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IFC Handles Its First Violation Of The New Dating Code

That Interfraternity Council has caught and punished a violator of the Interfraternity Dating Code is proof enough that it means business.

Just how much it means business and how quickly it has acted are testified by this case, the first presented to it.

Monday morning, H. Edward Wagner '41, Interfraternity Council president, received a letter informing him of the violation and giving information that would suggest it was the work of something more than a crank.

By Monday noon the house had been informed and the violation turned over to the three-man IFC judiciary. Wednesday noon the case was heard and the penalty meted out.

No one has been deluded into believing that the violation reported is the only one committed. Phi Kappa Sigma, unfortunately, is something of a scapegoat. The fraternity, however, has received its penalty gracefully and the total effect is going to be for the best of the College.

In this first case both IFC and Phi Kappa Sigma have acted commendably. The Judiciary Board is to be commended, too, for giving a comparatively light penalty in the first case.

IFC Cleans Its Own Hands

One of Collegian's readers has questioned its policy of giving publicity to the names of fraternities found guilty of Interfraternity Dating Code violations.

This reader, Prof. E. W. Callenbach, member of Alpha Gamma Rho, has based his objection not on the fact of giving publicity but on the fact that fraternities are held accountable for the action of their members while other living groups are not.

How, Professor Callenbach asks, does Collegian justify the distinction between fraternities and other groups which he correctly points out.

Collegian's answer is that the College itself has drawn a line of distinction between the fraternities and the other living groups. To the fraternities it has extended the privilege of regulating their own dating. The College itself remains directly responsible for the social activities of the other living groups.

In return for their privilege, fraternities are expected to handle their own enforcement. This fall the Senate Committee on Student Welfare, believing that Interfraternity Council so far had failed to provide adequate enforcement, served notice it would take matters into its own hands if improvement were not shown this year.

Acting on that, the Interfraternity Council president, H. Edward Wagner '41, presented a new and simplified dating code to IFC, had it approved, and then served notice it would be enforced. To cooperate in that enforcement the Collegian on October 25, 1940, pledged itself to give full publicity to violations in order that fraternities might be made conscious of the code. The publicity was planned as both a preventative and a punishment. It has served that purpose.



COLLEGIAN—A

We were deluged with mail. We had to wade through a colossal mountain. It took a steam shovel to clear Collegian's front door—there were so many letters in front of it.

(Ed. note: Oh, yeah! Hereafter no more contests in the column. It took us a week to get back to work. Say, some of those letters were pretty interesting!)

So we cut our classes and spent last week scanning our fan mail. Some entries were really original like Lions Trails, Cassius' Curiosities, A *Maniac's Mad Dreams, and Compusrears.

(Ed. note: Why don't you cut the dribble and come to the point?)

Okay, ed, old boy. The winner, none other than George Rumsey who knows how to call his shots. Rumsey's prize-winning name now adorns the top of this space. As his spoils, he receives a ticket to Poverty Ball which hits town next Thursday and deserves everyone's support. This is the dance in which the poof and needy make out. Calling all rug-cutters (Hilarious Jay Kelly) and Jump-jivers—don't forget the can!

Some Typical Letters

"You asked for a name for your column. Why not just leave it at '???' That suits it better than anything else. One never knows what to expect. It's supposed to be funny, but is it??? It's supposed to be newsy, but is it??? It's supposed to have pep, vim and vigor—in other words spice, but does it??? A good name—NO—'???'"

Yehudi

(Ed. note: There's something to that!)

And while the next letter was not received in connection with the contest, it came from a gal and was about her mention last week in connection with pictures on money that you wouldn't mind kissing away.

"I really don't know what to say About that Collegian the other day. It kept me busy from morn 'til night Trying to answer each one just right!

Some of the boys tried to be funny And wanted to play this new game—Money! The first few remarks I didn't mind; I tried to convince them I wasn't that kind!

Then at night when I was called to the phone And told in a very sarcastic tone That Washington was turning in his grave— I tried so hard to really be brave.

Here's one thing I've really found, That Collegian definitely gets around! Just four little lines on the second page And your life for a week is on the stage!"

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY:

Journalism seniors may obtain personal questionnaires from Miss Corl, Room 311 Old Main.

Campus Center Club Christmas Party changed to Atherton Hall Lounge at 7:30 p. m. Admission to members, one ten cent gift.

Any students interested in special round-trip train fares to Philadelphia or New York for Christmas have until 3 p. m. to sign up at Student Union.

Students wanting special round-trip train fares to New York and Philadelphia over Christmas may sign up at Student Union until Saturday.

The Graduate Club will hold their Christmas party tonight in the Sandwich Shop at 8 p. m.

Agriculture faculty meets in Room 109, Agriculture, at 4:10 p. m.

Music quiz at the Hillel Foundation after services tonight.

Senior Engineering lecture on "What an Engineering Designer Does" in Room 110; Electrical Engineering, at 4:10 p. m.

Players tryouts in 405 Old Main at 7:30 p. m. Sign up at Student Union.

Ski Club meets in Room 418 Old Main at 7 p. m.

Forestry Ball in Armory from 9 to 12. Admission \$1.

College Art Group Christmas party in 418 Old Main at 8 p. m. SUNDAY:

Kappa Phi Kappa meets at Delta Chi fraternity at 2:30 p. m.

Letters to the Editor--

Artists' Course Draws

Professor's Comment

To the Editor:

The comments of your columnist "Cassius" on the method of ticket distribution for the Artists' Course were accurate and timely.

I have noticed that these programs are enjoyable from all parts of the auditorium. Why shouldn't the committee at sales time call for written applications which may be sent by mail? Have these numbered, and then the series in the auditorium be allotted by chance. Then at our leisure we could get our tickets, or they could be sent to us by mail.

Here is the second suggestion. I have noticed that Commencement addresses and music can be done well in Rec Hall. With attention to amplifiers and absorbent hangings, the course could be offered there — without the necessity of long queues that start at two in the morning. The added patronage would also permit a longer series. Prof. J. P. Kelly

Hunter College recently dedicated its \$6,500,000 building.

New Positions Created At LA Faculty Meeting

Two new positions were created in the School of the Liberal Arts; Dean Charles W. Stoddart said yesterday.

In order to better acquaint undergraduates of the school with job prospects and vocational guidance information, Prof. Henry B. Young and Prof. Julia G. Brill, both of the English composition department, will act as vocational counselors for men and women students, respectively.

The second innovation was the appointment of Dr. Robert E. Dengler, professor of classical languages, as transfer examiner. He will facilitate the transfer of students to the School of the Liberal Arts from other curricula.

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