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## Fraternities Prove Scholastic Ability

Fraternities last semester once again compiled an all-fraternity average higher than the All-College men's average. This should remove any doubts about scholarship in fraternities.

Almost constantly under the criticism that conditions in fraternities are not conducive to scholarship or study, fraternities have replied in action rather than promises to do better.

True, some fraternities were lower than the men's All-College average and some of these have been consistently low, but for several consecutive semesters fraternities as a whole have outshone the non-fraternity men in scholarship.

The fact that fraternities are conscious of scholarship was shown in the recent Interfraternity Council Workshops. Ten groups, covering as many phases of fraternity life, held forum type meetings to discuss and try to solve fraternity problems. Five of the ten groups at one time or another during the meetings discussed scholarship of fraternity actives or pledges.

Each workshop group offered some suggestions which would affect the fraternity man as soon as he enters a house and continue to affect him until the time he leaves. Some suggestions were for emphasizing scholarship during the pledge semester and encouraging the pledge to study more and take a smaller part in activities during the pledging period.

Suggestions limiting hell week, pledge duties, and some fraternities' attitude of "let the pledge do it" were also made. The establishment of awards or scholarship funds for recognition of scholastic attainment in individual houses was also suggested.

One reason why fraternities can attain an average higher than that of men living in campus dormitories or town living units is the strict enforcement of study hours. Dorm counselors strive to maintain a minimum of noise, but in fraternities almost complete silence is demanded.

Another reason offered is the ease with which a pledge or new house member can obtain counseling or advice in the selection of courses and professors. True, a few will look for the easiest courses with the easiest instructors, but these are in a minority. Any active member and the house adviser can be called on at any time for assistance.

There are many activities in fraternity life which can be beneficial over and above the knowledge gained in the classroom. As long as these activities prove to be beneficial and do not interfere with regular scholastic attainment, fraternities should be lauded for their efforts in class work.

—Chuck Oberance

## Students Disgusted By Demonstrations

It has happened again.

On Tuesday night approximately 200 men gathered in the West Dorm court to "demonstrate" their displeasure over the vetoing by the Council of Administration of All-College Cabinet's proposal to make changes in the date of the Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations.

Most students by now have graciously accepted the council's decision. This does not mean they are satisfied with it, but they have at least recognized the reasons for the veto. And most of these students are getting pretty well fed up with such "demonstrations" as took place Tuesday night.

Among the more enlightened comments uttered by participants in the display were: "We want a vacation," "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and "Panty raid." Just what did these men expect to accomplish by their demonstration? Surely, even in their adolescent immaturity they could not have hoped that the council's decision would be reversed by their action.

Many of the people taking part in the affair seemed completely unaware of what they were doing. Most of those doing the shouting said they were "only making noise" or were trying to "have a little fun" or gave some equally childish response.

The great majority of the student body is disgusted with such displays which accomplish nothing and can only lead to trouble. Before anything really serious happens it might be wise for the College to clamp down. The inciters of these demonstrations are quite easily spotted. Perhaps it's time a few of them were collared and dealt with by the disciplinary committee. A few such examples should be enough to set the rest of this type of student straight.

You're in College now, boys. Grow up.

## Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"This is rather hard to understand. Miss Shagnasty is generally quite strict with her classes."

## Gazette ...

Thursday, November 13

JOINT MEETING of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and Society of Automotive Engineers, 116 Electrical Engineering, 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 304 Old Main, 6:45 p.m.

FROTH circulation staff, 1 Carnegie, 6:45 p.m.

MARKETING CLUB, 316 Sparks, 7:15 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB lecture-discussion, "Is Conscience Innate or Acquired?", John Hammes in charge, 107 Willard, 7:15 p.m.

NITTANY GROTTO, 316 Frear Laboratory, 7:30 p.m.

SCABBARD AND BLADE smoker, Lambda Chi Alpha, 7:30 p.m., business meeting, 7:15 p.m.

SPANISH CLUB, Home Economics living center, 7:30 p.m.

THETA SIGMA PHI, Grange playroom, 6:30 p.m.

WESLEY morning devotions and breakfast, Wesley Foundation, 7 a.m.

WRA BRIDGE CLUB, White Hall game room, 7 p.m.

WRA OFFICIALS CLUB, 2 White Hall, 6:30 p.m.

WRA SWIMMERS CLUB, White Hall pool, 7:30 p.m., beginners, 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Crown Central Petroleum Corp. will interview January B.S. and '53 M.S. candidates in A&L, chem., business adm., phys. ed., psych., C&I, and marketing Nov. 19.

Bakelite Co. will interview January B.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., C.E., chem., and chem. eng. and '53 M.S. candidates in chem. and chem. eng. Nov. 21.

Kelly Springfield Tire Co. will interview January B.S. candidates in M.E., I.E., E.E., and chem. Nov. 21.

American Cyanamid Co. will interview '53 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in chem. and chem. eng. Nov. 21.

Standard Oil Co., New Jersey overseas personnel, will interview January B.S. candidates in C.E., M.E., I.E., and chem. eng. Nov. 21.

## Prexy May Help Ike On Press, Radio Policy

Penn State's President Milton S. Eisenhower may become the chief adviser to the U.S. President-elect on matters concerning radio, press, and public relations, according to Broadcasting and Telecasting Magazine.

Regardless of whether Prexy Eisenhower is given a cabinet post in the new administration, his wide experience in the communications field will certainly qualify him for such an advisory position, the magazine said.

Prexy Eisenhower received his start in the communications field as a newsman and journalism instructor in his native Kansas. In 1924 he became U.S. vice consul at Edinburgh, Scotland. From the foreign service he went on to a succession of public relations jobs in government departments and agencies.

He was information director for the Secretary of Agriculture from 1928 to the beginning of World War II. During the war he was associate director of the Office of War Information. He was also associate director of the War Relocation Authority.

After the war, Prexy became chairman of the U.S. Committee for UNESCO. He also found time to assume the duties of President of Kansas State University in 1943. He became President of Penn State in 1950.

## Men to Take Cadet Exams

Students may take the U.S. Air Force Aviation Cadet examination during Thanksgiving holiday.

Applicants may take the exam any day of the week except Thursday and Saturday. They may also take them any day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays of other weeks. Transportation will be furnished to and from Olmsted AFB near Harrisburg from any place in the state.

Interested persons may contact M/Sgt. Michael S. Kennedy, USAF, by writing to U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force Recruiting, Post Office, Lewistown, or by personal contact at State College Post Office on Wednesday afternoons.

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