



## New Tapping System Presented to Council

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The new system for tapping men for hat society membership was formally presented to the Hat Society Council last night by Donald Reidenbaugh, council president.

The system was passed by the Council on Nov. 1, upon a recommendation by Skull and Bones, senior society.

The need for a new method of membership selection was first discussed during Student Encampment. At that time a committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities of a new selection system.

Under the new system, men will fill out cards listing their name, address, extra-curricular activities, all-University average, and preference of society, if any. The cards will be placed in four separate files according to the class of the applicant.

**Filing is Continuous**  
The filing system will be continuous regardless of whether the applicant is tapped or not. If he is not tapped in his junior year, the card will be moved up to the senior file making him eligible for a senior society the following fall.

The only requirement is that the applicant add his activities as he acquires them.

At the time of tapping, the presidents of each hat society will remove the cards from the file that contains his society's preference list. These names will then be presented to the members of his society and they shall tap according to their respective constitutions.

**Plan Replaces Applications**  
This method was presented by Skull and Bones to replace a system which involved no honor since the applicants had to ask to become members.

Too many men sit down at their typewriters the night before the applications are due, and tell the societies what great guys they are, just for the sake of a hat, Reidenbaugh said. Also, under the old system many men failed to apply because they felt unworthy.

**System Maintains Prestige**  
The new system will help to revive the justification of hat societies, Reidenbaugh explained, and it will maintain the prestige of a service as well as an honorary society.

Filing cards for the new system will be available March 1, at the Hetzel Union desk.

### 5 O'Clock Theater To Present Comedy

"The Devil and Donny Metzger," a comedy by Phillip Wein, senior in arts and letters, will be presented today in the basement of Old Main by the 5 O'clock Theater.

The show will be directed by Walter Vail, graduate student in dramatics from Upper Darby. Plays will be presented by the theater every Tuesday this semester.

## Dates Set For Spring Elections

The All-University elections will be held on March 21 and 22 it was decided last night by the Elections Committee.

The dates are Wednesday and Thursday of the last week before Spring vacation and fall on the days just before the IFC-Panhel Ball big weekend.

Another set of dates which was considered by the Committee was April 11 and 12, but the Committee generally agreed that it would be better for the elections to be completed before the vacation break.

Committee Chairman Roger Beidler said he felt that the break definitely was bad for student interest in the elections. He said he thought continuity of the clique meetings and campaigning should be followed directly by the elections and if the routine was interrupted the student body might lose interest in the campaign.

**Allows for Adjustment**  
Another advantage to the earlier elections which was brought out by Gordon Pogal was that it would give the newly elected officers more time to get adjusted to their new duties—especially the persons elected to Cabinet posts.

Beidler also announced that the newly elected All-University President will be an independent, and the vice president and the secretary-treasurer will be fraternity members.

The senior class president will also be an independent and the senior class vice president will be a fraternity member, while the junior class president will be a fraternity member and the vice president will be an independent.

**Friday Meeting**  
These arrangements were made last Friday at a meeting between Beidler and the clique chairman of the two parties, Thomas Dye-Lion and Jack Abele-Campus. Dye since has been replaced by Robert Spadaro.

The distribution of offices between fraternity and independent (Continued on page eight)

## 2 Seniors Involved In Auto Collision

Damage estimated at \$165 resulted when cars driven by two students collided at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Sunset road and Ridge avenue.

Drivers of the cars were Milton Scherpf, senior in dairy science from near Lititz, and Francis Yonker, senior in electrical engineering from State College.

Police said the accident occurred when both cars reached the intersection at the same time. There is no stop sign at the intersection, they said.

Damage to the Scherpf vehicle was estimated at \$75, and the Yonker auto at \$90.

## Snow Flurries, Clouds Predicted for Today

Snow flurries, moderate cloudiness, and somewhat warmer weather is the prediction for today, according to the students in the department of meteorology.

The expected high is 35 to 40 degrees with a low of 15 to 20. The high today was 38 and the low was 23.

# IFC Board Asks Probation, \$50 Fine For Pi Kappa Phi

The Interfraternity Council Board of Control recommended last night that Pi Kappa Phi fraternity be placed on Board of Control probation and fined \$50 for its part in an orientation week fraternity prank.

The board recommended that the probation begin Saturday night and end April 28.

Robert Simmons, Board of Control chairman, told IFC that Article III, Section 3, of the IFC social code implies that a fraternity and its officers shall be primarily responsible for the good conduct of its members.

This was the standard the board considered when passing the penalty.

## Fire Teams Will Inspect Business Area

Eight volunteer fire teams from the Alpha Fire Company will begin an inspection of the State College business area as part of a thorough-wide check for possible fire hazards.

Fire Chief Tom Sauers said working conditions and inconvenience were probable reasons for the delay of the investigation previously scheduled to begin last Saturday.

Plans call for the inspection of business areas for a "week or so," and to fraternities and private homes in that order, according to Sauers.

Sauers said he could give no date for the completion of the investigation. He stressed that the firemen were only volunteers and that their time is limited.

Sauers said that the firemen will especially search for warm ashes loaded in non-metal containers and placed near inflammable partitions.

Sauers said owners will be asked to fill out questionnaires presented by the firemen.

## Bridges to Talk At GOP Dinner

Republican Senator Styles S. Bridges of New Hampshire will speak on "The Republican Party in the Future" at the Lincoln Day dinner at 6:30 tonight in the Nittany Lion Inn.

The Young Republicans Club, in conjunction with the Centre County Young Republicans Club, have sold 300 tickets for the dinner.

Other Lincoln Day speakers in previous years have been Arthur Flemming, defense mobilizer; Senator William Knowland (R-Calif.), and Harold Stassen, special assistant to the president in charge of disarmament.

The incident started between se-mesters when four members of Pi Kappa Phi removed three pieces of furniture from Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

The men were found guilty of disorderly conduct and fined \$61.50 apiece by Justice of the Peace Guy G. Mills. The subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs placed the students on disciplinary probation.

**Dean's Office to Act**

The board's recommendation will go to the dean of men's office where it will be acted upon. If approved, Pi Kappa Phi will be under intensified Board of Control observation. Any violation of IFC rules by the fraternity during probation will be considered in conjunction with the previous incident and dealt with accordingly, Simmons said.

Making a general statement concerning this type of fraternity prank, the board said it will "consider and act upon any violation of the IFC codes or any action which is detrimental to the good name of the University."

Tickets for the IFC-Panhel Ball, March 23, will go on sale Feb. 27, John Russell, IFC vice president, announced last night.

**Sales to be Limited**  
Russell said the first two days of sales will be limited to fraternities only. He said the closed sale was decided upon to make the dance "a more fraternity affair."

Only 1000 tickets will be sold, he said, but houses may bring checks to the Feb. 27 IFC meeting for as many tickets as they wish to buy. Price of the tickets is \$5.00.

**Corsages Discouraged**  
IFC also voted to discourage corsages at the dance. The action was taken since members felt it would lighten the financial load of the weekend.

Houston Elam, chairman of the IFC future housing committee, told the group that the University Board of Trustees will discuss the need for fraternity building land at its March meeting.

The committee had looked into the problem of land availability, Elam said, and found there was (Continued on page eight)

## House Repairs To Delta Sig Are Continuing

Repairs of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity house which was gutted by fire the morning of Dec. 11 are proceeding ahead of schedule.

Irving Boerlin, advisor to the fraternity, said last night that he is sure repairs will be completed by the deadline of April 1.

Sprinkler systems have been installed at strategic points in the house to help prevent any repetition of the fire which caused between \$40,000 and \$50,000 damage. Some of the sprinklers, which are concealed behind newly-placed plaster, are located in the basement and the upstairs clubroom.

Boerlin said the sprinkler system was probably the first to be installed in any fraternity at the University.

He expects the water system to be installed this week. Work is also progressing on complete plastering of the house and installation of the wiring systems. The first and third floors have been completely wired, Boerlin said, leaving about one-third of the fraternity to be rewired.

Repair work is being done by the firm of Vernon J. Dietz, State College general contractor, who was let a contract of \$55,000 early in January.

Dietz said then that the fraternity, located at Locust Lane and Fairmount avenue, would be almost a new structure and would be "safer and better" when repairs were completed.

## Victim Improving From Cabin Blaze

Eric Proudfoot, sophomore in arts and letters from Oil City, has been reported as improving from second-degree burns to the face and third-degree burns to the hands in the Vermont blaze, Feb. 6.

Proudfoot, whose burns required skin grafts, is expected to be in the Brightlook Hospital, St. Johnsbury, Vt., for at least five weeks.

Theodore Miller, a sophomore in agricultural education from Washington, Pa., a victim of the fire who returned to the University, said yesterday that Proudfoot's face and hands are still bandaged.

## Eng Council to Discuss Final Exam Exemptions

Byron Smith, senior in electrical engineering from Hollidaysburg, will discuss exempting seniors from final examinations at a meeting of Engineering Student Council tonight in 214 Hetzel Union.

## Law Dean to Speak

Ralph E. Kharas, dean of the Law School of Syracuse University, will speak at a meeting for students who are interested in attending law school at 7:30 tonight in 203 Willard. The meeting is sponsored by Pi Lambda Sigma, pre-law honorary society.

# 2 Lawyers Summoned in Gas Probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Two oil company lawyers who figured in the offer of a \$2500 contribution to Sen. Francis M. Case (R-SD) during the Senate scrap over the natural gas bill were summoned today to testify before a federal grand jury.

The attorneys are Elmer Patman and John M. Neff. They represent the Superior Oil Co. of California. The grand jury is to hear them tomorrow.

Case rejected the \$2500. Patman has told Senate investigators he turned over the money, from personal funds of Harold B. Keck, Superior Oil Co. president, to Neff to be donated to Case's re-election campaign fund.

Neff has testified he passed the

money on to Business Manager E. J. Kahler of the Sioux Falls, S.D., Daily Argus-Leader for relay to Case.

Both Patman and Neff swore no strings were attached.

Now they and probably other witnesses will be called on to repeat to the grand jury here, starting at 10 a.m. tomorrow, the story they already have related to a special Senate investigating committee.

**Winds Up Hearings**  
The committee wound up its own hearings, at least for now, with Neff testifying today that the \$2500 Case rejected was the only contribution he made to any senator.

Charles W. Steadman, the committee counsel, said the committee knows of no other such contributions by Neff, or anyone else, related to the gas bill.

Maneuvers were under way,

nevertheless, to broaden the hunt for any possible additional donations, with signs of a rivalry shaping up between two Senate committees. A possibly expanded inquiry might go back as far as the 1952 and 1954 political campaigns in search of any efforts to influence senators.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower was reported to have discussed the bill with his Cabinet today.

**No Decision Reached**  
However, Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said "no" when asked whether any decision had been reached to sign or veto it.

The bill would exempt producers of natural gas from direct federal price controls. The big argument in Senate debate were over what effect this would have on consumers' gas bills, and whether the bill meant a big windfall for oil companies and other gas producers.