of a fraternity, the doctor said:

"It is the crowning function of the Greek letter house to provide an intimate grouping of men in which thoughts may be reflected, worthy emotions cultivated, and the will to survive and achieve strengthened."

He added, however, that a mere segregation into chapters will not produce the desired results. The groups, he declared, must be animated by lofty purposes and inspired to accomplish definite ends.

Doctor Gerstenberg gave as another object of the fraternity the promotion of culture among its members.

TO DISCUSS 'ILLUMINATION'

Speaking at an open meeting of Sigma Pi Sigma, honorary physics fraternity, Prof. David L. Mathe, of the electrical engineering department, will deliver a talk on "Taking the 'Ill' Out of Illumination" in Room 28 Physics Building at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night.

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System To Include Services of Trained Dietitian Aiding House Caterers

A cooperative marketing association to lower fraternity operating costs was introduced by Mr. W. K. Morris '17 at the Interfraternity Conference caterers' luncheon in the Sigma Phi Epsilon house Saturday.

Under the plan submitted by Mr. Morris each fraternity which is a member of the system would purchase all food supplies through the association. Buying supplies in large quantities would effect a saving in prices, he claims.

Capitalization of the group to be known as the "State College Mercantile Company," Mr. Morris places at \$25,000. He proposes to raise the required sum by issuing five hundred shares of preferred stock with a par value of \$50, carrying a dividend of six per cent on profits accruing to the organization. In addition to the preferred stock, five hundred shares of common stock would be distributed. The common stock would have no par value, but each share would carry one vote in the organization. One share of common stock would be allowed for the purchase of three shares of preferred. The amount of stock subscription of each fraternity would equal twice the amount of a weekly purchase.

Stockholders Elect Directors

The company would, Mr. Morris plans, be incorporated and have a board of directors of nine men. Five of the directors would be elected by stockholders from their own numbers, while the four executive officers need not necessarily be chosen from among the stockholders in case permanent residents of State College should be desired for the positions.

The plan includes the services of a trained dietitian whose duty would be to aid the caterer in planning meals. The dietitian would, by familiarity with the stock on hand, be able to keep the stock in the commissary turning over constantly, Mr. Morris states.

Dean of Men Sees I. F. C. as Practical Business Device

Fraternity Situation Problems Viewed By Speaker

By Robert P. Stevenson

Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock, in his discussion of Interfraternity Council history and development before the banquet delegation Friday night viewed the fraternity situation and its attendant problems from the standpoint of the practical man.

From this viewpoint the Dean cited the Interfraternity Council, especially, as a practical business expedient for the member fraternities, to each of which, he said, two distinct and important advantages accrue as a result of the existing organization.

If nothing save harmony and settlement of problems between fraternities results from such a league, the existence of the Interfraternity Council would still be justified, the Dean pointed out. But even though this function is vital, there is another yet more poignant.

Three Fraternity Problems

This is union. From this condition, he stated, comes a greater power to the fraternities, and convenience to the outsiders who must at times treat with the Greek-letter organizations as a whole. Fraternities, he indirectly pointed out, long ago discovered that they, like industrial groups, could promote their common interests most advantageously by strong organization.

According to the Dean, modern fraternities as individuals face three chief problems. The first is the proper assimilation of freshmen into the fraternity group.

The second is a crucial issue at present. It is the question of fraternity scholarship as compared with the average of all men students of non-fraternity men. This comparison, often working to the detriment of fraternities, must be carefully weighed because of the results that may be shown by the forthcoming Carnegie Foundation report on the subject, he said. The Dean hopes that this report will not find the fraternities unprepared.

The Interfraternity Conference survey brings an undesirable condition

COMPARES College Fraternities To Business



DEAN WARNOCK

into the limelight, as the Dean pointed out. The older national fraternities, as a whole, rank lower in scholarship than those of a more recent origin. The same condition applies to the older chapters of any one individual national fraternity.

He brought this phase of the report home to Penn State by relating his findings in a similar survey of the scholarship of College fraternities. The results coincided with those of the national survey.

Another unfortunate condition that the Dean believes should receive very careful consideration is that of the mounting costs of belonging to a fraternity at Penn State. The financial depression just past has made this condition much more acute, he said.

"I sincerely hope," Dean Warnock continued, "that at Penn State there never arises a situation wherein a boy of modest means cannot afford to become a member of the best fraternity. We want democracy and not aristocracy."

ADVISORS DISCUSS VITAL PROBLEMS

Scholarship Rating, Cooperative Buying, Authority Extent Included in Topics

Scholarship rating of chapters, group versus single advisors, extent of the advisor's authority, and cooperative buying were the main points discussed at the Interfraternity Conference luncheon for chapter advisors, at Kappa Sigma fraternity Saturday afternoon.

Dr. William S. Dye, Aeneas, who presided at the meeting, and Dr. Horace R. Barnes, national officer of Phi Sigma Kappa, divided advisors into types which varied from kindly grandmothers, ever ready with supervision and advice, to the type which consistently adheres to a laissez-faire policy. Both endorsed the advisor who stood at a point between the extremes.

Mr. Harvey Salt, officer in charge of alumni relations of Delta Sigma Phi, emphasized the necessity for insight on the part of advisors. There are no fixed duties, but a good advisor should find his own problems, and must be ready to take command of a situation in a crisis, is his viewpoint.

Discussions, in which most of the twenty-five advisors at the meeting took part, followed the informal outline. Examples of how group advisor divided duties and functioned, and the advantages or disadvantages of the advisory board as opposed to a single advisor were cited. A distinguishing line was drawn between chapter advisor and faculty advisor, although it was found their connection with the chapter was similar.

PACIFIST WILL SPEAK AT ANNUAL RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

Frederick J. Libby, executive secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, will be the principal speaker at the third annual Institute on International Relations to be held February 23, 24, and 25 at Wesley Foundation of the Methodist church.

DAVIS EMPHASIZES NECESSITY OF SCHOLARSHIP IN HOUSES

Emphasizing good scholarship as a defense against attacks on fraternities, Prof. B. M. Davis, scholarship commissioner for Phi Delta Theta, pointed out several ways for chapters to raise their ratings at the scholarship chairman's luncheon Saturday afternoon.

The introduction of study schedules for freshmen and a house study hall were methods advised by the speaker to improve scholarship. The latter was warned against the bad influence of upperclassmen and alumni.

MCGINNES CITES HOUSE PROBLEMS

Outstanding Fraternity Difficulties Probed by National Officer In Speech Saturday

Ter outstanding problems of fraternity chapters were discussed by Samuel W. McGinness, national president of Theta Upsilon Omega, in his address to Greek president, Saturday afternoon.

As a means of curbing the long problems, he recommended non-handled discipline on the part of the chapter president. He also suggested this to prevent other violations of chapter rules and as a solution to the scholarship problems.

"Do not over-emphasize outside activities," the speaker warned, "and the president should not be too active in campus affairs because he is satisfied house duties to perform them."

Mr. McGinness pointed out that observance of rushing codes does not prevent a chapter from pleasing a good class and declared that the secret of chapter interest was to keep every member busy performing one house duty.

The sophomore problem is important and he believes close supervision is its solution. Alumni interest is kept alive by a good publication in the executive's opinion. Finances, he maintained, should be run on a democratic basis, economical management should be the aim, and a budget should be employed to collect delinquents' bills. Bills owed by alumni should be handled by a national headquarters bureau.

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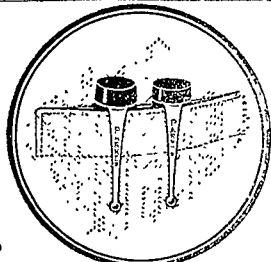
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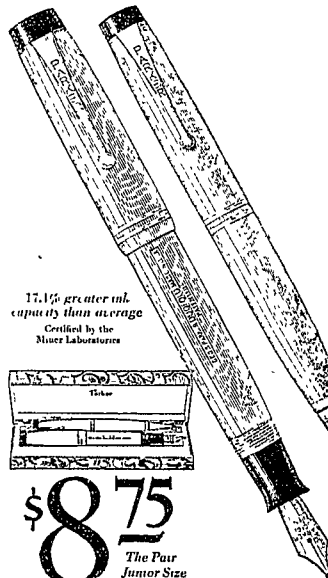
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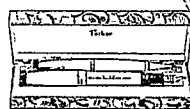
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