

IFC Scholarship Program Provides Test

The revised Interfraternity Council scholarship program is a heartening indication that IFC not only realizes the problems facing Greek groups today but is sincerely interested in trying to combat them.

Fraternities will now face a much more crucial test to prove their academic worth than they did under the previous program. This is as it should be.

For unless fraternities can prove that they belong in an academic world that is becoming increasingly difficult, the system has no place on the college campus.

Fraternity members have no cause to complain about the present program. If anything, it could be stricter without being unduly harsh.

The penalties for poor scholarship prescribed by the program are just. Depriving a fraternity of

its right to participate in Spring Week, Greek Week and intramural athletics for two consecutive terms under a 2.35 average, or placing it on social probation for three consecutive terms is certainly not too severe.

The program could be strengthened, however, by adding a clause suspending the same activities for fraternities who fall below a 2.35 two out of three consecutive terms as for those who fall below two consecutive terms.

As the program now stands, many fraternities may be inclined to adopt a lackadaisical attitude after attaining a 2.35 average, for they would face no penalty if they fall below the following term. A fraternity could in fact consistently fall below a 2.35 two out of three terms and not be disciplined.

A clause guarding against this would discourage laxity without being too strict.

Greater Responsibility by Panhel Executive

A step toward greater executive responsibility was taken last night as Panhellenic Council President Patricia Pfordt accepted a suggested change of plan for the pending Panhel elections.

Originally, due to numerous vacancies on the organization's executive board this term, an election of the two vice presidents was slated for last night.

At that time, the only criteria on which sorority women could base the choice of a future president were the names of three candidates, their averages, and their college activities.

Because of the importance of the election, however, it was postponed until after the next Panhellenic meeting.

This decision could expose sorority women to an election the caliber of which they haven't had

in a long while.

The burden of proof now lies with each individual sorority.

At chapter meetings next Monday each sorority should discuss what characteristics it desires of a Panhel executive and which way it feels the officers should stand on pending issues.

Each delegate should attend Tuesday's meeting with an eye toward discovering, through questions to these candidates, which one best fits the officer sought by her sorority.

The delegate can, in turn, report to her sorority sisters on the responses of the candidates.

By this method of election each sorority woman will be able to vote more intelligently, and the chances of the best candidate being elected will be increased.

a penny's worth

Promises, Promises!

by penny watson

Each Dec. 31 there occur across the nation a series of parties and celebrations which bear a remarkable resemblance to the Roman orgies of old.

Guests at these gatherings are prone to imbibe freely, dance with lamp shades on their heads, rattle, shake and blow a variety of noisemakers, and kiss every member of the opposite sex.



while, compose their own lists of resolutions—strangely similar to the promises they make to themselves at the beginning of each term.

The I'll-bring-up-my-all-U-if-it-kills-me student resolves to get up for at least two-thirds of his eight o'clocks, limit Saturday class cuts to one a month, and bypass the HUB instead of cutting through no matter how cold it is.

This temporarily conscientious student may also promise to start term papers before the due date, and avoid listing in the bibliography any books which he hasn't actually used. The extremely brave (or unrealistic) soul may even swear off bridge and TGIFing on days other than Friday.

Resolutions in the Things-that-are-good-for-me category are also popular among students.

They include getting up for breakfast at least three times a week, going to at least one lecture and one Artists Series performance, and reading a newspaper (besides the Collegian) regularly.

Still another type of resolution prescribes behavior in

money matters and towards parents.

Here the well-informed University Park inhabitant resolves to write home more often (not just when in need of money), surprise his parents by calling home non-collect just once, use restraint in burning cigarettes from his roommate when out of funds, and finally, not order out unless genuinely on the brink of starvation.

The typical coed promises herself she'll mend all hems immediately with thread instead of safety pins, lose an inch on her hips, not accept any dates after Wednesday night even if it means feigning a necessity to study on Saturday night, and let her hair remain or dye it back to its natural color.

The male student, on the other hand, decides he must get a hair cut at least once every two weeks, get up in time to shave before class, call for dates before Wednesday night, make his bed once a week, and when in Patten concentrate on books, not every girl who enters the room.

Of course, compiling these lists can be a very complicated and time-consuming affair. To avoid all the trouble, I think I'll just dig up the resolutions I made last year. After all, they've never even been used!



Milestones

Disciplinary Cases Increased in Fall

By DENNIS KNECHT

If you're male, 18.8 years old with a 2.11 all-University average and just past your third term (3.3 term standing, to be exact), watch out! You fall into the precise category of the average student involved in disciplinary cases during the past term.

In a term report submitted by Champ R. Storch, assistant dean of men, the fall totals shows 174 male discipline cases, an increase of 71 over fall term 1962, and 66 over fall term of the previous year.

A representative of the dean of women's office said no similar report was prepared concerning women "because we don't have the volume of cases the men do."

Few Reversals
Of the 77 disciplinary cases heard by the six student tribunals during the term, only six of their recommendations were reversed. Fifty-one, the greatest number of discipline cases, involved drinking violations.

Disciplinary probation and official warnings constituted the penalties with the greatest increase. Disciplinary probation, which involves official notation on a student's transcript and limitation of participation in extra curricular activities, increased from 41 cases in 1961 and 26 in 1962, to 61 during the past term.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

USSR Education
"Education in the USSR" will be the subject of a talk by V. Lensky, visiting professor from the University of Moscow, at 4 p.m. in 105 Mechanical Engineering. Lensky is visiting the University's engineering mechanics department under a USA-USSR exchange program.

UBA Book Sales
The Used Book Agency, ground floor, Hetzel Union Building, continues to sell books today through Tuesday.

Other Events
College of the Liberal Arts faculty meeting, 3:55 p.m., 121 Sparks.
Gamma Sigma Sigma sisters, 8:30 p.m., 214 HUB.
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Letters To The Editor

Former Co-Editor Says Froth Served Vital Purpose

TO THE EDITOR: Although I've been told that the Froth issue is closed and that the students of Penn State University lack the spirit to stand up for their rights, I was shocked to find out that the staff of the Collegian has lost sight of the principle for which they fought gallantly last year.

The point was not that Froth was a good or bad magazine and that on this basis should lose or maintain its charter by administrative judgment.

If this were the case, then a group from the administration might just as suddenly and as justly decide that the Collegian was not fulfilling the function that the administration wanted it to and withdraw its charter.

The fact that you are incorporated and legally protected against such action is a mere legality which does not make the action more unjust morally. It seems strange that after being taught the meaning of "Freedom of the Press" in the classroom you can come out of that classroom and stand behind an action which had broken no state or federal law.

Your ideas are strange indeed.

One other point I thought might be of interest to you is the manner in which Froth is regarded in the "outside world."

First, as you possibly know, Froth was voted the third best college magazine in the United States three

times in a row by the Texas Ranger Poll. Secondly, when I graduated from Penn State, I found that people in the magazine and advertising world had little use for someone directly out of college no matter how high the all-U.

All they wanted was experience. In fact I sincerely doubt that I would have a job now if it were not for the copies of Froth that I carried around with me while job hunting.

For example, N.W. Ayer people were not impressed with the class room projects that I showed them. They, however, changed their tune when a copy of Froth was placed before them. They found it "full of imagination and freedom of expression that seemed to be lacking in the class room material."

In the fields job hunting for a female is particularly difficult. I can truthfully say that Froth magazine gave me the "plus" I needed to compete on an equal basis with male job hunters.

And I'm not the only one. Take some time and check the positions now held by past Froth editors. You'll find them working for some of the biggest names in publishing and I think you'll agree that these people generally do not hire untalented people.

So, it seems that Froth served a purpose that is very important because, practically speaking, a college education is not much good without a job.

—Andi Buscanics
Froth Co-editor, '63

IFC Prexy Endorses New Scholarship Plan

TO THE EDITOR: I am greatly encouraged by the recent passage of a stronger and more realistic scholarship program by the Interfraternity Council. The passage of this program is an indication of the strength of the Interfraternity Council rather than a capitulation to the IFC Executive Committee or the administration, as some disenchanted fraternity men would believe.

Its passage means that fraternity presidents have abandoned the provincial outlook that confined the depth of their thinking and interest to the short-run welfare of their own fraternity at the expense of the fraternity system as a whole.

This attitude too often in the past prevented consideration and passage of measures that would have benefited the fraternity system. They now realize that their responsibility is to all fraternities, not merely to their own.

The need for a revised scholarship program has been recognized for a period of time by almost all fraternity men genuinely interested in the continued success of the Penn State fraternity system; only the type and degree of revision remained to be decided upon.

It was decided that the revision should be complete, and not watered down by compromise. The presidents realized that a general overhaul was necessary rather than only minor revisions, and that a healthy fraternity system rests on a foundation of good scholarship; therefore, the program had to be met head-on rather than overlooked or side-stepped.

Some fraternity men feel that they have been let down or that their best interests weren't considered if the president of their fraternity supported the new program. This is simply not true. Further, let me dispel a

misconceived belief held by some fraternity men that the revised scholarship program was conceived by the administration, that the IFC and the Executive Committee were pressured by the administration, and that the provisions of the program were dictated by and its subsequent passage stringently guarded by the administration.

This is a total and great misconception. The program was conceived by the IFC Executive Committee; suggestions, improvements and encouragement were offered by various interested fraternity presidents; and finally, its passage was the result of enlightened and responsible action by the fraternity presidents.

—Peter Lockhart,
IFC President
•Letter out

Vandalistic Acts Termed Regretful

TO THE EDITOR: During the recent Faculty Art Exhibition in the HUB Gallery, acts of vandalism took place. A painting was knocked off the wall; an assemblage was written upon; an object was taken down and put in another part of the room; another three-dimensional work had material torn and removed from it. The works were constantly found to be askew indicating unwarranted touching and handling.

It is regretful in a University community where one would assume respectful response to creative activity that "criticism" could take the form of violent reprisal. In the most practical sense if we cannot permit a platform for that with which we disagree, we may have trouble defending that which we prefer.

—Richard Fraenkel,
Director of Exhibitions

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