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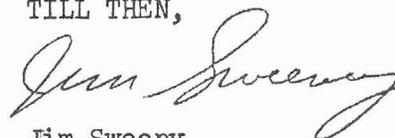
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## TILL THEN

This is the last Conference News about NAJAC 1953. In January we'll send out the first issue of Volume XI., the first news of NAJAC 1954. We wish the best to all 1953 delegates. May your NAJAC friendships and spirit mean more and more to you as time goes by, may all the things you learned be helpful in the years ahead. The Achievers Conference always has a special meaning for those who attend. That's why NAJAC'ers look forward to the day they'll meet again, and always sign their letters, --

TILL THEN,



Jim Sweeney  
Conference Director

## LONG GONE

We're very sorry we cannot help many of those who wrote in about lost articles. Apparently nobody found anything. We went through the dorms Friday and Saturday and found a number of articles which we saved and sent to those who asked about them. A number of others wrote about things we didn't find, we checked with Miami, and they don't have them either.

## WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT NAJAC

Some of you guys and gals just don't answer your mail. You haven't sent in your NAJAC questionnaires. Here are some of the answers from the 211 of you who helped by replying. Thanks to you for giving us your advice for a better NAJAC 1954. First, the five big questions about the main features.

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>
The Conference as a whole	205	6	0
Discussion groups	128	76	7
Business meetings	158	48	5
Recreation	190	18	3
Friday tour and luncheon	164	43	4

This showed a big improvement in regard for Business meetings. A good chairman really helps. It shows there is room for improvement in discussion groups. We thank those who replied for some very useful suggestions. All in all, most everybody who replied had a fair to good time. But what about the rest of you? Boy, could we be wrong. There's still time to send in your vote.

Those business meetings really made a hit. They were the best part of the Conference to a lot of people. The application of rules of order to help everyone have his say was a big part of it. How about trying that in your own J. A. company too.

Other "best" features were discussion groups, new friends, and dances. "Least" liked were food (who could eat in all that heat), discussion groups, business meetings, and just plain nothing at all. Some of the preferences show quite a difference of opinion, which is just what you'd normally expect. It suggests a program with more variation, more things going on at the same time so you can pick what you like best.

Elections went over pretty well. All but one person wants them, and 165 thought they were good, against 7 poor. Opinion was generally good about all phases of the election except the plurality vote that was in effect this year. There were 59 against it, many more than opposed any other feature. All are agreed on a wide range of standards that officers should fulfill. In this connection, all three of the old officers present did such fine jobs they've been asked to return next year as counselors.

Delegates favored J. A. company income taxes 160 to 47. 179 of you would like to be counselors, but only a few of you gave very sound qualifications.

Finally, you voted 174 to 30 that you could have come if the date were one week earlier. On that basis, we're planning future NAJAC's a week earlier, to avoid the crowded travel conditions on Labor Day weekend.

Those are the highlights. Thanks to all who replied.

#### ODDS AND ENDS

The Conference Resolutions have been published and copies sent to all area offices. Art Milano of Denver has written a Guide for Achiever Associations. All J. A. areas have a copy. More are available. Five albums of NAJAC pictures are in circulation throughout the country. Each center gets an album for one week according to a special schedule. Your J. A. office has the schedule. Watch for the album at your center and at all Regional Conferences.

#### JAMCO - NEJAC - SOJAC - WEST COAST

Four regional conferences this year. Many of us will take this chance to renew acquaintances. Here are the conferences, and your officers whom NAJAC is sending to meet you there. Look for us.

JAMCO	Chicago	December 28,29,30	Roger Alvey, Marilyn Smith, Jim Baskfield
SOJAC	Atlanta	January 29,30	Dick Freedman, Paul Coulter
NEJAC	Springfield	February 25,26,27	Mary Pat Tyrrell, Mary Manning
WEST COAST	Portland	March (tentative)	Ron Larson

#### PAPER WORK

There are 82 pages of discussion group reports to summarize. We are working on them and will mail copies to each area office soon.

Jeannine Johnson and the various committee chairmen did a fine job. We have all the minutes and reports -- all typed too.

Mary Pat Tyrrell is about ready with her first periodic report of Association activity. If your association hasn't written Mary Pat, have them do so at once. Copies of the report will go to all J. A. offices for each association. These reports are very helpful in showing what associations are doing, and how they do it.