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WHY BE INVOLVED IN FAD?

This question often crosses the mind of many brothers throughout the nation. As a social fraternity, why should a chapter indulge in community service when there are numerous projects to keep all the brothers busy all year long?

Perhaps Albert Schweitzer, famed Chemist and Nobel Peace Prize winner summed it up in two sentences. "You don't live in a world all alone. Your brothers are here too!"

Many positive ends can be realized by working with our FAD project. Beside the fact that we are helping others less fortunate, there is the point that any project that involves the brothers in the chapter will surely strengthen it. Everyone working for a common cause, in this case a very good cause, is a step closer to better human relations and understanding. The chapter as well as those afflicted with muscular dystrophy will benefit from your project. Other benefits more obvious include enhancement of the rush program, alumni program, pledge education and other aspects of chapter programming.

Even if you may have considered a community service project, only to write it off feeling that most brothers barely have enough time for studies, fraternity and all other roles in college life.

Believe that you will find that once the time is put into a service project, the reward will far outweigh the time that the brothers have given. You will soon encounter a better chapter as well as improved individuals. It tends to bring out the best in all of us. A complete experience will be a lesson in humanity, perhaps the greatest lesson that can be learned by man.

Discuss various projects; the feasibility of your chapter's success in pulling one off. Look for a higher potential. Everyone will benefit. The spirit is spreading across the country - the spirit of caring. As a leader in your chapter...dare to care!

*Mike Smither
Kentucky Beta*

1856 SHERIDAN ROAD

Welcome to 1978! We all look forward to serving you from 1856 Sheridan Road during the coming year.

In looking over the Region Reports, written by each consultant, I've noticed that they have extensive travel planned for the Spring. The consul'ants visit over half of their chapters in any given year. If you haven't requested a visit and would like to have one be sure and contact your consultant soon so that he can put your chapter into his schedule.

The National Staff returned recently from their retreat. Plans for the Spring were discussed along with ideas on how to better serve and communicate with all chapters.

SAE is #1 again! According to the latest poll of the College Survey Bureau, 54 chapters were rated the best on their respective campuses. An additional 48 chapters were rated in the top quarter.

The Levere Memorial Foundation Trustees have increased the Student Loan limit to \$1,500 per year with a maximum of \$3,000. The Tutor-in-Residence fellowship has been increased to \$2,000. The Summer Internship maximum is \$1,000. See your chapter EA for brochures on these programs.

In this issue we report the good news regarding our chapter at Bucknell. I will mention here that our efforts to revive the University of Utah were not successful this fall but we plan to try again in the near future.

After several years of effort to revive our chapter at Colorado, 7 men were pledged last year. Colorado Chi continues to grow, a new house has been purchased, and SAE appears to be assuming its place on the campus.

Two chapters were chartered this fall, Texas Theta at Baylor University and Maryland Sigma at Salisbury College. Ray Artigue reports in this Phi Alpha on what's happening with SAE extension today.

Mike Smither, Western Kentucky, wrote the cover story on SAE's National Service Project. He serves along with Scott Sundet, Minnesota, as co-chairman of SAE-FAD. Mike and Scott as well as 9 other SAE's attended the National Youth Conference of the Muscular Dystrophy Association in October. SAE had the largest representation of any fraternal organization. Other members of the National SAE-FAD Committee include: Dean Norman, North Carolina State; Kevin Barth, Clemson; Tom Jacques, Indiana State; Ed Eisen, Washington; Bob Devine, Minnesota; and Clayton Burrows, Alabama.

Rush Results for fall received thus far show a 7% increase in pledgings compared to last fall. All Chapters from whom we received pledge reports are listed in this issue. Indiana State pledged 24 men according to a letter received from Mike Sullivan.

We have received notice of Province Events coming up this Spring and they are included along with some fragmentary information on the Ø A Weekend planned by Provinces Chi and Kappa.

Kirk Dooley tells it only as he can, and he has probably told us more about chili than we ever need to know.

Our chapter at the University of Minnesota won the John O. Moseley Award for Fraternity Zeal this year. Who has won it since its inception?

1956 Kentucky	1964 Indiana	1971 UCLA
1957 Marshall	1965 South Dakota	1972 Okla S
1958 Cincinatti	1966 Southwestern	1973 Auburn
1959 Furman	1967 Iowa State	1974 Colo S
1960 Westminster	1968 Nebraska	1975 Maryla
1961 Beloit	1969 Case-Western	1976 W. Ker
1962 Depauw	1970 Idaho	
1963 Kansas	Penn State	

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BUCKNELL!

A "feed," not a Shanghai Gobbler or even a 'possum without embricated jaws enjoyed at the traditional feeds of the founders, but of cake and ice cream. This modern "feed" marked a new beginning for the 85 year old Pennsylvania Zeta chapter at Bucknell University. No one seemed to mind that the cake was inscribed Happy Birthday, after all it was a birthday of sorts.

Dave Smith, a Manchester, N. H. senior returned last September to face the two month rush season alone! He knew it would be no cake walk, as it were! The 10 or so other SAE's from the old chapter were no longer interested in fraternity life. He would have to re-establish Penn Zeta by recruiting new highly motivated individuals. Brothers from Penn State and Dickinson College

rallied to the cause and assisted Dave during the rush effort. Bob Middleton, Bob Bickert, Don Corbett and Bill Lopez from Penn State made the restoration of Penn Zeta their Cause Celebre. After all, Penn Alpha-Zeta had been responsible for starting Penn Zeta back in 1893. The Penn Staters made numerous trips to Bucknell and hosted prospective members at their own chapter house. On November 18, 17 outstanding Bucknell students accepted pledge pins from Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The next few months will be busy ones for the fledgling group. Each pledge will develop a segment of chapter operations or programming. For example, Trip Overholt will create a financial structure; Roger Fiery will plan the retreat; Dave Black will establish a Community Service Program; Julian Segura will plan alumni relations and get out the first copy of the Iris, the traditional Penn Zeta Alumni Newsletter. The work that is done in organizing these areas will serve the chapter for years to come. It will be an exciting and challenging time. They are on their way to becoming a top chapter at Bucknell and in SAE, and we wish them well!

ΦΑ WEEKEND

Province Chi and Kappa will host a ΦΑ Weekend in Fresno, California on April 21, 22 and 23. The weekend's activities will include a Volleyball Tournament, awards banquet, leadership school and separate business sessions for their respective biennial conventions. The grand finale will be a Paddy Murphy for the 18 chapters who are expected to be represented by over 400 SAE brothers, little sisters and pledges.

Leadership Schools will be held in Province Psi (Feb. 25, Houston Woods, Ohio); Province Eta on (Feb. 3-5, Denver); Province Nu-Epsilon (Jan. 27-28, Tallahassee, Florida)

Province Conventions scheduled so far:

Alpha	April 7-9	Massachusetts
Epsilon	Feb. 4-5	Valdosta, GA
Theta	Feb. 4-5	Jackson, MS
Iota	Jan. 28-29	Tenn. Tech.
Xi	Feb. 3-5	Western KY
Omicron	Feb. 3-5	Clemson, SC
Upsilon	Feb. 24-25	Eastern N. M.
Omega	Feb. 3-5	Western MI

Province Alpha is hosting Boston Celtic Night on January 13 and Founders Day at Boston University on March 10.

SAE'S OUTER SPACE CHILI COOKOFF

As the world zipped by at its hectic pace, an idea was born deep in the West Texas nothingness, where time walks instead of running. The idea was halfway crazy, but since half of Texas is too, this was the place for it to happen.

The Texas Tech - Outer Space Chili Cookoff set time back a step or two but it was a gigantic step of fun for the 1,500 folks who attended. The October 1 cookoff, held at Greeley Circle in Lubbock, was a huge success in terms of good times for all. Of course, it took the SAE mind to pull it off. The Texas Alpha boys concocted a party recipe that anyone can use:

WEST TEXAS CHILI COOKOFF

*X amount of SAE's
Infinity of Miller if Lone Star is unavailable
At least 30 crazed chili cooks
One college campus, complete with students
A progressive country band (Bluegrass would do fine)
10 judges, including one ex-governor*

Mix together well on a 6 acre tract; allow to simmer at least six hours under a Fall or Spring sun (preheat to 72 degrees); be sure to keep the judges from sticking together or there will be a loss of flavor. Add any desired spices. Mix together until the crowd is singing and/or dancing. Stop cooking and jump in yourself.

The SAE's sent this part of the country spinning with their first annual chili cookoff. The actual cookoff idea is not new (The ghost town of Terlingua, where the World Chili Championship is held yearly, is in West Texas) but it took a part of Minerva to transform a totally unstructured event such as a chili cookoff into a college activity. After all, students are taught structure. So the first thing to do was to deprogram everyone.

"First of all, natty attire is a must, people dressed like they are going to a restaurant will be laughed at. Western duds, preferably ragged, are the norm. Some people will dress as gorillas or wear a tuxedo. Use your imagination. Come as a mushroom or a beer can. But remember that everyone must wear a hat - any kind of hat."

As the chili cooks cooked and the band played and everyone continued to sip brews, the show started. The first words heard through the \$2,000 sound system was the announcement that Texas Tech had beaten North Carolina. Most people cheered; a few asked where North Carolina was. This set up the worst joke contest, featuring the absolute dregs of humor. The louder the boos, the better each contestant fared.

Next came the Chili Queen contest, followed by the tobacco spittin' contest, the beer-chugging contest (some chugged pitchers instead of cups), the cow chip toss, and the ugliest man contest. The girls in the audience got into the latter, as the SAE Little Sister nominated the reluctant contestants. Possibly the wildest act was in the belching contest when an unknown Sigma Chi belched at will from the wrong end. He won easily, but the microphone wasn't the same the rest of the day.

Then word came from Dallas, where the "head Chili" Frank X. Tolbert (a columnist for the Dallas Morning News and father of the Terlingua World Cookoff) indicated that the SAE cookoff was the largest collegiate cookoff ever held. He proclaimed the winner of the SAE cookoff would be the National Collegiate Chili Champion.

It has been said that nobody can really comprehend the chili culture until he actually attends a cookoff, sees the competition, and gets dirty and crazy with the rest of the masses. I'm not the one who said it but I have to agree.

KIRK DOOLEY
TEXAS ALPHA

EDGES !

urn University	35
ingham-Southern	26
. of Alabama	30
f Southern Ala.	17
. of Arizona	29
ona State Univ.	30
hern Arizona	6
. of Arkansas	8
	19
at Santa Barbara	5
State, San Diego	17
State, Fresno	25
CA, Davis	6
State, Long Beach	9
State, Northridge	6
Francisco Univ.	4
of Northern Colo.	11
orado State	22
v. of Denver	22
School of Mines	15
v. of Miami	12
rida State Univ.	25
rida Southern	7
f South Florida	14
rida Tech Univ.	12
f West Florida	9
ry University	22
osta State	28
cer University	26
v. of Idaho	23
v. of Illinois	15
thern Illinois	13
liken University	20
dley University	11
thwestern Univ.	17
nklin College	32
Pauw University	25
iversity of Iowa	6
va State University	22
ake University	29
apson College	8
thern Iowa	14
iversity of Kansas	19
ansas State Univ.	22
chita State Univ.	9
stern Kentucky	13
rehead State Univ.	7
stern Kentucky	14
iv. of Kentucky	23
State Univ.	42
lane University	20
iv. of Maine	9
iv. of Maryland	13

M.I.T.	18
Ferris State College	3
Univ. of Minnesota	30
Mississippi State	24
Univ. Of Missouri	23
Westminster College	24
Rockhurst College	2
Montana State	18
Creighton Univ.	11
Univ. of Nebraska	33
Univ. of Nevada	29
U. of New Mexico	22
N. M. State Univ.	12
N. C. State	13
Univ. of N. C.	18
Univ. of N. Dakota	18
N. D. State	23
Youngstown State	4
Ohio University	7
Univ. of Cincinnati	23
Ohio State Univ.	22
Bowling Green State	18
Kent State Univ.	10
Denison University	30
Oklahoma State	30
Oklahoma City Univ.	16
Oregon State Univ.	29
Univ. of Oregon	27
Williamette Univ.	27
Lewis & Clark	16
Pennsylvania State	14
Drexel Univ.	3
Bucknell Univ.	17
Carnegie-Mellon	13
Univ. Pittsburgh	12
Allegheny College	3
Wofford College	11
Univ. of S. C.	33
Clemson University	9
S. D. State Univ.	4
E. Tenn. State	15
Middle Tenn. State	20
Tenn. Tech. Univ.	12
Southwestern-Memphis	16
Union Univ.	14
Univ. of Tenn.	23
Memphis State	14
Tenn. Martin	11
U. South Sewanee	12
Texas Christian	19
U. of Houston	5
U. of Texas	38
Utah State	
Wash. & Lee	15

U. Richmond	20
Hampden-Sydney	18
Univ. Washington	36
Wash. State	17
U. Puget Sound	14
Geo. Washington	2
Marshall Univ.	12
U. Wisconsin	19
U. Wyoming	29

EXTENSION

Phi Alpha Fraternity at the University of Indiana at Evansville was officially installed as an SAE Colony on December 10, 1977. The same ceremony is in store for our 60 year old local, Gamma Alpha Beta, at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. Their installation date will be sometime in early February.

More than twenty men comprise Phi Alpha Fraternity at Troy State University in Troy, Alabama, and this group seeks an affirmative vote for Colony status at Province Epsilon's convention on Feb. 3-5. If successful there, Colony Installation would be slated later that month.

SAE also has groups formed for the purpose of becoming future colonies at Texas A & M, Murray State University, and the Univ. of Central Arkansas.

Colonies of SAE now include: Indiana State at Evansville, Davis & Elkins College in West Virginia, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, College of Charleston in South Carolina, and Eastern Montana College. All are working very hard to become chapters of SAE.

THE REGION REPORT

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CHAPTER VISITATION

My last visitation schedule took me to Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and New York. The installation of Salisbury State took place on November 12. This addition to the realm brings the number of active chapters to 185. Following this stop I traveled to Troy where New York Epsilon hosted the Province Nu Conference, November 18 and 19. Walter B. Bull, Jr., Province Nu Archon gave the opening remarks and keynote speech. Brother Richard F. Generelly of the Supreme Council covered various areas of fiscal responsibility for House Managers, Stewards and Chapter Treasurers. Past ESA Russell P. Heuer, Jr. and Charles Larson were also in attendance and highlighted chapter accounting, cost control, house corporations and other areas pertinent to the financial aspects of running an active chapter. George Ilse, President of the Board of Trustees offered insight into how the fraternity can assist chapters with financing capital improvement projects and other monetary needs of the chapter.

Visitation schedules are planned around requests from chapters, alumni associations, and province officers. Please contact me if you feel a visit to your chapter will be beneficial.

CHAPTER FOCUS

This month the chapter focus takes a look at Washington City Rho, which during the days of the Civil War was alone to survive the shock of battles. At old Columbian College, now George Washington University, Jewett Gendrat DeVotie entered the college in 1858 and brought with him the enthusiasm for Sigma Alpha Epsilon kindled in Mother Mu. It is rumored that Richard F. Generelly, ESDA whose alma mater is City Rho, has bestowed the name of Gendrat upon his dog; a tribute to Noble's brother. Today Washington City Rho remains active, as a participant in the installation of Maryland Sigma, hosting a Redskin Buffet with the Washington D. C. Alumni Association and recently pledging five new brothers.

IRS 990 . . . REMINDER

The Internal Revenue Service Form 990 was due on or before November 15, 1977. The chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fall under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government regarding the payment and relief from certain taxes. Failure to submit this report may result in a fine levied by the IRS.