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PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY

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Dear Brother:

Once more with the opening of a new college year I am reporting to you and asking your help and cooperation for the welfare of Phi Kappa Psi.

The Fraternity completed the 1944-45 academic year in continued good condition. Approximately 37 of our 51 Chapters are operating with active organizations. In other cases where no Chapter activity exists, we have maintained our contacts with Chapter advisors and house corporation officers, and as far as possible, plans are being made for the revival of these Chapters.

In the year ended March 1, 1945, we initiated 446, as against 555 the previous year, and 1196 in 1943.

Contributions to the Tom Platt Alumni Fund fell off somewhat as compared to the previous year, and the officers of the Fraternity are earnestly requesting your help in making the coming year's contributions the best in its history. This money is and will be urgently needed in the rebuilding of our Chapters during the coming months.

One of the most vital problems in our Chapter organizations at the present time is "Leadership." As an unfortunate, but necessary result of the war, we have lost nearly all of the experienced and seasoned undergraduate Chapter officers and administrators. The new Brothers are enthusiastic, but the turn-over has been so fast and so heavy that in most instances today, our Chapter officers lack entirely the knowledge of Chapter management and Phi Psi tradition, which is now needed more than ever.


There are a few Chapters where such experienced leadership is desperately needed immediately. The success of such Chapters for several years to come may depend upon our procuring strong, aggressive and experienced Phi Psi undergraduate leadership for them.

It is here that we are calling upon you for help and assistance. Do you know a young Phi Psi returned veteran, who was an outstanding Chapter leader and who is planning for some reason to change his college? We need several boys of this type to take over the leadership of a few of our Chapters now having difficulty reorganizing properly. Arrangements can be made for part-payment of his expenses, although the Fraternity's resources are limited in this respect. He must be an able, aggressive leader with great Phi Psi enthusiasm.

If, even only two or three of these boys can be found, they can do a job which will be a lasting satisfaction to themselves and a great benefit to the Fraternity.

I shall greatly appreciate word from you regarding any possible suggestions along the above lines.

Very fraternally yours,


Harry S. Gorgas, President.