

**IFCPA: Present and Future**

# Increased IFCPA Services Need Total Greek Participation

The future of Interfraternity Council Purchasing Association services—even to the possible contracting for construction of house additions—is unlimited, according to James Burns, IFCPA chairman.

The only thing needed for a vast increase in the number and thoroughness of IFCPA services, Burns said, is total participation by fraternities.

## Paris Meeting--

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This session, coming soon after the revelations of Russia's strides in military science, promises to be one of the most partisan ever. It will have added overtones from splits among the Republicans and Democrats themselves.

Europe is already contemplating the radical changes expected if the Labor party takes over in Britain at the next election, as now expected. Among them is the promise made by Aneurin Bevan, who is likely to be British foreign secretary, that Britain will stop testing atom bombs to see if she can get others to follow.

Just how much of a political issue will be provided in 1958 by the Eisenhower defense policy depends largely on which way the cat jumps. It appears now to have permitted the Russians to take a considerable lead in the guided missile race.

Charles E. Wilson, former defense secretary, says that lead isn't so much—that the United States has been developing a good program, emphasizing some things while the Russians have emphasized others, and that the work will soon show.

While the situation clarifies, the Democrats are not permitting themselves to be diverted from a close watch on the cat, or giving up any of their freedom of action in the future.

"If we can get cooperation among all fraternities, we can do anything we want," Burns said.

He said IFCPA eventually could possibly handle such extensive services as contracting for construction work on houses and having sanitation companies spray house trees and shrubbery.

IFCPA's long-range goals, to supplement the many new services planned, are a warehouse for canned goods and staples; a meat-cutting and fabrication plant, and a delivery service, Burns said. All these facilities would be under a single administrative head, according to Burns.

Burns pointed to the purchasing program at Michigan State University as an example of the possibilities of such a system.

A student group at Michigan State wrote last year to the board of the Fraternity Market-in Association, predecessor of IFCPA, asking for information on the set-up of the joint-buying program, Burns said.

There was then no joint-buying program of any kind among fraternities in operation at Michigan State.

But within one year, the new Michigan State program has progressed to where construction of a warehouse and fabricating plant now is underway.

Michigan State's fraternity governing body made participation in the program compulsory for each fraternity, Burns said,

and because of this participation the joint-buying association has met with remarkable success.

Only about one-half of the fraternities at the University now belong to IFCPA.

Burns said that with cooperation IFCPA is planning on a long-range scale such services as: laundry and linen-cleaning; rug cleaning and upholstery of furniture; handling of a soft-drink concession; purchasing of hardware, refrigerators, and freezing equipment; purchasing of electrical equipment; television and radio repair, and plumbing service.

These services and those already in operation will soon be handled by a more extensive administrative setup than now exists, Burns said. He said the IFCPA Board of Trustees has just established a junior board, composed of sophomores and juniors, to work on the program.

The junior board will serve on newly-established committees, such as buying investigation, public relations and publicity, financial, management, and service, he explained.

The public relations and publicity committee, Burns added, will publish a bi-monthly newsletter for fraternities. The newsletter will feature information on food prices, offers and sales by companies, the trend of the food market, recipes and ideas for cooks and hints on possible methods of saving on house expenses.

## Rackley Cast as Keynoter At Education Convention

Dr. John R. Rackley, dean of the College of Education, will deliver the keynote address at the opening session tomorrow of the Central District Convention of the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

The meetings, originally scheduled for Oct. 3 and 4, will be held at Lock Haven State Teachers College, Lock Haven.

Rackley will also address a session on higher education on the subject, "Trends in Higher Education."

Dr. Franklin A. Miller, professor of education, will serve as chairman of a panel on "What Are the Possibilities of Television in Our Educational Program?"

Dr. Paul W. Bixby, professor of elementary education, and acting head of the Department of Education, will speak on "Today's

Education Is on the March." "School Camping and Outdoor Recreation" will be the subject of an illustrated lecture by Herman C. Kranzer, assistant professor of education.

Other faculty members participating are Dr. David R. McClay, professor of agricultural education and acting associate dean of the College of Agriculture; Dr. Dorothy Houghton, as-

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