Pi Alpha Xi
Lotus Leaflet

Letter from the President

This will be the last Newsletter before the Annual Meeting in October. I want to call your attention to several important functions of Pi Alpha Xi that will be occurring before the meeting.

Beginning with the Fall 1996 semester, Pi Alpha Xi will provide matching funds for local chapter scholarships. A committee consisting of Terry Ferrias, past Pi Alpha Xi President, and Alice LeDuc proposed the Scholarship Program at the last Annual meeting; it received overwhelming support from the membership. The Program will assist local chapters with promotion of Pi Alpha Xi. Be sure to read the details about the program in this Newsletter.

At the 1996 Annual Meeting, Pi Alpha Xi will sponsor a Photography Contest. Profits generated from the contest will support the Scholarship Program. The continuation of the Scholarship program may depend upon the success of the Photography Contest. Pi Alpha Xi National needs each Chapter’s assistance in promoting the contest. We encourage every member and chapter to assist. The contest is open to all ASHS and/or Pi Alpha Xi members as well as students who are a member of clubs affiliated with the Association of Collegiate Branches. A short announcement about the Contest appeared in the April ASHS Newsletter. A detailed announcement and an entry form will appear in the August ASHS Newsletter. Be sure all members of the faculty and students at your institution know about the contest. Remind them the entry fee will support the Pi Alpha Xi Chapter’s Scholarship Program. You may want to post or distribute copies of the announcement which is printed in this Newsletter. If there are questions about the Contest, please contact me.

The 55th Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Competition at Utah State University was an outstanding success. Twelve teams participated in the contest. Pi Alpha Xi expresses our appreciation to Dr. LaMar Anderson, Chair for the competition, students, staff and faculty at Utah State University for being excellent hosts. The plant quality was excellent, the food was delicious, the campus surrounded by mountains was beautiful and the Mormon Temple tour was educational and attractive. All who attended will have fond memories of their short stay at Utah.

The 56th Competition will be held at Oklahoma State University; plan now to participate. Programs who have not competed in the past are encouraged to consider participating. For more information, contact the National Pi Alpha Xi officers. A host institution has not been selected for 1998. If your program would like to consider hosting this event, also contact the National officers.

The Annual Pi Alpha Xi meeting will be held in Lexington, Kentucky on Tuesday, October 8. Check the ASHS program for location and other details. Kentucky’s October weather is great - warm dry days followed by cool evenings. You will enjoy the rolling country side and attractive horse farms. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Sincerely,
Jack Buxton