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GREEK SYSTEM CONTINUES GROWTH

Fraternity life has come a long way at Wesleyan since the first, small groups started organizing and moving towards achieving official recognition as a part of the Wesleyan community. First came Alpha Phi Omega, the campus service fraternity. The efforts of the brothers of Alpha Phi Omega brought to Wesleyan the realization that fraternities and sororities could be an integral and creative part of its campus life.

In the spring of 1967, social fraternities were approved by Wesleyan's Board of Trustees, and Nu Gamma Phi and Alpha Delta Chi came into being. Sponsoring open and closed dances and

participating in such campus activities as the Annual Circle K Talent Show, the fraternities had as their goal setting the pace of campus social life. The fraternities also entered into campus and community service projects, including Nu Gamma Phi's help in restoring Rocky Mount's Braswell Park and Alpha Phi Omega's building and placing park benches in the pines and near dormitories on campus. Nu Gamma Phi's winning the Dean of Students' Award for outstanding service in 1968 is evidence of the fraternities' continuing dedication to service as well as to sparking campus social life.

Alpha Delta Chi and Nu Gamma Phi, occupying third floor of South Hall, contributed to internal morale by furnishing their lounges, including installing wall-to-wall carpeting and televisions. Holding frequent open houses, sing-ins, and open discussions in their lounges, the fraternities endeavor to contribute to the life of the entire student body.

While the size of pledge classes is limited each year, the fraternities try to interest the most creative members of each new freshman class in contributing to campus life through membership in the fraternities. Pi Epsilon, Wesleyan's sorority, will be interested in involving dedicated, creative women in their social and service activities.



Miss Ann Thomas Gill, 1968-'69 Wesleyan Homecoming Queen.

Rush Starts

The Interfraternity Council announced recently the regulations for fraternity and sorority rush period, which will begin January 12 and continue through midnight of January 11.

Bids will be sent out by the fraternities and sorority on Monday, January 20, and rushees must pledge a fraternity or sorority by 5 pm Tuesday, the 21.

Pledge period, which can last a maximum of eight weeks, will follow, featuring closed dances,

keg parties, and coffee meetings. The period, according to fraternity and sorority regulations, cannot include any cruel or unusual "hazing."

The Interfraternity Council will handle all sending of bids to prospective pledgees.

Wesleyan's fraternities include Nu Gamma Phi, Alpha Delta Chi, and Alpha Phi Omega. Pi Epsilon, Wesleyan's first sorority, was organized this fall.

Friends Of Library Organizing Here

Mr. Alva Stewart, Head Librarian, announced last week that Friends of the Library, an organization dedicated to promoting the best interest of the Wesleyan library, had been formally organized.

At the organization's first meeting on Dec. 2, Dr. Cordts was elected Temporary Chairman and a Constitution and By-Laws were adopted. Permanent officers will be elected in a meeting scheduled for late January.

Mr. Stewart said that emphasis is now primarily on the growth of the group. Memberships are scaled from \$1.00 yearly memberships for students to \$1,000 life memberships. Memberships are available both to the general public and to members of the Wesleyan Community. Dues paid before Jan. 31 entitle one

to charter membership in the group, Mr. Stewart stated.

With alumni participating, Wesleyan is one of the smallest colleges in North Carolina to have such a group supporting its library, Mr. Stewart said.

With the beginning of the membership drive for Friends of the Library, Mr. Stewart sees great chances of growth in support of the library's programs and in its services to the public and to the Wesleyan community.

Writing in this week's "Faculty Forum," Mr. Stewart explains his goals for expanding the library's services. These goals include purchasing a self-service, coin-operated photocopier, extending library hours, and expanding the reference services of the library.

Hearings Scheduled

The cases of three Wesleyan students, Jeff Shelton, Herb Hall, and Bob Canon, and of two former Wesleyan students, Rick Laws and Bruce Harris, charged with possession of marijuana have been called twice but granted continuances in Rocky Mount District Court.

A hearing was scheduled for January 9 in Rocky Mount District Court to determine whether or not there was enough evidence to have the cases bound over to Superior Court in Nashville.

At press time, Dean Wilde said that as far as he knew lawyers for the students and former students, all of whom are charged in connection with possession of marijuana, were not planning to ask for another continuance of hearings.

MARIJUANA - GOOD OR BAD?

BY MARSHA WHITE

Pot ... grass ... loco-weed ... bo bo bush ... reefer ... Mary Jane are all strange names for the drug marijuana; however, they are names from the vernacular of those who use the hallucinogenic drug. Being a hallucinogenic drug, marijuana causes distortions of image, perception, and hallucinations within the user. Marijuana is made from the resin extracted from the cannabis plant. This resin is pulverized and rolled into a cigarette

shaped smoking device. The effects, through smoking, are felt in a very few minutes and may persist for as long as 12 hours.

Only within the past 60 years has marijuana been used in the United States. Although it is not a narcotic, it has been labeled as such for control purposes. It is controlled under the Marijuana Tax Act of 1937. Important features of this act are: (1) registration of the dealers, (2) special

taxes, (3) special order forms and record keeping provisions, and (4) prohibitions and severe penalties for illegal possession and trafficking in the drug. Possession of marijuana is considered a felony by law.

The number of marijuana users in the United States today is unknown; however, from statistics released by the law enforcement agencies in the past two years, the number of people arrested for the possession

of marijuana has risen 100%. According to a pamphlet, "Drug Abuse", prepared by Smith Kline and French Clinical Staff, users are "urban ghetto dwellers and middle-class young adults ... (who) turn to drugs out of despair, hopelessness, and powerlessness."

Mostly college students compose the latter group. It is estimated that approximately 15% of college students experiment with marijuana, most of them giving it up after 1



or 2 tries.

The possible effects when abused are excitation, dilated pupils, drowsiness, talkativeness, and laughter. It appears that the use of the drug gives

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