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IFC NEWS: COEDS BUT NO MERGER

by Don Hunt

Two very important issues have come before the Case IFC since the last newsletter. The first was to strike the word male from all IFC rush rules, so that Case coeds could be rushed, given a bid, pledged, and initiated. The motion was put on the floor by Sigma Alpha Mu after being considered at a SAM national convention where it received a little better than fifty percent approval. While a two-thirds approval is needed to change the SAM national by-laws, the above response is indicative that this issue is well on its way to being adopted by the SAM national.

The motion was discussed at length among Case fraternity members both in and outside meetings. The president of the alumni IFC and many of the fraternity field consultants were also present at the meetings to provide guidance. The motion finally passed with a 19-3 vote. This does not mean to say that most of the fraternities want to rush coeds, but rather that Case fraternities were not opposed to coed rush by SAM. To my knowledge this matter has been cleared with the SAM national and the deans to try as an experiment. So it is possible that there may be pledge sisters as well as pledge brothers in the SAM pledge class next fall.

The second issue of major importance brought before the IFC was the motion to merge Case and Adelbert IFCs. This has been discussed since the federation but has never come as close to passing as it did one month ago. When the motion was brought up in IFC it was decided to take a referendum of all Case fraternity members, with 3/4 being set as the majority for the merger to pass. The referendum showed 64% in favor, not enough to pass, but enough to show that this issue drew a substantial amount of support. An interesting note is that the merger was stopped by just two large
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Case Old Main will be torn down this summer.

INTERSESSION ACTIVITY

by Robert Gann

Intersession for the 1971 school year occurred during January and almost all members of Delta Alpha made special plans for the month. These varied greatly, ranging from month long jobs to formal coursework and long trips. Relieved of the pressure of grades and final exams, however, almost all students had more time to participate in social activities.

Probably the most unique experience during Intersession was a trip to Mexico by Eric Snyder, Bob Kramer, and Ted Swanson. The trio spent a week in Acapulco and then two weeks in Mexico City. Since Bob Kramer was able to speak Spanish they were able to get away from the normal tourist areas in Mexico. Throughout the trip they kept the house informed with a constant flow of postcards which were quite solicitous about the January weather the brothers stuck in Cleveland were enduring.

Not all brothers, however, were able to spend the month in such an exciting way. Chris Clautice went home to work at York College of York, Pennsylvania

ALUMNI INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

by Alumnus John Shields

At the start of the current academic year, the Alumni Interfraternity Council was reactivated for the purpose of providing guidance and support for the policies and programs of the undergraduate IFC.

A major area of discussion has been the proposed merger of the Adelbert and Case fraternity systems. The general consensus has been to support the will of the fraternity system as expressed by the recent referendum on merger.

Although the AIFC is now in the rebuilding stage, we expect it to become a vital and worthwhile force in fraternity life at CWRU.

as a registration aid. In spite of missing the social activities at CWRU the month was not a hardship for him as he was near his fiance Dallas DiLeo.

Several brothers spent the month in studies. Rick Hagle busied himself with a project on "Thermodynamic Effects of
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A WORD FROM THE COLLEGIATE CHAPTER COMMANDER



Manpower. That seems to be a fraternity problem all over the country. Getting the men, good men, interested in the life style we have to offer just isn't as easy as it once was. The Chapter started this semester with 13 pledges, and we've maintained 11, with initiation planned for the first part of May. This means we will be losing about four or five men overall next year (we have some returning seniors). The House will still be full, and with the Case IFC beginning to relax its rush rules, we can look forward to improved rushes for some time. The only obstacle left is the rising cost of attending Case, but we can't do anything about that!

Speaking of costs, proposals are in the works to decrease the cost of living in a Case owned fraternity house. At present we pay the regular room and board fee, plus our monthly house bill. If things go well enough, we may soon do our own cooking again, and perhaps our own housework. Can you picture the Brothers with dust-mops?

Sometimes, in the Newsletter, a plea for more alumni participation in the Alumni Chapter is made, or maybe your dues are due, but this time the situation is different, and we present to you a different plea, or perhaps more appropriately, a new challenge. The economy is down, prices are up, and jobs, that's right — jobs, are scarce. All kinds, both summer and permanent, have simply disappeared. The guys here are feeling the pinch, as we're sure you are. None-the-less, some of you may know of openings out there. Remember the collegiate chapter. Let us know when a chance appears. There is much that alumni and collegiate chapters can and should do for one another. Aren't we all Brothers in Sigma Nu?

We've got more ideas to kick around concerning the roles of the respective

chapters. Write us a note, or better yet come to the Alumni Chapter meeting this May 14, and hear them firsthand. Plenty of us "actives" will be around studying for finals and looking for ways to goof off, so the stag afterwards should be great fun, and may bring back some good memories for you. Plan to attend; we'll see you here!

Fraternally,
Ken Marbaugh
Collegiate Chapter Commander

CHAPTER NEWS

by Chris Clautice

This scholastic year a variety of activities has dominated life at the Delta Alpha chapter. Two new sets of officers have been elected since the last newsletter went to press. The elections held in November had the following results:

Dave Hill Commander
Eric Snyder Lt. Commander
Derald Lyons Treasurer
Tim Opar Recorder
Ray McFarland Sentinel

The initiation of three new brothers and the signing of eleven pledges have added to the manpower and strength of the house. The new brothers are:

Bruce DiPietro Canton, Ohio
Rich August Parma Heights, Ohio
Robert Shreck Baltimore, Maryland

These new brothers built a two-unit color organ for their pledge project, with each unit being three feet square. This addition to the chapter is providing a new dimension of entertainment at parties.

The new pledges this semester are:

Wes Brozowski Hatfield, Pa.
Jim Cobb Utica, N.Y.
Scott Gorsuch Philadelphia, Pa.
Bill Mariner Allegheny, N.Y.
Greg Michnay Strasbourg, France
Rick Shipley Parma, Ohio
Gary TerBerg Battle Creek, Mich.
Doug Weakley Washington, D.C.
Paul Zachel Toledo, Ohio
Stan Zawko McKee's Rocks, Pa.

For their pledge project, they are planning to build phone booths at each of the upstairs phones. These booths will contain shelves for phone books, a chair, and pencils and paper for messages.

The chapter would like to extend its congratulations to Lee Cooper and Linda Turner on their recent marriage. Congratulations are also in order for Tom Erich and Sandy DeAngelis and Eric Demerling and Donna Turk on their recent engagements.

Both service projects this year have been very successful. In December, the chapter assisted the Salvation Army by soliciting Christmas donations on the corner of East Ninth Street and Euclid Avenue in downtown Cleveland. The chapter was given a booth and loud speaker, and for six hours on a rainy Saturday, brothers asked shoppers for donations.

This past semester our house participated in a rather unusual pledge project. Twenty-six brothers donated blood to replace the supply that a kidney patient had drawn from a blood bank. Besides the satisfaction of a job well done, we received city-wide newspaper and television coverage for our efforts.

On the social side, diverse activities continue to be the word of the day. A special event on this semester's social calendar occurred April 3rd when the chapter attended a performance of the musical "HAIR!" A Cleveland Barons hockey game was on the schedule, and for the weekend of May 8th, a canoe trip is planned.

The Brothers of Delta Alpha also did their part in the fight against pollution by sponsoring four brothers and a pledge in the Earth Day March held in Cleveland on April 17. Bruce Cable, Derald Lyons, Dave Springer, Bruce DiPietro, and pledge Gary TerBerg walked ten miles in this fund-raising function to support the Ohio Public Interest Action Group, an affiliate of "Nader's Raiders." Our men from Sigma Nu were amongst seven hundred people who became involved in the battle against industries that break anti-pollution laws and needlessly waste the natural resources of Ohio.

Elections this spring were held April 4 with the following results:

Ken Marbaugh Commander
Bob Kramer Lt. Commander
Derald Lyons Treasurer
Rob Shreck Recorder
Pete Skottgard Sentinel

The Chapter would like to wish these brothers the best of luck in their upcoming term.

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fraternities, SAE and Phi Delta Theta, voting almost unanimously against it. The other ten fraternities were in favor to varying degrees. The issue is bound to come up again and next time it may pass.

Intersession Activity

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Tensile Loads on Solid Materials" and Bob Gann took a graduate course entitled "Approximation Methods of Quantum Mechanics." Bob also spent the month learning about oriental cooking as he ate his meals with Evan Lim and Cheuk Kwan.

Evan Lim managed an Intersession basketball team largely composed of Sigma Nu's and Cheuk Kwan spent the month working for the Case Western Reserve Student Loan Office.

Some of the courses were less academic than others. Bob Brentin, John Pettit, Rich Kelly, Dave Springer, Mike Sherbon, Gary Eesley, and Angelo Furfaro all took a "Beginning Skiing" course which met at Mount Chalet.

Other courses were rather practical. Bill Mariner spent the month in a course on "Techniques of Modern Manufacturing" which included work in Case shops and several plant tours.

Some students were far less imaginative than the ones mentioned above. Neal Nomiyama could think of nothing better to do than to go home to Honolulu, Hawaii where he spent the month surfing and dating a girl friend. And showing even less creativity Dave Hill merely spent the month suffering from mononucleosis.

Thus for most brothers Intersession was an interesting and enjoyable time and a rewarding part of the total college experience.

PROPOSED GRADING SYSTEM CHANGE

The joint Curriculum Committee of the Case Assembly recently proposed various reforms in curriculum. Among these reforms is a new grading system called A-B-C-No Credit.

Under this proposed system, a student would receive no credit for a course until he receives a grade of C or better. In the event that he should receive a grade of either D or F, any record of his taking the course shall be simply stricken from his transcript.

As to be expected, there is a great deal of discussion of this issue. Its proponents argue that the new system would uplift the general quality of students at Case, for each student must learn the material well enough to earn a C grade or better. Also by eliminating the D and F grades, the old threat of a low grade

NOTES ON ALUMNI

We deeply appreciate the support and contributions of the Alumni regarding the Delta Alpha News. For the last few issues, however, news about alumni has steadily diminished HELP PLEASE! Delta Alpha has over 700 alumni; we are making an urgent plea to all alumni to send us news, any news, about your career, family, new hobbies, activities, special events, etc. After all, this is your newsletter and we are making a diligent effort to see that this newsletter serves you in the best way possible. If each of you would make an effort to jot down news on the enclosed slip in this newsletter and return it in the envelope provided, the collegiate chapter will be able to maintain the fine newsletter of which

MAY 14th ALUMNI CHAPTER MEETING

The Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter meeting will be held on May 14, 1971 at the fraternity house at 2235 Murray Hill Road. The meeting will be an important one, as officers will be elected for the year 1971-72. Also on the agenda will be the financial report and a discussion of activities of the Alumni chapter.

DUES

The annual dues for the Alumni Association are \$2.00 per member. These funds are necessary to the continuing activity of the chapter, as the chapter cannot function without them. If you have not paid yet, please send your check as soon as possible, and make it payable to Delta Alpha of Sigma Nu Alumni Chapter. If you sent us a check for more than \$2.00 last year, the balance will be credited to future dues. Simply enclose your check along with any news about yourself in the envelope provided with this issue of the newsletter.

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average is also eliminated. However, it must be remembered that a student keeps taking a course until he gets credit for it.

Opponents to the system believe that by dropping the passing grade of D, the already stringent curriculum would force many people to complete their degrees in extra semesters, causing undue expense.

In any case, the entire university is still debating the issue which will soon be voted upon by the Case Assembly.

everyone is so proud.

Neil H. Knowlton, DA 88, is presently working as assistant vice-president of the Electric Furnace Co. One of his most recent projects is some special sales development work in connection with the proper heat treatment of tire cord wire which will eventually replace most fabric cord presently used. The active chapter would like to thank Brother Knowlton for his generous contributions to DA and Sigma Nu National and for his encouragement regarding this newsletter.

Fred Pierce, DA 152, writes us that he is pretty much retired now from his job as field consultant for Sigma Nu, although he will still be acting as a troubleshooter for individual chapters in the West. He has changed his residence from Lexington to Grants Pass, Oregon, which he considers to be one of the finest retirement spots in the USA.

Charles E. Richards, DA 167, informs us that he is now in the consulting end of engineering and enjoying it very much. He is employed by the firm of Chas. T. Main, Consulting Engineers, in Boston.

Lloyd Root, DA 191, has recently been sidetracked from his usual duties while working on a patent infringement suit. It seems that he's been practically commuting to Tokyo, Japan making 3 trips in the past 1-1/2 years with more trips expected.

Tom Bowden, DA 464, is now residing at 17318 Tennyson Place, Granada Hills, Calif. 91344. Tom is manager of the Ordnance Div. of Marquardt Corp. and is involved in marketing. He also finds time to supervise a local Cub Scout Pack and is a member of the National Rifle Association.

Donald Johnson, DA 469, has praised our newsletter in that it prompted letters from former classmates Jim Taylor, DA 496, and Tom Bowden, DA 464. Don hopes to be in Cleveland for the alumni get-together this spring after 15 years of absence.

William G. Duke, DA 532, is now a major in the Air Force and is located at Wright Patterson AFB. Major Duke is working towards a Master's degree in EE at the Air Force Institute of Technology and a family man besides with 3 daughters, ages 5, 6, and 7.

John Gibboney, DA 572, is now working for the American Electrical Power Service Corp. as a plant Electrical Engineer.

John Scotchie, DA 595, writes us that he's finally seen the light and decided that engineering just doesn't make it.

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Alumni Notes

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John is now pursuing a secondary education teaching degree in industrial arts at San Diego State College.

Thomas Kaye, DA 648, is now married and living in Alabama. Tom reports that he is a tuba player with the 98th Army Band at the Army Aviation Center, Ft. Rucker, Ala. That doesn't sound like engineering.

Robert N. Cotabish, DA 657, is also working for Uncle Sam. Bob is now a Captain in the US Air Force and Chief of a Management Engineering Team. Congratulations to Bob and his wife on the arrival of their baby daughter, Cheryl Lynn, born July 5, 1970.

Hank Marton, DA 679, recently paid us a visit while on a business trip to Cleve-

land. Hank works for Dow Chemical in Texas and he and his wife Janet are now in the process of having their first home built.

Bart Hubbard, DA 692, is now working in Dallas as a product engineer for Gifford-Hill-American, a manufacturer of prestressed concrete pressure pipe. Bart enjoys living in the South-west and encourages others to settle there.

Charles Barone, DA 705, is now playing his saxophone for the Air Force instead of the Case Jazz Band. Charlie recently stopped by at the house while en route from Rome, N.Y., to a new assignment in Colorado Springs. It appears that his golf game hasn't suffered a bit, as evidenced by the fact that his handicap was a 3 last season. Maybe the service isn't too bad after all.

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UNLOCATED BROTHERS

Our thanks to those who have responded to our plea for information concerning unlocated Alumni. We have compiled a new list of unlocated brothers and we would appreciate any information as to their whereabouts.

- Walter Ross Denman DA 2
- Theodore Edward Hays 51
- William Edward Calvin Davis 69
- Russell Price 77
- Charles William Willits 78
- William Clark Haskell 111
- John Mason Coe Boyd 125
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