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Campus Party Fails To Elect Officers

By TED SERRILL

Student politicians argued, shouted, and rose to points of order many times Sunday night, but after more than two hours Campus party's clique meeting ended with the election of its new clique officers still unsettled.

The meeting was adjourned until Sunday when a new election will be held.

Jack Abele, junior in arts and letters from Erie, and William Snyder, junior in business administration from Paoli, were nominated for the position of clique chairman. Until last night Snyder was vice-clique chairman of Lion party, when he resigned.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity who counted the ballots, first announced the results of the election as 96 for Abele and 63 for Snyder. A total of 159 ballots were cast.

Nurock Protests Vote

When the count was announced, Robert Nurock, former Lion party campaign manager, asked that a

The All-University Elections Committee last night drew up an amendment to the elections code which Roger Beidler, chairman, will present to All-University Cabinet Thursday night.

The recommended amendment would prohibit an elected officer in any political party from running for an office in any other political party for "a period of not less than a year," after his election.

The amendment, if approved by Cabinet, will have no effect on Sunday's re-election since Snyder informed The Daily Collegian last night he had officially resigned from his vice chairmanship of Lion party.

recount of the votes be held. David Eber, parliamentarian of Campus party, in answer to a question, said there were approximately 200 students attending the meeting.

Nurock said there was a discrepancy of about 40 ballots between the number of persons present and the number of announced votes. He said this implies the need for a recount.

Allen Davies, retiring chairman, said that he didn't like to see a clique meeting open to bitter jealousies.

Lions' Attend Meeting

Davies' comments apparently originated from the presence of a large number of Lion party members and representatives at the

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Smoking In Classrooms Protested

Two University officials said recently they have received many complaints about students and faculty members smoking in classrooms.

Walter H. Wiegand, director of the physical plant, and Ray V. Watkins, scheduling officer, said the complaints have come from both students and instructors.

'Hard Problem to Solve'

Both officials said that smoking in classrooms is a difficult problem to solve. They said the University has a no-smoking rule, but enforcing the rule is a problem that has stumped the administration ever since the rule was put into effect.

Watkins said he felt either the rule should be strictly enforced or it should be dropped altogether. He placed the blame for lack of enforcement on instructors. Half the instructors smoke in classrooms and set poor examples for students, he said. The other half don't try to enforce the rule, he added.

'Worse at University'

Dean of Men Frank J. Simes said yesterday classroom smoking is worse at the University than at other universities and colleges. Other universities do not enforce no-smoking rules either, he said, but they have a tradition or precedent which frowns upon smoking in classrooms.

In addition, the smoking problem has not been publicized enough, he said. A law like this must be hammered into the heads of students and faculty members until it becomes a habit to confine smoking to corridors, he said.

Delta Sig Damage Reset \$40-50,000

Damage in the near-disastrous fire at Delta Sigma Phi Sunday was estimated yesterday at between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

House officials said a second look at the gutted house by Fire Marshall Bruce Homan of State College, revealed the higher figure than the one released Sunday. The first figure was between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Irving C. Boerlin, supervisor of the University's audio-visual aids department and

house adviser, said Building Service Corp., State College, is now preparing detailed estimates, which should be completed by Friday.

Members yesterday began cleaning up and removing personal belongings from the house.

Meanwhile, members have taken up residence in other fraternities, and the dean of men's office is seeking on-campus housing for the group.

Film, Odor on Articles

Members found a thick, grey film and a smoky odor on most of their clothing and other personal items. Text books and lecture notes are also in poor condition.

Flames broke out in the three-story building about 11 a.m. Sunday and fire raged for two hours until brought under control by the Alpha Fire Company of State College and the Undine Company of Bellefonte.

Firemen did not leave the scene until almost 5 p.m.

Main Flames in Basement

The main flames, in the basement, were so hot they reduced one section of flooring and large joists into ashes within an hour.

The thick and hollow central-supporting wall served as a virtual flue to carry the blaze upward, causing much damage to the floors and walls in the central part of the house.

Wind, Smoke Hinder Firemen

A strong wind and heavy smoke hindered firemen's operations. Weakened floor and ceiling timbers also made fire-fighting treacherous.

Smoke and water caused considerable damage. Water was running through the ceiling onto the first floor long after the fire was under control, while smoke continued to roll from the house.

The fire, which was first noticed by the house cook, Mrs. Edna Boone, was probably the worst since the O. W. Houts and Son, Inc. fire, of the same weekend last December.



—Dave Bavar Photo

DELTA SIGMA PHI member, John Knaff, examines the condition of his books in his shackled room. Most of the books, as well as other personal items, were covered with a thick, gray film.

Christmas Tree Undamaged By Delta Sigma Phi Blaze

By ED DUBBS

A green, decorated Christmas tree still stands in the living room of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity house.

The 17-foot tree, unharmed by flames, was part of the decorations for the Yule season and a pledge dance held the night before the near-disastrous fire raged through the three-story building.

The 44 members, now split up among other fraternities, hope to be living as a group again sometime before Christmas.

And chances are that the slender, towering tree will go along.

O. Edward Pollock, assistant to the dean of men in charge of fraternity affairs, said yesterday that the dean of men's office is attempting to house the members on campus as a group as much as possible. Pollock dorms cannot be secured, he said, because the vacant ones are in the process of being dismantled.

Just shortly after 10 a.m. Sunday, an hour before the fire was discovered by the cook, Mrs. Edna Boone, the brothers had just finished cleaning the house from the pledge dance.

"If we knew it was going to burn up," one member said, "we wouldn't have cleaned it."

After the house-cleaning chore, most of the members attended chapel, while others were still in bed upstairs.

Aid started to pour in soon after

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Mil Ball Queen Pictures

Pictures of the Mil Ball queen entrants may be picked up at the Hetzel Union desk until 5 p.m. Friday.

The HUB desk has five white handbags and a stole which were left at the dance.

Fraternity Money Asked For Delta Sigma Phi

Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity suggested last night to Interfraternity Council that each member of each IFC member house donate \$1 to Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, whose house was wrecked by fire Sunday morning.

The agriculture fraternity's representative said that if each man in a social fraternity would give \$1 to Delta Sigma, approximately \$2500 could be given to the fraternity to help rebuild its house.

The decision on whether or not

Joseph Palo, president of Delta Sigma Phi, said last night his fraternity was looking for a place where the members might eat, sleep and live as a group. He said the arrangements would last until the Delta Sigma Phi house, raked by fire Sunday morning, could be rebuilt.

to donate money was left to the individual fraternities.

IFC members debated on the topic of committee assignments. Thurman Lorick, Alpha Phi Alpha delegate, said that it seemed to him the committee assignments were confined to members of four or five houses.

In reply, John Russell, IFC

vice president, admitted that a good portion of committee members are from a few houses. However, Russell blamed the situation on "apathy of the individual fraternity members."

Russell said that at the beginning of the year, member houses were asked to submit names of members who would be willing to work on IFC committees. Ten names were turned into the Fraternity Affairs Office, he said, but when the time came to interview men for committee memberships, only two men showed up for the interviews.

Forced to Appoint Men

"If individual members won't apply for committees," he said, "then we'll have to appoint men who we know will do a capable job."

Ford Foundation Grants Aid to 21 State Schools

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Ford Foundation today in one stroke gave away over \$4 million to 21 privately supported colleges and universities in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania State University was not one of the institutions designated to receive funds from the foundation.

The appropriation was part of a gigantic \$5 billion gift

to colleges and hospitals in the United States. This is a sum roughly equal to \$3 for every man, woman and child in the country.

The largest single appropriation in the history of philanthropy, the donations total \$150 million more than the foundation has given previously in its 19 years of existence.

\$210 Million Given

The sum of \$210 million was earmarked for all 615 regionally accredited, privately supported colleges and universities in the United States to help raise teachers' salaries.

Another \$200 million was tagged for about 3500 privately supported hospitals to help improve and extend services to the public.

And \$90 million was reserved for privately supported medical schools to help strengthen their instruction methods.

The largest single grant—\$5 million—went to New York University.

Matched Payrolls

The amounts for colleges and universities were determined by matching the payrolls for instruction in the liberal arts and sciences for 1954-55 for each institution.

Income from the grants can be used for either increasing salaries or for other pressing needs.

The Ford Foundation was set up by the late Henry Ford in 1937, dedicated to the advancement of human welfare. Its objectives include supporting efforts to increase international understanding and promote world peace, strengthening democratic institutions and processes, advancing economic well being, and encouraging the scientific study of human behavior.