

Kansas Fraternity System Related By 'House Mother'

With the visit of Mrs. T. S. Stover, "house mother" of the Sigma Chi house at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, to State College during the last week, Penn State fraternities were able to make a comparative study of fraternity life. Mrs. Stover spent several days at the home of her brother, Mr. D. F. Kapp, 707 W. College avenue, during which time she visited several fraternities, homes.

"All fraternity and sorority houses at our college," explained Mrs. Stover, "have house mothers or chaperones. The constant presence of a woman makes the life of the boys who are away from home much more pleasant and the atmosphere about the houses is very refined."

Mrs. Stover lost her husband several years ago and, not wishing to be away her time at the homes of any of her three married children, accepted the position of chaperon. She succeeded "Mother" Petty, at the Sigma Chi house, the first fraternity in the United States to employ a chaperon.

"I am simply thrilled with my work and I am never lonesome, for the boys always take care of me," declared the fraternity matron. "The freshmen are supposed to take care of me and every Saturday night I am dated up with one of the boys who either take me to the movies or visiting. Although our boys' dormitories are on the third floor of our house, one of the boys always sleep on the second floor in case I should need anything during the night or not feel well."

When questioned as to the social life existing among the fraternities, Mrs. Stover explained in detail the Kansas system. "We have no 'visiting' as you do at Penn State dances. Our farewell dance is the only function during which fraternity men visit other houses."

"Wednesday is guest night. Our boys generally have girls at the house for supper and then dance until eight o'clock. Sunday is our guest day and we entertain girls and break up the monotony of studying. However, at our dances which end at twelve o'clock, we always have three chaperones, according to the college ruling. Our Varsity dance, every Saturday night, is a fine affair."

"When any of the boys have out-of-town girls for visitors, the campus societies entertain them during the stay. Students are allowed to have cars but are not permitted to bring them near the college grounds."

According to Mrs. Stover, the fraternities

houses at the University of Kansas cannot be compared to those at Penn State. "Your homes are very beautiful and well equipped," concluded the visitor.

Farm Extension Men Work at State Show

Every member of the Penn State agricultural extension force is in Harrisburg this week participating in the activities of the eleventh annual State Farm Products Show which opens today. The group includes forty-three specialists, sixty-five county agents, and seven assistant county agents.

Eighteen will enter and arrange the poultry and egg exhibits, sixteen the fruit, fifteen the corn and small grains, fourteen the swine, ten the potatoes, nine the beef cattle, seven the sheep and wool, seven the educational displays, five the dairy products, two the apiculture exhibits, and two the maple products. R. H. Bell, assistant director of agricultural extension, is secretary of the show. Many of the specialists and county agents will appear as speakers on the programs of the various educational meetings.

SHORT COURSE STUDENTS AIDED BY SCHOLARSHIPS

Eight boys from Sullivan county were aided in attending the winter short courses offered by the School of Agriculture through a fund of eight hundred dollars proffered by the First National Bank of Dushore, and the Sullivan County Agricultural Extension Association.

Michigan Student Congress Offers Athletic Changes

Excerpts from the athletic report of the last session of the National Student Education convention held at Ann Arbor, Michigan follow.

The Committee discussed fully the place of athletics in college life, summing up its ideas in the unanimous resolution which reads: "The Committee favors the policy of athletics for all student, and the promotion of inter-class and intra-mural athletics. This resolution is the result of a definite feeling on the part of the Committee that football is receiving undue emphasis, that too much attention is paid to the development of eleven men to represent the university, and that the real purpose of athletics, namely, that wide-spread and general development of students as a whole is still being neglected."

The opinion of the Committee was that alumni interference in college athletics is objectionable. This is not to be construed as opposing alumni representation on boards of athletic control. It is aimed at the great body of alumni who demand winning football teams and through unethical methods secure athletes for the team. It is represented students, faculty, and of the alumni mater. These alumni, it was felt, often demand the scarp of a coach who has not produced a winning team, regardless of whether the coach has made the best of his material, or has given the men under him the best sort of athletic training among the suggestions for eliminating undue alumni influences were:

- (1) The placing of entire control in the hands of a Director of Athletics who shall be answerable only to the President and trustees, and who shall be assisted by a committee on which

graduates; (2) strict eligibility regulation with no concessions made to any student because of athletic ability.

In summing up, the Committee feels that athletics are essentially for the students, and anything contrary to the best interests of the student defeats their entire purpose. We have made the foregoing suggestions with the full realization that they are only suggestions and panaceas.

Debaters Encounter California Orators

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Brandt '29, winner of the sophomore extemporaneous speaking contest and captain of the team that defeated Pitt, will uphold the negative.

The two debaters from the University of California are P. S. Broughton '27, commissioner of debating and

representative of the University executive committee, and L. H. Heilbrunn '28, winner of the University Kraft Rhodes Scholarship from California. Dr. W. S. Dye will act as chairman.

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