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Alphas Kept Busy



—Daily Collegian Photo by Dave Bavar

FIREMEN fight the Sunday morning blaze that forced eight students to find other living quarters.

\$8000 Fire Leaves 8 Students Homeless

Eight students were temporarily made homeless by an \$8000 fire that struck their rooming house at 9 a.m. Sunday. Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity gave the students emergency housing Sunday afternoon and night. Seven of them will move into residence halls this week, according to the dean of men's office, and the eighth has found a room downtown.

The students who were suddenly displaced are:

Merle Cooper, 10th semester arts and letters major from Wilmerding; David Dutot, junior in horticulture from Gouldsboro; Edward Edinger, junior in industrial engineering from Mercer; Richard Grubel; Donald Haller, sophomore in pre-veterinary from Erie; Telford Hill Jr., sophomore in agricultural education from Ebensburg; and Theodore Ifft, junior in agricultural economics from Mercer.

The blaze, which took firemen almost two hours to bring under control, started around the furnace in the cellar.

The furnace had been fixed at about 8 a.m. by John B. Frankenberg, manager of the rooming house, and at 9 a.m. he and his wife went to investigate what appeared to be the smell of smoke coming from the cellar.

When Mrs. Frankenberg opened the cellar door, flames leaped out. Frankenberg said the fire was probably fed by a partly dry wash hanging in the cellar.

The blaze spread quickly through the walls and floors, and by the time fire equipment arrived, flames were licking at the underside of the roof of the three-story building.

Extensive damage, estimated at \$8000, was done to the house and personal belongings by the flames, the smoke and the gallons of water poured on by fire fighters.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankenberg, who were also made homeless by the fire, are living with friends. The house is owned by Mrs. Ethel Ewing.

No one was injured in the fire. Two of the students, who live on the third floor, which was the scene of the most extensive damage, were away for the weekend.

Much of the students' clothing and other personal effects was damaged by the blaze. The undamaged clothing is being cleaned free of charge by a local cleaning establishment.



AN ALPHA FIREMAN tosses a trunk to one of the students burned out of his living quarters Sunday morning.

Hart to Head IFC; Wins on 1st Ballot

James Hart, Acacia, last night won the Interfraternity Council presidency on the first ballot, defeating Ronald Ross, Omega Psi Phi, and Richard Moon, Beta Theta Pi.

Hart, who succeeds Daniel Land, Sigma Nu, won 31 of the council's 55 votes to 16 for Ross and eight for Moon.

Thomas Schneider, Phi Kappa Sigma, was elected vice president on the second ballot. It took four ballots for the council to elect Stephen Higgins, Sigma Chi, secretary-treasurer.

Legislature Passes Tax Amendments

HARRISBURG, March 25 (AP) — The Republican-controlled Legislature tonight approved finally a series of controversial sales tax amendments giving new exemptions to manufacturers, public utilities and shipyards.

Gov. Leader immediately broke with precedent and asked the lawmakers to hear him tomorrow. He was expected to ask that the amendments be reconsidered.

Leader to Attack

Ordinarily, a governor either signs a tax bill into law or vetoes it. Leader was reported ready to attack the amendments on the basis of what other Democrats have described as "a Republican giveaway."

The House, beating down Democratic opposition, voted 124-77 to approve the Senate amendments dealing with the broadened exemptions for industrial interests. A half hour later, newsmen received word that the governor had asked the GOP legislative leadership for permission to address a joint session tomorrow.

Courtesy Granted

Such permission is usually granted as a courtesy. Rep. Johnson, House Republican floor leader, said he doubted if the Legislature would change its mind on the sales levy.

The House spent most of its session debating the controversial amendments dealing with industry. Not in dispute was the plan to keep the 3 per cent sales levy from dropping to 2 per cent June 1 and to eliminate the stamp plan for collecting the tax.

Dennis Will Address Plant Science Group

Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs, will address the Plant Science Club at 7:30 tonight in 111 Tyson.

The topic of his speech will be "The Changing Nature of the University." He will discuss the problems that institutions of higher learning must face when meeting the new challenges of modern times.



James Hart
New IFC President

6th Greek Sing Preliminaries Begin Tonight

The sixth annual Greek Week at the University will begin at 6:30 tonight when 19 fraternities compete in the preliminary round of the Interfraternity-Panhellenic Councils Sing in Schwab Auditorium.

Sixteen sororities will compete in the preliminary rounds starting at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The required song for fraternities is the "Whiffenpoof Song," and for sororities, "Moments to Remember." Both groups will sing another song of their own choosing which may be presented with or without piano accompaniment.

This year, permanent trophies will be given to first-place winners in both divisions, and second-place winners will receive bronze plaques.

In previous years, rotating trophies and permanent plaques were given to the first-place winners. In order to retire a trophy, the sorority or fraternity had to win the sing for three consecutive times.

Winning choruses in both tonight's and tomorrow night's performances will compete in the final round at 7 p.m. Friday.

SDT, Alpha Zeta Earn Top Averages

Sigma Delta Tau sorority and Alpha Zeta fraternity received the highest averages among fraternity, sorority and independent groups for the fall semester, according to statistics released yesterday by the dean of men's office.

Sigma Delta Tau's average of 3.16 was the highest average for any University group and Alpha Zeta placed first among fraternities with a 2.93 average and eighth among all groups.

Sigma Delta Tau moved from 21st place for the spring semester of 1956 with a 2.79 average into first place for the fall semester. Alpha Zeta's average of 2.78 for the spring semester of 1956 placed it 22nd in University groups for that semester.

Kappa Alpha Theta was in second

place with a 3.12 average. Runner-up for fraternity honors was Triangle with a 2.68, which placed it 22nd among all groups.

Both the sorority women's and All-University women's averages—2.85 and 2.64—were higher than the independent women's average of 2.55.

The fraternity men's average of 2.33 ranked higher than the independent men's average of 2.31, while the over-all fraternity-sorority average of 2.49 topped the non-fraternity non-sorority average of 2.36.

The All-University average of 2.39 was five places higher than the independent average of 2.36, and 16 places higher than the All-University men and independent men's averages which were both 2.21.

The All-University average of 2.39 is lower than that for the

spring semester of 1956 when the All-University average was 2.45.

Beta Sigma Omicron, who placed first among all groups for the 1956 spring semester with a 3.13, was tied for third place among all groups for the fall semester with Delta Gamma. The average was 3.05.

Theta Delta Chi, with a 2.62 average, moved into third place among fraternities and 26th place among all groups. During the spring semester of 1956, the fraternity was ranked 79th among all groups.

The complete averages are as follows:

Sigma Delta Tau, 3.16; Kappa Alpha Theta, 3.12; Beta Sigma Omicron, 3.05; Delta Gamma, 3.05; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 2.99; Gamma Phi Beta, 2.94; Phi Sigma Sigma, 2.94; Alpha Zeta, 2.93; Alpha Kappa Alpha, 2.91; Alpha Chi Omega, 2.88; Alpha Xi Delta, 2.87; Alpha Epsilon Phi, 2.86; Sorority women, 2.85; Pi Beta Phi, 2.83; Delta Zeta, 2.82; Kappa Delta, 2.82; Delta (Continued on page five)

Schneider received 30 votes on the second ballot to 13 for John Spangler, Delta Chi, and 12 for Leonard Sichel, Theta Xi. He succeeds Howard F. Thompson, Phi Kappa Tau.

Higgins, who will take over as secretary-treasurer from John Valentine, Pi Kappa Alpha, defeated Patrick Rielly, Kappa Delta Rho, 34 to 20, on the fourth ballot.

Wins Two Victories

The IFC presidency was the first of two victories Hart won last night. During the time IFC was meeting, shortly after the presidential ballot, Hart gained a first-round victory in the Intramural Wrestling matches at Recreation Hall.

Hart, last year's 128-pound champion, won a 7-1 decision in the 135-pound class over Leonard Shirk, Alpha Zeta.

In the IFC vice presidential voting, Schneider polled 26 tallies on the first ballot to 12 for Sichel, 10 for Spangler and 7 for Peter Dangerfield, Phi Delta Theta.

In IFC elections, the nominee who wins the fewest number of votes is dropped from the ballot. The voting continues until one nominee receives a majority.

Higgins and Rielly both received 15 votes on the first ballot in the election for secretary-treasurer. James Shok, Theta Kappa Phi, polled 12, Jack Halpern, Phi Sigma Delta, 9, and Pat Kinney, Pi Kappa Phi, 4.

Higgins led Rielly during the rest of the voting, 18-14 on the second ballot, 24-16 on the third and 34-20 on the fourth.

Halpern, Skok Dropped Halpern was eliminated on the second ballot when he failed to increase his vote and Skok dropped out after the third round, on which he won 14 votes.

In other business, Joseph Eberly, IFC parliamentarian, introduced eight constitutional amendments dealing with the organization of the council.

Under one of Eberly's amendments, which will be acted upon at the council's next meeting, the appointed executive secretary would become an elected executive vice president. Another amendment tightens attendance and substitutes rules at council meetings.

Lion Predicts Possible Rain

The light snow that fell on the Centre County area yesterday did not deter the Nittany Lion in his effort to gain power on campus.

The Lion called an emergency meeting of his cheering section yesterday to proclaim his candidacy for president of IFC.

But his followers finally dissuaded him from running, and the election went off last night with no sign of the discouraged Lion.

Today's forecast calls for increasing cloudiness with possible showers. High should be between 45 and 50 degrees.

