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A NEW POLICY FOR PHI ALPHA

For those of you who have regularly received Phi Alpha in the past, you have undoubtedly been aware of a lapse in publication. October, 1971 was the last regular issue mailed. The reason for this is a major change in circulation policy.

A part of the annual giving program this year was an offer to send the Phi Alpha to any alumnus who indicated a desire to receive it regularly. They merely checked a box on the form which was returned with their annual gift. The circulation thus has increased from some 1,200 to over 3,000 and this is the first issue which is being sent to that larger number. All the names and addresses have now been placed into our computer system.

We welcome our new readers and hope they will enjoy this insight into the affairs of their Fraternity.

NATIONAL FRATERNITY AFFAIRS

The big news here is the recent decision of the Supreme Council to resign SAE's membership in the National Interfraternity Conference. National Convention action directed the Council to make a determination of our relationship with NIC at their January meeting.

By way of background for this decision, there has been a mounting

feeling that membership in this organization was of little or no value to SAE. In the spring of 1970, then ESA Paul Jacob sent a very thorough and comprehensive letter to the NIC leadership outlining these concerns and specifically suggesting changes that should occur in order to make the organization responsive to the needs of the member fraternities. Brother Jacob then met with two officers of

NIC and elaborated on these suggestions. Past ESA Fred H. Turner, who served as President of NIC in 1967, was kept fully informed of these attempts at change.

With a great sense of futility, the Supreme Council voted last month to sever all relationships with NIC. This was a very important decision and one that was not made hastily. It is hoped that this action will cause a realignment of priorities in NIC or, failing of that, bring into being a new organization which will effectively serve all fraternities.

PEOPLE

Also at the last Supreme Council meeting, a new and important officer position was created within the authority which the Council has to make such appointments. Sigma Alpha Epsilon now has a Housing Counselor in the person of Brother Rex Smith.

Presently serving also as the Executive Secretary of the Levere Memorial Foundation, Brother Smith brings a wealth of background and expertise to this important position. Through his long years of experience in campus relationships and housing activities in conjunction with loans from the National Board of Trustees, he will serve the Fraternity well in this assignment.

His primary responsibility will be to assist chapters and their House Corporations in the development of housing plans, and to counsel them in terms of financial capabilities, trends in housing, architectural possibilities, and areas of possible future difficulty. In addition, he will organize a committee to study trends in campus and fraternity housing, develop information on tax liability, advise in fund raising, work in the area of fire safety, and other matters of importance.

Requests for information or assistance should be directed to Rex, c/o the National Office.

THE ALUMNI SCENE

Two new classes of alumni membership were created by the last National Convention. They are a Moseley Membership at \$250, and a Levere Membership at \$500. These are in addition to the present Life and Founder memberships. Details of these two memberships are being worked out and more information will be available soon.

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Most Alumni Associations have plans complete now for their celebration of Founders Day. By next year it is hoped that the National Office, through its data processing system, will be able to provide lists to each Association of those brothers in the area who are eligible to receive 50-year certificates. Such presentations are an important part of every Founders Day; and at present the Associations must submit names of possible recipients for verification.

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An ad hoc Alumni Affairs Committee has just been appointed by ESA van Blaricom composed of Peter Cullen, Warren Gould, Harold Brierley, Ron Mixer and ESH Louis Smith. This committee has already met once and will be meeting again this spring for the purpose of presenting a total plan of alumni development for implementation by the Supreme Council and National Office. Anyone who wishes to make suggestions to this committee should write to Dr. Louis E. Smith, 108 North J Street, Indianola, Iowa 50125.

EXTENSION

Five new chapters have been added to the rolls of Sigma Alpha Epsilon this past fall. They are: Pennsylvania Epsilon at Drexel University, Philadelphia; Georgia Eta at Oglethorpe College, Atlanta; Virginia Upsilon at Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney; Kentucky Gamma at Morehead State University, Morehead; and New Mexico Sigma at New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas.

the question of granting a charter to Phi Alpha Epsilon at Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri. This new chapter will be in Province Zeta where Bill Lucas is Archon.

Installation ceremonies will be on March 17, 18 and 19 and ESDA Joe Mancini will be the installing officer. The new chapter has been designated Missouri Delta. For those wishing to send congratulations to the new chapter, their address is: 5304 Tracy, Kansas City, Missouri 64110.

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Also in the area of extension, the Supreme Council has granted the request of Province Phi to issue a mail ballot for Sigma Delta Pi at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah and of Province Theta for Phi Alpha at the University of Tennessee in Martin, Tennessee. These two ballots will be mailed in mid-February.

It is interesting to note that Georgia Eta and Virginia Upsilon are revivals of chapters that once existed. Georgia Eta was the eleventh chapter, founded in 1859, it became inactive in 1863 after initiating 13 members. Virginia Upsilon existed from 1860 to 1861 and they only initiated 11 men. Both were casualties of the Civil War.

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We are proud to announce the successful mail vote of the Fraternity on

THE CHAPTERS

At present, chapter strength is at 180 and will be increased by one with the addition of Missouri Delta in March. There have been two recent losses that need to be reported with regret.

Last spring Connecticut Beta, at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, decided to surrender their charter. The chapter was no longer able, according to University regulations, to occupy their former home on campus. This rule applied to all fraternities. Other campus conditions also made continuation extremely difficult. After a period of struggling to maintain the chapter some distance from campus, they finally gave up in desperation. This is a great loss of a once fine chapter.

The other loss was a charter suspension by the Supreme Council and is quite unusual. At the National Convention last summer, a charter was granted to Delta Pi Mu, a local fraternity at Villanova University. As the time of the late November installation approached, it became apparent that conditions with that local fraternity

had drastically changed. Most of the members, the group that had sought the charter, had decided that they did not wish to be initiated because of finances, graduation and other reasons. When this became apparent, the installation was cancelled and later the Supreme Council suspended the charter which had been granted by the Convention but never issued. All of this would imply a greater need for more careful scrutiny by everyone involved with extension decisions before a group presents itself for a charter.

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A new chapter officer designation has been created and that is Province Collegiate Council Representative. A descriptive brochure has been prepared and circulated which outlines duties, responsibilities, and the necessity for careful selection. This is part of the on-going effort to make of the Collegiate Council at every level a means of input by undergraduate members into the affairs of the Fraternity.

1856 SHERIDAN ROAD

The news last year was the completion of remodeling of the National Offices in order to bring about greater efficiency and utilization of space. Continuing in this same effort, the Supreme Council has adopted a plan of office reorganization which will take effect July 1, 1972. At that time, the position of Assistant Eminent Supreme Recorder will be eliminated and three new Directors will be estab-

lished. There will be a Director of Chapter Services, a Director of Fiscal Affairs and Data Processing, and a Director of Publications and Alumni Affairs. Staffing of these new positions is almost complete and an announcement will be made soon of who is to assume these new duties. Present personnel will be used wherever possible and in those areas of their particular specialty.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCES

Two new Provinces were created at the last National Convention. They are: Province Nu Beta, which comprises Western New York, Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia; and Nu Epsilon composed of the State of Florida. Interim officers have been appointed in each and at Province Conventions this spring final separation and reorganization will be completed.

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Recently appointed Province Archons are:

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| Eta | Dr. Fred J. Roberts
2519 S. Krameria Street
Denver, Colorado 80222 |
| Nu Beta | William R. Benthall
792 Carriage Circle
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205 |
| Nu Epsilon | Thomas M. L. Gillespie
119 E. Flagler Street
Miami, Florida 33131 |
| Tau | Robert L. Jacobsen
4307 42nd
Des Moines, Iowa 50310 |

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Three Province Conventions have been held thus far, and in each, a new Archon has been elected. They are:

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| Theta | Richard L. (Skip) Moore
145 University Center
Memphis, Tennessee 38152 |
| Pi | William B. von Stein, Jr.
Post Office Box 237
Kent, Ohio 44240 |
| Omega | David F. Rentschler
891 Roslyn Road
Grosse Pointe Woods,
Michigan 48236 |

THE CAMPUS SCENE

Class of '71 Still Looking for Jobs

John D. Singleton, Director of placement at Michigan State University says, "The market has just been glutted with college-trained people. Many of last year's graduates are still unemployed, and a large number didn't reach the jobs to which they aspired." Though the soft economy is a factor, educators and economists believe there is more to the picture than that. They say colleges are turning out far more graduates than there are suitable jobs, especially in fields like teaching and many kinds of engineering. They contend, that even when the economy picks up the job outlook for young college graduates may not brighten dramatically.

College Freshmen Planning to Vote

Survey by the American Council on Education shows that 1.2 million of the nation's 1.6 million college freshmen plan to vote in the Presidential election in November. Of the 171,409

freshmen surveyed at 326 schools across the country, almost half (48.6%) labeled themselves as "middle of the road" politically. Others labeled themselves as liberal, 35.3%; conservative, 14.5%; far left, 2.8%, far right, less than 1 per cent. On specific issues, students surveyed "agree strongly or somewhat" that the Government is not doing enough to control pollution (90.5%) or to protect the consumer (76.6%).

Students' Attitudes Are Changing

Charles Morris and Linwood Small of the counseling center at the University of Florida asked students questions about changing attitudes and opinions. Contrasting the 1970 college students' conceptions of "the good life" with those of 1950 students in undergraduate philosophy courses at several schools across the country, they found that changes may be widespread and stable.

Researchers gave students one-paragraph descriptions of 13 alternative ways to live and asked them to rate each on a seven-point scale ranging from "like very much" to "dislike very much." The 13 ways emphasized such things as preserving the best that man has attained, cultivating independence

of persons and things, enjoying life through group participation, waiting in quiet receptivity, controlling the self stoically, and integrating action, enjoyment and contemplation.

Most striking change in ratings in 1970 is way that preservation of best that man has attained **dropped** markedly over 1950 student rankings. Morris and Small conclude that "the 1970 students are decidedly less tradition-oriented than were the 1950 students." More complete findings in Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

Education Money for Small Schools

Increasing Survey by the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges shows that the 50 states have raised appropriations to higher education by 24 percent in the 1971-72 school years. Survey shows of the 94 major universities included, 71 received increases less than the percentage of increase for the state higher education system as a whole. Fifty-four of the major schools received budget increases of less than 10 percent, an amount the association insists is the minimum to maintain current operating levels. Largest increases went to the two-year schools and state colleges.

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