

Behind the FMA Question

Perkins Sees Cooperation Under '100%' Plan

Fifth of a Series

The Fraternity Marketing Association will make every effort to reflect the desires of its members should the Interfraternity Council vote compulsory membership in the association, Assistant Dean of Men Harold W. Perkins said yesterday.

"That is the way it's been all along," said Perkins, who is president of the FMA Board of Trustees. He described FMA as "ready to cooperate in any way that will bring about greater fulfillment of the joint buying idea."

IFC will vote Monday on a constitutional amendment which would require membership in FMA by all members of IFC and which calls for a review of the FMA constitution and organizations.

Sees Changes Possible

Changes in the organizational structure and in the operation of the association could be brought about to meet the demands of 100 per cent fraternity participation, Perkins said.

If the IFC amendment is passed, he said, he believes the board would immediately begin investigating other practical categories, especially in the non-food line, which FMA could move into, so that savings could be demonstrated in these fields.

Eventual Expansion Seen

Although no immediate expansion is planned, a statement by the board has expressed hopes that the association could eventually "handle all goods and services essential to the life of the fraternity."

Perkins said he believes FMA should eventually employ a manager, elected by the association's governing body and responsible to it.

Ohio State Plan

He said perhaps member fraternities would be required to buy exclusively through FMA only some of the categories offered by the association. This plan is followed at Ohio State University, he said, where the fraternities must purchase all their goods in only three or four of the six categories offered. FMA follows this practice now.

Under another system Perkins described as possible, the fraternities could buy in a category through other sources, if they could furnish definite proof to the board that they could save more successfully this way.

Alumni Reduced Rates

Either of these plans would allow fraternities to take advantage of offers of goods at reduced rates by house alumni who would not make the offer to the fraternity system as a whole, according to Perkins.

He said that, in any case, 100 per cent participation in FMA would bring about large scale savings at a greater rate.

Library Given Sixty Volumes On the Violin

A collection of 60 volumes on the violin have been presented to the Fred Lewis Pattee Library by Mrs. William M. Myers of State College.

The books were a part of her husband's library. The late Dr. William M. Myers, until his death in 1951, was professor and head of the Department of Mineral Economics.

The earliest book in the collection is "Spohr's Grand Violin School," edited by U. C. Hill and published in Boston in 1852. It is a book on violin teaching.

W. M. Morris' "British Violin Makers" and Henri Poidras' "Dictionary of Violin Makers," both standard works on these subjects, are included in the gift. There is also a book in the collection that is devoted entirely to the subject of violin varnish.

Ralph W. McComb, University librarian, said that the collection will be known as The William Myers Violin Collection.

Board to Study Finals Question

The question of final examinations exemption for eighth semester students will again come up at a meeting of the Senior Class Advisory Board at 9 p.m. Monday in 202 Willard.

Members should bring their reports from the interviews with the deans of the colleges. President Eric A. Walker, Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of student affairs, and Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter, professor of psychology and director of the Division of Counseling, are among the people who have already been contacted.

A report for the advisory board will be made by Joseph Hartnett at the meeting of All-University Cabinet on Thursday night in the form of a recommendation.

Anso Official to Speak; Slides Will Be Shown

A. C. Shelton of the camera club department of Anso Film Co., Binghamton, N.Y., will speak on "Highlights of Scenic America" at 8:30 p.m. Monday at 110 Electrical Engineering.

His talk will be illustrated with color slides. The lecture is sponsored by the Penn State Camera Club and the Penn State Color Slide Club. Students may attend.

Fraternities Once Clubs

The University fraternity system, now one of the world's largest, was an outgrowth of student eating clubs organized nearly a century ago to meet the overburdened campus dining facilities during the early days of the University.

NSA Plans Foreign Student Conference

The National Student Association International Affairs Committee will sponsor a conference on foreign student affairs on Dec. 14 and 15 to acquaint students with the problems of foreign students.

Very often the American student does not understand these problems and questions although he may be in a group which is interested in knowing and helping, an NSA spokesman said.

A conference such as this was held on a national level last summer and NSA officials feel that much was gained for both the American and foreign students. They feel that a conference at the University would have an even greater effect.

4 Topics Cited

The first day of the conference will be spent in discussing the orientation and adjustment of the foreign student. The topics will be orientation on campus—both formal and informal, language barrier, and cultural shock, and the amount of conformity desired or received by the foreign student.

Questions that will be discussed at the second and final day of the conference will be: Are foreign students anti-social? Do American students consider them unsociable? Should internationally interested clubs be conducted socially and politically? Do Caucasian foreign students feel warmer relationships than other students? and Do we let religious and other prejudices enter into relationships?

Invitations Extended

Two representatives from all groups working with foreign students will be invited in addition

to seven foreign students. Others interested, although not receiving an invitation through this channel, may also attend.

Groups invited will be the Home Economics International Friends Club, International Relations Committee, World University Service, University Christian Association, Cosmopolitan Club, Intercollegiate Council on Government, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Association of Independent Men, Leonides, Cabinet, Political Science Club, and Women's Student Government Association.

Residents Admitted Free

The University adopted a policy whereby no tuition was charged residents of the state when James Calder was president in the 1870's.

Commission To Continue Fish Probe

The State Fish Commission will continue an investigation until it discovers the source of the pollution that killed almost 200,000 trout in Spring Creek last Saturday, according to William Voigt, executive director of the commission.

"We must find the source of the pollution," he said. "We can't afford not to run down the pollution to its source. The commission has too great an investment on Spring Creek to risk the danger of further pollution."

Causes Unverified

Although investigators had said that the substance of the pollution was ammonia or an ammonia compound, Voigt would not verify this, saying, "We're approaching the study with an open mind."

The United States Fish and Wildlife Research Station at Leesport, W. Va., has joined the investigation. The Department of Health laboratories in Harrisburg have been working on the investigation from the start.

Water Sampled

Officials of the Fish Commission and the Department of Health toured the area where the fish were killed and took 30 samples of water to discover whether the composition of the water has changed since the disaster.

Voigt said that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has offered to replace some of the fish lost in the pollution.

The Fish Commission estimated the value of the fish lost in the disaster at \$100,000, the greatest such loss in the history of Pennsylvania.

Court Levies \$135 In Traffic Fines

Traffic Court levied a total of \$135 in fines Monday night.

Fourteen students who failed to appear before the court were automatically fined a total of \$34.

Traffic and parking violations led the amount of fines with a total of \$24. Fines for failure to register vehicles amounted to \$20, and for failure to report to the Campus Patrol office within the next complete school day accounted for \$7 in fines.



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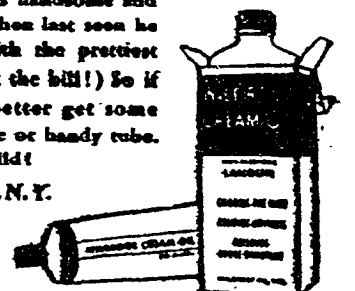
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