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Evidences of Interfraternity Spirit Are Found on Many College Campuses

"The old order changeth" in fraternity attitudes, customs, and activities, as in all else, and so one finds today in practically every college and university at which Theta Chi is established a steadily developing interfraternity spirit. This spirit generated at the first Interfraternity Conference of alumni representatives twenty years ago is gradually permeating the campuses throughout this country and is finding expression in social, athletic, and welfare phases. Friendliness is supplanting antagonism, co-operation is being found more effective than bitter rivalry, respect for other Greek-letter organizations is replacing contempt, fear, and petty criticism. While the leaders of the interfraternity movement realize that the ideals for which they are working have been only partially realized among the undergraduates, they find each year a growing development of interfraternalism everywhere in the college world.

Reports from Theta Chi chapters show the increasing importance of interfraternity councils. Only a few of the institutions at which Theta Chi is represented are without organizations of fraternity men bent on improving conditions, developing friendships, and aiding better relationships between the administration and the fraternities. In many chapters an active program is under way to encourage acquaintances and friendships among the members of other fraternities.

Entertain Football Squad

Theta Chi at Norwich has been co-operating with the other Norwich fraternities in entertaining the football squad at supper before a game. The football team was entertained twice by Theta Chi. This custom is on its second year at Norwich and is sponsored by the coach, Dewey Graham, and by the Interfraternity Council.

Interfraternity activities at Boston Tech

are not any too frequent. Interfraternity bowling is fairly successful, but interfraternity basketball is somewhat of a failure. Beta sends out from 150 to 200 bids to men of other fraternities for its open dances, which are held on the average of three a year. Last year a freshman exchange dinner was held with Sigma Chi.

Exchange dinners are a part of the social program at Rensselaer, from four to six men being exchanged at one time. Delta is inviting other fraternity men to its dances, twenty-five bids being sent out for its most recent dance. The chapter was well represented at the Interfraternity Ball last spring and at the recognition dance this fall.

Freshman Guest Night

Zeta at New Hampshire each year has a "freshman guest night," at which time each pledge invites a friend, often a pledge at some other house, to the house for dinner. After dinner the pledges entertain their guests, having previously appointed a committee for this purpose. Zeta had a large delegation at the annual interfraternity banquet last year. The chapter for its "poverty ball" invited the members of the S A E chapter to attend. Its "carnival dance" was held in conjunction with the same fraternity.

Every year in mid-winter Eta Chapter at Rhode Island State and Campus Club, a local fraternity, enjoy an evening together involving bridge, short speeches, vaudeville sketches by members, and refreshments. Each organization alternates as host.

Theta at Massachusetts Agricultural College has done nothing in the matter of developing more cordial relationships with other fraternities, except that a standing invitation is given to all chapters on campus to attend its dances. The doors are always open to outsiders when it comes to

social functions. The fine harmony which exists between fraternities on campus excludes the necessity for having interfraternity relationship through entertainment, etc. Theta participates in the interfraternity basketball and baseball tournament.

Hold Freshman Smoker

Freshmen pledges of all fraternities were guests of Lambda Chapter October 9 at a freshman smoker. The large, enthusiastic group enjoyed speeches by Nicholas Bawlf, coach of hockey, soccer, and lacrosse, and Professor A. W. Browne, music, clog dancing, cider, and doughnuts.

Mu enjoys exchange dinners at California with Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Sigma Phi, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Abracadabra, a local.

Pan Hellenic dances are held by the Interfraternity Council at Hampden-Sydney College. Nu has had as guests representatives of the various campus fraternities at its recent house dances.

Members of other campus fraternities are also invariably invited to participate in Theta Chi dances at Dickinson, and occasionally members of other groups drop in during smokers. Pi is usually well represented at the interfraternity dance held annually in the spring. Its pledges attend the annual smoker given by the Beta Theta Pi pledges.

Deans at Pledge Smoker

Two weeks after the University of Illinois opened last fall, the pledges of Rho were hosts at a stag smoker to pledges of leading nationals on the campus. Thomas A. Clark, dean of men, and Dean Smith, the new dean of freshmen, were guests and spoke entertainingly. Doughnuts and cider added to the pleasure of the event designed to promote friendly relationships.

Tau Chapter gave a dance October 13 to celebrate Florida's victory over Alabama Polytechnic, honoring both teams. It was made an open house affair for members of other fraternities. Tau's annual house party week-end also permits the entertaining of other fraternity men.

Two pledges from each University of Wisconsin fraternity, and there are sixty-one fraternities, are guests of Psi Chapter at the annual pledge smoker. This proves

successful in enlarging acquaintanceships. As meals are not served in fraternity houses Sunday nights, Theta Chi men may be found then in the great dining hall of the new Wisconsin Union Building. Here they vie with other fraternity groups in a song fest after the meal. A general feeling of good fellowship prevails. The lecture given recently by the Wisconsin Interfraternity Council was well attended by Theta Chis. A discussion of current fraternity topics after the lecture met with lively interest.

Hold School of Instruction

At Penn State an interfraternity conference is held annually which takes on the character of a school of instruction, experts discussing with departmental groups various fraternity problems. Omega Chapter's officers attend one hundred per cent. Two joint dances were held last year with Phi Kappa Psi and one each with Phi Sigma Kappa and Kappa Sigma. Penn State freshmen receive their rough, tough initiation on Stunt Nite. The sophomores of Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Sigma Rho, Theta Kappa Phi, and Theta Chi always keep their freshmen rounded up together in order to protect them from excessive hazing.

In interfraternity athletics, Alpha Gamma at Michigan enters with spirit. In the past three years it has won two second places and one first in interfraternity athletics. On the athletic field friendships start, and there is a good sportsmanlike spirit developed in the players. Alpha Gamma has an annual exchange dinner with the Alpha Sigma Phi. Its juniors and seniors visit the Alpha Sigma Phi house, while the freshmen and sophomores entertain the two under classes at the Theta Chi house. In politics the campus is divided by Washtenaw Avenue and State Street caucuses. There is keen competition before the class election. Defeat, however, is usually taken in good spirit. It makes a very interesting organization, and one in which many friendships are made. Invitations are usually given by Alpha Gamma in generous proportions to members of other fraternities, except on Saturday nights, when a university ruling forbids open dances.

Alpha Delta twice a year entertains the

Purdue Interfraternity Council at dinner, after which a meeting of the Council is held. The chapter also has exchange dinners with other fraternities. It extends a standing invitation to all other fraternity men to attend its dances.

Exchange dinners were held last year by Alpha Epsilon with Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta. There is little social life of this nature in Stanford University, and despite the fair success of these two events no more similar social gatherings were arranged. Whenever a dance is given, at least one bid is extended to each chapter on the campus. Close cordial relationships between the various fraternity groups has been largely promoted through intramural sports.

Alpha Zeta Starts New Custom

Alpha Zeta of Theta Chi at the University of Rochester proved itself a leader in fraternity functions when, October 27, the end of "rush week," it gave an informal tea dance, after the Buffalo-Rochester football game, in honor of the pledges of the various fraternities at Rochester. *The Campus*, student publication, commented editorially as follows: "By its pledge dance, one fraternity on the campus indicated its good will to all freshmen regardless of which house they had associated themselves as pledges. The example of that fraternity should be the standard for all the Greeks to follow in their conduct toward the lately affiliated of other groups."

Alpha Theta's pledges at Dartmouth held a reception for the pledges of other fraternities.

Representatives from national fraternities on Indiana University's campus attended the spring dance of Alpha Iota, held May 22. Invitations to representatives of other fraternities were made on the assumption that they would tend to make those who accepted acquainted with members of Theta Chi and encourage a spirit of co-operation.

Alpha Kappa at West Virginia exchanges guests with all campus fraternities. At its annual dinner dance, given at the Hotel Morgan in May, guests included representatives of every national on the campus. A smoker for old grads and an open house were also occasions for the en-

tertainment of fraternity men outside of the chapter.

Tickets for Alpha Lambda's formal dance last year were given to men of other fraternities. An interfraternity party is held annually at Ohio State.

On September 29, Alpha Xi at Delaware held its first house party for the year and invited the Sigma Nu Chapter to be guests owing to the fact that they are at present building a new house and are living in a hotel. Practically all of the Sigma Nus attended.

Have House Manager's Union

Each fall Alpha Omicron trades pledges for dinner with three or four of the more active fraternities. This is not an organized movement, but arises from individual efforts. On Washington State's campus is the House Managers' Union organized to secure better co-operation with merchants in town and with the college. This is an active organization as seen from the following example: For intramural sports here, the administration attempted to tax fraternities and dormitories \$20 a year. It seemed unfair for fraternities with a group of thirty to forty men to pay the same amount as a dormitory with 300 or 400 men. The house managers refused to pay and effected, by such organized effort, a satisfactory compromise. Alpha Omicron invites a representative from every organized fraternity on this campus to attend its fall informal held every year. This was held this year November 16 at the Washington Hotel.

Alpha Pi's interfraternity activities, outside of the usual intramural athletic contests, have been somewhat limited in the past. On the whole, the interfraternity relations are not very highly developed at Minnesota. Now that the chapter is in its new and very beautiful home, it is entertaining other fraternity men at luncheons and dinners practically every day. Continuing its custom of the past, it invites about half a dozen outsiders to dances. Tau Upsilon Kappa, interfraternity social organization at Minnesota, has an annual formal dance for fraternity men. Several of the brothers from Alpha Pi attended this year's formal November 5. Alpha Pi is planning to entertain the members of the

local Nu Sigma Nu (medical) chapter at a dance some time this school year. It is customary at Minnesota for the Nu Sigma Nus to hold their parties at academic fraternity houses where their chapter is well represented in membership. Six of Alpha Pi's members are active in Nu Sigma Nu.

Real Western Hospitality

A standing invitation from Alpha Sigma Chapter has been, and always is, open to any member of a University of Oregon fraternity to come to a meal or attend its social functions. The chapter has had practically one hundred per cent attendance at interfraternity affairs.

Alpha Upsilon Chapter entertained the Nebraska chapter of Phi Delta Phi this fall with a dinner. It entertained the leaders of the controlling political faction last year, and will again this fall. Party bids were received by members for both formals and spring parties of other fraternities last year. The annual Interfraternity Banquet was held May 1 at the Scottish Rite Temple. Alpha Upsilon attended 100 per cent.

Alpha Phi entertained this year with a smoker for its pledges. About sixty pledges from the various fraternities on the campus were present at this highly enjoyable informal affair. Last year the chapter entertained with an elaborate buffet supper during the mid-term dances. About seventy-five were present, including various fraternity men. In February the chapter was host at a Sunday afternoon musicale and tea to over a hundred guests, including faculty members, co-eds, fraternity friends, out-of-town guests, and Tuscaloosa frienos

Banquet Speakers

Dr. John J. Tigert, national president of Phi Delta Theta, who, while United States commissioner of education, was a speaker at Theta Chi's '71st convention banquet in Washington, recently became president of the University of Florida. Judge Solon J. Carter, also Phi Delta Theta, and a speaker at Theta Chi's '72nd convention banquet at Indianapolis was defeated for the Republican nomination for United States senator by his fraternity brother, Senator Arthur R. Robinson.

Death Takes Third

For the third time within six months, Theta Chi mourns the death of one of its oldest members, William W. Howard, Alpha, '65, having died December 5 at Claremont, California. William Rutherford Mead, '64, and Charles Dole, '69, were chapter brothers whose deaths occurred recently. The three have played an important part in Theta Chi's history.

Brother Howard was a victim of the flu epidemic, which has been particularly severe in southern California. Burial was at Faribault, Minnesota, where he began his work as a surveyor in 1865, the year following his graduation from Norwich University. It was here that in 1871 he married Ella Jane Winter, who survives him. They would have celebrated their fifty-eighth marriage anniversary February 1.

William Woodbury Howard was born August 5, 1844, in Hallowell, Maine. His boyhood was spent in New England. When he went to Minnesota he engaged in government surveying, examining 100,000 acres of the grant to the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1871. Eleven years later he had charge of the location and disposition of a grant of swamp lands to the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railroad, now the Great Northern. He was connected with important business enterprises in that section until 1904, when he moved to California. Until his death he was actively engaged with the administration of the Grounds Department of Pomona College, Claremont, California, of which his son is the purchasing agent.

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IN THE DEATH of Charles Dole, Alpha, '69, Theta Chi Fraternity loses not merely a member who has been loyal to the principles of the organization for more than sixty years, but a man as responsible for the existence of Theta Chi today as were Freeman and Chase, its revered founders. Had it not been for this one man and his willingness to sacrifice not only his time and energy, but his personal fortune that Norwich University might live, the mother of Theta Chi would have perished and with it Theta Chi Fraternity, which then was Alpha Chapter. His memory should ever be cherished, for though Freeman and Chase were the founders of Theta Chi Fraternity, Dole was its preserver. From the time that Norwich University was moved to Northfield in 1866 and Charles Dole became a student until his death sixty-two years later his life was interwoven with the University and with Theta Chi Fraternity. As a student, as a member of the faculty, as the man who from 1873 to 1875 carried the financial burdens of the institution on his own shoulders, as acting president in 1886-87, as vice president from 1896 to 1915, and as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1915 until his death, he served his university. His life is a thoroughgoing exemplification of the motto of his and our Fraternity: "Alma Mater first, and Theta Chi for Alma Mater."

Theta Chi Interfraternity Leaders

Membership in an interfraternity council is becoming increasingly important as the interfraternity movement gains in effectiveness throughout the country. Theta Chi has taken a definite position of leadership on a number of campuses in this phase of student organization. Last year four councils had as presidents Theta Chis. This year Theta Chi claims two presidents, three vice presidents, and a treasurer.

J. Edward Cutcliffe, Alpha, is president of the Interfraternity Council at Norwich, besides being president of the senior class and president of his chapter. Robert E. Burton succeeded as president of the Interfraternity Council at Delaware Theodore S. Beck, also Alpha Xi, who was the first president of the organization. Thomas L. Blair, Pittsburg; John F. Montgomery, Hampden-Sydney; and Thomas A. Walthall, Alabama Polytechnic, are vice presidents of their respective councils. Holbrook L. Horton is treasurer at Worcester.

Theta Chi's interfraternity representatives throughout the country are: Norwich, J. Edward Cutcliffe; Massachusetts Tech, Ralph Vezin; Rensselaer, J. Edwin Beehler, Malcolm E. Smith; Worcester, Holbrook L. Horton, George L. Freeman; New Hampshire, Earl B. Batchelder, G.

Lloyd Atwood; Rhode Island State, Kenneth MacKenzie, Harold Pearson; Massachusetts Agricultural College, Arnold W. Dyer, Eric E. Singleton; Colgate, J. L. Owen.

Pennsylvania, Paul Scull; Cornell, Joseph T. Froehlich; California, John D. Phillips, Clair N. Fishell; Hampden-Sydney, John F. Montgomery, James Palmer Stover; Virginia, Charles Harrison Mann, Jr.; Dickinson, Wilbur L. Arbegast, Howard G. Bigley; Illinois, P. C. Livingston, L. K. Weadon; Oregon State, Donald Heinz; Florida, William F. Brown, Stanley Granger.

Alabama Polytechnic, Thomas A. Walthall, Haley H. Milligan; Penn State, Richard A. Geuder, Maxwell C. Suerken; Pittsburgh, Thomas L. Blair, Dean R. Shannon; Michigan, John Irving; Purdue, J. W. Van Cleave, A. E. Tarr; Stanford, L. Earl Harris, William B. Freeman; Dartmouth, J. S. Dickey; Indiana, Loren H. Brewer; West Virginia, Ashford Ayers; Ohio State, Robert J. Drake; Delaware, Robert E. Burton; Minnesota, William Copenhaver, Jr.; Oregon, Louis F. Dammasch, Carvel Nelson; Ohio, Griffith Graham; Nebraska, Alvin Goding, Harry Bull; Alabama, W. Glenn Nichols, Jr.

our brothers came back to see us.—This year brings an innovation to our chapter house—our own dining room. We all appreciate the benefits to be derived from eating in the chapter house; there is a much greater opportunity for closer union among the members, as we all get together three times a day and learn to understand each other as only brothers should. New awnings of variegated design and draperies have recently been installed, and it is with no sense of undue boasting that we say that Tau Chapter of Theta Chi has one of the finest houses on Florida's campus.

LEND HOUSE TO SORORITY

Upsilon's New Home Scene of Tea Dance
—Initiate Six, Pledge Six—
Two Play Football

(BY WILLIAM F. GRANT)

New York University, November 9.—On October 20 the Sigma Phi Beta sorority was given the use of the Upsilon home for a tea dance. All the members of the chapter were invited.—The following men were initiated by Upsilon November 7: Moulton Farnham, Herbert Arnsheimer, and George Vlack, New York City; Watson Hawley, Danbury, Connecticut; John Paris, Jersey City; and Robert Seigel, Montclair, New Jersey.—Upsilon's new pledges are: John Rankin, Richmond Hill, Long Island; Carroll Johnson, Brooklyn; Alfred Roberts, Allendale, N. J.; Thomas Lyons, Dayton, Ohio; Joel Bowen, New York City; Francis Holmes, Hoboken, N. J.—Two of Upsilon's pledges, Dillenberg and Rankin, are on the varsity football squad.—Upsilon was recently pleasantly surprised by a visit from National Vice President Lewis. Brother Lewis had many helpful suggestions for the arrangement of our new home and promised to call upon us frequently. We hope that all the Grand Chapter officers will visit us when they are in New York City for their meeting which is scheduled for the near future.—The appointments for the school proms to be held in the spring have just been announced; William Grant has been appointed chairman of the senior prom committee.

NEWS NOTES FROM CHI

(BY W. PAUL SMITH)

Alabama Polytechnic Institute, November 3.—On October 6 Chi Chapter entertained at old Auburn's Homecoming the following alumni: Revel, Rutherford, Waugh, Murphree, and Strother.—For the opening dance October 12-13-14, Walthall, who is a senior member of Social Committee, was on the decoration committee.—We are glad to welcome the following brothers from Alpha Phi for the dances: Maynard, Connell, Gray, and Pledge Mahaffey.—We are indeed sorry that Oscar Asbell and Jere Segrest withdrew from school October 1.—Edward Marty and Culpepper are on the varsity football team.—Pledge Braswell has been elected president of our pledge chapter.—We are all looking forward to spending Thanksgiving holidays in Atlanta, Georgia, where our annual football game with Georgia Tech is played.

OMEGA PLANS FOR NEW HOUSE

President Schrenk Makes Special Trip to Attend Meeting in the Wee Sma' Hours

(BY FORREST G. THOMPSON)

Pennsylvania State College, November 7.—Only eighteen men returned this year to face the problem of rushing under the new code. Co-operation netted us eleven freshmen on the scheduled eve of pledging. Within several weeks this number was raised to fifteen freshmen and one sophomore, a large class, considering that our chapter roll usually runs about thirty-five.—On October 20 many of us traveled to Philadelphia to root for our Penn State football team as the Nittany Lion pitted itself against the Red and Blue. We enjoyed greatly the excellent dance and general festivities at the Kappa chapter house that night.—The week-end following the Penn game we welcomed our alumni. Between the graduates and brothers from Syracuse, who are true followers of their team, we had a houseful. The alumni who returned are: G. W. F. Chapman, '20, John A. Ir-

win, '16, E. B. Cassel, '19, Walter B. Shaw, '21, A. F. Shoeppe, '20, G. E. Way, '27, B. W. Norton, '25, N. E. Frick, '26, E. W. C. Oermann, '22, L. H. Clouser, '25, T. H. Seltzer, '26, P. H. Marvell, '29, and T. W. Jackson, '31.—A joint meeting of alumni and actives was held at one o'clock Sunday morning, due to the late hour at which National President Frank H. Schrenk arrived. The main interest centered about plans relative to the building of a new house. President Schrenk made a hurried trip to State College from Philadelphia at midnight in order to help us get started on our building project.—The financial feasibility of different plans was discussed by President Schrenk and John Irvin, Omega, '16, resulting in the adoption of a definite program. It looks as though Omega will break ground for a new house in the spring. President Schrenk spoke to the chapter and alumni concerning Theta Chi and its notable progress during the past decade. Later he also spoke to the pledges, particularly stressing their obligation to their fraternity-to-be and the responsibility of wearing the pledge pin.

DEFERRED RUSHING A PROBLEM

Alpha Beta Was Not Prepared for Pitt's New System—Shannon Heads College Association

(BY RICHARD U. DUERR)

University of Pittsburgh, November 7.—The deferred rushing system installed here this year has given Alpha Beta Chapter quite a problem. As we had only a few pledges held over from last year and because an unusually large number of our members were graduated last spring, our membership has shrunk considerably. We are more than able, however, to hold our own during the first semester, and after the influx of new men in the second semester we expect to show some real prosperity. The assistance given us by Traveling Secretary Mitchell and a few faithful alumni has been a great help and is appreciated immensely.—Two men were initiated the first of this month: Charles H. Beam, Cumberland, Maryland, and Ivan C. Weaver, Pitcairn. The former devotes his

spare time to instructing swimming classes for the University, while Weaver attends night-school and works during the day on the Cathedral of Learning now under construction.—Thomas Blair, Dent, '30, is at present vice-president of the Interfraternity Council, and it will be only a short time before he is its president. Dean Shannon, Col. '30, is president of the College Association and manager of the freshman basketball team, with a fine opportunity of becoming varsity manager by the time the season gets started. Harrison Wood, Col. '31, is on the varsity swimming team and holds the scholastic fancy diving honors for northwestern Pennsylvania. For the first time in quite a few years we have a member on the staff of the university yearbook, Fred L. Bishop, Jr., Col. '30. On the track team is Morland Phillips, E. '30, a steady performer last year.—Our first dance of the year was October 13. As the annual West Virginia-Pitt football game took place the same day we invited Alpha Kappa brothers as our guests, but none of them appeared. Nevertheless the dance was well attended, many alumni being present.—We have instituted a new pastime here that has become very popular with the fellows. We placed a couple of iron pipes the proper distance apart in the back yard, procured some horseshoes, and now we have some very rousing games of "barnyard golf." Some of the boys have developed into mighty good shots.—We have as boarders here two alumni of other chapters: F. E. Goodrich, Psi, and Ralph C. Pfenning, Kappa. Goodrich travels for the Fort Wayne Paper Box Company, and Pfenning for the Campbell Soup Company.

HAVE FINE ACTIVITY RECORDS

Alpha Epsilon Pledges Are Well Started On Campus Careers Due to Long Deferred Pledging

(BY DAVID H. MOREY)

Stanford University, November 2.—James Penfield, 29, and David Morey, '29, are again training with the swimming squad. Muirson Wright, after his absence of a year, is giving the varsity first base-