

FRA TERNITIES

The Same Old Story

By GLENN GOODYEAR
IFC President

A short "anecdote" appearing in the column 308-A of the *Chronicle*, January 10, 1967, accused the fraternity system of telling the "same old story" about fraternities (truth, honor, etc.) at the Fraternity-Independent debate on January 5. I cannot deny this, nor do I wish to. The general description of fraternities nationally and at Duke presented in the opening statement of the debate was just that. As any freshman in attendance could testify, there was no attempt to make it more than that. The basic concepts underlying the fraternity system, i.e. the fraternity story, are not subject to radical change. No fraternity is perfect in every respect, but they all aspire to the ideals behind the fraternity "line." This striving alone would be enough to justify

the system, but the fraternities do more. They achieve many of the goals they have set for themselves (Yes, Virginia, even honor, truth, etc.), and for this reason we tell the same old story.

I realize that a person who does not belong to a fraternity would have great difficulty in understanding just what fraternity membership means, especially in view of the fact that it means different things to different people, and every member does not get the same thing out of a fraternity. The old truism holds with fraternities, too—you get out what you put in. Because of this I cannot urge everyone to join a fraternity for the simple reason that everyone does not belong in one. By the same token, everyone does not belong in the same fraternity, especially at Duke. The fraternities at Duke differ from

one another in various respects, and it's the freshman's responsibility to examine these differences in light of what he wants out of a fraternity and what he is willing to give. In order to make a wise decision, however, the freshman must examine carefully his own ideas about the nature of the personal experience which he expects to gain from the university, and the place which the fraternity can and should have in his greater university experience.

The subject of rush comes up at this point—whether or not to join a fraternity, and if so, which one. You have heard much advice on what to look for in rush, first semester and formal rush, from Y-men, housemasters, faculty and deans, and others. I personally ascribe to a philosophy developed by the editor of the *Chronicle* two years ago and expressed in an editorial on January 15, 1965. It contains honest criticism where deserved and sound, though simple, advice. I draw your attention to it; it is reprinted below. When making your decision about rush, considering all that you have seen, heard, and read, if you still have questions or would like help in any way, please call me.

shape institutions, institutions do not shape men.

Some Better Than Others

Of course, some fraternities are better than others—in some, this (I call it residue) element is larger than in others, and in some fraternities these men do a great deal to shape that fraternity. This you must see and determine for yourself.

For a fraternity man, some of the foregoing remarks would be considered a sacrilege. But I am a fraternity man, and one who believes highly in the system—it is only fair to note that point; nevertheless, I can not urge you all to join a fraternity—I would urge many of you not to join simply because some of you will be joining for the wrong reason.

Those of you who are overly impressed with the wrong aspects of fraternities, who are joining simply because this fraternity has blow-outs every Saturday night, should not join—not only because the fraternity will not do you any good, but because you will not do the fraternity any good.

Social Factor Not Everything

The social aspect of fraternities is very important—but it is not the total factor. If you are joining a fraternity solely for that reason, or because you are impressed with all the "studs" in fraternity x, or the XKEs in the fraternity y, or the sharp blond fraternity z fixed you up with, buddy you are in for trouble and you are going to pay.

Join a fraternity because you like and respect the members of it—because you feel comfortable with them; if you have to play a role to fit in, start looking elsewhere.

If I have seemed harsh on fraternities, it is because I know they can take the criticism—because they can justify themselves, and because I am able

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Special Issue

In this special issue, published by the *Chronicle*, fraternity men and independents present personal views of their living systems. The four-page fraternity section, compiled by Interfraternity Council President Glen Goodyear, begins on this page. The independent section beginning on page 3, was compiled by Gerry Ahmann, president of the Association of Independent Houses. *Chronicle* staff members Dave Birkhead and Nelson Ford were managing editors for the issue.

IFC Service Projects

The eighteen fraternities working through the Interfraternity Council have sponsored many public service projects during the first semester. These undertakings have been outside the Duke campus and have helped to foster better relations between the fraternities and those people who are not associated with the University.

The initial project was one in which fraternity men aided in the painting and the improvement of several houses in the Edgemont Community Center area. The fraternities donated the paint and also helped to paint the buildings.

On Thanksgiving Day, the IFC Public Relations Committee, representing the 18 fraternities, sponsored a Public Service Project whereby they handed out free cookies and doughnuts to motorists who stopped in the rest area on Interstate

85, 15 miles north of Durham. In this promotion of Driver Safety, over 400 cookies and 400 doughnuts were given away.

Then, on December 16th the fraternities delivered Christmas Baskets to needy families in the Durham area. Each fraternity sponsored a family and gave them food, clothing, gift certificates for groceries and toys.

Future projects that the fraternities will undertake will include a 2-day Blood Drive for troops in Viet Nam and a continual blood donation system for emergencies at the VA hospital.

It is projects such as these that are a strong point of fraternity life at Duke. It is a contribution outside of the social and academic world that affords to the fraternity man the chance to aid others and to broaden himself.

Should You Join A Fraternity?

By MIKE PETERSON '65

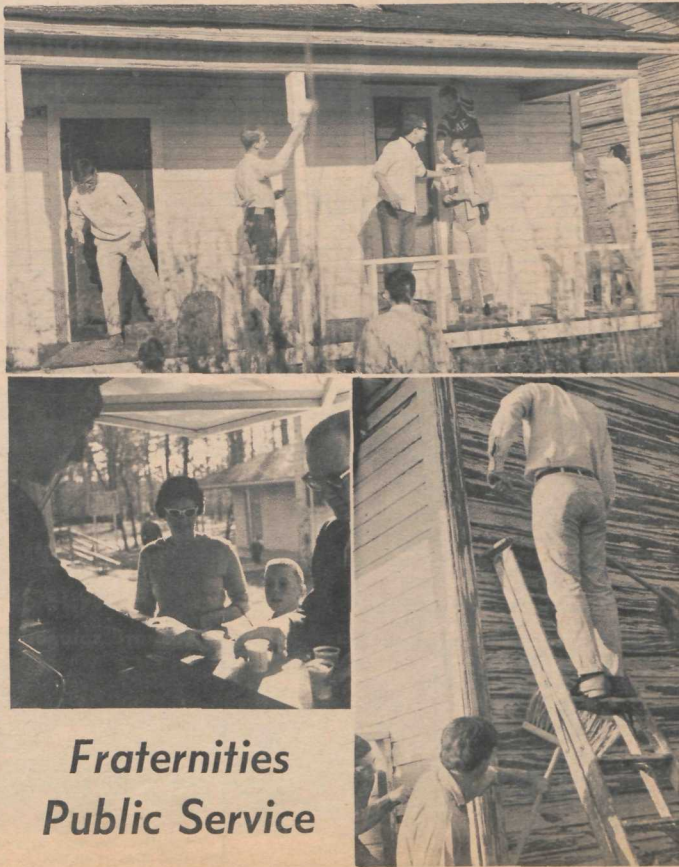
The answer is obvious—"maybe." There are too many unknowns to warrant a simple "yes" or "no." The answer depends on the individual and the fraternity. There are some freshmen who should not join any fraternity and there are some who should not join a particular fraternity. Conversely, there are some students who should join a fraternity; for them, the problem then comes, "which fraternity?"

A Less Than Crucial Confrontation

However, the vast majority of you do not belong in either of these categories. For most of you, the confrontation is not all that crucial—you do not vitally need a fraternity, but neither should you be discouraged from joining one.

But I need not be coy, or appear neutral on the question of fraternities. I believe strongly in fraternities and feel they have a very definite place at Duke. I am convinced that the right relationship with a fraternity will add much to your college education and will contribute substantially to your development as a man. However, I place strong emphasis on the phrase, "the right relationship with a fraternity."

I have seen numerous men ruined in fraternities—I have seen them completely stifled in an intellectual atmosphere of card games, and "coolness"—which they themselves usually identify with drinking beer and holding in contempt the rest of the fraternity and campus (some 95 per cent of us). However, I like to think that the fate of these people is independent of their association with fraternities—that these people falter on their own. Fraternities naturally help to speed the process, but these men would find the means irrespective of fraternities. I believe strongly that men



Fraternities
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True or False? Truer or False?

"The fraternity world is big business but a true fraternity is something more than a number of members and size and impressiveness of chapter houses. Ours is a fraternal brotherhood. No college administration of which I am aware has ever seriously tried to compete with fraternities in this all-important aspect of the matter. Our brotherhood is built on ideals—a philosophy of life—and a code of living stated in our ritual. Our ritual expresses principles which are both livable and lovely—and these distinguish us from those living in the average dormitory. . . . With the principles so expressed, our fraternity holds in the palm of its hand the opportunity to help build men of integrity, responsibility and capability."

—anonymous

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By ROGER GELLER

To pass this statement off as true would be hypocritical or deceit. Fraternities at Duke are for the most part, living groups. Not "merely" living groups through. While any semblance to the brotherhood mentioned above is purely coincidental, fraternities are cohesive units. They can be categorized, stereotyped, and identified in a way that no independent living group can. Who would say that Tabard Hall is composed of jocks, or Mirecourt has campus leaders, or B.O.G.'s are rich northern prep-schoolers who don't wear socks? Not very many people. Yet, this can be said about fraternities. Fraternities offer an identity. This is not to say that fraternities inhibit individualism. Quite often it is the individual who creates the image of a particular fraternity.

Fraternities at Duke exist for the purpose of filling the social void of Duke and Durham. Anything else is incidental, frosting on the cake. But while the cake is palatable, the frosting is worth a taste. Associations within the fraternity environment are invaluable. The ideal criterion by which a freshman should judge a fraternity is to ask the simple question "Are these the people whom I would choose as friends if I were home?" The answer had better be yes. After all, this is a question which members of a

fraternity ask about freshmen. And in a selective living group the answer is Immutability.

Rush, the only means available to the fraternity for self-perpetuation, must not be looked upon with apprehension either by the freshman or by the fraternity man. It ought to be enjoyed. And to enjoy it properly, one must be a stoic; one must be prepared to accept it as nothing more than it is—a preponderance of individuals steeped in self-importance or manifest destiny reacting blindly to preserve, fearing that their ivy-covered walls are crumbling around them. Freshmen ought to reassess what, if fraternity's ability to put its best face forward, to impress an outsider. It is an interesting case study in sociology. Freshmen ought to reassess what, if anything, they've seen of a fraternity during the semester. It is much more difficult to live a lie for five months than for five days. Freshmen ought to look closely at their pledge class. These are the people you will have to live with for four years. And freshmen ought to remember that one fraternity can differ from another in degree only. They all have parties, intramural teams, campus leaders, associational brotherhood, and pins. It is up to you as an individual to do something to raise the caliber of the fraternity which you select if you are not satisfied.

By MIKE FLICK

At the risk of engaging in hypocrisy and deceit, and with all due apologies to Roger Geller since I have the advantage over him having read his "True and False," I would like to check true to his "test," following the assumed directions — pick the best answer. Despite the sentimentality of Anonymous, who seems to have gone overboard in the wrong direction, there is something more to be said for fraternities than that they are a grocery store one hops down to in order to pick up an identity, and a six pack while you're at it.

I want to have my cake and eat it too — the frosting of social life, intramurals, the "big time" and assorted fraternal goodies is just the frosting and nothing more. The cake is far more interesting. Fraternities are much more than identities and Dionysian spectacles at cabin parties — whether your interest inclines you to fruit cake or angel food with the big hole in the middle, there is something to the cake.

In my own experience, my fraternity has been my most rewarding experience at Duke. The parties have largely been incidental — mere frosting — forgotten during Sunday morning's hangovers when the "cake" of the fraternity takes over for the week's grind ahead.

A fraternity is not an identity, not a convenience. It is an opportunity to develop individuality apart from a stereotype. But it is not Tabard's individuality of "crew cuts and Beatle cuts, Brook's Brothers and Belk's basement." This is chaos, a hermitage where your next door neighbor is a face without a name or a name without a face. A fraternity is a

gift of an opportunity to do something with yourself — to develop your individuality by associating with other individuals, people who would not normally be your friends because they are so different, to learn by working with others for a common goal. It is the "mystique" of brotherhood, a little corny to say the least, but nevertheless something real when ninety people are on your side, concerned with what you're doing, ready and anxious to help. It is when you are a person, not a name on a door — when being chairman of the Band Bonfire for the third straight year is worth the gas you take for it, and discussing "God is Dead" with a freshman basketball player at the table doesn't seem incongruous. A fraternity is above all else friendship — the experience of living and working with ninety people different than you are, united in a common bond, offering each other an interplay of ideas, philosophies, experiences, and mannerisms that cannot be matched with the security of knowing there's someone out there who cares.

The ivy-covered walls aren't really crumbling around us — on the contrary, the opportunity is coming to select the people to live with for the next several years. The fraternities are looking for those freshmen who will be valuable to them as individuals, not as stereotypes to merely carry on — the individual who will not replace something for the sake of carrying on, but who will add something new, interesting, and exciting to fraternity life. They are looking for someone who will be more

than a friend — a brother.

My rush smile is a little tarnished right now. Five months of plastic smiles and indigestion from Union food are over. Too many freshmen have made friends in fraternities to not realize that the plastic smile is largely a myth—it is a smile of honest interest and concern, the development of friendship, not the inspection of horse meat.

Every freshman should go through rush. If nothing else, the five nights of parties, fraternity supplied dates, and simply meeting a wide variety of people is worth it. But more important, it is a chance to see if there is a group worth living with for the next three and a half years — a chance to add that extra frosting to your life at Duke. A chance to see that it is true that a fraternity has the opportunity to "help build men of integrity; responsibility and capability."

Sure it's corny. But it's true.

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—J. Van Pelt

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ATO: How'd you like a steam bath?
Translation: Here comes the hot box.
Beta: Hey Kai, don't pimp me and take a life card.
Translation: Untranslatable, but significant.
Delta Sig: We'll win if we field enough teams.
Translation: A philosophy of life.
Delt: Remember Western Weekend.
Translation: Remember all those cowboy hats.
KA: The TEP section is next door.
Translation: Not noted for spectacular open houses.
Kappa Sig: This is a building year.

Translation: Indicates a lack of pillars.

Lambda Chi: How are your activities?
Translation: Without three, you are on the waiting list.

Phi Delt: What sports did you play in high school?
Translation: We'll take you anyway.

Phi Psi: Yeah, and we have neat pledge raids.
Translation: Dig out those old high school yarns that you told your roommate during orientation.

Phi Kaps: Yo'all come on over and play some ball.
Translation: Find a Dixie accent.

PIKA: 54 cases of beer in one afternoon and we ran out.
Translation: Bring a strong liver.

Pi Kapp: How's your leadership potential?
Translation: We'll get it again next year . . . or the one after that.

SAE: And the lion is our proudest possession.
Translation: You'll have to get your friends in House G to stop dumping paint on it.

Sigma Chi: Do you like apple pie?
Translation: If you don't have a big smile, nice build and a clean mind, forget it.

Theta Chi: Brotherhood and friendship.
Translation: Real nice guys.

Sigma Nu: Don't worry about your activities, we'll get you in.
Translation: Don't laugh, they will.

TEP: We don't discriminate.
Translation: They don't.

ZBT: You can't leave the Tribe.
Translation: You may want to, after that line.

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INDEPENDENT LIFE

Advantages Include Diversity, Flexibility

By JOHN KERNODLE
Chairman, Duke Forum

The advantages of independent life at Duke are as diverse as the independent living groups on the campus. Some apply to the system as a whole, while others are part of the unique personality of a single house. The relative degree of importance of any one of them depends upon the views of the person who tries to assess the independent way of life, for to discuss "advantages" is to bring into play a whole range of personal values. Here, then, are some of the generally agreed upon advantages which have convinced me that the independent living system, while far from perfect as living patterns go, is the best style of life available on West Campus.

While offering as wide a range of social activities as the fraternity chapters on the campus, independent houses by their very newness as living groups have not become stagnated by years of local and national tradition. They are, therefore, freer to take maximum advantage of the major changes which are now taking place here at Duke. In the past four years several such changes have occurred. The Resident Fellow program has successfully brought undergraduates into contact with some of the university's most dynamic graduate and professional students. Cross sectional living has done away with the artificial segregation of freshmen from upperclassmen for over one third of the Class of 1970. This past semester, one of the living groups organized an inter-disciplinary seminar on urbanization.

Just as important as past changes is the fact that the independent system is still young and flexible enough to be open to all sorts of additional possibilities. Facilities have helped to encourage such experimentation. The newest and, as of next fall, the most recently and completely renovated living areas on campus are those in which independents are housed. Yet, overall living costs, including membership dues, have remained reasonable.

For me the most important advantages of independent life have to do with its general style. First, like the university itself, independent houses are committed not only in word but also in action to open membership without regard to race or religious belief. Second, even though there is a wide range within independent living groups, I feel that most houses have successfully found that important balance point—providing an atmosphere where genuine friendship can develop free from the pressures of rigid "in-group" conformity on the one hand and the anonymity of being lost in a crowd on the other.

Liberals and conservatives, northerners and southerners, activists and non-activists confront each other, insuring that "conflict of ideas" which is at the very heart of higher education. Not only is there major diversity of style among independent houses but there is also diversity within individual house memberships. In my opinion, this open diversity is the greatest advantage of independent life at Duke.

Introduction

The purpose of this issue is not to provide various independents with a chance to blow their horns on their system. On the contrary, the articles found here contain many diverse opinions—some of them being quite critical of the independent house system itself at Duke. It is hoped that they will be informative and at times entertaining, and therefore provide a break from exams and yet still help to clarify the independent position once again.

Gerry Ahmann
President, AIH



'Tubing It' in The Commons Room

—Photo by Bruce Vance

Independent or Fraternity? Similarities & Shortcomings

By D. M. CAMPBELL
President, YMCA

The question about the merits of independent versus fraternity life that annually comes before the campus has increasingly less importance. When one is a freshman, the decision to pledge or not to pledge seems to be among the most significant questions of one's life. Perhaps it still is at some universities; it is not for the men of Duke.

There are in fact few "independent" men at Duke. The house structures that have developed during my years at the University offer a way of life not very different from

that of a fraternity. Social life, extra-curricular interests, and style of participation in the total life of the university differs little between fraternity and independent men.

The fraternity system has some serious drawbacks. Payment of dues to a national organization seems to be senseless. National ties through a fraternity, it seems to me, are no longer as helpful as some proponents of national organizations would have one believe. When national organizations jeopardize the integrity of local chapters as they frequently have done on questions of membership, their value is particularly ques-

tionable. Membership at the local level is usually determined on the basis of a short and superficial relationship established over one semester which is characterized by rules established by the fraternities to insure each an "equal chance." The depersonalization that often results from the search for the "choice" men in the Freshman Class is one of the real tragedies of the rushing process.

Perhaps the idea of fraternity among the brothers of a local chapter is the one most intriguing to the freshmen. By the time one is a Junior or Senior, however, his friends often are not nearly so dependent on his living group as some freshmen might think. I maintain that the fraternal relationship is just as possible, and just as real, for the non-fraternity man. Many Greeks will admit the superficiality of the picture of the "close friendship" among fraternity members presented to freshmen during Rush. These are some of the serious questions the freshman should consider as he looks at fraternities.

At the same time, however, one must recognize that the independent system at Duke has equally serious shortcomings. One of the problems independent houses are facing is that of developing a better means of selecting membership. The present method is almost as depersonalized as that of the fraternities.

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'Shooting It' in The Commons Room

—Photo by Bruce Vance

A Choice, Not An Echo Echo

By MARCUS

DRAMATIS PERSONNAE

Terrence Tabard—a sensitive young soul, wearing a corduroy sport jacket, glasses, a "Johnny Appleseed Was A Pot Head" button and carrying an unlighted pipe

Braxton BOG—looking like any normal Theta Chi, wearing a 'we try harder' look; has a nervous habit of polishing the BOG pin on his sweater

Lonny Lancaster—tastefully dressed, from his Peter Gunn haircut to slightly scuffed Palamino loafers; one detects a faint air of disdain; if you didn't know better, you might mistake him for an educated Beta'

The Fool

Some Surprise Guests

(Scene: Upstairs at the Ivy Room; the occasion is a strategy meeting for Independent Rush.)

Braxton: (polishing his BOG pin) How do you like it down in the new dorms, Terry?

Terrence: (earnestly) Most conducive to study and introspection. Especially the chapter room—I mean the commons room.

Lonny: (bursting in) Please don't use that expression!

Terrence: What, 'chapter room'?

Lonny: No, 'common'. Sorry I was late. On the way over my Corvette was hit by a leaf, so I had to stop and repolish it.

Terrence: Well let's get this thing going. I have to be back in time to change.

Braxton: (polishing his pin) You have a date tonight, Terry?

Terrence: No, we're having a mixer with the Fac. Apt. girls. It should be the event of the season. It's our annual Fraternity-Sorority Put-Down program. This year's theme is "How High is the Happening?" Picture this: a dark room, recordings of Glenn Goodyear and the last five presidents of the IFC giving the same speech playing, films of the KA's and Tep's last party and Reg Hane's birthday party are flashing on the walls; and as a grand finale, one of the girls gets up and gives a dramatic reading of the names of the administrative staff and their fraternity affiliation. Talk about blowing your mind.

Braxton: That sounds groovy. Can anyone come?

Terrence: Sorry. Strictly by invitation only.

Lonny: O.K., O.K. Enough degenerate conversation. Back to Independent Rush.

(Just then two bodies float in; they are dressed identically: bushy haircut, rimless glasses, moustache and army jacket. They appear to be spiritual descendents of Sacco and Vanzetti.)

Terrence: Why, it's Alfred Off-Campus and Melvin MGC. Welcome.

The Fool: Happy Halloween.

Terrence: Who said that? Kill the intolerant fascist!

Braxton: Please, please. It's up to us to show the freshmen that Independent life offers them a choice. And we've got to tell them

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Independent Life In Perspective

By CHUCK ADAMS '64
Housemaster, House K

If you are thinking seriously of being an independent, then Duke is the wrong school for you. There are few serious independents here, or perhaps I should say few persons who are seriously independent. It takes a certain state of mind to be independent—a sort of individuality that doesn't require the crutch of a tight social organization to compensate for a lack of initiative, that doesn't need a constant audience to applaud him, or conversely, that doesn't want to play straight man to some one-joke buffoon. If you think I am referring to fraternities and its members, then you must have noticed too. But have you looked at the "Independents" lately? They are just about the same—it's a shame to have to admit that most of the independent houses on this campus are little more than pseudo-fraternities, with slightly more creativity and imagination.

The blame for this, as I see it, lies in an initial failure by the organizers of the independent house system to realize the potential of such a set-up. Here was a chance to create not a pseudo-fraternity, but a place where students with that independent state of mind could form into loosely organized groups for in-depth study and communication, among themselves and with interested faculty. Informal as well as organized social exchange would be an important part, but by no means a sole reason for existence. Its members or residents would be a diverse group—an interplay of different interests and personalities. Of all the houses, only York can be credited with any real degree of success.

Perhaps many will think I am premature in my criticism—after all, York was the first such house, and several were formed just this year. But it is alarming to note the direction these houses are taking—in typical Joe-College-ese, Lee House has posted signs urging its members to "get with it" and "really raise hell, you Lee House studs." Feh!

The Lee House organizers are not to

be severely criticized for their enthusiasm. They, like most independents at Duke, feel themselves under a certain degree of pressure, stemming from a sort of Avis-complex, knowing that fraternities command more prestige, and therefore as independents, they must "try harder." It is natural to try to beat the fraternities at their own game. At this stage of the game, it is also impossible. There is, however, a place of non-Greek fraternities, such as B.O.G. and Lancaster House, on this campus. There are those who do not "make" the fraternity they wanted; there are those who cannot afford the expenses of fraternity life; there are those who want the more relaxed, less demanding social schedule offered them in such houses. It is good that there is, for those who want them, an alternative to Greek fraternities.

It is wrong, however, (I hope at least) to assume that every Duke student wants fraternity life in one form or another, and this is why I deplore the direction which the independent house system has taken. Realistically, why must there be a "fraternity for everyone?" Had you gone to say Yale or Harvard, you would have done without. Of course, Durham cannot compete with Boston or New York, but that influences primarily the social aspect of college. It seems to be an undeclared assumption on this campus that college—outside the classroom—is a purely social experience. For some it inevitably is; it is for others because there is no realistic alternative. I believe that such an alternative lies in a development of the potentialities of the independent house system. Duke manages to attract many interesting people, many diverse personalities, some with a certain degree of creativity. Those who stay the full four years feel stifled, their initiative stymied by the apathy of those around them. They come to Duke to learn—they stay to stagnate. It is sad when the most vivid memories of your college years are a panty raid and a few parties. An effective independent house system of course cannot solve this situation completely, but it can help.

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Independents Not Local Frats

By GERRY AHMANN
President, AIH

In my many discussions with freshmen this semester, I have found the most frequently asked question to be: "Well if independent houses do all this, then how are they different from a local fraternity?" This is indeed a valid question, and I feel an answer should be provided.

If one takes the general definition of a fraternity to a group of students organized for social and other purposes, then one can really attach that title to most independent houses on the Duke Campus. However, this is where the similarity ends. Fraternities at Duke are national and thus have chapters throughout the country. Fraternity members also wear insignia which identifies them with their particular fraternity. They encourage participation in their groups and at times apply added pressure for one to take part by hitting where it hurts most—at the pocketbook. In addition, the Greeks rush freshmen in order that they may locate the really "cool" frosh and convince them that their particular fraternity is best. And finally, a fraternity offers that one

visionary ideal — brotherhood.

Now that I have expounded on the more obvious characteristics of a fraternity, I will proceed to explain why this is not what independent houses are — although a couple unfortunately are moving in this direction. Independent houses have no national affiliation. Consequently, they are able to charge lower dues and still provide a good social schedule. They resemble fraternities only in that one of their goals is to provide a cohesive living group and one of its many programs is often an active social calendar. They are not necessarily looking for guys that will fit into the mold. They are looking for diversity and individual accomplishment in the hopes that their members will provide each other with a constant interchange of ideas — something that is so essential

for a full college education.

This type of atmosphere is greatly facilitated by each house's having a resident fellow and faculty fellow who work closely with the house. Because of their desire for diversity, most houses reject selectivity and all the pretenses that it involves as much as possible. Independent houses do not rush for this is a predominate characteristic of a fraternity. The selection process has two purposes: to remove those who have been or would be a negative influence (not those who are different); and to fill the vacancies on an objective basis.

Thus I feel that independent houses have a cohesiveness which parallels fraternities in spirit, yet they still allow their members to remain the individuals they should be.

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what that choice and the Independent Way of Life entail?

All this, while the unscrupulous fraternities are appealing to their baser instincts by plying them with liquor and women. Gentlemen, it is our arduous task to put the whole question of social and residential affiliation in the proper perspective.

The Fool: Like by putting a picture of the new dorms on the cover of the Independent Life booklet.

All: Right.

-Ind or Frat?-

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The freshman going into Rush Weew should remember that it is one of the most hectic and exciting of the year. One ought not to be overwhelmed by the attention given him and the elaborate parties provided every evening. Life is soon back to normal; and that normal life is not very different whether one is a member of a fraternity or an independent house.

Is there a Doctor in the house?

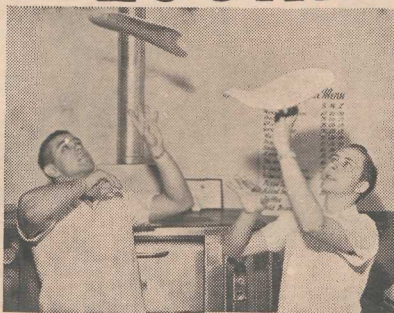
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Example of Self-Discipline

By JIM HASSON
IFC Judicial Board Chairman

The Judicial Board of the IFC has the responsibility of interpreting and enforcing the Penal Code of the IFC, which covers rushing, pledging, and non-rushing activities. This Penal Code is legislated by the Council of Presidents, and the Judicial Board must follow these policies in its adjudication. As long as a rule exists, the Judicial Board must see that it is followed. If the rule is wrong, unjust, or unnecessary, it is the duty of the Council of Presidents to change it.

The laws of the IFC are set up for the benefit of all eighteen fraternities and of the freshmen who are rushed and pledged. The fundamental concept is that the individual fraternities are strong only when the system is strong. Therefore, an organized system is set up so that all fraternities will be essentially equal and will have equality of opportunity.

As regards rush, the rules are established so that every fraternity is restricted in the same way and is entitled to the same privileges. The restrictions of first semester are primarily for the benefit of the freshmen. The academic life at Duke often requires a great deal of adaptation by freshmen, and we of the IFC do not wish to add any unnecessary pressures during the first semester. Therefore, we hold rush after the first semester, when we hope that the freshmen will have become aware of the academic demands and be better prepared to enjoy the social opportunities provided by fraternities.

The pledging rules are estab-

lished again for the protection of the pledges. The rules, if followed, will allow no pledge to be harmed physically or mentally by the practices of the fraternities. We have made great progress in this area, as evidenced by the trials of last spring when several incidents of hazing were severely penalized. We do not feel that any type of physical or mental harassment can be tolerated in a mature, responsible academic community, and are therefore committed to removing all traces of it from fraternity affairs.

The IFC also expects every fraternity to be cognizant of its responsibility as a living group to the academic community. For this reason, the Judicial Board had the responsibility to try cases of group infractions of rules covering brawling, malicious damage, violation of East Campus regulations, and the like. Several cases of this type have arisen in the recent past, and the fraternities involved have been made fully aware of their duty to prevent actions by their members which reflect poorly on their fraternity and the fraternity system as a whole.

In its trials, the Judicial Board does not follow the common procedure of advocacy; rather, it acts as a board of inquiry, putting questions to witnesses for both the defense and the prosecution. It seeks to determine the truth of an incident in the simplest way possible, and this method has functioned very satisfactorily for the two years in which the Judicial Board has existed. All investigation of complaints and rumors, however, is

conducted by the Investigating Committee, and all reports are not known by the Board until the time of the trial. In this manner, pre-trial prejudice on the part of Board members is prevented. However, the whole process of enforcement is dependent upon the willingness of individuals to testify. Only when all members of the system become aware of the benefits of the laws to all will the judicial function of the Board be adequately performed. If the Board functions properly, then it will provide the environmental structure in which the IFC can progress as a system, and not as eighteen competing living groups.

Should You Join A Fraternity?

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to criticize from the inside.

Fraternities have benefited me considerably and I value my association with a fraternity — but others have not been so lucky. If you enter rush with the right perspective and maintain a balance of values, you also will benefit.

Six Easy Steps

There are a few rules to playing a smart rush game:

1. Notice what other members of your class are being rushed by the fraternity you are interested in.
2. Pay particular attention to the sophomore and junior classes of the fraternity.
3. Talk with some old seniors about the fraternity — they'll

give you a less propagandized version of the fraternity.

4. Check the scholastic standing of the fraternity.

5. Don't be impressed with the wrong things — the cars, drinking, etc.

6. Don't allow yourself to be too pressurized.

Above all, be yourself — don't play any role. If you can't make it the way you are, or if they don't want you for what you are, you don't want them.

Finally, be as comfortable as you can and go through rush with the idea in mind of having a good time.

Fraternities can be of immense value — they can and do occupy an important place in the intellectual and social environment of the University. At their best fraternities are group disciplines emphasizing the worth, and contributing to the development of the individual.

If you feel you will benefit in this way from a fraternity, join one.

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