

Local Chums Attend 17th Conclave In Baltimore

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Local member of Chums, Inc. met with nearly 400 of their sisters in Baltimore recently for their 17th annual conclave. Accompanied by their spouses, who are called "HUMS", members from the 22 chapters of the national organization came from 10 states and the District of Columbia to conduct business sessions and socialize.

One order of business was the presentation of a check for \$1000 to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. It was decided at that same meeting to retain the Legal Defense Fund as a national charity.

Annually, the host chapter is given \$1000 to donate to a local charity. The Theater Arena Players of Baltimore were the recipients this year and at a luncheon meeting they performed "Love Story". Viewers described the performance as "heart warming".

Some of the chapters presented skits and prizes were awarded to three. The Washington chapter received first prize for a dance choreographed to express "The Greatest Love". The group wore costumes consisting of large red hearts over white pants.

Second place went to the Cincinnati Chapter for a pantomime of "Indian Love Song". The Providence Rhode Island chapter performed a dance around a huge globe to the



CHARMING CHUMS

Pictured are local members of Chums, Inc. Zenobia Hagans. Back row, Sarah Caldwell, They are front row, left to right, Ruth Grant, Jane Latimer, Virginia Williamson, Dorothy Wallace and Morgan and Mamie Thorn.

personal fulfillment and added that the organization had pledged to devote itself to the carrying out of those ideals.

A spokesman for CHUMS, Inc. said the organization realizes that society demands active participation in civic, social, and cultural activities for

gets expert representation on these ideas, Carolina Action has already met with Mr. Hugh Wells, Director of the Public Staff at the State Utilities Commission. We have told him of our proposals, and will be very interested to see what will result from having a

Public Staff at the Commission. Meanwhile, CA members across North Carolina are preparing to fight any increase in an installation charge which would make it impossible for some to own a phone, and to promote a second option in telephone service.

Theatre Guild To Present 2 Plays

The Cave Dwellers by William Saroyan will be presented December 8, 9 & 10 at 8:15 at The Little Theatre 501 Queens Road by The Student Theatre Guild.

A Thurber Carnival by James Thurber will be presented

by The Student Theatre Guild of The Little Theatre of Charlotte, December 15, 16 & 17 at 8:15 P.M.

Tickets for both productions may be purchased at the door the night of the performance.

Duren, Dorthy Morgan, Marion Jenkins, Johnnie Covington, Zenobia Hagans and Ann F. Wallace.

GI Bill Students

Should Look

Before They Leap

The Veterans Administration this week cautioned GI Bill students to "look before they leap" if they are considering dropping courses or seeking nonpunitive grades for them.

VA Regional Director Kenneth E. McDonald said that in certain circumstances the law now requires the agency to retroactively cancel assistance payments for courses dropped without a grade after a reasonable drop-add period.

This applies also in cases where a course is completed, but the grade assigned is, in effect, ignored by the school for graduation requirements - a so-called "nonpunitive" grade.

"In other words," McDonald said, "veterans dropping courses in such circumstances, or receiving nonpunitive grades could wind up in debt to the federal government."

He pointed out, however, that VA will not retroactively collect payments already made when the situation is due to circumstances beyond the student's control.

The law, which went into effect last December, prohibits VA payment of educational benefits for courses that are not used in computing graduation requirements.

McDonald explained this could mean that many students will find themselves overpaid under the GI Bill for courses from which they withdraw and for courses in which the assigned grade does not count toward graduation.

Payments for such courses, he said, must be stopped as of the first day of a school term.

In the past, GI Bill payments for such a course would have continued to the end of the month of withdrawal.

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Secondly, Southern Bell is requesting a 60c per month

increase in an already-high monthly service charge. Here we suggest that a second option be studied, which is available in many states in the country. Called "optional limited use," this service would allow everyone to afford a phone - if they were willing and able to limit their local calls. In return for this, a lower monthly fee would be charged. As a second option for telephone customers, this limited use service would help insure that those who absolutely need a phone could have one.

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