

Editorial Opinion

Another Cover-up?

The dean of men's office somewhat proudly reports that the average of all fraternity men last semester rose above that of all men students and non-fraternity men for the first time in several years.

On the surface this appears to be a fine accomplishment for the fraternity system. However, a closer look reveals it to be no feather for its cap.

Fraternity men came through last semester with an average average of 2.33. This compares with a 2.29 for all men students and 2.28 for non-fraternity men. The range here is .05.

This certainly isn't anything for the fraternity system to brag about, as the dean of men's office seems to like us to believe. It must be remembered—although the office fails to remind us—that the first-semester freshmen's averages are included in both the all-men and the non-fraternity men averages.

If the first-semester freshman men's averages were dropped from the all-men and the non-fraternity men averages, we believe both of these would be higher than the fraternity men's average. We must admit figures are lacking to prove this. However, the range was only .05, and this year's freshmen class reportedly was one of the worst in scholarship in years.

The dean of men's office would have us believe fraternity men raised their average. Well, this isn't exactly the true story. The average average for fraternity men for the fall semester 1956 was 2.33, exactly the same as this past fall semester. The true story is that the non-fraternity men fell. The fraternity men did not come up.

One could give the fraternity men credit for maintaining their average while the non-fraternity men fell. However, this is debatable since no figures have been released comparing the scholarship of this year's freshman class and last year's freshman class.

The dean of men's office even comes up with a reason for this scholarship "improvement" among fraternity men. The office, in a memorandum, says it is "probably due in part to the higher pledging standards imposed by the Interfraternity Council."

Let's look at this a little closer. The average average for fraternity men for the fall semesters 1956 and 1957 were the same, 2.33. Therefore, it appears the higher pledging requirements had no effect on fraternity scholarship whatsoever.

The office even goes as far as saying "it is hoped that this improvement will be a permanent one."

We guess this cover-up from the dean of men's office for the fraternity system is to be expected. The office is famous for this.

Take a look at the freshman minor drinking ban, for instance. This was imposed by the IFC after it was pressured by the dean of men's office. This came shortly after Gov. George M. Leader became alarmed over drinking on college campuses. We do not believe Penn State has a serious drinking problem, but still a cover-up ban has been imposed.

Another famous cover-up document is the pre-initiation practices (Hell Week, in other words) code. This is just a document on paper to get the university and the IFC off the hook in case a fraternity pledge is seriously injured during a Hell Week. There is no strict enforcement for the code, but it's there on paper as a cover-up.

It appears that as long as the dean of men's office covers up for the fraternity system, there undoubtedly will be no great drive among the fraternities to improve scholarship, to meet the drinking problem (which is nationwide in scope) with maturity, and to abolish the outdated Hell Weeks.

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Gazette

- TONIGHT
- American Rocket Society, 7 p.m.; 111 Boucke. Elections and speaker from Ballistic Missile Agency
 - Anca Literary Magazine, 7:30 p.m., 104 Boucke; Editorial staff meeting.
 - Cabinet, 7-10 p.m., 203 HUB
 - Christian Fellowship, 12-45-1:00 p.m., 218 HUB
 - Christian Science Organization, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel
 - Delta Sigma Phi, 7:15 p.m., urgent meeting.
 - Grad Student Association, 8-10 p.m., 212 HUB
 - Lectures in Religion, 8:30 p.m., 121 Sparks. Topic: "Yoga and Modern Philosophy"
 - Mortar Board, 8-9 p.m., Assembly Hall
 - Newman Club, Legion of Mary, 7:30 p.m., Student Center
 - Outing Club, 7:15 p.m., 241 Rec Hall
 - Science Fiction Club, 7-9 p.m., 217 HUB
 - Spring Week Publicity Meeting, 6:45 p.m., 214 HUB
 - University Senate, 4:10-6:00 p.m., Assembly Hall
 - World University Service, 7-8 p.m., 212 HUB
 - WSGA House of Representatives, 12:30 p.m., 107 Boucke

Job Interviews

- Companies interviewing April 21:
- Airborne Instruments Lab: BS in EE, ME, Phys, Math
 - Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co: BS in Bus Ad, LA, ED, or anyone interested in insurance sales.
 - U.S. Patent Office: BS MS in EE, IE, ME; Aero E, Agr E, Arch E, Chem E, CE, Mng E, Metal, PNG, Phys, Chem.
 - Vickers Incorporated: BS MS in Aero E, IE, ME, EE, Phys.
- Companies interviewing April 22:
- Allis-Chalmers: BS in EE, ME, CE, Chem E, Mng E, Agr E
 - American Can Co: BS MS in Chem, Chem E, ME, Metal.
 - Anchor Hocking Glass Corp: BS MS in LA, Bus Ad, Cer, Chem, Psych, T&T, IE, CE, Chem E, ME.
 - General Telephone of Penna.: BS in EE, Phys, Math, Bus Ad, Acctg.
 - Pittsburgh Steel Co: Metal, CE, EE, ME, IE, Math, LA, Bus Ad, Eng for sales training.
- Companies interviewing April 23:
- Army Ballistic Missile Agency: BS MS in ME, Aero E, EE, IE, Metal, Phys, Math.
 - Otis Elevator Co: BS in EE, ME.
 - SKF: BS in ME, IE.
- Companies interviewing April 24:
- City of Philadelphia: BS in CE, ME, EE, Chem E, San E.
 - Hughes Aircraft: BS MS in Phys, EE
 - I T E Circuit Breaker Co: BS MS in EE, ME for technical training program.
 - Lincoln Electric: BS in EE, ME, Metal.
 - West Virginia Pulp & Paper: BS MS in Chem, Chem E, EE, IE, ME, CE, Phys, For, Bus Ad, LA, for sales.
- Companies interviewing April 25:
- Air Products: BS MS in Chem E, ME.
 - American Bosch Arms Corp: BS MS in EE, ME, Phys; Jr. in above fields for summer employment.
 - Bailey Meter Co: BS in ME, Chem E, EE.
 - Jet Propulsion Lab (Calif Inst of Tech): BS MS in EE, Phys, Math, ME, Chem E, Eng Sci
 - Vitro Laboratories (Div of Vitro Corp of America): BS MS in EE, Chem E, ME, Chem, Phys, Math; Jr. Sr. in EE, ME for summer employment.

Former Prof Dies at 79

Frank M. Torrence, former associate professor of mechanical engineering died Monday night in the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte. He was 79.

Torrence retired from the University faculty in 1942. He was graduated from the University in 1905 and received his master's degree from the University in 1911. He was named an assistant professor in 1911 and became an associate professor in 1923.

After his retirement, he held a number of positions in industry and also taught at the Ohio State University and the University of Texas. He was a member of Acacia fraternity and for nearly 40 years served as a timer of sporting events at the University.

Applications Due For Draft Exam

The deadline for submitting applications for the Selective Service Qualification Tests is tomorrow.

Application forms may be obtained from the dean of men's office. The forms must be mailed before midnight tomorrow.

The test, which will be the only one given this year, will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 1, in 111 Tyson.

Outing Club Will Plan Hiking Trip to Virginia

The Outing Club will meet at 7 tonight in 241 Recreation Hall to discuss plans for its hiking trip Friday through Sunday to Shenandoah Park, Va.

Persons unable to attend the meeting and who will be taking the trip should notify David Hutchinson at Adams 7-3181.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Hey, Burwell—I got a TUTOR with my correspondence course!"

To State, with Love

Is Dancing Bad? Hell No!

By Larry Jacobson

There's a line in the music from the Broadway show "The Music Man" that goes: "... then they'll head for the dance at the armory—libertine men and scarlet women—ragtime—shameless music."

Evidently, the North Carolina State Baptist Convention believes the point made in the above lyrics, for they have banned dancing at the convention-owned Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem. The convention, which said "Dancing deteriorates the spiritual atmosphere whenever it takes place," banned dances in the face of parental backing of these dances.

This started a storm of student protest. They rioted; walked out of compulsory chapel on an alarm clock signal; burned the convention president in effigy; danced a bunny hop across campus; walked out of chapel yelling "15 rahs for Arthur Murray."

Students commented "The riot was more fun than a panty raid," and "We ought to go and dance with those old men and see if they get all shook."

I abhor any group that forces other people to obey its own mores and convictions—especially when they ban something that is legal and merely a matter of opinion—not fact. These are the same type of people that tell me what to watch on TV and try to censor movies.

If they don't like a TV pro-

gram, movie, or social custom, they don't have to have anything to do with it. They don't have to see the movie or the TV program, but why force their beliefs on other people?

What is right for someone, may be wrong for me, and vice versa; right and wrong are merely relative terms.

Sooo, if dancing deteriorates, then I'm all for rotting away in happiness.

Last year, Lemon (an ill-fated magazine of "constructive criticism") came out with one issue. In this effort, the magazine gave an ominous warning to the IFC president James Hart. If the IFC Board of Control is to operate efficiently, the publication said, Hart shouldn't appoint a member to the Board of Control whose own fraternity flagrantly violates the IFC freshman drinking ban.

This year, a fraternity was put on social probation for holding a social function, with a woman who hadn't received approval from the dean of men's office as a housemother. Many times, the same house also held freshman rushing parties after 1 o'clock Sunday morning—serving beer. The then-president of the house was on the Board of Control.

Hart should have listened to the Lemon.

