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NATIONAL FRATERNITY AFFAIRS

In the February issue of Phi Alpha it was stated that SAE had withdrawn from the National Interfraternity Conference. We are now pleased to announce the formation of a new organization that has been created to effectively serve fraternal groups. It is to be called The Association of College Fraternities. The announcement of its creation has been made jointly by the governing boards of Delta Sigma Phi, Delta Upsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Articles of Association insure that the organization structure will be relatively small and uncomplicated, that there will be equal input from volunteer and professional fraternity officers, that membership will be open to all fraternal groups including sororities and, in fact, the NIC, and that the motivation for membership will be based on actual services to be received by each member group. In other words, it is based on the trade association principal and will function only to provide service and meet the needs of those who voluntarily decide to seek membership.

A statement of purpose has been prepared which details the types of services to be provided and an organization meeting is scheduled for next October. The Supreme Council feels strongly that this new association will be of great benefit to SAE and to all fraternal groups.

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The Leadership School Planning Committee will meet in Evanston on March 24. At this meeting, fac-

ulty will be selected, a program developed, and speakers suggested for the 38th annual school next August. Members of this committee are: Dr. Glen T. Nygreen, Chairman; Charles Curtis, Washington Beta; Tom Kee, Province Mu Archon; Lee Sasser, Florida Upsilon; John Henry Stone; Charlie Witzleben, Chapter Consultant; and ex officio, Tom Kessler and Jack Hotaling.

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Writing of Volume Four of the History of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been completed by the author, Dr. Joseph W. Walt, and covers the years from 1911 to 1930. It is entitled "The Era of Levere." The work of editing, illustrating, indexing and printing will now commence and the volume should be available for sale early next year. It is a fascinating presentation of this exciting period in our history.

The Chapters

Announcement has just been made of the Tutor-in-Residence Program of The Levere Memorial Foundation for the school year 1972-73. Eight awards will be made to graduate students who will provide tutorial assistance to chapters and each will receive an annual \$1,500 stipend in addition to room and board from the Chapter. A number of applications have already been received and additional information is available from Educational Advisor George R. Hamrdla, c/o Box 1856, Evanston, Illinois 60204.

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ESA van Blaricom has recently appointed George R. (Bob) Hamrdla, Stanford '60, California Alpha, as Educational Advisor. Bob is Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Stanford University, a member of the Leadership School faculty, and a former Graduate Resident for California Alpha. He is exceptionally well qualified for this important assignment and is available to all chapters for advice in educational programming.

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Two major reactivation of chapters are currently under way; Massachusetts Gamma at Harvard and California Eta at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Both of these once strong chapters had declines in membership until this year there were virtually no members remaining. The Supreme Council

has appointed a two-man alumni commission for each, composed of E and L Consultants who will remain at each location as long as it takes to rebuild the Chapter. In each case there is strong regional alumni and other Chapter support, and the possibilities for success are great.

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Plans are currently under way to have the new revised edition of the Phoenix available for distribution by the time of the Leadership School this summer. It is a completely new issue; redesigned, rewritten and more concise. A few copies of the last edition are still available at the National Office and may now be purchased for \$1.00 each.

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We are pleased to announce the appointment of W. Charles Witzleben as Director of Chapter Services and David A. Poe as Director of Financial Affairs and Data Processing, effective immediately upon the conclusion of their regular chapter visits as E and L Consultants (approximately April 15). With these appointments, the service function of the National Office will be substantially increased.

Also, three new E and L Consultants have been employed, effective July 1. They are Jim Claus, Iowa Gamma; Lee Kennedy, Ohio Epsilon; and Jim Leuty, Missouri Alpha. We welcome these brothers to the National Office staff with the full knowledge that they will contribute greatly to the progress of SAE.

News of the Provinces

At Province Conventions held recently, Jim Maxon has been elected Archon of Upsilon and Tom Kee has been elected Archon of Mu. Jim replaces Bill Barnhouse in Upsilon and Tom's election confirms his appointment by the Supreme Council to fill the unexpired term of Jim Gee who resigned last May.

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Bobby Boudreau, former Archon of Province Theta, wrote the following thoughtful and expressive letter to the chapters in his Province following their convention last month:

"It is virtually impossible for me to express on paper my feelings and the gratitude that I have for you. This must be indicative that friendships are of the heart and of the soul, and not of the written word or outward expression.

"As inadequate as this letter may be, please accept my sincerest appreciation for your having given to me the opportunity to work with you in the Province.

"By getting to know you, I have personally seen that you represent the finest in American youth. It is exciting for me to look forward to the day that you lead the way in our society. I am convinced you will bring us a better world.

"An example of this was seen at our convention in Jackson. Your support of it in dedication of purpose, in strong attendance, in attentiveness, and in excellent participation, made it a truly invaluable and worthwhile experience for all of us. You put yourselves into it fully and completely, and the resulting effect was total success and enjoyment.

"Your friendship has meant very much to me. You have given me many cherished moments to remember. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

"I wish to each of you all the success and happiness and love and peace the world has to offer."

The Alumni Scene

One of the most significant 50-year certificate presentations made recently was that to Robert L. Cousins at the Atlanta Founders Day. Bob was designated a Golden Son of Minerva by Rex Smith and all who know Bob will agree that his span of dedicated service to SAE at every level is unmatched and is a source of pride to his Chapter, Georgia Psi.

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The annual request to alumni for support of the SAE Leadership Fund has far surpassed that received during any year in the past. With three months still remaining in the campaign, we have already achieved 80% of our goal. This source of income is vital to the effective functioning of the National Office in service to all segments of the Fraternity.

Province Chi conducted an all Province Founders Day on the evening of March 9 in Los Angeles. It was attended by over 200 brothers, most of whom were undergraduates from the eight chapters in the area. It was the first attempt at this type of collective gathering and was an immense success. Fraternalism, friendship and good feeling was there in great measure, and a fine tradition has hopefully been established.

People

In this section in the March issue, we reported that Rex Smith had been designated by the Supreme Council as Housing Counselor. He has already been quite helpful to a number of groups.

Rex will retire from the professional staff of the Fraternity on July 1, 1972, after sixteen years of valuable service. He will be missed but has agreed to be available on a volunteer basis for any counseling that is requested in the area of housing and, for that matter, any other area where his expertise would be valuable.

The Campus Scene

Junior Colleges Becoming Major Social Force
Public junior colleges, once scorned as "high schools with ash trays," have since 1960 become a major social force shaping industrial development, urban services and personal pride. While total university enrollment doubled in the nineteen-sixties, enrollment in the public two-year college quadrupled. This enrollment now exceeds 2.3 million, and experts calculate that the number may well double again reaching 5 million by September, 1975. An example of this growth is the Miami-Dade Junior College which did not exist in 1960 but this year enrolled 38,106 students. Junior college students are more likely to be older, to work, to be married, to come from families without any college education and to have lower incomes than students in four-year colleges. Many are pursuing a traditional academic course in preparation for a senior college while others may be taking a one-hour course "just for fun."

Drug Commission Report Surprises Skeptics

In its recommendations to Congress, the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse has decided that criminal penalties for possession and for private use of marijuana should be entirely abolished. Some of the key reasons for the recommendation:

Even partial legislation of marijuana (sale and public smoking would remain criminal acts) might cut the use of heroin by taking the young marijuana user out of a criminal drug-using subculture. Marijuana is not addictive and the idea that pot smoking escalates to heroin use is totally invalid.

Marijuana has little or no relation to crime and violence; in fact, it may even help deter them by reducing aggressiveness.

It is not rebellion or alienation that leads to pot use as much as the life-style of certain groups—and life-style and patterns of social behavior cannot readily be changed by legal fiat.

Alumni Survey Shows Surprising Replies

A recent survey of 3,000 alumni of Miami University by the Alumni Affairs Office indicated some surprising replies from alumni who were usually considered highly conservative.

Of these 3,000 alumni, 75.4% agreed that the request for a student voice in decision making is reasonable, and that "those beyond the age of most students should recognize this."

"It is important that the atmosphere of our universities permit vigorous but non-violent criticism of flaws in our society." Eighty-nine and a half percent agreed with this statement.

Forty-nine percent disagreed with the statement that faculty tenure is an indispensable element in the protection of academic freedom. Sixty-two percent said they would "welcome the opportunity" to discuss campus unrest with dissident students, while 60.6% felt that students should play a role in shaping the curriculum at Miami University.

Consideration is being given by the Supreme Council to a 3-week charter flight to Europe for SAE's. An expression of interest from our readers would be helpful in making the decision.