

SOCIAL LIFE OF THE FRATERNITY

THE FRATERNITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN SOCIAL IN ITS TENDENCIES. IT HAS AIMED TO BRING TOGETHER "GOOD FELLOWS." IT IS PRESUMED THAT THEY HAD BRAINS, BUT GOOD FELLOWS THEY MUST BE. IN COLLEGE PARLANCE, NEITHER "STICKS" NOR "GRINDS" WERE ACCEPTABLE. THE ENDS OF THE FRATERNITY, PUBLICLY EXPRESSED AND PRIVATELY INSISTED UPON, HAVE BEEN THE CULTIVATION OF THAT FAITHFUL FRIENDSHIP WHICH, IN THEORY, AT LEAST, FINDS ITS HEIGHT OF EXPRESSION IN THE AFFECTION BETWEEN BROTHERS OF THE SAME PARENTS. ITS MEMBERS JOIN DURING THE FORMATIVE PERIOD OF THEIR LIVES – WHEN THEY ARE ENTERING UPON A NEW WORLD, THE COLLEGE KINGDOM – ENTICING WITH UNKNOWN PLEASURES AND BEST WITH UNTHOUGHT-OF DANGERS. IT IS THEN THAT THE FRATERNITY APPEALS TO THE YOUNG MAN TO FORM A NEW RELATION OUTSIDE OF THE FAMILY ONES, WHICH, THEREFORE, HE HAS KNOWN AS THE ONLY TYPE OF INTIMACY; TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ONE OF A BAND OF CHOSEN FRIENDS, WITH HIGH AIMS, WITH A REPUTATION TO MAINTAIN, WITH A HISTORY BEHIND IT REplete WITH GREAT NAMES, GREATER EVEN IN IMAGINATION THAN IN FACT.

OBJECTS OF BETA THETA PI

It shall be constituted as hereinafter provided and shall have for its objects the promotion of the moral and social culture of its members, the establishment of confidence and friendly relations among the universities and colleges of the United States and Canada, in securing unity of action and sympathy in matters of common interest among them, and the building up of a fraternity that recognizes mutual assistance in the honorable labors and aspirations of life, devotion to the cultivation of the intellect, unsullied friendship, and unfaltering fidelity, as objects worthy of the highest aim and purpose of associated effort.

QUESTIONS:

WHAT KEY WORDS OR PHRASES STICK OUT TO YOU? UNDERLINE THEM.

BASED OFF OF THE KEY WORDS AND PHRASES, WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF BETA THETA PI?

AS A FOUNDING FATHERS OF BETA THETA PI, WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ENSURE A PURPOSEFUL EXPERIENCE?