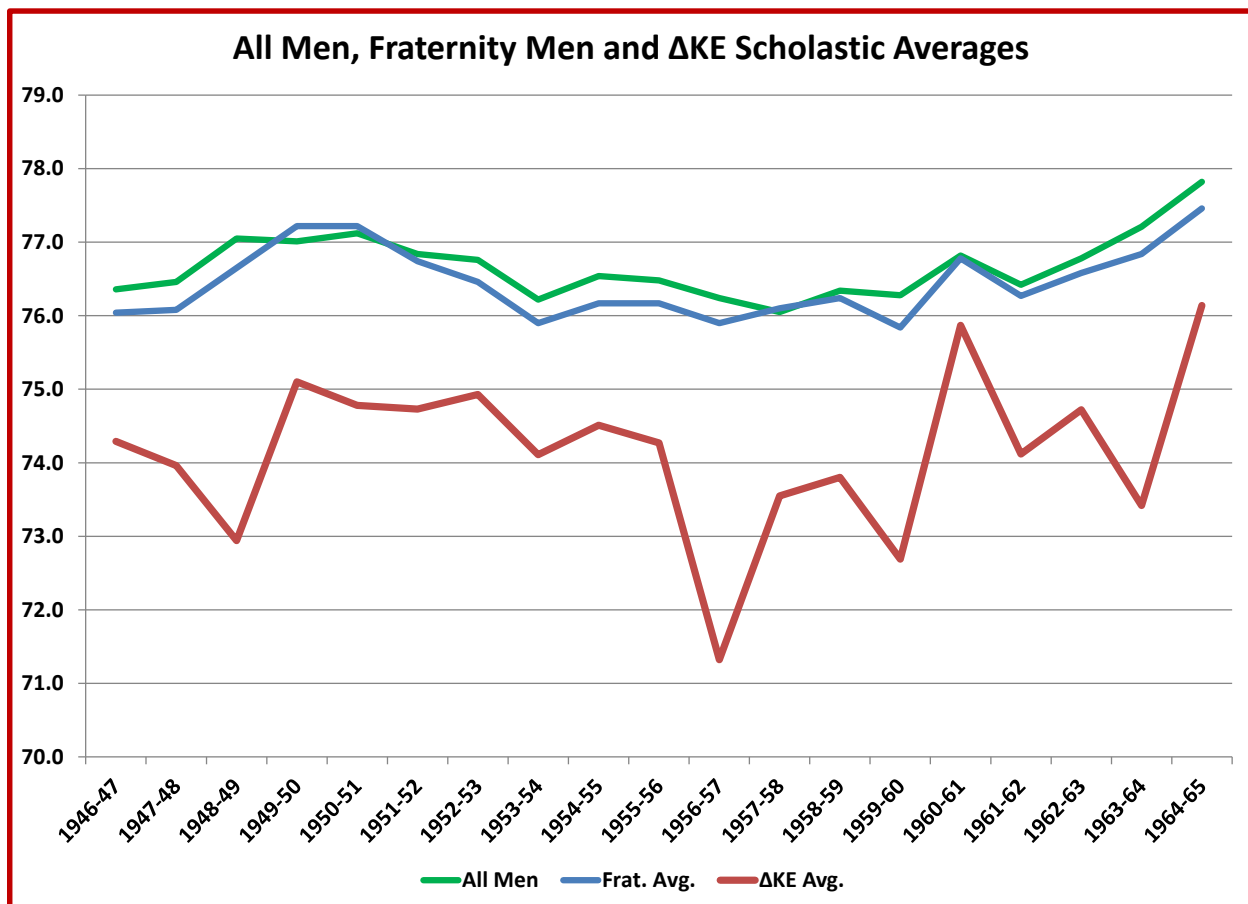


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ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #14: Scholastic Performance in the Post-WWII Deke House

The academic progress of Cornell fraternity men was a major concern of the University administration during the years following World War II. The Registrar's Office compiled tables of average marks for fraternities, sororities and residential living units that were published in the *Cornell Alumni News*. The Office of the Dean of Students added elaborate statistical analyses to determine what factors led to academic success or failure.

For the Cornell Dekes this was a period of embarrassingly poor marks, suspensions and dismissals for reasons of academic deficiency. These woes were compounded with disciplinary actions for dissolute conduct, rush failures and financial mismanagement. The Chapter came within a breath of closing in 1959 and would have had the alumni not stepped into to force corrections.



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Table I – Summary of Grades for the Star League & Big Six Fraternities

The most consistent and continuous record of academic performance for the Cornell fraternity system during the post-war era is the set of nineteen annual reports published in the *Cornell Alumni News* from 1948 to 1965 when undergraduate grades were computed on a 0 to 100 scale. These are reproduced in Appendix C. The following table summarizes that ranking data for the Star League fraternity group (ΑΔΦ, KA, ΨΥ, ΖΨ and ΔKE) that expanded to the Big Six with the addition of ΧΨ circa 1920. The ΔKE, Fraternities' and All-Men's averages are plotted on p.1 of this report.

School Year	# Rnk'd	ΑΔΦ	ΧΨ	KA	ΨΥ	ΖΨ	ΔKE	ΔKE Ratio	ΔKE Avg.	Frat. Avg.	CAN
Star League		♦		♦	♦	♦	♦				
1946-47	54	28	36	54	44	22	46	46/54	74.29	76.04	L, #8
1947-48	54	43	33	49	40	53	50	50/54	73.96	76.08	LI, #6
1948-49	56	38	29	55	25	27	56	56/56	72.94	76.65	LII, #3
1949-50	58	21	33	58	36	53	52	52/58	75.10	77.22	LIII, #4
1950-51	57	28	37	44	29	49	52	52/57	74.78	77.22	LIV, #6
1951-52	60	25	19	37	32	60	55	55/60	74.73	76.74	LV, #6
1952-53	61	23	35	58	30	52	48	48/61	74.93	76.46	LVI, #15
1953-54	61	31	33	55	22	56	53	53/61	74.11	75.90	LVII, #6
1954-55	61	21	18	48	38	60	50	50/61	74.51	76.17	LVIII, #5
1955-56	61	24	25	58	50	60	54	54/61	74.27	76.17	LIX, #2
1956-57	61	30	22	59	41	58	61	61/61	71.32	75.90	LX, #2
1957-58	61	23	29	54	47	53	58	58/61	73.55	76.10	LXI, #2
1958-59	62	32	27	62	45	26	60	60/62	73.80	76.24	LXII, #3
1959-60	62	56	42	41	29	25	61	61/62	72.69	75.84	LXIII, #2
1960-61	53	26	32	38	44	8	39	39/53	75.87	76.78	LXIV, #3
1961-62	53	26	25	44	30	8	49	49/53	74.12	76.27	LXV, #3
1962-63	53	3	26	32	42	28	47	47/53	74.72	76.58	LXVI, #3
1963-64	53	8.5	26	24	20	36	53	53/53	73.42	76.84	LXVII, #5
1964-65	53	19	44	14	23	45	42.5	42.5/53	76.14	77.46	LXVIII, #5

The number of fraternities and men's associations ranked ranged from 53 to 62 as houses came into existence or expired. The rightmost column labeled CAN identifies the issue of the *Cornell Alumni News* where the previous year's results were published.

Note that ΔKE never escaped the bottom third of the fraternity rankings and placed dead-last three times: in the 1948-49, 1956-57 and 1963-64 school years.

In 1965 the University replaced the 0-to-100 grading scale with a system of letter grades; public tabulations of fraternity/sorority marks ceased at that point, but the Dean of Students took pains to communicate the standings to each house in semi-private letters.

Background

The Cornell Dekes had a proud if not uneven record of scholarship during their early years at Cornell. It is clear that the Chapter's founders had a high regard for academic achievement, but they felt that the fraternity's role was to provide collegial associations to complement the courses of study on the Hill. Charter member John DeWitt Warner 1872 —perhaps Delta Chi's greatest intellectual light, stated this clearly in 1894 when the cornerstone for the 13 South Avenue lodge was laid.¹

The Greek letter fraternity is the solution offered by the American college student of the question how the world-old educational methods are to be adapted to the needs of American universities and the temper of American student youth; and in this connection it is as significant as it is characteristic, that at Cornell, the most advanced type of an American university, should be found the most extensive system of Greek letter fraternities, and that here, as elsewhere, Δ K E is in the front rank.

It was not by mere chance that Δ K E and her sisters became known at “Greek letter” fraternities; it was still less so that, striving toward the ideal thus suggested, so much of success has already been achieved. The peculiarity of Attic culture was the attrition of mind with mind in personal intercourse, under which, without conscious effort, the faculties of each, were drawn out —educated. The Greek Academia was a meeting of congenial minds, each developing the others in the most effectual of ways; a tourney of wits, each sharpening the other to a keener edge. The thinker was constantly recalled from abstract wandering, and his conclusions tested by the touchstone of the cultured instinct of those about him. As a result, his mental development, unlike too much of the pedantry of to-day, was no growth of the darkness, shut in from the breezes, moistened by damp from below, uncanny and useless. It was rather the flower of a plant warmed by the sunshine, kissed by the wind, and wet by the dew, joyous and vigorous. The office of the Greek letter society is to add the exercises of the Academia to the training of the University, to supplement the culture of books by the culture of congenial intercourse, to fire the logic and learning of the lecture-room and library with sparks struck off white hot in animated debate and earnest discussion. Its mission, in short, is to ensure that the culture of live men by live men and for live men shall ever find a home among our college youths.

Warner again addressed the Chapter in 1910 when erection of the lodge's East Wing coincided with publication of the Fraternity's most extensive catalog of members.²

As this 1910 edition of the catalogue goes to press, and ΔX celebrates her 40th anniversary, the pending chapter enterprise that best merits note is the doubling of her chapter house accommodations so as to provide for thirty-five in residence, besides guests. Thus will be more nearly realized the “college” on the Oxford and Cambridge pattern for which more than twenty-five years ago we bought the one site more dominating the town than any on the campus; and worked out such plans for cloisters,

1 *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, XII, #1 (January 1894), pp. 15-21: “Cornerstone Address” by Brother John DeWitt Warner 1872. Cf. ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #18: Early Histories of the Chapter (2006).

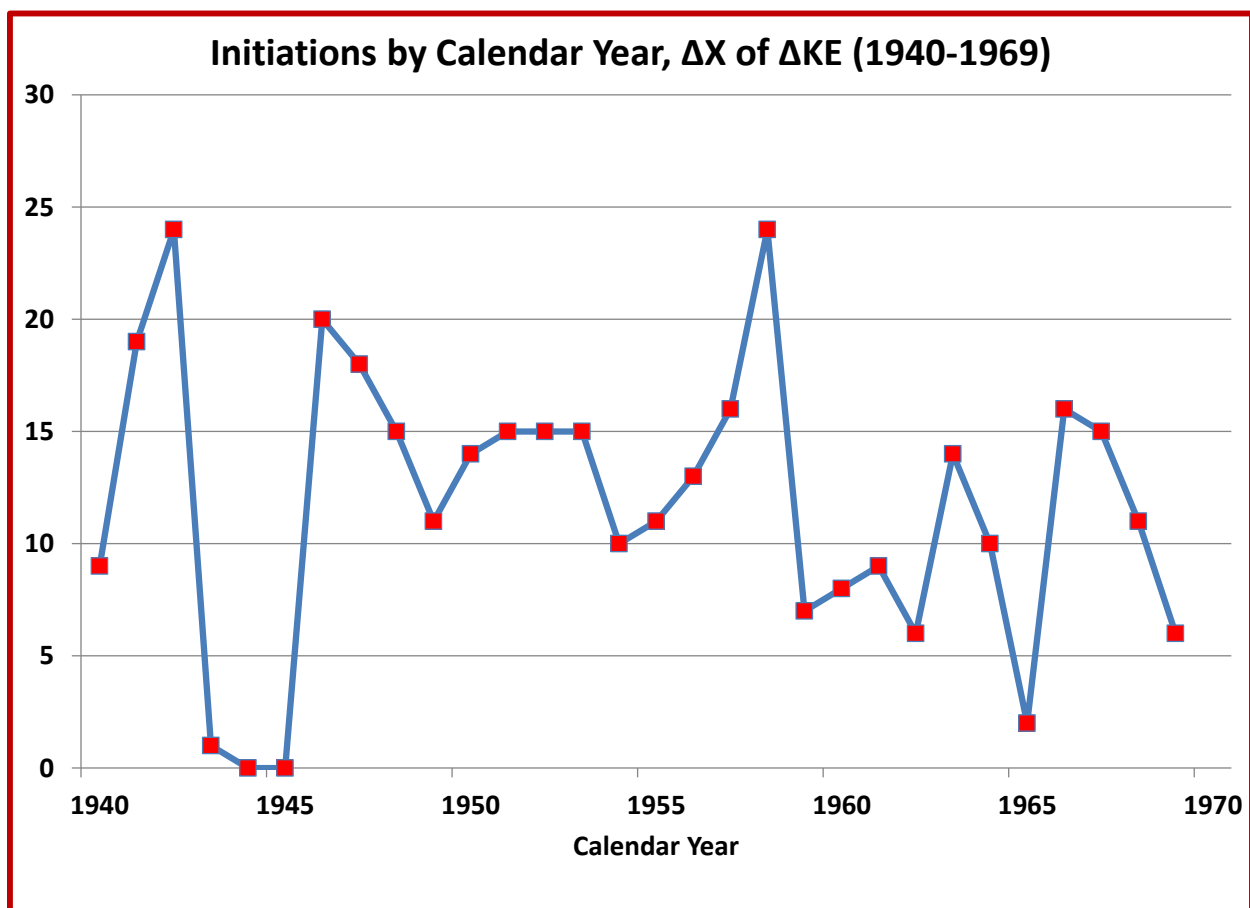
2 Warren, Aldice G., ed. *Catalogue of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity*. New York: ΔKE Council, 1910. Library of Congress Control Number: 10026733. pp. 1001-04.

refectory, library and great hall —grouped about a court with gateway and tower— which could be developed through generations, while used from the start. To some, present plans may seem ambitious. But they are modest compared with those we adopted when the University was but a tenth of its present size; and which, as every really “old” member believes, are yet to be realized. The fortunate undergraduates who dwell in the flesh at ΔX ’s home will be ever more few as compared with the genial ghosts that will make it more homelike.

We might ask if grades mattered. Amongst the first six hundred brothers to be initiated in the Delta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon (class years 1870 to 1929) we count one U.S. senator, three U. S. congressmen, two high Federal officials in the Executive Branch, two justices on New York State’s highest courts, two elected officials abroad (one a head of state), three Cornell University Trustees and two dozen who reached the pinnacles of their professions in academia and industry.³

Most of the next four hundred brothers to be initiated (class years 1930 to 1969) would sink decisively to the bottom ranks of academic performance while in the University, but score much success in the world beyond Ithaca.

The story behind the numbers follows.



³ ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #12: Registry of Distinguished Members (2013).

Chronology

In order to place the preceding summary of the Chapter's grades in context, we will look back into surviving records, most notably the ΔX Chapter Meeting Minutes (CMM), articles from the *Cornell Daily Sun* (CDS), *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* (DKEQ) and *Delta Chi Deke* (DXD) newsletter, correspondence from the alumni and a scattering of University reports. Editorial comments are italicized. See Appendix A for transcriptions of published material and *ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #27: Transcribed Documents, v. 1 (1870 – 1959)* (SS #27), for private correspondence.

The following chronology is devoted to scholarship matters. There is a parallel chronology describing the Chapter's financial circumstances and conduct problems in *ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #22: Chapter Finances, 1950-69*.

1896, the Chapter adopts a House Rule prohibiting noise in the lodge after 7:30 PM any night except Saturday.

29 Apr 1905, Brother Anton Vonnegut '05 proposes a chapter bylaw "that a brother, having busted out [of the University], cannot reclaim his room if he is keeping any other brother who wishes to room in house from doing so." This proscription is enacted on 7 May 1905.

27 Apr 1910, Cornell President Jacob Gould Schurman's Honor Roll list of eleven fraternities with no men having dropped for academic deficiency during college year 1909-10 does not include ΔKE . Thirty-seven fraternities and men's associations were surveyed.

CAN, XII, #29 (April 27, 1910): "Fraternities and Societies. Their Work and Place—Address by President Schurman in Sibley Dome on April 20.

26 Apr 1911, President Schurman's Honor Roll list of fifteen fraternities with no men sent down for academic deficiency during college year 1910-11 does not include ΔKE . The fraternity drop-out rate during the 1910-11 period was 4% compared to 2.5% for non-fraternity men.

CAN, XIII, #29 (April 26, 1911): "The Comparative Scholastic Standing of the Fraternity and the Non-Fraternity Men This Year: With the Fraternity 'Honor Roll'."

28 Sep 1907, The Chapter establishes the Student Committee to monitor scholastic performance of the underclassmen.

Fall 1911, Brother James Anderson Hawes, Φ 1894, General Secretary to the Council of Delta Kappa Epsilon, submits "Report #4: Delta Chi Chapter at Cornell University" to the Council.

[Excerpt] In closing this general reference, I must note the very unusual fact of a Chapter generally known as a sporty one and having many members active in athletics and other college activities, which at the same time has secured a high standard of scholarship. President Schurman last year prepared a list of all the fraternities as to scholarship, and out of the something over fifty national fraternities, there were only five above the average of all the students at the University and passed as satisfactory, of which number DKE stood a close second. This is really quite a remarkable fact, and I think that special attention and praise should be accorded them therefore. No chapter is perfect and one who knows this chapter well could bring up some criticisms, and generally Delta Chi does not seem to be popular in the Fraternity, especially among the small chapters. However, it certainly cannot be denied but that Delta Chi Chapter at Cornell is one of our

most virile chapters and occupies a strong position financially and in Fraternity and college activities and in the record of its members. SS #27.

Hawes (1873-1936) was also an honorary member of ΔX of ΔKE. The claim that ΔX of ΔKE ranked second amongst fraternities in 1910 has not been verified and should be considered doubtful.

28 Jan 1916, a motion “that a brother busting out shall deposit a ninety day note with the Treasurer to insure payment of Junior Week tax” carries.

20 Oct 1938, the *Cornell Alumni News* reports, “Dr. Eugene F. Bradford, University Registrar, released last week the average scholastic grades for 1937-38 of the men and women in the fifty-eight fraternities and men’s associations and the thirteen sororities on the Campus.” ΔKE ranked 57 out of 58 with a grade average of 69.50. The ΔKE grades for college years 1915-16 (67.4) and 1923-24 (67.67) are also given.

CAN, XLI, #4: “Fraternity Grades for Last Year.”

01 May 1939, Brother Richard Alfred Lowe ‘39 reports that at the meeting of the Council of Delta Kappa Epsilon meeting that he recently attended, “our excellent financial standing was commented on favorably, but that our scholastic standing was the lowest of any chapter represented.”

15 May 1939, the Chapter enacts Bylaw #36 prohibiting the initiation of any man “not in good standing with the University.” This is clarified on 23 October 1939 to apply to men on academic probation.

19 Oct 1939, the Cornell Department of Public Information reports ΔKE ranking 46 out of 59 with an average grade of 71.63 for the 1938-39 college year.

CAN, XLII, #04 (October 19, 1939): “Publish Fraternity Grades for Last Academic Year.”

18 Jan 1943, Brother John Ames Newman ‘43 (Beta) gives his report on the ΔKE Regional Conference held at the Phi Gamma chapter: “Finances and organization of the Fraternity are good, but scholarship is low.”

May 1943, the Chapter de-activates and the Deke House is turned over to the U.S. Navy for use as a barracks in wartime training programs.

04 Oct 1945, ΔX of ΔKE is reactivated without having access to the lodge which is still being used by the War Department. The brotherhood will reoccupy the House during February 1946.

22 Mar 1946, the first post-war KBΦ meeting of this infamous drinking club takes place in the Deke House.

DXD, X, #1 (May 1946), p. 4: “First Kappa Beta Phi Meeting Held At Deke House.”

ΔX of ΔKE Research Note #04: Kappa Beta Phi

15 Dec 1947, the *Cornell Alumni News* reports that ΔKE began the post-War era by ranking 46th out of 54 for the 1946-47 academic year. The Chapter will dive straight to the scholastic cellar in the next two years: 50th out of 54 in 1947-48 and dead last, 56th out of 56 in 1948-49. Cf. Appendix C.

12 Apr 1948, the Chapter receives a letter from Brother John Frederick Nixon '24 "concerning a rumor that there was too much drinking going on." Delta Chi instructs Brother Robert Conkling Phillips, Jr. '49 to "answer to this charge for the House" at the forthcoming meeting of the Council of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Brother John Frederick "Jack" Nixon '24 (1902-1982) served as the Association's treasurer from 1933 to 1943 and as the Chapter's Representative to the Council of Delta Kappa Epsilon from 1943 to sometime after 1970. He obtained his LL.B from the Fordham University School of Law on 15 October 1930 and practiced in New York City.

30 Apr 1948, the local alumni of thirty-one Cornell fraternities meet in Ithaca to form a "Resident Advisors Committee" to act as a liaison between the University and their respective chapters. Brother Ernest Anton Dahmen, Jr. '38 is the Delta Chi representative. This is not to be confused with the Fraternity Resident Advisor Program that will come a decade later.

CAN, L, #16 (May 15, 1948), p. 424: "Chapter Advisors Elect."

Spring 1949, the Chapter forms a "Scholarship Committee" headed by Brother William Carl Hagel '50 "to enforce any regulation, with house approval, that will raise scholarship standards, and aid students with unsatisfactory grades." This is a revival of the 1907 Student Committee.

DXD, XII, #1 (March 1949), p. 2: "Hagel Heads New Chapter Scholarship Organization."

12 Apr 1949, Brother John Frederick Wolf '49 (Beta) proposes that a bylaw be enacted to establish and empower the Scholarship Committee. The current committee is tasked to compose a text of this measure.

Oct 1949, The Chapter discusses the "Scholastic Committee" and agrees that it "should be given teeth to carry out its function." Brother Arthur Lawrence Wasserman, Jr. '51, the new chairman of this committee, is instructed to elect members and "set up rules governing same."

The form and substance of this committee is subsequently described to the Alumni.

We feel that the Deke should be above the all-men's average. Any man in the house that has the all-man's average of the campus or below it will be put on a scholastic probation. This entails the restriction of those men being in their room five nights a week between the hours of seven-thirty and eleven in the evening.

DXD, XII, #2 (November 1949), p. 2: "New By-law Establishes A Scholarship Committee; New System Foresees Setting of High Standards."

14 Feb 1950, Brother Murray Richard Wigsten '52 is elected to serve as Rho [Recording Secretary] because "Brother [Stephen Edward] Kelly '52 busted out."

11 Dec 1950, the Scholarship Committee reports that the "House is in fair shape except for freshmen who are doing badly. In the [rest] of the House there are only ten men with averages below seventy four, a majority of those ten are in the sophomore class."

27 Jul 1951, Brother George Harmon Coxe III '53, dies "of injuries received when his 1949 Ford failed to negotiate a curve and crashed into a telephone pole near [Old] Saybrook CT. State police blamed excessive speed for the accident."

ΔX of ΔKE Research Note #29: Tragic Early Deaths of Cornell Dekes.

11 Feb 1952, Delta Chi decides to enforce Bylaw #36 prohibiting initiation of men on academic probation.

Spring 1952, Pledges Peter Dumont, Ken Mayne '52, Walter Kull and Alexander deLahunta de-pledge.

ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #25: Composite Chapter Photographs, ΔX of ΔKE, Nineteen-fifties.

05 Jan 1955, Delta Chi “was given the maximum penalty of three months social probation and a \$250 fine for violation of the Interfraternity Council Bylaws concerning moral conduct at parties.”

CDS, LXXI, #67 (6 Jan 1955): “DKE Receives Penalty for Social Violations” by Robert Timberger.
DKEQ, LXXIII, #2 (May 1955): Chapter Letter.

28 Feb 1955, the following amendment to Bylaw #36 is proposed: “No man on probation with the University shall be initiated into the Delta Chi Chapter except by a three fifths (3/5) affirmative vote of those present.” This amendment is enacted on 14 March 1955.

One is reminded of the Three-Fifths Compromise reached during the Constitutional Convention of 1787 in Philadelphia. The debate within the Halls of ΔKE would be similarly contentious.

05 Apr 1955, Brother John Patrick Page '54 proposes a different wording for the amendment to Bylaw #36 that is enacted on 18 Apr 1955: “The fraction of a pledge class on scholastic probation shall not be initiated [into the Delta Chi Chapter] unless such initiation be approved by a three-fifths affirmative vote of active members present. Men pledged after Spring Vacation shall not be initiated unless declared ready by the pledge trainer, and approved by three-fifths of the active members present.”

24 Oct 1955, General Discussion. “The alumni at the Alumni Chapter Meeting felt we should bid a few guys who might be on probation, but we shouldn’t make a policy of this.” In a flash of insight, Brother Charles Amos Wood, Jr. '54 complains that “Too many [of the brothers] are busting [out of college].”

The need to fill the house with rent-paying bodies to replace the brothers who busted out led to the recruitment of pledges that were themselves destined to bust out. Accepting lodgers would prove to be a better strategy.

12 Dec 1955, the Chapter discusses taking in a boarder, “namely, Mr. Yaun Sae [sic] Yang” from North Korea. On 9 January the sophomores and juniors decide that Mr. Yoonsae Yang '59 is wanted as a lodger if “he will assume the big ash man’s job steadily.”

Yoonsae Yang '59 was initiated on 24 May 1958 and elected to the office of Treasurer (Kappa) in the spring of 1959. He was last known to be living in South Korea.

DXD, December 1955: “Chapter Guest Proves of Unusual History.”
DXD, XXVII, #2 (March 1959): “Chapter Elects Men to Lead Deke in '59.”

18 Jan 1956, at a meeting of the Delta Chi Association Board held at the Williams Club, NYC, Brother Paul Joseph Kiely '50 “gave a special report on the undergraduates, pointing out the laxities of the present fraternity leaders and the difference between the college student of today and the one of 10 or 15 years ago.”

05 Dec 1956, Brother William Ford Torrey, Jr. '57 (Beta) warns "that the ΔKE National [Council] was well aware of our poor scholastic situation" and discusses a letter from Brother William M. Henderson ZZ 1939, President of the ΔKE National Council, about same.

01 Apr 1957, academic misfortune strikes when Brothers Torrey, '57 (Beta) and Svein Richard Arber '59 (Iota), respectively, are sent down. They are replaced in a special election by Brothers Anthony Carr Koonen '57 and St. George Biddle Duke '59.

06 Nov 1957, Brother Stephen Davis Bailey '56 (Beta) informs the brotherhood that Brothers Jean Donovan Williamson '59, Albert Palmer Fisher '59 and Edward Philip Sheridan '59 were awarded \$50 each from Brother Caesar Augustin Grasselli II '22 for outstanding scholastic improvement.

Brother Beta also informs the chapter "that the alumni gave us a vote of confidence for kicking out of the House Brothers [James Andrew] Weschler '59, [Svein Richard] Arber '59, [St. George Biddle] Duke '59, [Michael James] Crowley '59 and [Mark Culhane] Rowland '59" and "that the alumni asked for their removal from the National as well." These brothers are subsequently referred to as "the exiled group."

28 Apr 1958, Brother L. LaVerne Horton '41, a partner in the New York City investment firm of Goldman, Sachs & Co., and past President of the Delta Chi Association in 1952, dies at age 39 from a heart attack.

ΔX of ΔKE Research Note #29: Tragic Early Deaths of Cornell Dekes.

ΔX of ΔKE Special Study #23: Delta Chi Association Organization and Leadership.

May 1958, University President Deane W. Malott backs a "systematic reassessment of the University's fraternity system" by a six-man committee of fraternity advisers. Professor emeritus A. B. Recknagel is head of the committee, which also includes Prof Paul P. Van Riper; Wallace B. Rogers, manager of University Purchases; David M. Kopko, of the University Placement Office; D. Boardman Lee and Walter Duncan. This review is inspired by a debate about first-term freshman rushing.

Some Administration officials are known to be opposed to any move designed to bring about the return of first-term rushing. Members of the advisers group conferred with the Administration and reached agreement that a rushing study could be better conducted after a more long-range survey was made. A deferred rushing report being prepared by the Interfraternity Council, meanwhile, is still in committee, comparing the actual benefits of second term rushing with its disadvantages. Among the reasons advanced for the replacement of initial term rushing were to give the freshman more time to acclimate himself to University life and to give him a chance to test his academic ability before entering a fraternity. Those who argue for a return to fall term rushing say no records have been produced to show an improvement in freshman grades and that fraternities, by losing a class of freshmen for half a year, suffer financially.

This study, released circa 1960, is eventually called the Van Riper Report

CDS, LXXIV, #136, (09 May 1958), p. 1: "Fraternity Group Plans New Study."

Nov 1958, the *Delta Chi Deke* reports that Martin J. Weidenhammer '59 is elected to serve as Beta.

There is no record of Weidenhammer being elected to Beta in the Chapter Meeting Minutes. In later years he changes his surname to Widener.

DXD, XXVII, #1 (November 1958): "Weidenhammer is Elected Undergraduate President."

27 Jan 1959, Brothers John Arthur "Jack" Krieger '49 (President, ΔXA), James McConnell "Jim" Clark '44 and Lathram Cawthra "Lath" Burns '51 meet with the actives at the House. Krieger reports "A straw vote indicated that the majority wanted to call it quits [not rush new members in February and deactivate the Chapter] and we left the Deke House as dead. The next night Krieger receives a call from Bailey '56 (Beta) who "called to say that fifteen of them had decided to fight and go through rushing."

John Arthur "Jack" Krieger '49 letter to ΔX Board, February 1959 (SS #27).

1959, Brother Krieger reports to the Alumni:

The biggest problem in the area of scholarship is eliminating the idea that hard study and good grades are unimportant. Presently, it is almost frowned upon to excel scholastically. An education is still the real purpose of the college or university and as a matter of fact D.K.E. was founded to promote just that. Guidance in scholarship can come from a number of sources. Several fraternities at Cornell have taken on graduate residents to act as advisers on all house matters, but especially on academics. These fraternities have seen great improvement with this program. Our boys are very much interested in having a graduate resident and have already discussed it with the Deans Office. In addition to this, there should be a faculty advisor. Such a person would give a contact with the University which is important. The faculty advisor could work with the resident advisor and the boys to promote scholarship and give advice on the general operation of the house. The right person would be invaluable. The faculty and resident advisor would lend an academic atmosphere that is sorely needed. In addition, an officer, director, or another alumnus should be charged with the responsibility of overseeing scholarship. This could be done in a number of ways. A contact should be maintained between the alumnus and the two advisers mentioned previously. The undergraduates or one in charge of scholarship could be asked to report periodically on the grades of the freshman, sophomores and perhaps the juniors. In general, a personal and better contact could be made by this alumnus to promote scholarship. This sounds like an over-emphasis on the academic. I personally don't believe that it is possible, but from a financial standpoint and to maintain membership strength, it is vital to keep a boy once he's in. A part of our recent difficulties stem from a small membership. If we only now had all of those who have busted out in the past three years our job will be much simpler. Another fact to be considered —we can't attract the boys we want when we continually wind up at the bottom of the scholarship heap. Our rushing efforts also suffer because we don't have a full house to do an effective job or to give the proper impression. I also believe that we have a responsibility to the parents and the University to encourage scholastic excellence.

Undated six-page report, SS #27.

Mar 1959, the *Delta Chi Deke* reports that Michael James Crowley '59 is elected to serve as Beta.

Note that Crowley was one of the brothers expelled in November 1957.

DXD, XXVII, #2 (March 1959): "Chapter Elects Men to Lead Deke in '59."

Oct 1959, the Chapter publishes an abridged version of the House Rules recently adopted:

1. All members must live and eat in the house.
2. Drinking is prohibited in the house except during such organized affairs as house parties, when the whole membership participates.
3. Strict quiet hours shall be maintained.
4. Each freshman and sophomore shall be assigned an upper class adviser to maintain careful check on marks and supervise study periods if necessary.
5. An executive committee composed of the officers and one representative from each class will institute adequate punishment for those members of the house who, after an impartial hearing, are found to have deported themselves in a manner damaging to the reputation of the fraternity.

DKEQ, LXXVII, #3 (Oct 1959), p. 111: "New House Rules Designed to Recapture Strong Position of ΔKE at Cornell" by John A. Rodgers III '60 and George E. Fox '61.

The publication of these abridged House Rules in the Fraternity journal with national distribution was unprecedented. Cf. SS #27 for the complete set of Alumni imposed rules that included the following in the SCHOLARSHIP section:

(1) Study Hours. The House shall be kept quiet on all evenings except Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Fines for noise shall be levied by members of the Executive Committee at their discretion.

(2) Upperclass Advisors. Each Freshman and Sophomore shall be assigned an Upperclass Advisor whose duty and responsibility it shall be to maintain careful check on marks and to supervise a study period in the House each evening if marks warrant.

13 Oct 1959, "There was talk about how much good the change of attitude has done. Brother McLean reported that we are doing rather well in rushing. Guys who come over get the impression of nice stable guys and not drunk hotshots."

01 Dec 1959, Brother Krieger '49 reports:

A graduate student has been found to live with the boys in the House, but will not move in until February 1st because of prior lease commitments. Brother Clark suggested that we check to see how much it would cost us to carry this lease for the next two months, and was also suggested that the alumni interview him personally and make up a job description for him.

Minutes, Delta Chi Association Meeting, 1 December 1959 [SS #27].

The graduate student who was being considered for the Resident Advisor position, William "Jay" Kirby (Penn State '59) declines to serve.

DXD, January 1960, p. 1: "Penn Stater Becomes Resident Counselor."

23 Apr 1960, Brother George Edwin Fox '61 (Beta) writes to Brother North '36:

First, two of the freshmen pledges have taken leaves of absence from school. Ty Place had low marks in Hotel Administration and didn't feel he could improve them, and his advisor thought a leave would do him good. He'll be back either next fall or next spring. Beman (Red) Dawes ['64] is also taking a leave because he feels he isn't getting what he

should out of school. His average isn't bad, but he isn't interested in his work. He'll be back next spring. Consequently, we now have 11 pledges and 11 actives, with 17 men living in.

We've been having one or two faculty members down every Wed. dinner. They seemed to enjoy themselves, and to be convinced that we are improving our situation. We took several on tours of the house, and got quite varied reactions. Some think it is in bad condition, while at least one said he could see a great improvement over what he saw a few years ago.

George Edwin Fox 61 letter to Harold Diodate North, Jr. 36, April 23, 1960.

- 01 May 1960**, the IFC grants an additional \$500 to a "Fraternity Self-Study Program" to survey houses with regards to administrative efficiency, financial and other problems in fraternities. The study, originally begun under a grant of \$2,500 from the Interfraternity Alumni Association, is being conducted by Prof. Paul P. Van Riper of the Graduate School of Business and Public Administration. This study is later referred to as the Van Riper Report (1960).

CDS, LXXVI, #132 (2 May 1960): "IFC Defeats Group's Plea For Support"

CDS, LXXVII, #1 (19 Sep 1960): "School for Fraternity Leaders Stresses Chapter Management"

CDS, LXXVII, #74 (16 Jan 1961): "Professor Talks on Report with IFC House Officers."

Cornell Alumni News, LXIII, #13 (April 1, 1961): "Fraternities: Analysis & More Analysis."

Author: Prof. Paul P. Van Riper, Cornell Graduate School of Business and Public Administration.

Title: The Cornell fraternity self-study program; a report on some educational and social aspects of fraternity life at Cornell University, 1959-1960.

Cat: <https://catalog.library.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?BBID=1829902&DB=local>

- 01 Jul 1960**, Dr. K. Patricia Cross, Acting Dean of Women, becomes Cornell's first Dean of Students following the resignation of Dean of Men Frank C. Baldwin to become secretary of the University. She will serve in this position until 1963.

CDS, LXXVI, #125 (21 April 1960): "Patricia Cross Named New Dean of Students" by Patricia A. Cartwright.

- 01 Sep 1960**, in a report prepared by Assistant Dean of Students Hadley DePuy for the University Faculty Committee on Student Affairs Subcommittee on Fraternities chaired by Professor Steven Muller, the following ΔX of ΔKE Chapter statistics are noted.

Membership: 30, 21, 28, 40 and 18 in the 1955-56 through 1959-60 school years, respectively (Table II);

Pledge membership by college in the 1959-60 school year: 1 in Arts, 3 in Ag, 1 in ChE, 2 in Hotel, 1 in ILR, 8 total (Table III);

Rank and grade averages: 45-74.78, 48-74.73, 40-74.93, 45-74.11, 43-74.51, 56-74.27, 56-71.32, 53-73.55 and 54-73.80 in the 1950-51 through 1958-59 school years, respectively (Table VIII);

New Phi Beta Kappa members: 0 (Table IX);

Disciplinary violations during school year 1959-60: 2 disorderly & drunk, 1 destruction of property, 2 irresponsible behavior, total of 5 (Table X);

Disciplinary violations during school year 1959-60 by fraternity, top 10: $\Theta \Delta X$ 11, $\Delta \Phi$ 19, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ 6, $\Psi \Upsilon$ 6, ΔKE 5, $B \Theta \Pi$ 3, ΣAE 3, ΣN 3, $X \Psi$ 2, $\Delta \Upsilon$ 2 (Table XI);

Registered social events during school year 1959-60 (fraternity average 11.7): 7 (Table XII);

Membership on intercollegiate varsity athletic teams: 1 on Crosscountry and 1 on Soccer (Table XIII); and

Number of Dekes on University's Most Generous Donors List: 0 (p. 28).

"A Report on Some Aspects of Fraternity Life at Cornell University." Office of the Dean of Students, 1 September 1960. Rare and Manuscript Collections #37/1/1168, Box 4.

Note that being in a fraternity did not imply bad grades, but being in ΔKE did. As the Dean of Students noted in this report, "The all-fraternity average has been above the all-men's average only twice. However, the all-fraternity average has never been less than .004% below the all-men's average." On a disciplinary violation per member basis, ΔKE ranked first amongst the fraternities during school year 1959-60: (5 violations)/(18 members) = 0.28.

Oct 1960, Brother Caesar Augustin Grassselli II 1922 writes to Association President Harold Diodate "Bub" North, Jr. '36:

We have been advised of the progress made in disciplinary and scholastic endeavors especially. I was horrified, to note in the September 8, 1960 issue of the Cornell Alumni News that the Cornell Chapter of DKE had dropped from 59th place scholastically to 61st—which is next to the bottom of the heap. Lord knows 59th place was bad enough but we must be getting practically illiterate and failing in practically all accomplishments to drop to this incredible, low position.

I am sure that you are as conscious of these deficiencies as I am and hope that action is being, taken with the undergraduates to get our house in order. (SS #27).

15 Dec 1960, responding to a question by Brother Richard Judson Cowles '59 concerning "expledge [G. Lauriston] Walsh", Brother George Edwin Fox '61 (Beta) reports: "I told him to take his dog, his books, his car and himself and get out and stay out." Brother Charles Brenton Roeder '62 (Rho) also records that "It was pointed out that Brother [Clayton Louis] Moravec, Jr. '61 had run over his dog so we didn't have to worry about the dog."

Walsh is eventually initiated by Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity and becomes the head of their alumni association. He dies at age 54 in an automobile accident on 10 January 1993 after leaving the AΔΦ house in Ithaca for his home in Corning NY.

Feb 1961, Brother Fox '61 (Beta) reports on the House's study program and the Resident Advisor who lived in during the fall 1960 term. His replacement, Morgan P. Hatch (Harvard '52) is also announced.

A study program was started this term when George Tamblyn, a first year law student, agreed to become the scholastic advisor to the house. He established and enforced study hours for anyone who had under a 75 average last term. We hope to see the results of this in our average this year. Quiet hours are strictly enforced, which makes studying in the house even easier than in some of the libraries. The new social code permits women guests in the house in the evenings for "study dates." This practice makes living in the house as desirable as apartment living.

DXD, February 1961, p. 2: "Report From The President" by George Fox '62.

DXD, February 1961, p. 3: "Harvard '52 Graduate Is New Deke Chapter Advisor."

11 Feb 1961, Brother Fox '61 (Beta) reports to the Alumni at the annual meeting:

George Fox gave a very encouraging report on the present status of the House. The new scholastic average of the House is now over 76, and although the University does not have all the figures from all the Houses computed, this places us about 20th, instead of 52nd place as we were! There are 20 boys living in the House and no one went on probation this term. This is altogether a remarkable scholastic achievement.

Minutes, Delta Chi Association Annual Meeting (Deke House), 11 February 1961.

27 Feb 1961, John Summerskill, Vice President for Student Affairs, writes to Brother North '36:

Last week I had dinner at the Deke house at Bruce Benson's invitation and had an opportunity to talk with various brothers, including the new pledges. Although the pledge class is relatively small this year, I was most impressed by the pledges whom I met, and I expect that they will make a continuing contribution to the fraternity. Here again is a sign of further progress in the rehabilitation of the Dekes at Cornell and I am more fully convinced than ever that these young men deserve our fullest support.

You have probably learned that Morgan Hatch has accepted the position of resident adviser to the Dekes. This is another stroke of good fortune. Mr. Hatch has been at Cornell for two years as assistant to Lew Durland, the University treasurer. He is also coach of the University's freshman hockey team, and he is an outstanding young man. He has visited the house a number of times now and he is well respected and liked by the members. He is a graduate of Harvard, and consequently he was not a fraternity man himself but he is enthusiastic about the Dekes here and willing to assist them in any way possible. It might be wise to involve him further in the alumni plans and program for the rehabilitation of the house.

John Henry Summerskill (1925-1990), Vice President for Student Affairs (1958-1966), obtained his BA at McGill University and PhD at the University of Pennsylvania. He left Cornell in 1966 to serve as the seventh president of San Francisco State University for two years during a time of turmoil.

Brother Bruce Davey Benson '61 goes on to have a distinguished career in the petroleum industry and becomes the 22nd President of the University of Colorado in 2008.

Feb 1961, the *Delta Chi Deke* reports (1) "a study program was started this term when George Tamblyn, a first year law student, agreed to become the scholastic advisor to the house" and (2) that Morgan P. Hatch, the freshman hockey coach will be joining the Chapter as resident advisor.

20 Feb 1961, the chapter discusses the possibility of employing Mr. Auchter, the Houseman, with "the job of keeping Mrs. Thompson under control."

This is apparently a mangled reference to Paul R. Auchter who may have served as Resident Advisor during school years 1960-61 and 1961-62. Mrs. Thompson is believed to be the House cook.

10 Mar 1961, Brother North '36 writes to Benson '61 (Beta): "You are to be congratulated on having Mr. Morgan Hatch as your resident adviser."

May 1961, Delta Chi reports having jumped 34 places in scholastic rank, from 51st place out of 53 fraternities to the 18th rank for the fall 1960 term.

This was a single semester score. The 1960-61 school year ranking was 39 out of 53 — still the best that ΔKE achieved in that era.

The big news was that three brothers are on the University's Varsity Hockey Team: Stephen Frederick "Steve" Kijanka '63, center; Laing Edward Kennedy '63, goalie; and Rudolph Andrew "Rudy" Mateka '63, defense.

DXD, May 1961 (CU-DRMA).

DKEQ, LXXIX, #2 (May 1961): Chapter Letter.

17 May 1961, Brother Milton C. Miller '99 writes to North '24:

Evidently George Fox is a young man of ability, who has done a big job for the chapter. Frankly, I am surprised that he has been able to raise the scholastic position so much, because I would not expect that women in the house for study dates would be conducive to much study. Apparently, I have not kept up with the times, as I did not know before that this is consistent with the practice in fraternity life at Cornell, and George Fox's statement was, therefore, somewhat shocking to me. I suppose, if a university permits this in fraternity houses, they also permit equal privileges in the college dormitories. This is certainly a far cry from the house restrictions of my day.

Fall 1961, in a "Scholarship" report issued by the Dean of Students, the following ΔX of ΔKE Chapter rankings and grade averages are noted.

Fall term 1960, combined	40	75.675
Spring term 1961, actives-only	40	76.044
Spring term 1961, pledges-only	32	75.364
Spring term 1961, combined	39	75.894
1960-61 school year, combined	39	75.870
1959-60, school year, combined	52	72.69

Office of the Dean of Students, Undergraduate Averages for the Academic Year (undated).

Oct 1961, Brother Fox '61 (Iota) writes, "The new adviser to Delta Chi is Morgan P. Hatch, originally from Wellesley, Massachusetts, who was graduated from Harvard in 1952 with a major in economics. At Harvard he rowed and played hockey. After graduation he worked two years for the Travelers Insurance Company."

DKEQ, LXXIX, #3 (Oct 1961), pp. 129-130.

13 Dec 1961, Brother Mateka '63 (Rho) records, "Morgan Hatch, [the Deke] House [academic] advisor, is leaving college in February and we should try to do something nice for him before he leaves."

Dec 1961: Brother Nixon '49 reports, "The scholastic averages average has been raised 22 places. For the school year ending June, 1961, DKE stood 32nd among 54 Fraternities at Cornell. Not the best, but a great improvement over the last two years when we were 52nd and 53rd on the list."

George Nixon, Jr. '49 letter to DKE Brothers, December 1961.

06 Feb 1962, Brother Martin Edward Ness '63 (Beta) writes a whiney letter to Brother North '36 that is subsequently reprinted and distributed to the Alumni.

Academically we now stand 39 out of all fraternities at Cornell. This is a jump of 14 places in one year. As a demonstration of the scholastic calibre [sic] of the men we pledge and the academic atmosphere of the house, we also offer our pledge class average improvement. At Cornell, fraternity pledging as a rule brings about a decrease in scholastic averages of the pledges. In some fraternities the pledges average rises the term after pledging. The university publishes a list showing improvements and declines of pledge class averages for every house at Cornell. This list shows that the rise-after-pledging of the DEKE pledge class average was fourth from highest on the Hill. There are now 53 fraternities at Cornell.

Martin Edward Ness '63 letter to Harold D. North, Jr. '36, 6 February 1962.

19 Feb 1962, Charles E. Warwick, Assistant Dean of Students for Fraternities, addresses the Alumni at a dinner in NYC:

I don't believe I am telling any secrets out of school when I mention that the Cornell chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon had a series of slack years in very recent times. I understand that about two years ago the situation for the Dekes reached bottom. By the time I came on the Cornell scene in the fall of 1960, the rejuvenation trend had already started. I can tell you with complete honesty that I have enjoyed my association with your last three house presidents very much, starting with George Fox, Bruce Benson and Marty Ness. These gentlemen have impressed me with their genuine concern with the problems the fraternity faces and their ability to start wading in and getting some necessary jobs done. There are some obvious improvements that have been made in the last year and a half. For example, during the 1960-61 school year, the Dekes jumped from 52nd to 39th in the scholastic rankings. The house grade point average has gone up three points during this period of time which is one of the most significant gains made by any group on campus. I was happy to note that the grade improvement average of the pledges last year from the first to the second term was the fourth highest of the 53 houses in the IFC. For the past two years, you have had a graduate student acting in the capacity of a scholastic advisor and it seems to me that this is paying off for you. I am happy to say that you picked up several more pledges during the rushing period which has just been concluded than you did last year. From what I can see at the present time, it looks like the morale and spirit of the house are better now than they have been for quite some time.

Charles Warwick Address to Delta Chi Alumni, February 19, 1962 (Dinner Meeting at Seventh Regiment Mess, 66th Street and Park Avenue, NYC).

Charles E. Warwick (1926-2010), Assistant Dean of Students for Fraternities (1960-1964), continued his career at the University of Illinois after leaving Cornell.

16 Mar 1962, Warwick reports the Chapter's rankings and grade averages amongst the 53 fraternities:

Fall Term 1961, junior to 5th Year	31	76.42
Fall Term 1961, sophomores	47	72.29
Fall Term 1961, combined	42	75.06
Fall Term 1960, combined	40	75.675
Resident members	38	74.43
Non-resident members	25	77.10

Delta, residents minus non-residents		-2.67
Combined average	26	75.94
Upperclassmen, residents		76.52
Upperclassmen, non-residents		76.70
Delta, residents- minus non-residents		-0.18

- 12 Apr 1962**, Delta Chi schedules initiation for 26 April 1962. The brotherhood hears that one pledge has already de-pledged and that another will shortly “because of grades.” A third is “rung on [the] basis of ten percent plus one [votes] to ring.”
- 23 Apr 1962**, Brother Kendall Stuart Norwood, Jr. ‘62 (Pi) reports “that frankly, [he is] not too pleased about the academic situation in the pledge class.”
- 19 Sep 1962**, Brother Norwood ‘62 (Beta) announces “that he was no longer a student at Cornell University: the big U. did not buy his routine [and] he would like to open nominations for a new President.” Brother Charles Allen Graves ‘63, the Sigma, is selected to preside in Brother Norwood’s absence. Brother Mateka takes over the office of Rho.
- Norwood is the second sitting president of the Chapter to be sent down for academic deficiency.*
- 8 Oct 1962**, Brother John Rast Hubbard ‘65 vows to “pay \$25 to the brother who will raise his average the most from last semester providing that the House continues [with] this policy.”
- 29 Sep 1963**, hearing that Brother Thomas Priest Linville ‘64 (Beta) is “on probation, “Delta Chi elects a “coalition government” comprised of Brother Charles Allen Graves ‘63 as a “figurehead” president with the understanding that Brother Linville “will do the work.”
- 17 Nov 1963**, the “coalition government” is reorganized by election with the result that Brother Charles Allen Graves ‘63 is retained as “figurehead” president with Brother Ross Warne Maghan, Jr. ‘66 as “presidential right hand man.”
- 07 Feb 1964**, in a curious report to the Dean of Students Warwick describes the ongoing Fraternity Resident Advisor program as something “new.”

Senior Residents

Another interesting development is now appearing on the scene. In January, alumni of a fraternity expressed an interest in obtaining the services of a young faculty member or mature graduate student as a senior resident. The expressed purpose of this approach is to have the individual, through his greater maturity, greater breadth and depth of academic interest, and as a personal model, inspire the undergraduate members to greater heights. Also, it is hoped that this man would encourage individuals to go to him for counseling on various matters. Finally, it was hoped that this person, through his connection with the faculty, would be able to entice interesting members of the faculty to meet with the undergraduates on an informal basis in the fraternity house. The alumni did not conceive this resident advisor as having either disciplinary or managerial responsibilities. In exchange, the alumni agreed to provide a private suite with private bathroom facilities and some help on the board costs for the man selected.

At the suggestion of Vice President Summerskill, I sent a notice of this opening to the heads of all the academic departments on campus. The response has been amazing. Some twelve to fifteen persons have interviewed for this position. These people include the

head of the undergraduate library at Uris, several PhD candidates ranging in age from 27 to 32, and several foreign graduate students with extremely diversified and interesting backgrounds, and several outstanding younger graduate students. Since then, at least three other fraternities have expressed an interest in such a program, and a list is now being made of people interested in this type of work. If the trend continues, it is quite likely that there will be resident advisors in five to ten fraternities next fall, most of which will be on a voluntary basis. Considering the strong desire that most fraternities have for autonomy, this could be a most significant development.

There is a possibility that the newly appointed Assistant Dean for the Arts and Sciences College may also be serving as a resident advisor in one of our fraternities. This particular person is a Harvard PhD who has had considerable experience in student personnel work and dormitory living. If such an arrangement could be worked out, it might prove to be a real coup.

Charles E. Warwick, Assistant Dean of Students, "Semi-annual Report, June 1963 – February 1964," pp. 13-14. Rare and Manuscript Collections #37/1/1384, Box #9.

- 12 Apr 1964**, the IFC meets to consider measures to improve academic performance in the Fraternity system.

CDS, LXXX, #117 (10 April 1964): "IFC to Consider House Academics."

CDS, LXXX, #129 (28 April 1964): "Fraternities... And Academics."

- 24 Apr 1964**, Brother Langdon Thomas Williams '21 writes to Grasselli '22: "As you well know, at the time we were in college DKE was pre-eminent among the some sixty odd fraternities there. While those previously mentioned [Psi U, Alpha Delt, Chi Psi and Kappa Alpha] were in the same general class, I think it was recognized by most people that DKE was "Top of the Bottle." Something happened."

- 01 May 1964**, Brother Grasselli '22 replies to Brother Williams '21 in an extensive three-part letter: "There are two reasons why DKE at Cornell slipped so badly. First, through unfortunate combinations of circumstances and conditions, two splendid leaders of the post-war era were lost to the chapter at the peak of their leadership period. Two, it was impossible to stir an honest interest in the alumni and therefore much needed support —physically, financially and morally— was not forthcoming when urgently needed at 13 South Avenue.

Grasselli does not identify the "two splendid leaders" so we are left to speculate about their names. Possibilities include the following. Wall Street executive L. LaVerne Horton '41 died of a heart attack, age 39, on 28 April 1958, St. Clair McKelway, Jr. '52 perished on 3 June 1954, age 22, in the crash of a H-19B Chickasaw helicopter 25 mi. SW of Bordeaux, France. George Harmon Coxe III '53 was killed, age 18, in an automotive accident near Old Saybrook CT. Frederick Ernest Weicker, Jr. '55 died on 1 December 1958, age 25, landing his F4D Skyray fighter on the USS Roosevelt off Florida coast.

- 21 May 1964**, Stanley W. Davis, CU Dean of Students, and Donald Sheraw, Assistant Dean of Students for Fraternities, receive the 1963-64 school year report of John J. Lauber, Resident Advisor at ΔKE. See Appendix B for text.

Stanley W. Davis served as Dean of Students from 1963 to 1967.

Donald Marion Sheraw (d. 18 Feb 2013, age, 78); B.A. 1956, Westminster College (New Wilmington, PA); MBA 1962 Cornell; LLB 1969 Cornell; Assistant Dean of Students for Fraternities (1964-); Assistant Dean of Admissions for Cornell Law School.

Aug 1964, The *Delta Chi Deke* reports that “lower than normal academic performance in the last two semesters has prompted the undergraduate chapter to change its scholastic policies.” The Resident Advisor “for the 1964-65 school year will be Bob Laudicina, a recent Rutgers graduate who is now studying law at Cornell.”

DXD, August 1964, p. 1: “‘Living-In’ Adviser Expected to Spurt Scholastic Record.”

Robert Anthony Laudicina (Rutgers ‘63) drops out of Law School and never takes up his post at ΔKE.

17 Sep 1964, Graduate student George Schuler runs an IFC sponsored training program for fraternity academic advisors. He explains that “the three-fold purpose of the program as: help to individual fraternily members with study, improvement of the group academically, and the creation of a more intellectual orientation in the house.”

CDS, LXXXI, #2, (21 Sep 1964): “Fraternity Advisers Trained.”

14 Oct 1964, “The University has been unable to find a suitable man [to serve] as academic advisor. They take a dim view on our standing.” Brother [Frederick Harold] Vorhis, Jr. ‘66 allows as how some frat lodge has to be fifty-third. Brother [John Godwin] Tawresey ‘66 said something favorable about our academics. Brother [Donald Alford] Weadon, Jr. ‘67 reported that an alumnus had lost his favorite hip flask.”

18 Oct 1964, Dean of Students Davis complains to the IFC presidents “that (1) fraternity residents have an average almost a point lower than the all men’s average, (2) all but one pledge class average fell from fall to spring, and (3) the drop-out rate is twice as high among fraternity men as it is among independents.”

CDS, LXXXI, #22 (19 October 1964): “Dean Davis Speaks To IFC on Grades.”

04 Dec 1964, Brother Nixon ‘24 writes to Brother Thomas Priest Linville ‘64 (Beta ex officio) to express the Fraternity’s concerns.

At the Council meeting last week [November 1964], the question of scholarship was the main point for discussion. In our case we can’t get any lower. Although it is a matter of percentage points, the University takes a very dim view of a group of men who are so far below the all men’s average of the University and the Fraternity average. I do not wish to generalize and say “get busy”, so I specifically recommend a pledge by all the members to raise their individual marks by one point. For those who are getting C’s, if they manage a C plus, it will boost the group average to a point which will approach the all men’s average. As a result of such a boost it will take you about half way up the scale of Fraternities, and a very respectable improvement.

Jan 1965, Brother Thomas P. Linville ‘64 (Beta) is named to the six-man House Presidents Academic Committee of the Interfraternity Council. He in turn appoints a Chapter academic committee comprised of the six brothers “having the highest scholastic averages. They are Tawresey ‘66, chairman; Richard Doone Bates, Jr. ‘66, Vorhis ‘66, Linville ‘64, Willis Thomas King, Jr. ‘66 and Edward Sellers “Ed” Braddock ‘67.

DXD, January 1965, p. 1: “Tom Linville One of Six Selected For I.F.C. Academic Study Committee.”

DXD, January 1965, p. 1: "Chapter President Appoints Committee To Study Fraternities Academic Role."

11 Jan 1965, Brother King '66 (Rho) notes that the House's academic ranking rose from 53rd to 52nd, "Triangle having folded."

11 Mar 1965, the University Committee on Human Rights decides to look into ways to eliminate discrimination in fraternity membership policy.

CDS, LXXXI, #101 (12 Mar 1965): "Committee to Investigate Fraternity Discrimination" by David A. Gorelick.

CDS, LXXXII, #39 (11 Nov 1965): "Inquiry Commences on Discrimination" by David A. Gorelick.

May 1965, Brother Linville '64 reports: "Ye old DKE at Cornell eased through the first term in pretty good shape. The house academic standing was raised with John Tawresey, Chi Epsilon '67, and Fred Vorhis, Chi Epsilon [sic] '67 at the top of their classes in Engineering, and Ed Braddock '67 making the Arts school Dean's List."

DKEQ, LXXXIII, #2 (May 1965), p. 87: Chapter Letter.

Chi Epsilon (f. 1922) is the national civil engineering honor society in the United States. Vorhis was actually in Omega Chi Epsilon (ΩXE, f. 1931), the American honor society for chemical engineering students.

13 May 1965, the *Sun* publishes an account of the IFC Fraternity Resident Advisor Program that describes its origins and operations.

CDS, LXXXI, #140 (13 May 1965): "—Fraternity Resident Advisors— IFC to Continue Academic Program"
By Cheryl L. Fleischer.

Dec 1965, the Chapter reports a substantial improvement in marks.

Undoubtedly the Dean of Students' office ordered a complete check of our IBM-processed grades when DKE appeared, not near the bottom, our customary place, but TWENTY-FIRST out of the fifty-three frats on campus. This, our highest academic standing in many terms, was accomplished through a conscientious effort by all of the brotherhood, with the special help of John Tawresey, C.E. '66, and Fred Vorhis, Chem E. '66, both of whom made the Dean's List for the third consecutive year.

The brotherhood finds its high academic position so enjoyable that we have hired an academic advisor to live in the house this year. Michael Hawkey, a graduate of Princeton and N.Y.U., is a second year law student and will work with our officers to maintain an atmosphere conducive to studying in the house. In addition he will work closely with our sophomores and pledges to insure that they learn better study habits and avoid the social distractions, a trait the upperclassmen have obviously acquired.

DKEQ, LXXXIII, #4 (Dec 1965), p. 175: Chapter Letter by Willis T. King '66 and Ruard Vanderploeg '67.

25 Feb 1966, G. Michael Hawkey, ΔKE Resident Advisor, sends his 1965 Fall Term Report to Sheraw. See Appendix B.

13 May 1966, a *Sun* report on the IFC Resident Advisor Program includes comments by Brother Willis Thomas King, Jr. '66 (Beta).

Willis T. King, who supervised the program for the IFC said of the ten houses involved in the program seven have improved their academic standing and the other three have held their own. One house went from 52 to 7 in one term.

The RA program has been plagued with its “lemons,” King conceded. He tells that occasionally an advisor will become disinterested in his counseling role as he finds his academic work load increasing. Despite this cyclical interest of some of the advisors all of the houses in the program had asked for advisers next year.

CDS, LXXXII, #141 (13 May 1966): “Advisor Plan Evaluated.”

- 07 Apr 1966**, the *Sun* reports that Vice president for Student Affairs Mark Barlow, Jr. said, “He personally saw no point in publishing fraternity academic rankings.”

CDS, LXXXII #115 (7 April 1966): “Fall Grades Lower than Last Spring.”

- 15 May 1966**, the University’s Faculty Committee on Student Affairs condemns the fraternity system in what will later be called the Parrish Report: “The University must disengage itself from the dominance of today’s socially oriented fraternities by offering students the alternative of living in University controlled small residence units which stress educational goals.” The report is subsequently approved by the Faculty Council and endorsed by the University faculty by a 2-1 vote along with a second resolution urging a high priority for establishing student residences to compete with fraternities and sororities. These measures are forwarded to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

CDS, LXXXII, #142 (15 May 1966): “Faculty Group Hits Fraternity System” by Phyllis E. Kaye.

CDS, LXXXII, #143 (17 May 1966): “The Faculty and Fraternities.”

CDS, LXXXII, #144 (18 May 1966): “Faculty Council Endorses Parrish Report; Entire Faculty Considers Proposals Today.”

CDS, LXXXII, #145 (19 May 1966): “Parrish Comm. Report Approved by Faculty” by Roberta M. Pollack.

CDS, LXXXIV, #38 (27 Oct 1967): “Parrish Discusses Report of Fraternity Committee.”

CU Library staff report that the Parrish Report (1966) is not cataloged.

The committee was led by College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean Stephen Maxfield Parrish (1921-2012): BA 1942 from the University of Illinois, MA 1947 and PhD 1954 from Harvard University. His Cornell career began in 1954 and ended with his retirement in 1991 as Goldwin Smith Professor of English Emeritus. He was the director of the University’s six year PhD program in 1966-67.

- 18 Jun 1966**, Brother Ruard Vanderploeg (Beta) reports that the undergraduates were 7th among Cornell fraternities with an academic average of 2.70. This was well above the all-men’s average. Much credit for this improvement was given to Mike Hawkey, our academic advisor who will be with us again in September for his third year in Law School.

DKE4-058, Meeting Notes, Delta Chi Association, Ithaca NY, 18 June 1966.

- 03 Jan 1967**, Mr. Nicholas K. Browne of Toledo OH writes to Brother Edward “Easy” Taylor (Beta) to say that he has “resigned from the Law School and am no longer enrolled at Cornell” and submits his resignation as the Chapter’s Resident Advisor.

Cf. Uncataloged document, DEPO-F6.

- Spring 1967**, two freshmen drop out of the Chapter’s pledge training program: Costas Emmanuel Androulakis ‘70 and Stephen Jeffrey Dumas ‘70.

- 05 Apr 1967**, eight students and a professor die of asphyxiation in a fire at the Six-year PhD Program’s Cornell Heights Residential Club on Country Club Road in the Village of Cayuga Heights. The fire is soon recognized as arson, but no arrest or prosecution is ever reported.

Many years later it is learned that this fire and two that followed were the work of a first-year Program student who was sent down (rusticated) in the summer of 1967.

11 Jun 1967, the Cornell Board of Trustees ratifies policy on student housing with approval of a report by the Commission on Residential Environment, later called the Saperston Report, that effectively dismisses the recommendation of the Parrish Committee to disengage from the fraternity-sorority system.

CDS, LXXXIV, #7 (14 Sep 1967): "Saperston Report... Campus Voices Its Opinions" by Joan B. Green.

CDS, LXXXIV, #7 (14 Sep 1967): "Profs. Ask Position on Disengagement" by Deborah E. Huffman.

CDS, LXXXIV, #21 (4 Oct 1967): "Saperstoned" by Mark A. Belnick.

CDS, LXXXIV, #2 (8 Sep 1967): "'End Bias; Build Dorms' Proposals of Saperston Unit Voted by Cornell Trustees."

CAN, LXX, #02 (September, 1967): "Housing: 'The Report' The trustees reject 'disengagement' and the status quo in favor of an improved mix of fraternities, dormitories, and off-campus apartments."

University trustee Alfred M. Saperston LLB '19 (-1983) practiced law in Buffalo NY.

May 1968, "Engineering senior Don Schwartz won top honors in the chapter with a 4.00 (A) average. Junior Steve Syrjala and pledges John Dubeck and Ernest Fascetta all made the College of Engineering Dean's List."

DKEQ, LXXXVI, #2 (May 1968), p. 73 & 80: Chapter letter by Dan Kops '70.

May 1969, The Chapter reports a B+ average.

Delta Chi Deke, May 1969, p. 3: "Deke Academic Average Rises to 3.2 (B+); Several Brothers Are on the Dean's List."

01 May 1968, the Brotherhood decides to retain Computer Scientist Howard A. Elder 1961 (MS '63, PhD '69) as the House academic advisor.

14 May 1969, the Brotherhood resolves that "[Brother Homer William] Fogle, Jr. '70 shall never again take the chapter minutes," and that "Tom Pniewski shall be Academic Advisor."

19 May 1969, the Brotherhood re-establishes House Quiet Hours (7 PM to 7 AM).

05 Apr 1970, Resident Advisor Thomas Joseph Pniewski who introduced a House cultural program is initiated into ΔKE.

DXD, November 1969, p. 1: "Dinner Speakers Add to DKE Life."

Fraternity Resident Advisor Program

We first hear of the Fraternity Resident Advisor Program in 1959 when Brother Krieger '49 reported the Chapter's interest in getting a graduate student to live in the House to improve the then dismal academic climate. Initially supervised by the Office of the Dean of Students, the program was new, experimental and not entirely successful at recruiting candidate advisors. Improvements came in 1964 when the Interfraternity Council formed a Committee on Scholarship and established an RA training program formulated by George Schuler PhD '72, a graduate student working for his doctorate in educational psychology. Training and screening of advisors represented a major improvement, but as the IFC's program director, John T. Cederholm ΘΔΧ '64, said, "The main problem is getting the right man into the right house. Also,

the brotherhood must be positively acclimated to the idea of a resident advisor.”⁴ A year later ΔKE Brother King ‘66 (Beta) would be running the IFC program and concede, “The RA program has been plagued with its ‘lemons’.”

And so it was that the Dekes had a few no-show advisors, a drop-out advisor, a number of highly regarded advisors, and by the end of the Sixties an advisor so won over to the eccentricities of the House that he was initiated (much to the detriment of his graduate career).

Deke House Resident Academic Advisors

- 1959-1960 Vacant.
- William J. “Jay” Kirby (Penn State B.A. 1959, CU MILR 1961) was lined up for the position, but declined. His residency was to begin in the spring 1960 term.*
- Fall 1960 George O. Tamblyn III (Colgate B.A. 1960, CU J.D. 1964).
- Paul R. Auchter (CU B.S. 1960 Hotel, J.D. 1964).
- Tamblyn served a single term. In an e-mail to HWF, Mon 8/29/2011 11:21 AM, he wrote, “I was only resident for one semester and I did enjoy it.”*
- Auchter lived in the House during his first two years of law school (1960-61 and 1961-62). He appears on two Chapter photograph composites, 1961 and 1962. In the second his photograph is labeled “Student Advisor” After finishing law school he enjoyed a career in real estate.*
- Fall 1961 Morgan P. Hatch (Harvard A.B. 1952).
- According to Mateka ‘63, Hatch was a non-resident advisor. He was a highly regarded assistant to the University’s treasurer working on the University’s Investment Committee and the coach of the freshman hockey team at the time he was recruited as a ΔKE advisor. No doubt the Deke hockey players, Kijanka, Mateka and Kennedy, had a hand in his selection. Hatch is listed as deceased on the Harvard Class of 1952 list of Deceased Classmates (as of 1/4/12).*
- Proceedings of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University, 1961/1962 (Investment Committee, 21 Nov 1961. <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/33173>*
- 1962-63 Unknown.
- 1963-64 John Joseph “Jack” Lauber (Rutgers B.S. 1960 & M.S. 1963, CU Ph.D. 1967).
- Lauber has advised HWF that his time with the Chapter was preceded by a “really bad” incident of unknown nature that occurred in the summer of 1963 or before. He was told this by Dean Sheraw. No further information about this alleged incident has been obtained. He recalled living in Room 202 configured as a combination bedroom/study. He married in September 1964 and accepted an appointment as RA with the Algonquin Lodge cooperative (526 Stewart Avenue) where he and his wife had an apartment. See his May 1964 report in Appendix B.*
- 1964-65 William Edward “Bill” Steers, Jr. (Middlebury B.A. 1964, Cornell MBA 1966).

⁴ *Cornell Daily Sun*, LXXXI, #140 (13 May 1965): “—Fraternity Resident Advisors — IFC to Continue Academic Program” By Cheryl L. Fleischer.

King '66 confirms that Steers, an Alpha Alpha Deke, served as ΔKE RA. Maghan '66 recalls that, "His principal asset was a new convertible available for road trips including one memorable afternoon at the Hammondsport wineries." King and Lee '67 recall that Steers was branded "ΔKE" on his arm or shoulder. He died in 1983, age 42. Cf. DKEQ, LXXXIII, #2 (May 1965), p. 87, and CAN, LXXXVI, #07 (March, 1984), p. 67.

Robert Anthony Laudicina (Rutgers B.A. 1963) was originally scheduled to take the job, but dropped out of Cornell Law School and never took up his post with ΔKE.

1965-66 G. Michael Hawkey (Princeton A.B. 1963, Columbia, CU LL.B. 1967).

See Hawkey's 25 February 1966 report to Sheraw in Appendix B.

1966-67 G. Michael Hawkey.

Fall 66 Nicholas Kaptyn Browne (Williams B.A. 1966, Harvard Ph.D. 1974).

Browne decided that a career in law was not what he wanted to do so he resigned from Cornell Law School after completing his first term. He pursued a career in academia, eventually becoming a professor in the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television.

Spring 1967 Vacant.

1968-69 Howard A. Elder ΠKA (CU BEE 1961, MS 1963, Ph.D. 1969).

1969-70 Thomas Joseph Pniewski (Princeton A.B. 1966).

Pniewski, a doctoral student in the College of Arts and Sciences, became so enamored with the Deke House culture that he was initiated into the Brotherhood on 5 April 1970. He spent a year at the College of Wooster (Ohio) before serving as ΔKE RAA during his second year of graduate studies.

Conclusions

The reader may rightfully complain that there is a disproportionate amount of bad news in this study, but that should be understood to represent the records that have survived. Neither the University nor the press published reports of college academic honors on a regular basis. Being sent down for poor marks might earn one comment in the Chapter Meeting Minutes, but making the Dean's List would gain no notice. The Alumni Historian has asked, "Did any Cornell Deke ever gain admission to ΦBK?" That question like so many of its kind will remain unanswered.

So what went wrong at 13 South Avenue? The Alumni, specifically Grasselli '22, Nixon '24 and Krieger '49, all sought answers and wrote their opinions. From these we gather that in the early Fifties many of the actives developed a disdain for the "grinds" who excelled on the hill; hitting the books became unfashionable. House officers failed to exert proper leadership and the Alumni failed to closely monitor the situation and step in until it was nearly too late. By 1952 pledges were dropping out, sometimes for grades, but also because life with ΔKE party animals was understood to be unhealthy. Brothers were being sent down on a regular basis or moving out of

the House. The decline in revenue from rent, board and uncollected arrears compounded the problems. No doubt alcohol was a factor. By the mid-Fifties the reputation of ΔKE on the campus was in the gutter and affecting rush. Add to this a failure to maintain the lodge, serve attractive meals and undertake minimal housekeeping. The Deke House hit bottom by every measure, most especially morale, in 1959.

Had not the Alumni stepped in decisively, there would be no ΔKE at Cornell today. It took harsh medicine —expulsions of miscreants, hounding of debtors, installing non-ΔKE boarders and lodgers, imposing Alumni-written House Rules and surrendering the House to the University's Group Housing Plan. The Chapter received good support and understanding from University officials: most notably from Summerskill, Sheraw and Warwick. The Alumni pitched in with two campaigns from 1960 to 1964 that funded essential repairs to the property. Most importantly, the Chapter leadership asserted itself.

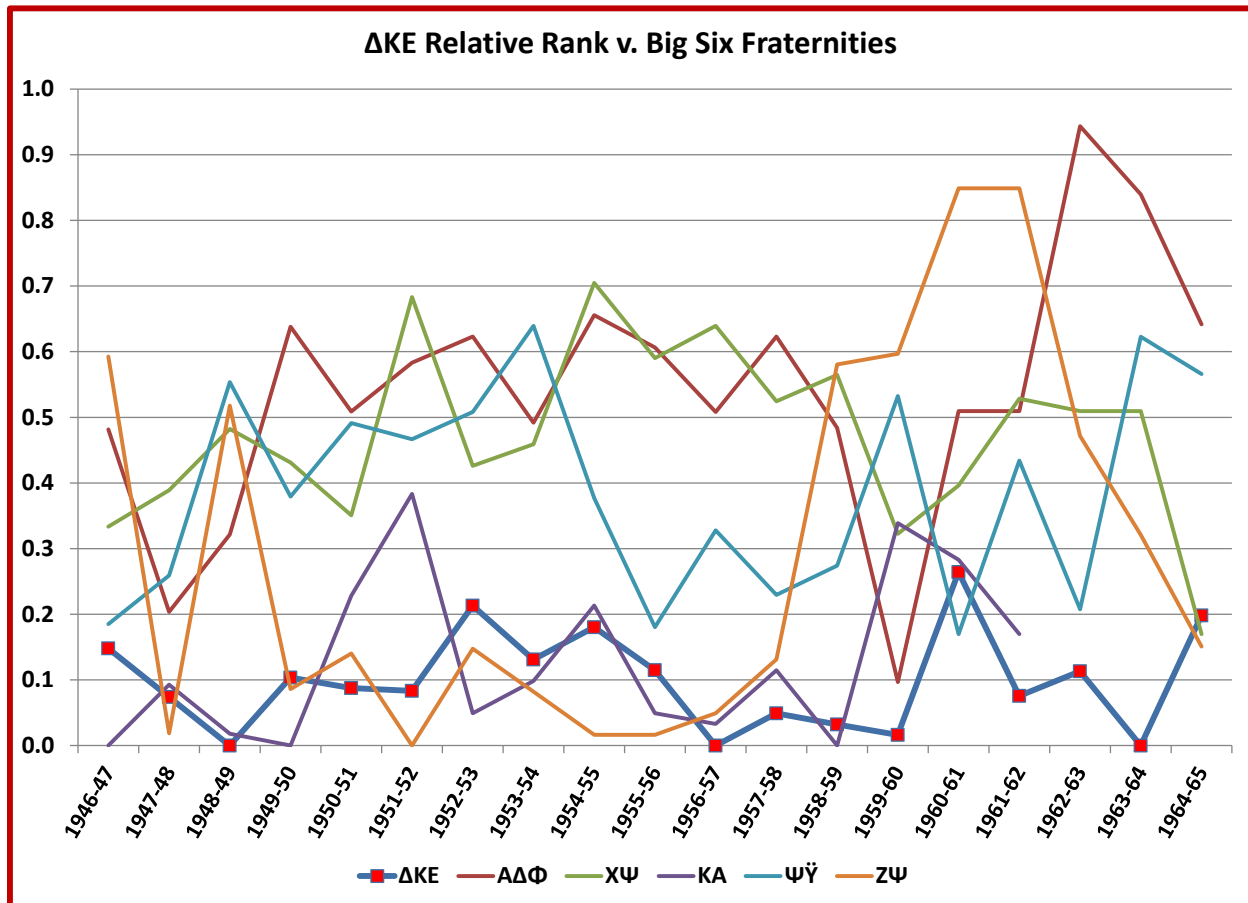
Substantial credit should be given to the Resident Advisors who gave their time, consideration and respected example of what scholarship was all about.

The many Alumni who rallied with trips to Ithaca, meetings in New York City and generous contributions will always be remembered. And of the Chapter's officers, Bailey '56, Schoenthaler '60, Fox '61, Benson '61 and Ness '63 deserve particular mention.

Last Look

A final look at the Chapter's performance from 1946 to 1965 is obtained by plotting relative rank calculated as follows to correct for the variable number of organizations ranked over the years.

$$\text{Relative Rank} = 1.00 - \frac{\text{house ranking}}{\text{number of houses ranked}}.$$



Appendix A – Published Accounts Pertaining to Grades

Delta Chi Deke, X, #1 (May 1946), p. 4

FIRST KAPPA BETA PHI MEETING HELD AT DEKE HOUSE

The first post-war meeting of Kappa Beta Phi honorary drinking society was held at the Deke House Friday, March 22nd. The chapter's president Russ Geib '44 was elected president. Other brothers of the chapter who attended are Jim Carr, Ben Beyea both of '44, Jack Beersman and Don Smith '45 and Ed Feakes '49. Machinery was set in motion for once more establishing the society on the hill and at the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

Cornell Alumni News, L, #16 (May 15, 1948), p. 424

Chapter Advisors Elect

ADVISORS of thirty-one fraternity chapters at the University met for dinner in Ithaca April 30 and organized the Resident Advisors' Committee of the Interfraternity Alumni Association. It will comprise the chapter advisors of all member fraternities of the Association, to exchange information and experience on chapter matters and to serve as "a liaison organization between the Cornell Interfraternity Alumni Association and member fraternities (both active chapters and alumni organizations), the Interfraternity Council and other student organizations, and the University Administration."

Elected to an executive committee for one year were Joseph S. Barr '18, Delta Tau Delta; Professor Carl E. F. Guterman, PhD '30, Kappa Sigma; Andrew S. Schultz, Jr. '36, Phi Gamma Delta; Ernest A. Dahmen, Jr. '38, Delta Kappa Epsilon; M. Van Cleef Booth '39, Kappa Alpha; Professor Jeremiah J. Wanderstock '41, Tau Delta Phi; and the Rev. Edward D. Eddy '44, Sigma Phi. The executive committee elected Booth chairman of the Advisors' Committee; Guterman, vice-chairman; and Eddy, secretary.

Delta Chi Deke, XII, #1 (March 1949), p. 2

Hagel Heads New Chapter Scholarship Organization

In order to strengthen the Deke house both within itself and on the campus, the Delta Chi Chapter has recently formed a scholarship committee, headed by William Hagel '50 of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The committee has been given full authority to enforce any regulation, with house approval, that will raise scholarship standards, and aid students with unsatisfactory grades. A file is being maintained of scholastic averages of all the members, and the examination file is in the process of reconditioning.

The committee proposes to keep a record of all students' completed courses so that other students may consult someone in the house on any particular course. A supervised evening study hall will be instituted for the men who need help or who are delinquent in their studies. Toward the end of last term, this study hall was of great help for those men who needed to make a concentrated effort.

Other members of the committee besides Hagel are Frank Harding '50, James Loughead '50, Howard Ingersoll '51, and Murray Wigsten '52.

Delta Chi Deke, XII, #2 (November 1949), p. 2

**New By-law Establishes A Scholarship Committee
New System Foresees Setting of High Standards**

The passing of a new by-law whereby a scholarship committee was established came to pass last spring. At that time there had been no such organization and with the passing of the by-law there was no policy set before the term ended. Early this fall we got right to work in revising the old committee into a new streamlined organization that will actually have something to say about the marks in the house.

We feel that the Deke should be above the all-men's average. Any man in the house that has the all-man's average of the campus or below it will be put on a scholastic probation. This entails the restriction of those men being in their room five nights a week between the hours of seven-thirty and eleven in the evening.

A system of proctors has been set up to enforce this obligation. All the men in the senior class and the members of the scholarship committee will take turns in checking to see that men on probation are in their rooms. Fines will be enforced if the rules are not followed.

The committee is set up to have two members of each class except the freshmen class. From the seniors there is Bill Hagel and Jack Krieger; in the junior class there is Art Wasserman, chairman and Don Innes; for sophomore representation there is Atch Kritler and Bill Smithers.

Another duty of the committee is to keep a record of all the marks in the house and to review all those men who have an appeal from the decision of the committee. The freshmen in the house have not as yet completed any marks so they cannot be classified. The six weeks marks will be out soon and all those that fall below the mark will be put on a study table set up in the house in the evening. For temporary measures, the freshmen are not allowed out on any weeknight unless they have permission from their upperclass advisors.

HWF: Brother Arthur Acheson "Atch" Kritler '52 busted out during the following term.

Cornell Daily Sun, Volume LXXIII, Number 96, 1 March 1957

**Interfraternity Council Deferred Rushing List Brings Total
of University Freshmen Accepting Fraternity Bids to 1077**

A total of 1,077 freshman men have pledged fraternities this term, Interfraternity Council announced yesterday. Included in this total are the following 122 men who have signed bids during the past week of deferred rushing:

SEAL AND SERPENT: Paul Auchter. David G. Flinn. Richard E. Tomes, George S. Durgan, Harry W, Blair. DELTA KAPPA EPSILON: Peter T. McLean.

Cornell Alumni News, LX, #16 (May 15, 1958)

Fraternity Pledges

Pi KAPPA ALPHA: John S. Berry, Pine Beach, N.J.; Howard A. Elder, Little Neck; James M. Fowler, Greencastle, Ind. Robert F. Genaway, North Bangor; Lowell J. Gibson, Hunt; Allan D. Hill, Utica; Gunnar Hurtig, Snyder; Lee W. Jones, Rochester; James R. Tibbetts, Great Barrington, Mass. Robert S. Tiberi, Buffalo; Louis R. Wenzel, Glen Rock, N.J.

Delta Chi Deke, January 1960, p. 1

Penn Stater Becomes Resident Counselor

Jay Kirby, a graduate student in Industrial and Labor Relations, is the new resident counselor for Delta Chi. He did his undergraduate work at Penn State University. Although presently living out of the house, his lease will terminate in February and will move in at that time. His presence in the house will certainly be a great help.

Jay Kirby e-mail to HWF, Mon 4/8/2013 8:55 AM (excerpt)

Actually I don't think this resident counselor assignment ever came to fruition. I visited some faculty or older alumni types, met some of the undergrads, but I think in the final analysis between a landlord issue (on Linden Ave Bob) and my sense that some of these DKE's were one step up from Animal House and coupled with my fairly serious study and graduate teaching obligations, that I said no thank you.

Delta Chi Deke, February 1961, p. 2

Report From The President

By GEORGE FOX '62

The Grey Stone Castle saw the arrival of the members of Delta Chi one week early this year for the first time in several years.

At that time all of the bedrooms and most of the studies were painted. The attic and the basement yielded twelve trailer loads of junk in reducing a long standing fire hazard. Matching curtains and bedspreads were obtained for the bedrooms, which make the third floor much more presentable. At this time, several house officers attended an I.F.C. training program, which was initiated this year as a means of exchanging ideas on house administration, pledge training, budgeting, and efficient kitchen operation. University personnel competent in these areas also addressed the group. In my opinion, the program was quite successful. A study program was started this term when George Tamblyn, a first year law student, agreed to become the scholastic advisor to the house. He established and enforced study hours for anyone who had under a 75 average last term. We hope to see the results of this in our average this year. Quiet hours are strictly enforced, which makes studying in the house even easier than in some of the libraries. The new social code permits women guests in the house in the evenings for "study dates." This practice makes living in the house as desirable as apartment living.

To aid the kitchen in its usual fight to keep in the black, four law students were invited to eat at DKE. This has worked out quite well for all concerned.

Members have been encouraged to invite faculty members to the house for dinners on Wednesday and Sunday. The response was excellent in that we have had guests for these dinners quite consistently throughout the term. President and Mrs. Malott dined with us on November 3, after which I received the following note: "Mrs. Malott and I had a perfectly delightful time with you and your brother Dekes at dinner the other evening and just want to express our deep appreciation for the very hospitable courtesy that you and Bruce Benson and all of the others extended to us. We enjoyed the evening with you very much indeed. Cordially, (signed) Deane W. Malott." This letter is Just an example of several received from various faculty members during the term.

In conclusion I would say that the active chapter has excellent spirit and unity. Our relations with the administration are at a new high, as are our relations with other houses. All we need now is a few more members and considerable improvement in the physical plant.

George Tamblyn III e-mail to HWF, Mon 8/29/2011 11:21 AM
I was only resident for one semester and I did enjoy it.

Delta Chi Deke, February 1961, p. 3

Harvard '52 Graduate Is New Deke Chapter Advisor

The new advisor to DKE is Mr. Morgan P. Hatch. Mr. Hatch, originally from Wellesley, Mass., graduated from Harvard in 1952 with a major in economics. In extracurricular activities, at Harvard, he rowed and played hockey. After graduation, Morgan worked for two years with Travelers Insurance Co. in Hartford.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXIX, #2 (May 1961)

DELTA CHI—CORNELL

Benson '61 Elected Chapter President; House Jumps 34 Places Scholastically

By George Fox '62

At a chapter meeting on Feb. 2 Delta Chi elected the following officers: Bruce Benson '61, president; William Hinds '62, vice-president; Robert Evans '62, treasurer and Leonidas Ioannou '63, secretary.

At the conclusion of formal rushing Delta Chi acquired six pledges, making a total of nine men pledged this year, three having been pledged in the fall. The present pledges are Dick Nizolek '64, George Junker '64, Cabanne Howard '64, Geof Redman '64, Ken Stiles '64, and Beman Dawes '64.

The house as a whole made a concerted effort to improve its scholastic standing this past term and the results were quite gratifying. The fraternity averages are computed only once a year, but at our request the Dean's office calculated the Deke average for the fall term. If this average is compared with last year's fraternity averages Delta Kappa Epsilon placed eighteenth among fifty-three fraternities at Cornell, a jump of thirty-four (!) places over our position last year.

The Cornell hockey team was considerably strengthened when Rudy Mateka '63 returned to the starting lineup after a term of scholastic probation. Steve Kijanka '63 was also slated to return to

the ice, but could not play for medical reasons. However, Steve should see action next fall. Laing Kennedy, '63 goalie for the Big Red, recently won the most valuable player award for his exemplary performance throughout the season in protecting the cage. Anyone who saw Cornell play will certainly attest Brother Kennedy's skill at stopping the puck.

The annual meeting of the Delta Chi Alumni Association was held in Ithaca on February 11, with ten in attendance. A large turnout was not expected, because of short notice. However, seventy did attend by proxy. All officers were re-elected. Application was made to Cornell for admission to a plan whereby the university assumes ownership of the house and tax deductible donations made to Cornell can be earmarked for the Deke House. Final plans were formulated for the drive to raise the money needed to renovate completely the Gray Stone Castle this summer.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXIX, #3 (Oct 1961), pp. 129-130: Chapter Letter (Excerpt)

The new adviser to Delta Chi is Morgan P. Hatch, originally from Wellesley, Massachusetts, who was graduated from Harvard in 1952 with a major in economics. At Harvard he rowed and played hockey. After graduation he worked two years for the Travelers Insurance Company.

By the mid-Sixties pressure to deal with dismal academic performance in the loser fraternities was coming from every quarter including the Interfraternity Council.

Cornell Daily Sun, Volume 80, Number 117, 10 April 1964 (excerpt)

IFC to Consider House Academics

By KENNETH M. MORRIS

The limiting of social registrations of houses which fail to maintain the required academic standards is being considered by the Interfraternity Council. House presidents will meet Sunday to discuss the question although no vote is expected to be taken.

This proposal is one part of the academic legislation put forward by the IFC Steering Committee calling for the establishment of an IFC Committee on Scholarship.

Cornell Daily Sun, LXXX, #129 (28 April 1964)

Fraternities... And Academics

The terms "fraternity" and "academic" have rarely been considered anything else but mutually concepts on the Cornell campus. Not long ago, a student, not at all inaccurately, contended, "Very few people would be so bold as to assert fraternities encourage scholarship that and promote the intellectual objectives which are basic to the Cornell community.

Criticism such as this from both within and without the fraternity system has not gone unnoticed or unheeded by the Interfraternity Council, as evidenced by Sunday's 40-3 vote supporting a measure penalizing consistent low academic standing. According to this legislation if a fraternity scholastic average is two or more points below the all men's men average, its president will consult with an Interfraternity Council scholarship committee to determine the best methods of raising the average. Such means as not initiating into the fraternity any pledges who are on

probation may be employed. If a house remains at this level for a second consecutive term, it may be referred to the judicial board for punishment. Penalties imposed would range from severe restrictions on social registrations to social probation.

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That such a measure was not only passed, but was passed by such an overwhelming majority indicates some new look in fraternities. For it is quite evident that such legislation would never have been accepted one year or even six months ago.

Clearly, this legislation is no panacea for the academic ails of the fraternity system. Still, rigid enforcement of its penalty clauses should at least initially increase the grade point average of the fraternities, and possibly add to the intellectual atmosphere of the individual houses. For there is a sharp distinction between an intellectually oriented living unit and one with a high average. To attain the former, no legislation is possible, but the concerted effort of the members of the house is mandatory. Such an end can be aided through such means as using the talents of a resident advisor, participating in a non-credit seminar conducted by a professor for the brethren and inviting guest lecturers to chat informally at the house after his speech. These practices have been used very effectively at Telluride for years

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In recent years several houses on the hill have exerted that extra that effort to place themselves at the top of academic standings. But two points below all-men's average is no very great goal. The intent of the legislation was not to encourage a house to reach just that average but to remind fraternities there that is an academic side of Cornell which should be taken advantage of. Hopefully the near future will bear witness to a day when the top academic rank will carry the same prestige as the intramural crown and Phi Beta Kappa's will be displayed with the same enthusiasm as quarter backs or Student Government presidents.

Delta Chi Deke, August 1964, p. 1

'Living-In' Adviser Expected to Spurt Scholastic Record

A lower than normal academic performance in the last two semesters has prompted the undergraduate chapter to change its scholastic policies.

In the past the house policy has been to maintain the best study conditions but did not concern itself with active measures to help the brothers make their grades. Starting in September this policy will change with the installation of a resident scholastic advisor who will help those men who are having academic problems.

Advisor for the 1964-65 school year will be **Bob Laudicina**, a recent Rutgers graduate who is now studying law at Cornell. Both the Dean of Fraternities and the I.F.C. Academic Committee have met with Bob and support the chapter in having him live in the house.

It is hoped that the presence of an academic advisor will improve the overall academic atmosphere within the house. Of special concern next year will be an effort to overcome the "traditional" slump that usually comes during the beginning of the sophomore year and plays a large part in lowering the overall average of the house.

Alas, Robert Anthony Laudicina (A.B. Rutgers 1963) went missing after his first year in Law School and never took up his post in the Deke House.

Cornell Daily Sun, LXXXI, #2, (21 September 1964)

Fraternity Advisers Trained

A training program for fraternity academic advisers began last week. Opening sessions Thursday and Friday acquainted the advisers with some of the University's services.

The program was arranged and conducted by George Schuler, a graduate student working for his doctorate in educational psychology. The program began with an "overview" by John Summerskill, former vice president for student affairs. Other speakers included Dean of Students, Stanley W. Davis; the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Stuart M. Brown; and the heads of several other offices for student guidance and aid.

The burden of solving fraternity grade problems has fallen on the Interfraternity Council Academic Affairs Committee, which is headed by Andrew F. Sowers '65.

Under the IFC plan resident academic advisers would be graduate students who would live in fraternities. Their duties would be strictly advisory and disciplinary.

Schuler, an adviser last year, was asked by the IFC to train graduate students to meet increasing requests by more fraternities.

He explained the three-fold purpose of the program as: help to individual fraternality members with study, improvement of the group academically, and the creation of a more intellectual orientation in the house.

As the term continues Schuler will conduct adviser study Groups, where he will lecture and common problems will be discussed. For the first meeting he invited key administrators to explain the workings of their offices.

In Dr. Summerskill's overview he stressed the need for students to take advantage of the aids that the University provides for the student. He admitted that Cornell is a huge place where the individual may be lost, but he explained that there are many personal services for those who care to look.

Dean Stuart M. Brown of the College of Arts and Sciences told the group that many students with potential fail to graduate from Cornell. Neither tests nor grades seem to be able to predict who will succeed or fail.

Cornell Daily Sun, LXXXI, #22 (19 October 1964)

Dean Davis Speaks To IFC on Grades

Speaking at an Interfraternity Council meeting yesterday, Dean of Students Stanley W. Davis called on fraternity presidents to play their part in improving "the balance of collegiate life." Davis indicated a need to keep academic, intellectual, social, and athletic pursuits in proper perspective. He pointed out several indications of this lack of balance in fraternity averages and drop out rates:

—Fraternity residents have an average almost a point lower than the all men's average.

— All but one pledge class average fell from fall to spring.

— The drop-out rate is twice as high among fraternity men as it is among independents.

Davis praised last year's IFC academic legislation. It is designed to help houses with averages two or more points below the all men's average.

Delta Chi Deke, January 1965, p. 1

Tom Linville One of Six Selected For I.F.C. Academic Study Committee

President Thomas P. Linville '64 has been named to the six-man House Presidents Academic Committee of the Interfraternity Council. The formation of this committee is one of the most significant moves the IFC has taken to improve the academic atmosphere of the fraternity. In this way, it is hoped that the fraternity system as a whole will be able to defend itself successfully against the attacks made on it as being a disruptive force in the academic community.

The major attack on the fraternities at Cornell is that their over-all average is consistently below the University average and the men's average. The newly-formed academic committee is designed to discover what

forces are responsible for this poor academic showing. They will then report appropriate actions to be taken to remedy the situation.

The formation of this committee is an experimental venture. It is an imaginative response to the problems that have plagued the fraternity systems through-out the country. Success at Cornell will probably mean the adoption of similar programs throughout the system of American universities, thereby strengthening the fraternities and the universities.

Delta Chi Deke, January 1965, p. 1

Chapter President Appoints Committee To Study Fraternities Academic Role

President Thomas P. Linville '64, realizing that the chapter will not be able to function as smoothly without responsible academic assistance, has appointed a special executive academic committee. The position was formerly [sic] filled by Robert Landicing [sic], who served with distinction as academic advisor. He did not, however, return to school this fall.

The duties of the newly formed academic committee will be to keep a sharp eye out for the academic deficiencies of the chapter as a whole. They must investigate apparent weaknesses and must discover possible ways of raising the chapter average.

The six men of the chapter having the highest scholastic averages were chosen to serve on the committee. They are John Tawresey '66, chairman; Richard Bates '66, Fred Vorhis '66, Tom Linville '64, Will King '66 and Ed Braddock '67.

The president, acting with the newly formed academic committee, has been searching for a replacement for Robert Landicing [sic], the former advisor. Two candidates for the position have been found, but the committee refuses to release any information until they have made their final decision.

By the 1965 spring term and again that fall there was progress to report.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXXIII, #2 (May 1965), p. 87 (excerpts)

DELTA CHI — CORNELL

By Thomas P. Linville '64

Ye old DKE at Cornell eased through the first term in pretty good shape. The house academic standing was raised with John Tawresey, Chi Epsilon '67, and Fred Vorhis, Chi Epsilon '67 at the top of their classes in Engineering, and Ed Braddock '67 making the Arts school Dean's List.

One last note, Rudy Mateka '63, who starred on Cornell hockey teams is presently working for the development office at Cornell while also taking care of his wife Sue and baby daughter, coaching Ithaca's All-Star Bantam hockey team, and serving as faculty advisor to our Chapter. We also have another Deke serving us. Bill Steers, Alpha Alpha '64, who is studying for his M.B.A. at Cornell is our Academic Advisor.

Cornell Daily Sun, LXXXI, #140 (13 May 1965)

**—Fraternity Resident Advisors —
IFC to Continue Academic Program"**

By Cheryl L. Fleischer

The Interfraternity Council is attempting [to] foster inclusion of older, academic men in fraternity life by continuing its year-old resident advisors program.

The resident advisors live in fraternities and hopefully, encourage academic achievement by the brotherhood. The graduate students receive room and board from the fraternity in return for their services.

John T. Cederholm '64 will direct the program for IFC in 1965-66. Cederholm's job includes interviewing graduate applicants to determine their degree of commitment to the program.

Cederholm then suggests certain men to specific fraternities. Both the decision to participate in the program and the choice of a resident are left to the individual fraternity.

The program began when Delta Phi alumni hired George Schuler grad '65 as a resident advisor to boost the academic rank of the house. According to Scott H. Bolling, president of Delta Phi and senior representative to the IFC, Schuler "changed the tone of the house," creating a healthier group attitude toward study and grading."

Richard E. Weitzman '64, former IFC academic affairs chairman, together with Schuler, instituted the program. Shuler was hired as its first director. Six houses participated.

Each of the original six houses improved its rank at some time between 1963-64 and this year. Theta Delta Chi made the most dramatic improvement, going from 53 to 23.5 between the fall of 1963 and 1964.

All six houses will continue the program, and eight additional houses appear very interested, Cederholm said.

He added that the Dean of Students office is considering the idea of having the eight houses operating under the University owned group housing plan hire advisers. There is a provision for this requirement in the leases of these houses.

However, four of these eight have already taken steps to procure advisers on their own, Cederholm reported.

Kyle B. White '66, IFC president said, "Preliminary indication of the program (for 1965-66) looks good. A program such as this one, set up and administered by the IFC with the help of the Dean of Students Office is proof that the IFC is taking steps to improve fraternities from within the system."

"The main problem is getting the right man into the right house," Cederholm said. Also, the brotherhood must be "positively acclimated to the idea of a resident advisor," he said.

Cederholm explained that the prevailing attitude during the house's first year on the program seems to be "we've got this guy... now what?" Fraternities do not understand the role of the advisor or how to utilize him readily at first," he said.

Schuler explained the role of the resident advisor in a paper, "Some Thoughts And Observations About Senior Academic Advisors In Fraternity Houses."

"Working with individuals in a fraternity setting involves motivating those who see little urgency or import in academic excellence, assisting those who want to learn, and providing information and service to both groups," Schuler said.

Advisors also have some psychological effect in the house, according to Schuler. "He can be a figure for the boys to copy, a figure with whom they can identify. In the academic community they have the opportunity to observe a scholar and a person and to see that the two, rather than being antithetic, fit well together."

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXXIII, #4 (Dec 1965), p. 175 (Excerpts)

Undoubtedly the Dean of Students' office ordered a complete check of our IBM-processed grades when DKE appeared, not near the bottom, our customary place, but TWENTY-FIRST out of the fifty-three frats on campus. This, our highest academic standing in many terms, was accomplished through a conscientious effort by all of the brotherhood, with the special help of John Tawresey, C.E. '66, and Fred Vorhis, Chem E. '66, both of whom made the Dean's List for the third consecutive year.

The brotherhood finds its high academic position so enjoyable that we have hired an academic advisor to live in the house this year. Michael Hawkey, a graduate of Princeton and N.Y.U., is a second year law student and will work with our officers to maintain an atmosphere conducive to studying in the house. In addition he will work closely with our sophomores and pledges to insure that they learn better study habits and avoid the social distractions, a trait the upperclassmen have obviously acquired.

Delta Chi Deke, January 1966, p. 1

Dean's Office Spring Semester Report Shows Chapter Scholarship Rank Up 31 Positions

Deke's scholastic standing among fraternal organizations on the Cornell campus jumped 31 places during the spring semester last year. These figures were recently released by the Dean of Men's office and indicate that our program for academic improvement has met with success.

Under the guidance of resident advisor Mike Hawkey the chapter jumped from 52 to 21, a feat which has rarely been surpassed. You may remember that Mike, a Princeton and Columbia grad, was installed as our advisor last year with the hope that we would be able to improve, our academic performance.

With the better part of the fall term over as we go to press, we are hopeful that we will be able to again come through with such a fine record. Time will tell, and we shall report the result in the next newsletter.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXXIV, #1 (Feb 1966), p. 35 (Excerpt)

DELTA CHI — CORNELL

By William Forbes '67

If the Cornell I.F.C. gives an award for academic achievement, DKE ought to receive it. After being entrenched in last place in the fraternity averages, we rose last spring to 21 on the hill. And this fall with our academic advisor Mike "Hawkeye" Hawkey, a second year law student, we should at least maintain our position.

Cornell Daily Sun, LXXXII, #141 (13 May 1966)

Advisor Plan Evaluated

The Interfraternity Council's resident advisor system has received a strong vote of support in the form of the academic performances turned in by the houses in the system.

Willis T. King, who supervised the program for the IFC said of the ten houses involved in the program seven have improved their academic standing and the other three have held their own. One house went from 52 to 7 in one term.

Resident advisors are graduate students who live and eat in fraternity houses. The advisors receive their room and board free and the house is given \$1000 by the university.

Some resident advisors try to hold extensive seminars in their houses while others confine themselves to meeting and advising the brothers.

Brothers have to take the initiative in consulting advisors, George H. Irvin, the resident advisor of Theta Delta Chi, said. Irvin said that he was able to help two students who were in academic trouble.

Some houses request resident advisors because they have been perpetually turning in poor academic performances and they fear University pressure. Some of these houses used to bust out 3 to 5 guys, King said.

Work with the students in academic trouble can often be time consuming. Irvin said that he visited one student's instructor when the student was a borderline case in that instructor's course. King estimated that an RA must spend 12 to 15 hours a week with the brothers in his house.

The RA program has been plagued with its "lemons," King conceded. He tells that occasionally an advisor will become disinterested in his counseling role as he finds his academic work load

increasing. Despite this cyclical interest of some of the advisors all of the houses in the program had asked for advisers next year.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXXIV, #4 (Dec 1966), p. 172 (Excerpt)

Several of last year's distinguished seniors returned this year. Brothers Kather, King, Nesterchuk, Tawresey, and Vorhis all have been awarded fellowships or assistantships of some sort. Brother Vorhis is also Chairman of the IFC Tutorial program, and Brother King is in charge of the Resident Advisor program. Our own resident advisor, Mike Hawkey, is back, and we hope to maintain our high scholastic standing among the fraternities on campus.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXXV, #3 (Oct 1967), p. 120 (Excerpt)

Spring Weekend capped off a spring term rich in chapter accomplishment. As usual, our brain trust of Fred Vorhis '67 and John Tawresey '67 capped top honors in their respective schools, Chemical and Civil Engineering, continuing their record of being number one men. The house average bloomed, inching even higher than last year's record average.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXXVI, #2 (May 1968), p. 73 & 80 (Excerpt)

Exam period came this year after a week-long reading period, which was put to profitable use by the brothers, as shown by the grades received. Engineering senior Don Schwartz won top honors in the chapter with a 4.00 (A) average. Junior Steve Syrjala and pledges John Dubeck and Ernest Fascetta all made the College of Engineering Dean's List.

Delta Chi Deke, January 1969, p. 1

New Tiled Ceilings Help Dekes Study

Returning alumni this fall were pleasantly surprised to note several changes in the appearance of the house. The various study rooms have seen considerable improvement in the last year, with the addition of tiled ceilings which help both the lighting and acoustics. In addition to ceilings, the brothers have repainted most of the rooms according to their own taste. They range from a rainforest of potted plants to psychedelic pads.

Future plans include a long overdue painting of the entire house. Vice President John Reed '70 has been investigating both this plan and several others for the general improvement of the house. Last spring he worked on the outside, planting bushes and making a new DKE sign to replace the old one which disappeared in a pledge raid. With the help of Steward Dave O'Day, John is looking into the possibilities of a new lunch room off the kitchen to facilitate in serving breakfast and lunch.

Delta Chi Deke, May 1969, p. 3

Deke Academic Average Rises to 3.2 (B+); Several Brothers Are on the Dean's List

The pursuit of academic excellence has not always been considered the most praiseworthy activity at DKE. However, something in the area of academics must have happened this year to make this little article possible.

There are two standards by which academic excellence can be measured. The first, a very superficial standard, is grade point average. For the fall term the brotherhood had a collective average of 3.2 (B+), which is a whole grade higher than the Cornell average. Several brothers were on the Dean's List (all A's and B's). Half of the brotherhood is composed of engineers, and for Cornell engineers to get such grades is admirable indeed

The second, and a truer, standard is the actual amount of enthusiasm for learning, which is not always reflected by the grade point average. A life-long desire for learning and an active concern for the realization of man's greatest possibilities are best incubated by studies in the humanities. Unfortunately, because of their rigorous requirements, engineers are all but excluded from such studies. Among the brothers who are benefiting from liberal studies are Howard Bales and Ed Taylor in American history, Dan Kops in Russian literature, Karl Rice in American constitutional law, John Mock in English and Irish literature, Jim Vuille in political philosophy, and Dave Simpson in nearly all of the above mentioned fields.

Delta Chi Deke, November 1969, p. 1

Dinner Speakers Add to DKE Life

This year under the direction of our new academic advisor, Tom Pneiwski, the Delta Chi chapter has witnessed several kinds of after dinner entertainment. The controversial sociology professor Charles Ackerman came to announce his resignation from the University. Professor Ackerman refused to comply with the "publish or perish" syndrome and was denied tenure by the University. Professor Ackerman believes that the University should devote more of its energies to undergraduate education and less to graduate work and research. He will begin teaching at the University of Hawaii in the spring term. Other speakers thus far have included Val Liebl, an anthropologist working with the social problems of America.

The highlight of the season was a concert of modern abstract music by Mother Mallard's Portable Masterpiece Company. The group, led by David Borden, presented three pieces of different natures. The first was a satire of modern night club singers and consisted of a tape of just noise played at a very high volume while a man stood at a microphone. The second piece employed a man at a piano dressed in a surgeon's gown and represented the birth of a piano. The third piece was probably the best. The four members of the group played instruments which were heavy wires strung across a board and amplified with guitar pickups. They rubbed the stings with metal files and beat them with mallets, producing some unique sounds.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXXVII, #4 (Dec 1969), p. 183 (Excerpt)

Also returning this year are our cook, Flo Lansdowne, and our academic advisor, Howard Elder. Flo is back again for another go at feeding 35 hungry boys and with the help of Steward Dave O'Day '69 she should be able to keep us well fed. Howard, going for his doctor's degree in Computer Science, will give much helpful advice and assistance to help the house maintain its fine academic standing.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXXVIII, #1 (Feb 1970), p. 27 (Excerpt)

Rushing is particularly active this year with as many as 15 freshmen at the house for dinner every evening. We are working hard and are impressed with the freshman class. We hope to take 15 pledges this fall. Tom Pniewski, academic advisor, has worked with the house to arrange after-dinner speakers and recitals. Two classical piano concerts have been given and several professors have spoken at informal sessions. One of the season's highlights has been the performance of Mother Mallard's Portable Musical Masterpiece Company, an experimental electronic music group, including audio feedback tapes and other electronic noise played back at high volume.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXXVIII, #2 (May 1970), p. 58 (Excerpt)

We owe part of this success to our unique cultural program directed by Tom Pniewski, our academic advisor. We have been fortunate to have some outstanding guests in the house for dinner and receptions. Among the more prominent are Dr. S. I. Hayakawa of San Francisco State College and Pierre Boulez with members of the Cleveland Orchestra. The guests we have had from the University include the librarian, the University beekeeper, sociologists, ecologists, and city planners in addition to numerous music recitals.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, LXXXIX, #2 (May 1971), p. 59 (Excerpt)

Thomas Pniewski (Princeton '66) was initiated as an honorary brother on March 17. As our academic advisor Tom coordinated our speaker program, arranged social functions, and brought a strong spirit to the brotherhood.

Cornell Alumni News, LXXXVI, #07 (March, 1984), p. 67: Alumni Deaths

'66 MBA—William E. Steers Jr of Stowe, Vt, Oct 3, 1983.

William Edward "Bill" Steers, Jr., Middlebury B.A. 1964, Cornell MBA 1966. SSDI: b. 30-Apr-1941; d. 03-Oct-1983, age 42; SSN: 120-32-4418.

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Nicholas Kaptyn Browne is in the 1966-67 Law Student Directory as part of the class of 1969. He was living in Hughes Hall, the law student dormitory, graduated Williams 1966, and was from Toledo, Ohio. He is not in either the 1967-68 or the 1968-69 directories. He also is not

listed in the address section of the 1983 or 1988 alumni directories, but he is in the 1969 class list in the 1988 alumni directory.

Appendix B – Reports of the Cornell Deke House Resident Advisors

Report of John J. Lauber

An early, but not the first, resident academic advisor in the Cornell Deke House was John J. Lauber, a graduate student. His May 1964 post residency report to the Dean of Students records his assessment.⁵

To: Messrs. Stanley W. Davis and Donald Sheraw

Subject: Report on the Graduate Resident at Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1963-1964

Gentlemen:

Many of the problems which existed at Delta Kappa Epsilon at the beginning of this school year still remain. While there have been no social violations during the past two semesters, the present house attitudes and norms are not the best. It is difficult to evaluate precisely whether there has been an improvement in the house over the previous year; but, I am inclined to believe that a slight improvement at DKE has occurred. The presence of a Graduate Resident appointed by the Dean of Students' Office in the house imparted at least, an awareness of the fraternity's situation to its members.

When I moved into Delta Kappa Epsilon in September, I was greeted with mixed emotions by its members. This was to be expected as my position in the house was the result of disciplinary action. It took time to establish a favorable working relation with the fellows. This reached its maximum at the time of the first semester examinations. After this time, I was again regarded as a sort of policeman. This made my task at Delta Kappa Epsilon more difficult and frustrated my efforts greatly in imparting some stability to the fraternity. Nevertheless, some progress was made. For example, with the cooperation of the house officers, an academic advising program was established for the pledges during the second semester. This consisted of three meetings with the pledges individually to discuss their academic progress before initiations. For the most part, this program was successful. As one of the pledges put it: "It was nice to have someone concerned about our grades."

I have suggested to Mr. Sheraw that a Resident Adviser be appointed for Delta Kappa Epsilon for the coming school year. If the choice of this person is mutually acceptable to the present members of DKE and the Dean of Students' Office, I believe that this person will have more cooperation at the fraternity. Perhaps it will take a few years before greater improvement at Delta Kappa Epsilon is achieved, but I am convinced that this is possible.

I would like to express my appreciation for the confidence entrusted in me by the Dean of Students' Office during the past year. I am especially indebted to Dr. Charles A. Warwick whose advice and counsel during the school year helped me greatly.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) John J. Lauber
Graduate Resident at D.K.E.

⁵ Cataloged Document DKE4-051, marked Received, Dean of Students, 21 May 1964

Report of G. Michael Hawkey

Hawkey's report to the Cornell Dean of Students for Fraternities Donald M. Sheraw for the fall 1965 term provides a candid assessment of the Chapter's progress.⁶

1965 Fall Term Report of Academic Advisor at Delta Kappa Epsilon

The fraternity seems to be fully committed to the acceptance of an academic advisor living within the house, if such person is a student within which the membership can establish some degree of rapport. It seems questionable whether the members, as a whole, would accept fully the guidance of a faculty member living within their midst, for it would appear that such an individual would be viewed as a threat to the members ability to govern the fraternity on their own. Hence, any guidance sought to give might well be met with a certain attitude of rebelliousness or indifference. (Initially, such was the reaction of a few of the members to suggestions that I sought to introduce.)

I think that the academic performance of the fraternity, as a whole, during the Fall Term was fairly good. Although two members were requested to withdraw for a term, I feel that there was a little that I could have done to motivate one of these boys so that the result, as to him, would have been other than it was. (Both expect to return in the Fall, and I feel that both should be somewhat more mature in their scholastic outlook by that time. Also, both were engineers.) Aside from the disappointment afforded by the performance of these individuals, I think that the improvement evidenced by many of the other members was quite gratifying. There is also a general feeling that the improved academic standing of the fraternity in relation to other fraternities was responsible for the relatively large number of pledges that the house took during this year's rush and this atmosphere should have somewhat of a sustaining and carryover effect into this term. It is my hope to be able to make full advantage of this general feeling of optimism in regard to studies, especially as related to the new pledges. (At present, the pledge-master and myself are working together to set up a pledge program that takes into consideration the class and "prelim" schedules of the new members, as well as their averages, areas of difficulty. Also, a financial award had been instituted, effective this term, which will provide a twenty-five dollar gift to the pledge who shows the most improvement in his overall average over the previous term. It is my hope that this "recognition" will provide some additional degree of incentive to the pledges.)

Although I have tried to avoid, as much as possible, interference in the internal affairs of the fraternity, (choosing to leave these matters solely [sic] within the control of the officers) I have discovered that there is an increasing willingness and practice for the officers to seek out my advice as to certain matters. Where such advice is sought, I have been increasingly able to render such advice in a way which takes academics into consideration. I view such a trend as a healthy indication of a perhaps slowly changing attitude as to the place and importance of the integration of academics within the house. (For example, I was able to convince the officers of the wisdom of postponing the initiation of the Fall pledges until after completion of examinations, as they had originally scheduled the process for the weekend preceeding [sic] the commencement of exams.) I have also been met with a completely cooperative attitude in regard to my enforcement of certain internal

⁶ G. Michael Hawkey [Resident DKE Academic Advisor] letter to Mr. Donald M. Sheraw, Assistant Dean of Students for Fraternities, Cornell University, 25 February 1966. Cataloged DKE4-052.

rules, such as regards quiet hours, use of the telephones, etc. (In many ways, I think that my enforcement of these rules has been one of my most important functions, as the officers or those normally entrusted with such duties are too close to the other members to be as effective in this area as they should. I have been able to change the physical location of the members and their rooms in ways that the officers might not think to do, or might not choose to do.)

At the present time a house project is underway to restore and up-date a central depository of academic materials that should be useful, especially to the pledges, in reviewing for “prelims” and examinations. By having almost all the members contribute material to this collection there seems to be an increasing awareness of the value of such a central file that I hope will have a self-perpetuating effect so that there will be continuing contributions.

I have also tried to establish a system of internal tutoring who are in the same, or closely related, areas of study. The success here has been varied, due mainly to the tendency that such sessions have to become social exchanges rather than to remain confined to purely information exchanges. However, I have had fairly good luck with the engineers and am trying to extend the benefits of such a program to more of the members who are in the arts programs.

Another area in which I have had some degree of success is in establishing an interest in some of the members in going to advanced education. To this end, I have been able to arrange interviews with such University personnel as the Dean of Admissions of the Law School, as well as encouraging interested members to speak with members of their particular schools on matters such as the particular form applications to graduate schools to follow. In a related area, I have scheduled one member for vocational testing and counseling with the hope that the outcome of these tests may help him to better formulate his long-term goals and plans.

In summary, I feel that I have been able to accomplish a variety of results among the membership, but I also feel that almost all of the changes for the better that have occurred in regard to the approach taken to academics (and I sincerely believe that there has been such a change), is due to a willingness and a desire among the individuals themselves to demonstrate that there is no longer any reason for the fraternity to have an academic record as poor as it has been at some times in past years, and I think that if the fraternity can retain this attitude for at least another two terms, then a certain self-sustaining may appear and become incorporated or ingrained within the membership. The potential for continuous improvement is certainly present among the individuals, and I hope that there can be an increasing utilization of this resource.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Michael Hawkey

Appendix C – Student Grade Reports from the *Cornell Alumni News*

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Fraternity Grades Up

COMPARATIVE tabulation of academic grades, suspended during the war, has been made for last year by Registrar's office.

The average of all undergraduates for 1946-47 was 76.733, which is 1.34 points higher than the pre-war average of 75.39 for 1941-42. The average for all men increased 1.56 points from 1941-42, and that for all women increased .81 point; while the all-fraternity average increased 2.15 points and the all-sorority average dropped .07 point. Ernest Whitworth, Associate Registrar, points out that the fraternity with the lowest average last year would have placed in the middle of the group five years ago. The tabulation follows:

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FRATERNITIES & ASSNS. 1946-47 1941-42

Telluride	84.98	81.95
Alpha Zeta	82.88	79.55
Alpha Chi Sigma	80.18	75.82
Tau Epsilon Phi	80.02	80.59
Tau Delta Phi	78.40	73.79
Alpha Epsilon Pi	78.32	78.28
Sigma Phi	78.31	72.75
Phi Sigma Kappa	78.03	72.72
Beta Sigma Rho	77.89	76.85
Zeta Beta Tau	77.54	75.54
Sigma Alpha Mu	77.35	78.58
Cayuga Residence	77.29	78.56
Alpha Psi	77.18	77.46
Phi Kappa Tau	76.95	72.76
Pi Lambda Phi	76.82	74.47
Theta Chi	76.79	73.14
Phi Sigma Delta	76.77	78.21
Acacia	76.57	75.03
Independent Men	76.56	75.82
Alpha Chi Rho	76.46	71.55
Delta Upsilon	76.40	71.60
All Men	76.36	74.80
Alpha Gamma Rho	76.34	75.17
All Fraternity Men	76.04	73.89
Zeta Psi	75.97	73.94
Alpha Sigma Phi	75.96	75.20
Lambda Chi Alpha	75.96	72.63
Sigma Phi Epsilon	75.88	72.53
Sigma Pi	75.88	72.54
Chi Phi	75.58	70.51
Alpha Delta Phi	75.43	71.74
Phi Epsilon Pi	75.35	76.60
Theta Xi	75.31	74.26
Phi Kappa Psi	75.29	73.86
Phi Kappa Sigma	75.28	70.17
Phi Kappa Alpha	75.17	75.39
Sigma Chi	75.15	74.23
Kappa Sigma	75.10	71.40
Chi Psi	75.00	71.17
Alpha Phi Delta	74.99	75.76
Tau Kappa Epsilon	74.95	73.74
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	74.89	72.97
Delta Chi	74.86	74.30
Omega Tau Sigma	74.80	76.99
Theta Delta Chi	74.62	72.29
Alpha Tau Omega	74.40	71.12
Phi Delta Theta	74.38	72.93
Psi Upsilon	74.38	72.39
Delta Kappa Epsilon	74.29	71.72
Delta Tau Delta	74.23	71.41
Beta Theta Pi	74.19	73.63
Phi Gamma Delta	74.18	73.24
Algonquin Lodge	74.06	76.82
Sigma Nu	73.97	72.99
Delta Phi	73.94	71.40
Seal and Serpent	73.88	71.47
Kappa Alpha	73.73	71.81

SORORITIES

Alpha Epsilon Phi	80.74	80.09
Delta Gamma	79.13	77.27
Sigma Delta Tau	78.77	81.25
Sigma Kappa	78.66	78.13
Delta Delta Delta	78.21	77.75
Independent Women	78.10	76.73
All Women	78.00	77.19
All Sorority Women	77.77	77.84
Alpha Omicron Pi	77.65	77.64
Pi Beta Phi	77.61	77.78
Alpha Xi Delta	77.39	77.65
Chi Omega	77.23	76.38
Kappa Kappa Gamma	77.16	76.99
Kappa Alpha Theta	76.60	78.19
Alpha Phi	76.03	74.47
Kappa Delta	75.76	77.25

Study of the grades of veterans shows married veterans averaged 77.23 last year; unmarried veterans, 76.18; and all veterans, 76.38, while the average for all undergraduates who were not veterans was 77.22. Whitworth found that grades of non-veterans averaged higher than those of veterans in Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Industrial and Labor Relations, and Veterinary; while the veterans averaged higher in Agriculture, Architecture, Business and Public Administration, Home Economics, Hotel Administration, and Nutrition.

Jim Roberts '71, Editor & Publisher, Cornell Alumni News, e-mail, Tue 5/28/2013 7:08 AM

[Responding to HWF's request for permission to reproduce the student grade reports] Bill, Yes, you have permission to reproduce the Student Grade Reports from the Cornell Alumni News in your report. Jim

Student Grades Improve

AVERAGE grade of all undergraduates in the University last year was slightly higher than in 1946-47; with 76.878 as compared with 76.733 the previous year. Ernest Whitworth, Associate Registrar, compiling the standings, points out, however, that the women with average increase of 0.48 contributed more to the all-student increase than did the men with only 0.1 increase. The average of all sorority women increased 0.42 while that of all fraternity men increased

but 0.04 and that of non-sorority women increased 0.6 while that of non-fraternity men increased 0.18.

Whitworth reports that the 4300 undergraduate male veterans last year had an average grade of 76.566 as compared with that of men who were not veterans, 76.273, and with the general "all-men's" average of 76.465. Veterans did better than non-veterans in Agriculture, Architecture, Hotel Administration, Industrial & Labor Relations, and the Veterinary College; poorer in Arts & Sciences and Engineering.

Comparisons for 1947-48 and 1946-47 follow.

	1947-48	1946-47
	Rank Ave.	Ave. Rank
FRATERNITIES & ASSNS.		
Telluride	1 86.29	84.98 1
Alpha Zeta	2 81.63	82.88 2
Alpha Chi Sigma	3 80.85	80.18 3
Tau Delta Phi	4 79.71	78.40 5
Sigma Alpha Mu	5 79.63	77.35 11
Alpha Epsilon Pi	6 79.35	78.32 6
Tau Epsilon Phi	7 78.99	80.02 4
Beta Sigma Rho	8 78.08	77.89 9
Phi Epsilon Pi	9 78.05	75.35 29
Alpha Psi	10 77.79	77.18 13
Alpha Gamma Rho	11 77.77	76.34 21
Sigma Pi	12 77.58	75.88 25
Sigma Phi Epsilon	13 77.28	75.88 25
Sigma Phi	14 76.85	78.31 7
Pi Lambda Phi	15 76.78	76.82 15
Non-fraternity Men	76.74	76.56
Phi Sigma Kappa	16 76.71	78.03 8
Cayuga Student Res.	17 76.60	77.29 12
Theta Chi	18 76.52	76.79 16
Phi Sigma Delta	19 76.48	76.77 17
All Men	76.46	76.36
Omega Tau Sigma	20 76.43	74.80 41
Delta Phi	21 76.37	73.94 52
Delta Chi	22 76.35	74.86 40
Delta Upsilon	23 76.27	76.40 20
All Fraternity Men	76.08	76.04
Theta Delta Chi	24 75.97	74.62 42
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	25 75.95	74.89 39
Zeta Beta Tau	26 75.91	77.54 10
Chi Phi	27 75.88	75.58 27
Kappa Sigma	28 75.80	75.10 35

Seal & Serpent	29 75.75	73.88 53
Sigma Chi	30 75.69	75.15 34
Delta Tau Delta	31 75.50	74.23 47
Beta Theta Pi	32 75.30	74.19 48
Chi Psi	33 75.29	75.00 36
Alpha Tau Omega	34 75.24	74.40 43
Algonquin Lodge	34 75.24	74.06 50
Alpha Chi Rho	36 74.92	76.46 19
Phi Kappa Psi	37 74.91	75.29 31
Phi Kappa Tau	38 74.85	76.95 14
Lambda Chi Alpha	39 74.84	75.96 23
Psi Upsilon	40 74.81	74.38 44
Phi Delta Theta	41 74.80	74.38 44
Theta Xi	42 74.69	75.31 30
Alpha Delta Phi	43 74.63	75.43 28
Sigma Nu	44 74.20	73.97 51
Acacia	45 74.12	76.57 18
Tau Kappa Epsilon	46 74.11	74.95 38
Alpha Sigma Phi	47 74.00	75.96 23
Phi Kappa Sigma	47 74.00	75.28 32
Kappa Alpha	49 73.98	73.73 54
Delta Kappa Epsilon	50 73.96	74.29 46
Pi Kappa Alpha	51 73.72	75.17 33
Alpha Delta Phi	52 73.64	74.99 37
Zeta Psi	53 72.94	75.97 22
Phi Gamma Delta	54 72.76	74.18 49
SORORITIES		
Alpha Epsilon Phi	1 80.63	80.74 1
Sigma Delta Tau	2 80.00	78.77 3
Sigma Kappa	3 79.47	78.66 4
Non-sorority Women	78.70	78.10
All Women	78.48	78.00
Delta Delta Delta	4 78.47	78.21 5
All Sorority Women	78.19	77.77
Alpha Xi Delta	5 78.13	77.39 8
Kappa Kappa Gamma	6 78.02	77.16 10
Kappa Delta	7 77.78	75.76 13
Chi Omega	8 77.66	77.23 9
Kappa Alpha Theta	9 77.49	76.60 11
Alpha Phi	10 77.36	76.03 12
Delta Gamma	11 77.34	79.13 2
Pi Beta Phi	12 77.09	77.61 7
Alpha Omicron Pi	13 76.82	77.65 6

Average Grades Climb

Academic grades of students in the University last year continued to improve, as shown in averages compiled by Ernest Whitworth, Associate Registrar. Comparative figures with the pre-war year of 1938-39 show an increase of 2.21 points in the average grade of all undergraduates for the ten-year period. The average grade of men students increased 2.57 points in the ten years; of all women, 1.13; fraternity men, 2.86; sorority women, 1.58; non-fraternity men, 2.27; non-sorority women, .81 points. Average grade of women students is still above that of men, and students who are not members of fraternities and sororities have higher average grades than those who are. All men's averages increased last year over the year before, however, considerably more than those of the women.

Comparisons and rankings of the average grades of fraternities and sororities with each other and with the general averages for last year and for 1947-48 follow.

Alpha Chi Rho	74.96	50	74.92	36
Tau Kappa Epsilon	74.88	51	74.11	46
Sigma Nu	74.82	52	74.20	44
Theta Delta Chi	74.55	53	75.97	24
Phi Kappa Sigma	74.22	54	74.00	47
Kappa Alpha	73.40	55	73.98	49
Delta Kappa Epsilon	72.94	56	73.96	50

Sororities

	1948-1949 Aver. Rank	1947-1948 Aver. Rank
Alpha Epsilon Phi	81.78	1
Sigma Delta Tau	80.08	2
Delta Delta Delta	79.63	3
Sigma Kappa	79.42	4
Alpha Xi Delta	79.33	5
Non-Sorority	79.09	78.70
All Women	78.94	78.48
Sorority Women	78.78	78.19
Kappa Alpha Theta	78.74	6
Delta Gamma	78.68	7
Kappa Delta	78.41	8
Chi Omega	78.31	9
Pi Beta Phi	78.12	10
Kappa		
Kappa Gamma	77.92	11
Alpha Omicron Pi	77.53	12
Alpha Phi	77.34	13

Fraternities & Associations

	1948-1949 Aver. Rank	1947-1948 Aver. Rank
Telluride	86.62	1
Alpha Zeta	81.50	2
Tau Delta Phi	80.30	3
Alpha Epsilon Pi	79.89	4
Alpha Chi Sigma	79.63	5
Phi Epsilon Pi	78.98	6
Triangle	78.92	7
Sigma Alpha Mu	78.87	8
Sigma Phi	78.34	9
Phi Sigma Delta	78.12	10
Sigma Phi Epsilon	77.98	11
Alpha Psi	77.95	12
Pi Lambda Phi	77.94	13
Tau Epsilon Phi	77.73	14
Omega Tau Sigma	77.64	15
Alpha Gamma Rho	77.60	16
Phi Kappa Tau	77.56	17
Beta Sigma Rho	77.54	18
Watermargin Co-op	77.47	19
Non-fraternity Men	77.42	76.74
Sigma Pi	77.23	20
Theta Chi	77.21	21
All Men	77.05	76.46
Zeta Beta Tau	76.88	22
Cayuga Residence	76.67	23
Fraternity Men	76.65	76.08
Phi Sigma Kappa	76.57	24
Psi Upsilon	76.52	25
Phi Kappa Psi	76.45	26
Zeta Psi	76.43	27
Lambda Chi Alpha	76.26	28
Chi Psi	76.25	29
Sigma Chi	76.24	30
Alpha Sigma Phi	76.13	31
Theta Xi	76.13	31
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	76.12	33
Acacia	76.09	34
Phi Delta Theta	76.06	35
Kappa Sigma	76.01	36
Delta Phi	76.00	37
Alpha Delta Phi	75.97	38
Alpha Tau Omega	75.92	39
Seal & Serpent	75.75	40
Delta Chi	75.56	41
Chi Phi	75.46	42
Delta Tau Delta	75.41	43
Beta Theta Pi	75.36	44
Delta Upsilon	75.36	44
Phi Gamma Delta	75.30	46
Alpha Phi Delta	75.28	47
Pi Kappa Alpha	75.25	48
Algonquin Lodge	75.25	48

Fraternity, Sorority Grades Top General Averages

MEMBERS of Campus fraternities and sororities last year averaged higher scholastic standings than the respective averages for undergraduate men and women. Tabulation made by Ernest Whitworth, Associate Registrar, shows that in 1949-50 the grades of men who were members of fraternities and associations averaged 77.09 as compared with an all-men's average of 77.01 and the sorority members' average was 79.45 as compared with that for all undergraduate women of 79.33. This is the first time since these tabulations were started in 1937 that fraternity and sorority averages have ranked above the respective over-all averages of men and women.

General Increase Since War

Last year's average grade for all undergraduates was 77.47, comparing with 77.42 in 1948-49. It is an increase of 2.26 since the pre-war year of 1938-39. In the same period, the fraternity average increased 3.3 points, that for all men increased 2.53, and for non-fraternity men the increase was 1.78. Sorority average last year was 2.25 higher than before the war, all women averaged 1.52 points higher, and non-sorority women gained 0.95.

Since the fraternities resumed operations after the war, there has been increasing emphasis on the importance of maintaining good scholarship. This has come from national fraternity officers, from University officials and the Cornell Interfraternity Alumni Association, and from members themselves, through and independently of the Interfraternity Council. It is the custom now for fraternities to postpone initiation of their pledges until the second term and not take into membership any who are not in good scholastic standing.

The following table shows the average grades and ranking of fraternities and sororities with the general averages

for undergraduate men and women, last year and in 1948-49.

Fraternities & Assns.	1949-50		1948-49	
	Ave.	Rk.	Ave.	Rk.
Telluride	85.79	1	86.82	1
Alpha Zeta	81.56	2	81.50	2
Alpha Chi Sigma	80.82	3	79.63	5
Tau Delta Phi	80.19	4	80.30	3
Alpha Epsilon Pi	79.78	5	79.89	4
Triangle	79.64	6	78.92	7
Sigma Alpha Mu	79.49	7	78.87	8
Phi Sigma Delta	79.04	8	78.12	10
Omega Tau Sigma	78.81	9	77.64	15
Pi Lambda Phi	78.80	10	77.94	13
Sigma Phi Epsilon	78.74	11	77.98	11
Theta Chi	78.19	12	77.21	21
Phi Kappa Psi	78.00	13	76.45	26
Zeta Beta Tau	77.89	14	76.88	22
Lambda Chi Alpha	77.84	15	76.26	28
Sigma Chi	77.81	16	76.24	30
Alpha Gamma Rho	77.77	17	77.60	16
Phi Epsilon Pi	77.75	18	78.98	6
Phi Kappa Tau	77.72	19	77.56	17
Beta Sigma Rho	77.65	20	77.54	18
Alpha Delta Phi	77.48	21	75.97	38
Watermargin Co-op	77.39	22	77.47	19
Tau Epsilon Phi	77.38	23	77.73	14
Acacia	77.32	24	76.09	34
Alpha Sigma Phi	77.27	25	76.13	31
Alpha Chi Rho	77.15	26	74.96	50
Sigma Phi	77.14	27	78.34	9
Fraternity Men	77.09		76.65	
Beta Theta Pi	77.07	28	75.36	44
All Men	77.07		77.05	
Non-fraternity Men	76.93		77.42	
Alpha Psi	76.92	29	77.95	12
Kappa Sigma	76.87	30	76.01	36
Algonquin Lodge	76.84	31	75.25	48
Chi Phi	76.73	32	75.46	42
Chi Psi	76.72	33	76.25	29
Cayuga Student Res.	76.68	34	76.67	23
Sigma Pi	76.68	34	77.23	20
Psi Upsilon	76.58	36	76.52	25
Delta Tau Delta	76.41	37	75.41	43
Phi Delta Theta	76.38	38	76.06	35
Pi Kappa Alpha	76.31	39	75.25	48
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	76.14	40	76.12	33
Pi Kappa Phi	76.13	41		
Phi Kappa Sigma	76.06	42	74.22	54
Alpha Tau Omega	75.84	43	75.92	39
Hillside Co-op	75.84	43		
Phi Sigma Kappa	75.78	45	76.57	24
Delta Phi	75.73	46	76.00	37
Alpha Phi Delta	75.71	47	75.28	47
Delta Upsilon	75.65	48	75.36	44
Seal and Serpent	75.61	49	75.75	40
Theta Xi	75.51	50	76.13	31
Phi Gamma Delta	75.39	51	75.30	46
Delta Kappa Epsilon	75.10	52	72.94	56

Zeta Psi	75.01	53	76.43	27
Tau Kappa Epsilon	74.65	54	74.88	51
Sigma Nu	74.63	55	74.82	52
Delta Chi	74.61	56	75.56	41
Theta Delta Chi	73.34	57	74.55	53
Kappa Alpha	72.32	58	73.40	55

Sororities	1949-50		1948-49	
	Ave.	Rk.	Ave.	Rk.
Alpha Epsilon Phi	80.81	1	81.78	1
Sigma Delta Tau	80.40	2	80.08	2
Alpha Omicron Pi	79.71	3	77.53	12
Delta Gamma	79.51	4	78.68	7
Sigma Kappa	79.49	5	79.42	4
Sorority Women	79.45		78.78	
All Women	79.33		78.94	
Delta Delta Delta	79.24	6	79.63	3
Kappa Alpha Theta	79.24	6	78.74	6
Non-sorority Women	79.23		79.09	
Kappa Delta	79.15	8	78.41	8
Alpha Phi	79.11	9	77.34	13
Alpha Xi Delta	78.98	10	79.33	5
Chi Omega	78.85	11	78.31	9
Kappa Kappa Gamma	78.85	11	77.82	11
Pi Beta Phi	78.33	13	78.12	10

Student Grades Improve

ACADEMIC GRADES of students last year averaged higher than at any time since statistics have been kept by the University. The average for all undergraduates, as compiled by Ernest Whitworth, Associate Registrar, was 77.68 per cent. This average has increased in each of the last four years. In 1949-50 it was 77.47 and last year was 2.47 percentage points higher than the 1938-39 pre-war average of 75.21.

A similar rise took place in the averages of all men, all women, fraternity and sorority men and women, and independent men and women. This is attributed both to greater selectivity in admissions and to more widespread concern by the studentry for good scholarship.

Last year for the second time, the average grade of members of fraternities and other men's associations was higher than for all men; but the average of sorority women fell back below the all-women's average after having risen above it in 1949-50. Increasing attention is being paid to grades in the fraternities. Most defer initiation until the second term and require satisfactory scholastic standing as a condition to membership.

The following comparative averages are weighted for the number of credit hours carried by each student.

	1950-51		1949-50	
Fraternities & Assns.	Ave.	Rk.	Ave.	Rk.
Telluride	85.27	1	85.79	1
Alpha Zeta	81.97	2	81.56	2
Hillside Cooperative	80.21	3	75.84	43
Triangle	80.10	4	79.64	6
Sigma Alpha Mu	80.07	5	79.49	7
Tau Delta Phi	79.75	6	80.19	4
Phi Sigma Delta	79.73	7	79.04	8
Cayuga Student Assoc.	79.53	8	76.68	34
Omega Tau Sigma	78.59	9	78.81	9
Phi Epsilon Pi	78.57	10	77.75	18
Alpha Epsilon Pi	78.47	11	79.78	5
Tau Epsilon Phi	78.37	12	77.38	23
Alpha Chi Sigma	78.04	13	80.82	3
Algonquin Lodge	77.83	14	76.84	31
Phi Kappa Psi	77.56	15	78.00	13
Pi Lambda Phi	77.53	16	78.80	10
Sigma Phi	77.49	17	77.14	27
Alpha Phi Delta	77.46	18	75.71	47
Beta Sigma Rho	77.33	19	77.65	20
Sigma Phi Epsilon	77.29	20	78.74	11
Phi Sigma Kappa	77.24	21	75.78	45
Fraternity Men	77.22		77.09	
Lambda Chi Alpha	77.16	22	77.84	15
All Men	77.12		77.01	
Delta Tau Delta	77.12	23	76.41	37
Alpha Gamma Rho	77.08	24	77.77	17
Kappa Sigma	77.02	25	76.87	30
Watermargin Coop.	77.01	26	77.39	22
Non-fraternity Men	77.00		76.93	
Pi Kappa Alpha	76.96	27	76.31	39

Alpha Delta Phi	76.92	28	77.48	21
Psi Upsilon	76.88	29	76.58	36
Sigma Pi	76.86	30	76.68	34
Alpha Psi	76.86	30	76.92	29
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	76.79	32	76.14	40
Theta Chi	76.59	33	75.51	50
Zeta Beta Tau	76.44	34	77.89	14
Phi Kappa Tau	76.29	35	77.72	19
Seal and Serpent	76.17	36	75.61	49
Chi Psi	76.12	37	76.72	33
Tau Kappa Epsilon	75.32	42	74.65	54
Delta Chi	75.81	38	74.61	56
Sigma Chi	75.67	39	77.81	16
Phi Delta Theta	75.46	40	76.38	38
Chi Phi	75.43	41	76.73	32
Delta Upsilon	75.31	43	75.65	48
Kappa Alpha	75.20	44	72.32	58
Delta Phi	75.13	45	75.73	46
Alpha Tau Omega	75.12	46	75.84	43
Sigma Nu	75.09	47	74.63	55
Theta Xi	75.07	48	75.51	50
Zeta Psi	75.01	49	75.01	53
Beta Theta Pi	74.99	50	77.07	28
Alpha Chi Rho	74.85	51	77.15	26
Alpha Sigma Phi	74.78	52	77.27	25
Delta Kappa Epsilon	74.78	52	75.10	52
Phi Gamma Delta	74.70	54	75.39	51
Theta Delta Chi	74.61	55	73.34	57
Pi Kappa Phi	74.37	56	76.13	41
Phi Kappa Sigma	73.83	57	76.06	42
Acacia			77.32	24

	1950-51		1949-50	
Sororities	Ave.	Rk.	Ave.	Rk.
Sigma Delta Tau	80.63	1	80.40	2
Alpha Epsilon Phi	80.45	2	80.81	1
Chi Omega	80.10	3	78.85	11
Non-sorority Women	79.98		79.23	
Kappa Alpha Theta	79.81	4	79.24	6
All Women	79.78		79.33	
Alpha Xi Delta	79.74	5	78.98	10
Alpha Phi	79.59	6	79.11	9
All Sorority Women	79.56		79.45	
Delta Delta Delta	79.31	7	79.24	6
Delta Gamma	79.16	8	79.51	4
Kappa Kappa Gamma	79.16	8	78.85	11
Kappa Delta	79.05	10	79.45	8
Alpha Omicron Pi	78.82	11	79.71	3
Pi Beta Phi	78.68	12	78.33	13
Sigma Kappa			79.49	5

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Student Grades Decline

AVERAGE GRADES of students in the University last year dropped fractionally from the high peak of 1950-51, after a steady annual rise for four years. Last year's average grade for all undergraduates of 77.41 compares with 77.68 in 1950-51. It is 2.2 points higher than the pre-war 1938-39 average of 75.21, however. As compared with pre-war averages, last year's for all men was 2.36 higher; for all women, 1.59 higher; fraternity men, 2.95 higher; sorority women, 2.1 higher; for non-fraternity men, 1.81 higher; and for non-sorority women, 1.22 higher.

Averages weighted for the number of credit hours carried by each student are compiled each year by the University Registrar. The relative standings of undergraduate groups for last year and for 1950-51 are shown below.

Fraternities & Assns.	1951-52	1950-51	Acacia	76.49	36	Delta Gamma	78.87	9	79.16	8
	Ave. Rk.	Ave. Rk.	Kappa Alpha	76.38	37	Kappa Alpha Theta	78.70	10	79.81	4
Telluride	83.85	1	Phi Kappa Tau	76.28	38	Alpha Epsilon Phi	78.65	11	80.45	2
Alpha Zeta	80.57	2	Theta Chi	75.94	39	Alpha Xi Delta	78.35	12	79.74	5
Tau Delta Phi	80.03	3	Chi Phi	75.93	40	Alpha Phi	78.11	13	79.59	6
Sigma Alpha Mu	79.85	4	Alpha Chi Sigma	75.87	41					
Phi Epsilon Pi	79.53	5	Sigma Pi	75.66	42					
Phi Sigma Delta	79.48	6	Theta Xi	75.60	43					
Tau Epsilon Phi	79.17	7	Delta Upsilon	75.59	44					
Kappa Nu	79.00	8	Phi Kappa Sigma	75.59	45					
Triangle	78.71	9	Delta Phi	75.51	46					
Alpha Epsilon Pi	78.65	10	Alpha Tau Omega	75.35	47					
Cayuga Student Assn.	78.54	11	Phi Gamma Delta	75.25	48					
Beta Sigma Rho	77.98	12	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	75.18	49					
Kappa Sigma	77.89	13	Pi Kappa Alpha	75.14	50					
Kappa Delta Rho	77.59	14	Tau Kappa Epsilon	74.93	51					
Sigma Phi	77.57	15	Beta Theta Pi	74.91	52					
Alpha Chi Rho	77.51	16	Sigma Nu	74.85	53					
Pi Lambda Phi	77.48	17	Phi Delta Theta	74.78	54					
Alpha Gamma Rho	77.31	18	Delta Kappa Epsilon	74.73	55					
Chi Psi	77.18	19	Alpha Sigma Phi	74.69	56					
Lambda Chi Alpha	77.15	20	Pi Kappa Phi	74.58	57					
Alpha Phi Delta	77.12	21	Seal & Serpent	74.50	58					
Watermargin Co-op	77.11	22	Theta Delta Chi	72.99	59					
Algonquin Lodge	77.10	23	Zeta Psi	72.51	60					
Delta Chi	77.09	24								
Alpha Delta Phi	77.08	25								
Delta Tau Delta	77.00	26	Sororities	1951-52	1950-51					
Non-fraternity Men	76.96			Ave. Rk.	Ave. Rk.					
Alpha Psi	76.95	27	Sigma Delta Tau	81.24	1	80.63	1			
Sigma Phi Epsilon	76.94	28	Alpha Omicron Pi	80.07	2	78.82	11			
Zeta Beta Tau	76.93	29	Sigma Kappa	79.95	3					
Sigma Chi	76.84	30	Kappa Delta	79.61	4	79.05	10			
All Men	76.84		Chi Omega	79.53	5	80.10	3			
Omega Tau Sigma	76.83	31	Non-sorority Women	79.50		79.98				
Fraternity Men	76.74		All Women	79.40		79.78				
Psi Upsilon	76.62	32	Sorority Women	79.30		79.56				
Phi Kappa Psi	76.51	33	Delta Delta Delta	78.91	6	79.31	7			
Hillside Co-op	76.50	34	Pi Beta Phi	78.91	7	78.68	12			
Phi Sigma Kappa	76.49	35	Kappa Kappa Gamma	78.89	8	79.16	8			

List Student Grades

AVERAGE GRADE of students in the University last year dropped fractionally from that of 1951-52. Last year's average grade of 77.28 for all undergraduates compares with 77.41 in 1951-52. The average rose every year for four years, to 77.68 in 1950-51. Last year's over-all average grade is 2.07 higher than the pre-war 1938-39 average of 75.21. As compared with pre-war averages, last year's for all men was 2.28 higher; for all women, 1.40 higher; fraternity men, 2.67 higher; sorority women, 2.08 higher; for non-fraternity men, 2.06 higher; and for non-sorority women, .86 higher.

Averages weighted for the number of credit hours carried by each student are compiled each year by the University Registrar. The averages and rankings of undergraduate groups for last year and for 1951-52 are shown below.

Fraternities & Assns.	1952-53	1951-52
	<i>Ave. Rk.</i>	<i>Ave. Rk.</i>
Telluride	81.97 1	83.85 1
Alpha Zeta	81.72 2	80.57 2
Alpha Epsilon Pi	79.89 3	78.65 10
Tau Delta Phi	78.98 4	80.03 3
Triangle	78.81 5	78.71 9
Sigma Alpha Mu	78.80 6	79.85 4
Phi Alpha	78.79 7	
Phi Sigma Delta	78.76 8	79.48 6
Cayuga Student Assoc.	78.33 9	78.54 11
Algonquin Lodge	78.31 10	77.10 23
Kappa Nu	78.31 10	79.00 8
Tau Epsilon Phi	78.23 12	79.17 7
Phi Epsilon Pi	78.04 13	79.53 5
Watermargin Co-op	77.95 14	77.11 22
Phi Kappa Psi	77.72 15	76.51 33
Sigma Phi	77.62 16	77.57 15
Omega Tau Sigma	77.58 17	76.83 31
Kappa Delta Rho	77.43 18	77.59 14
Kappa Sigma	77.42 19	77.89 13
Alpha Phi Delta	77.29 20	77.12 21
<i>Non-fraternity Men</i>	77.21	76.96
Alpha Psi	77.18 21	76.95 27
Zeta Beta Tau	77.09 22	76.93 29
Alpha Delta Phi	76.94 23	77.08 25
<i>All Men</i>	76.76	76.84
Alpha Gamma Rho	76.69 24	77.31 18
Phi Sigma Kappa	76.67 25	76.49 35
Alpha Chi Rho	76.65 26	77.51 16
Beta Sigma Rho	76.48 27	77.98 12
<i>Fraternity Men</i>	76.46	76.74

Pi Lambda Phi	76.43 28	77.48 17
Alpha Tau Omega	76.41 29	75.35 47
Psi Upsilon	76.34 30	76.62 32
Alpha Chi Sigma	76.30 31	75.87 41
Hillside Co-op	76.21 32	76.50 34
Acacia	76.15 33	76.49 36
Delta Phi	76.04 34	75.51 46
Chi Psi	76.00 35	77.18 19
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	75.99 36	75.18 49
Delta Upsilon	75.98 37	75.59 44
Delta Tau Delta	75.96 38	77.00 26
Sigma Phi Epsilon	75.95 39	76.94 28
Theta Chi	75.90 40	75.94 39
Sigma Chi	75.89 41	76.84 30
Sigma Pi	75.88 42	75.66 42
Theta Xi	75.60 43	75.60 43
Pi Kappa Phi	75.52 44	74.58 57
Lambda Chi Alpha	75.40 45	77.15 20
Phi Kappa Tau	75.35 46	76.28 38
Pi Kappa Alpha	75.04 47	75.14 50
Delta Kappa Epsilon	74.93 48	74.73 55
Chi Phi	74.85 49	75.93 40
Seal and Serpent	74.83 50	74.50 58
Delta Chi	74.79 51	77.09 24
Zeta Psi	74.64 52	72.51 60
Phi Kappa Sigma	74.59 53	75.59 45
Alpha Sigma Phi	74.55 54	74.69 56
Beta Theta Pi	74.42 55	74.91 52
Phi Delta Theta	74.38 56	74.78 54
Sigma Nu	74.23 57	74.85 53
Kappa Alpha	74.11 58	76.38 37
Phi Gamma Delta	73.82 59	75.25 48
Tau Kappa Epsilon	73.50 60	74.93 51
Theta Delta Chi	71.51 61	72.99 59

Sororities	1952-53	1951-52
	<i>Ave. Rk.</i>	<i>Ave. Rk.</i>
Sigma Delta Tau	81.60 1	81.24 1
Alpha Epsilon Phi	80.84 2	78.65 11
Alpha Omicron Pi	80.06 3	80.07 2
Delta Delta Delta	79.76 4	78.91 6
Chi Omega	79.57 5	79.53 5
Delta Gamma	79.28 6	78.87 9
<i>Sorority Women</i>	79.28	79.30
Kappa Alpha Theta	79.27 7	78.70 10
Sigma Kappa	79.22 8	79.95 3
<i>All Women</i>	79.21	79.40
<i>Non-Sorority Women</i>	79.14	79.50
Pi Beta Phi	79.13 9	78.91 7
Kappa Delta	78.47 10	79.61 4
Kappa Kappa Gamma	78.04 11	78.89 8
Alpha Xi Delta	77.73 12	78.35 12
Alpha Phi	77.16 13	78.11 13

Average Grades, 1953-54

ANNUAL TABULATION by the University Registrar shows that the average grade of all undergraduates for 1953-54 was 77.06. This continues the slight downward trend that has been evident since the high 77.68 over-all average of 1950-51; but it is 1.85 higher than in the pre-war year 1938-39.

In the listing below, the University-wide averages for men follow the same trend as compared with the previous year, but those for women are all higher than in 1952-53. The 1953-54 average for All Men is 1.64 higher than five years ago; for Fraternity Men, 2.11 higher; and for Non-fraternity Men, 0.56 higher. All Women 1953-54 average is 1.82 above that of 1938-39; for Sorority Women, 2.10 higher; for Non-sorority Women, 1.65 higher. Averages for the student groups are weighted for the number of credit hours carried by each member. Comparisons in average grades and ranking for 1953-54 and the previous year are shown below.

Chi Phi	74.35	50	74.85	49	Sigma Delta Tau	80.55	2	81.60	1
Delta Upsilon	74.25	51	75.98	37	Alpha Xi Delta	80.23	3	77.73	12
Alpha Sigma Phi	74.16	52	74.55	54	Non-sorority Women	79.93		79.14	
Delta Kappa Epsilon	74.11	53	74.93	48	Sigma Kappa	79.88	4	79.22	8
Phi Gamma Delta	74.03	54	73.82	59	All Women	79.63		79.21	
Kappa Alpha	73.91	55	74.11	58	Delta Gamma	79.62	5	79.28	6
Zeta Psi	73.84	56	74.64	52	Chi Omega	79.30	6	79.57	5
Seal and Serpent	73.82	57	74.83	50	Sorority Women	79.30		79.28	
Theta Xi	73.70	58	75.60	43	Pi Beta Phi	79.12	7	79.13	9
Lambda Chi Alpha	73.61	59	75.40	45	Delta Delta Delta	79.08	8	79.76	4
Theta Delta Chi	73.08	60	71.51	61	Alpha Omicron Pi	78.83	9	80.06	3
Sigma Nu	72.54	61	74.23	57	Kappa Alpha Theta	78.63	10	79.27	7
	1953-54		1952-53		Kappa Kappa Gamma	78.20	11	78.04	11
Sororities	Ave. Rk.		Ave. Rk.		Alpha Phi	78.09	12	77.16	13
Alpha Epsilon Phi	80.82	1	80.84	2	Kappa Delta	77.83	13	78.47	10

Fraternities & Assns.	1953-54	1952-53
Ave. Rk.	Ave. Rk.	
Alpha Zeta	80.69	1 81.72 2
Telluride	80.25	2 81.92 1
Triangle	79.08	3 78.81 5
Sigma Phi	78.90	4 77.62 16
Watermargin	78.12	5 77.95 14
Alpha Epsilon Pi	77.85	6 79.89 3
Omega Tau Sigma	77.62	7 77.58 17
Phi Sigma Delta	77.60	8 78.76 8
Sigma Alpha Mu	77.43	9 78.80 6
Cayuga Lodge	77.39	10 78.33 9
Alpha Tau Omega	77.38	11 76.41 29
Alpha Psi	77.32	12 77.18 21
Pi Lambda Phi	77.08	13 76.43 28
Tau Delta Phi	77.05	14 78.98 4
Beta Sigma Rho	77.04	15 76.48 27
Alpha Chi Sigma	77.03	16 76.30 31
Kappa Sigma	77.03	16 77.42 19
Phi Kappa Tau	76.98	18 75.35 46
Kappa Nu	76.98	18 78.31 10
Phi Epsilon Pi	76.85	20 78.04 13
Phi Alpha	76.79	21 78.79 7
Psi Upsilon	76.71	22 76.34 30
Non-fraternity Men	76.71	77.21
Alpha Chi Rho	76.70	23 76.65 26
Kappa Delta Rho	76.42	24 77.43 18
Phi Delta Theta	76.33	25 74.38 56
All Men	76.22	76.76
Sigma Chi	76.16	26 75.89 41
Phi Sigma Kappa	75.99	27 76.67 25
Sigma Phi Epsilon	75.98	28 75.95 39
Pi Kappa Phi	75.90	29 75.52 44
Fraternity Men	75.90	76.46
Delta Chi	75.78	30 74.79 51
Alpha Delta Phi	75.75	31 76.94 23
Alpha Gamma Rho	75.71	32 76.69 24
Chi Psi	75.66	33 76.00 35
Zeta Beta Tau	75.46	34 77.09 22
Delta Phi	75.39	35 76.04 34
Theta Chi	75.33	36 75.90 40
Pi Kappa Alpha	75.23	37 75.04 47
Hillside Co-op	75.22	38 76.21 32
Delta Tau Delta	75.18	39 75.96 38
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	75.18	39 75.99 36
Tau Epsilon Phi	75.04	41 78.23 12
Phi Kappa Psi	75.03	42 77.72 15
Algonquin Lodge	74.90	43 78.31 10
Alpha Phi Delta	74.78	44 77.29 20
Acacia	74.72	45 76.15 33
Sigma Pi	74.69	46 75.88 42
Tau Kappa Epsilon	74.54	47 73.50 60
Phi Kappa Sigma	74.48	48 74.59 53
Beta Theta Pi	74.42	49 74.42 55

Fraternity, Sorority Grades

UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR finds that the average grade for all undergraduates in 1954-55 was 77.32. This is .26 higher than the 1953-54 average, reversing the slight downward trend that has been evident since the 1950-51 high average of 77.68. It is 2.11 higher than for the pre-war year 1938-39.

The 1954-55 average for All Men is 2.06 higher than that of 1938-39; for Fraternity Men, 2.37 higher; and for Non-fraternity Men 2.06 higher. All Women 1954-55 average is 1.86 above that of 1938-39; for Sorority Women, 2.39 higher; for Non-sorority Women, 1.47. Each group shows a higher average than for the previous year except highest of all, Non-Sorority Women, which has dropped a slight .18. Averages for the fraternities and sororities are weighted for the number of credit hours carried by each member. Average grades and rankings for 1954-55 and the previ-

ous year are shown in the table below.

Sororities and Women's Assns.	1954-55 Ave. Rk.	1953-54 Ave. Rk.
Via	83.29 1	
Phi Sigma Sigma	80.79 2	
Alpha Epsilon Phi	80.51 3	80.82 1
Sigma Delta Tau	79.93 4	80.55 2
Kappa Alpha Theta	79.91 5	78.63 10
Chi Omega	79.84 6	79.30 6
Sigma Kappa	79.79 7	79.88 4
Non-Sorority Women	79.75	79.93
All Women	79.67	79.63
Delta Gamma	79.63 8	79.62 5
Pi Beta Phi	79.62 9	79.12 7
Delta Delta Delta	79.61 10	79.08 8
Sorority Women	79.59	79.30
Alpha Xi Delta	79.47 11	80.23 3
Kappa Kappa Gamma	78.64 12	78.20 11
Alpha Omicron Pi	78.62 13	78.83 9
Alpha Phi	78.33 14	78.09 12
Kappa Delta	77.83 15	77.83 13
Fraternities and Men's Assns.	1954-55 Ave. Rk.	1953-54 Ave. Rk.
Telluride	82.59 1	80.25 2
Alpha Zeta	81.11 2	80.69 1
Alpha Chi Sigma	78.78 3	77.03 16
Alpha Psi	78.73 4	77.32 12
Pi Lambda Phi	78.54 5	77.08 13
Watermargin	78.44 6	78.12 5
Sigma Phi	78.19 7	78.90 4
Phi Alpha	78.15 8	76.79 21
Phi Sigma Delta	78.04 9	77.60 8
Omega Tau Sigma	78.01 10	77.62 7
Kappa Delta Rho	77.99 11	76.42 24
Algonquin Lodge	77.90 12	74.90 43
Kappa Nu	77.78 13	76.98 18
Alpha Epsilon Pi	77.59 14	77.85 6
Cayuga Lodge	77.49 15	77.39 10
Kappa Sigma	77.26 16	77.03 16
Non-fraternity Men	77.21	76.71
Tau Delta Phi	77.08 17	77.05 14
Chi Psi	77.07 18	75.66 33
Beta Sigma Rho	77.06 19	77.04 15
Triangle	77.00 20	79.08 3
Alpha Delta Phi	76.99 21	75.75 31
Sigma Phi Epsilon	76.76 22	75.98 28
Sigma Alpha Mu	76.68 23	77.43 9
Phi Kappa Psi	76.58 24	75.03 42
Phi Kappa Tau	76.56 25	76.98 18
All Men	76.54	76.22
Acacia	76.50 26	74.72 45
Phi Epsilon Pi	76.47 27	76.85 20
Tau Epsilon Phi	76.44 28	75.04 41
Lambda Chi Alpha	76.28 29	73.61 59
Alpha Chi Rho	76.23 30	76.70 23
Sigma Chi	76.17 31	76.16 26
Fraternity Men	76.17	75.90
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	76.12 32	75.18 39
Phi Sigma Kappa	76.07 33	75.99 27
Delta Tau Delta	75.88 34	75.18 39
Zeta Beta Tau	75.84 35	75.46 34
Alpha Tau Omega	75.82 36	77.38 11
Theta Xi	75.69 37	73.70 58
Psi Upsilon	75.68 38	76.71 22
Alpha Gamma Rho	75.53 39	75.71 32
Delta Upsilon	75.40 40	74.25 51
Beta Theta Pi	75.29 41	74.42 49
Pi Kappa Phi	75.24 42	75.90 29
Theta Chi	75.24 42	75.33 36
Sigma Nu	75.08 44	72.54 61
Pi Kappa Alpha	74.93 45	75.23 37
Sigma Pi	74.91 46	74.69 46
Tau Kappa Epsilon	74.90 47	74.54 47
Kappa Alpha	74.89 48	73.91 55
Phi Gamma Delta	74.74 49	74.03 54
Delta Kappa Epsilon	74.51 50	74.11 53
Hillside Co-op	74.49 51	75.22 38
Delta Chi	74.28 52	75.78 30
Phi Kappa Sigma	74.15 53	74.48 48
Seal & Serpent	74.06 54	73.82 57
Phi Delta Theta	74.01 55	76.33 25
Delta Phi	73.95 56	75.39 35
Alpha Phi Delta	73.72 57	74.78 44
Alpha Sigma Phi	73.21 58	74.16 52
Chi Phi	72.94 59	74.35 50
Zeta Psi	72.61 60	73.84 56
Theta Delta Chi	72.58 61	73.08 60

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grades and rankings for 1955-56 and the previous year are shown in the table below.

Sororities and Women's Assns.	1955-56 Ave. Rk.	1954-55 Ave. Rk.
Via	83.31 1	83.29 1
Phi Sigma Sigma	82.68 2	80.79 2
Sigma Delta Tau	80.92 3	79.93 4
Delta Delta Delta	79.86 4	79.61 10
Alpha Epsilon Phi	79.85 5	80.51 3
Non-sorority Women	79.85	79.75
All Women	79.75	79.67
Kappa Alpha Theta	79.73 6	79.91 5
Alpha Omicron Pi	79.71 7	78.62 13
Sorority Women	79.66	79.59
Delta Gamma	79.56 8	79.63 8
Alpha Phi	79.39 9	78.33 14
Sigma Kappa	79.26 10	79.79 7
Pi Beta Phi	79.09 11	79.62 9
Kappa Delta	79.04 12	77.83 15
Chi Omega	78.63 13	79.84 6
Kappa Kappa Gamma	78.62 14	78.64 12
Alpha Xi Delta	77.87 15	79.47 11
Fraternities and Men's Assns.	1955-56 Ave. Rk.	1954-55 Ave. Rk.
Telluride	83.08 1	82.59 1
Watermargin	80.58 2	78.44 6
Young Israel	80.30 3	
Alpha Zeta	79.29 4	81.11 2
Phi Sigma Delta	79.01 5	78.04 9
Triangle	78.90 6	77.00 20
Alpha Psi	78.56 7	78.73 4
Phi Alpha	78.55 8	78.15 8
Alpha Chi Sigma	78.48 9	78.78 3
Cayuga Lodge	78.42 10	77.49 15
Sigma Alpha Mu	78.07 11	76.68 23
Kappa Nu	77.96 12	77.78 13
Algonquin Lodge	77.79 13	77.90 12
Phi Epsilon Pi	77.73 14	76.47 27
Omega Tau Sigma	77.55 15	78.01 10
Sigma Phi	77.48 16	78.19 7
Pi Lambda Phi	77.43 17	78.54 5
Kappa Delta Rho	77.30 19	77.99 11
Alpha Epsilon Pi	77.35 18	77.59 14
Beta Sigma Rho	77.21 20	77.06 19
Non-fraternity Men	77.05	77.21
Zeta Beta Tau	76.87 21	75.84 35
Delta Chi	76.86 22	74.28 52
Kappa Sigma	76.76 23	77.26 16
Alpha Delta Phi	76.68 24	76.99 21
Chi Psi	76.67 25	77.07 18
Acacia	76.54 26	76.50 26

Alpha Tau Omega	76.53 27	75.82 36
All Men	76.48	76.54
Tau Delta Phi	76.46 28	77.08 17
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	76.31 29	76.12 32
Sigma Chi	76.17 30	76.17 31
Fraternity Men	76.17	76.17
Delta Tau Delta	75.97 31	75.88 34
Alpha Gamma Rho	75.96 32	75.53 39
Delta Upsilon	75.87 33	75.40 40
Phi Kappa Psi	75.84 34	76.58 24
Hillside Lodge	75.72 35	74.49 51
Phi Sigma Kappa	75.61 36	76.07 33
Theta Chi	75.50 37	75.24 42
Sigma Phi Epsilon	75.43 38	76.76 22
Pi Kappa Alpha	75.42 39	74.93 45
Tau Kappa Epsilon	75.21 40	74.90 47
Phi Kappa Sigma	75.20 41	74.15 53
Alpha Phi Delta	75.20 41	73.72 57
Pi Kappa Phi	75.04 43	75.24 42
Theta Xi	75.03 44	75.69 37
Beta Theta Pi	74.86 45	75.29 41
Phi Delta Theta	74.84 46	74.01 55
Alpha Sigma Phi	74.74 47	73.21 58
Alpha Chi Rho	74.67 48	76.23 30
Sigma Nu	74.66 49	75.08 44
Psi Upsilon	74.58 50	75.68 38
Phi Kappa Tau	74.54 51	76.56 25
Tau Epsilon Phi	74.52 52	76.44 28
Delta Phi	74.36 53	73.95 56
Delta Kappa Epsilon	74.27 54	74.51 50
Phi Gamma Delta	74.08 55	74.74 49
Seal and Serpent	73.86 56	74.06 54
Sigma Pi	73.80 57	74.91 46
Kappa Alpha Society	73.76 58	74.89 48
Chi Phi	73.36 59	72.94 59
Zeta Psi	72.51 60	72.61 60
Theta Delta Chi	72.36 61	72.58 61
Lambda Chi Alpha	? ?	76.28 29

Report Student Grades

UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR Eugene F. Bradford finds that the average grade for all undergraduates in 1955-56 was 77.2. This is .12 lower than the 1954-55 average. It is 1.99 higher than the pre-war year 1938-39 and .14 higher than in 1953-54.

The average grade for All Men is 2 points higher than in 1938-39; for Fraternity Men, 2.38 higher; and for Non-Fraternity Men, 1.90 higher. All Women 1955-56 average is 1.94 above that of 1938-39; for Sorority Women, 2.46 higher; for Non-Sorority Women, 1.57. Highest group of all, Non-Sorority Women, is .10 higher than for the previous year, but .08 lower than in 1953-54. Averages for the fraternities and sororities are weighted for the number of credit hours carried by each member. Average

Student Grades Drop

AVERAGE GRADES of undergraduates last year were slightly lower than in 1955-56, but considerably higher than in the pre-war year of 1938-39. This is true of all groups of students tabulated annually by the Registrar's office, as shown in the figures for 1956-57 compiled by the new Registrar, Walter A. Snickenberger.

He reports an average grade of 77.02 for all undergraduates last year, compared with 77.2 in 1955-56. This is 1.81 higher than in 1938-39. These decreases from the previous year are shown for 1956-57: all men .23, all women .26, fraternity men .27, sorority women .33, non-fraternity men .30, non-sorority women .20.

Average grades of men's and women's organizations, weighted for the number of credit hours carried by members, and their rankings are as follows:

Sororities and Women's Assns.	1956-57 Ave. Rk.	1955-56 Ave. Rk.
Via	82.59 1	83.31 1
Phi Sigma Sigma	82.14 2	82.68 2
Sigma Delta Tau	80.33 3	80.92 3
Alpha Epsilon Phi	79.83 4	79.85 5
Non-sorority Women	79.65	79.85
Delta Delta Delta	79.53 5	79.86 4
All Women	79.49	79.75
Kappa Alpha Theta	79.36 6	79.73 6
Sorority Women	79.33	79.76
Kappa Delta	79.09 7	79.04 12
Delta Gamma	79.04 8	79.56 8
Chi Gamma		
(Sigma Kappa)	78.99 9	79.26 10
Pi Beta Phi	78.82 10	79.09 11
Alpha Phi	78.78 11	79.39 9
Kappa Kappa Gamma	78.66 12	78.62 14
Alpha Xi Delta	78.63 13	77.87 15
Alpha Omicron Pi	78.57 14	79.71 7
Chi Omega	78.32 15	78.63 13

Fraternities and Men's Assns.	1956-57 Ave. Rk.	1955-56 Ave. Rk.
Telluride	84.88 1	83.08 1
Young Israel	81.15 2	80.31 3
Watermargin	80.33 3	80.58 2
Alpha Zeta	78.72 4	79.29 4
Alpha Chi Sigma	78.11 5	78.48 9
Zeta Beta Tau	78.10 6	76.87 21
Cayuga Lodge	77.79 7	78.42 10
Phi Sigma Delta	77.67 8	79.01 5
Alpha Psi	77.64 9	78.56 7
Alpha Tau Omega	77.54 10	76.53 27
Alpha Epsilon Pi	77.45 11	77.35 18
Phi Alpha	77.32 12	78.55 8
Tau Delta Phi	77.00 13	76.46 28
Sigma Alpha Mu	76.98 14	78.07 11
Pi Lambda Phi	76.97 15	77.43 17
Kappa Nu	76.87 16	77.96 12
Sigma Chi	76.78 17	76.31 29
Omega Tau Sigma	76.77 18	77.55 15
Non-fraternity Men	76.75	77.05
Tau Epsilon Phi	76.75 19	74.52 52
Phi Epsilon Pi	76.70 20	77.73 14
Kappa Delta Rho	76.70 21	77.30 19
Chi Psi	76.60 22	76.67 25
Triangle	76.51 23	78.90 6
Theta Chi	76.40 24	75.50 37
All Men	76.24	76.48
Algonquin Lodge	76.23 25	77.79 13
Pi Kappa Phi	76.12 26	75.04 43
Beta Sigma Rho	76.04 27	77.21 20
Acacia	76.01 28	76.54 26
Fraternity Men	75.90	76.17
Delta Upsilon	75.81 29	75.87 33
Alpha Delta Phi	75.77 30	76.68 24
Pi Kappa Alpha	75.75 31	75.42 39
Kappa Sigma	75.72 32	76.76 23
Alpha Sigma Phi	75.71 33	74.74 47
Delta Chi	75.66 34	76.86 22
Beta Theta Pi	75.62 35	74.86 45
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	75.59 36	76.31 29
Lambda Chi Alpha	75.57 37	
Alpha Gamma Rho	75.56 38	75.96 32
Phi Kappa Psi	75.50 39	75.84 34
Phi Sigma Kappa	75.37 40	75.61 36
Psi Upsilon	75.34 41	74.58 50
Sigma Phi Epsilon	75.18 42	75.43 38
Theta Xi	75.14 43	75.03 44
Alpha Chi Rho	75.11 44	74.67 48
Sigma Pi	75.04 45	73.80 57
Delta Tau Delta	74.98 46	75.97 31
Phi Gamma Delta	74.90 47	74.08 55
Sigma Phi	74.86 48	77.48 16
Phi Delta Theta	74.79 49	74.84 46
Sigma Nu	74.74 50	74.58 49
Tau Kappa Epsilon	74.73 51	75.21 40
Delta Phi	74.72 52	74.36 53
Phi Kappa Tau	74.22 53	75.54 51
Theta Delta Chi	74.09 54	72.36 61
Alpha Phi Delta	73.76 55	75.20 41
Chi Phi	73.74 56	73.36 59
Phi Kappa Sigma	73.66 57	75.20 41
Zeta Psi	73.63 58	72.51 60
Kappa Alpha	73.54 59	73.76 58
Seal & Serpent	73.34 60	73.86 56
Delta Kappa Epsilon	71.32 61	74.27 54
Hillside Lodge		75.72 35

Fraternity Grades Rise

UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR finds that the average grade for all undergraduates last year was 76.80. This is .22 lower than the 1956-57 average and continues the slight downward trend that has been evident since the 1950-51 high average of 77.68. The decline of last year's average below that of 1956-57 holds true in all groups except one: that of Fraternity Men rose from 75.90 to 76.10. It is the first time in a number of years that the average of Fraternity Men has topped that of both All Men and Independent Men.

Despite the general decline, last year's average for all undergraduates was 1.59 higher than that of the pre-war year 1938-39; for All Men, 1.57 higher; for Fraternity Men, 2.31 higher; and for Independent Men, .83 higher. All Women average for 1957-58 is 1.41 above that of 1938-39; for Sorority Women, 2.07 higher; and for Independent Women, .89 higher. Averages for the fraternities and sororities are weighted for the number of credit hours carried by each member. Grades and rankings for 1957-58 and the previous year are shown in the table below.

Fraternities and Associations	1957-58 Ave. Rk.	1956-57 Ave. Rk.
Telluride	83.90 1	84.88 1
Watermargin	79.79 2	80.33 3
Young Israel	78.91 3	81.15 2
Alpha Psi	78.53 4	77.64 9
Alpha Zeta	78.35 5	78.72 4
Phi Alpha	78.19 6	77.32 12
Alpha Epsilon Pi	78.07 7	77.45 11
Phi Sigma Delta	78.02 8	77.67 8
Pi Lambda Phi	77.97 9	76.97 15
Zeta Beta Tau	77.54 10	78.10 6
Sigma Alpha Mu	77.42 11	76.98 14
Von Cramm Hall	77.26 12	
Acacia	77.08 13	76.01 28
Triangle	77.07 14	76.51 23
Alpha Chi Sigma	77.04 15	78.11 5
Omega Tau Sigma	77.01 16	76.77 18
Phi Epsilon Pi	77.01 17	76.70 20
Alpha Tau Omega	77.00 18	77.54 10
Cayuga Lodge	76.99 19	77.79 7
Tau Delta Phi	76.82 20	77.00 13
Tau Epsilon Phi	76.76 21	76.75 19
Kappa Nu	76.59 22	76.87 16
Alpha Delta Phi	76.41 23	76.77 30
Kappa Delta Rho	76.40 24	76.70 21
Beta Sigma Rho	76.33 25	76.04 27
Lambda Chi Alpha	76.23 26	75.57 37
Phi Kappa Tau	76.15 27	74.22 53
Fraternity Men	76.10	75.90
All Men	76.05	76.24
Phi Gamma Delta	76.04 28	74.90 47
Independent Men	75.98	76.751
Chi Psi	75.95 29	76.60 22
Theta Xi	75.90 30	75.14 43
Sigma Chi	75.85 31	76.78 17
Phi Kappa Psi	75.84 32	75.50 39
Sigma Phi	75.83 33	74.86 48
Beta Theta Pi	75.77 34	75.62 35
Delta Tau Delta	75.75 35	74.98 46
Pi Kappa Phi	75.62 36	76.12 26
Sigma Nu	75.61 37	74.74 50

Tau Kappa Epsilon ..	75.58 38	74.73 51
Phi Sigma Kappa ..	75.46 39	75.37 40
Pi Kappa Alpha	75.44 40	75.75 31
Alpha Chi Rho	75.42 41	75.11 44
Alpha Phi Delta	75.42 42	73.76 55
Phi Delta Theta	75.26 43	74.79 49
Algonquin Lodge	75.24 44	76.23 25
Alpha Gamma Rho ..	75.23 45	75.56 38
Sigma Pi	75.23 46	75.04 45
Psi Upsilon	75.15 47	75.34 41
Seal and Serpent	74.99 48	73.34 60
Theta Chi	74.89 49	76.40 24
Alpha Sigma Phi	74.87 40	75.71 33
Sigma Phi Epsilon ..	74.70 51	75.18 42
Chi Phi	74.61 52	73.74 56
Zeta Psi	74.56 53	73.63 58
Kappa Alpha Society ..	74.49 54	73.54 59
Delta Upsilon	74.22 55	75.81 29
Delta Phi	73.86 56	74.72 52
Kappa Sigma	73.61 57	75.72 32
Delta Kappa Epsilon ..	73.55 58	71.32 61
Delta Chi	73.46 59	75.66 34
Phi Kappa Sigma	73.38 60	73.66 57
Theta Delta Chi	72.92 61	74.09 54
Sigma Alpha Epsilon ..		75.59 36

Sororities and Associations	1957-58 Ave. Rk.	1956-57 Ave. Rk.
Phi Sigma Sigma	82.02 1	82.14 2
Sigma Delta Tau	80.84 2	80.33 3
Alpha Epsilon Phi	80.39 3	79.83 4
Delta Delta Delta	79.95 4	79.53 5
Kappa Delta	79.31 5	79.09 7
Sorority Women	79.27	79.33
All Women	79.22	79.49
Independent Women	79.17	79.65
Delta Gamma	79.01 6	79.04 8
Alpha Phi	78.77 7	78.78 11
Kappa Kappa Gamma ..	78.74 8	78.66 12
Chi Gamma	78.72 9	78.99 9
Kappa Alpha Theta	78.72 10	79.36 6
Alpha Xi Delta	78.48 11	78.63 13
Pi Beta Phi	78.24 12	78.82 10
Chi Omega	78.22 13	78.32 15
Alpha Omicron Pi	77.73 14	78.57 14
Via		82.59 1

number of credit hours carried by students.

Fraternities & Men's Associations	1958-59	1957-58
	<i>Ave. Rk.</i>	<i>Ave. Rk.</i>
Telluride	82.37 1	83.90 1
Von Cramm Hall	79.47 2	77.26 12
Young Israel	79.13 3	78.91 3
Alpha Zeta	78.99 4	78.35 5
Alpha Psi	78.76 5	78.53 4
Omega Tau Sigma	78.64 6	77.01 16
Phi Alpha	78.48 7	77.19 6
Sigma Alpha Mu	78.39 8	77.42 11
Watermargin	78.29 9	79.79 2
Alpha Epsilon Pi	77.86 10	78.07 7
Zeta Beta Tau	77.58 11	77.54 10
Pi Lambda Phi	77.55 12	77.97 9
Cayuga Lodge	77.49 13	76.99 19
Acacia	77.30 14	77.08 13
Kappa Delta Rho	77.30 14	76.40 24
Beta Sigma Rho	77.29 16	76.33 25
Alpha Tau Omega	77.05 17	77.00 18
Theta Chi	77.03 18	74.89 49
Beta Theta Pi	76.82 19	75.77 34
Tau Delta Phi	76.81 20	76.82 20
Phi Sigma Delta	76.72 21	78.02 8
Phi Epsilon Pi	76.69 22	77.01 17
Alpha Chi Sigma	76.68 23	77.04 15
Sigma Chi	76.63 24	75.85 31
Phi Gamma Delta	76.60 25	76.04 28
<i>Independent Men</i>	<i>76.53</i>	<i>75.98</i>
<i>All Men</i>	<i>76.34</i>	<i>76.05</i>
Zeta Psi	76.30 26	74.56 53
<i>Fraternity Men</i>	<i>76.24</i>	<i>76.10</i>
Alpha Gamma Rho	76.10 27	75.23 45
Chi Psi	76.10 27	75.95 29
Delta Tau Delta	76.05 29	75.75 35
Seal and Serpent	76.01 30	74.99 48
Tau Epsilon Phi	76.01 30	76.76 21
Alpha Delta Phi	76.00 32	76.41 23
Kappa Nu	75.97 33	76.59 22
Pi Kappa Alpha	75.91 34	75.44 40
Alpha Phi Delta	75.90 35	75.42 42
Phi Kappa Psi	75.88 36	75.84 32
Sigma Pi	75.76 37	75.23 46
Phi Kappa Tau	75.71 38	76.15 27
Phi Delta Theta	75.51 39	75.26 43
Triangle	75.43 40	77.07 14
Phi Kappa Sigma	75.40 41	73.38 60
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	75.37 42	
Pi Kappa Phi	75.35 43	75.62 36
Delta Upsilon	75.29 44	74.22 55
Psi Upsilon	75.27 45	75.15 47
Sigma Nu	75.23 46	75.61 37
Theta Xi	75.20 47	75.90 30
Phi Sigma Kappa	75.15 48	75.46 39
Sigma Phi Epsilon	75.10 49	74.70 51
Sigma Phi	75.00 50	75.83 33
Delta Chi	74.98 51	73.46 59
Alpha Chi Rho	74.85 52	75.42 41
Algonquin Lodge	74.58 53	75.24 44
Chi Phi	74.49 54	74.61 52
Delta Phi	74.35 55	73.86 56
Alpha Sigma Phi	74.34 56	74.87 50
Kappa Sigma	74.27 57	73.61 57
Theta Delta Chi	73.94 58	72.92 61
Tau Kappa Epsilon	73.81 59	75.58 38
Delta Kappa Epsilon	73.80 60	73.55 58
Lambda Chi Alpha	73.76 61	76.23 26
Kappa Alpha Society	73.62 62	74.49 54
Sororities & Women's Associations	1958-59	1957-58
	<i>Ave. Rk.</i>	<i>Ave. Rk.</i>
Alpha Epsilon Phi	81.04 1	80.39 3
Phi Sigma Sigma	80.93 2	82.02 1
Sigma Delta Tau	80.80 3	80.84 2
Alpha Xi Delta	80.20 4	78.48 11
Kappa Delta	79.76 5	79.31 5
<i>Sorority Women</i>	<i>79.46</i>	<i>79.46</i>
<i>All Women</i>	<i>79.36</i>	<i>79.22</i>
Delta Gamma	79.27 6	79.01 6
<i>Independent Women</i>	<i>79.27</i>	<i>79.17</i>
Chi Gamma	79.05 7	78.72 9
Alpha Phi	79.01 8	78.77 7
Kappa Alpha Theta	78.93 9	78.72 10
Kappa Kappa Gamma	78.87 10	78.74 8
Delta Delta Delta	78.86 11	79.95 4
Alpha Omicron Pi	78.67 12	77.73 14
Chi Omega	78.57 13	78.22 13
Pi Beta Phi	78.55 14	78.24 12

Student Marks Go Up

AVERAGE GRADES of undergraduates last year were slightly higher than in 1957-58. That this is true for all men and women is shown in the annual tabulation made by the Registrar's office. The average for all undergraduates in 1958-59 was 77.07, as compared with 76.80 in 1957-58.

Fractional increases are shown below in the general categories of All Men, All Women, Fraternity Men, Sorority Women, Independent Men, and Independent Women. The greatest increase is .55 for Independent Men and the smallest is .10 for Independent Women. In these tabulations, sixteen fraternities & men's associations had averages above the All Undergraduates figure this year, as compared with twenty in 1957-58, and all the sororities and women's associations were above the All Undergraduates average of 77.07 and 76.80 in the two years. All averages are weighted for the

Student Grades Drop

AVERAGE GRADES of undergraduates and of student living groups compiled by the Registrar's office are shown below for 1959-60 and the previous year. For the first time, a separate ranking was made of fraternities that are members of the Interfraternity Council. This can be found in our tabulation, by eliminating men's living units that are *not* members of IFC, designated with asterisks (*). All sororities listed are members of the Pan-Hellenic Council. Averages are weighted for the number of credit hours carried by each student in the groups.

The tabulation shows that all the general averages except that of Independent Men were slightly lower last year than in 1958-59. This is true for All Undergraduates, All Men, Interfraternity Council Men, Sorority Women, All Women, and Independent Women. As usual, the general averages for women are considerably higher than the comparable averages for men and higher than for All Undergraduates.

Fraternities & Men's Associations	1959-1960 Ave. Rk.	1958-1959 Ave. Rk.
Telluride*	83.73 1	82.37 1
Phi Alpha*	80.25 2	78.48 7
Von Cramm Hall*	80.06 3	79.47 2
Alpha Zeta	79.51 4	78.99 4
Alpha Psi*	78.48 5	78.76 5
Sigma Alpha Mu	78.45 6	78.39 8
Zeta Beta Tau	77.80 7	77.58 11
Alpha Chi Sigma	77.77 8	76.68 23
Omega Tau Sigma*	77.77 9	78.64 6
Young Israel*	77.72 10	79.13 3
Alpha Tau Omega	77.71 11	77.05 17
Tau Epsilon Phi	77.62 12	76.01 31
Alpha Epsilon Pi	77.37 13	77.86 10
Tau Delta Phi	77.23 14	76.81 20
Kappa Delta Rho	77.06 15	77.30 15
Kappa Nu	77.05 16	75.97 33
All Undergraduates	76.99	77.07
Watermargin*	76.98 17	78.28 9
Pi Lambda Phi	76.97 18	77.55 12
Theta Chi	76.92 19	77.03 18
Phi Sigma Kappa	76.74 20	75.15 47
Independent Men	76.69	76.53
Kappa Sigma	76.35 21	74.27 56
Triangle	76.31 22	75.43 40
All Men	76.28	76.34
Sigma Chi	76.15 23	76.63 24
Phi Kappa Tau	76.12 24	75.71 38
Zeta Psi	76.05 25	76.30 26
Beta Sigma Rho	76.01 26	77.29 16
Phi Sigma Delta	76.00 27	76.72 21
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	75.93 28	75.37 42
Psi Upsilon	75.92 29	75.27 44
Pi Kappa Phi	75.87 30	
Interfraternity Council	75.84	75.96
Delta Chi	75.72 31	74.98 50
Phi Epsilon Pi	75.69 32	76.69 22
Seal & Serpent	75.66 33	76.01 30
Delta Tau Delta	75.66 33	76.05 29
Pi Kappa Alpha	75.62 35	75.91 34
Phi Gamma Delta	75.60 36	76.60 25
Sigma Phi Epsilon	75.54 37	75.10 48
Sigma Pi	75.50 38	75.76 37
Acacia	75.47 39	77.30 14
Phi Kappa Psi	75.42 40	75.88 36
Kappa Alpha Society	75.41 41	73.62 61
Chi Psi	75.31 42	76.10 28
Alpha Gamma Rho	75.26 43	76.10 27
Sigma Phi	75.19 44	75.00 49
Delta Upsilon	75.12 45	75.29 43
Tau Kappa Epsilon	75.11 46	73.81 58

	1959-1960 Ave. Rk.	1958-1959 Ave. Rk.
Beta Theta Pi	75.03 47	76.82 19
Cayuga Lodge*	74.91 48	77.49 13
Lambda Chi Alpha	74.86 49	73.76 60
Theta Xi	74.79 50	75.20 46
Phi Kappa Sigma	74.68 51	75.40 41
Chi Phi	74.59 52	74.49 53
Sigma Nu	74.47 53	75.23 45
Alpha Sigma Phi	74.31 54	74.34 55
Delta Phi	74.31 54	74.35 54
Phi Delta Theta	74.24 56	75.51 39
Alpha Delta Phi	74.24 56	76.00 32
Algonquin Lodge*	74.12 58	74.58 52
Alpha Chi Rho	73.93 59	74.85 51
Alpha Phi Delta	72.96 60	75.90 35
Delta Kappa Epsilon	72.69 61	73.80 59
Theta Delta Chi	71.98 62	73.94 57

* Not Interfraternity Council members

Sororities

Alpha Epsilon Phi	80.57 1	81.04 1
Sigma Delta Tau	80.55 2	80.80 3
Phi Sigma Sigma	79.93 3	80.93 2
Kappa Delta	79.52 4	79.76 5
Kappa Alpha Theta	79.41 5	78.93 9
Alpha Phi	79.32 6	79.01 8
Sorority Women	79.26	79.46
Delta Gamma	79.19 7	79.27 6
All Women	79.18	79.36
Independent Women	79.11	79.27
Chi Gamma	79.07 8	79.05 7
Delta Delta Delta	79.06 9	78.86 11
Pi Beta Phi	78.85 10	78.55 14
Alpha Xi Delta	78.80 11	80.20 4
Kappa Kappa Gamma	78.57 12	78.87 10
Chi Omega	77.84 13	78.57 13
Alpha Omicron Pi	77.57 14	78.67 12
All Undergraduates	76.99	77.07

Campus Comes to Life

Fraternity men help raise undergraduate grades

THE CAMPUS was in business again September 20 with the start of classes. The first classes at 1 p.m. were almost anticlimactic, following as they did several weeks of frenzied moving in, and orientation of new students.

The job of acquainting freshmen and new transfer students with the university has become one of the biggest of all undergraduate activities, calling for some 300 counsellors and a five-day program on campus of speeches, tests, and get-togethers. Last spring some 820 students applied for counsellor positions, and another 260 applied for the forty-one jobs as counsellors year-round in men's dorms.

Campus life had begun to pick up early in the month. Fraternity men returned early to get houses in shape, foreign students arrived by mid-month to look for apartments, and student counsellors were on campus by then for their own orientation. On Saturday, September 16, male students made Reserve Officer Training Corps decisions, women took physical exams, newcomers met with their college faculties, and convocations were held for parents and for the new Class of 1965.

Host families from Ithaca greeted some 200 of the 350 new foreign students under a program of the Campus Club. In all there were more than 2,300 freshmen, 160 transfer students, and some 1,000 new graduate and special students among those attending classes September 20. The total registration on opening day is not determined for awhile, but is expected to be close to last year's 10,815 for the Ithaca campus.

Student grades go up

Undergraduate grades for 1960-61 showed the highest average in five years, 77.41, an increase of nearly half a percentage point over the year before. Fraternity men contributed most to the increase, with a 0.73 rise. The only category to drop noticeably was that of independent women, who lost a quarter of a point.

The grades were made public late in

the summer, in an arrangement different from previous years. Non-fraternity men's associations were listed separately, and the first-term grades of freshman pledges were not counted in fraternity figures for the first time. The new separation of fraternity grades turned up a shift of grades among those involved. The averages of fraternity pledges dropped 1.46 points in the spring term; while the actives' grades went up 1.20 points. Sorority pledges showed a 0.72 increase, and actives, a 0.75 increase.

Undergraduate Averages

Associations	1960-61	1959-60
Avg. Rk.	Avg. Rk.	
Telluride	85.73 1	83.73 1
Von Cramm	79.50 2	80.06 2
Young Israel	79.01 3	77.72 3
Watermargin	77.44 4	76.98 4
Cayuga Lodge	76.08 5	74.91 5
Algonquin Lodge	73.04 6	74.12 6
Fraternity		
Alpha Zeta	79.12 1	79.51 1
Beta Sigma Rho	78.76 2	76.01 20
Pi Lambda Phi	78.75 3	76.97 12
Zeta Beta Tau	78.72 4	77.80 3
Alpha Chi Sigma	78.68 5	77.77 4
Tau Delta Phi	78.66 6	77.23 9
Kappa Nu	78.54 7	77.05 11
Zeta Psi	78.42 8	76.05 19
Phi Kappa Tau	78.36 9	76.12 18
Alpha Epsilon Pi	78.20 10	77.37 8
Phi Epsilon Pi	78.03 11	75.69 25
Phi Sigma Delta	77.73 12	77.50 7
Sigma Alpha Mu	77.71 13	78.45 2
Alpha Tau Omega	77.70 14	77.12 5
Phi Sigma Kappa	77.64 15	76.64 14
Kappa Delta Rho	77.54 16	77.06 10
Sigma Chi	77.21 17	76.15 17
Beta Theta Pi	77.17 18	75.03 40
Delta Tau Delta	77.08 19	75.66 26
Pi Kappa Phi	76.92 20	75.87 23
Delta Upsilon	76.89 21	75.12 38
<i>Independent Men</i>	76.86	76.69
<i>All Men</i>	76.82	76.28
Acacia	76.78 22	85.47 32
<i>Fraternity Men</i>	76.78	75.84
Phi Delta Theta	76.67 23	74.24 48
Tau Epsilon Phi	76.65 24	77.62 6
Lambda Chi Alpha	76.63 25	74.86 41
Alpha Delta Phi	76.60 26	74.24 48
Sigma Phi	76.57 27	75.19 37
Triangle	76.49 28	76.31 16
Phi Kappa Sigma	76.45 29	74.68 43
Kappa Sigma	76.44 30	76.35 15
Phi Gamma Delta	76.25 31	75.60 29
Chi Psi	76.19 32	75.31 35
Theta Chi	76.12 33	76.92 13
Alpha Sigma Phi	76.11 34	74.31 46
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	76.08 35	75.93 21
Sigma Pi	76.07 36	75.50 31
Alpha Phi Delta	76.05 37	72.96 51
Kappa Alpha	75.98 38	75.41 34
Delta Kappa Epsilon	75.87 39	72.69 52
Alpha Gamma Rho	75.86 40	75.26 36
Tau Kappa Epsilon	75.83 41	75.10 39
Pi Kappa Alpha	75.82 42	75.62 28
Delta Chi	75.74 43	75.72 24
Psi Upsilon	75.70 44	75.92 22
Phi Kappa Psi	75.61 45	75.42 33
Sigma Phi Epsilon	75.53 46	75.54 30
Theta Delta Chi	75.41 47	71.98 53
Seal & Serpent	75.35 48	75.66 26
Chi Phi	75.15 49	74.59 44
Theta Xi	75.05 50	74.79 42
Delta Phi	74.70 51	74.31 46
Alpha Chi Rho	74.12 52	73.93 50
Sigma Nu	72.76 53	74.47 45
Sororities		
Sigma Delta Tau	81.85 1	80.55 2
Delta Phi Epsilon	80.93 2	
Phi Sigma Sigma	80.88 3	79.93 3
Delta Delta Delta	80.02 4	79.06 9
Kappa Delta	79.88 5	79.52 4
Pi Beta Phi	79.81 6	78.85 10
Kappa Alpha Theta	79.69 7	79.41 5
Alpha Epsilon Phi	79.68 8	80.57 1
<i>Sorority Women</i>	79.66	79.26
Alpha Omicron Pi	79.51 9	77.57 14
Alpha Phi	79.18 10	79.32 6
<i>All Women</i>	79.17	79.18
Chi Omega	79.01 11	77.84 13
<i>Independent Women</i>	78.83	79.11
Kappa Kappa Gamma	78.68 12	78.57 12
Delta Gamma	78.65 13	79.19 7
Chi Gamma	78.17 14	79.07 8
Alpha Xi Delta	77.39 15	78.80 11

Looking Both Ways

A new class and old grades

THE CLASS OF 1966 stormed onto campus approximately 2,300 strong during Orientation Week, September 14 to 19. By the last day of the week, they were at their classroom seats, and on their way to studenthood. Final, accurate statistics on an incoming class are never available for a couple of weeks, but the new class is expected to include about 1,700 men and 600 women. In addition, the campus had 170 new transfer students and some 910 new graduate students, 750 men and 160 women.

The annual late-summer ritual of publishing the academic statistics of the previous school year took place just before the Class of '66 arrived. The job, handled in increasingly thorough fashion each year, is done by Charles E. Warwick, the assistant dean for fraternities. This year's announcement found most of the statistical groupings of students continuing earlier trends, with but one making a fairly startling change.

In 1960-61, for the first time, the grades of freshmen men were divided to show how the grades of fraternity pledges compared with non-pledges. In '60-61 the pledges' grades dropped from 77.59 to 76.13, comparing the first and second terms—a loss of 1.46 points. Independents rose from 73.33 to 75.40—a gain of 2.07.

In 1961-62, however, the pledges dropped 2.16 points, from 77.51 to 75.35, while the non-pledges were gaining from 72.26 to 75.01, some 2.75 points. There was no immediate explanation for the marked drop between the first term, when freshmen are not members of fraternities, and the second, when they become pledges.

Undergraduate Averages

Associations	1961-62		'60-61	
	Avg.	Rank	Rank	
Associations				
Telluride.....	85.96	1	1	
Von Cramm.....	79.27	2	2	
Young Israel.....	78.39	3	3	
Cayuga Lodge.....	77.82	4	5	
Watermargin.....	75.78	5	4	
Algonquin Lodge....	74.49	6	6	
Fraternities				
Tau Delta Phi.....	80.05	1	6	
Zeta Beta Tau.....	79.32	2	4	
Pi Lambda Phi.....	78.78	3	3	
Alpha Zeta.....	78.25	4	1	
Kappa Delta Rho...	77.96	5	16	
Phi Sigma Delta....	77.90	6	12	
Alpha Kappa Lambda	77.89	7	7	
Zeta Psi.....	77.88	8	8	
Sigma Alpha Mu....	77.82	9	13	
Alpha Epsilon Pi...	77.78	10	10	
Beta Sigma Rho....	77.71	11	2	
Alpha Chi Sigma....	77.58	12	5	
Tau Epsilon Phi....	77.32	13	24	
Kappa Sigma.....	77.25	14	30	
Phi Sigma Kappa....	77.08	15	15	
Pi Epsilon Pi.....	77.06	16	11	
Phi Kappa Psi.....	76.84	17	45	
Phi Gamma Delta...	76.75	18	31	
Theta Chi.....	76.73	19	33	
<i>Independent Men...</i>	<i>76.59</i>			
Alpha Tau Omega...	76.56	20	14	
Delta Upsilon.....	76.54	21	21	
<i>All Men.....</i>	<i>76.42</i>			
Phi Kappa Tau.....	76.31	22	9	
Lambda Chi Alpha...	76.29	23	25	
<i>Fraternity Men...</i>	<i>76.27</i>			
Acacia.....	76.07	24	22	
Chi Psi.....	76.05	25	32	
Alpha Delta Phi....	76.03	26	26	
Sigma Chi.....	75.92	27	17	
Alpha Sigma Phi....	75.86	28	34	
Sigma Phi.....	75.81	29	27	
Psi Upsilon.....	75.72	30	44	
Tau Kappa Epsilon..	75.72	30	41	
Alpha Gamma Rho...	75.68	32	40	
Sigma Nu.....	75.46	33	53	
Alpha Phi Delta....	75.45	34	37	
Sigma Pi.....	75.45	34	36	
Delta Tau Delta....	75.43	36	19	
Pi Kappa Phi.....	75.40	37	20	
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	75.26	38	35	
Phi Delta Theta....	75.15	39	23	
Phi Kappa Sigma...	74.91	40	29	
Theta Xi.....	74.89	41	50	
Sigma Phi Epsilon...	74.68	42	46	
Seal and Serpent...	74.66	43	48	
Kappa Alpha.....	74.60	44	38	
Triangle.....	74.33	45	28	
Delta Chi.....	74.23	46	43	
Chi Phi.....	74.15	47	49	
Pi Kappa Alpha....	74.15	47	42	
Delta Kappa Epsilon	74.12	49	39	
Theta Delta Chi....	74.00	50	47	
Beta Theta Pi.....	73.76	51	18	
Delta Phi.....	73.66	52	51	
Alpha Chi Rho.....	71.90	53	52	
Sororities				
Delta Phi Epsilon...	81.90	1	2	
Sigma Delta Tau...	81.43	2	1	
Alpha Omicron Pi...	81.13	3	9	
Phi Sigma Sigma...	81.01	4	3	
Alpha Epsilon Phi...	80.50	5	8	
Kappa Delta.....	80.31	6	5	
Delta Delta Delta...	80.08	7	4	
<i>Sorority Women...</i>	<i>79.92</i>			
Pi Beta Phi.....	79.81	8	6	
Chi Omega.....	79.80	9	11	
Chi Gamma.....	79.68	10	14	
Kappa Kappa Gamma	79.61	11	12	
<i>All Women.....</i>	<i>79.54</i>			
Delta Gamma.....	79.36	12	13	
Kappa Alpha Theta..	79.26	13	7	
<i>Independent Women..</i>	<i>79.25</i>			
Alpha Phi.....	78.65	14	10	
Alpha Xi Delta.....	78.47	15	15	

1962-63 Averages

For undergraduates

Sorority	Average	Rank
Alpha Epsilon Phi.....	81.79	1
Sigma Delta Tau.....	81.60	2
Pi Beta Phi.....	80.83	3
Kappa Alpha Theta....	80.57	4
Delta Phi Epsilon.....	80.54	5
Kappa Delta.....	80.47	6
<i>Sorority women.....</i>	<i>80.42</i>	
Alpha Xi Delta.....	80.39	7
Delta Delta Delta.....	80.38	8
<i>All women.....</i>	<i>80.35</i>	
<i>Independent women.....</i>	<i>80.31</i>	
Phi Sigma Sigma.....	80.17	9
Delta Gamma.....	79.87	10
Kappa Kappa Gamma..	79.77	11
Chi Omega.....	79.38	12
Alpha Phi.....	79.36	13

Association	Average	Rank
Telluride.....	86.12	1
von Cramm.....	81.73	2
<i>Association men.....</i>	<i>79.08</i>	
Young Israel.....	78.74	3
Cayuga Lodge.....	77.21	4
Algonquin Lodge.....	76.40	5
Watermargin.....	74.90	6

Fraternity

Alpha Zeta.....	80.27	1
Tau Delta Phi.....	79.88	2
Alpha Delta Phi.....	78.85	3
Kappa Delta Rho.....	78.55	4
Pi Lambda Phi.....	78.46	5
Phi Sigma Epsilon.....	78.31	6
Phi Epsilon Pi.....	78.28	7
Theta Chi.....	78.13	8
Sigma Alpha Mu.....	78.13	8
Phi Sigma Delta.....	78.06	10
Alpha Epsilon Pi.....	78.01	11
Beta Sigma Rho.....	77.88	12
Zeta Beta Tau.....	77.87	13
Alpha Chi Sigma.....	77.61	14
Tau Epsilon Phi.....	77.30	15
Alpha Tau Omega.....	77.15	16
Pi Kappa Phi.....	77.05	17
Alpha Gamma Rho....	76.80	19
Alpha Sigma Phi.....	76.91	18
Seal and Serpent.....	76.85	20
<i>All men.....</i>	<i>76.78</i>	
Sigma Chi.....	76.71	21
Phi Kappa Psi.....	76.70	22
<i>Non-frat., assn. men....</i>	<i>76.70</i>	
Phi Kappa Tau.....	76.65	23
Phi Sigma Kappa.....	76.63	24
<i>Fraternity men.....</i>	<i>76.58</i>	
Acacia.....	76.53	25
Chi Psi.....	76.48	26
Sigma Phi.....	76.36	27
Zeta Psi.....	76.25	28
Sigma Alpha Epsilon ...	76.12	29
Sigma Phi Epsilon.....	75.92	30
Lambda Chi Alpha.....	75.75	31
Kappa Alpha.....	75.74	32
Phi Delta Theta.....	75.63	33
Phi Gamma Delta.....	75.56	34
Delta Tau Delta.....	75.44	35
Phi Kappa Sigma.....	75.39	36
Kappa Sigma.....	75.30	37
Sigma Pi.....	75.29	38
Alpha Phi Delta.....	75.26	39
Delta Upsilon.....	75.21	40
Chi Phi.....	75.17	41
Psi Upsilon.....	75.09	42
Pi Kappa Alpha.....	75.09	42
Delta Phi.....	75.02	44
Delta Chi.....	75.01	45
Alpha Chi Rho.....	74.95	46
Delta Kappa Epsilon ...	74.72	47
Tau Kappa Epsilon....	74.65	48
Beta Theta Pi.....	74.62	49
Sigma Nu.....	74.27	50
Triangle.....	74.25	51
Theta Xi.....	74.09	52
Theta Delta Chi.....	73.49	53

1963-64 Averages

For undergraduates

Sorority			Fraternity		
Average	Rank		Average	Rank	
Alpha Epsilon Phi	82.17	1	Acacia	75.70	38
Alpha Phi	80.66	10	Alpha Chi Rho	76.59	25
Alpha Xi Delta	79.85	12	Alpha Chi Sigma	77.74	14
Delta Delta Delta	81.12	7	Alpha Delta Phi	78.26	8.5
Delta Gamma	80.67	9	Alpha Epsilon Pi	79.23	4
Delta Phi Epsilon	81.19	6	Alpha Gamma Rho	75.12	47
Kappa Alpha Theta	80.74	8	Alpha Phi Delta	75.40	43
Kappa Delta	81.41	4	Alpha Sigma Phi	76.71	23
Kappa Kappa Gamma	80.64	11	Alpha Tau Omega	76.81	22
Phi Sigma Sigma	81.55	3	Alpha Zeta	79.41	1
Pi Beta Phi	81.38	5	Beta Sigma Rho	78.26	8.5
Sigma Delta Tau	81.86	2	Beta Theta Pi	75.02	48
<i>Sorority women</i>	<i>81.17</i>		Chi Phi	74.86	50
<i>Independent women</i>	<i>81.00</i>		Chi Psi	76.49	26
<i>All women</i>	<i>81.06</i>		Delta Chi	76.48	27
Association			Delta Kappa Epsilon	73.42	53
Telluride	85.11	1	Delta Phi	75.57	39
Young Israel	81.83	2	Delta Tau Delta	77.12	18
Von Cramm	81.69	3	Delta Upsilon	75.87	37
Watermargin	78.70	4	Kappa Alpha	76.66	24
Cayuga Lodge	77.56	5	Kappa Delta Rho	78.16	10
Algonquin Lodge	75.89	6	Kappa Sigma	76.24	31.5
<i>Association men</i>	<i>79.84</i>		Lambda Chi Alpha	75.26	45
			Phi Delta Theta	76.24	31.5
			Phi Epsilon Pi	77.99	11
			Phi Gamma Delta	76.46	28
			Phi Kappa Psi	77.07	19
			Phi Kappa Sigma	75.44	41
			Phi Kappa Tau	75.14	46
			Phi Sigma Delta	77.80	13
			Phi Sigma Epsilon	79.32	2
			Phi Sigma Kappa	76.90	21
			Pi Kappa Alpha	75.43	42
			Pi Kappa Phi	76.35	30
			Pi Lambda Phi	78.88	5
			Psi Upsilon	76.95	20
			Seal and Serpent	78.45	7
			Sigma Alpha Epsilon	76.09	34
			Sigma Alpha Mu	78.69	6
			Sigma Chi	76.42	29
			Sigma Nu	74.19	52
			Sigma Phi	77.85	12
			Sigma Phi Epsilon	76.17	33
			Sigma Pi	76.03	35
			Tau Delta Phi	79.31	3
			Tau Epsilon Phi	77.60	16
			Tau Kappa Epsilon	75.36	44
			Theta Chi	77.42	17
			Theta Delta Chi	74.66	51
			Theta Xi	75.55	40
			Triangle	74.89	49
			Zeta Beta Tau	77.66	15
			Zeta Psi	75.88	36
			<i>Fraternity men</i>	<i>76.84</i>	
			<i>Non-frat., assn. men</i>	<i>77.47</i>	
			<i>All men</i>	<i>77.21</i>	

1964-65 Averages

For undergraduates

Sorority	Average	Rank	Fraternity		
Alpha Epsilon Phi	82.26	3	Acacia	74.75	53
Alpha Phi	81.46	6	Alpha Chi Rho	77.29	26
Delta Delta Delta	81.36	7	Alpha Chi Sigma	80.96	1
Delta Gamma	81.12	10	Alpha Delta Phi	77.80	19
Delta Phi Epsilon	82.85	1	Alpha Epsilon Pi	79.00	8
Kappa Alpha Theta	81.33	8	Alpha Gamma Rho	75.41	51
Kappa Delta	81.19	9	Alpha Phi Delta	77.15	27
Kappa Kappa Gamma	81.09	11	Alpha Sigma Phi	75.58	50
Phi Sigma Sigma	81.59	5	Alpha Tau Omega	77.60	20
Pi Beta Phi	82.03	4	Alpha Zeta	79.89	3
Sigma Delta Tau	82.54	2	Beta Sigma Rho	79.35	7
<i>Sorority women</i>	<i>81.71</i>		Beta Theta Pi	76.56	38
<i>Independent women</i>	<i>80.78</i>		Chi Phi	75.17	52
<i>All women</i>	<i>81.14</i>		Chi Psi	76.11	44
			Delta Chi	77.34	24
			Delta Kappa Epsilon	76.14	42.5
			Delta Phi	76.18	41
			Delta Tau Delta	78.26	15
			Delta Upsilon	75.79	46
			Kappa Alpha	78.29	14
			Kappa Delta Rho	80.24	2
			Kappa Sigma	76.65	37
			Lambda Chi Alpha	76.46	39
			Phi Delta Theta	76.14	42.5
			Phi Epsilon Pi	78.43	12
			Phi Gamma Delta	76.22	40
			Phi Kappa Psi	77.33	25
			Phi Kappa Sigma	77.02	31
			Phi Kappa Tau	75.71	47
			Phi Sigma Delta	78.36	13
			Phi Sigma Epsilon	78.72	9
			Phi Sigma Kappa	77.56	21
			Pi Kappa Alpha	77.51	22
			Pi Kappa Phi	77.12	30
			Pi Lambda Phi	78.58	10
			Psi Upsilon	77.36	23
			Seal & Serpent	77.83	18
			Sigma Alpha Epsilon	78.07	17
			Sigma Alpha Mu	79.46	6
			Sigma Chi	76.71	35
			Sigma Nu	75.63	49
			Sigma Phi	78.14	16
			Sigma Phi Epsilon	76.69	36
			Sigma Pi	77.14	28
			Tau Delta Phi	79.77	4
			Tau Epsilon Phi	78.55	11
			Tau Kappa Epsilon	76.85	33
			Theta Chi	76.95	32
			Theta Delta Chi	76.72	34
			Theta Xi	75.64	48
			Triangle	77.13	29
			Zeta Beta Tau	79.74	5
			Zeta Phi	76.04	45
			<i>Fraternity men</i>	<i>77.46</i>	
			<i>Independent men</i>	<i>78.03</i>	
			<i>All men</i>	<i>77.82</i>	
			Associations		
			Telluride	86.04	1
			Von Cramm	82.44	2
			Young Israel	81.27	3
			Watermargin	80.10	4
			Algonquin Lodge	78.71	5
			Cayuga Lodge	77.55	6

Appendix D – Student Grade Reports from the *Cornell Daily Sun*

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SCHOLASTIC STANDINGS

Following tables show the trend in group averages for the past four years and a comparison with pre-war performance for the year 1938-39, plus averages in 1949-50 and 1948-49 for individual fraternities, sororities, and associations.

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Group	1938-39	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
All Undergraduates	75.21	76.73	76.88	77.42	77.47
All Men	74.48	76.36	76.46	77.05	77.01
All Women	77.81	78.00	78.48	78.94	79.33
Fraternity Men	73.79	76.04	76.08	76.65	77.09
Sorority Women	77.20	77.77	78.19	78.78	79.45
Independent Men	75.15	76.56	76.74	77.42	78.33
Independent Women	78.28	78.10	78.70	79.09	79.23

UNDERGRADUATE AVERAGES					
1949-50					
Fraternities and Associations	Average	Rank	-1948-49		
Telluride	85.79	1	Average	Rank	
Alpha Zeta	81.56	2	86.62	1	
Alpha Chi Sigma	80.82	3	81.50	2	
Tau Delta Phi	80.19	4	79.63	5	
Alpha Epsilon Pi	79.78	5	80.30	3	
Triangle	79.64	6	79.89	4	
Sigma Alpha Mu	79.49	7	78.92	7	
Phi Sigma Delta	79.04	8	78.87	8	
Omega Tau Sigma	78.81	9	78.12	10	
Pi Lambda Phi	78.80	10	77.64	15	
Sigma Phi Epsilon	78.84	11	77.94	13	
Theta Chi	78.19	12	77.98	11	
Phi Kappa Psi	78.00	13	77.21	21	
Zeta Beta Tau	77.89	14	76.45	26	
Lambda Chi Alpha	77.84	15	76.88	22	
Sigma Chi	77.81	16	76.26	28	
Alpha Gamma Rho	77.77	17	76.34	30	
Phi Epsilon Pi	77.75	18	77.60	16	
Phi Kappa Tau	77.72	19	78.98	6	
Beta Sigma Rho	77.65	20	77.56	17	
Alpha Delta Phi	77.48	21	77.54	18	
Watermargin Co-op	77.39	22	75.97	38	
Tau Epsilon Phi	77.38	23	77.47	19	
Aradia	77.32	24	77.73	14	
Alpha Sigma Phi	77.27	25	76.09	34	
Alpha Chi Rho	77.15	26	76.13	31	
Sigma Phi	77.14	27	74.96	50	
All Fraternity	77.09	—	78.34	9	
Beta Theta Pi	77.07	28	76.65	—	
All Men	77.01	—	75.86	44	
Independent Men	76.93	—	77.05	—	
Alpha Psi	76.92	29	77.42	—	
Kappa Sigma	76.87	30	77.55	12	
Algonquin Lodge	76.84	31	76.01	36	
Chi Phi	76.79	32	75.25	48	
Chi Psi	76.72	33	75.46	42	
Cayuga Student Res.	76.66	34	76.25	29	
Sigma Pi	76.68	34	76.67	23	
Psi Upsilon	76.58	36	77.23	20	
Delta Tau Delta	76.41	37	76.52	25	
Phi Delta Theta	76.38	38	75.41	43	
Pi Kappa Alpha	76.31	39	76.06	35	
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	76.14	40	75.25	48	
Pi Kappa Phi	76.13	41	76.13	33	
Phi Kappa Sigma	76.06	42	—	—	
Alpha Tau Omega	75.84	43	74.22	54	
Hillside Co-op	75.84	43	76.92	39	
Phi Sigma Kappa	75.78	45	—	—	
Delta Phi	75.73	46	76.57	24	
Alpha Phi Delta	75.71	47	76.00	37	
Delta Upsilon	75.65	48	75.28	47	
Seal and Serpent	75.61	49	75.36	44	
Theta Xi	75.61	50	75.76	40	
Phi Gamma Delta	75.39	51	76.13	31	
Delta Kappa Epsilon	75.10	52	75.30	46	
Zeta Psi	75.01	53	72.94	56	
Tau Kappa Epsilon	74.65	54	76.43	27	
Sigma Nu	74.63	55	74.88	51	
Delta Chi	74.61	56	74.82	52	
Theta Delta Chi	73.34	57	75.56	41	
Kappa Alpha	72.32	58	74.55	53	
			73.40	55	

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Sororities				
Alpha Epsilon Phi	80.81	1	81.78	1
Sigma Delta Tau	80.40	2	80.08	2
Alpha Omicron Pi	79.71	3	77.53	12
Delta Gamma	79.51	4	78.68	7
Sigma Kappa	79.49	5	79.42	4
All Sorority	79.45	—	78.78	—
All Women	79.33	—	78.94	—
Delta Delta Delta	79.24	6	79.63	3
Kappa Alpha Theta	79.24	6	78.74	6
Independent Women	79.23	—	79.09	—
Kappa Delta	79.15	8	78.41	8
Alpha Phi	79.11	9	77.34	13
Alpha Xi Delta	78.98	10	79.33	5
Chi Omega	78.85	11	78.31	9
Kappa Kappa Gamma	78.85	11	77.82	11
Pi Beta Phi	78.33	13	78.12	10

Appendix E – George Schuler Paper, February 1964, Transcription

SOME THOUGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS ABOUT RESIDENT SENIOR ACADEMIC ADVISORS IN FRATERNITY HOUSES

George Schuler — February, 1964

For the Academic Affairs Committee of the Cornell University Inter-Fraternity Council

Many of the statements in this paper may be described as “dangerous generalizations.” They probably are, but lest we be accused of faulty research let the reader understand that these statements are not necessarily based on research but on generalizations from some almost pertinent research studies, from theory, from informal discussions with campus leaders and administrators (no formal survey, if you please) and from the author’s own observation and experience. Dangerous though they may be —and it is quite likely that we would do nothing at all if we never did anything that was dangerous— they provide the basis for the formulation of some testable hypotheses, and hopefully they will give some direction to the thoughts of those involved in the development of more effective academic and intellectual performances in those controversial group living accommodations [sic] called fraternities.

Let it also be clear at the outset that our purpose is not to evaluate the fraternity system or to point out such academic attributes of the system as the fact that more fraternity members complete undergraduate degree requirements than do non-fraternity men (Van Riper, 1962), and that national fraternity averages compare quite favorably with campus all-men’s averages (Van Riper, 1963). We shall attempt to clarify the function —the goals and roles— of the senior academic advisor, and to make some statements about the type of person he should be.

In conversation with many people on campus —with students, faculty, and administration— the idea of a mature graduate student or a young faculty member living in a fraternity house has been recognized as a useful and beneficial one. Many students would like the opportunity to associate with a man at this intimate level and do not see his presence in the living unit as a deterrent to their participation in non-academic activities of a non-intellectual nature.

On the other hand, many students think they would regard such a person as an imposition. It is suggested that few mature people could live with sophomores (who comprise a large portion of the fraternity members who “live in”) without appearing to be chaperones.

College men are at a stage of life during which they develop or are in the process of developing some sort of consistent and integrated picture of themselves —the type of person they will be, the ideals and values they will adhere to, the work they will do, the activities they will choose as recreation. Some personality theorists have described this process as the establishment of an ego identity (Erickson, 1950).

The process of developing an ego identity is not an easy one nor does it occur quickly. The adolescent has seen many shifting patterns of behavior, he has experienced myriads of feelings [sic] and attitudes in himself and in others; he has observed others and, at times, knowingly —without awareness of others, he imitates, mimics, and [sic] modifies and adapts their behavior and what he assesses to be their values, and incorporates them into his own patterns of behavior. Sometimes this incorporation is rather superficial —the boy plays a role, tries out a particular pattern as he tries on a coat to see how he looks in it, how it fits, how it suits him.

The role of the university is admittedly not primarily to foster emotional growth and development, but this is one of the outstanding secondary gains derived by students attending the university. The most important duty the university professes to perform has to do with the intellectual growth of the student. We know that retention of the informational aspects of academics, e.g., the facts and Philae in zoology, the studies and their results in psychology, is highly subject to deterioration with time, while such things as interest in knowledge for its own sake, intrinsic interest in a particular field of study of fields of study, attitudes toward learning and knowledge, toward science and the group of studies usually referred to as “liberal,” toward work and the workers, crystallize and develop during the college years and become a more integral part of the personality than do the more superficial facts that lie on the surface to be issued upon demand and then forgotten when the threat of demand is removed (Hilgard, 1962).

It is strongly felt that a Resident Senior Advisor living in the fraternity house can be a helpful agent in the development of the emotional and intellectual factors described above. Toward the development of ego identity he can be a figure for the boys to copy, a figure with whom they can identify. In the academic community they have the opportunity to observe a scholar and a person and to see that the two, rather than being antithetic, fit well together. In this identification process they also have an opportunity to observe rather carefully somebody who is older and more experienced than they academically and socially, in formal and informal settings, to see how one handles himself and how one can satisfy the needs of being human to the fullest extent that his society and his mind permit. In bringing these factors to fruition, the application of “cultural mimesis as a means of stimulating the individual” (IPC Academic Affairs Committee, 1963) will not suffice. It is true that in some cases and for some purposes, all the Resident Advisor would have to do would be to be there, but usually he has to be there doing something. Minimally, he must be a certain type of person that permits easy identification and emulation, but he must be more than that.

Before we consider the type of person that might function effectively as a Resident Academic Advisor, let us take a more careful look at the things he should be expected to do.

Goals shall be cited with some general suggestions about their implementation. More specific suggestions are made later. It will be seen that the goals are by no means, mutually exclusive. In some instances, one goal seems to implement another.

Goals of the Resident Advisor

Ostensibly, the primary goal of the Advisor is to raise to [sic] and/or maintain the overall academic average of the house at a respectable point. Closely related and subsidiary to this would be the maintenance of good academic standing in the pledge class and among the individual brothers, and the establishment and/or the maintenance of an intellectual environment in the house that would be conducive to the growth and development of the derivation of individual's maximum benefit from their college experience.

Toward the accomplishment of the above goals, one objective of the Advisor would be to establish explicit and attainable goals with house officers. This should be done early during the Advisor's tenure and should include relatively immediate goals (for the week, month, and semester) as well as long-range plans. Such goals, however, should not be inflexible since a fraternity is a dynamic group composed of people whose interests, motives, and needs are constantly changing.

A third broad group of goals has to do with the development of skills, resources, and attitudes in individuals that will be useful beyond the college years. In addition to the acquisition of knowledge during the college years, students can be confronted with a myriad of experiences that affect the expansion, differentiation, and integration of personality. The knowledge acquired in college is not retained very long. However, knowledge that is meaningful to a person and of interest to him may be remembered for longer periods of time. New learning probably becomes integrated into the personality when the student must use it, or when it is gratifying to acquire it (Sanford, 1962). An attempt to create dissonance between interest and desire for knowledge on the one hand and the "possession" of such knowledge on the other would be another legitimate goal of the Resident Advisor.

A fourth group of goals which is probably more appropriately described as duties involves evaluation and reporting. One aspect of the advisor's job should [sic] be to evaluate his own performance (a difficult task, to say the least) and to keep the administration of the university and the fraternity, including the appropriate alumni group, advised of the status and changes in status, tangible and intangible, of his particular house. Let this not be construed, however, as meaning that the Advisor should be an arm of the university administration. It is likely that such a role would be detrimental to his effective functioning as a person in which the fraternity can be confident.

Implementing Goals

It is relatively easy to define goals once a broad objective has been determined. These, to a great extent, can be based on value judgments. It is not so easy to designate the activities that will lead to the attainment of these goals. The chief reason for this is that we don't really know what the most effective means to these ends are. Nevertheless, we shall venture some educated guesses. We shall view the Advisor's activities in terms of acts primarily oriented toward the house members as a group, toward individual members of the house, and toward himself.

Working with the House

In his dealings at all levels, a highly non-directive, non-authoritarian role is strongly suggested. However, the advisor must present himself as a competent and confident person. How this is done will, of course, vary with the individual. Through his own behavior, the advisor presents a model to copy. This model should be consistent with the types of behavior and observable attitudes that constitute goals for individuals. The model, however, must be one that boys can admire and respect, i.e., to a great extent, it must be consistent with their ideas of how a person should behave, but beyond this, it should also set the style for behavior in an academic setting. The model should be one that the boys can reasonably be expected to attain. This implies some understanding by the Advisor of the needs, values, intellectual qualities, and motivational aspects of the group and the individuals with which he is working.

Newcomb (1962) stresses the influence of group-supported attitudes on individual behavior. He states that the likelihood of retention of attitudes in individuals increases as similarity of within-group attitudes (i.e., among group members) also increases. In addition, groups having consistent within-group attitudes will be more easily mobilized into group supported activities. This would imply that one of the tasks of the Advisor would be to mould [sic] group support for his or for a house-developed program designed to support academic and intellectual activities. Presenting new ideas in small quantities that are relatively consistent with existing attitudes would probably provide a good wedge. One of the problems in doing this is the Advisor's assessment of existing

attitudes. Another is the determination and manner of presentation of new ideas that are consistent with existing attitudes and that also move toward the desired ends. At least [sic] one study (cited in Hilgard, 1962) has shown that when there is dissonance between attitudes and behavior and when the behavior is reinforced, the attitude tends to shift to be more consistent with the behavior.

The establishment and definition of goals and activities with house officers is a tangible activity in which the Advisor can engage soon after he takes up residence in the House. Perhaps a few days or a week will give him the information he needs to get a “feel” for his particular house. One important act would be the mutual establishment of study hours, if they do not already exist, with agreement as to regulations for behavior in the house during such hours. A method of enforcement of these hours must also be agreed upon, and adhered to. This may range anywhere from an informal comment by the Advisor or house president, to a formal statement in house bylaws.

The Advisor might arrange for faculty visitations. In some houses there may exist a structure in the form of a committee or an academic chairman that performs this function. It is probably most advisable for the Advisor to get group members to do the actual selection, inviting, and other necessary legwork so that there will be greater ego-involvement on the part of the brothers and thereby greater enthusiasm for the visit and profit derived therefrom. A short group discussion of the behavior expected of brothers during the visit would not be detrimental nor would a statement to the visitor as to what will be expected of him, e.g., if the man teaches Government, he might be asked to present a fifteen minute talk on the implications of the new Constitutional amendment and lead a discussion on it until 7:30 p.m. The Advisor in such instances might serve as host, moderator, or, since college students are themselves amazingly versatile, he may just implant the inkling of a suggestion and leave the rest to the brothers.

Shortly after he arrives at the house —possibly as early as the second day he’s there, the Advisor should request the opportunity to address the brotherhood for five minutes. This might be done following the evening meal and in the dining room while all brothers are present. At this time the Advisor should clearly define his role and make known the extent and times of his availability to members.

At various times during the semester it may be useful for the Advisor to present some words of encouragement —“pep” talks and academic rallies, if you will. This could be done at times when overabundant prelims are likely to dampen spirits, and just before finals. Another presentation might consist of a session in which effective study habits are presented. Research reports and demonstrations can be used here. Perhaps this can be one of the faculty visitation programs with a professor from the university’s study skills center making the presentation. Perhaps it could take the form of a program presented in several sessions with various brothers or faculty members participating.

Another job of the Advisor would be to report regularly, perhaps monthly, to the house president, and perhaps to the alumni, on the status of the house and also he might provide some minimal information about individual members. Minimal because he must, if he is to retain the respect and trust of the individuals he works with, respect the confidentiality of much of the information they will give him. The Advisor might also solicit the aid of house officers in implementing some programs, e.g., in the collection of information concerning current grades. The Advisor

should assiduously avoid any participation in house politics and should refrain from the expression of opinions related to that area.

Working with Individuals

Working with individuals in the fraternity setting involves motivating those who see little urgency or import in academic excellence, assisting those who want to learn, and providing information and service to both groups. The assessment of attitudes and motives occurs in the ongoing process of communication. More specific information about motives and attitudes, students' courses and course standings, interests, special abilities and limitations, etc., can be obtained through formalized reporting procedures and individual conferences. Formalized reporting could take the form of self-listing of their courses by students and periodic self-reports of quiz, paper, and test grades. The Advisor's duty would be to review these reports and observe changes in performance and to note poor and good performances. Such observations should be met with appropriate action. It is important that good academic performance be commended as well as condemning, or otherwise taking note of poor academic work. It is a well-established principle in the field of learning that positive reinforcement is considerably more effective than negative reinforcement in shaping behavior and in assuring the relative permanency of such behavior. In respect to poor academic work it should be noted that malingering or poor motivation are [sic] not the sole determinants of low grades. Professors' shortcomings notwithstanding, limited intellectual ability, lack of interest, and other factors all contribute to this almost universal phenomenon.

The determination of the reasons for poor grades can be done most effectively by means of individual conferences. Some suggestions as to the course that such conferences might follow are discussed later in this paper. Some of the remedies that the Advisor can institute, and some of the factors that may be conducive to the development of a mature intellectual environment include discussions concerning the meanings of writings assigned by English instructors, reviewing of lesson assignments, compositions, papers, etc., with boys individually or in small groups, and arranging for tutors when appropriate. The Advisor might assume the initiative of contacting graduate students in appropriate fields or contacting the appropriate departments to line up tutors for students. He might even make the initial contact and must check with the student to see that he follows through on the tutoring program. In some cases he might make arrangements for more than one student to meet with a single tutor. Since the Advisor has an idea of how every boy in the house is doing, he may be able to have one of the brothers make himself available to the others for coaching in a particular subject area. The Advisor might also serve as a clearing house and referring agency for questions and information concerning not only course, but also course requirements, format, prerequisites [sic], etc. His knowledge of the boys' academic experience would enable him to perform this function.

Another activity the Advisor might engage in would be to maintain contact with boys' instructors and advisors. Hopefully, this would be a two way exchange of information and would enable the Advisor to anticipate negative events as well as assist boys to derive the greatest benefit from their course work.

The Resident Advisor is not envisioned as a counseling psychologist although it probably has become obvious that counseling will be an important part of his job. It will enable him to gather information concerning students' needs, attitudes, and the nature of their academic difficulties and assets and it will enable him to assist and re-motivate those who need some encouragement

and reorientation. Do not construe his function, however, as one that would require him to attempt to undertake any activity aimed toward profound or far-reaching personality changes.

Some of the goals of counseling are the strengthening of motivation to do the “right” things, reduction of emotional pressure by facilitating the expression of feeling, releasing potentials for growth, instituting habit changes, modifying cognitive structure, increasing self-knowledge, and the development of more effective interpersonal relationships. These changes are brought about through the medium of a special kind of conversation. This conversation requires a relationship between the counselor and the client that involves minimal threat to the client so that he can feel freer to explore painful areas (such as poor academic performance) more realistically and in greater depth. The reduction of anxiety in the counseling relationship requires several factors. The client must trust the counselor—he must be able to depend on the counselor to withhold [sic] from others—all others—information that is given him in confidence. The counselor must be non-critical of the ideas expressed by the client. Were he to scoff at the client’s feelings or criticize his ideas it is likely that the client will only express those feelings and ideas that would meet with the counselor’s approval. The client must feel that the counselor is interested in him and that he understands the ideas and feelings being expressed. Often, and this may be common to many who are not really interested in doing counseling, the counselor is tempted to dispense advice, to draw examples from his own experience and that of his friends and to present those examples as models to follow or to avoid. The patient may respond to such advice as being indicative of a lack of real interest in him and only minimal understanding of his unique problem. The dispensation of advice, in many cases, may serve to make the client more dependent on the counselor and hence defeat the main purpose of the counselor, that of encouraging growth.

Lest this become too long a treatise on counseling methods let us conclude this section with three thoughts pertinent to counseling. Research, although only sketchy in this area, tends to indicate that the type of counseling described above (client-centered) produces in clients a more positive self-evaluation and a feeling of better all-around adjustment. In responding to feelings of clients and interpreting attitudes, deeper levels of interpretation usually meet with greater resistance than do relatively moderate levels (Sundberg & Tyler, 1962). If relatively pervasive problems become apparent, or if the Advisor encounters thoughts and feelings that he finds foreboding or threatening he should refer the student to the agency equipped for handling such problems and should not undertake to handle them himself.

The Advisor

The Advisor should apprise himself of the various agencies on campus that deal with student problems and decisions, and the procedures employed by these agencies. This would include the Educational and Vocational Counseling Service, the mental health clinic, tutorial programs, legal aid services, study skills courses, etc. More extensive lists are available from the office of the Dean of Students. The Advisor should also acquaint himself with course offerings, schedule requirements, programs of study, etc., and with the procedures for dropping courses, late registration, transferring, taking leaves, and withdrawing. (Incidentally, under some circumstances, a student’s decision to take a leave or to withdraw from the university may be an appropriate and beneficial one.)

It would probably be useful to arrange one or two two-hour meetings for Resident Senior Advisors before the fall semester starts. The purpose for such meetings could be to acquaint the

Advisors with one another, to acquaint them with the various campus facilities for students, with some members of the faculty and administration, and with some of the ideas and practices current in the field of motivation, counseling, guidance, and learning. Periodic meetings—perhaps monthly—would serve to provide a medium for sharing problems, developing solutions, and providing means of implementing goals.

A consideration of the characteristics of the Advisor with a view toward the designation of criteria for their selection leads to a relatively short but impressive list of factors that are difficult to evaluate in the individual and even more difficult to encounter. The Advisor must have a respect for himself and other people and be capable of understanding them. He should have superior ability to judge others and the factors that motivate them. He must be able to make accurate and, perhaps this is the most difficult, objective evaluations and decisions. Toward this end he must understand himself and the factors that motivate him—he must be aware of his reactions to others and their reactions to him. He must be genuinely interested in achieving his designated goals. He must have respect for his work and for the intellectual world in general. He must be able to tolerate disappointment and to see that failure on the part of one of his “charges” does not necessarily imply failure within himself. He must be genuinely interested in people—in all people, and in individuals. Lest the reader get the impression that some sort of superhuman be sought, the Advisor must be capable of feeling, of understanding, and of taking pride in accomplishment—his own, and the members of the house.

In seeking people on campus who will meet the needs described above, it may be well to look among graduate students in student personnel work, in educational psychology, and guidance and counseling. There is even a possibility that several assistantships with appropriate departments could be arranged. Young faculty members might also serve as effective Resident Advisors. The question of whether they would be willing to live in a fraternity house should not be answered for them by others. Time commitments are another factor to be considered in seeking appropriate personnel. The factor of marriage looms large as a consideration. A married couple living in a fraternity house has advantages and disadvantages, but the general feeling toward it seems to lean more toward the negative side.

Conclusion

To a great extent, the study of psychology can be described as a process by which we are making explicit that which is implicit. The reader may be tempted to make a similar statement about the contents of this paper: “We already know this.” He is probably right. At least we have specified and put in writing some of the activities of the Senior Resident Academic Advisor in hope that it will be of help in the execution of a program designed to demonstrate that fraternities are not, as at least one student has stated, a decadent segment of American society.

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George Schuler e-mail to HWF, Fri 5/24/2013 5:58 PM

[Responding to HWF's question, "George: Do I have your permission to add the attached as an appendix to my study? Bill"] Certainly.

Afterword by G. Schuler

I enjoyed setting up the program that placed graduate students as academic advisors. Impressionistic observations suggest that the fraternity members and the advisors benefitted. Fraternity members showed respect for the advisors and the advisors took their positions seriously. Perhaps one day a graduate student will do a systematic retrospective evaluation of the effectiveness of the program, the stated goal of which was to raise grades.

Prior to coming to Cornell I completed a Master's program in School Psychology and worked for several years at Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Subsequent to the completion of the doctorate at Cornell I taught at SUNY Plattsburgh for two years and then joined the faculty of the Department of Psychology at Ithaca College where I remained for 33 years, chairing the Department for thirteen of them. I continue my independent office practice in Ithaca.



A transcription of the IFC letter that forwarded the Schuler report to the Cornell fraternities follows.

[IFC letterhead]

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
Willard Straight Hall, Ithaca, New York

March 25, 1964

Dear House President:

There has been much Interest lately in the idea of fraternity Resident Advisors. In an effort to facilitate recruitment for interested houses and to provide advice for interested groups, the IFC has set up a program to be administered by Mr. George Schuler of the School of Education. Mr. Schuler can be reached at AR 2-2246 or at 213 Stone Hall, Extension 2063.

Enclosed is a paper explaining roughly what the Resident Advisor concept is about and a reply card that you can use if you are interested in hearing more about the program.

One innovation being introduced this year is a program for non-resident advisors. This is for houses who either have no extra space or feel that they aren't interested in having an advisor live in. In such a case the advisor would come to meals and would try to spend time at the house during his free hours but would not live in. He would still try to get to know all the brothers on a personal basis and to help with various programs when he is requested to do so. If you are Interested in this type of program, please indicate it on the card.

Let me stress that while we have been speaking in terms of “program,” the arrangements are always based solely on the interests and needs of the individual house. All the IFC wants to do is to help you get started.

Yours truly,

Rick Weitzman.

Assistant Coordinator

Appendix F – The Parrish Report, 15 May 1966, Transcription

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY ON FRATERNITIES

This committee, created by the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs at the request of the Faculty Council, and appointed by the Chairman of the FCSA and the Dean of the Faculty, was asked to judge whether a large-scale investigation of fraternities (and sororities) at Cornell should be undertaken. Our judgment is that a study must indeed be made, but that it must look beyond the fraternity system to envisage a transformation of the residential environment at Cornell.

Over the course of three months we interviewed or listened to selected students (representing the I.F.C., Student Government, or just themselves), members of the faculty (representing university committees on Human Rights and Disadvantaged Students, or just themselves), and members of the administration (the Vice President for Student Affairs, the University Counsel, the Associate Dean of Students, the Assistant Deans of Students for Fraternities and Sororities), speaking officially or just for themselves. We studied reports and data on fraternities issued at Cornell and elsewhere (a list of these is appended), and we debated among ourselves. Our judgment draws also upon our experience in advising and teaching a generation of Cornell students.

As we deliberated, it became clear to us that there are two main approaches to the subject of fraternities. One approach deals with the faults and virtues of the fraternity system. The virtues claimed for the system are several: that it promotes “brotherhood,” financial responsibility, maturity, the values and deportment of a “gentleman,” and the like, as well as affording a choice of living partners in small-group housing. The committee sees no reason why all these virtues (if they are virtues) cannot be achieved by other means and made available to a wider range of students. The faults of the system raise more serious problems. Virtually everyone agrees that fraternities are far from satisfactory. Even house members express this view by moving out in growing numbers in their upperclass years. The softest criticism we heard is that fraternities do not live up to “their potential,” the sharpest, that fraternities oppose and corrupt the educational ideals for which Cornell stands. Fraternities are accused of selection procedures which foster prejudice and smugness within the fraternity (or sorority) and resentment on the part of those judged unworthy of membership. The procedures most commonly felt to be offensive are those involving approval of pledges by people outside Cornell, vetoes at the hands of small minorities, Jewish-Christian distinctions, the indignity of “tokenism” which Negroes are obliged to suffer, and the like. Pledging, it is recognized, drains the resources of students by consuming disproportionate amounts of their time and energy; initiations contain elements of sadism. Moreover, separation of what fraternities call “academics” from the rest of a student's life, together with the whole atmosphere of a fraternity house, foster anti-intellectualism in various forms.

Unquestionably these accusations (levelled by students as much as by the faculty or administration) are all more or less valid — less for the better fraternities, more for the poorer. Whatever the degree of truth in them, our considered, unanimous judgment is that the faults of the fraternity system are not subject to reform: they are built in.

But another, more fundamental approach to the subject of fraternities involves, we believe, the basic educational ideals of Cornell. Again, there appears to be wide common agreement. The

educational responsibility of the university extends beyond the classroom to include the whole environment in which learning and maturing take place. In this environment a student's life must have reasonable coherence, and intellectual values must prevail. As a result of the university's long neglect and abdication of this responsibility and partly by easy evolution, fraternities (and sororities) have come to play a dominant role in the lives of many, if not most, Cornell students. While the university owes the system a large debt for the services it has performed, and the loyalties it has helped inspire, it is now time — long past time — to recognize that Cornell in its second century cannot achieve its high educational aims by yielding dominance to social groups which do not regard the educational process as central to their purpose and which take their direction and draw their values from sources outside Cornell. The desire of students for a better integrated life and for closer contact with the faculty cannot, for the reasons already stated, be satisfied within the fraternity system. Whatever merits they may have, whatever functions they may have served, fraternities are not and cannot become an integral part of Cornell education. Consequently, the university must provide what fraternities cannot provide. The university must, that is, affirm its policy and goal to be the creation of a residential community dedicated to the support of its educational purposes, a community composed of diverse elements but marked throughout by vigorous, open, searching attitudes of mind and spirit.

We believe, therefore, that the university must simultaneously disengage itself from the fraternity system and work toward a transformation of the residential environment at Cornell. We recommend that a special committee of the faculty, with appropriate administrative support, be formed to carry out these purposes. The mission of this committee should be not to "investigate" fraternities one more time (repeated, full investigations in the past have brought the essential facts to light, and the abundant evidence now visible to any onlooker is uncontroversial), but to plan the steps by which Cornell will disengage itself from the fraternity system. The duties of this committee would be extensive and its responsibilities heavy. It must decide how best to use existing residential facilities and how best to secure new facilities. The seriousness and the range of an educational design which would intimately touch the life of every student at Cornell demand the highest order of imaginative thinking and an unqualified dedication to excellence in the realm of education. The committee will need the support and the understanding of all members of the Cornell community — faculty, administration, students, friends, and alumni.

We look to 1969 — when new residential facilities are scheduled to reach completion -- as the turning point in this essential process of disengagement. We recommend that in the meantime no new fraternity or sorority chapters be recognized at Cornell. We would not be understood as proposing "reform" of the present fraternity system, and we urge that the educational issues involved here are too far-reaching and too vital to allow us to temporize further than we must with a structure in need of basic change. At the same time, we recommend that no effort be spared over the next three years to remedy abuses in the fraternity system, and in this connection we strongly support such measures as the Altshuler committee's resolution on discrimination.

15 May 1966

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