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SIGMA DELTA KAPPA

Coherency must always be strictly observed in writing all articles, but the writer certainly has an exceedingly hard time endeavoring to follow this rule; so I'm going to ramble. Don't blame me, boys, for I feel just like a battle-scarred warrior who has just emerged from one of his greatest battles. Only in this case, when I compare a battle to final examinations, the former seems lost and of nugatory size in comparison. At the time of this writing the official death warrants have not been issued; consequently let's hope for the best.

Not much more to say, except that the informal dance given by the Tau Chapter of DePaul University at the Alerton Club was a wow. Without the least bit of doubt everyone enjoyed himself royally and memories (pleasantly tinted with perfume and sweet feminine smiling faces) of it are still lingering strongly.

DELTA CHI

Pungent odors of tobacco smoke wafted through the strains of sweet music at a smoker given by the Delta Chi fraternity on Wednesday, February 1. More than 10 guests were present to help the members chase away the gloom of semester examinations. Lyric Doonan and his snappy syncopators made matters lively with red-hot music. Professor Wood laid aside his contracts and

dignity for a few minutes to favor his audience with several vocal solos. All the boys were sorry to hear that he had forgotten to bring along the music to "Lucky Jim."

A feature of the evening was the singing of alma mater songs by Chicago-Kent students who received their early training at other colleges. The Northwestern gang very ably presented something new when they sang "On Northwestern!"

New officers were elected for the second semester. They are:

Donald Bolger, president.

Keneth Abbs, vice-president.

Richard Thomas, secretary.

Ross Watkins, treasurer.

Louis A. Traksl, correspondent.

Ralph Trenchard, sergeant-at-arms.

Plans are being made for a mid-semester dance for members and pledges. It is hoped that the jig will come off sometime in April.

PHI DELTA PHI

These are the lean years for Israel! At this eleventh hour the new Editor of the Review has informed me there is a famine in fraternity news. As an embryonic brother I asked him what he expected me to write about, and he answered "About 300 words!" Which proves two things: First, as an editor he knows his proof-sheet; and second, that Phi Delta Phi must be some fraternity when even its embryos are articulate. He will be initiated sometime this

month, and if he talks that way to a senior now, what will he do later? It would be no surprise to find him attempting to argue with the instructor in Conflict of Laws! Although a word to the wise is foolish, it might not be amiss to remark that a Radio Debate is another horse with a different carriage.

Now that I have hinted with all the subtlety of the Chevrolet sign at Randolph and Michigan, that the new Editor is a Phi Delta Phi pledge, a member of the Kent Debating Team, etc., I shall expect him to uphold the ethics of the legal profession by signing this communication "Advertisement" instead of "Duffy" as his predecessor used to do.

About the only important thing that happened since the last issue of the Review was that the Faculty received their semi-annual instruction in Uncommon Law, and the students took up their course in Pleading. It is surprising how ignorant even the Supreme Court is of the elementary principles of jurisprudence. Judging by the comments of divers and sundry students, mathematics must not have been a pre-legal requirement when the Faculty received its education. It is distressing when an instructor whom you have looked up to as a fount of legal knowledge, attempts to solve a simple percentage problem like 7 divided by 10, and gets an answer of 40! Some of the more philosophical of the victims have decided to take a summer course in applied psychology.

If there are any of you who have read this far, you must be wondering what all this has to do with Phi Delta Phi. And the answer is just this: It shows the close bond of co-operation that exists between member of the fraternity, when a very busy senior would go to such length to help out an editor at press time.

DELTA THETA PHI

Examinations occupied most of the time of Delta Theta Phi the past month. However the last report showed only a few casualties.

In order to get a good start for the second semester a smoker was held at the Sherman Hotel on Tuesday, February 7th. Despite the fact that several of the Brothers have been compelled to attend evening classes and hence deprived of three of their "date" nights a 100% attendance was recorded.

It is to be hoped that the new arrangement will not interfere too seriously with either the social or political program of any of the Brothers.

ROUND TABLE MEETING

On January 7, 1928, there assembled at the Eastgate Hotel the members of the Round Table for their first meeting of the year of 1928. After an excellent dinner, arranged under the direction of Peter Wall, this meeting was given to Professor Bullard who was the guest of the day. The discussion, so ably led by him, was devoted to a discussion of the legal principles involved in the Smith-Vare senatorial situation. In his usually thorough way Professor Bullard presented the proposition with all the intricacies of the Constitution of the United States concerned. After this the chairman of the day, Mr. Neidermeyer, turned the meeting into the customary forum discussion and as usual the vote resulted in an Aye and a Naye, for the thing best done by the members of this body is to disagree, and in friendly discussion to thrash out those disagreements. Here lies the secret of the pleasure of membership for each member can without fear of criticism or ridicule state from the academic aspect what he thinks of the law, even if it be the law, the discussions not being limited to agreeing with the law involved just because it happens to be the established law.

Professor Pickett believes that the successful lawyer of tomorrow is not necessarily the one who knows the law, but

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must as well be the one who knows whether or not the law is substantially just and correct, and, if it is not, shall be just as quick to raise a voice for its repeal, either judicially or legislatively, as he would be to defend the law if it be just and equitable. To this end he has instilled in this organization that spirit and each law must measure up to the scale of the Golden Rule through a process of selecting the wheat from the chaff.

The attendance at the meetings includes practically every selected member and at the meeting to be held early in February, when a discussion of Evidence is to be held, it is anticipated that there will be no vacant seats 'round the table. The lions in the den will be the Seniors who have been delegated the task of tearing to pieces the not too submissive Juniors who have given warning that Daniel will have nothing on them, and that the lions will retire submissively, fully convinced that their successors have been as ably tutored as they feel they were.

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larger ones in many respects. He also gave us hope when he assured us that there was no immediate collapse of our educational system about to occur when he gave as his firm belief that through the higher American educational system culture was winning out against commercialism.

It was contended that the European business man was more successful and interesting because of his broader cultural training, whereas in America the majority of students are trained for business, or after studying some profession turn to business, or use it as a means to an end into business. We can see the wisdom of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois requiring at least two years of pre-legal work before undertaking the study of law. Those two years not only delay the student undertaking the study, in which time his mind has matured more, but supplies a cultural background that is bound to accrue to the advantage of the successful lawyer and the successful business man.

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATES

Chicago-Kent College

vs

St. Thomas Military Academy

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Wilmette, Illinois

Chicago-Kent College

vs

University of Montana

Sunday Afternoon

February 26

Radio Debate Over WMAQ

Only Platform Debate This Season

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