

Survey Shows Groups Restrict Membership

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Many of the fraternities and sororities which do not have discriminatory clauses in either their local or national constitutions practice some restriction of membership, according to Ruth Falk, co-chairman of the SGA Committee on Inter-Racial Problems.

"The ones which say they have no clauses are just as prejudiced as those having them but they get around it," she said.

Miss Falk's statement came as a result of her committee's recent telephone survey conducted among the officers of 54 fraternities and 26 sororities. The purpose of the survey was to determine how many groups had discriminatory clauses and what action if any was being taken to eliminate them.

However, Miss Falk said that the survey also revealed that discriminatory policies are being followed by some groups without written clauses. She did not reveal the names of any of the groups involved.

She said that one sorority reported it did not take Jewish girls because it wanted to maintain its "friendly relations" with those groups whose membership is largely restricted to Jews.

In another comment, Miss Falk said that a fraternity stated it did not rush Negroes because it felt that they would be happier living in a group of their own.

In other questions, she said officers of the various groups were asked to comment on DARE's (Direct Action for Racial Equality) current campaign to solicit statements from student organizations advocating the elimination of discriminatory clauses from sororities and fraternities within the next five years.

Miss Falk said the survey results showed that about 45 per

cent of the fraternities and about 54 per cent of the sororities polled were either unaware of or apathetic to DARE's campaign.

In addition, about 25 per cent of the fraternities and four per cent of the sororities said that they felt DARE's idea was a good one but that they would prefer to handle the discrimination issue without outside interference, she said.

Also, she added that one sorority said it thought DARE was against sororities and fraternities and one fraternity said it had the impression the organization was trying to force all the Greeks to go local.

Mild Temperatures Expected Today

Pleasant, sunny weather was welcomed in Central Pennsylvania yesterday afternoon by winter-weary residents.

The mercury touched 61 degrees at mid-afternoon at the University weather station after skidding to a frosty 29 in the early morning.

Today should be sunny and warmer with some afternoon cloudiness. A high of 66 degrees is expected.

Partly cloudy and mild weather is seen for tonight and a minimum temperature of 43 degrees is likely.

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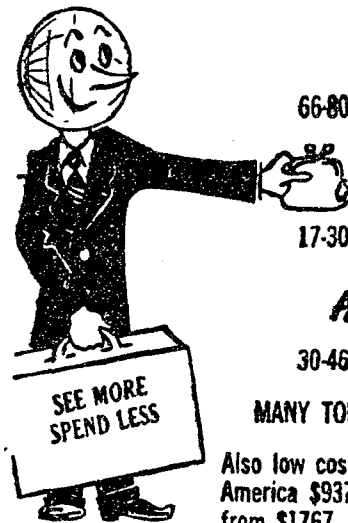
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