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No school for normal youth can escape the duty to develop the intellectual approach to life and train the mind as a means for personal enjoyment and as a solver of problems. Unfortunately, when we come to view America's vast system of tax-supported secondary education, we are bound, I fear, to admit that, with all it has to its credit, it is not fulfilling its duty to the mind. . . . Its greatest weakness has come from playing down academic scholarship . . . in favor of universality at a level of intellectual aptitudes adjusted to a common denominator.

*President Harold Dodds*

**Princeton University**



Member of the National  
Interfraternity Conference

## Loyalty Fund

The Loyalty Fund for 1953 is the biggest ever in the history of our fraternity. It is still open to those alumni who have forgotten to send in their addressed envelope. There is still plenty of time to get your share in the future of KDR for 1953.

Two big projects remain to be done:

1. A rushing booklet to be used by all chapters should be ready by rushing season.
2. A vigorous scholarship program should be set up in the chapters to prevent the casualties of 1952-53.

Your contribution will help greatly in these two areas where help is most needed now. In addition it will aid in the development of strong alumni associations to work with the actives in these two problems.

Send your contribution to Walter E. Garman, Sr., 3513 St. James Road, Baltimore 7, Md. Do it now before you forget again.

## A New Chapter

Psi Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho was installed at Lycoming College on May 30, 1953. A full report, together with pictures of the event, will be published in the fall issue of the Quill and Scroll. Be sure to watch for the details of our newest 'baby' at Lycoming.

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### THE COVER

*Prof. John D. Raymond, director of music, passes the Hodges Memorial Trophy, emblematic of step-singing supremacy, to Donald Stiles, director of the winning team from Rho Chapter at Lafayette College. The boys from Kappa Delta Rho won out over singing groups from sixteen other fraternities and campus organizations*

Don C. Wolfe—EDITOR

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# *Regional Conclaves Prove Useful*

## **Sixteen Chapters Represented At Annual Conferences**

An institution of Kappa Delta Rho, that is what the Regional Conferences have become after several years of very successful operation. Inaugurated to fill in the interim between regular conventions, the regional conference has proved itself for several reasons.

First, the opportunity afforded to actives to visit with and confer with members of other chapters has proved invaluable to many delegates to the regional conference who would not otherwise have a chance to see their fraternity nationally. Conventions usually have one delegate and one alternate from each chapter. Conferences usually have many more delegates than that.

Second, the opportunity to exchange ideas is more easily presented at the regional conference. Usually the group breaks up into sections, each discussing a phase of fraternity operation or life. This gives, with several delegates from each chapter, an opportunity for representatives to attend each section and exchange ideas with other actives from all chapters.

Third, the regional conference gives more actives an opportunity to take part in discussion of current fraternity problems. While actives generally are fairly well informed about affairs of their houses, the intricate running of the house is usually left to the top officers. Top officers may be, and usually are, upper classmen, and the most efficient use of the regional conference is to use it as a train-

ing ground for those who will return the next year. Thus, more and more actives take part in and become educated in the operations of a chapter. Their wisdom is very often a challenge to others who will assume high positions in their chapters in the years ahead.

### **PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE**

The fifth annual Pacific Coast Conclave convened at the Sigma Chapter house on January 31. The five-man delegation from Upsilon was headed by Ken Griffin, consul, while the group from Lambda was lead by John Roberts, house manager. Also from Lambda and presiding over the weekend was Jim Ritch, West Coast Field Secretary.

Both Friday and Saturday nights the delegation was entertained by varsity basketball games between Oregon State College and the University of Oregon. Late Saturday evening a rousing punch party was given by the hosts to help cement good relations.

Saturday morning, Jim Ritch met with individual groups interested in rushing, house finance, alumni relations, and other house problems. At this time Brother Ritch spoke on "The Fraternity System as a Whole", and "Problems of the National Offices."

Sunday at one o'clock a formal dinner officially terminated the conclave. Everyone left feeling that much had been accomplished and that the three chapters on the Pacific Coast were more united in our traditional fraternity code and spirit.

### **THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE**

Theta Chapter at Purdue University was host to the 1953 Mid-

# For Exchange of Chapter Ideas

west Conclave in the chapter house on the Lafayette campus. Held on March 14, the Conclave had representatives attend from all midwest chapters, Kappa at Ohio State, Franklin College Epsilon, Eta at University of Illinois, and Indiana University Nu Chapter, besides the host chapter. Presiding over the Conclave was Jim Manka, consul of Theta Chapter. National executive-secretary Don Wolfe and Gordon Eldredge, member of the Board of Directors, attended.

Individual group discussions and round tables were held on rushing, public relations and alumni relations, chapter house finance, and social activities. Out of the former discussion group a resolution was drafted to be sent to the National requesting that a standard rushing booklet be set up for the use of all chapters. The request in the resolution also asked that such a booklet be completed in time for the fall rush season, if possible.

## THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

Pi Chapter at Gettysburg College was host to the 1953 Eastern Conclave the weekend of March 28. Because of the lack of space in the house for a large conference, meetings were held in the Christian Union building of the college. Delegates from eight chapters attended the group meetings. Represented were Alpha of Middlebury, Beta of Cornell, Delta of Colgate, Zeta of Penn State, Iota of Bucknell, Rho of Lafayette, Psi Colony of Lycoming and the host chapter, Pi.

Suggestions at some of the group meetings were of interest not only to the actives but to alumni who try to keep informed of the strides being made in the chapters. Emphasis was on cooperation, and

delegates concerned themselves with attempts to solve problems of their brother chapters. The report shows the type of problem generally concerning the chapters.

## RUSH

Rushing methods, while adequate, could be improved by the addition of several materials and methods.

1. A national rush booklet would aid many chapters in getting information to rushees.

2. Pamphlets of a local nature could be taken care of by a house in need of them. The Lambda Rush Booklet was praised as a concise and efficient example of what could be done on a local basis.

3. Houses should develop a form to keep a record of rushees. Interests, especially, should be recorded for future action of the rush committee and members of the chapter.

## SCHOLARSHIP

To fulfill the scholarship plank of the national aims of Kappa Delta Rho the following suggestions were recorded by the conclave:

1. Tutors should be appointed by the chapter to work with members in particular subjects.

2. All brothers should take an interest in the scholarship of the chapter. While their first responsibility is their own scholarship they should take an active interest in helping other members.

## PLEDGES

To further the inter-chapter relations of pledges and make them more cosmopolitan, pledge trips to other chapters were suggested as a means of educating pledges in the national organization of their



fraternity. To make the trips more productive, delegates brought forward the following:

1. Pledge trips should be planned ahead so as to coincide with the social calendar of the chapter visited.

2. Pledges should have some project, such as bringing back chapter songs, etc. This will give them a knowledge of the chapter visited.

3. All pledge projects should be completed before initiation.

4. Informal initiation should be used as a preparation for the formal initiation. Integration should be as high as possible between informal and formal initiations. The attitudes of all brothers should be pointed to the value of initiation time.

## ALUMNI RELATIONS

Suggestions for keeping in close contact with alumni were many. Among those most frequently mentioned and which the meeting endorsed were:

1. Personal letters.

2. Invitations to return to the house. These should be as informal and as personal as possible.

3. The scheduling of special events for the alumni.

4. The establishing of traditions and traditional functions which the alumni consider their own.

While the formation of auxiliary organizations did not strictly fall under alumni relations it was discussed at this section meeting. If at all possible a chapter should sponsor two organizations and one yearly affair in this category.

1. A mothers' club.

2. A fathers' club.

3. Parents' Day. Where the college does not sponsor such an affair the chapter should sponsor it on its own. Be sure to have the parents eat at least one meal in the chapter house.

## INTER-CHAPTER RELATIONS

Delegates were enthusiastic about improving inter-chapter relations. Suggestions were specific and concrete since the delegates felt that much could be done in addition to the regional conclaves.

1. Each chapter was urged to send out a social calendar at the beginning of the fall semester to all chapters and the national office. Delegates felt that it was important to invite brother KDR's in other schools as well as other fraternities on the same campus.

2. Rho chapter volunteered to make arrangements for inter-chapter softball. Other sports will follow, in season.

3. Plans for inter-chapter exchange dinners were tentatively drawn up. Because the school year was nearly over it was deemed best to try to inaugurate the program in the fall of 1953.

4. Monthly chapter letters were suggested by the conclave. Delegates hoped to have their chapters inaugurate a news letter particularly for other chapters so that news could be exchanged more frequently than in the alumni bulletins.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Beta Chapter, which just recently acquired a new house, will be host to the Eastern Regional in 1954. Kappa has volunteered to have the Midwest Regional next year. Both are planning for a large conclave in preparation for the even-year convention.

## TO REPRESENT KDR

LaVerne S. Severance, Sigma '26, and former member of the Board of Directors, will represent KDR at the Inter-Fraternity Luncheon of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Conclave in Portland, Oreg., September 9th.

## *Financing a New House May Be Done Under 100 per cent Loan*

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Actives of several chapters have asked for full information concerning the building of a new house under the Federal Housing Act. While the information could have been passed on to the chapters in The Sentry, alumni of these chapters are also vitally concerned with the problem, too. Their study of the possibilities of using the Housing Act as a source of funds for the construction of a new house on their campus may open up an avenue of approach they had not investigated. We therefore print here a rather full explanation of the basic factors entering into the granting of a loan for the building of a fraternity house.

A recent law makes it possible to finance the construction of fraternity houses with a 100% loan to cover the cost of land, building, and all costs connected therewith, with payment of the loan spread over a period of not to exceed 40 years, and with interest at approximately 3% a year. The law is under Title IV of the Housing Act of 1950 (P.L. 475, 81st Congress) approved April 20, 1950.

The loans will be made only to public or private institutions of higher learning (not fraternity building corporations) and then only if loans under comparable terms cannot be obtained elsewhere. The loans for the immediate present must establish defense relationships such as expanded ROTC training programs at the institution; need of housing facilities due to defense related contract programs, expanded training

facilities in fields important to national defense such as engineering, medical or dental schools; or that sufficient housing is unavailable for faculty or students due to demands for housing in Critical Defense Housing Areas. The defense relationship will be relaxed in the future as that becomes less critical.

It is suggested that fraternities endeavor to interest university administrators in this program as it is a splendid plan. Application for loans and further information pertaining thereto can be obtained by writing or interviewing the Director, Public Works, Planning Division, Community Facilities Service of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, Office of the Administrator, Washington 25, D. C., or one of eight regional offices located in any one of the following cities: New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City, Fort Worth, San Francisco, or Seattle, and requesting information regarding the College Housing Program. Payments for principal and interest on these loans amortized over a period of 40 years would amount to approximately \$43.77 annually for each \$1,000 of the original loan. After a fraternity building has been constructed by a university, it can be sold to a fraternity corporation by virtue of a contract for a deed or 99-year lease with an option to purchase whereby title will remain in the university until the loan is paid and until the university is paid in full.

(Information from *The Fraternity Month*, author, Ray C. Thomas)



## *With the Chapters*

### **Sigma Entertains Highschool Seniors**

Guests at Sigma Chapter for the weekend of April 24 and 25 included 22 highschool seniors, visiting Oregon State for the annual Senior Weekend festivities. Keith Robinson, newly elected consul, along with the other actives, entertained the boys royally while they were on the campus, and were so impressed with them that they invited 21 of them back for Freshmen Weekend in the fall.

Keith succeeds Don Duncan, who took over the duties of West Coast Field Secretary when duty called for Jim Ritch in Uncle Sam's Army.

### **NEW ADVISER**



**DR. GAIL SHANNON**

New faculty adviser of Phi Chapter at the University of Oklahoma is Dr. Gail Shannon of the Department of Education.

### **Parents' Registration High at Penn State**

Thirty-seven parents registered at Zeta Chapter for the annual Parents' Day on the Penn State campus May 2. This was one of the highest registrations ever made at the KDR house on the campus, according to Tom Pyle, newly-elected consul.

A program set up by the entertainment committee kept the parents busy both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday afternoon, both football and baseball games were held in the stadium, to which interested parents could go. Many departments of the university held open house, and many parents attended these with their sons, to meet instructors and view some of the equipment. An informal card party was held at the house in the evening.

Dinner Saturday evening was a gala affair with more than 70 dinners being served to guests and actives. Breakfast Sunday was informal, but the weekend came to a climax with a Sunday dinner after chapel. Parents expressed their great enthusiasm with the hospitality of the chapter during a most successful weekend.

### **Rho Entertains Sub-freshmen**

Rho Chapter at Lafayette was host on April 25 to eighteen high school students, visiting the college for the annual Sub-freshman Day. Both lunch and dinner were served in the chapter house and most of the visitors "sacked out" in the house dormitory until the next day.

The visitors, during the day,



## Step-singing Winners



Always a bridegroom, never a bride! At least until 1953, when the KDR's at Lafayette shook off the runner-up jinx to win the traditional step-singing in 'Front of Old Pardee'. Victory was doubly sweet for it was Parents' Day at the college. In front, Don Stiles, director. First row: Glover, Cope, Wellington, Graham, Deininger and Mason. Second row: Pfeffer, Hansen, Wild, Winship, Mander, Versacci and Gay. Many of the chorus are members of the famous Lafayette choir.

went on a tour of the campus, met with admissions officers, and heard members of the faculty explain the various courses offered. In the evening a dance was held in their honor in the gymnasium.

For their part of the program Rho Chapter gave the students a taste of fraternity life at Lafayette. Dinner in the evening was followed by an informal conference. Don Wolfe, national executive-secretary, spoke to the group on the history and purposes of fraternities. Consul E. Richards Griffiths gave a resume of the system of selection used at Lafayette College in fraternities, as well as explaining in detail the system of costs of various services maintained by the chapter.

## Iota Hopes To Burn Mortgage

Roy P. Jackman '49, Donald E. Wagner '27, and Frank Drout '45, of the Iota Bucknell Chapter Building Fund Committee have been busy as bees this spring trying to fulfill the goal set up by the committee, that of burning the mortgage on the Chapter House at Bucknell by June 6, the date of the annual Symposium.

Prior to Symposium 1952 the outstanding indebtedness to the Iota Corporation was \$5,300. To clear this amount up in a year's time would be a Herculean task, but Jackman is confident that it can be done by June 6, 1953.

It is no longer a secret that the

chapter has acquired an acre lot on the hill, adjacent to the campus. Plans for a new house are under way and an alumnus, Joseph Gardner, '25, has offered to build the house at cost. As soon as the mortgage is burned on the old house the Corporation is planning to proceed with erection of a new and up to date house on the hill. The present drive to erase the mortgage means much to the future building plans of Iota.

## Bowling Champions



Besides singing their way to campus fame, Rho Chapter also knocked over all comers in the campus bowling league. The winning team included: front row—Ken Wright and Bob Sweeney; back row—Howard Deardorff, Frank Kuk and Charles Fickinger.

## Theta Presents Black Magic Formal

By Tom Strohl, '53

Theta Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho at Purdue, in conjunction with Phi Kappa, presented their annual Black Magic Formal on March 28 at the KDR house. One hundred twenty couples danced to the mu-

sic of Wendy Swartz and his orchestra. Honored guests were Lt. and Mrs. Donald A. Heberling, Prof. and Mrs. Walter F. Edgell, Prof. and Mrs. Mart I. Lowler, Prof. and Mrs. W. O. Satterley, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Botkin.

The decorations followed the Black Magic theme with the orchestra playing behind a large spider web. A large iron kettle containing a mysterious boiling liquid hung in the fireplace. The mantle was decorated with old books of sorcery generously covered with cobwebs. Serving on the decorations committee were brothers John Winters, Paul Santangini, and Dan Nesbitt.

## Rho Chapter Observes 25th Anniversary

A dinner commemorating the 25th anniversary of the granting of Rho Chapter's charter in Kappa Delta Rho was held in the chapter house on the Lafayette campus on May 23. Many alumni, including several of the charter members, returned to help the chapter celebrate the occasion.

The banquet was served in the dining room of the chapter by the house chef. Following dinner, a short program was held to commemorate the anniversary. W. Carson Wallace, '28, and treasurer of the Rho house corporation for many years was presented with a gift in recognition of his long and faithful service to the chapter and the corporation.

After the program the annual alumni meeting was held. Although it was pointed out that Rho alumni interest was quite high a program to make every alumnus active was discussed. Also following the treasurer's report a more vigorous program of alumni help was pro-

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## *With the Alumni*

### **Hill Elected Treasurer of Dravo**

Clifford A. Hill, Zeta '23, of 724 Osage Road, Mount Lebanon, Pittsburgh, Pa., was elected treasurer of the Dravo Corporation at a meeting of the directors on April 15.

Brother Hill became assistant auditor of Dravo in 1929. He was elected controller in 1944. He is also a director of Union Barge Line Corporation and its subsidiary, Southern Transfer Company; secretary and director of Fullerton-Portsmouth Bridge Company, and secretary of Dravo-Doyle Company.

He is director and past-president of the Pittsburgh Control, Controllers Institute of America and a member of American Institute of Accountants and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



CLIFFORD A. HILL

### **Portland Alumni Elect Officers**

The Portland (Oreg.) Alumni Association met on May 15th and elected Alan H. Howk, Sigma '48, president. Others elected were Ervin Thoreson, Sigma '45, secretary, and John Akers, Sigma '49, treasurer.

Perhaps the year's activities can best be described by Alan Howk, the new president, who writes: "The Portland Alumni Association has operated on a catch-as-catch-can basis for the entire post-war period. Most meetings have been engineered by the active chapter. No dues have been levied; I think, elections had been held. Operating as landlord to Sigma Chapter has been solely and unsupported.—Vern Severance. (For twenty years he's done this job easily, uncomplainingly, and excellently.)

"Early this year, Don Duncan, consul of the chapter, as we put it, 'functioned'. From the active chapter he set up an alumni meeting in Portland. Attendance was fair; there were nearly as many alums as actives. Roger Sherman and I were delegated to chairman a 'last-gasp' meeting for this month. We did so, using phone and mail canvass. The meeting was held Friday night (the 15th) in a hotel banquet room. The alumni outnumbered the actives. At last!

"We have something in common; we are so constructed that we will summon, quietly and stubbornly, the brethren to meetings regularly. I think that the Portland Alumni Association can now use that name without blushing. We now have \$23 and we're in business to stay".



Orvis Nelson often takes his wife and kids along on inspection and sales trips, which may last for weeks and crisscross the earth. Even the Raggedy Ann he carries has been around the world.

## The Daring Young Men of Transocean

By RICHARD THRUENSEN

A Transocean pilot may find that his tribesmen passengers have built a fire on the plane floor, or that his ship is being tilted by up-and-down Moslem prayers. But so far the fly-anything-anywhere boys have logged over half a billion passenger miles, with only three bad crashes.

Orvis M. Nelson, Franklin '32, as president of Transocean Air Lines, found himself the hero in a series of articles in the Saturday Evening Post of last August. The picture with the last installment showed Brother Nelson with his whole family off to some far corner of the world.



Alan, one of the most zealous alumni workers of Sigma, will see that the Portland Alumni Association will function for the coming year. From his past accomplishments, KDR can be sure of that.

## **Ensinger Transferred To Milwaukee**

Ferd B. Ensinger, Middlebury '45, and former executive-secretary of Kappa Delta Rho, has been transferred to the Milwaukee office of the Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company and placed in charge of college recruitment there.

He resigned his position as executive-secretary in 1951 to go with Northwestern. He was stationed in the New York office.

He is still active in the fraternity, being an alternate director on the Board.

## **Indiana State Day**

The Antlers Hotel in Indianapolis was the scene of the annual Indiana State Day on Saturday, April 11, and despite a cold rain more than 150 KDR's and their beautiful guests attended the ball held that evening. The ball was preceded by a KDR stag dinner.

Epsilon Chapter from Franklin walked off with all honors at the dinner, being awarded the scholarship trophy for Indiana and then they made it a clean sweep by winning the skit competition which followed the dinner. Consuls from Theta, Epsilon and Nu Chapters each presented yearly reports of chapter activities; Jim Manka, Jim Axelberg, and Tom Reeder reporting for their chapters respectively. All reported a successful year of rushing and finances.

Dorothy Eckert, University of Illinois junior and national sweet-

heart, was guest of honor at the ball. Wearing a corsage of KDR red roses on a shimmering blue formal, she was the center of attraction during the evening for both actives and alumni guests.

Worth Bennett, president of the Indianapolis Alumni Association, presided and presented Miss Eckert with a jewel case and chatelaine, gifts from the national, and an armful of red roses from the I.A.A. The jewel case was suitably inscribed to denote Miss Eckert's rank in the KDR picture for 1953. Miss Carol Mitchell of Indiana University was the 1952 sweetheart.

President Bennett expressed regret that the actives outnumbered the alumni. He is planning a full program for the alumni association for the coming year and hopes to get some worthwhile project started to which the large group of alumni in and around Indianapolis can contribute.

## **MacKenzie Promoted In Korea**

Colin S. MacKenzie, Theta '52, has been promoted to sergeant with the I Corps in Korea. A Kentucky National Guard unit, the battalion arrived in Korea in December, 1951. Brother MacKenzie entered the Army in September 1951 and after basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, was transferred to Korea in July 1952. The unit has taken part in some of the most bitter fighting in Korea.

Colin is a computer with the Headquarters Battery of the 623rd Field Artillery Battalion. He is the son of Mrs. H. C. MacKenzie, 1149 St. Joseph St., Gary, Ind. His wife, Margaret Ann, lives at 5560 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

## North Jersey Alumni Meet To Organize

More than forty KDR's and their wives met on May 16th in the Orange Room of Pal's Cabin, West Orange, N. J. and started a movement to organize a North Jersey alumni association. Craig Kennedy, Rho '41, was the prime organizer of the movement and he was ably supported and egged on by several of the wives of members. Almost single-handed he sent out invitations, personal follow-ups, and made arrangements for the dinner. It was voted unanimously that he had done such an excellent job that he continue as chairman.

Guests of the association included Dr. Robert G. Crosen, vice-president of KDR, and Don Wolfe, executive-secretary. Both were called on for remarks following the dinner. Congratulations on the primary success of the Jersey venture were offered by them and many of the alumni attending.

Brother Kennedy expressed the hope, following the initial meeting, that attendance could be doubled for the next meeting, possibly some time in the fall. With a potential membership of more than 200 he hopes that attendance at dinner meetings can be built up to 50 or more members, excluding wives.

He also hopes that in time the organization can grow to include all of Jersey. Many difficulties of Jersey transportation are being solved with the completion of the Turnpike and the Parkway, and the possibility of overcoming traffic congestion is now better than ever. A strong Jersey alumni association can be built and Brother Kennedy is determined to do it. It would aid those chapters who draw many of their members from

this area, namely: Pi and Rho chapters. Other chapters who draw some of their members from this area would also be aided by a strong alumni association.

## Help! Help!

The last issue of the Quill and Scroll was returned from the following alumni. Anyone having any information concerning their present addresses please communicate with Quill and Scroll, R. D. #2, Stockton, N. J.

Herbert E. Avery, Alpha '38  
Leslie Balmain, Phi '52  
M. Russell Blythe, Gamma '44  
Charles S. Brown, Jr., Nu '48  
Ross W. Bruner, Phi '52  
Frederick D. Call, Xi '36  
Frederick W. Campbell, Mu '34  
Dean Clair, Lambda '49  
Cecil C. Edwards, Epsilon '51  
Dr. Charles G. Embleton, Eta '32  
G. S. Fachinger, Theta '27  
Harry D. French, Lambda '45  
Wayne A. Gallagher, Gamma '50  
Harold L. Geisert, Eta '29  
Chandler A. Gibson, Kappa '29  
Reed A. Giese, Nu '41  
Kenneth W. Griffin, Upsilon '54  
Abram V. Haight, III, Xi '34  
Earle W. Sindes, Alpha '28  
George R. Hudson, Gamma '43  
Richard D. Jenkins, Kappa '51  
Joseph E. Johnson, Eta '40  
Raymond L. Jones, Omicron '30  
Dana A. Jordan, Xi '33  
John R. Kailer, Kappa '47  
Harold C. Kelshaw, Delta '34  
Phillip M. Kilmister, Xi '55  
Warren K. Kingsley, Rho '53  
James Kolbe, Gamma '28  
Arnold K. LaForce, Alpha '35  
Lewis L. LaRae, Upsilon '51  
William L. Latta, Tau '37  
N. J. MacDonald, Zeta '26  
Jack M. Maki, Kappa '52  
William K. Manley, Delta '41  
Carl T. Mitchell, Gamma '42  
John E. Nye, Beta '44  
Robert R. Oliver, Delta '35  
*(List concluded on page thirteen)*



## The 1953 Convention

The 1953 or odd-year Convention will be held in the New York area, Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22. Definite plans as to place and agenda will be mailed to all chapter consuls, alumni corporations and alumni associations.

Chapters, alumni corporations and alumni associations may send delegates to the off-year Convention at their own expense. A proxy, as authorized by the constitution, giving a Board Member the authority to cast the required ballots will be issued to all organizations entitled to it. Copies of resolutions to come before the Convention will be sent to all chapter consuls. The constitution cannot be amended at an odd-year Convention, sometimes referred to as The Paper Convention.

## Rushing Help

Scholarship declined sharply in most colleges this past year. It is neither efficient nor according to the true purposes of KDR to disregard such an omen. Alumni can aid greatly with the new pledge class this fall by sending in the names of any good men from their home towns who may be good material for a scholarly pledge class in the fall of '53.

Since it would be rather complicated to print the names of the rush chairmen here, alumni are asked to send in the names of any prospects to the national office of Kappa Delta Rho, R. D. #2, Stockton, N. J. We will see that your names reach the proper persons, but be sure to specify the name of the college the prospect has enrolled in. The actives will

appreciate your suggestions greatly, and will follow each one up very closely.

Remember—a post card is sufficient.

## HELP!

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Donald A. Ramsdell, Alpha '28  
Dr. Wm. R. Rogers, Gamma '34  
Irving R. Rutkin, Epsilon '39  
Thomas C. Sloane, Zeta '47  
Charles L. Smith, Nu '52  
Charles T. Spangler, Zeta '22  
Richard L. Treat, Alpha '41  
Fred. S. VanBuren, Alpha '50  
Thomas E. Vassar, III, Tau '39  
Byron A. Wagener, Pi '52  
John S. Walter, Beta '33  
Harold M. Webber, Jr.,  
Gamma '47  
Jack R. Zahn, Rho '33  
Herbert F. Zinsmeister,  
Theta '44

## ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK

### FRATERNITY EDUCATION

At an informal meeting of high school students at Sub-freshman Day at Lafayette College the question was asked "How many of you have received any instruction or information concerning fraternities in general in your high schools?" Not one hand went up. A few admitted that they had had some slight information about specific fraternities from a parent or relative.

The situation here is the same as it is all over the country. High school teachers, especially the women, are totally uninformed about fraternities or the part that they play on many campuses. They also, in many cases, shy away from the subject because the uninformed public has made a controversial issue of it. As a result most college entrants enter college with no knowledge that would enable them to make an intelligent decision.

In general the fraternity population in a college where fraternities are located totals from 20% to 80% of the student body. Where it runs as high as 80% one finds college rooming able to take care of freshmen only; where it is but 20% one finds more adequate dormitory facilities. It is vital to the entrant to know just what decision he will have to make in joining or not joining.

College population today is mainly a matter of housing. The administrator of a great mid-western university states that admissions are dependent upon a grand total of all housing facilities, dormitories, fraternities and available private rooms. A uni-

versity cannot afford to admit a student and then not be able to house him when he arrives. It is as simple as that.

Those who use the frustration argument should study the situation more, or just use plain common sense in judging campus situations. In one college 80% of the students will necessarily have to be 'frustrated' while in another but 20% will be thus educationally 'warped'. Since the average of students uninterested in fraternities is about 40% it would seem that in some colleges 20% were being frustrated by having to join to get housing. Sufficient information would condition them to the situation they might find on a campus.

Just how a program would be worked out is problematical. It is mainly a matter of education, education of the high school authorities, education of the public. Too many of these things are taken for granted. The facts should be given to the college entrant. They will surely eliminate many misunderstandings.

### EXPANSION

Too often one hears the remark from some active or alumnus "Can't we get more chapters?" As if all we had to do was just to visit a campus, express our desire to see Kappa Delta Rho there, and presto! it is done.

We have just added a new chapter, Psi, to the rolls. Its installation was a concerted effort of actives, alumni and national office after almost a year and a half of chapter pledgship. It is no overnight job, this job of expansion. One can't sit back and



wait for George to do it.

Two chapter possibilities have been suggested recently. With the cooperation of everyone either or both might jell. Local KDR's must take an active part in the expansion program, for no sporadic attention from afar can replace the day to day personal contact of local men.

KDR can expand—but only with the help of local active chapters and alumni. We have the manpower to do it but the push is sometimes missing. We can supply that push with a few minutes time a day.

Any active or alumnus is invited to write about expansion at any time. Suggestions and follow-ups will result from definite leads but they must be more than a shot in the dark. We can take care of two good colonies right now. Who will help us get them?

## THE ANSWER?

After four years of club-Utopianism at Princeton all is not well. Said the Daily Princetonian this spring, "These men (the ones who had difficulty getting into clubs), though they had excellent highschool grades, did not have a social background which would fit them into the Princeton system". They added, "Were they informed of the nature of the club system?"

The solution, they said, was more alumni screening committees, especially in the New York-New Jersey Metropolitan area where many of the problems come from.

In our humble thinking, the screening will have to be nearly perfect if any 100% club system is to function without any duds. Theoretically, every college student should be a candidate for

a club or a fraternity. Unfortunately no such system of admission to any university now exists which screens the entrant to this extent, that he would automatically fit into any group on campus. If it would, perhaps the school would be accused of snobbishness.

Those who voted for 100% club admission in Princeton have now graduated. Perhaps their idealism has come to plague their successors who inherited the problems as well as the idealism. Your editor has not yet found any system, even that at Princeton, which makes each and every student an acceptable member of a social group. Princeton may find the solution to the problem. We will sit on the side-lines and watch with interest, human nature being what it is.

## AGAINST DEFERMENT

I have before me a copy of The Quill and Scroll, Winter 1951. The inside front page contains a statement by Colonel Daniel O. Omer, the last sentence of which is "Always conduct yourselves, both on and off the campus, in such a way that these parents can accept the sound principle that our survival requires the deferment from military service of students who are training to be of greater value to their country." Myself, I would say "the unsound principle", as I do not believe favored groups of any kind are going to help the structure and moral fibre of our country or of mankind in general, and this is especially true when these favored groups can be determined by groups or individuals very likely to be partial in their treatment.

Draft boards might possibly be

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# Chapter Eternal

## Dr. A. C. Schmitt, Sigma Hon.

Dr. Alfred C. Schmitt, Sigma Honorary, passed away on April 4, 1952 at his home in San Anselmo, Calif. He was buried in Albany, Oregon.

At the time of his death Brother Schmitt was Director of San Quentin prison. Previous to that he was educational supervisor in the prison. Before going to Oregon State College as professor of economics he held a similar position at Pacific College in Forest Grove.

His wife, Orpha J., and two sons, Lawrence F., Sigma '28, and Roland A., Sigma '37, survive.

## Herbert E. Pedlow, Theta '23

Herbert E. Pedlow, Purdue '23, died of a heart attack on June 15, 1952. Brother Pedlow was one of the founders and charter members of Theta Chapter at Purdue University.

At the time of his death he was chief engineer of the Carl Geupel Construction Company of Indianapolis, where he resided. He is survived by his wife Margaret and one daughter, Eleanor.

## Harvey C. Fenner, Gamma '25

The death of Harvey C. Fenner, New York State Teachers '25, has been reported to the national office. No details are available. Brother Fenner was a science teacher and assistant principal of the Falconer (N. Y.) High School.

## Chapter Natal

Lloyd Farrar, Nu '49, is the proud father of a son Jim, born in June 1952.

## AGAINST DEFERMENT

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considered in the nature of a necessary evil, but to extend their function to college faculties seems to be, to me, neither necessary nor desirable. The basis of physical deferment which has always been used is probably necessary, although even here no doubt some cheating has been done. However, I firmly believe that any decent basis of equality of treatment would preclude deferment of college students because they were supposed to be a better grade of horseflesh than just ordinary people.

I am very much surprised that Kappa Delta Rho should consider Colonel Omer's statement worthy of printing in The Quill and Scroll.

W. A. Geiger, Rho '32  
Ellensburg, Wash.

## 25th ANNIVERSARY

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posed so that a surplus fund of some proportion could be built up for future emergencies. Alumni present expressed the belief that the present surplus, while sufficient for sound operation, was not sufficient for any great emergencies.

Reports pointed out that Rho Chapter was in sound financial status as well as ranking high on the campus in scholarship. New officers of the chapter were presented and gave reports of the chapter's activities during the past year.

Continuation of a strong public relations program was indicated by the new officers. They also lauded the results of the Chapter Postcard as gleaned from alumni interest in this form of chapter news.



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