

Flint Proposes Educational Probation as 'Hell Week' Substitute

PLEDGES RECEIVE SPECIAL TRAINING

Lectures Given on History and Development of College, National Fraternity

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be conducted by an upperclassman who has informed himself completely on the subject. It would concern the history and development of the general college fraternity system.

"The freshmen would also be given instruction on each problem contained in reference books in the chapter library.

Propose Written Tests

"Next should follow a lecture on the founding and development of the national fraternity to which the chapter belongs and, following this, a conference covering the founding and history of the fraternity system at Penn State.

"The fourth talk would concern the ethical, financial and development of the chapter. After instruction and study in these four phases, the pledges would be required to take a written examination on the lectures."

A second series of discussions will then follow, according to the plan Mr. Flint submitted. The first talk would deal with college songs, pledges, creeds, or anything requiring memorization. A lecture on the moral standard set by the fraternity and its rules is the next conference suggested by Mr. Flint. Scholarships, objectives, financial and business obligations and college ideals are subjects for the next three lectures provided for in the plan.

Second Written Examination

"At the two closing lectures in the pre-rotation period," the speaker told his listeners, "the pledges should be instructed concerning manners and gentility practiced by members and the general objects of the fraternity."

A written examination will follow the second series of lectures. In order to be initiated, the pledges would be required to pass both examinations.

Provision is contained in the "Hell Week" substitute to take care of the members' desire for amusement at the expense of the pledges. This consists of a vaudeville show by the freshmen, foolish, harmless, task within the fraternity house, and linked by the entire chapter if desirable. He advocates as punishment for

Conference Speakers Present Unanimous Front In Denouncing 'Hell Week' Practices

HAROLD P. FLINT

Executive Secretary of Tau Kappa Epsilon

"In the American college fraternity is to justify its existence and keep pace with the trend of modern education, it must do away entirely with the so-called 'Hell Week'."

SAMUEL W. MCGINNESS

National President of Theta Upsilon Omega

"'Hell Week' should not be linked with the dignified initiation ritual. We should let the rough practices gradually sink out of existence."

ETHAN A. NORTON

Traveling Treasurer of Sigma Phi Sigma

"Without a doubt, rough initiation practices are detrimental instead of constructive forces in the fraternities of today. Sooner or later, if the fraternities themselves do not abolish the idea, the college will step in and force the houses to do away with it. In my opinion, fraternity initiations should stress the educational side."

B. M. DAVIS

National Scholarship Chairman of Phi Delta Theta

"'Hell Week' is a low type of amusement mostly enjoyed by the uncultured, rough-neck type of individual. Instead of serving as an aid to the initiation, it leaves the pledge in a wrong frame of mind so that he is not impressed by the solemnity of the initiation ceremony."

DR. HORACE R. BARNES

Executive Committee Chairman of National I. F. Conference

"I am against it, and the Interfraternity Conference is against it. It is opposed to the ritual and dignity of fraternities. National officers object to the public display prevalent during 'Hell Week.' There is also constant danger of physical violence."

HARVEY SALT

Alumni Relations Officer of Delta Sigma Phi

"I am positively opposed to 'Hell Week.' Do away with it! The humiliation connected with the rough initiation is far from desirable. It is a pack of nonsense."

DR. WILLIAM S. DYE

Head of College Literature Department

"I believe it imposes an untoward indignity on a pledge. It certainly does not make him a better fraternity man."

J. HAROLD JOHNSTON

National Editor of Psi Kappa Alpha

"More power to any movement to do away with 'Hell Week.' It is one of the worst features of fraternity life."

failure to obey fraternity rules an appeal to the pledges' intelligence and denial of privileges.

Proposing further instruction following initiation, Mr. Flint explained: "After initiation the new members should be given a detailed description of chapter and national parliamentary organization, and thorough instruction in secret ritual and obligations. A study of the Interfraternity Council is a worthwhile subject for the closing discussion."

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Flint Says Pledge Opposition Rings 'Hell Week' Knell

Because the coming generations of college freshmen are being taught to oppose practices typified by "Hell Week," fraternities will be forced to abandon the old-fashioned rough initiation, Harold P. Flint, executive secretary of Tau Kappa Epsilon, told chapter presidents, Saturday.

Explaining that fraternity principals have been disseminated widely in the past few years, Mr. Flint said: "The average freshman knows a great deal more about fraternities than the freshman of twenty years ago. As a result he knows what is coming and if the fraternities do not abandon the outdoor traditions, the freshmen will not join."

He pointed out that the numerous injuries and even loss of life that "Place yourselves in the position of the freshman," the executive told the presidents, "in order that you may see his point of view. Remember your ambitions when you were freshmen."

"If the fraternity system is to be justified it must be a medium for close association and real fellowship," Mr. Flint warned. "Ability to discern human character and express this discernment will arise from a sane and educational method of training freshmen."



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POLICE STOP PIPT INITIATION

An informal initiation conducted by a Pitt fraternity was stopped by city police last week because of disorderly conduct on the part of the participants.

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