

Inactive fraternities face re-acceptance difficulties

By KRISTINE SORCHILLA
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When a fraternity loses its charter or becomes inactive at the University, re-establishing acceptance and recognition on campus is often a long and difficult process. Gayle Beyers, assistant director of student activities and adviser to the fraternities and sororities, said a fraternity that has been put on probation or is inactive as a fraternity may operate as a colony. During this period, the fraternity is still in existence but is not recognized as an official fraternity by the University.

To re-establish itself, a fraternity must register with the University's Interfraternity Council. Beyers said, according to the student handbook, fraternities must meet certain requirements for registration.

"They must start as a local fraternity and have at least 12 members who are full-time students. They may not operate under the name of a national fraternity (at first)," Beyers said.

The local group must petition the IPC and the University's Office of Student Programs before they may affiliate with a national organization.

Beyers said the members must meet certain requirements for registration with a national fraternity.

"(The fraternity) must have been local for at least one academic year," Beyers said. "They must submit their national constitution and bylaws, and then submit the national constitution and bylaws of their own chapter."

A statement of plans for coordination among the chapter, plans for financial support of the fraternity and a statement from local alumni in favor of establishing the chapter must be submitted to the IPC national officers and the Office of Student Programs, Beyers said.

The IPC will then review the information and vote whether to recommend that the fraternity be recognized. If so, the IPC will submit the recommendation to the Office of Student Programs. Beyers said the fraterni-

ty will then receive an invitation of recognition from the executive vice president of the University.

After the fraternity is established, other problems may arise.

Dave Heller, president of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, which was recently reactivated, said the fraternity experienced problems because it did not have a house.

"This year, rush was difficult. If we wanted to hold a rush tap, we had to hold it in our apartments. And only one of our members has an apartment big enough to hold everybody," Heller said.

Heller said because the fraternity members are based in the Parkway Plaza apartments, it is also difficult attracting people to open parties.

Also, communication between the fraternity members is often hindered.

"Not living under the same roof makes it difficult to keep up with what's going on. Besides the need for food assistance in the Parkhill Plaza apartment, but sometimes the brothers aren't in or they don't get the messages," he said.

Heller said the fraternity's housing problem will be solved next fall when the fraternity moves into a house on 232 E. Nittany Ave. The house will help to obtain more recognition for the fraternity because it is located in the same area as most of the other fraternities, he said.

Heller said the fraternity folded in 1970 due to a split in the fraternity's brotherhood when it switched houses, and was also because of a general decline in the popularity of fraternities during that period.

"People started to lose interest and just stopped rushing," he said. "We had no financial problems or any problems with the University. We never lost our charter or had to apply for a new one."

Randy Shafritz, president of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, said except the necessary paperwork, the fraternity had no problem rejoining the ranks of the University's 30 fraternities when it was reactivated last November.

"(Alpha Epsilon Pi) is recognized by the whole IPC in general. After the official vote (to reinstate the fraternity), we were officially recognized. There was no hostility," Shafritz said.

Shafritz said although the story is unclear, the reason the chapter left the University was because of membership problems.

"(Membership) had gone down to about 20 to 25 guys," he said. "The national (organization) closed the chapter down because they felt it was a bad chapter. The guys were apathetic. They didn't get involved in the Greek community."

Shafritz said Alpha Epsilon Pi has received many offers from other fraternities not only to hold combines, but to help the fraternity as they begin to settle.

The fraternity also had no problem locating a house, he said. Next fall, the fraternity members will move from their present location in the Parkhill apartments to the former Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house, 321 E. Fairmount Ave. Shafritz said in spite of its location, the fraternity has easily attracted new members.

Groups differ in approach to acid rain solution

By NAN CRYSTAL ARENS
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The executive vice president of the Pennsylvania Coal Mining Association said yesterday he does not believe any new clean air legislation is needed to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions.

Tony Erocle said, "We don't think there is any legislation needed because if the Clean Air Act is allowed to work, the sulfur dioxide emissions would be reduced."

Erocle said his association does not support any current clean air legislation but wants more research.

"Let's find out what the problem is before we go and spend money," Erocle said. "Why spend the money now when we don't know if it will correct the problem?"

Most environmentalists support the Waxman-Sikorski bill in the House of Representatives because it is the most viable in terms of delegating clean-up costs.

The bill, introduced by Henry Waxman, D-Calif., Gerry Sikorski, D-Minn. and Judd Greg, D-N.H., is one of the proposed amendments to the Clean Air Act, Doman said.

The Waxman-Sikorski bill calls for an overall reduction of 10 million tons of sulfur dioxide emissions within the next 10 years.

By installing "scrubbers," devices which remove the sulfur dioxide from emissions before it enters the atmosphere, utility plants can reduce their sulfur dioxide emissions.

Tom Doman, acid rain commission chairman for the Pennsylvania Council of Trust Unincorporated, said "There is a broad-based coalition of environmental groups supporting this acid rain legislation."

Doman said environmentalists cannot support legislation that does not call for immediate reductions in sulfur dioxide emissions.

"(The acid rain problem) is only going to get worse if we put off installing scrubbers," Doman said.

The specifications in the Waxman-Sikorski bill will not require the development of any new technology, Doman said. The reduction of 10 million tons of sulfur dioxide emissions can be achieved with available equipment.

In addition, the bill would create federal funds levied from surcharges on all non-nuclear elec-

tric generation. The surcharge would pay for 90 percent of the installation costs, Doman said.

Doman said installing the scrubber devices in power plants would probably cost the average consumer an additional \$10-\$15 per year.

According to a 1983 Harris poll, 70 to 80 percent of consumers were willing to pay \$100 in additional taxes to cover the cost of cleanup, Doman said.

"I wonder if it would cost one MX missile or two to clean up the acid rain problem," Doman added.

However, the bill does not include any provisions for offsetting emissions from newly constructed utility plants, Doman said. If the legislation is enacted, power plants constructed in the future will have to comply with the stricter air standards by using the best available technology.

Parke said, "What we are supporting is that the states work (emissions controls) out individually."

If the states do not set up programs to comply with the Clean Air Act guidelines, the federal government will set up a regulation program for them.

A New England Caucus bill now in the House supplements the Waxman-Sikorski bill by calling for a 12 million ton emission reduction.

The bill mandates a 6.5 million ton reduction by 1990 with the remaining 5.5 million tons to be eliminated by 1993. The bill also exempts hydroelectric generation from the surcharges to help pay for installation of anti-pollution devices, Doman said.

Doman said many coal burning utilities claim they cannot reduce emissions by 50 percent with existing technology.

At the Acid Rain '84 conference held in Manchester, N.H., in early January, a member of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) said that power plants there had reduced emissions by 50 percent using existing technology.

"TVA is a different animal when you're talking about utilities," Erocle said.

The difference is that they are close to low sulfur compliance coal and are partially subsidized by the federal government, he said.

Nancy Parks, conservation chairman for the Mechanism group of the Sierra Club, said environmental groups do not support legislation

that calls only for more research and no controls.

"I don't think we need any more research without controls to slow the (acid) deposition down," Doman said.

In Pennsylvania, the second largest producer of sulfur dioxide, Gov. Dick Thornburgh proposed a five million ton sulfur dioxide emission reduction to the Coalition of Northeastern Governors (CONEG) Conference in 1983, Doman said.

Thornburgh cast the only opposing vote at the conference which proposed a sulfur dioxide emissions reduction of 10 million tons by 1990.

Doman said these recommendations could hurt Pennsylvania in the long run because the five million ton reduction in sulfur dioxide emissions could be achieved through fuel switching and coal washing alone.

Fuel switching, the use of low sulfur coals from other areas in place of high sulfur Pennsylvania coal, could cause massive job losses in the Pennsylvania mining industry, Doman said.

Doman called fuel switching the "least cost effective method" for achieving any sulfur dioxide emission reduction. The change to the local economies by mining layoffs are "all the more reason to use other measures," Doman said.

Coal washing removes inorganic sulfur from the coal, Doman said. This process, which can remove up to 25 percent of the total sulfur content in coal, is cost effective for utilities only because they do not pay for the shipment of the additional inorganic sulfur.

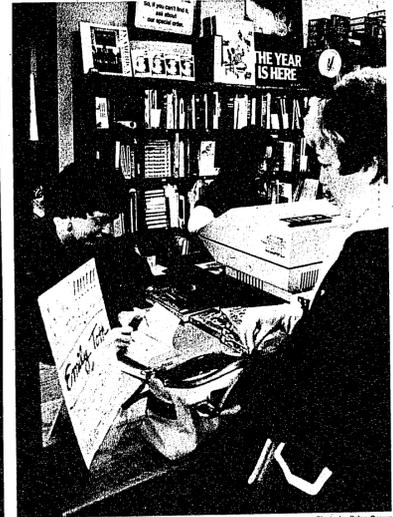
Doman said sulfur which is present as part of the organic coal molecule can not be removed before combustion.

If Pennsylvania reduces its sulfur dioxide emissions by 5 million tons through coal washing and fuel switching, Doman said, the utilities could suffer economically in the long run if stricter reductions become necessary.

Utilities would then be forced to scrap their existing equipment in favor of scrubbers and other sulfur dioxide emissions reduction equipment, he said.

Nancy Parks said, "You don't have to lose jobs in Pennsylvania and if you do it is the fault of not (using the proper clean-up methods)."

"We think it is absolutely necessary to mine coal cleanly and burn coal cleanly and that's how we'll save jobs (in Pennsylvania)," he said.



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Emily Toth, author of "Daughter of New Orleans," autographs a copy of her book recently for Barbara Gross, a customer at B. Dalton Bookseller, 126 E. College Ave. Toth is also an associate professor of English and American studies.

West Halls residents to go 'out for blood' today

West Halls residents will be "out for blood" in an attempt to beat the number of donations made at an East Halls bloodmobile last semester, the president of the West Halls Residence Association said.

Steven Diano said the bloodmobile will be from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today in Lions West snack lounge in Waring Hall.

Although West Halls residents aspire to top the number of East Halls donors, the goal may be difficult to achieve, Diano said. West Halls, with a population of nearly 1,700, has about 2,500 fewer residents than East Halls, he said.

Linda Rowder, president of the East Residence Association, said about 250 people asked to donate blood at the East Halls bloodmobile. She said 100 units of blood were expected, but the bloodmobile raised 215.

Diano said the winning male house and winning female house will each receive a \$100 first prize and will have the house names inscribed on a plaque. Second-place finishers will receive a \$50 prize, he said.

—by Karen Nagle

Goodwill:

By KIM BOWER
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Food, clothing and encouragement will be sent to a child overseas by residents of third floor Holmes Hall via Compassion International, a Christian charity organization.

Scott Foote (junior-journalism), a resident there who now sponsors a child, said the cost to sponsor a child for one year is \$250. The amount can be paid in one sum or in installments of \$21 per month.

Foote said he was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm shown by the students in the dormitory.

"It was a real joy to see students like me who really cared," he said.

If there is enough interest, the floor may support two children, Foote said. With the number of interested contributors, the individual cost would be less than \$1 per month for one child, he said.

Dorm floor to provide physical, mental support for overseas child

Foote said he found that the students were interested in helping the less fortunate when he was working on a course project.

Response was positive and most people felt they could help a little but they did not know how to go about it, he said.

Foote said when he told the students what he was doing, they encouraged him to ask others to help.

"I basically explained to them that if they are willing to help, there are programs available in which we, as students, can significantly affect the life of a child," he said.

John Gain (junior-pre-med), resident assistant for third floor Holmes, said he thinks this is the first time that the residents on a floor have participated in such a project.

"I feel proud of the guys on the floor, that they've come through with this," he said.

Joe Silvano (sophomore-petroleum engineering), another floor resident,

said he is happy to be helping someone.

"I think I could spare a dollar or so every day and about 1,400 people starve in the time it takes for the average person to eat dinner," Foote said.

Besides the need for food assistance in countries such as India, Pakistan and Indonesia, people in many other countries also need help with agriculture and building homes, he said.

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Volleyball tournament set for Sunday morning

The International Student Council will sponsor an International Volleyball Tournament at 10:30 Sunday morning in the center gym of the Intramural Building.

Vice President Sawar E. Jamil. The purpose of the tournament is to promote "maximum interaction of the different groups," he said.

About 15 teams of at least six members are expected to participate in the single elimination tournament, Jamil said.

Teams may register at the ISC office today or at the IM Building before the games.

The ISC decided to sponsor a volleyball tournament because its International Soccer Tournament in October was a success, Jamil said.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners, and refreshments will be served.

—by Anita Yasho

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Schools, businesses may benefit from tax credit

By DAN LEVINE
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Members of the state legislature are debating a unique bill that may allow Pennsylvania colleges and universities to receive needed equipment and service improvements through business contributions.

House Bill 1889, introduced last week by Rep. Ron Cowell, D-Allegheny County, would provide busi-

nesses with a tax credit not to exceed 25 percent of the value of the contribution made to schools, a prepared statement said.

The statement also said no businesses could receive a credit exceeding \$250,000 in any year and the program's total value would be capped at \$20 million per year.

"This legislation is a response to one of the most pressing needs of higher education," Cowell said. "The

proposal should be considered part of the state's comprehensive economic development effort."

Cowell, chairman of the House subcommittee on Higher Education, added that more adequate research and training are needed to enhance the important role played by higher education in economic development.

Philip Murphy, director of the subcommittee, said response to the bill has been positive. The legislation was sponsored by 25 percent of the House.

Murphy said the bill began in response to the problems of many students being trained with obsolete equipment who are unprepared for jobs that emphasize new technology.

"(The bill) will give us a chance to let these institutions receive the benefits at a much less expensive cost and it will give businesses the incentives to revamp their equipment while also receiving a tax break," he said.

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