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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

During the fall term we had the opportunity of seeing a few of our alumni back for the Football Games, however, we had hoped to see many more of you. Since then we have seen or heard from even less.

Now that the hectic winter is over and spring is well on its way, Baseball is once again the highlight of Saturday afternoons here on the Campus. Why not treat yourself to a bit of well deserved relaxation and come back to College, see the game and have dinner with us here at the Chapter House? If anyone makes it a point to come back for a weekend you'll meet many of your classmates and have a darn good time.

The Chapter maintains this News Letter primarily as a link between the Alumni body and the Active Chapter. We would also like to have some space dedicated to Alumni activity. In the last issue we asked you to "lend us a hand" in carrying this idea through. We have received only three responses. The success or failure of such a venture depends, for the most part, on you; let us hear what you are doing so we can get started on the column.

With Graduation and Alumni Reunion Weekend looming near, we are looking forward to having a good crowd of our Alumni Brothers back with us for the occasion. We have planned a buffet dinner here at the house and perhaps some other activities pending further plans on the part of the College. We here at the House are looking forward to seeing you in the near future.

Jamie Dennis.

TREASURER GIVES FINANCIAL REPORT

The Chapter started off the school year 1947-48 in debt. This consisted of \$500 owed to the Alumni Association for part of the house rent for the previous year. There also was approximately \$250 in outstanding bills owed for the previous year in the commissary department.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held the first week of school, in which a budget was made out. The striking change in the budget was the practice of dividing the school year into eight equal four week periods. It was thought that this would be better than putting out a bill on the beginning of each month because the members could plan their finances better.

A budget was drawn up that was designed to cover all operating expenses for the year and also pay off the amount in debt. The fees set were; room rent \$20, commissary \$40.50, social or fraternity tax \$9.50. It was figured that eight equal payments of this, totalling \$70.00 a month, would be just under the amount supplied by the government during the year under the G.I. Bill of Rights, which was used by the majority of members.

It was found at the middle of the year that the house was running in the red. The chief cause for this was that the budget had been set too low, with no margin for allowances. Half of the alumni rent for the previous year was paid which reduced the debt to the alumni to \$250 but put the operating account at a \$659 deficit.

The operating losses were aggravated during the first half year by the increase in food costs over the previous year, which was used as a basis in budgeting, also all the beds in the house were not filled which meant \$100 in income that was budgeted for but not received.

A meeting of the finance committee was called to determine where costs could be cut. It was decided to cut wages in the kitchen by five dollars a week and to reduce the weekly allowance for provisions by \$11 to \$232. The amount charged each member for commissary was increased by \$5.75. Of this amount \$5 was to cover the previous operating loss and the \$.75 was the increase paid for the actual food.

MISCELLANY

At the last Chapter meeting in April the active members concerned themselves with choosing next year's Resident Counsellor a post so long filled by Brother Dudley Hill. After the usual balloting had taken place our new counsellor was announced to Brother Veal, Wisconsin '32. Our greetings and respects to Brother Veal and our many thanks to retiring Counsellor Brother Hill for his sterling service.

Early in the semester Brother Ed. Butler was forced to leave College because of his health. We expect to see him back for summer school after he has had a much needed rest and he will then be able to take up his regular studies in the Fall.

Alumnus Brother Eric T. King writes giving news of the Deltas in Washington. With him are Brothers Brown '11, Hall '23, Landruth '19, and each week a Delt lunch is held. Brother King implores any alumni or actives to look him up when in Washington D. C. —address, 1611, 44th Street, N. W.

Alumnus Brother Edward F. Engel M.D. writes from his home at Skyland Drive, R.D. 2, Columbia, S. C. He was a class man of 1929 and would like to know if there are any other Brothers in his territory.

Scholastic Committee chairmen at the House is now Brother Richard Williams '50. He took office when Brother Butler left for home.

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The room rent was maintained the same but it was made sure that all beds were filled. A special charge was added on to each house bill of \$3.25. This was to cover the remainder of the debt owed the alumni. These increases went into effect on March 3 and applied to only the last three of the eight house bills.

As of March 31, which was the end of the sixth period, the deficit had been decreased to \$310. At this rate of monthly operating profit the deficit should be erased by May 1, the end of the seventh period, and the remainder of the alumni debt paid off on the first of June with a balance in the bank with which to start the 1948-49 year.