

A TYPICAL S. K. D. CHAPTER MEETING WITH A DISCUSSION ON "AMERICA FIRST"

Those who have never attended a S.K.D. chapter meeting (and there are a few men at Armour who have not had the privilege) have never witnessed that essence of American college fraternalism being applied. Its simplicity and yet its dignity, its solemnity and yet its strain of quiet humor, have a charm and an appeal that are irresistible. We quote from a typical meeting.

"Brother Payne pulled himself together long enough to call the meeting to order and then fell back again under the table. Roll call disclosed the astonishing fact that twelve out of the sixty-six bretheren were present. The president commented on this fact, attributing it to the quality of meals being served on chapter nights. On the motion of Brother Snediker, the meeting was adjourned two minutes to enable him to meet Brother Dahlgren, who expressed surprise at not having met before. Brother Deiwert caused some unfavorable criticism from the chair by insisting on his privilege of snoring.

"Brother Von Gehr very rashly precipitated a very rabid discussion by accusing Brother Tracy of having deliberately used his enormous political influence against him in the Senior class election. It seemed that after a Phi Kap had nominated a Phi Pi Phi, and a S.K.D. had done his share by nominating Dave Allen, the Phi Pi had failed to come back and nominate George. Brother Tracy replied that it was purely unintentional, merely a slip in the cogs of the political machinery, and no personal slight intended. He also added that for the life of him, he couldn't see why Brother Von Gehr couldn't be content with the offices he held at present.

"Another matter coming up for discussion was that concerning names of members. Brother Brumund, stating that the present names on the chapter roll were a disgrace to any fraternity, demanded an immediate investigation into the antecedents of all brothers whose names ended in "wicz", "ski" or any other doubtful suffix. The old guard resented this furiously, but the younger American crowd, under the leadership of Brother Hindman, made a strong plea for "America First", and finally carried their point. Immediately one-half of the members present left the meeting.

"Brother Snediker, reporting on scholarship, regretted that the fraternity average was only 91.6 at present, but on account of no further high average men in school to pledge, no immediate improvement was in sight.

"Before adjourning the meeting, Brother Payne complimented the town men on their good attendance. He admitted that it was asking a good deal of a brother to remain at the house for an evening, but the opportunities for meeting the other members more than offset this trouble. Brother Tracy reminded the chapter to be on hand at the A. T. A. A. election the next morning, as several S.K.D.'s had a chance for office. The meeting adjourned."