

Greek Convocation held last week

By BOB VELEZ

Last Wednesday the Greek Convocation was held in the Corey Union Function Room to answer any questions regarding the fraternities and sororities here at the State University College at Cortland.

James McCabe, president of the Inter-Greek Council, gave the opening remarks on the function of the I.G.C. and said that all of the fraternities and sororities are helping to strengthen and help this college grow as a part of the State University of New York system.

McCabe said that through fund-raisers and community services that the college and fraternities and sororities provide, the college, the students and the community benefit.

SUCC president James Clark, who is an honorary member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, had a few words to say about the close ties that the fraternities and sororities provide.

He said that he hopes to open new doors to other students through the utilization of the fraternities and sororities.

Clark added that the fraternities and sororities give the students a chance at an alternate lifestyle.

Clark also said that being a member of a fraternity or sorority, being a brother or sister, helps you learn to be less selfish. It helps you to learn to trust

those that you will call brother or sister.

Members of a fraternity or sorority learn to do things as a group and groups accomplish a lot more than individuals. Maybe being a part of a group can make us veer away from our very individualistic society, Clark added.

Linda Kuk, vice president of student affairs, and Cortland County mayor, Francis 'Bud' Quinlan, also spoke at the Convocation.

A representative of every fraternity and sorority on campus also attended the Convocation and each of them spoke on their individual fraternity/sorority.

The president of Beta Phi Epsilon, Craig Papach, talked of the fund-raisers that he and his fellow brothers are involved in, such as the Big Brother program and the "run for fun" which is used to benefit the Boy Scouts of America.

Their purpose as a fraternity, is to show high scholastic and social services, including Good Neighbor Day, the Homecoming King contest, and Community Fellowship Day, he added.

Sigma Phi Epsilon, one of the biggest fraternities in the country, represented by President McCabe, spoke about fund-raisers in which they are involved in, including their annual "Keg Roll" whose funds are turned over to the American Retarded

Children's Association.

Dale Miller, president of Zeta Beta Tau, talked about the fund-raisers that his fraternity was involved in, such as Community Fellowship Day and some of the activities that his fellow brothers are involved in on campus.

Delta Kappa Beta was represented by their president, Joseph A. Brand, who was spoke on their own favorite charities which include the American Cancer Society and the Cortland Childrens Association.

Vice president of Pi Lambda Phi Larry Garland, noted that one of the charities in which they are involved is the United Way.

Speaking for one sorority side, Delta Phi Epsilon, the newest sorority on campus hopes to be involved with the campus and community in the near future.

Another sorority, Nu Sigma Chi, was also represented by their president, Donna D'Ors.

At the end of the program there was an open forum on any topics that concerned the Greek Community. Many of the questions were pertained to alcohol and it's use on this campus.

Quinlan responded by saying that he wasn't in favor of the 21 year old drinking age. He said that some alternatives were not to have open alcoholic parties and not to charge admission.

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wheat, many developed polyploidy, an abnormality which causes more chromosomes in the body cells to develop, he said.

The little research that has been done shows that animals fed irradiated food had reduced life-spans, loss of fertility, and increased birth defects, said Savagiam.

He said most microorganism that cause food to smell bad while decomposing would be destroyed through irradiation. Still, he said, the process is likely to make food appear fresh when it is really

contaminated.

If increasing amounts of food is irradiated, the average person's lifestyle will become affected, Savagiam said.

Jarman said people will be forced to take vitamin pills since the food itself would not supply the necessary nutrients.

There will be an increase in the amount of radioactive materials being transported on U.S. highways, Jarman said. There will be mobile irradiation units going from one harvest site to another, he said, which means there

will be more nuclear accidents on the road.

Basically, Savagiam said, the issue of irradiation just gives Americans one more thing to worry about.

The FDA will require irradiated food to be marked with a symbol known as a Radura which will say either, "Treated With Ionizing Radiation" or "Irradiated With Gamma Rays," Savagiam said. The problems with this, he said, are that after two years the words may be removed and processed foods containing less than 90 percent irradiated food

aren't required to be labeled.

NYPI G, community health food stores, consumer organizations, and environmental groups oppose food irradiation, Savagiam said.

There is a bill in Congress which calls for an extensive study of at least two years before the process is used extensively, Savagiam said.

Another thing NYPJRG wants to do is educate people with the facts, he said.

Jarman said he is planning sessions to teach students about irradiation. He said he plans to involve the faculty as well by getting a physics

professor to inform students of the facts about irradiation and an economic professor to explain the economic results of using this process.

The active supporters of food irradiation include the FDA, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Energy, according to the fact sheet. This sheet listed the leading corporate supporters as being the nuclear energy industry, irradiation industry, and many of the large food processors such as General Foods and Campbell Soups.



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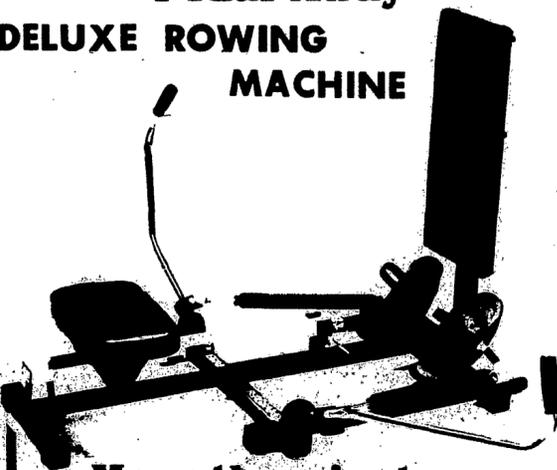
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