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CHAPTER RUSHING

THIS ALUMNUS IS JUSTLY PEEVED

The following letter, by a Bowdoin alumnus to Rushing Commissioner Mellinger Henry, only states the problem of many alumni whose recommendations to chapters are too often scrapped by undergraduate Grand Scribes without the courtesy of a reply. We have purposely omitted the names of chapters of District I which this alumnus has found particularly at fault. No doubt the chapters themselves will recognize which are meant in this letter and we hope steps will be taken to prevent more alumni from acquiring such an adverse opinion of chapter rushing committees. Here is the letter:

"Mr. M. E. Henry,

"Box 168, Ridgefield, N. J.

"Dear Sir and Bro.:

"Your article, 'R. S. V. P.' in current issue of CADUCEUS is to the point, and it is to be hoped that all of our chapters will heed it. I have already written you about my experience two years ago with A——— and B——— Chapters. In connection with the former I had been informed that none of my four recommendations were quite up to their 'standard'. B——— never replied to my letter, although the man I recommended to them is head of his class in scholarship, and that is something at B———, believe me. This year I ventured to suggest another man to A———, whom I know to have been the most prominent man of his year in a leading Greater Boston high school, but the A——— boys didn't even favor me with an acknowledgment this time. I guess I know what their 'standard' is, in certain lines, at any rate, now. More than 100 boys pass through my hands into

New England colleges, principally B———, A——— and C———, yearly, but I am going to resist a great temptation to do any recommending to those chapters in the future and mind my own business, which is evidently what they want me to do. I am not considering this a personal matter, for many of my teaching colleagues have the same experience with their own fraternities which I have, and it is A——— that stands out most conspicuously in this matter all around. I only hope their representative will not ask us at the District I Conclave next week to help them get men.

"This matter varies greatly with different colleges. Some college chapters will accept the advice of an alumnus without question; most of them will not, especially if the alumnus is not of their college. I am a Bowdoin man and a charter member of Alpha-Rho. Without boasting, I can state as a fact beyond challenge that I got more good men to join our chapter directly and indirectly than any other member. First came Harry Clondman, holder of 100 yard dash and broad jump records in New England for years. Then came Clifford Grogdan, head of the class of 1900. Clondman drew hosts of men to our chapter and Grogdan many others.

"I worked harder for Kappa Sigma for seven years than I ever worked for any organization. Then I suffered the usual experience of an alumnus who has left the neighborhood or field of his own college, and I lost interest. This reacted on my entire Fraternity relations, and I took no thought of Kappa Sigma for years. Last year my elder son decided to go to Mass. Aggie. I bethought me that we had a chapter there and urged him to make the acquaintances of our boys and also wrote Prof. Waugh, to the effect that I should be pleased if the boys saw fit to admit William to their number. My son had bids to three chapters at Aggie, one other being admittedly, along with Kappa Sigma, as prominent as any in the college. He chose Kappa Sigma, I am glad to say, not merely because his father is a member but because he enthusiastically believes they have the best crowd of fellows in the college. His zeal and ardor have been communicated to me. I have lost my former lassitude on fraternity matters and am ready to work for Gamma-Delta, as well as Alpha-Rho, again.

"Please excuse this random scribble. The arrival of the

CADUCEUS is to me a personal communication from friends and brothers and I am inspired to make a reply.

"Yours fraternally,

"Frederick H. Dole,

"Alpha-Rho, '97."

EXPANSION

OPINIONS OF WELL-KNOWN FRATERNITY MEN

We are indebted to Zeta Tau Alpha for the collection of data concerning expansion of fraternities with particular reference to the sororities. Amongst the brief articles submitted are four which we believe are worthy the most careful attention of Kappa Sigma because they are written by four men who are well known in the fraternity and college world for their excellent judgment and their intense fraternity interest extending over many years.

By WILBUR F. DENIOUS, *Kappa Sigma*

(Chairman of Legal Commission and Past Worthy Grand Master.)

"Some members of Gamma Phi Beta may not desire to see their sorority grow in size but probably every one wants it to increase in strength and in its power for good. If it could be shown that expansion will increase the strength and power of Gamma Phi, then its thinking members would undoubtedly favor expansion.

"The solution of this question of expansion depends largely upon what kind of an institution it is sought to develop. If the organization is such that it cannot properly govern itself unless it is small and compact; if the most can be accomplished by keeping the number of members limited and by making the organization an exclusive affair; if the colleges in which it is not represented are not up to its standard; if it is the desire to have a sectional rather than a national organization, then expansion will hinder rather than help.

"On the other hand, if the plan of organization can be developed as the sorority grows; if it can increase the number of its chapters and still maintain the high character of each

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