

# IFC Stand

THAT INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL by an informal straw vote opposed unanimously the College's granting a charter to Alpha Kappa Psi lends plexus-punch power to a protest which so far has drawn support from the PSCA and NAACP, with a possibility of like action by AIM.

It shows that the group linked closest with fraternities and the fraternity system is opposed, unofficially at least, to another restrictive organization's coming on campus, even though a charter was granted 20 years ago and not taken up by AKPsi. By its unanimous straw vote taken long before Senate Committee action in granting the charter, IFC demonstrated that it is not living morally and ethically in a period of two decades ago, but in a mid-century year of growing public concern.

IFC will probably meet Wednesday. It will be a chance for IFC to reiterate its stand on admittance to the campus of another restrictive organization. But of still greater moral and ethical scope, and perhaps bearing the characteristics of a powderkeg threatening to burst, is the opportunity for IFC to demonstrate more thoroughly its stand on restrictive clauses.

**CLAUSES THAT RESTRICT** membership because of race, religion or creed are today not practical for the well-being of any fraternal group, social or honorary. They are an anathema to clear-thinking and logical people. They are the cause, party, for countless charges leveled at fraternities by educators, the press and others.

At an institution of higher learning in 1950, they are as anachronistic as a bebop hound in a 19th-century Southern plantation reception hall.

The College has taken a bold step in refusing to charter any more restrictive groups. IFC by its straw vote supported that view for the future. At this point it is left to the College, or better still—to IFC—to attack a double standard of shattering future fraternal discrimination on one hand, while on the other appearing—through inaction—to sanction a potful of restrictive clauses existing in constitutions of groups already established at Penn State.

That this is a powerkeg is unquestionable. The National Inter-fraternity Conference realized it by not going so far as to repeal all restrictive clauses in fraternity constitutions. The NIC only recommended their repeal.

**IFC SHOULD BACK** its opposition to Senate Committee action in chartering AKPsi with consistent, constructive action directed at IFC member groups. With or without a restrictive constitutional clause, a fraternity chapter will still go about choosing whom it wants to live with in natural, human ways; in at least nine times out of ten those chosen will be the same, with or without the restrictive clause.

With a ban on the infamous clauses, fraternity life will be the same, but multiplying critics of fraternities will be happier.

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## Little Man On Campus by Bibler



"Boy, you should see some of the girls that come out of that house."

## Safety Valve ...

### 'Needs' of the Students

TO THE EDITOR: With respect to Mr. Hostetter's answer regarding the practicability of having both five and seven day meal tickets—it is not a question of offering dining hall service for less than seven days a week. It is rather a question of the philosophy of the college in meeting the "needs" of its students.

I am quite certain that the dining hall managers plan on a definite proportion of the students not eating each weekend. Not to do so would imply negligence and wastage of food. The issuance of five day meal tickets would thus put their planning on a more definite basis, eliminating the occasional halts in service while a new

batch of food is hurriedly prepared.

Objections regarding ensuing bookkeeping complications and the possible need for more help would be more than compensated for by the continuing decline in wholesale food prices; which decline has not as yet been manifested in improved service or lowered rates.

—Jesse Shapiro

### The Irony of It

TO THE EDITOR: Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday I can be seen ripping off mileage around our beautiful expansive campus. No, I'm not in training for cross country running. I merely fell prey to the insidious mind of the man who allocates class room space.

My first class at 9 is in Eng. C. My ten o'clock (Com 33) is in Ag Eng. That's the building that can be seen on the horizon, if one is looking from the tower of Old Main on a clear day. My 11 o'clock is a course in transportation (the irony of it) in Sparks.

Originally my 10 o'clock met in 406 Old Main. There were about 20 more students than there were seats. Prof. Wherry noticed an empty room down the hall. In

this room there were 20 more seats than there were students. We changed classrooms. The result? Prof. Wherry was informed that this room wasn't available, but there was a beautiful room with 20 more seats than students up in Ag Eng.

Of course, things could be worse. There's always the water tunnel and the riding stables.

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### Does Not Apply

TO THE EDITOR: The Pennsylvania State College, a state endowed institution, has for the past week or more, been violating sections 816 and 1023 of the State Motor Vehicle Code by the juvenile act of pasting stickers on the windows of cars parked on campus.

This puerile act of the campus patrol, may not only jeopardize the reputation of the College; but, may also subject the perpetrator to a fine of \$25.00 plus costs.

• Names Withheld

Ed. Note: Sections 816 and 1023 of the State Motor Vehicle Code apply only to the state highways and not to private

property such as the roads on campus.

According to Phillip A. Mark, chief of the Campus Patrol, section 816 states in essence that it is not illegal to place stickers on the windshields of automobiles, but that it is illegal to operate the car while the sticker is on it.

# Gazette . . . .

Friday, March 10

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Organization, 207 Carnegie, 6:45 p.m.

PENN STATE Bible Fellowship, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

ICG, 117 Willard, 7 p.m.

SENIOR ENGINEER Lecture, Schwab, 4:10 p.m.

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

Seniors who turned in preference sheets will be given priority in scheduling interviews for two days following the initial announcement of the visit of one of the companies of their choice. Other students will be scheduled on the third and subsequent days.

Duquesne Light Co., Mar. 13, 14. June grads in EE, ME, and CE.

General Electric Co., Mar. 13 to 16. June grads in EE, IE, ME, and Phys. for its test engineering program.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa., Mar. 13, 14. June grads in EE and IE. The work consists of technical and business operations, and engineering planning. Applicants must not be over 24 years of age and should have a 1.5 or better average.

Dupont Co., Mar. 16, 17. Men and women BS and MS candidates in ChE.

Bell Telephone Laboratories, Mar. 14, 15. MS candidates in ME, EE, and BS candidates in EE who have specialized in communications. Bachelors candidates must have a 2.0 average or better.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Mar. 17. EE (power majors only) and ME.

General Motors Corp., Mar. 20, 21, 22. June grads in EE, IE, ME, ChE, Metal, CF for product engineering, production operations, and accounting. Applicants must have a 1.5 or better average. Also PhD and MS candidates in Physics for research and development.

Sears, Roebuck, & Co., Mar. 21, 22, 23. June grads interested in Retailing.

### AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—Mrs. Mike.

STATE—Young Man With A Horn.

NITTANY—Pinky.

## A Chat With ARW

This is another in a series of articles by Arthur R. Warnock, dean emeritus of men, who was in contact with thousands of undergraduates during his 30 year tenure as dean of men.

In virtually all college fraternities the power and authority to make major policy changes and changes in constitutional laws and provisions—for instance, to remove or insert restrictions on membership—is in the hands of the undergraduate delegates to national conventions.

THE NATIONAL INTERFRATERNITY Conference and the National Panhellenic Conference do not have the power to compel changes in the constitutions and policies of its member fraternities.

Nor do national fraternity officers and executive councils have the power to change constitutions.

Nor do college administrations have that power.

As it should be in a democratic organization, that power rests with the active members—that is, with the undergraduates.

TO ADVISE AND counsel undergraduate delegates to a national convention is the duty of adult officers and advisers—but the voting power is in the delegates.

From this fact I draw two conclusions. One is that educational procedures intended to influence fraternity undergraduate views are likely to be more effective than coercion, intimidation and force, college undergraduates being constituted as they are.

The other conclusion, based on my acquaintance with what is taking place inside many fraternities, is that racial and religious discrimination in fraternity constitutions is on the way out, owing to the liberal views of present-day undergraduates who have the voting power in the fraternities to which they belong. Many fraternities have never had membership restrictions based on race or religion; in those which have such restrictions undergraduate opinion in many cases is arousing itself.

—Arthur R. Warnock

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