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fession. Jim Castleberry continues to contribute to the betterment of legal education and the profession. For this we are grateful.

SAM S. CRUTCHFIELD*

In December 1973, I flew to New Orleans to interview for the position of Executive Director of International Legal Fraternity Phi Delta Phi and it was there that I first met Jim Castleberry, the senior member of the Fraternity's Council or Board of Trustees. At that time, Phi Delta Phi had one hundred five student Inns in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico and many were inactive.

Jim was elected the thirty-sixth president of the fraternity in 1977 and, when his term of office expired two years later, the fraternity had one hundred fourteen student Inn charters, including the first in Guatemala; plans had been laid for the establishment of several more Inns; and many of our dormant Inns had been reactivated.

I had the privilege of spending a great deal of time with Jim during his term as president and never ceased to be amazed at this intellect, energy, drive and total commitment to Phi Delta Phi. And the reader should know that the position of president of Phi Delta Phi is an unpaid one.

Half-way through his term of office, Jim was appointed Dean of St. Mary's University School of Law. Rather than slow him down, this new position seemed to further fuel his unbounded energy. The law school, Phi Delta Phi and thousands of fraternity members were all beneficiaries of Jim's presidency.

Not only did he lecture students at St. Mary's on the need for soon-to-be young lawyers to strive to attain the highest standards of ethics but he also spread that same message to literally thousands of law students throughout the western hemisphere.

In his address to the fraternity's 43rd Biennial Convention in Quebec City, the dean emeritus reminded delegates and officers,

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By our conduct, we strive to set a good example for those in the legal profession with whom we practice and for those who shall follow us into this noble profession.

If each of us who have been privileged to know Jim Castleberry can set a fraction of the “good example” displayed by the dean, the legal profession will truly prosper and public respect for our profession will gradually re-surface.