

IFC Suggests Plans To Raise Averages

By PAT DYER

"Live-in" scholarship counselors and individual house scholastic programs were among the suggestions made to improve the fraternity scholastic standing by the Scholarship Workshop at the Interfraternity Council Encampment held in September.

The main problem is to develop the proper attitude toward scholarship in the individual houses, Jerry Logue, workshop chairman, said in commenting on the report.

"There is a possibility that an enforced academic program may be introduced if the fraternity average doesn't improve," he added. Last spring the fraternity men's average of 2.40 was below the all-men's average of 2.41.

Experimentation with faculty scholarship advisors or "live-in" scholarship advisors such as graduate students was recommended as part of a general program to improve the standing of the various houses.

A set of 30 questions has been distributed to each of the fraternities to aid them in developing a stronger scholarship program, Logue said. These questions deal with practices within the house and incorporate many ideas suggested by the workshop, he added.

No over-all scholarship program with penalties for enforcement was considered by the workshop, Logue said. However, some sort of enforced program may become necessary, he added.

At present, fraternity scholarship practices vary widely within the various groups, he said. Most houses have a strong pledge program with required study hours. Most groups also have house quiet hours, he added.

It is hoped that the 30 questions will lead the houses to examine their own system, he said, and if a suitable and effective program is worked out, it will be made available to all the members of IFC.

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\$700 Appropriations Defended by Haber

By BARB YUNK

(This is the first of two articles on opposing reactions to the Student Government Association law empowering Elections Commission to conduct all commercial election publicity.)

Under a recent SGA law Elections Commission has been allotted \$700 of SGA funds to handle the purchase of all radio time and printed posters for student government elections. A Liberal Party petition to repeal the law has resulted in SGA stating its official disapproval of the petition because it "misrepresents the law."

As a result of this petition, signed by three per cent of the student body, a referendum will be placed on the ballot for the coming elections. The final decisions whether to retain or repeal this law, therefore, will be left to the students. However, at least 20 per cent of the student body must vote in the election to make any decision on the referendum valid. A simple majority could repeal the law.

Since the law is now in effect, it will be enforced during the coming election. Elections Commission will use \$300 of the appropriation to publicize the candidates of all three parties on a common poster and will purchase all radio time. The parties will be permitted to

assess their candidates \$3 to pay for incidental expenses.

SGA President Richard Haber, in expressing his support of the law said yesterday, "The most important thing in the elections is the people running and not the publicity."

Walter Darran, chairman of University Party, defended the law against accusations that using this money was misuse of student funds. Each time that SGA funds are allocated, he said, they go to special interest groups. For example, he continued, SGA gives money to Leadership Training, the Inter-College Council Board and to each of the four classes.

Darran explained that it had formerly cost an individual \$15 to run for an Assembly seat and between \$25 and \$40 to run for a class or SGA office. This fee had to be paid, he said, whether the candidate won or lost.

"This is asking people to pay their way to help the students," he said. Many qualified students, he added, are prevented from running because they simply cannot afford this fee.

Darran, responding to the argument that this law will weaken the parties, explained that control of election funds by student government is not an innovation. The exact amount which parties could spend on elections, he said, was regulated up until the fall election of last year.

Investors Group To Be Organized By Finance Club

The Investors Group, a division of the Finance Club, is being organized to familiarize interested persons in the fundamental principles and techniques of sound investment practices.

Lester Rosenkrantz, acting vice president, said the organization will enable members to mutually invest surplus funds regularly and take advantage of compound income. The group will purchase common stocks through the New York brokerage firm of Grunthal and Co.

Under the direction of Dr. Oswald D. Bowlin, assistant professor of finance and sponsor of the group, meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month to discuss financial current events, individual stock exchanges, receive stock reports from the stock selection committee and vote on accepting one of the recommended stocks to include in the Investors Group common stock portfolio.

Rosenkrantz said the Investors Group is open to all interested student and faculty members. An organizational meeting will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow in 213 Hetzel Union.

Crash Involves Two Students Over Weekend

Two students were involved in an accident on the corner of N. Atherton St. and Fairmount Ave. early Saturday afternoon.

State College police said yesterday that a vehicle operated by Gail Westfall, special student from State College, pulled out in front of a car operated by Donald Douglas, graduate student in speech from Eugene, Ore., causing his vehicle to strike Miss Westfall's car. Damage was about \$450.

No action has been taken yet by the borough police.

In another weekend incident a car owned by Guy B. Kersteter of Pleasant Gap was stolen from a University parking lot during the football game Saturday afternoon. State Police at Rockview said.

The car, a 1955 Buick, was recovered in State College shortly after it was reported missing by police.

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