

Probation Suggested For 4 Pranksters; IFC Holds Hearing

By LARRY JACOBSON

The subcommittee on discipline of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs yesterday recommended disciplinary probation for four members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity who removed several articles of furniture from Phi Kappa Tau Feb. 1.

Meanwhile, the Interfraternity Council Board of Control began preliminary hearings Thursday night to decide whether the two houses and their officers can be held responsible for the actions of the four fraternity members who took part in the prank.

IFC Board Will Report On Hearings

The Interfraternity Council Board of Control will report to the IFC Monday night on hearings the Board held into interfraternity pranks Thursday night.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

The Board heard testimony from the presidents of Pi Kappa Phi and Phi Kappa Tau fraternities Thursday night while trying to decide whether the two houses and their officers can be held responsible for individual actions of fraternity members.

4 Fined by Borough

Four members of Pi Kappa Phi were caught by police Feb. 1 after stealing a rug and chair from Phi Kappa Tau. The men termed the incident a "fraternity prank" and said it was nothing more than a "friendly" fraternity rivalry.

Justice of the Peace Guy G. Mills fined the quartet \$61.50 apiece for disorderly conduct. Disciplinary probation was recommended for the students by the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs yesterday.

Russell to Report

IFC is also scheduled to hear a report from John Russell, IFC vice president, on plans for the IFC-Panhel Ball, March 23, and Howard Thompson, editor of Toga Tales, on the reorganization of the IFC magazine.

Robert Bullock, IFC president, will make appointments to the IFC Culture Committee. The committee was organized by IFC last semester to try to bring culture programs to the University.

Weatherman Predicts Rain Mixed With Snow

Cool weather with possible rain and snow has been predicted for today by students in the department of meteorology.

Yesterday's high was 45 degrees and the low was 35 degrees. The high today will be approximately 40 degrees and the low will be 33 degrees.



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Fire Hazard Probe Will Start Today

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Several of eight volunteer teams from the Alpha Fire Company will start an inspection of town State College businesses this afternoon as part of a town-wide check of possible fire hazards.

Fire chief Tom Sauers said present plans call for a check of businesses, fraternities, and private residences in that order.

Sauers said he didn't know how long it would take the firemen to complete the in-

spection, but did say the firemen would "hit the businesses for the first week or so."

We will try to do as thorough a job as possible, Sauers said, but we are volunteers and can do only so much. This may be a bigger job than we thought, he said.

Make Town Safer

Commenting on the purpose of the inspection, Sauers said, "We are just trying to make the town a little safer."

Sauers said warm ashes loaded in non-metal containers and placed near inflammable partitions were the major cause of fires in the home.

Other fire hazards the firemen will search for according to Sauers include overloaded wiring circuits, loose rubbish sitting around, and poor incinerator service.

Sauers was asked what action the firemen would take if they discovered fire hazards existing in businesses or residences.

Recommend Changes

He replied that firemen would discuss fire hazards with owners and make recommendations for suggested change. Owners will be required to fill out a questionnaire. "A report will be made out if we deem it necessary and will be referred to the state fire marshal in Hollidaysburg," he said.

Sauers replied, "we have nothing to do with that," when asked if firemen would search for possible health hazards.

Each team, composed of eight men, will be led by a deputy armed with an affidavit from the borough granting the firemen the right to inspect.

Each team will operate independently, Sauers said. He explained the functioning of a team as follows:

Arriving for inspection, a team will split into four groups of two each enabling them to cover four closely spaced dwellings at the same time. The deputy will act as a supervisor and will lend his assistance when needed.

Sauers promised that the fire-

Review

May Presents Thesis Production

By DOTTIE STONE

"The Innocents," a two-act suspense drama, successfully packs tense moments and surprises for its audience at every turn.

Miss Nancy May, graduate in dramatics from Elizabeth, staged and directed the production with talent becoming a professional.

The four member cast portrays the haunting story of two

strange young children who have had a lacy spider's web tale entwined around their young lives.

With every action the poetry-reciting Miles, played by Walter Ebaugh, seventh grade student at State College Junior High School, and his song-loving little sister, Flora, enhance the story with their inherent charm and stage potential. Carol Ann Mansell, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Mansell, Jr. of State College, played Flora.

As the youngsters trappe around the stage, the two other cast members complement the depth of their acting. Through the adult roles, Flora and Miles sweetly portray innocent children while accepting their role in the strange world around them.

Ruth Yeaton, as the young governess who was hurled into the 19th century home, portrays well the emotions of the entanglement of their life. Mrs. Grose is a kindly, well-meaning housekeeper, portrayed well by Mrs. Joetta Laing, junior in arts and letters from State College.

From the very first strains of opening music until the last

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Bridges to Talk On GOP Future Tuesday Night

Republican Sen. Styles Bridges, of New Hampshire, will speak on "The Republican Party in the Future," at a Lincoln Day dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Nittany Lion Inn.

The dinner is being sponsored by the Young Republicans Club in conjunction with the Centre County Young Republicans Club.

Sen. Bridges, who began his career as an instructor at Sanderson Academy in Ashfield, Mass., was governor of New Hampshire from 1935 to 1937. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1937. In 1952, he received the largest majority vote accorded to any candidate in the history of New Hampshire.

At present, Sen. Bridges is the ranking minority member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He also served two terms as president pro tempore of the Senate. Sen. Bridges' trip to the University was arranged by Congressman James E. Van Zandt of the 20th Congressional District.

Tickets, which are \$3, may be obtained from Carl Saperstein, Lincoln Day chairman, or David Scott.

World at a Glance

Alabama Prexy Denies Charges

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Feb. 10 (AP)—With obvious heat, the president of the University of Alabama today emphatically denied charges by a Negro woman student that mob action here was a "clever stratagem" to get her out of school.

Dr. O. C. Carmichael said allegations in a suit filed in Birmingham U.S. Dist. Court yesterday by Autherine Lucy were "untrue, unwarranted and outrageous."

Westinghouse Mediators Quit

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 10 (AP)—Federal mediators gave up today after four months of hammering away at settling the 118-day old Westinghouse Electric Corp. strike.

The Federal Mediation Service entered the dispute a week before the strike began last Oct. 17.

Both the company and the union blamed each other for the federal agency's withdrawal but said they are willing to continue talks. None were scheduled.

4 Communists Acquitted

CLEVELAND, Feb. 10 (AP)—Four Ohio Communist leaders today won acquittal of charges they conspired to teach the overthrow of the American government by violent revolution, but six others were convicted.

Snowbound Europe Gets U.S. Air Lift

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Food and fuel tumbled out of mercy planes over snowbound villages of Europe today in the worst winter of the century.

American Air Force "Flying Boxcars" joined the rescue work as Europe's death toll climbed to 216.

Secretary Benson Calls Farm Bill Inconsistent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson lashed out today at the farm bill approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee. He called it "inconsistent," saying it would create a new surplus problem.

Tax Bill OK Promised

HARRISBURG, Feb. 10 (AP)—Gov. George M. Leader today injected new life into the House's bipartisan income-sales tax compromise by agreeing to sign into law all parts of the plan.

New Graduation System To Be Used Each Fall

The efficiency with which each graduate received his diploma at the recent commencement has caused University officials to plan to use the system for every January commencement.

However, it is still impossible to employ the system at the spring graduation exercises, they said.

About 600 students were graduated at the January exer-

cises, which were held in Recreation Hall. Approximately 2000 are graduated each spring at the ceremonies on New Beaver Field.

Under a system not used for some 30 years, each January graduate was handed his diploma by the dean of his college.

Formerly, the graduates had to return after the exercises to Willard Hall to pick up their parchments.

The decision to use the new system regularly was reported to the University Senate at its Thursday meeting.

From the Committee on Student Affairs, the Senate heard a brief report on academic honesty.

A spokesman for the committee said an open meeting was held recently with several interested faculty members.

The committee will make a full report at the next Senate meeting, the spokesman said.

Under the academic honesty regulations approved last May 3, academic dishonesty is classified into three types of offenses with commensurate punishment:

1. Presumably unpremeditated cheating,
2. Premeditated cheating, and
3. Cooperative, premeditated cheating.

A student caught cheating must be reported to the student's dean, through the head of the department and the dean of the college in which the dishonest act was committed.

Several months ago, the faculty of the College of Chemistry and Physics proposed that the instruc-

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TODAY'S WEATHER

COOLER WITH RAIN

