IFC discusses present parietal rules

As a prelude to discussions of the Inscomm resolution on Residence Week, the IFC discussed an IFC resolution for 30 minutes Sunday. Basically, it was decided that no final action was to be taken in residence until a more moderate and realistic view of the situation.

Currently, the IFC acts as a forum for discussion of the issues of Residence Week. It seems as if the IFC was presented with a series of clarifications and interpretations of the residence rules. Plans are now to go to Dean Wadleigh if further talks with the IFC fail.

Problems

There are several problems associated with the above rules: (1) They are largely ignored by most fraternity members; (2) They are unrealistic in light of the current trend toward liberalization of curfews at most girls' schools. (3) They represent a standard of Victorian morality which no longer exists.

A straw poll of this present, who represented two-thirds of the 28 houses, revealed that six of them have internal parietal rules, with only three of those following them to some extent. Therefore, the IFC proposed the following changes, which will be discussed and voted on at the meeting Thursday: (1) Interfraternity Conference . . . hereby establishes the principle that parietal rules must be changed so that parietal rules are not binding on the IU, and therefore, any fraternity member not even being aware of their existence. (2) They are unrealistic in light of the current trend toward liberalization of curfews at most girls' schools. (3) They represent a standard of Victorian morality which no longer exists.

For the past three years of Inscomm intervening in fraternity affairs. As a prelude to discussion of the Inscomm resolution on Residence Week, the IFC was presented with a series of clarifications and interpretations of the parietal rules passed in 1958. The IFC viewed the motion as the latest action in a trend running back three years of Inscomm intervening in fraternity affairs. As stated by Tom Noe, the questions which face the IFC are: (1) Can Inscomm legislate at all on Residence Week; and 2) Can Inscomm legislate at all on Residence Week into a debate on the Inscomm resolution. The IFC failed.

The IFC, in its turn, convened the House President's Conference on the topic of Residence Week in a wide variety of forums. To find out what IFC's parietal rules must be changed, a straw poll of the IFC was taken. The vote was very unclear, indicating only the need for a change of some sort, not agreement on the measures to be taken. One delegate favored doing nothing, while the other was inclined to do what he felt was right.

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Change needed

It is a good thing that the delegates recognized the need for some change. In a letter to Carl Welles '29, Dean Wadleigh made the following statement: " . . . if you are a living group wishing to use the MIT name (e.g., formalizes your relations with MIT), and if you wish to rush and pledge freshmen, you are expected to assume and discharge effectively a certain set of responsibilities vis-a-vis MIT.

There have, according to Neal, been several undesirable situations that have occurred within fraternities in the far and recent past. One of the most prevailing attitudes is to ignore rules that the house pols in the books to protect itself. This will provide a base for discussion Thursday.

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