



FMA Board to Cease Operations in January

By JIM KOPP

The board of trustees of the Fraternity Marketing Association Monday night unanimously voted to suspend operations by the end of the semester.

The board took the action after hearing that the Interfraternity Council had voted down an amendment which would have required all fraternities to participate in FMA.

The resolution calling for the suspension of operations also provided that the FMA Charter be kept by the president of the board of trustees and not be used by any other person or organization.

This will prevent the Interfraternity Council from taking over FMA, which it had intended to do. It passed a resolution Monday night empowering its president to incorporate FMA into IFC.

The board said it felt it could not continue operating because of the low membership of fraternities. Thirty-one of the University's 54 fraternities belong to the Association.

Books to Be Closed

The books of the Association will be closed and rebates given fraternities still having funds in the treasury at or near the end of the semester.

All the fraternities will have the opportunity to continue buying through the association until the end of the semester if they wish, the board said, but those whose funds run out before then will be dropped unless they continue payments to FMA.

Referring to the drive to get 100 per cent membership of fraternities in FMA, Theodore D. Richards, associate professor of agriculture extension, said:

"All or nothing was a fine ideal, and it failed. But as long as we are of service to at least half the fraternities, we shouldn't disband."

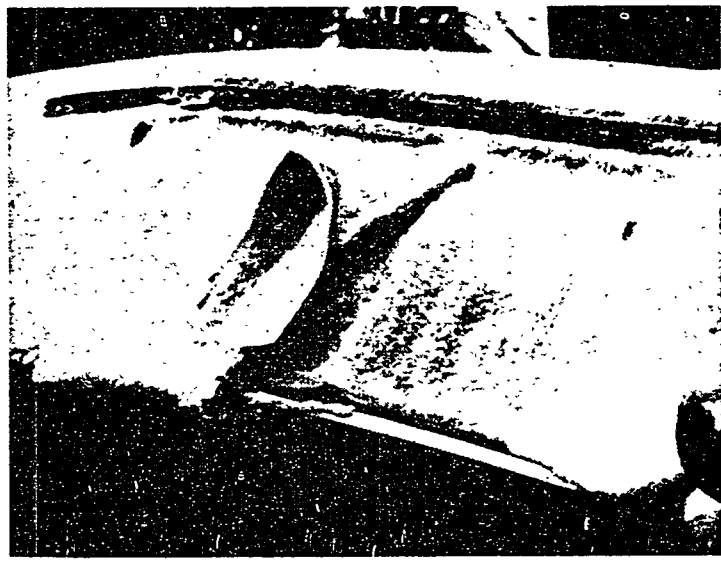
Against Disbandment

Assistant Dean of Men Harold W. Perkins, president of the board of trustees, said he did not want to disband the association immediately after its suspending activities.

After one of the trustees said the suspension might shock the fraternities into giving full support to FMA, Dean Perkins said: "I can't conceive how this icing of the organization can be effective beyond March."

He proposed that a second ultimatum calling for 100 per cent membership be put to the fraternities and that unless more interest is shown by them in FMA, he would favor dissolution of the organization after March.

The association has done a business of \$55,108.93 up to Nov. 30 this year. Last year for the same period it was \$45,358.66, or about 22 per cent less.



—Daily Collegian Photo by George Harrison
WINTER WEATHER and snow has only further proved the value of The Daily Collegian. The owner of this car will have a brighter view of the world from his auto due to the versatility of Collegian.

Rebellious Poles Attack Consulate

WARSAW, Poland, Dec. 11 (AP)—Rioting Poles marched on the Soviet consulate in the Baltic city of Stettin in a wild burst of anti-Russian feeling last night and smashed windows and tried to storm its doors.

The Polish press today reported the attack as an outburst of "drunken hooligans." But reliable sources in Stettin said it started as a demonstration by students and young factory workers in sympathy with Hungary.

Timetables, Directories Continue to Be Sold

Timetables for the spring semester are still on sale at the counter in 4 Willard.

Faculty directories also are on sale there. Student directories are being sold both at the counter and at the Book Exchange in the Hetzel Union.

The press said the rioters were finally scattered by troops and strong-arm "workers militiamen" who were called in by the local Communist party. Several policemen were reported beaten up and a number of the demonstrators arrested.

A Major Port

Stettin, a city of 223,000 on the Oder River estuary which separates Poland and East Germany, was the major port of German Pomerania until Nazi Germany was defeated in World War II.

Confirmed reports said Polish troops fired on a Soviet regiment attempting to move on Warsaw from East Germany during Poland's "October Revolution."

In last October's political revolt, Wladyslaw Gomulka, who had been imprisoned in the Stalin era, was restored as first secretary of the Polish Communist party in a reorganization that ran counter to Moscow's wishes.

Government on Edge

Gomulka won a large measure of independence in shaping Poland's independent Communist policies. But the new government has been kept on edge by open sympathy, shown in occasional demonstrations, by Poland's workers for the Hungarian rebels.

Fearing a popular explosion would invite Soviet intervention like that in Hungary and the destruction of its own revolution, the Warsaw government has repeatedly warned the people to keep calm.

\$25 Voted for Lantern

The Phys Ed Council voted to give \$25 to the Lantern to aid in the development and expansion of the literary magazine.

The Lantern will be printed as the University's culture magazine.

University Accepts Guilt for Fish Kill

The University yesterday accepted full responsibility for the killing of 175,000 trout, valued at \$100,000, in the State fish hatchery and Spring Creek in Centre County a week ago last Saturday.

State officials said this was the worst loss of fish by stream pollution in the history of Pennsylvania.

The State Fish Commission had determined that the contamination came from the State College area, but had been unable to pinpoint its source.

Walker Starts Probe

A self-investigation initiated at the direction of President Eric A. Walker uncovered the discharge into the University's sewage treatment works and thence into the stream of a lethal dose of sodium cyanide solution early on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 30.

"Our studies," a University spokesman said, "indicate rather clearly that the discharge into the stream of a large quantity of electroplating material with a high concentration of sodium cyanide produced the poison that killed the fish."

State Studies Agree

Authorities in Harrisburg advised the University yesterday that its studies also pointed to the cyanide solution as the death-dealing pollutant.

The electroplating material had been used for the last ten years to plate metals in the Navy Ordnance Research Laboratory on the campus, and on the afternoon of Nov. 30 was ordered dumped to make way for a new solution. Laboratory technicians said the solution was diluted by large amounts of water and discharged through the drainage system leading into the University's sanitary sewer.

Sewage Checked

Thinking that the ammonia might have come from the University, investigators checked samples last week from the campus sewage system, and also tested some of the dead trout with geiger counters to determine whether the University's nuclear reactor caused the poisoning. The results of the geiger counter tests were negative.

Plans were announced last Wednesday to have the United States Fish and Wildlife Research at Leesport, W. Va., examine samples of the dead trout. Yesterday Fish Commission officials said that the West Virginia laboratory was not equipped to handle such tests, but that specimens of the slain fish were taken elsewhere for examination.

'Who Will Pay' Asked

Inquiries as to the next step in possible recovery of the value of the fish life destroyed brought cautious comment from agencies of the state government concerned with the problem.

The University partly is financing the investigation. (Continued on page five)

Council OK's Probe of Class Drops

The Engineering and Architecture Student Council last night approved of a two-man committee to speak with the dean of the college about the alleged failure to schedule courses in the spring semester required for June graduates in mechanical engineering.

The apparent reason for the college's declining to schedule the courses is the shortage of available professors to teach them, a member said. Approximately 35 students, he said, will be affected by this action.

Semester Delay Possible

Concern was expressed by another member of the council over the possibility that these courses might not even be scheduled during the summer sessions, thereby forcing the students to be graduated January 1958.

The council also established a committee of nine, representing all the schools in the college, to set up a Career Day program similar to the one used in the College of Business Administration.

\$100 Donated to Lantern

Under such a program, a half day in the spring would be used by the students in engineering and architecture to hear talks by representatives from industry. These men would discuss the career opportunities in their own fields.

In the evening a speech would be heard by a reknowned figure in the engineering field.

The Council also voted to donate \$100 to Lantern, campus literary magazine.

Chiappetta to Address Future Teachers Club

Dr. Michael Chiappetta, associate professor of education, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Future Teachers of America at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Simmons study lounge.

Dr. Chiappetta will discuss "Professional Associations in the Teaching Field."

Refreshments will be served.

Building Plans Approved By Trustee Committee

An executive committee of the Board of Trustees has approved preliminary plans for six new buildings to be constructed under the General State Authority.

The plans also include additions on the north and south ends of Main Engineering. A new engineering building to be constructed south of engineering "A-E" parallel to W. College avenue will be connected to the new south wing of Main Engineering.

The petroleum refining laboratory situated south of Main Engineering will be torn down to make room for the new engineering building. A new petroleum laboratory will be constructed south of the Forestry Building.

Preliminary plans were also approved for a turkey brooder, a turkey breeding house, a meat processing laboratory and a swine research building. The four buildings will be constructed on the University farms.

Architects for the projects will proceed with final plans which will be submitted for approval by the University and the General State Authority. (Continued on page eight)

Engineer Will Explain Parking Survey Results

A State Highways Department engineer will explain and answer questions concerning the department's 1954 campus parking survey at an open meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Board Room of Old Main.

About 15 copies of an 11-page report of the survey, which was conducted two years ago by the department in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Public Roads, were distributed to the University approximately two weeks ago.

The survey will be discussed by George Britton, of the department's highway planning and traffic division, who explained a similar survey of the borough to a group of townspeople and students Oct. 23.

Distribution Blamed

At that time, Britton said the campus parking situation, as shown by the report, was a problem of distribution, rather than a lack of spaces. The survey reveals a deficiency of spaces near the center of the campus and an oversupply around the edges, he said.

General discussion on the report, which is accompanied by 19 illustrations and tables, will follow Britton's explanation of the

survey. Walter H. Wiegand, director of the physical plant, said interested persons would be welcome at the meeting. Representatives of some campus organizations have been invited to attend.

Adjustment Necessary

In explaining the borough survey, which was also made in 1954, Britton indicated that some adjustment in the figures presented by the report was necessary because of the length of time since the survey's completion.

He said a 10 per cent increase in traffic at a checkpoint on Route 322 to the west since the time of the survey may indicate an increase in the borough's parking problem.

The borough survey indicated a "critical area" of downtown parking. (Continued on page five)

