GREEK HOUSES TO CLOSE IN JUNE

A change in fraternity housing at Alfred Tech is set for June 14, 1964, when the college will no longer recognize fraternity owned houses as student living centers.

The decision by the college's seven-member administrative committee and approved by President Walter C. Hinkle was announced to the Interfraternity Council on January 6, 1964. Alfred Tech's new west side campus expansion program and the present condition of the fraternity houses are the reasons for the decision.

The college is embarking on a major building program which includes new dormitories to adequately house the student body of 2300 by 1970. Long-range plans call for all resident students to live in college approved housing units which meet the minimum requirements as specified by the State University Safety Engineer. Much of the current housing does not meet the requirements. However, it is the plan to vacate all such housing as quickly as possible by moving students into newly constructed dormitories or any other approved housing. The Saxon Heights dormitories are scheduled for demolition this spring.

To meet the minimum requirements, the fraternity houses are in need of extensive repair or replacement, especially Psi Delta Omega and Kappa Sigma Epsilon. The Gamma Theta Gamma fraternity house, located in the vicinity of the new campus, is scheduled for purchase by the state in 1964. All of the properties on Elm Street, with the exception of Theta Gamma, have already been acquired by the state.

President Hinkle said that he felt that the cost of repairing the present Psi Delta Omega and Kappa Sigma Epsilon to meet college standards or the building of new houses would place heavy financial burdens on the fraternity members, their alumni, and the faculty honorary who are officers in the fraternity corporations.

Use of college operated housing units by the fraternities as living centers will be possible beginning in September, 1964, and all three fraternities are now in the process of rushing new members. A committee of fraternity and sorority members and three faculty members has been established to formulate social and housing procedures.

Under the plan, fraternities will be able to continue their social organizations by moving as a group into a college operated dormitory or a wing of a large residence hall. The halls will be assigned to the fraternities on a yearly basis by the school's housing committee.

Current plans are to continue the college's three fraternities in their present buildings.

President Hinkle met with fraternity and sorority members and interested students at a public meeting at the gymnasium on January 23. Approximately 400 students heard Mr. Hinkle explain why the action was taken. Earlier, on January 20, 400 students, including the 82 current members of the three fraternities, staged a quiet demonstration march ending at the west side athletic fields where mock coffins were burned as a protest against the housing ban.

Theta Gamma dates back to 1921 when on March 19 of that year, seven students formed the social organization as an outgrowth of the old Bachelors and Knights of the Aggies clubs. One of the charter members was Paul B. Orvis, former student, faculty member and president, and now Executive Dean for State University Institutes and Community Colleges.

Psi Delta Omega, at 10 South Main Street, was founded in 1940 as Kappa Delta Sigma but changed its name in 1950 to Psi Delta Omega.

Kappa Sigma Epsilon began in January, 1953, as Alpha Tau but affiliated nationally as Kappa Sigma Kappa in March of that year, only to forego national affiliation in October, 1953, when the name was changed to KSE.

8 New Buildings Scheduled for '64

The greatest year in the history and expansion of Alfred Tech is scheduled for 1964. No less than eight buildings are on the schedule for bid letting according to Dean of the College Roger F. Rawe.

These include a new administration building, a library, a gymnasium, a second dining hall, a new dairy science center, two additional dormitories and a maintenance building. All except the barn will be built on the new west side campus on the site of the former Saunders Farm property.

The $325,889 dairy barn contract has already been awarded to the Decker Construction Co., of Elmira and a roads and underground utilities contract for $794,000 was awarded to the Hornell Const. Co.

The dairy center, which includes a stanchion type barn and a four cow milking parlor and classroom and laboratory space, replaces the barn which burned on October 2, 1960. It will be located on route 244 on the Belmont Road, adjacent to the animal science center.

CHAIRMAN HARRISON REAPPOINTED

William B. Harrison, chairman of the college's Institute Council since 1954, has been reappointed to a second nine year term by Governor Rockefeller. Mr. Harrison is a former faculty member who taught electronic subjects from 1937 until 1943 when he entered the U. S. Navy and again from 1946 until 1949 when he left to manage the Alfred Telephone Company which he had purchased and later renamed the Allegheny Telephone Co. Through acquisitions and incorporation, Mr. Harrison built the Independent Telephone Corporation to a firm which operates in 26 states through 15 subsidiary companies with a total of 98,000 telephones. He is president of Independent Telephone Corporation.