

The Gauntlet

Interfraternity Council's executive committee has thrown down the gauntlet. It wants member chapters to support the resolution calling for the ouster, from the organization, of individual fraternities who retain restrictive constitutional clauses after Oct. 1, 1952.

WHETHER THE MEMBER fraternities have the moral courage to go along with the committee's resolution remains to be seen. Many chapters stand at a figurative ethical crossroads.

The members of some of these chapters may desire with all their hearts the removal of any restrictive clauses in their own constitution. Yet the fact remains the clauses are there, and to vote for this resolution is, for some of them, a vote to disaffiliate from their nationals or lose the "rights and privileges" of IFC membership.

There is no question that the executive committee's move is a bold and sweeping one. Loss of rights and privileges would sound the death knell of any fraternity. It would mean loss of dating privileges, loss of representation on the Council; in effect, it would mean ceasing to be a fraternity.

STILL THE BENEFICIAL effects of the resolution's adoption cannot be denied. A recent survey conducted by the Dean of Men's office showed that there are at least 16 social fraternities on this campus who openly discriminate in the selection of members. We say at least 16, because 13 of the 49 fraternities quizzed failed to reply to the survey. Indications are the number of chapters with restrictive constitutional clauses is much higher.

This large number of fraternities discriminated either on a racial basis, religious basis, or both.

An interesting sidelight, however, is that 14 of the 16 reporting fraternities are now in various stages of having the discriminatory bar stricken out.

If IFC's resolution did nothing more, it would speed-up the machinations of eliminating these openly-espoused intolerant statutes.

BECAUSE OF THE large number of fraternities affected by this move, it is doubtful that it will pass on the floor of IFC, at least this year.

If IFC members fool us, and have the figurative "guis" to pass the measure, it will be a feather in the cap of Penn State's IFC that will be seen around the fraternity world. Further, it will effectively silence critics who denounce fraternities because they are "hotbeds of religious and racial discrimination."

If enough votes can't be mustered to effect the motion, the executive committee is still entitled to a deep vote of thanks from all democratic, open-minded students.

—Red Roth

Not So Dumb

Remember the old song: "So be kind to your web-footed friends, for a duck may be somebody's mother."

Dr. Yeagley of the Chem-Phys school is bemoaning the wisdom of that piece of advice.

Dr. Yeagley was kind to ducks he intended using in an experiment on migration—so kind that when it came time for the ducks to migrate, they wouldn't leave home.

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Little Man On Campus

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"I see by the Daily Collegian that school officials recognize the housing shortage."

Safety Valve...

Unnecessary Comparisons

TO THE EDITOR: I am one of many who do not like unnecessary comparisons. Your pen found its way to the veteran and his seventy-five per month. You compared some outstanding students to the veterans, why? Is such a comparison necessary to credit these people as they should be? Your attitude hinged on sarcasm. You found the veteran an easy target.

Personally, I don't think you gave the subject too much thought. Are you another one of those people who have already forgotten 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, and 1945? Maybe these moaning vets got something else out of the war than "compensation" and what have you. Veterans appreciate the consideration afforded them by our government. I'm sure there's no need for any sarcastic reminders that we're getting

something. Outstanding students should be duly credited, but if you must analogize why didn't you include such people as the "mama-daddy kids" or the check-book rich, or the silver-spoon elite and goodness knows how many more. Perhaps that would hurt someone's toes, is that it?

Sometimes people look at a situation, but are afflicted with nearsightedness limiting their perception.

—James Mongell

Facism Returns

TO THE EDITOR: So facism has returned to Penn State? Just because a couple of sadist, wise guys want the privilege of kicking somebody around who can't kick back, we are going to have freshman customs again. Why not get a brand made up and burn a big PS on the incoming freshman while they are serving their first year's sentence?

What these pro-customs advocates need is a three year hitch in the United States Infantry. They will get some real pushing around by a good old regular first sergeant. Digging slit trenches for the officers should be just about enough to keep their moronic

little minds busy. Then when they get their first stripes, they can step on somebody's face themselves.

We are against this fascist policy.

—Ed Bellis
 Paul Noll
 Harold Rabinowitz

Right Direction

TO THE EDITOR: We wish to congratulate Frank Richardson and Emery Brown for initiating activities for graduate students.

The need for a graduate organization has been great and this is a start in the right direction to fill this need. We hope that those who are interested in furthering this organization will help get things rolling.

Graduate students, faculty members and friends who wish to

participate may call the P.S.C.A. office or Oak Cottage for further information.

—Dorothy Davis
 Mary Schuster

Better Lock Up

Somebody could have really cleaned up last night. In place of every "You could have been ROBBED!" card might well be missing or rifled wallets, stolen radios, typewriters, fountain pens, even downstairs furniture, in the twenty-odd fraternity houses visited.

IN ONLY TWO cases were any of the flying squads of IFC and student government "robbers" even so much as stopped and questioned, although some were seen by late studiers. No house they entered was locked nor was there any difficulty whatsoever in obtaining entrance to places where all sorts of valuables were kept.

Police accompanied the two four-man teams who did the job of leaving warning cards in wallets, desk drawers, and most anywhere, in order to prevent any trouble had one of the squad been apprehended. The amazing thing is that no precautions were taken, no house was "cased" in advance as would be done by a professional thief, and yet thousands of dollars worth of loot might easily have been stolen.

State College is an honest town, yes, and fraternity men have been lulled into such a state of security that intruders are not even noticed. Yet every big weekend is the occasion for a sizeable robbery. Let the fraternities wise up and protect themselves, follow the lead of fraternities in other large colleges which lock their front doors, at least after midnight. It would cost nothing to have a key for every member of the house compared to the tragedy of a well-planned and timed robbery.

—Jack Senior

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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.

General Motors Corp., Mar. 20, 21, 22. June grads in EE, IE, ME, ChE, Metal, CE 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.

Boy Scouts of America, Mar. 22, 23. June grads interested in professional scouting. Scouting experience is a prerequisite. Grads 24 years of age or over are preferred. Will also interview sophomores and juniors who are considering scouting careers.

West Penn Power Co., Mar. 23, 24. June grads in EE and ME for power station work, and Home Ec for home service and commercial demonstration.

Bailey Meter Co., Mar. 24. June grads in EE and ME.

National Carbon Division of Union Carbide and Carbon, March 27. June grads in EE, ME, Metal and an engineering physicist for domestic production. Also Chem. engineers for both domestic and overseas work. Students must have a 1.8 or better average and show evidence of extra-curricular activities.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Columbia Chemical Division, Mar. 27. June grads in ME, ChemE and Chem. Students must have a 2.0 average.

Babcock & Wilcox Co., Mar. 20 BS and MS candidates in ME, for their training course.

Babcock & Wilcox Tube Co., Mar. 29. June grads in Metal who are interested in sales work.

National Recreation Association, Mar. 28. All students interested in entering the recreation profession contact Mr. W. C. Sutherland, personnel director of NRA, in 101 Moffatt Cottage at 9:30 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Wednesday: Walter Speshalski.

Admitted Thursday: Robert Lewis, Marjorie Brunner, Patricia Barnett, Edward Glatfelter, Diane Miller, Doris Keller.

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