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IFC Stands By its Rules

Last night's action by the Interfraternity Council in suspending two houses for failure to comply with the rushing regulations should go a long way toward showing that the IFC's current officers mean business.

Two fraternities—Pi Lambda Phi and Kappa Sigma—pledged men who had not attained the 1 scholastic average required of pledges. As a result of the violations, Pi Lambda Phi has been slapped with a four week suspension and ordered to de-pledge two men and Kappa Sigma has been suspended for two weeks and ordered to de-pledge a man.

The standard IFC regulation for violation of this rule is automatic four week suspension, but because of extenuating circumstances, the penalty against Kappa Sigma was cut to two weeks.

Undoubtedly the IFC officers and the IFC's Board of Control will come in for much adverse criticism. Be it known to all those interested, however, that these oft-maligned men have acted in the best interests of the fraternity system.

There is no doubt that the IFC regulation requiring a 1 average for pledging is a sound rule. The fraternities feel that they should choose the best available men, men who have attained high enough scholastic records in order to maintain the scholarship goals of the fraternity system. Fraternities also feel that they offer enough advantages to prospectives to be selective in their choice of men.

The average requirement is also to the advantage of the pledge. Fraternities make demands on the time of members that generally cannot be met by men who have not attained at least a 1 average prior to pledging.

Just as the College has set up regulations which forbid a student to participate in extracurricular activities if he is on academic probation, the IFC has set up regulations determining minimum standards of scholarships.

Just as the College would take action against a violation of its regulations, the IFC has moved against violators of its rules.

The officers of IFC should be commended for sticking by their guns.

Thespian Opening

Another season will get underway for the Penn State Thespians at 8 tonight when the curtain rises on the Thespians' student-written musical comedy revue, "Bottoms Up."

Originally founded in 1898, the group at that time pledged itself to present "as distinctive a representation of some of the classics as students could possibly be made to do."

The organization switched to productions of musical comedy in 1908, and has devoted itself entirely to them ever since.

The club, in the beginning strictly a men's group, first allowed women to participate in 1918. It wasn't until 1926 that another coed appeared in a Thespian show, but by 1931 women were commonly accepted in the musical comedy presentations.

A sister organization to Thespians, called Masquerettes, was formed for the feminine participants in 1943.

The present policy of Thespians is to produce two shows a year, an original revue in the fall and a standard Broadway musical in the spring.

Unlike Players, which has faculty direction and guidance, Thespians is almost entirely student-operated. Backbone of the unit, however, is one alumnus, Ray Fortunato, who has the title of faculty director.

When the 53d season of Thespians begins tonight, students will have another opportunity to see a sample of the talents of their classmates. And although a Thespian show is seldom flawless, it is almost always enjoyable and entertaining.

—Lee Stern

"A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman, of the next generation."

—James Freeman Clarke

State vs. State

This is the weekend that Penn State alumni have been looking forward to all football season. The powerful Michigan State Spartans are coming to Beaver Field to play the Nittany Lions in a grid contest which promises to overshadow even the annual Pitt thriller.

For this year, the Spartans are undefeated in four games and are ranked third in the country. Until last week they were rated tops in the nation, but a narrow victory over Marquette dropped them. Saturday's game will highlight a tremendous Homecoming Weekend for most of the faithful alumni who will be returning to their alma mater. An upset victory over the Spartans would make a successful season as far as they are concerned.

Although a Penn State victory would be called an upset, it is not impossible or improbable. The Lions have shown scoring punch in their first three games, and an ability to come back when the chips were down. So far, Rip Engle's gridders have been a second-half team. If they keep close to the Spartans in the first 30 minutes of action, they could upset Coach Biggie Munn's applecart.

—Dave Colton

Safety Valve

If It Looks and Acts Like a Duck, It Is a Duck

TO THE EDITOR: I have noticed, on recent occasions, articles in the Collegian attacking Sen. McCarthy for the nature of his activities in Congress. It appears that the main objection to these activities is that they have exposed certain discrepancies in announced policies and actual policies followed by government officials, notably the State Department. Sen. McCarthy has been attacked before and always by a certain group of individuals noted for their association with activities of a nature detrimental to the best way of life. It's easy to tell a communist. Walter Winchell put it this way: "If it looks like a duck, can be seen in the company of other ducks, and goes 'quack, quack, quack' like a duck, it's a duck." The same can be applied to an individual. If he conducts himself like a communist, talks like a communist, and befriends other communists, he is a communist. I don't know Sen. McCarthy personally so I can't say whether I admire him personally or not. However, if he can materially aid in clearing our government of communists, pinks, and fellow travellers, he is to be applauded as a real American in a time when we need real Americans.

—Donald A. Dunn

Ed. Note—That the United States Senate seems to have some doubt that Sen. McCarthy has been acting in a manner "in the best interest of our way of life" was made clear Tuesday when a Senate committee voted unanimously to investigate his activities. We fail to go along with the writer's definition of a communist, for in these days the critical question is, "What is communism?" Under Sen. McCarthy's definition, anybody who disagrees with McCarthy is a communist.

Gazette . . .

- Thursday, October 18
- ACCOUNTING CLUB, 312 Sparks, 7 p.m.
- ALPHA RHO OMEGA, Slavonic Society meeting, 304 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 304 Old Main, 6:45 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN editorial candidates, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB, Dairy Building, 7 p.m.
- FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA, election meeting, 2 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- NAVAL RESERVE RADIO UNIT, Oct 22, 200 Engineering E, 7 p.m.
- NEWMAN CLUB, Catholic philosophy lecture-discussion, 317 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

- ### COLLEGE PLACEMENT
- Combustion Engineering company will interview January graduates in M.E. Thursday, October 18.
 - Continental Oil company will interview January graduates in Chem., Phys., and P.N.G., Monday, October 29.
 - United States Steel company will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., I.E., C.E., and Metal, Monday, October 29.
 - Sohio Petroleum company will interview January graduates in M.E., and P.N.G., Tuesday, October 23.
 - Columbia Gas system will interview January graduates in C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., Ch.E., P.N.G., and Home Ec. Friday, October 26.
 - Union Carbide and Carbon corporation will interview Ph.D. candidates in chemistry Monday, October 29.
 - Brown Instrument division will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., C.E., I.E., and physics Tuesday, October 30.
 - The Franklin Institute will interview January graduates in E.E., M.E., Ch.E., Phys., and Fuel Technology Wednesday, October 31.
 - Youngstown Sheet and Tube, Eimco corporation, General Fireproofing company, Ortho Pharmaceutical corporation and Ethicon Suture laboratories, inc., will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., C.E., Metal, I.E., C & F, A & L, P.M., Zoo., Chem., and San. E., Monday, October 29.
 - Electro Metallurgical company will interview January graduates in Ch.E., M.E., C.E., I.E., E.E., Metal, C&F, and A.L., Tuesday, October 30.
 - General Electric company will interview Ph.D. candidates (and interested M.S. candidates) in Chem., Chem.E., Metal, Phys., and Ceramics, Wednesday, October 31.
 - Texas company will interview January graduates in P.N.G., M.E., and Geo., Tuesday, October 23.
 - Man with alto sax.
 - Substitute waiters and dishwashers.
 - Clerk in bookstore; 20 hours per week.

- ### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
- Man to set pins for bowling league.
 - Babysitters for October 20.
 - Men with several half days for farm work; should have own transportation.

"Pride that dines on vainty, sups on contempt."—Franklin

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



The Old Millstream

By MOYLAN MILLS

Have you ever seen a person steal from himself? We did on Sunday night. It wasn't a person though, it was a magazine. Namely, Froth.

Deciding to write something on the lighter side this week, we wandered over to the Froth office hoping to get some laughs out of seeing the staff concoct the next issue of that erstwhile humor publication.

Guess maybe we had the wrong impression of a so-called humor magazine, because we expected to be convulsed by the merry little staffers as they went gleefully about their light-hearted task of gathering the hilarious material.

Alas, we walked in the office to find a bunch of surly creatures busily poring over back issues of Froth looking for material for the next issue. These imaginative persons weren't seeking anything special—just material, any material. We curiously picked up one of these old copies; jokes in 1887 were pretty much the same as today.

Every once in a while, one of the 'lackeys' lackeys, would hesitantly approach the editor's office. After disturbing that august creature who sat gazing at the covers of all the old issues pasted on the walls, the peon would come out dejectedly mumbling something about being too original.

Seems as if Froth is like one of those ancient royal families you read about. The kind that breeds only with relatives in order to insure the greatness of succeeding generations.

Anyway, we decided this morose little band, which was already mourning the next issue of the supposed humor magazine, was not for us. So we scrambled. Upon returning to our room, we found one of the ancient Froth issues stuck in our pocket and proceeded to give it the once over. It ended up in the wastebasket when we noticed something familiar about it. Seems Froth published a "Good News" issue with a purple cover back in 1887, too.

If your last week's Froth is slightly frayed—you got one of the old copies. Return it to the Froth office and the new edition will be gladly given you.

On the more serious side, the Lord's Day Alliance of Pennsylvania has started an all-out campaign to defeat the Sunday movie issue which will be voted on by State College and 48 other communities Nov. 6. Opinion around campus and in town still seems optimistic for passage of the

measure in State College.

Virginia Sale, who presented her "Americana Sketches" in Schwab a week ago for the benefit of the Delta Gamma fund for the blind, will give New York critics a chance to judge her program. Miss Sale will do her sketches in New York's Town Hall Sunday.

The New York Board of Education scored a first this week with the initial television broadcast for stay-at-home high school students. Station WPIX will now present "The Living Blackboard" every day of the week.

This is noteworthy because of the fact that Penn State has been allotted an educational TV channel by the Federal Communications Commission for use when the FCC reorganizes the TV channel system. The College will probably produce shows of a similar nature to "The Living Blackboard."

Incidentally, those dizzy baseball announcers coin several new words every season as they go through their hurried spiel. This year, one of the World Series announcers gave us "the soft liner." Ever see one?

Gazette . . .

- ### AT THE MOVIES
- CATHAUM: David and Bathsheba
 - STATE: "M"
 - NITTANY: On Moonlight Bay
 - STARLITE DRIVE-IN: The White Tower
- ### COLLEGE HOSPITAL
- Joseph Asher, David Carvey, David Faust, Elizabeth Funk, Kenneth Herman, Clark Isenberg, Andrew Jaros, Frances Katz, Barbara Lascher, Lawrence Levine, Glenn McIntyre, Dolores Pennel, Alan Pomeroy, Peter Smith, Eugene Sprague, James Stamm, Donald Wilt, Howard Wright.

"Principles of Business and the Federal Law," is the title of a new text written by Franklin H. Cook, associate professor of economics.

Cuba is the largest island in the Greater Antilles.