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National Affairs

On January 28, the Leadership School Planning Committee met in Pensacola, Florida in conjunction with the installation of our new Florida Sigma Chapter. Under the leadership of Director Tom Kessler, an exciting and innovative program was planned for the school this summer. Activities will begin on Sunday, August 12, and will conclude with the traditional final banquet on Thursday evening, August 16. Delegates will be able to make arrangements to leave Evanston Friday morning.

In the judgment of the Committee the success of the one week last year left no doubt of continuing the same this year. The early dates also are the most convenient to the greatest number of chapters because of early school openings. Over 80% of the colleges and universities have adopted calendars which provide for the end of the term prior to Christmas and this necessitates a mid to late August beginning of classes. Conclusion of the Leadership School on Thursday evening allows delegates to be back on the campus for any scheduled rush activities.

Faculty and speakers are being invited at the present time and an effort is being made to acquire space in the new Northwestern Student Center for the banquet and additional meeting room space. Chapters should mark these dates now in anticipation of the application forms that will be mailed from the National Office in late March.

It was a wise man who said that lending money can be very precarious to one's friendships. The National Board of Trustees find themselves often on the horns of a dilemma in this regard. They are heralded as saviors when they make a housing loan to a Chapter House Corporation and as unfraternal when they are concerned about repayment.

The Board, composed of five very capable businessmen living in the New York City area, and led by George Ilsen as President, are charged with the administration of some rather sizable trust funds. The income that they are able to generate is vitally important to the operation of the National Office. This is a time consuming job and one which they perform as willing volunteers to SAE. We take this space to thank them for their efforts and also to urge an understanding on the part of those to whom loans have been made and may for some reason be in arrears. There is an obligation to repay so that others may be helped.

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The 1971 National Convention requested the National Office to investigate group travel for members of the Fraternity and this is being done. A post-Convention trip to Jamaica is scheduled immediately following the close of the National Convention in New Orleans this June. A London charter, leaving from Chicago, is scheduled for departure on August 25 and a return on September 2. A Boeing 707 Jet has been chartered and accommodations in London will be available at the beautiful Royal Garden Hotel, situated at the edge of Kensington Gardens and only a few minutes from Piccadilly and the West End. The cost of this trip is \$389 and includes transportation, hotel, tours, etc. Arrangements for both trips are being made by Osborne Travel Service, Inc., 3379 Peachtree Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30326. Further information can be received by writing directly to Osborne.

The Chapters

There are two new ones and they are: Florida Sigma at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, installed January 27; and Florida Epsilon at Florida Technological University in Orlando, installed on February 3. These two installations bring our active chapter number to 185. Welcome to our newest brothers!

An answering service has been installed at the National Office so that chapters and others may call at off hours and leave messages, place orders, or request a call-back at a designated time. This service is operational all evening and while the office is closed during the noon hour.

All chapters should immediately check and reinforce the security of their chapter houses. All of the campus security experts predict a continuing rise in crime and violence on the campus. They don't refer to riots but rather thievery and outside vandalism. A recent UPI feature tells of trusting students who lose valuables to thieves who find the academic scene fertile for hockable items — typewriters, cameras, watches, musical instruments, sports equipment, jewelry and stereo equipment.

In an interesting note just received from George Cobaugh, President of the Pennsylvania Delta Corporation at Gettysburg College, he tells us that the chapter is now at approximately 80 men and that 75% of the freshman class there joined fraternities.

From The Provinces

Gary L. Garnand has been appointed by the Supreme Council to fill the unexpired term of Bob Serrano as Archon of Province Phi. Gary has served the Fraternity in various ways from the time of his graduation from the University of Idaho in 1970. The Council makes this appointment with great confidence in his ability to serve SAE with distinction.

This is the season for Province Mini-Leadership Schools, a number have been held recently and all with great success. The first was Province Epsilon, held at Auburn, Alabama on January 12-13. Then Province Theta on January 26-27 in Jackson, Mississippi; Province Pi on February 9-10 in Cleveland; Provinces Mu and Psi in Evanson and Province Upsilon in Tucson, Arizona, all on February 16-17; and Province Kappa on February 23-24 in Palo Alto, California. More are scheduled for later this spring.

The Levere Memorial Foundation

The Tax Reform Act of 1969 imposed restrictions on all Foundations, one of which was the creation of a private foundation status. A tax is imposed on a private foundation and it must dispose of its assets on a very strict schedule of percentages that would place our Foundation in an almost impossible situation.

A public foundation does not have these restrictions. To remain public, a foundation must receive less than one-third of its income from investments and more than one-third from the public, and a four-year average is used to make the determination. On a four-year average basis, we currently qualify as public, but in the fiscal year just ended, our income from the public was below one-third of the total. Another similar year will cause severe difficulty.

Gifts to the Foundation are fully deductible for income tax purposes. A Founder Membership represents a gift of \$1,000 and this may be payable at one time or in installments. Also, the Foundation may receive gifts of stock which are sold at their appreciated value to apply toward this membership. Such a gift to the Foundation represents an advantage to the donor in terms of the tax on capital gains that need not be paid.

For further information, write to Jack R. Hotaling, Secretary, The Levere Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 1856, Evanston, Illinois 60204.

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Most recently, three college seals were installed in a window of the Supreme Council Room representing the installations of Missouri Delta, Tennessee Tau and Utah Sigma. This continues the tradition dating back to the original construction of the building of having a stained glass college seal for every chapter that has ever been installed. The seals begin in the first floor library, go to the second floor Museum and then to the Supreme Council Room, all in chronological order.

A word of praise is in order for the four Educational and Leadership Consultants currently visiting chapters. They are: Ken Tracey, New Mexico Alpha '70; Jim Claus, Iowa Gamma '72; Lee Kennedy, Ohio Epsilon '72; and Mike Thomas, California Delta '71. They have now visited every chapter at least once for a two- to three-day stay and are now on their return trips. Often-times a lonely job, it is one that represents total loyalty to SAE and to the chapters that are served.

The Alumni Scene

There have been some rather unfortunate errors in the annual giving solicitation of alumni this year. We hope that most all problems will be corrected next year with our computer, but in the meantime we express our gratitude for the understanding of those who received the wrong letter or one that contained incorrect information. The support received from this program is absolutely essential for the National Office to continue to provide services to chapters and alumni.

A beautiful memorial service was held in the Chapel of the Levere Memorial Temple on February 12 to pay final tribute to Brother Arthur H. Knox, the architect who lovingly designed and supervised the construction of our headquarters building. "If you require a monument, look around you" is inscribed in Latin in the stonework of the Court of the Archons and was the subject of the tribute delivered by Brother Erskine Jeffords, Chaplain of the Temple. Messages came from the entire realm and a great number of Brother Knox's many friends and brothers were in attendance.

The Fraternity suffered another loss with the death of J. Frank Lindsey, Indiana Gamma '13 on January 11. Brother Lindsey was one of the co-sponsors of the Besser-Lindsey Award which is presented each year to senior brothers excelling in scholarship, fraternity work and athletics.

The Campus Scene

Grubby Look Turns Neat What was only first a faint hope in the heart of the campus traditional clothier has become a fall and winter landslide. It is confirmed that students are at last opting for the neat look replacing the dirty, grubby appearance of last year.

Editor Craig Pritchard, in the Colgate University magazine, *THE COLGATE SCENE*, concludes a front page feature on the fraternity system with this paragraph commenting on organization revival and a recent campus fraternity conference:

"These efforts are only a beginning, but they are significant. The fraternities must work hard to select good leaders, to police their own excesses, to take themselves seriously and to project a positive public image to the community as a whole. The reward should be worth the effort, because the collapse of the system would deal a crippling blow to the rich heritage of this College. And we don't need that . . ."

Credit Cards Pondered at Oregon State Oregon State University is evaluating the possibility of establishing a system of use of major credit cards for payment of student fees. Such a plan is already in use at Ohio State and some other institutions. We recommend that chapter house corporations investigate this possibility for room rental payments.

More Grads Being Hired The College Placement Council sees biggest gains in employment in the engineering field, and the smallest in liberal arts area, according to their latest survey. The study of 672 employers across the nation indicates that engineers with bachelor's degree will enjoy the largest gain (27%) over last year, while non-business liberal arts majors will see the smallest increase (4%).

Florida Prexy Orders Paper Off Campus After a year and a half of almost constant antagonism between University of Florida President Stephen O'Connell and the student newspaper, *THE ALLIGATOR*, the publication has been ordered off campus and stripped of its student financial source.

Issue came to a head last fall when former editor, in violation of state law and against wishes of O'Connell, published abortion referral advertising. The 104-year old abortion referral prohibition law was struck down by the Florida Supreme Court in February, but the issue remained unresolved on campus.

Announcing an Educational & Leadership Consultant opening for July 1, 1973. Any brother who will have graduated and is interested in a Consultant position with the National Fraternity, effective July 1, 1973, should contact Charlie Witzleben, Director of Chapter Services, for more information. Applications are being accepted now.