

DKA Initiates John Huston

Famed Director Given Honorary Membership in SC Chapter

Motion Picture Director John Huston was initiated as an honorary member of the SC chapter of Delta Kappa Alpha, national honorary cinema fraternity, at the semi-annual initiation banquet Sunday evening.

Huston, who won the Academy Award as the best director of 1948, was guest speaker of the evening. He explained some of the difficulties encountered in the filming of "Treasure of Sierra Madre," the picture which earned him the best director Oscar.

Set Formula

He emphasized that he has no set formula which he follows when directing a film. The subject matter, he said, should determine the action entirely. He finds it better to concentrate his attention upon directing the camera, which is also "a personality," and allow the actors to perform naturally.

Huston's latest pictures include "The Asphalt Jungle" and "The Red Badge of Courage." He also produced "The Battle of San Pietro" and "Let There Be Light," two outstanding documentaries which he wrote and directed for the army.

Honorary Member

Dr. Lester F. Beck, head of the department of cinema, was also initiated as an honorary member.

Associate members of the fraternity initiated were Donald E. Henderson, Irving Lerner, Ed Ralph, Joseph Westheimer and Ralph Woolsey.

Fourteen students of the department accepted active memberships. They were Akira Asakura, William Cartwright, Lee Chaney, N. S. Champawat, Anthony Clarke, Sam Gandrud, Leon Gold, Shyam Gopal, Robert Krone, Kenneth Klura, Charles Nash, Robert Poe, Vladimir Portianko, and Keith Young.

Artistic Expression

Delta Kappa Alpha is dedicated to the study and promotion of the motion picture as a medium of artistic expression and as an instrument of education and entertainment. It operates as a service organization for the cinema department, and is instrumental in showing the Film Classics series.



SHOWN ABOVE are Herb Strock, national president of Delta Kappa Alpha, John Huston, Hollywood motion picture director, and John Mattias, president of the SC chapter of Delta Kappa Alpha. Huston was initiated into the SC chapter at a banquet held Sunday evening at Lucey's restaurant in Hollywood.