



## IFC Will Consider Pre-Initiation Plan

A committee will be appointed sometime next week to write a pre-initiation code for possible adoption by the Interfraternity Council. Robert Bullock, IFC president, said last night.

Bullock said the formation of the committee was not caused by the death of a fraternity pledge at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or by the open letter sent to fraternity presidents on Thursday by the dean of men warning them against the dangers of hazing.

Even before these events occurred, Bullock said, IFC planned a study of setting up a code.

The committee is being appointed to return with something that will be satisfactory to the council, he said.

### Do What Fraternities Want

"We are not trying to force something upon the fraternities," Bullock said, "we're just going to do whatever they want."

Last year, the council defeated a proposed pre-initiation code which would have set up a committee to investigate all complaints arising from pre-initiation practices; substitute the title "Help Week" for "Hell Week"; and provide a minimum of eight hours a day for sleep and/or study for pledges during pre-initiation practices.

### Claimed Code Too General

The code was defeated because many members of the board felt the wording was too general and would allow too strict interpretation by the IFC in the future.

Bullock said the committee will be appointed sometime next week but not before the IFC meeting Monday night.

Four men have volunteered to serve on the committee and about three or four more are needed, he said.

### Letter Reminds Fraternities

The letter from the dean of men reminded the fraternities of the "inherent dangers" in ambitious pre-initiation practices.

It further said the University "does not condone any practices potentially harmful or degrading to pledges or members of fraternities and expects its fraternities to conduct their activities as mature, educated groups of men."

### Public Opinion Aroused

Public opinion was aroused over fraternity pre-initiation practices by the death last week of a MIT freshman, Thomas Clark.

Clark was taken into the country and told to return to the MIT campus. He evidently mistook a frozen reservoir for a field and fell in.

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## Pre-Election Plans to Be Formulated

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Both Lion and Campus political parties will get into full swing tomorrow afternoon and evening in preparation for the March 21 and 22 All-University elections.

Lion party will hold a clique meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m. in 121 Sparks and Campus party will meet at 7 p.m. in 10 Sparks.

Robert Spadaro, Lion party clique chairman, and John Abele, Campus party clique chairman, have announced that weekly Sunday afternoon steering committee meetings will be held beginning tomorrow afternoon.

### Registration to Be Held

Preliminary registration of clique members will be held at tomorrow's clique meetings. Clique members must register at either this week's or next week's meeting to be eligible to vote in the final nomination of candidates at the March 11 meeting.

Previous elections, their conduct and results, will also be discussed at tomorrow's meetings.

Additions to the appointments made last Sunday will be made during the steering committee sessions.

An elections code ruling requires that parties must hold three clique meetings between now and the beginning of the campaign March 13.

### Will Choose Nine Candidates

Both parties will nominate candidates for the three All-University, the three senior class, and the three junior class positions during the last two clique meetings. Final candidate elections will take place during the third meeting.

Elections Committee tables will be set up outside of each meeting room, and students must present their matriculation card, sign the Elections Committee mastersheet, and receive their clique card before they will be eligible to cast a

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—Joe Patton photo

SOME OF THE Pennsylvanians sing a group of American folk songs as Fred Waring presented his production "Hear, Hear" in Recreation Hall last night. A capacity crowd, some 8000 persons were on hand. Story on page two.

## Semester Enrollment Decreases

The total students registered at the University and its centers this semester took a dip from last semester's enrollment, but is higher than enrollment for the spring semester last year.

A total of 14,443 students registered this semester, according to official figures from C. O. Williams, dean of admissions.

A total of 15,352 students enrolled at the University last semester and 2782 women.

Men who have trouble getting dates will have to tighten their belts a little more this year.

According to latest registration figures, the men-women ratio has hit a new University high of 3.3 to 1.

Last year there were 2.9 men to every woman.

At present, there are 9279 men on campus as compared with 2782 women. Last year's figures showed 8749 men and 2946 women at the University.

semester and 13,750 during the spring semester of 1955.

Of this semester's total, 12,061 students are on campus, 9279 men. Included in the on-campus total are 10,292 full-time undergraduates, 270 part-time undergraduates, 443 full-time graduate students and 1056 part-time graduate students.

University centers and the Mont Alto branch of the Pennsylvania State Forest School enrolled 2372 students. This enrollment includes 1351 full-time four-year students, 843 full-time two-year students, 32 part-time four-year students, and 49 part-time two-year students.

## Snow Is Predicted To Turn Into Rain

The snow which started falling yesterday afternoon, beginning a typical weekend, is predicted to turn to rain this morning. Sunday's forecast includes snow and a drop in temperature to complete the wet weekend.

## Patrol Answers McElwain SOS, Removes S.O.S.

Campus Patrol answered an SOS Thursday night to remove an S.O.S. from McElwain Hall.

A night hostess from McElwain called the Patrol and told them there was a dead Skunk on the Step at the side entrance to the dormitory.

Couples saying goodnight at the side entrance seemed to be unaware of his presence but he caused quite a "smellaballoo" inside the dorm.

Windows were opened to let fresh air in and the smell out and coeds moved to other parts of the building to study.

At 10:10 p.m. a Campus Patrolman arrived on the scene and after some hesitation, picked the black-and-white intruder up by the tail and put him on the bumper of the station wagon.

## Prexy, Morse To Be Honored

President Milton S. Eisenhower and Adrian O. Morse, provost, will become honorary members of Phi Chi Theta, women's professional business fraternity, on Monday.

Betty Ann Barnhart, Phi Chi Theta president, will confer the honorary degrees at the group's annual banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Hetzel Union building.

Dr. Eisenhower had been invited to become an honorary member when the group first went national last year. A serious illness, however, kept him away. At that time, Ossian R. Mackenzie, dean of the College of Business Administration, and Ralph H. Wherry, professor of insurance, were installed as honorary members.

# Negro Boycott Continued On Montgomery Transit

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 24 (AP)—Shunning rides, Negroes in uncounted numbers walked the streets of Montgomery today to demonstrate their continued protest against segregation on city buses.

They trudged to work through a drizzling rain in response to an appeal from their leaders for a mass 24-hour pilgrimage on foot to prove their willingness to walk if necessary to carry on their 11-week-old bus boycott.

Ninety of them walked to the courthouse for arraignment on antiboycott indictments returned by a grand jury Tuesday. They all pleaded innocent and their trials were set to start March 19. A court officer said 10 or more warrants are outstanding, bringing the total number of defendants to 100.

Defense attorneys at the same time filed demurrers contesting the indictments which charged violation of Alabama's law against "illegal" boycotting. Maximum penalty under the law is six months in jail and a \$1000 fine.

Circuit Judge Eugene Carter withheld a ruling on the demurrers which said, in effect, that the state has failed to make out a case even if the facts alleged in the indictments are true.

Meanwhile, at the Alabama Capitol, Gov. James E. Folsom won support from a group of newspaper editors and publishers and radio and television broadcasters for a proposed biracial commission to settle differences between the white and Negro races.

Folsom called the conference to seek a program of resolving racial disputes without violence. Two of the boycott leaders estimated meanwhile that "thousands" of Negroes walked to work this morning, refusing even to drive their own cars.

### Review

## Players Present 'Alchemist'

By RON LEIK

Two members of Players—one a newcomer and the other a veteran—combined their talents to make "The Alchemist" a rollickingly funny show at Center Stage last night.

The two are Kelly Yeaton, who directed the production and adapted the script from Ben Jonson's original, and Jon Wilder, who as Face played the leading role.

Yeaton completed the new script just last fall. His work, as he said at intermission, consisted of deleting quite a bit of material and translating the Old English vernacular into the modern.

The result is a manuscript which retains almost all of Jonson's humor—both the subtle and the baldish—and reproduces the plot as well as the original. It is,

frankly, an amazing job of condensation without losing Jonson's qualities.

This is partly because Jonson wrote humor into the lines which move the story along. At one point, Subtle—the Alchemist—instructs one of the victims on whom he practices his sorcery to go home and put vinegar in each ear, some in the nose, cleanse the fingertips, then hum thrice and buzz as often.

So far as his work as director goes, Yeaton is another third of the show. The stage action of the actors, which is the responsibility of the director, makes up the humor which is not apparent in the script. At one place, Face, who is Subtle's partner, goes entirely out of character and plays an idiot. He cavorts around stage mumbling witchcraft and carrying on his shoulder a white mouse. Even the mouse looks as if he is going

to say something to make the audience laugh.

Wilder, as Face, changes his character as capably and as quickly as he changes costumes. He imparts so well the numerous characterizations that at the end of the play one cannot begin to guess his true personality.

He seems natural in his stage actions and the audience is fortunate in being close enough to see his facial expression. By these means he continues the humor of the play even when he is not speaking.

E. Newell Stark, as Subtle, was only slightly less natural than Wilder. He and his partner conjure up a scheme involving a philosopher's stone which they try to sell to all comers. Stark also has mastered the stage action necessary to convey his character.

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