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# CHAPTER CALENDAR



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Send names and data  
to Chapter or  
to Executive Office*

## SPECIAL DATES

February 26—Founders' Day.  
April (1st meeting)—Annual election of chapter officers.  
May (1st Sunday)—Sigma Pi Memorial Day.  
May (2nd Sunday)—Mothers' Day.  
June (3rd Sunday)—Fathers' Day.  
June 15—Furnish the Executive Office with the summer addresses of the chapter officers, names and addresses of Rush Committee members, and addresses of graduating members.

*Annual Awards  
for chapters:  
Scholarship Plaque  
Emerald Trophy  
Efficiency Certificates*

## EMERALD COPY

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July 1 for the August issue  
October 1 for the November issue  
January 3 for the February issue  
April 1 for the May issue

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## EACH MONTH

1st—Treasurer remit active member dues to E. O.

5th—Sage mail to the E. O. comprehensive Monthly Report, Form 32, covering previous month.

10th—Latest date for Treasurer to mail buff copies of General Entry Sheets (for previous month) to E. O.

30th—Secretary send minutes of chapter meetings: buff copy to E. O. and third copy to Province Archon. Don't let minutes accumulate; mail *at least* once or twice a month.

*\$6.00 Foundation Installments  
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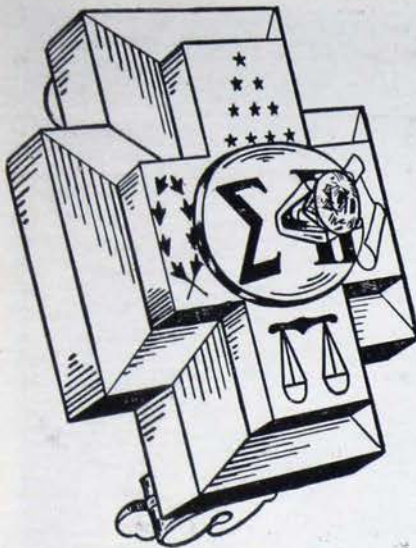
Mail Initiate-Registration, Form 10, with fee and M.R.&H. blank to Executive Office *not later than* day of actual initiation.

File membership reports promptly whenever Form 33 is distributed by the Executive Office.

File pledge scholarship data promptly upon receipt of Form 34.

Report on Proclamation, Form 30, the installation of every new chapter officer.

**WANTED:**  
*Traveling Secretary  
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# The EMERALD OF ΣΠ

November 1951

## Sidelines

*Sigma Pi mourns the loss of one of America's great cartoonists, Dudley T. Fisher, Gamma, of Columbus, Ohio. In striking difference from most so-called "comics," his work was always characterized by genuine, spontaneous, irresistible humor.*

*October 30, PGS M. Atlee Ermold and his wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. It seems clear that Brother Ermold has thus achieved a new all-time "first" among Grand Sages of Sigma Pi. While we hope that others, among the select group of those who have held the highest office in our fraternity, may eventually have occasion for similar celebration, our good friend Atlee will always have the honor of being the first.*

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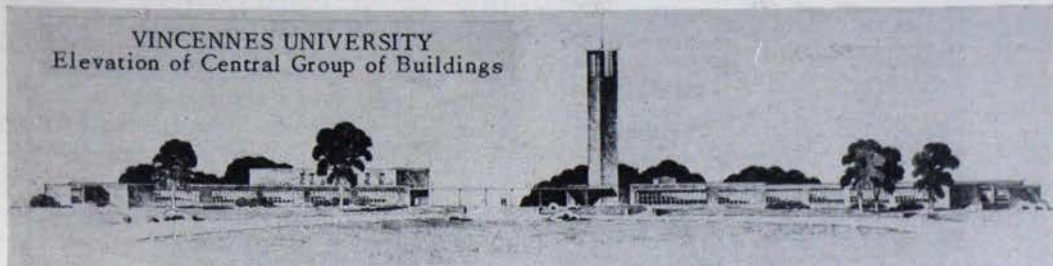
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# Right Around HOME MINNIE COOKS THE DINNER by Dudley Fisher



THE ORIGINAL OF THIS CARTOON HANGS IN GAMMA CHAPTER HOUSE AT OHIO STATE

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY  
Elevation of Central Group of Buildings



## VINCENNES UNIVERSITY'S RENAISSANCE

BY M. ATLEE ERMOLD, PGS

AS VINCENNES UNIVERSITY celebrates this year the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of its founding, it is only fitting that we of Sigma Pi should pay tribute, for there some fifty-four years ago Sigma Pi was born and, in obscurity, the fraternity we love so well was launched. While its interesting history is known to all our members, let us pause and briefly review its early beginning.

Vincennes was the first permanent settlement in Indiana, being established as a French military post in 1731, and a permanent settlement was made about the fort in 1735, and remained under French sovereignty until in 1777 it was occupied by a British garrison.

In 1778 an agent of George Rogers Clark took possession of the fort on behalf of Virginia, but soon afterwards it was re-occupied by the British, who named it Fort Sackville and held it until February 1779, when it was besieged and captured by Lieutenant Colonel George Rogers Clark, and passed under American control.

Without parallel in the Revolutionary War stands this epic struggle on the part of that courageous, valiant soldier who, without a single shot being fired, gained control over a vast territory, far greater than that covered by the thirteen colonies in the period when they fought darkly to cast off the British yoke and gain their precious freedom.

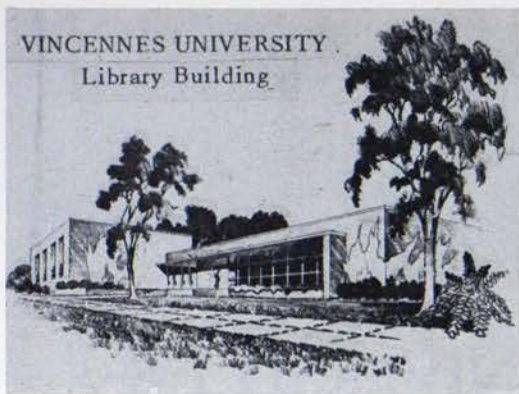
Hollywood alone could capture the life and times of the town of Vincennes as it became the capital of this great territory

when young William Henry Harrison, in 1800, acting as the first civil governor occupied the Harrison mansion and administered the affairs of the territory.

Picture, if you can, the social, cultural, and educational environment mingling as it did with the civil and military life in this important capital. Yes, educational, for the college-trained Governor and a small group of like-minded citizens organized the Jefferson Academy, undoubtedly named in honor of President Thomas Jefferson. A rude two-roomed building was erected in 1801 near the Harrison mansion. This Academy continued to function as a school of learning until 1806, when by authority of the Legislative Council, Vincennes University was founded as a successor to the Jefferson Academy.

The first Board of Trustees of the new University met in December, 1806. Governor Harrison (later to be heard from as the ninth President of the United States) was elected its first president. His portrait in oils still hangs, honored in the university president's office, and nearby on the wall is the bronze tablet commemorating the founding of Sigma Pi in 1897.

With such distinguished background Vincennes University should have taken its place with the other great universities of our land, but that was not to be. Let us draw a veil over the painful and discouraging years that followed, and pass on to the present and consider the re-birth awaiting the University as it



celebrates its one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of educational service to this locality.

Now in the dawn of this year came the ray of hope which would place Vincennes University upon the pedestal that its illustrious founders had dreamed. For in April we find our own Brother in Sigma Pi, Curtis G. Shake (one-time Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, later one of the Judges at the Nurenberg criminal trials in Germany), as it were, the apostolic successor of William Henry Harrison, President of the Board of Trustees. To him must credit be given for envisioning the plan of expanding on the seventeen-acre tract along the Wabash River, where, clustered about the old Harrison Mansion, will rise a campus with housing to meet the needs of a modern university for years to come. We know that in this movement Brother Shake was ably abetted and supported by our Honorary Grand Sage, Byron R. Lewis, a member of the Board.

Wise was the choice made by the Board in selecting, from a field of six architects, the firm of George M. Ewing of Philadelphia and as associate the local architect Lewis W. Routt. With wide experience, at home and abroad, in the design of college buildings, among which may be mentioned Swarthmore, Ursinus, Drexel Institute, Jullander School in Punjab, India, and Cameron Christian College in Africa, they are well equipped to do the work required for the greater Vincennes University. As a resident of Philadelphia we were urged by Brother Lewis to call at the offices of the architects and look over their plans. We were courteously received, and the following information was requested and generously furnished by Mr. Alexander Ewing, who also prepared the illustrations for this article.

The project logically divides into and covers four phases of construction, to wit:

Phase No. 1—Temporary Buildings

These temporary buildings are to be removed from George Field, which is an Army Air Base close to Lawrenceville, Illinois.

Use:—Engineering. These buildings are not shown on plot plan but will be located in space designated as parking.

Phase No. 2—1952 Construction (new)

1. Administration & Library
2. Student Union
3. Basic Classroom Units
4. Carillon Tower

Phase No. 3—1952 Construction

A. Formerly the Vincennes Water Works' main building to be altered into:

1. Auditorium
2. Music Center
3. Art Center
4. Statue of William Henry Harrison on terrace at end of mall

B. Former sedimentation building of Water Works to be altered into Practice House

Phase No. 4—Future Construction (listed by importance in relation to the needs)

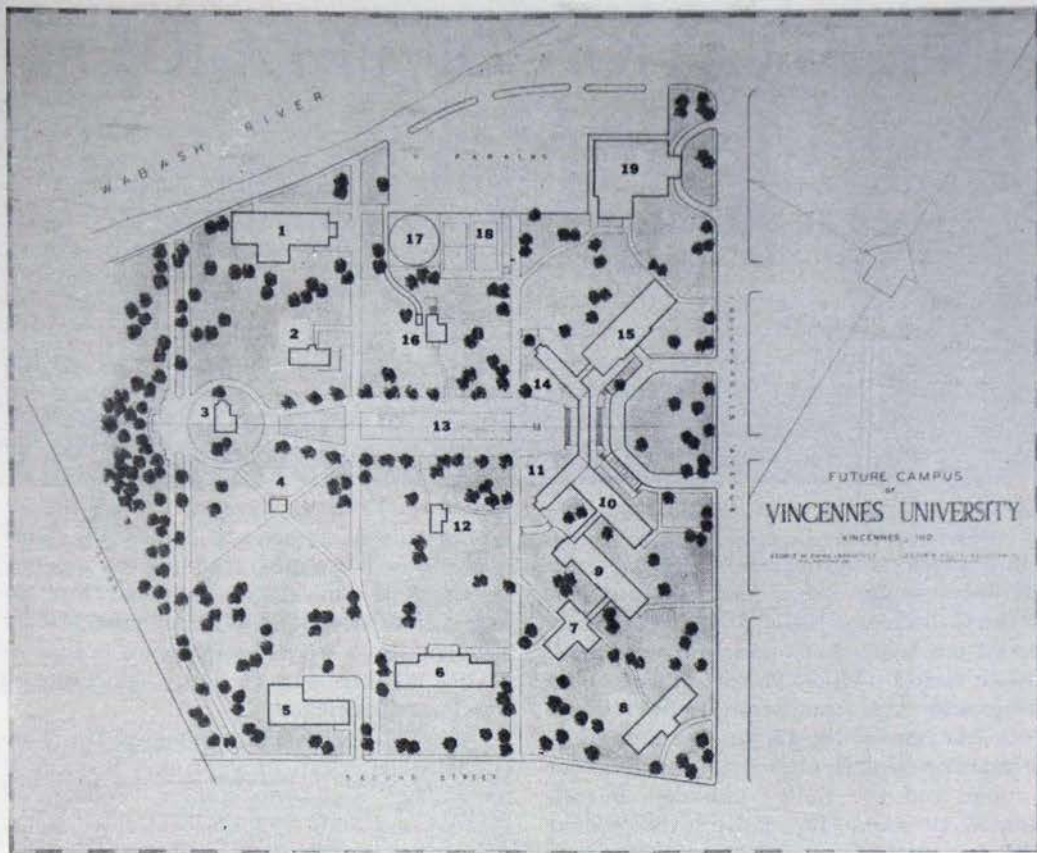
1. Engineering—classrooms, labs, etc.
2. Liberal Arts Wing
3. Library (space vacated by Dr. Beckes in Adm. will be utilized by additional Adm. Activities)
4. Gymnasium
5. Men's & Women's Dormitories
6. President's Home
7. Faculty Housing

(Note: Temporary engineering construction will be eliminated)

Architecturally the design of the new structures may be called modified colonial. The design is not the true colonial which the Board of Vincennes had desired. However, the following reasons dictated the design:

1. Excessive cost of colonial details such as pitched roofs, cornices, colonnades, etc.
2. Classroom areas, student union areas, etc., required large glass areas which upset a true colonial design.

Therefore a flat-roof modified traditional design was conceived. A simple colonnade connects the administration and student union buildings and is accented by a large brick carillon tower.



KEY TO BUILDINGS: 1—Temporary Auditorium, 2—Home Economics House, 3—Harrison Mansion, 4—Territorial House, 5—Faculty Apartments, 6—Men's Dormitory, 7—Library, 8—Girls' Dormitory, 9—Classroom Wing No. 2, 10—Classroom Wing No. 1, 11—Administration, 12—Nursery House, 13—Reflection Pool, 14—Students' Union, 15—Engineering Wing, 16—President's Mansion, 17—Water Tower, 18—Tennis Courts, 19—Future Auditorium.

The walls will be load-bearing, faced with colonial-style brick that is backed up with concrete block. An air space separates the brick and block so the interior of the block can be painted without plaster. This is, of course, an economic measure. The floor slabs are concrete laid directly on grade or fill. Asphalt tile covers the concrete. Flat roofs are covered with composition roofing. Marble trim and copings will be used extensively and will recall the colonial feeling.

Fluorescent lighting will be used throughout all administrative and classroom areas, but incandescent lighting will be used where a more domestic effect is required.

The site at Vincennes is absolutely flat and borders on the Wabash River. There are seventeen wooded acres. Because the present area has been subject to flooding from the river, the level of the buildings will be raised

approximately 8 feet above the present level. This jump in elevation, however, will be handled gently by a series of levels, terraces, steps, and natural-flowing grades. The main consideration in the plot study was the tying together of the William Henry Harrison House and the main college buildings.

Central heating is planned with the location of the plant being in the basement of the student union building. The stack is to be incorporated with the carillon tower, so as to do away with an ugly radial brick stack. The system will be zoned and will feed all present and future buildings on the site. Convectors and unit ventilators will be transmitters of heat and ventilation. A gravity ventilation system will ventilate all areas.

The drawings and specifications are to be completed on November 15, 1951. Bids will  
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# INSTALLATION OF BETA-IOTA CHAPTER

BY RUSSELL L. READY, B-I '51

**B**ETA-IOTA CHAPTER of Sigma Pi was installed at Arizona State College on Saturday, April 28, 1951. The ceremonies were performed in the Masonic Hall at Flagstaff, Arizona. The 47th active chapter to be added to the national organization, and the first in Arizona, was put into being in an impressive ceremony conducted by national and province officers.

Grand Officers who came to Flagstaff to install the chapter were: Harold Jacobsen, Executive Secretary; Ellis W. Barker, Chairman of the Sigma Pi Foundation; and Stedman C. Gould, Grand Third Counselor. Assisting with the installation were William Meyer, Archon of Nu Province; Dr. Max L. Basemann, acting faculty advisor of Beta-Iota Chapter; and Dr. Kelley Eldredge, Pi, advisor of the new Beta-Kappa Chapter at Tempe, which was installed twenty-four hours later. These brothers respectively acted in the following capacities during all the ceremonies: Grand Herald, Grand Fourth Counselor, Gould as Grand Sage, Grand Third Counselor, Max as Grand Second Counselor, and Kelley as Grand First Counselor. Assisting as one of the Travelers was Robert N. Medlyn, visiting Sage from Tempe.

Preceding the installation ceremonies proper, six Flagstaff neophytes were initiated by the installing team. Among them was Lester Oliver, Apache Indian student. Oliver had served as judge on his Tribal Council before attendance at the College. He is the first Apache Indian to become a member of Sigma Pi Fraternity. Other initiates were: Charles I. Gause, II, Tucson; Young A. Veazey, Jr., Flagstaff; John N. Droge, Prescott; Kenneth R. Powers, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Joseph M. Blanchfield, Chicago, Illinois.

Delta Richard Powers had the honor and pleasure of assisting with the initiation of his father, Kenneth R. Powers, into the Fraternity. The elder Powers teaches in the Las

Vegas, Nevada, high school, and is an alumnus of the College.

Following installation a semi-formal banquet was held in the dining-room of the Monte Vista Hotel. Master of ceremonies was acting advisor Basemann, substituting for Dr. L. J. Botleman, Sigma, Dean of Instruction at the College, who was seriously ill.

A minute of silence and prayer was called for by Bro. Basemann to honor the memory of two charter members who died before the installation: Kenneth Webber and Harold Sturgeon. Both were holding office at time of death. Webber was Herald, and Sturgeon was First Counselor.

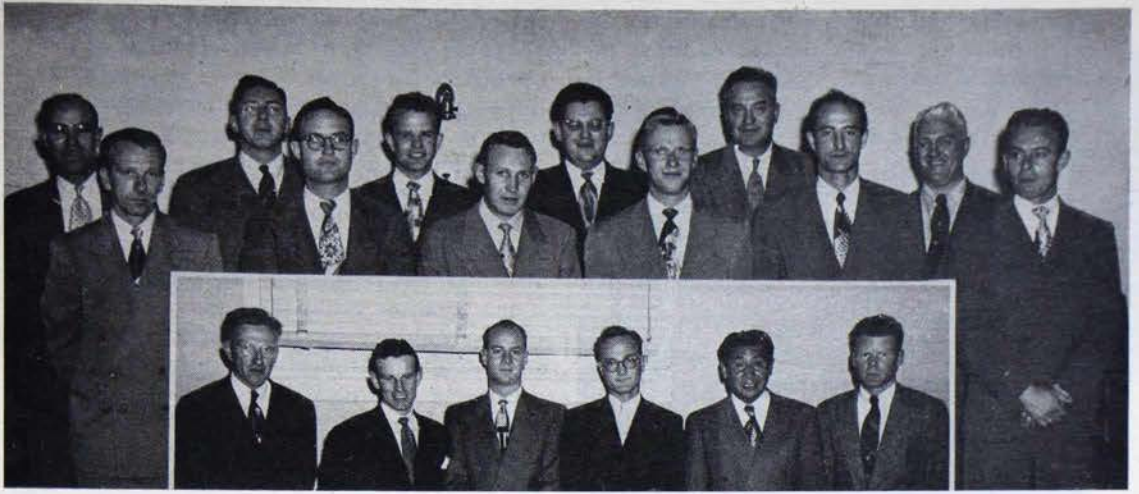
Guests at the banquet included Dr. Tom O. Bellwood, Dean of Personnel Services at the College, and Dean Dubler, President of the Arizona State chapter of Kappa Sigma Kappa Fraternity.

National officers present and Archon Meyer spoke on the various phases of fraternity organization and fraternity objectives. Ellis Barker explained the function and purpose of the Sigma Pi Foundation. Following the banquet informal discussions were held in the tap-room of the hotel.

Charter members of Beta-Iota Chapter are: Robert L. Belzner, Paul N. Chavez, Apolinar P. Diaz, Aaron R. Lipinski, Earl K. Meredith, Richard K. Powers, Russell L. Ready, Harold W. Sturgeon (deceased), Theodore R. Wallace, Kenneth L. Webber, Jr. (deceased), James J. Weston, and James R. Williams; and the following members of the college administration and faculty: Max L. Basemann, Lacey A. Eastburn, Melvin T. Hutchinson, Joseph C. Rolle, and J. Lawrence Walkup.

Chapter officers formally installed were: Russell L. Ready, Sage; George V. Tomada, First Counselor; Jerome Neumann, Second Counselor; Richard K. Powers, Third Counselor; James J. Weston, Fourth Counselor; and Frank E. Pfunder, Herald.





THE INITIATION CANDIDATES, first chapter officers, and members of the Beta-Iota installation team. Initiates (first row)—K. R. Powers, J. M. Blanchfield, C. I. Gause, J. N. Droge, L. Oliver, and Y. A. Yeazey, Jr. B-I Officers (second row)—J. Neumann SC, J. J. Weston FoC, G. V. Tomada FC, R. K. Powers TC, F. E. Pfunder H, and R. L. Ready, Sage. Installing team (rear)—H. Jacobsen, M. L. Basemann, W. D. Meyers, K. Eldredge, E. W. Barker, and S. C. Gould.

### History as Colony

The desire on the part of Sigma Pi to establish chapters in Arizona, and the interest and efforts of Dr. Basemann with regard to fraternities, resulted in a Sigma Pi Colony being established during the last week of May, 1949, when Executive Secretary Harold Jacobsen, en route east from the installation of Alpha-Omega Chapter at San Diego, stopped off at Flagstaff and with the assistance of Dr. L. J. Botleman, Sigma, formally pledged a group which included a number of faculty members. A formal initiation took place the following week under the supervision of William D. Meyer, then Deputy Archon of Mu Province. He was assisted by Evan Murphy, William Manning, Pete Aude, and Dick Emmons of Upsilon Chapter. The group started its activities under the leadership of Russell Ready as Sage, Robert Belzner, vice-president, Melvin Hutchinson, treasurer, and Max Basemann, secretary. Dr. Botleman, who was Sage of Sigma when it was installed at Iowa State College, consented to act as faculty adviser.

By the end of December, 1949, the group had grown in numbers by the addition of pledges and was participating in campus affairs, as well as holding social events. The colony observed Founders' Day on February 25, 1950, by initiating 13 neophytes. On

March 11 the colony held its first annual Orchid Ball in the Ashurst Auditorium, and in keeping with College custom and tradition, the dance was open to the entire student body.

Although the colony presented its formal petition under date of October 20, 1950, chartering was postponed, both as a matter of convenience for the Grand Chapter and likewise in order to afford the colony more time to become firmly established. During the academic year 1950-51, a total of 21 Flagstaff students were pledged and, including the 6 candidates presented for initiation at the installation in April, there was a total of 22 new members taken in during the school-year, including 4 faculty members.

Details and preparations for the installation were handled from Flagstaff mainly by Ken Meredith, to whom credit is due for his conscientious efforts and the valuable contributions which he made as an officer and leader in getting Sigma Pi established at Arizona State in Flagstaff.

### Brief College History

It is probably true that few other institutions of higher learning in the United States came into being under such humble and inauspicious circumstances as those surrounding the creation of Arizona State Col-

lege at Flagstaff. It has risen steadily to the point where it should become one of the outstanding colleges of the Southwest.

Through the efforts of F. H. Nellis, then representing Coconino County in the territorial council (Arizona gained statehood in 1912) and Henry D. Ross, later judge of the state supreme court, in 1893 the territorial legislature appropriated one-half million dollars for a reform school to be located



The "chiefs" at Beta-Iota installation: Stedman Gould, Ellis Barker, Kelly Eldredge, Apache Chief Lester Oliver (sans feathers and war paint), H. Jacobsen, and Bill Meyer.

at Flagstaff. About \$35,000 of this was expended for the construction of the central portion of a native-red-sandstone building (Old Main). The land on which the project was situated was donated by the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad.

The people of Flagstaff were not very happy about the reform school venture, and there seemed to be a very noticeable lack of boys in need of reform. This plan was discarded, and in 1897 it was suggested that the site be utilized as an insane asylum. This plan was even more distasteful to Flagstaff residents than the reform school had been, and pressure was immediately applied to nip it in the bud. The building then stood idle from 1897 to 1899, when, through the efforts of E. E. Ellinwood of Bisbee and M. J. Rordan of Flagstaff, the Twentieth Territorial Legislature was induced to meet the wishes of the people of Flagstaff in the sort of territorial institution they desired. This legislature voted to turn the buildings, grounds, and unexpended money remaining from previous appropriations over to the Normal School board of the territory, creating the Northern

Arizona Normal School. On September 11, 1899, the Northern Arizona Normal School opened with a faculty of two. The enrollment during the first two weeks totaled thirty-three students.

The institution enjoyed a healthy growth, enrollment rose, the campus and buildings expanded, and finally its status became that of a State College. A new \$350,000 Science Building was completed in April, 1950, and a new \$500,000 gymnasium and physical education building in January of 1950. The \$75,000 steel stadium was completed in 1948, and night lighting was installed in time for the 1948 football season.

A long-range program of building and improvements includes a new Student Union Memorial Building; a new Training School for elementary student teachers; plans to remodel or rebuild Old Main, and to remodel the old gymnasium for use as a girls' Physical Education Building. Also several shops, garages, and storage buildings are in process of erection.

An outstanding feature of the College curriculum is the famous Shrine of the Ages Choir, which presents an annual sunrise Easter service from the rim of the Grand Canyon over a national radio hook-up. The accessibility of the Canyon has allowed earth-science courses at the College to feature its study, and several over-night trips are made into the Canyon annually by classes.

Being situated in the heart of the largest stand of virgin pine in the world, the College is being considered as the site of a forestry school. On the athletic side the school is represented in the Border Conference. Arizona State College is primarily a teacher-training institution, and its record of placement of graduates in the field is unusually high.



## VINCENNES

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be taken shortly thereafter so that construction can begin in the early part of 1952.

Thus, from the ashes of the two-roomed Jefferson Academy, one hundred and fifty years later, will rise, Phoenix-like, a great institution of learning.

# DUDLEY T. FISHER

Nationally-known Comic Artist  
Dies on Vacation

DUDLEY T. FISHER, 61, Gamma, cartoonist creator of "Right Around Home" and "Myrtle," died July 10, shortly after he arrived at Rockport, Mass., on a summer vacation.

The Columbus artist, whose work was nationally known and was syndicated by more than 200 newspapers, was stricken with a heart attack in a hotel cottage near Rockport's famous seashore.

He was a member of The Dispatch staff for many years.

Fisher, his wife, Anne, and daughter, Marion, had arrived by plane Monday from Columbus.

His wife and daughter were with him when he died. He had been ill since May, with a heart ailment, but had continued working, doing his syndicated page and the daily cartoon strip, Myrtle, both of which appeared in The Dispatch.

Fisher was born in Columbus on Warren St. in 1890, and his work first appeared in contests staged by the juvenile magazine, St. Nicholas.

In his second year at Ohio State University, Fisher decided to forget his architectural ambitions in favor of the artist's drawing-board.

He was encouraged in this by Ray Evans, Sr., then Dispatch cartoonist and now its chief cartoonist.

Evans suggested that Fisher ask the late Arthur C. Johnson, Sr., the editor, for a job. He found the editor in the press room.

Later, recalling his first job interview, Fisher would tell how he and the editor shouted at each other over the roar of the presses. He got the job and in 1911 joined The Dispatch art department, as a retouch artist, doing odd chores under the kindly guidance of Evans and the late Billy Ireland.

During his career he created such cartoon characters as Myrtle, the boisterous dog Bingo, Slug, Sampson, Freddie, and Arnold.

For 19 years he did a weekly cartoon page called "Jolly Jingles" for The Dispatch. He also did another page between 1933 and 1937 "For Junior Readers."



The "stars" of the Jolly Jingles page were two young women, Annabelle and Flo, whose activities were described in verse.

During much of this time, he worked side by side with another Dispatch artist who has also gained national fame—Milton Caniff, who does the popular Steve Canyon strip.

A year ago, Caniff and Fisher had a reunion in The Dispatch news room where both had started their careers.

As a gag, each cartoonist drew a favorite character and switched faces, with Fisher drawing Myrtle's face on one of the Caniff girls and Canyon's face being affixed to Myrtle's body.

The page that brought him his greatest fame, "Right Around Home" first appeared in 1937 in The Sunday Dispatch.

It was soon syndicated by King Features and at the time of his death was ranked among the first five most popular features in the nation.

He felt that much of the charm of this page came "because I stumbled upon the truth that what readers like most is to read about themselves and the things they all do."

His characters were invariably realistic.

People often asked Fisher if his characters were people he knew and his answer was always "Yes."

Myrtle was inspired by his own daughter's childhood mannerisms; Slug was patterned after a boy who used to work in the neighborhood drug store, and Fisher admitted he always thought of himself as Freddy.

Bingo, the Great Dane, was in real life owned by a neighbor.

Fisher was the son of Dudley T. Fisher, Sr., and Mrs. Marion Garner Fisher, both of whom are dead. The elder Fisher was a

pioneer in early telephone systems in Ohio and Columbus.

In 1917, Fisher joined the Army and was assigned to the Air Corps where he specialized in aerial photography. He maintained this interest in photography in later years.

He served as technical advisor to the newspaper's photographic department. His counsel in the technical fields of mechanical reproduction also was valued by the editorial department.

His flying years were manifested in his technique of drawing cartoons from a bird's-eye view.

He studied Army courses at Cornell University and at the Eastman Co., and at the time of the war's ending was stationed in Texas.

Except for vacations, though, these were his only times away from his home town.

For many years he did all his work at The Dispatch, but he also maintained a studio in his home.

About 10 years ago, Fisher became interested in pipe-organs. With characteristic thoroughness, he studied them, and eventually built a complete pipe-organ in his home. He constructed the 350 pipes and did the complex electrical work necessary.

He also learned to play, and although friends said he was a talented musician, Fisher was not satisfied with his ability and said he felt he had started too late in life to become a good organist.

Fisher always had time to encourage young

artists, and his frequent advice to them was "put all your energy into what you draw and stop worrying about which pens and paper to use. Make the most of your chances. You'll never know which were the big chances until long after you try them."

Fisher used to say that his "big chance"—the idea for Right Around Home—came one December afternoon when he was daydreaming about what Christmas would be like on his grandmother's farm.

"If I had a grandmother, and if she had a farm," he would add.

He drew the picture, and people liked it. So he drew more of the same.

Archie and Alice, the robins in Right Around Home, first appeared infrequently, but became a regular part of the page because people liked them and told Fisher so.

That, actually, was the entire story of Fisher's career—drawing pictures that people liked. In this way he brought happiness to millions.

Fisher was a member of the Scioto Country Club, the Faculty Club, the University Club, the Wolfe Industries Quarter Century Club, Young Business Men's Club, Columbus Press Club, Sigma Delta Chi, *Sigma Pi*, and the First Community Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anne Potts Fisher; daughter, Marion, and a sister, Mrs. Nathan Marple, 2194 Farleigh Rd.



# BETA PROVINCE CONVENTION

BY ARCHON FRANK C. FRYBURG, Θ '49

As the sun rose above Old Mt. Nittany, symbol of the Pennsylvania State College, and looked down upon the beautiful valley below, the delegates of Theta, Kappa, Nu, Chi, Alpha-Chi, and Beta-Theta Chapters assembled on September 7 in the Club room of the Theta Chapter House to begin the 1951 Beta Province Convention. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 A.M. Friday by Archon Fryburg. Roll-call revealed the presence of thirty-four delegates including the Sages of all seven Chapters, and traveling Secretary Paul M. Bardes.

The first item of business was the discussion of the motion passed at the 1950 Convocation in Salt Lake City recommending Hershey, Pennsylvania, as the site for 1952. After deciding that Beta Province was anxious to be the host to the coming Convocation, a discussion of possible sites followed. The feelings of the group were expressed in the following resolution drawn up by a committee of the Sages and passed at a later meeting:

*Resolution: We, the Chapters of Beta Province, hereby extend to the Grand Chapter an invitation to hold the 1952 National Convocation in Beta Province. We pledge our help in making the necessary arrangements and suggest that the Convocation be held in Washington, D.C., with Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as a second choice.*

When the problem of expansion in Beta Province was brought before the group, Sage Rock of Chi made the very timely suggestion that it would be desirable to learn the condition of the existing chapters before considering the subject. The Sages' reports revealed:

- 1) All seven Chapters were counting heavily on their 1951-52 rushing programs to obtain manpower urgently needed for efficient operation.
- 2) Two Chapters considered their financial conditions serious.
- 3) All seven chapters either owned or rented houses, but two were desirous of purchasing new locations with possible loans from the Σ II Foundation.

With this information as a background, a very extensive discussion followed and culminated in the adoption of the following expansion policy for the Province:

*Resolution: It is resolved that Beta Province is not in favor of expansion in the immediate future except by the addition of strong established Locals.*

*It is further resolved that a local shall not be considered unless it has been established for at least three years. The local would be required to spend a minimum of six months as a colony, and would not be chartered until it had been established for at least four years.*

The purpose of the six-month colonization provision was to give a local an opportunity to see whether or not it could survive under the increased expense of nationalization. Because experience has revealed that a local tends to decline after the graduation of the founders, the provision requiring a minimum existence of four years prior to chartering was added. This Province resolution was designed to minimize the danger of acquiring new chapters which would be a burden on the national at a time when all efforts and resources are needed to maintain our present chapter roll and still permit the establishment of financially strong groups.

In addition, a broader policy for future expansion, designed to develop closer cooperation within the Province, was developed. It consisted of the following rules:

- 1) Each expansion project is to be a joint effort of several chapters whenever possible.
- 2) In addition to general requirements now in practice, new groups to be sought on the basis of:
  - a) Nearness to existing chapters.
  - b) Participation in intercollegiate activities with colleges of existing chapters within the Province.

In accordance with previously announced plans, the Friday afternoon session consisted of four group conferences where delegates with common responsibilities met to exchange ideas. The four conferences were for the Sages, the Third Counselors and Stew-



REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BETA PROVINCE CONVENTION have their picture taken at the entrance to Theta chapter house. Grand Second Counselor Lowe and Archon Fryburg are the two smiling gentlemen standing at front center, while at the extreme right is Traveling Secretary Bardes.

ards, the Alumni Secretaries, and the Rushing Chairmen and Pledge Trainers. From reports received these meetings appear to have been the most fruitful part of the entire convention.

Each group chose a spokesman who was given a general outline of pertinent subjects to guide the discussion. In addition Secretary Bardes and Archon Fryburg circulated among the conferences to lend assistance on problems of national policy and other matters. Bro. Bardes also discussed the new section in the Officers' Handbook on "Pledge Training and Instruction."

Following a very enjoyable evening of general fellowship, the Saturday morning meeting opened at 10:45. One member of each conference group was called upon to give a brief report of the previous afternoon's discussion and to bring any unsolved problems before the assembly. Included in this discussion was the adoption of the above-mentioned resolutions drawn up during the Sages' conference.

The remainder of the morning session was devoted to a lecture by Archon Fryburg on

the history and recent financial progress of the Sigma Pi Foundation. He further emphasized the advantages both to the individual and to the chapters of requiring each new initiate to become a paid-up Supporting Member.

In an effort to emphasize the proper method of conducting a formal meeting, the final session was held in the Lodge Room with complete ceremonies under the leadership of Sage Hoke, Theta. All Delegates were urged to make a greater effort to have their meetings conform more closely to the method described in the Manual of Ceremonies.

The final topic of discussion was the membership restrictive clause. Those who had attended the 1950 Convocation explained why the Grand Chapter was studying the problem. Realizing that the delegates should not attempt to come to any conclusion without first consulting their chapters, a motion by Bro. McMullen, Kappa, was passed to require each Chapter to send its opinions to Archon Fryburg by October 15, 1951.

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# ZETA PROVINCE CONVENTION

BY DAVE HILTON, A-P '52

THE Alpha-Rho Chapter House was the site of a Zeta Province convention held August 24 and 25.

Arrangements for the meeting were made by Dave Hilton, Sage of Alpha-Rho, who acted as Archon in the absence of a successor to Bob Merriman. The chapter representatives were: Gifford Douglas, Sage of Alpha-Pi; Dave Hilton, Sage of Alpha-Rho; Clair Smith, Sage of Alpha-Sigma; and James Smith, Sage of Beta-Delta. Tom Foster, Alpha-Iota's Sage, was unable to attend, but that chapter sent a very able brother to represent them.

The convention started off with a smoker in the chapter house Friday night. The first business session began at 8:45 the following morning. The topics and a review of the discussions are as follows:

*Rushing:* It was pointed out that rushing was a year-around project; that one should always have his eyes open because every day each member has the prospect of meeting a new man. Another important fact brought out was individual rushing. Double date with the rushee, take him out for a coke, or just sit down on the campus and talk with him. A lot more can be said and close relations developed between two than among many. Also a man usually joins a fraternity because he has met fellows in the group he wants for his friends and not because he thinks they are a group of hot-shots. The best results will be obtained by forming warm friendships between actives and rushees. Rush parties are a necessity, but additional individual rushing, upon which there is no

time-limit as at a party, can mean the difference between a successful and an unsuccessful rush season.

*Pledge Training:* In training the pledge each chapter will probably have its own program, but the end-result desired by all the chapters is the same: To make a good member out of the pledge. This is a period of instruction in which the pledge should be required to learn everything possible about Sigma Pi, the fraternity system, and the local chapter. It is also a period of training. Arouse in each pledge a genuine interest in the organization and its ideals. Remember that the many things the pledges are asked to do and learn are not for the entertainment of the actives, but for the benefit of the pledges.

*House Management:* The delegates discussed the many problems involved in operating a house or chapter for the mutual benefit of all members. It was pointed out that group living made it necessary to have such things as study hours, rules and regulations, officers with duties and responsibilities, a sound financial system. But no matter how good the organization might be "on paper," a chapter cannot be successful unless the proper spirit prevails at all times.

Other business discussed included alumni relations, interfraternity relations, accounts receivable, and a general discussion during which many things were brought up.

Zeta Province had a very successful convention and is looking forward to another meeting in February in connection with the celebration of Founders' Day.

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The concluding address was given by GSC and Past Foundation Chairman Richard G. Lowe. In his message he emphasized that in the perilous period ahead for the fraternity system it was the duty of every brother and chapter to make a definite effort to improve the position of fraternities in the eyes of the public. He cited the Christmas parties

for underprivileged children as a fine example of the kind of charitable and civic projects we should undertake as a means of gaining favorable publicity for fraternities.

With this inspiring message as the finale, the delegates prepared to return to their respective chapters. With them went the determination to make this a fine year for Sigma Pi and the desire to develop closer cooperation among all the chapters in Beta Province.

# NU PROVINCE CONVENTION

BY ARCHON WILLIAM D. MEYER, T '44

THE first Convention of the recently-formed Nu Province was held at Upsilon chapter, Saturday, August 25. Representatives of Upsilon, Alpha-Omicron, Alpha-Omega, and Beta-Kappa chapters and the Southern California and Golden Gate Alumni Clubs were in attendance.

Informality was the keynote of this first meeting as discussion of individual and mutual chapter problems was highlighted. The morning session began at 9:30 with a few words of welcome from Archon Bill Meyer. Messages of good wishes for a successful meeting from Grand Sage Bill Smith and Executive Secretary Harold Jacobsen were read. GTC Sted Gould flew to Los Angeles to represent the Grand Chapter. He honored the gathering with a few remarks and some well-received advice and comment. Jack Murray, Secretary-Treasurer of the Golden Gate Alumni Club, flew down from San Francisco to join the gathering. He also presented some fine ideas to the group. Dr. Don Allison, Chapter Advisor of Upsilon, also attended and was very helpful in the discussion session. Noon found the delegates adjourning to a Westwood Village restaurant for luncheon.

Most of the topics taken up were those suggested by the delegates in advance of the meeting. These were all timely and vital to the continued growth and strength of Sigma Pi. The following is a brief résumé of topics discussed and points brought out by members present.

1. Chapter records and reports are the responsibility of the chapter officers, particularly of the Sage. These records are vital to the fraternity and must be up to date. A recapitulation of these reports and when they are due is provided in the Chapter Calendar in each issue of THE EMERALD.

2. Good alumni relations are needed by every chapter to build a strong alumni group. Many things can be done by chapters to foster this aim—produce a chapter publication interesting to all alumni; hold social functions honoring them such as Homecom-

ing, Founders' Day Banquet, alumni stags; invite alumni to attend meetings and gatherings of the fraternity; and keep alumni address files up to date for the use of the chapter and the alumni.

3. Scholarship is the most important item in the life of every undergraduate fraternity member. Methods of instilling good study habits in members were suggested. The Educational Committee of the fraternity recently issued in outline form a scholarship plan which should be very helpful to all of the chapters.

4. The need for good publicity and public relations is at its peak. Recent years have seen many a brick-bat flung toward the fraternity system. Good publicity comes from constructive school and civic projects sponsored by and carried out by fraternity men. There is a great variety of such projects which can be undertaken.

5. Rushing, the life blood of a fraternity, was the leading topic of the day. In considering rushing, membership balance within a chapter is extremely important; a predominance of any one class can be a serious blow to the chapter when that class graduates, if membership in lower classes is not built up.

Members, both alumni and undergraduate, are the best source of potential rushees. Recommendations from alumni or other chapters should always be followed up and acknowledged. The newly revised section of the Officers' Handbook concerning "Rushing and Pledging" which has just been received by all chapters was discussed and reviewed. This addition to the handbook will be of a great deal of assistance.

Ideas for rush programs, parties, and activities were exchanged. It was decided to establish a province rush committee to exchange ideas and to draw up plans for cooperative inter-chapter rushing particularly during vacation periods.

6. Pledge training is another important factor in the development of a strong chapter. A preliminary revision of the section of the



# ACROSS THE DESK

By Wendell Kellogg, A-A

Director of Public Relations, University  
of Bridgeport

Officers' Handbook covering this subject has just been issued to all chapters. Various plans of discipline were outlined. Training should be strictly constructive and should be integrated with civic and school projects to build public relations. Because of varying situations a different program must be carried on at each chapter to fit in with existing campus rules and regulations.

7. Finances and house management are always a problem. Sound budgeting on the part of the chapter is absolutely necessary. Collection of accounts receivable is a snag for every treasurer. The consensus was that the discount for prompt payment rather than the fine for delinquents was the best plan to follow. The need for close coöperation with the alumni comptroller and chapter advisor was recognized.

8. Sigma Pi has seen the greatest movement of expansion here in the west during the past four years. Expansion is still an important factor with those in this area. A committee of members from each chapter in the province has been established to coördinate efforts in future projects. Numerous possibilities were pointed out and discussed. A vote of confidence was given to the national Expansion Committee for the fine job done thus far and solid backing for continued efforts in the future.

Alpha-Omega merits special mention for the largest group of delegates attending. Many thanks are due all of the members present for making the first Nu Province Convention a success. The delegates include Dewey Shepard, Don Bullock, Don Nater, Jim Ross, and Joe Henriksen of Upsilon; Jim Mulick of Alpha-Omicron; Jim Baumgart, Bill Wood, Keith Collard, Lowell Zuehlke, Larry Bogle, Jim Spears, and Bob Berry of Alpha-Omega; and Bob Medlyn of Beta-Kappa.

WE ARE living in a topsy-turvy world, where things of greatest value are rated low and things of little value are made much of. The longer a war or national emergency goes on, the more of a habit this crooked scale becomes. Normally we shrink from violent death, but in wartime we turn to the business of killing. We devote our genius and productive power to better ways of inflicting death. We still employ the false hope that it is possible by war to end wars, that by one more war, one more victory, peace will be secured once and for all. It never works. Whenever any nation puts its supreme faith in force, and neglects the character of its citizens, or the justice and value of its institutions, then it has forgotten God.

As a nation we are beginning—just beginning—to face the facts of life. As individuals we are still in turmoil. The uncertainties keep us from making sound judgments. The evidence we gather, conflicts. We are so beset on all sides that we lose sight of our own goals. As so many separate drinks finally create a drunkard, so the many little concessions we make to the expediency of the moment gradually dull our moral fibre until we are like drifting boats on a slow tide. Too many of us are in different boats, drifting in different directions. Not enough of us are pulling together, trained by a vigorous will, servant of a tender conscience, respectful of individuals and masses alike. Remember that when you point a finger at somebody else, you are pointing three fingers at yourself.



# A CHAPTER ADVISER'S DEPARTING MESSAGE

IT HAS BEEN a real pleasure to work with conscientious, loyal, and honest young men and I must express my deep, sincere appreciation to the brothers of Beta-Gamma Chapter and all other Sigma Pi's for providing me the opportunity to work with them in fulfilling the ideals of a great organization and making a contribution to our Fraternity and college.

*I Believe in Sigma Pi, a Fellowship of kindred minds.* We must teach our men to live, work, and play together in harmony and peace by realizing and accepting each other's individual rights. We must be willing at all times to submerge those rights where necessary for the good of the college and the Fraternity. If this is accomplished Sigma Pi will grow rapidly. If this idea can be radiated to the student body our college and nation will be a success.

*United in Brotherhood to advance Truth and Justice.* Men of Sigma Pi must seek to develop truth and justice in their daily lives by developing a sense of civic responsibility, which is definitely necessary for good citizenship. As a member of an integrated group on the campus, it should cause every member to desire to be active in campus activities—not just for self, but for college and fraternity. By taking part in college activities, you will develop an instinct of civic responsibility so that when you are out of college you will want to take your place in community organizations. There is no better way of promoting truth and justice than by taking part in the activities of the campus and fraternity and by living such a life that all will know that Sigma Pi men practice what they claim to believe.

*To promote Scholarship.* Sigma Pi expects and demands of its brothers a high quality of scholarship and a fine spirit of cooperation with the college and the faculty in order that the ideals of the institution shall be served adroitly and faithfully by its sons.

Chapter members, you must support the college of which you are a part. NEVER let fraternity life interfere with your primary objective of going to college. We must complement the work of the college and give the individual a well-rounded life on the campus.

*To encourage Chivalry and diffuse Culture.* We must strive to enlarge the formal aspects of education by providing social and cultural outlets by developing etiquette, wholesome fellowship, and good sportsmanship through living, studying, working, and playing with one another. This refinement calls for a painstaking practice of self-restraint and thoughtfulness of all men. You cannot consistently think you're a gentleman and refuse to behave like one. And now, with the strain and stress of world conditions, these fraternity values are even greater.

*To develop Character in the Service of God and Man.* Choose your men wisely by their character and staunch uprightness. Set up objectives in your whole fraternity program that directly build and develop character. This is the period in life when the time is opportune for the fostering of qualities and ideals that make for character. We must demand and expect each man to possess high moral character. Your standards of morality and personal conduct must be unquestioned. It is the individual who will and who must, in a real sense, keep Sigma Pi climbing up the ladder of success.

Brothers, we have the fundamental concepts and ideals. We have the belief personified by Byron R. Lewis, elder brothers of Sigma Pi, alumni of our own chapter. We have the ability and leadership evidenced by our action. Wear your badge, never be ashamed to admit your feelings toward fraternities; be ready to give a satisfactory and victorious answer to any critic of college fraternities. Maintain an attitude of dignity and respect toward all the other fraternities, recognizing their merits and adroitly avoiding their evils; continue the responsibility which is yours.

NEVER forget the fact that our affiliation with Sigma Pi transforms us from a conglomeration of individual people into a purposeful body of men united by brotherhood, interests, objectives, and beliefs. We must continue up the path trodden by our predecessors and make our contributions as outstanding. If by our actions and deeds on the

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# IOTA'S NEW CHAPTER HOUSE

BY GORDON JOHNSON

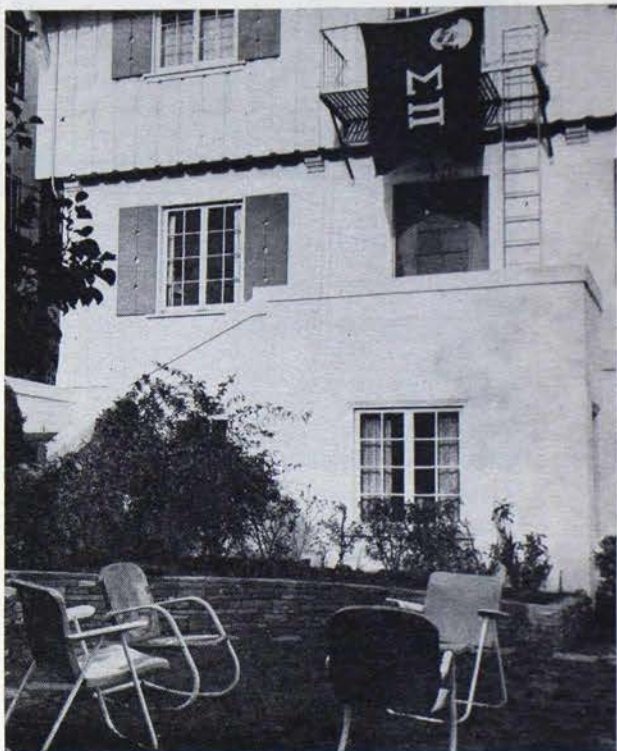
**A**FTER a continuous three-year search, Iota Chapter at long last found a new house. Located just across the street from campus in the northside area, our new home is one of which we can justly be proud.

The three-story stucco house boasts a mahogany-paneled living-room, library alcove, and fraternity office. A convenient study opens off the living-room on the main floor. The first floor consists of a tile-floor dining-room, kitchen, scullery, cook's bedroom, and carpeted den-music room. Most of the nine bedrooms are located on the third floor, and all sport single inner-spring mattress beds, individual desks, chests of drawers, and mirrors.

The house, which can comfortably house 30-35 men, came completely furnished throughout. Complemented by our own leather furniture and lamps, Iota's new home is one of the most handsome on the Berkeley campus.

The building was taken on a two-year lease with an option to buy at the end of that period, the rent then to be applied on the purchase price.

We have both our untiring house committee and the very generous financial support of our local alumni association to thank for making this, our long-awaited house, a reality.



*Close-up of entrance to Iota chapter house showing terrace. Like many houses in the picturesque Bay area, the building stands upon a slope.*



*Views of the attractive interior of Iota's new home: Left—A corner of the dining-room showing a table setting. Right—Fireplace in the mahogany-paneled living-room.*



## Alumni Addition in the Far West

New impetus has been added to the expansion of Sigma Pi in the far west with the announcement of the organizing of the Alpha-Omicron Alumni Club of Santa Barbara. Started as a colony in 1947 and instituted as a chartered chapter in 1948, Alpha-Omicron becomes the first in the string of new western chapters to organize its alumni into a self-contained unit.

Boasting a membership of sixty-three, including the graduates from Santa Barbara College of the University of California of years '48 through '51, the A-O Club has drafted and approved by-laws, instituted regular meetings, contributed to a general fund, and elected officers for the ensuing year. Sounding the gavel for the next twelve months will be past Sage CHARLES ROBBERSON '50, now in graduate school at U.C.L.A. Working with Bro. Roberson will be BYRON KIMBALL '50, corresponding secretary; DAVID BENTLEY '50, recording secretary-treasurer; JIM MULICK '51, EMERALD correspondent; and KEN TREVEY '51, Alumni Comptroller. LEE HARDY '49 is an ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

September 12 was the date of the first meeting, held at the Beverly Hills residence of Graham Mehaffey '50, with a large number in attendance from the Los Angeles area. Those attending include Dave Bentley, Dennison Curtiss, Lee Hardey, Howard Houck, Byron Kimball, Charles Roberson, Ferrin Talley, George Machado, Walt Stone, Jim Mulick, Ken Trevey, Vincent Zivelonghi, Frank Dominguez, Norman Avery, Wayne Fitkin, Dick Church, John Aston, Barry Hoelscher, and host Graham Mehaffey. Discussion cen-

tered around a number of amber-colored 32-ounce bottles for the greater part of the evening, and plans were formulated for future alum get-togethers. The newly-adopted by-laws call for at least one per semester in addition to the traditional Homecoming and Orchid formal activities.

Two early events of the Club were a small party after the Pomona-Santa Barbara football game at Pomona on September 29, and a mass invasion of the chapter house in Santa Barbara on October 19-21 for the 1951 homecoming ceremonies. Homecoming this year had a "C-Shore Hit Parade" theme, and Sigma Pi welcomed its alumni at the traditional homecoming breakfast Sunday morning. The Executive Board met later that day. Future events will be announced through the medium of the A-O Chapter publication, the *Observer*.

Those two stalwarts representing the Army and Marine Corps respectively, Pvt. JOHN ASTON and Sgt. BARRY HOELSCHER, attended the A-O Club ceremonies and, after considerable coaxing from their friends, related some of their exciting war stories! Fathers Stone, Roberson, and Church were trading baby pictures while bachelors Talley, Hoelscher, and Zivelonghi exchanged phone-numbers. Manager Howard Houck of the world's largest cafeteria, Cliffords, gave a short lecture on 3-2 nutrition, and Lee Hardy appointed several new officers in the "Order of the White Camelia." All in all, it was quite an evening, and one that should lead to bigger and better alumni support of the active chapter at Santa Barbara.

In the news this time is DAVE EHRENFELDT '50 now a purser on the SS *Lurline* of the Matson Lines between Honolulu and San Francisco. MEL POWELL '48 is the new principal-superintendent of the Gaviota School District at Gaviota, California. All alums can contact the new Club at 618 Veteran Avenue, Los Angeles 24, California.—James F. Mulick

## Alpha-Pi (Arkansas State) Conclave

JOHN W. EASLEY was named September 1 by acclamation to serve as president of the alumni association of Alpha-Pi chapter. He was appointed at the fourth annual alumni conclave held at the Hotel Peabody in Memphis, Tennessee. He will serve two years. Bro. Easley succeeds Jerry Sallee.

WILLIAM SCOTT CAMPBELL was elected vice-president. He succeeds Pink B. Pratt. The Third Counselor of the active chapter is also the treasurer of the alumni association. The First Counselor is alumni secretary.

Easley was graduated from Arkansas State College in 1949. Since that time he has participated and been very interested in active chapter affairs. He is at present an instructor of vocational agriculture at Stanford High School near Paragould, Arkansas.

A yearly membership fee was voted by the alumni who convened at the hotel. Part of this fee will be used by the chapter in publishing an alumni newsletter, part will go into a separate bank account from which money can be drawn only by consent of a majority of paid-up alumni. Money in the special account will be used to purchase tangible materials for the active chapter.—*John B. Webster '49*

### Walter Lemmond—Safety Director

Past Grand Second Counselor Walter H. Lemmond, Jr., Psi, was ordered back to active duty several months ago. Lt. Col. Lemmond is Post Safety Director at the Army Chemical Center in Maryland.

Bro. Lemmond had a great deal of experience in safety engineering in connection with his position as insurance manager in Atlanta, prior to his recall. He has a total of some 14 years active and reserve military service, including 30 months duty in Italy during World War II.

As Safety Director at the Army Chemical Center, Walter is responsible for the over-all safety program at that post. The following paragraphs, quoted from one of his letters, tell about his new stretch in the army and should be of interest to many members of Sigma Pi.

"I reported for duty on June 24 and after going through the usual processing was given the assignment of Safety Director at Army Chemical Center in Maryland. The assignment is a most interesting one, and from all appearances thus far will prove to be best I have had in the Army. Since most of the research and development at this installation revolves around incendiaries and chemical warfare agents, it is only natural that every precaution must be taken to reduce accidents and eliminate any hazard that might cause a



LT. COL. WALTER H. LEMMOND, JR., Psi, Safety Director at Army Chemical Center, Maryland.

fire or explosion. Thus my activities are diversified, and if the past three weeks are examples, there will never be a dull moment during the next twenty months and one week.

"The organization at this post is different from any I have ever seen before. The Safety Director is a special staff officer reporting directly to the C.G. The position is primarily that of coordination and supervision, as the actual operations are conducted by civilian safety engineers or inspectors assigned to the various commands stationed here.

"The army has changed much since the war, and, I am happy to report, the change is for the better. There are a fine group of officers here who appear to have the ability and determination to do a good job. I have been informed that most of the mediocre and 'never-had-it-so-good' variety have been weeded out. Since about half of the Chemical Corps officers on active duty are serving overseas, the chief concern of almost everyone here is whether or not he will be in the next overseas allotment.

"Despite the fact that everything so far has been to my liking . . . will welcome my re-entry into the insurance business again in March, 1953.

"Recently a young corporal by the name of TODD M. FRAZIER, JR., reported to my office where he was being assigned as a statistician. Upon querying him about his background, I found out that he is a brother Sigma Pi and son of one of the founders of Lambda chapter at Kenyon. I also have another Sigma Pi here, 1st Lt. WILLIAM H. MAGILL, Alpha-Iota. It's a small world."

JOHN F. HETRICH, I '23, Lt. Commander in the Coast Guard is Director of the Auxiliary of the 12th Coast Guard District and also is the editor of the *Whistling Buoy*, a publication of the Coast Guard.

LEON R. ROBBINS, JR., B-E '50, has resigned his position on the staff of *Service Magazine*, a publication of the City Service Company, and joined the advertising staff of Westinghouse Electric Corporation as of September 1, 1951. Bro. Robbins is located at Westinghouse's southern district in Atlanta, Georgia.

JAMES D. CARTER, A-K '40, former past Grand Fourth Counselor and also a past Archon of Kappa Province, has opened his own office for the practice of architecture at 3244 De Saix Boulevard, New Orleans 19, Louisiana. Jim is a member of the American Institute of Architects.

## Beta-Theta (Drexel)

### Alumni Organize

The graduation of twenty-seven men in June provided sufficient members for a chapter alumni association, because before that time the new post-war local, which became Beta-Theta chapter in November, 1950, had had very few alumni.

Immediately after June graduation, temporary officers were selected to lay the ground work for creating a workable alumni organization. Considerable has been accomplished within the past two or three months. The constitution and by-laws committee has just about completed its task. A membership drive will be launched in connection with Drexel's alumni homecoming on November 10, and it is hoped that every alumnus of Beta-Theta will be enrolled and will support the activities of the chapter alumni association. It is planned to hold regular meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the chapter house. For information or particulars at any time, contact any one of these officers: ELLISON

DAVISON, president; CARL SHOEMAKER, vice-president; FORREST PIERCE, secretary; JOHN NICHOLSON, treasurer.—Neal Warner

## Arthur Fletcher Plant, Z '16

One of the most active and influential alumni of Zeta chapter is Arthur Plant. Art is very prominent and well known in the business world, and is also a capable leader in his church and community.

He was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1894, and was graduated from Barringer High School in Newark, New Jersey. Following his graduation from Ohio Northern University in 1916 with a B.S.C.E. degree, he journeyed to Detroit to take a job with the Austin Engineering Company. Bro. Plant is now president and director of Austin Engineers Inc., which has branches in Cleveland, Detroit, and the Dominion of Canada. A member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Engineering Society of Detroit, he is also vice-president of the Michigan section of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Arthur Plant is chairman of the Department of Missions, Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, and is on the City Planning Commission of Birmingham, Michigan. He is married and has two fine sons. His office is in the Curtis Building, Detroit.—Rad Scott

## San Diego Club

A Sigma Pi Alumni Club has been formed in San Diego. The first chairman of the group was Ivan Boxley, with Bill New as secretary-treasurer. When Ivan accepted an out-of-town job, Bill New stepped up to chairman and Les Davies took the position vacated by Bill.

It seems that most of the alumni news is service news these days, and it looks as if Sigma Pi is systematically taking over command of the Armed Forces. D. L. Chapman entered the Air Force O.C.S., while Jack Harrington is completing Army Leadership school, and James Tipton was recently promoted to Sergeant, or just another link in the chain of command in the army. Lt. Frank Page visited us all too briefly this summer, and talked so enthusiastically about his jet plane that Larry Bogle and Lowell Zuehlke joined the Air Force Reserve Training Corps unit at our fair college.

Bill Berry was elected to his second term as president of the San Diego County Badminton Association. Bill is one of the better players in San Diego, and he has the two best players in the nation to keep him in practice. Joe Alston and Martin Mendez, first and second in the last national finals, are from San Diego and when not away on tournaments frequent the meeting-place of the Association, the Municipal Gym.—*Jack Schwartz*

### Beta-Gamma (Eastern Ill.)

News from our alumni organization is rather scarce at this time because of our absence during the summer months. We have, however, had a few visitors recently. BERT HOLLEY, ex-faculty sponsor, dropped by for a short visit on his way to Northwestern, where he is continuing his work toward his doctorate. Two other brothers, DICK OGLESBY and BILL SNYDER, now employed by Uncle Sam in the Air Corps were down for a weekend visit from Chanute Field for the Registration Dance. Another welcome visitor was JERRY ROBINSON also in the Air Corps. We were very happy to see the boys and to hear that they were doing fine.—*J. Griffith*

### Upsilon Alumni

The members of the class of '51 are now out facing the cold business world. Evan Murphy is a sales representative for Procter and Gamble in Glendale. Joe Henriksen and Robert Flannery are both with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph in Los Angeles as traffic staff assistants. David MacLeod has entered the new U.C.L.A. Law School.

Wedding bells continue to toll for the men of Upsilon. William Nicolai '50 and Mary Lou Dulin were married in March. Robert Howe and Sarah Lee Daley took the big step in May. August was the big month, however, as Thomas Tapscott '51 and Nancy Dunn, Alpha-Phi; Malcolm Lincoln '47 and Vera Telleson; and Burdell Maurer and Ann Brallier, Alpha Delta Pi, all recited the vows. September found John Hunt '51 and Jean Walker tying the knot.

Upsilon now has a total of twenty-five members serving with Uncle Sam. George Barlow '51 has been commissioned an Ensign in the Coast Guard and is in training in

New London, Conn. Ronald Rule is a private in the Army. Cpl. Richard Raack '50 has been called to active duty with the Air Force. Major Carl Kruger '42 is in Germany with the Army Quartermaster Corps. Pvts. Douglas Bastyr and Dean Cameron recently got together in Frankfurt, Germany.

BILL MEYER

### Nu Alumni

HERBERT HERINGTON '37 was awarded a tuition-free scholarship to the Colgate University Conference on American Foreign Policy. More than 200 delegates and about 90 foreign-policy experts attended. The conference, held July 7-13, was based on the general theme, "American Foreign Policy: An Offensive for Freedom."

ROBERT YOUNG '49 is enrolled in the Technical Training School of the American Associated Insurance Companies, St. Louis, Mo. Upon completion of the training program Bob will be assigned to one of the company's Branch Offices.

JOHN SPOONER '49 is in the the advertising department of the Bethlehem Globe-times. His home address is Apt. 5, 264 E. Broad St., Bethlehem.

RODNEY HOOBER '50 is a student at Temple University Dental School, Philadelphia.

HAROLD HARTMAN '50 is assistant cafeteria manager for R.C.A., Lancaster.

ROBERT DOYLE '50 is a chemist with John Lucas Paints, Inc., Gibbsboro, N.J.

FRANCIS COBURN '50 is a traveling auditor with the Pennsylvania Railroad. His home address is 2225 E. County Line Rd., Ardmore.

CHARLES THOMPSON '50 is a radio script-writer in McKeesport.

### Chi Briefs

ROBERT DAVIS '51 is now going to Quarter Master school at Fort Lee, Virginia, and ALLAN K. HENNEL '51 is attending Engineers' school at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Both Bob and Kuki received their Second Lieutenant commission upon graduation from Pitt last spring.

RICHARDE DAVIS '52 entered Medical School at Pitt for the term beginning in September, 1951, and ROBERT GIFFORD '53 entered Pitt's Dental School. Bob is the son of HOMER V. GIFFORD, Theta.—*Fred R. Nicely, Jr.*

# Editorial

## The Old Rugged Road

LAST year a British periodical of world-wide circulation undertook to inform its readers concerning "American college 'fraternities' or social circles."<sup>1</sup> After referring to initiation ceremonies into secret cults in primitive parts of the world, this edifying account goes on to say: "Among the savages, all the males of the tribe go through the initiation rites. In the big state universities in the U. S. A., only the wealthier, better born, or more distinguished of the male undergraduates receive similar initiation, though in many cases the ordeals and humiliations they have to undergo are more drastic and dangerous than anything that has been reported from the primitive world. . . ."

This comparison between practices of American college fraternities and primitive customs "among the savages" is just another example of the kind of arm-chair philosophizing which British writers have found a congenial method of dealing with American *mores*. It recalls the reflections of an English traveler who was convinced of the coarsening effect of frontier life. "After looking at the frontier, this traveler decides that man is more virtuous when subjected to culture. He supports his declaration by mentioning the wild strawberry, which is insipid in flavor, wild peaches which are tasteless as a turnip, and wild roses which have little or no scent. No historian, I imagine, believes that an analogy from botany is worth much as historical judgment. But such an analogy as this one is a splendid literary idea, and so it is irresistible to the literary historian. It is striking and picturesque—it must be true. But even so, it would have been wiser to investigate. For, whatever tasted like turnips on the frontier, wild peaches did not. Peaches are

<sup>1</sup> *Britain's National Weekly* for July 15, 1950, "What is Sigma Chi?"



not indigenous to America: there is no such thing as a wild American peach. And the traveler could not even have tasted an 'escape'; for if it was frontier, there had not been time for trees to escape from cultivation, and if there had been, the

escaped peach does not ripen. Also, some varieties of wild roses have a strong, distinctive perfume. And finally, the wild strawberry has more flavor than the domesticated varieties—which have achieved size, color, texture, and stability at the expense of flavor.

"These are facts, the inconvenient data to which the literary historian is superior. . . . But the English traveler's literary ideas, exactly opposite to the facts, were persuasive—and they served the critic's purpose. Why, then, should they be verified? His sentiments, in this instance, require wild strawberries to be tasteless, and that ends the matter. He has found a symbol, he has projected his resentments and dislikes. . . . The facts of history, an objective pursuit, seem to him trivial and pedantic. They are irrelevant to his higher truth. . . ."<sup>2</sup>

When the English traveler said that his mythical wild peaches were "tasteless as a turnip," he revealed not only his ignorance of peaches but also his lack of experience with turnips, whose very definite taste could not be mistaken for that of any other vegetable. Somewhat similarly, our present-day British expositor reveals the limitations of his acquaintance, not merely with "fraternities" (in patronizing quotation-marks), but with the larger scene of our educational institutions as a whole, if not indeed with the spirit of American life in general.

Now there is not necessarily any derogatory implication in calling people "primitive." In fact we even become fondly sentimental at times over the "primitive" way of living of our pioneer ancestors. No small amount of publicity has been given to the "unspoiled" nature of some parts of our coun-

<sup>2</sup> "How Not to Write History," by Bernard DeVoto, *Harper's*, January 1934, p. 207.



try, the idea being that life there has remained relatively primitive, instead of being "corrupted" by refinements of modern civilization. Indeed in many respects we are all of us primitive and seem likely to keep on being so. What is more primitive than eating when we are hungry, or sleeping when we are weary? Since human life, as far back as it can be traced, was always an affair of people banded together in some sort of community, living in groups rather than alone, the way of life that a fraternity represents may be considered profoundly primitive. This thought has already been forcefully expressed in the slogan: "Basic as the good earth is the fraternity idea."

A person must be crudely unaware of the actual situation to suppose that only "the wealthier, better born, or more distinguished" can have the good fortune to become fraternity men. It is nothing new or unusual that students coming from humble homes, possessing meager resources, and perhaps obliged to work at part-time employment, should be received into fraternities of as high social standing as any in the list. Also it has been clearly demonstrated that belonging to a fraternity need not particularly affect the total cost of attending college. It may well mean spending one's money *differently*—with better value received in some departments, and with some values not otherwise attainable at all—but it does not necessarily, by any means, involve a greater outlay for the whole.<sup>3</sup> Incidentally, it is not merely "the *male* undergraduates" who belong to Greek-letter organizations, or who are subject to ceremonies which may include "humiliations," though evidently the initiations of sororities are softened in their rigorosity by the feminine touch.

Furthermore, anyone familiar with settled traditions, as they exist on any typical college campus, knows that ordeals of initiation have not been confined to Greek-letter groups. Comparable customs, often more harsh in their methods, have been carried on by other campus societies which either cut across fraternity lines or else have nothing to do with them at all. And the practice of "hazing" freshmen in general—with ordeals as "drastic" as any that a fraternity chapter

could dream up—has been common enough at institutions where, for better or worse, fraternities were not allowed. Then finally the thought strikes us that we seem to remember reports of rather severe treatment accorded to new students in the celebrated "Public" schools of England—doubtless in keeping with venerable tradition—schools pervaded by particular kinds of swank and snobbishness scarcely to be equalled elsewhere.

We have yet to give the really fundamental answer to the criticism which we quoted in the beginning. As in the case of alleged "discrimination," it is fitting and proper to retort: Why pick on fraternities? Just as so-called discrimination, or in other words exercise of the right to choose members according to rules established by the society itself, goes quite unchallenged in widespread organizations of presumably more adult make-up, so it is well known that these also customarily put their initiates through ordeals reputed to be of considerable severity. "Riding the goat," "crossing the burning sands," and similar common expressions bear witness to the conventional acceptance of initiation into various lodges and all manner of clubs as an experience to be dreaded in advance and painfully endured with as much stoicism as the victim is able to summon for the occasion. Then he has a chance to "get even" when the next candidates come along. Only, of course, these non-collegiate organizations are better situated to keep such doings within their own walls, and to confine publicity of them to word of mouth. To put it another way, we may say that they are generally wise enough to conduct the "humiliations" of initiates only before members, not as a spectacle for the public—none of whose business it is anyhow.

We doubt very much whether our British critic had any knowledge of the persistent efforts of local and national fraternity and interfraternity councils to mitigate or abolish the kind of horseplay with which he finds fault. To be sure, customs of any sort die hard, and one is sometimes tempted to believe that the sillier or more objectionable they are, the more difficult it is to eradicate them. Nevertheless progress has certainly been made, and an occasional flare-up here or there should not obscure this fact. Notably

<sup>3</sup> Editorial in THE EMERALD for November 1950.

in California, for instance, the old traditional "Hell Week" has been replaced by Work Week. Instead of being put through meaningless antics, such as have too often discredited fraternities in the opinion of outsiders, pledges have had their preparatory discipline in the form of constructive work about the chapter house. In the words of an article in *The Los Angeles Times*, this "is just another step forward in the American college fraternity system. . . . All the hell isn't gone, and neither is all the fun . . . but the trend is away from the frivolous and toward the meritorious."

After all, with this as with everything else in life, we need to keep a sense of proportion. It seems safe to say that not many, among those of us who were initiated into our fraternity in the old days of unrestricted paddling and "drastic" stunts—often really ingenious and genuine fun which was harmless enough—would wish to have avoided that experience. Of course we didn't enjoy it much at the time, but we wanted to show that we could "take it," and the rougher the ordeals were, the prouder we were to have gone through them. Somehow we did feel closer to our older fraternity brothers for having undergone the kind of punishment which, we well knew, they had passed through before us. Otherwise we should hardly have felt that we really "belong" and were "regular guys." This is not, however, an argument in favor of continuing the prac-

tices of previous generations in times which have definitely changed. As has happened with so many things, the few who have carried such tactics much too far have spoiled the fun for everybody. So, shall we say, in a democratic spirit we have to renounce certain activities which would be all right if only everybody could be trusted to stay within reasonable limits, but which we know a certain number will always have a tendency to exaggerate.

During the second World War, our armed forces pretty thoroughly suppressed the older way of treating raw recruits, which had made most fraternity pre-initiation horseplay seem tame by comparison. At the same time, the actual training of our fighting men has become more rigorous than ever, obviously to insure greater efficiency and safety in the real trial by battle which they must prepare to meet. Surely on the whole they are not having any easier time of it than their predecessors did, but their discipline is more meaningful; it is leading somewhere. Here, then, is the point. If we only use our intelligence, we can devise pre-initiation ordeals which need not be too soft, which will have their fling of fun, but which will mean something instead of being quite irrelevant. They can be so ordered as to have definite relationship with the lessons which we hope to impress lastingly upon the initiate with the celebration of the solemn ritual which binds him to us as a brother.

L. F.



### Traveling Secretaries

Sigma Pi has temporarily lost a most loyal, conscientious, and energetic Traveling Secretary. Paul M. Bardes was inducted into the armed forces at Atlanta, Georgia, on October 22, and has been assigned to the Marine Corps with basic training now in progress at Parris Island, S.C. Paul had labored on behalf of Sigma Pi and especially several chapters in Lambda and Kappa Provinces, almost up to the time of his induction.

Bro. Bardes rendered valuable service in

the short time that he was a field representative. It is unfortunate that every chapter did not have the opportunity to benefit by an inspiring and constructive visitation from Paul Bardes, Jr. But we sincerely hope that he will be back soon to resume his work in the Fraternity. Meanwhile, we all wish him Godspeed.

William I. Marable, A-H '23 (W. & M.) will assume the arduous duties and multitudinous responsibilities of Traveling Secretary on or about November 19.

H. J.



W. A. "Bill" Smith

### Achieving a Balanced Fraternity and College Experience

A new college year is under way. It promises to be a very important year in many respects. The threat of war continues, but many of the alarms of last spring, as they applied to the plans of young men for a college education, seem to have subsided somewhat or to have been rationalized into a pattern whereby both students and colleges could become more settled in their prospects for the future.

These are times when we must make everything count. It is no time to fritter away our opportunities individually or collectively. Both new and old students should appraise carefully their use of time and effort to the end that they may gain the most in the shortest time from whatever college experience they are permitted to obtain. The Sigma Pi chapter can contribute to this end. Among the means for increasing this contribution are two which I wish to emphasize here.

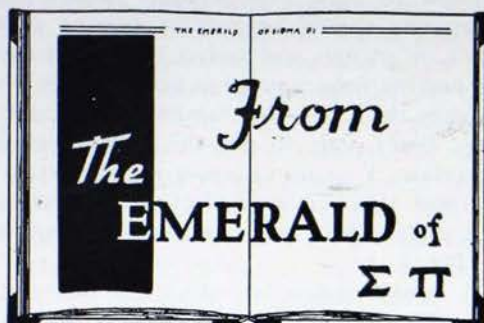
Does your chapter have a scholarship committee appointed and functioning? Many students, especially freshmen, get off to a wrong start by neglecting to form right study-habits, tending to let the early work in a course 'slide' until time for the first 'pre-lim' or 'test,' or allowing social and recreational activities to take up a disproportionate

amount of time. The chapter scholarship committee should operate to keep a close check on pledges and actives to see that they are making proper progress academically and to assist them in obtaining help when necessary. Don't wait to get this committee in operation. You are aware of the importance in these times of academic accomplishment if a student is to be permitted to remain in college.

A second means by which the fraternity can assist its members in making their college experience a profitable one is through a well-planned program for promoting participation in campus and other extra-curricular activities. This may seem on the surface to be contradictory to the emphasis upon academic accomplishment. I doubt that such will prove to be the case. Most of us waste a certain amount of time every day beyond that required for academic purposes, unless we budget our time to useful ends. It is this time, likely to go to waste otherwise, to which I refer here. It is generally conceded that a college man should acquire values from his student experience beyond those of an academic nature. In these times we are in real need of men who represent a combination of academic accomplishment and the ability to work with others and to lead in applying knowledge gained through such accomplishment. Such abilities are learned. Each chapter should have a functioning committee on activities which helps the members of the chapter, especially the new members, to select and adjust into their college experience such participation as may be needed and desired by them. This may consist of campus activities, chapter activities, or participation in off-campus groups.

Proper balance in a college and fraternity experience is an individual matter for each of us. But the chapter as a whole can assist its members in achieving that balance if it chooses to do so. The need for taking such action was never greater.





## 25 YEARS AGO

(November 1926)

### FROM A DISCUSSION OF PLEDGING

When rushing season comes around, we hear a lot of talk about taking in the freshmen and making real Sigma Pi men out of them. We are told that it is in the power of the fraternity to mold its men, to shape them into the persons that we want them to be. What if they are a bit "crude," what if they do not like to study, what if they are inclined to be careless in dress or speech, if they fail to show proper respect to those above them, or if they are slow to learn? We will change all that. We can change all that. Every year we are told this, and every year we see too well that we can change the surface only a little bit and the real inner man not at all. It is the favorite form of defense used by alumni and other men when someone attacks their friends whom they have recommended for pledgship. It sounds good; it is flattering to the active chapter. We like to think that we work wonders on other men. It makes us swell with pride when we are told that we are makers of men, that we control destinies, that we take in the poor ignorant freshmen and turn out the polished, intellectual gentlemen.

But do we have that power? I think not. Men are born with or without certain qualities, qualities which a good fraternity man—and any really good man is a good fraternity man—must possess. These can, of course, be developed to a certain degree, but is the college and the fraternity house the place to develop them? Again I think not. The average age of incoming freshmen is between eighteen and nineteen years. By that time their environment has had plenty of opportunity to make them into what they will be.

We take it for granted that practically all college men come from good families, and by good families I do not necessarily mean those which have plenty of money or have names in the Social Register, and that they have had reasonably good home training. If that is so, they should be reasonably good men. If the home with its love and paternal aid cannot develop the boy into a man he should be, certainly the fraternity chapter does not have that power. The job of the fraternity is to take the man who is already a good man and give him the training that he cannot get at home, the training in conducting himself properly among strangers and in getting along without the help of relatives. The fraternity tries to do this in a gradual way by substituting an artificial family for the one of blood ties.

Now then, let us remember the old adage, "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear." Let us realize that you can't make a good chapter out of poor material. When you see things wrong with your chapter, just stop and think what kind of material you have been sending to it or whether you have been sending it any material at all. The responsibility lies with you. You can't have a good solid chapter if you send only enough good material for a veneer. The quality of the finished product depends entirely on the quality of the materials used.

## 10 YEARS AGO

(November 1941)

### FOOTBALL ASSAILED

Startling and absorbing is the article by Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, president of Washington and Jefferson College, "Let's Make Football Respectable," appearing in *The Reader's Digest* (December, 1941 issue, taken from *The Gambolier*, Washington and Jefferson campus publication). President Hutchison courageously assails college authorities who publicly deny that their athletes are subsidized, but who move in subterranean channels of fraud and practice what they have been denying. He says: "To say that football is part of physical education is absurd. . . . Any institution which needs football to advertise it had better close its doors." The college executive adds

that when college directors and professors falsify, we cannot expect the students to develop high ideals.

#### FROM BUCK'S CHATTER

Autumn with its frosty mornings and varicolored foliage is with us again. On the campus of the typical American college and university this is the period for fraternity rushing, football games, and freshman orientation. The present session is one of unusual significance because of the national emergency. Young men and women who are so fortunate as to be in college at this time should serve their country by taking full ad-

vantage of their educational opportunities and preparing themselves to serve tomorrow. During the next twenty years good leadership will be keenly needed to preserve the ideals of the American Republic, and our present-day collegians must face the challenge.

#### MU IS BUILDING

Mu is building! That, definitely, is the big news from Sigma Pi up Ithaca-way.

Mu's \$20,000 addition and renovation got under way October 7, 1941, after four years of raising money and four months of drawing and approving plans and letting contracts.

"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."

—Mark Twain

"As I approve of a youth that has something of the old man in him, so I am no less pleased with an old man that has something of the youth. He that follows this rule may be old in body, but can never be so in mind."

—Cicero

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## E O Broadcast

By Harold Jacobsen

**Work** WORK means more than just physical labor. It includes energetic mental efforts to accomplish specific ambitions or desires. Success is the reward for hard work. Anyone who thinks he can get somewhere without working is making a great mistake.

The pioneers in America were not afraid of work. They spent long hours and labored hard to build a great nation. Citizens in the old days did not look for or expect something for nothing. They tried to provide for their own security and in addition contributed to establishing a strong nation. The idea of becoming a parasite dependent upon the government never entered the minds of the pioneers and founders of the United States.

Dr. Earl L. Butz of Purdue University, speaking at the Massachusetts Bankers' Convention, said that the simple reason why America has become great is that the people are *willing to work* for the rewards which are obtainable under our system of free private enterprise.

There is something in America which has made it click. There are other nations which are larger in both area and population, or which have more abundant resources than are to be found in the United States. There are other nations which have good systems of education, capable engineers and scientists. But that undefinable something which we have in America whereby the individual can apply his talents and energies so as to reap the benefits, seems to be lacking elsewhere on the face of the earth, because no other nation has attained the high standard of living which we have in America.

Statistics reveal that the United States, with only six percent of the world's land area, produces 50 percent or more of the wealth, copper, wheat, corn, and petroleum. Although the American people constitute less



than one-fifteenth of the world's population, they consume 48 percent or more of the coffee, wool, rubber, and silk. They own 50 percent of the gold, 60 percent of the telephones, 85 percent of the automobiles, and 92 percent of

the bathtubs.

The average person today takes an awful lot for granted and seldom, if ever, stops to count his blessings or to think about the freedom and advantages of life under the American system. Just think, *work* made this nation what it is today. *Work* built practically everything, even Sigma Pi Fraternity, which is but an insignificant part of the American system. *Work* will strengthen and build a stronger and greater Sigma Pi, and only *work* will build and strengthen the individual chapters. The expenditure of mental and physical effort on behalf of Sigma Pi and its chapters is in turn a small part of that enormous consummation of *work* which makes the United States.

Let's keep building on the firm foundation which is the heritage of America. Let's fight at all times to retain those freedoms which are essential for the life of America. Let's oppose political oppression of any kind. Let's safeguard everything which we hold dear. In one word—WORK!

**Idealism** THIS Broadcast column on a number of occasions has referred to the great force for good which can be exerted by fraternities. Hardly a day passes any more that one does not read in the newspapers about more dishonesty among politicians, more crimes being committed, gangsterism in the ascendancy, and an apparent disregard for idealism and spiritual values.

The National Interfraternity Conference, taking cognizance of the tendency towards moral deterioration in our country, has appointed a Committee on Idealism and Spiritual Inspiration. It is expected that the subject will be an important one at the No-

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## Buck's Chatter

By William I. Marable

THE PRESENT situation should be conducive to more seriousness of thought among the youths in college this year. The day of the playboy is over. Colleges and universities will no longer be havens in which idlers can spend the winter. The draft threat will force the students to keep up their grades. College boys will be under strict scrutiny by a suspicious and critical public. Parents with a nineteen-year-old son on active duty in Korea will resent Joe College's spending long hours in a lunch-room, drinking beer and playing the nickelodeon. It is possible that opportunities for incidents giving the fraternities undesirable publicity may be fewer in the future.

When our fathers were boys, the books of Horatio Alger were among their favorites. A native of Massachusetts, Mr. Alger was educated at Harvard and belonged to Psi Upsilon. The greater part of his life (1834-1899) was spent in New York City where he gave his time to the betterment of the poor boys of the streets. He was a supporter of the Children's Aid Society and of the Newsboys' Lodging House. As a writer Mr. Alger has been the target of all intellectuals and cynics. Many of his spiteful critics held that Alger's pictures of life are artificial and that boys reading his books would feel that through honesty and some industry riches would promptly be coming their way. Many of these attacks were warranted; nevertheless, some of the Alger books have merit. For example, Dick Hunter in "Ragged Dick" is a character who lives with the reader long after the story is forgotten. Dick is just as colorful as Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn. He is witty, mischievous, and kind. In "Hector's Inheritance" the writer shows the fraudulent administration of a boys' boarding school. No one who has read this story will forget Professor Smith, the Headmaster of Smith's Institute, a confirmed humbug who always



evaded telling the boys where he received his Master's degree. It is probable that few of Alger's books are in print today.

During this period of dropping enrollments in the institutions of higher learning, it behooves every alumnus of Sigma Pi to do his part for the promotion of the interests of our Brotherhood. The national officers are limited in influence unless each member of Sigma Pi upholds the fraternity on every occasion. Petty grudges and old grievances should be discarded for a strong Sigma Pi.

"We have been in trouble before and pulled through." This soothing remark is cherished by every lazy optimist. A capable leader will weigh the case and think only of the present. Conditions may have been very different in a former crisis. Saying that there have been difficulties in the past is not solving the problem at hand.

Your Chatterer had a delightful call several weeks ago by Brother Jim Powell of Alpha-Eta chapter at William and Mary. He is in the Junior Class and is a loyal Sigma Pi. It was a treat to talk with such an intelligent youngster.

The recent football scandals at West Point and William and Mary prove that there is a pressing need for everybody to uphold those high ideals that made our fathers great. Mr. Stuart Chase in his essay "The Luxury of Integrity" points out that in every field of endeavor there is so much deception and rascality that an honest man without private wealth will be smothered.

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"Lord, make us instruments of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy."

—St. Francis of Assisi

# Rambling

By Paul M. Bardes, Jr.

*Traveling Secretary*

THE FUSS OVER the West Point dismissals sure turned into a second-guesser's dream, didn't it? I can just visualize the chapter-house discussions that took place on Sigma Pi campuses throughout the country. Personally, I feel that the policy followed by Point officials in handling confessed cheaters is their own private business. More important, I believe, is the way in which the entire mess proves more than ever the dire need for the return of what Herbert Hoover has termed "the old virtues." Here is what an influential eastern newspaper had to say about the scandal:

"... a great many people feel that these boys are being made scapegoats while others, fully as responsible, are wearing their country's uniform.

"And what examples have these boys been set by their superiors, both in and out of uniform? What of their commander-in-chief who apparently sees nothing wrong in 5-percenters and those who sell influence over RFC loans?

"How about Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, the White House favorite, whose acquisition of a deep freeze and acceptance of other favors not only brought no reprimand but did not even prevent his advancement in rank?

"These boys must not be drummed out in disgrace while the system which weakened their moral backbone goes unscathed. This country sorely needs a resurgence of ethics."

Never having been or expecting to be a West Point cadet, I know little of their honor code or classroom practices, but I do feel it is time we take stock of ourselves.



THE BOYS UP AT Rhode Island really put one over by winning the Efficiency Award for the second consecutive year. That's no easy accomplishment. A pat on the back also to Omega, Gamma, and Alpha-Delta, which have maintained excellent efficiency records over the past three years. Through the cor-

rect handling of administrative details these chapters have been of invaluable service to the Executive Office. It is hard to measure in dollars and cents, but every office-saving in time is in some way eventually passed on to the individual chapters through added services or attention to their problems. A complete summary of the Efficiency Award results can be found elsewhere in this EMERALD. If your chapter "also ran," let's see what can be done to improve its standing next year.



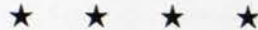
NOT ALWAYS having access to Joe Miller publications, I often turn to the evening newspaper for laughs. I think the following remarks attributed to Mr. Dean Acheson, "Secretary of State" for this once-great country, certainly merit analysis. A page-one news item in a recent edition of the *New York World Telegram and Sun* contained these paragraphs, following almost one after the other and with no explanatory comment offered. This is Acheson double-talk and has to be read carefully.

"Pointing out that the Reds want to set the 38th Parallel as the truce line, Mr. Acheson said the Allies cannot accept that situation.

"He said the armistice talks at Kaesong are dealing with military matters and that political matters cannot be injected into the negotiations.

"He would not state specifically where the United Nations wants the line. He said this is a military question."

I think that perhaps in the interest of public welfare Alpha-Chi Chapter should send someone to Washington to check and see if Mr. Acheson's right and left arms are attached to one and the same body.



SOME OF OUR CHAPTERS had the opportunity of meeting E. C. Turner of Alpha-Gamma this summer. "E. C." stopped by the Executive Office early in July while touring the country in his beat-up Chrysler, and both Jake and I chatted with him on matters of general fraternity interest. After his return to Seattle he wrote the Executive Office a brief letter containing his observations and analysis of conditions at a few chapters. One comment he made which is worth repeating was to the effect that our more closely linked



chapters could well use a program geared to promote better "Intra-Sigma Pi" relations. There's something to that. How many of us ever had occasion to visit another Sigma Pi chapter house or campus during our days as undergraduates? To enrich our knowledge and appreciation of this wonderful Fraternity takes more than a brief reading of the *Manual* or attendance at meetings. How many chapters have considered the possibility of joint dances, picnics, chapter football contests, or alumni get-togethers? Everyone complains about rushing, but how many chapters have exchanged teams of men to help each other out during rush seasons? Chapters grouped near to each other should investigate the opportunities for closer relations. If you're hard to convince that visits to other chapters or association with brothers from other campuses are of enormous inspirational value, just ask anyone from your chapter who has attended a national convocation or province convention. Chances are that all the answers will be about the same. "It was great." "That sort of thing should be done more often."



THERE'S A REAL success story at our Alpha-Mu chapter. Pledge Richard Hagen embarked on what he thought would be a temporary sales career this summer. The objective—something to do during the summer months, a fill-in job. The result—Dick out-sold all company representatives in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey during August, and has been offered a permanent district managership with the concern which is one of the country's largest manufacturers of aluminum awnings and storm windows.



CURRENT PLAUDITS are awarded to:

*Alpha-Phi* for their beautiful fountain constructed this summer. Facing the center of Alpha-Phi's stately fraternity house from the front lawn, this fountain is designed in the shape of our Greek Cross. During the evening, the fountain spray is illuminated by three vari-colored spotlights. It's a great job and a tribute to the fine spirit of those who devoted so many hours toward its construction.

*Psi* for the unique idea of placing on their

front lawn a large train-bell, donated to the Chapter by the Southern Railways Co. This is Sigma Pi's answer to the SAE lion and the KA cannon, both long traditions on the Emory campus. The entire story of the bell is too lengthy to relate here, but believe me, it is quite a tale. Its clanging can be heard all over the Emory campus, and it is fast becoming part of that university's fraternity life.

*Kappa* for having embodied in their administrative procedures and chapter life those policies, principles, and ideals often sought but never found in other fraternities. I'm sure that every active and pledge having the opportunity to visit Kappa will return to his own chapter more proud than ever of his Sigma Pi emblem.



IT SEEMS TO ME that rushing rules at many colleges and universities are badly in need of revision. My observation has been that the rules governing rushing on many campuses are extremely cumbersome and often tend to add confusion to chaos. They put me in mind of legislative bodies making rules just for the sake of making rules, which, to say the least, is pretty silly. These regulations are often discriminatory and certainly in many instances highly impractical, however ideal they may be. Let's fight on our campuses for some common-sense rushing rules that give a freer hand to those fraternities that may have the incentive and drive to increase their ranks through the practice of the best rushing method of all—*good hard work.*



## DEPARTING MESSAGE

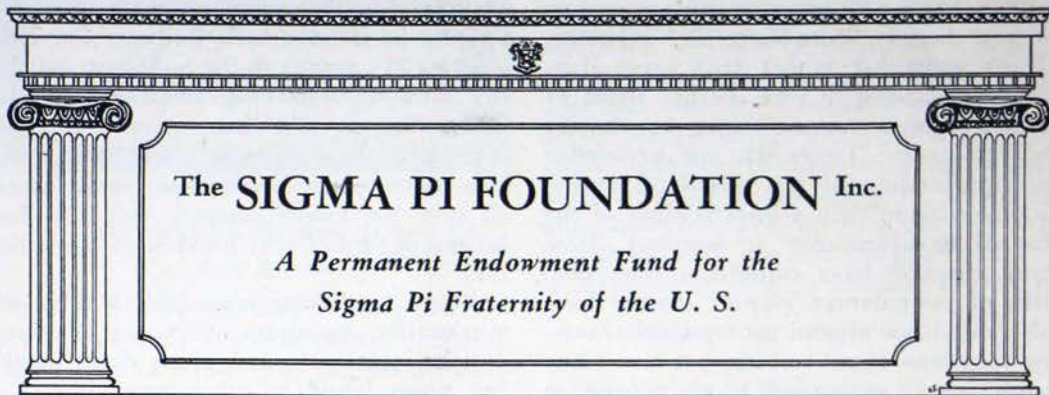
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campus, we make the best contribution that we are able to make, our lives not only will be enriched but we shall enrich everyone's life with whom we come in contact.

I have great faith in the members of the chapter.

I BELIEVE IN SIGMA PI.

BERT HOLLEY, *Beta-Gamma*  
*Eastern Illinois State College*



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# WITH THE CHAPTERS

## B BETA CHAPTER Indiana University

By R. E. Dimitt

The brothers are back in the swing of things at the Home of the Hoosiers. It is rumored around campus that Sigma Pi is going to be high in activities this year, and we certainly are trying to live up to that rumor.

One of our sophomore pledges, Jim Johnson, was elected to be one of the varsity cheerleaders for the coming year. The roaring noise in your ears from now on is the increased spirit at Beta as we follow our boys into action in every field, for we have more cause than this to cheer at our football games. Ron Ferrari and Paul Kobulnicky, who are also pledges, are going great guns on the football team. In the music department, Glenn Morehead steps up front with the Marching Hundred. Glenn received a scholarship this fall for his previous work with the Hundred. Even when one is trying to find a seat, he will be helped by Beta's "Corky" Cox and Phil Parsons, who are serving as ushers. At athletic events, the Sigma Pi's are like the eyes of Texas, for everywhere they are upon you and you cannot get away.

At the time of this writing, we are engaged in a Bachelor of the Year contest. Our candidate, popular Wendy Snider, is currently among the top five. With the backing of the Alpha Phi sorority and the Delta Upsilon, Delta Chi, Phi Sigma Kappa, and Alpha Tau Omega fraternities, we have high hopes of winning.

Our pledges are shaping up in fine order, and we hope they all make the grade, scholastically and fraternally, so that they may qualify for initiation as brothers in Sigma Pi. Rush Captain Dick Roth is to be commended for the part he played in picking a fine group of neophytes.

Social chairman Les Mynatt has a list of sorority exchange dinners that would make any other social chairman turn green with envy. Also, he has two serenades planned for the near future. They are for Bud Ahlbrand and Glenn Morehead and their respective pin-girls, Marilyn Arbuckle and Donna Ford. In addition, Les must make arrangements for parades and publicity of all kinds. Delta Mynatt is untiring in his efforts in behalf of the social life of the chapter.

*Pledged:* Richard Cardwell, Ed Dice, Don Domenic, James Fagan, George Kraft, James McKeever, Rudy Mohr, John Myers, John Ruatto, Richard Rupley, Raymond Shaffer, Ron Trent, John Trobaugh, LeRoy Wickliffe, and Morton Wolfe.

## Γ GAMMA CHAPTER Ohio State University

By Joseph Finch

Members of Gamma have just returned from their summer vacation and are now busily engaged in an intensive rushing program. We feel that this will be a difficult year for fraternities because of the draft. Therefore we are going all out to screen the best men from the freshman class.

Throughout the summer the active members, with the help of many of our alumni, have held rushing parties and met many of the new men personally. From all indications we feel that we will have one of the best pledge classes on campus this year.

Plans are already being made for an extensive social program which will be highlighted by our annual homecoming dance. At that time we hope to see many alumni who are from out of town and do not have a chance to come to the house

very often. We are hoping for better weather than we had last year, when we were snowed in.

Intramural football will be starting soon, and we have practically the same team that won a league championship and went far in the playoffs. Barring any injuries we should go to the finals this year.

## Z ZETA CHAPTER Ohio Northern University

By Rad V. Scott

Zeta chapter held its annual freshman smoker on September 17. The party was a big success, with football movies being followed by plenty of chicken and french-fried potatoes. Fifty prospective pledges were in attendance, and we hope to be able to sign up at least a third of them.

Although we were hurt greatly by the loss of eight brothers through graduation, the fraternity has been very active thus far this year in trying to build up our membership. Those graduated were: Philip Bosse, John Woodruff, Harry Banks, Bill Cox, Bill Blausler, Ned Earley, Neil Shearer, and Dick Dennis.

Delta Woodruff entered into holy matrimony with Dorothy McCormick, while Delta Blausler married Harriet James, a former O.N.U. student.

## H ETA CHAPTER Purdue University

By Bill Weekman

The men of Eta returned a week early to Purdue this year for the fall rush program, in which approximately 450 freshmen were entered. Dinners and informal parties were the order of the week with final dinners and the pledging of seven freshmen on Friday. Altogether 17 men make up Eta's fall pledge class.

The social calendar for the next few months is a full one. The first week-end after classes saw the chapter house decorated as a roaring twenties speakeasy. Everyone agreed it was a great way to start off the year.

Informal record dances are planned after some of the home games. Plans for the homecoming week-end are in full force. Designs for the homecoming sign are also being completed. We are hoping all of our alums who can make it will attend.



Eta's 1951 fall pledge class with perpetual "Spike" in the center.

Our annual barn dance is planned for November 3. The chapter house will take on the semblance of a haymow, and an interesting act will be put on by the pledge class.

Three pins failed to return to the fold this semester. Donald Kropp's pin can be seen on Ann Dinsmore, Pi Beta Phi. Mark Foreman's badge found its way to Joan Menge, Fort Wayne. John Gyorgyi deposited his pin on Mary Doyle, Mishawaka, Indiana. Al Ernest went one step better and married Geretta Van Tieu from Trenton, New Jersey.

*Pledged:* In June—Joseph L. Berger, Benton Harbor, and Chandler W. Drummond, Pontiac, both Michigan; John L. Woody, Thorntown. In September—James L. and Thomas D. Clapper, Monticello; Charles W. Hackmeister, Huntingburg; Robert P. Lawrence, Indianapolis; Charles W. Scales, Pickstown, South Dakota; James J. Schubert, Jasper; and Meredith L. Worner, Forest City, Illinois.

## Θ THETA CHAPTER Pennsylvania State College

By Jerry Carman

Having obtained "by some miraculous reason" a score of 70 on their draft deferment test the men of Sigma Pi once again assembled to invade the institution of higher learning. Preceding the arrival of these intellectual giants by some three days were 35 delegates from Kappa, Nu, Chi, Alpha-Chi, Beta-Theta, and Alpha-Mu chapters of Sigma Pi. These representatives of chapters in Beta Province assembled at Theta for the first province convention in a number of

years. Some of the most important issues to develop from meeting were plans for expansion within the Province and an invitation to hold the 1952 Convocation in Beta Province. After the delegates had returned to their respective colleges and a day of transition had intervened, discussions shifted from chapter problems to discussions of new rushees. Following a thoroughly designed rushing program laid down by Merritt Dinnage, 24 young men received and accepted invitations for pledgeship.

several years with Pete Schoderbek representing Theta on the football squad. Aside from the major college sports, practice has already started for our football and tennis entries in intramural athletics. Our first football encounter of the year took the form of a contest between pledges and Deltas, the losers attending to the culinary duties for the evening. Of course, the pledges lost!

In the romantic field we find Ed McCombs and Kenny Wolfe promoting intercollegiate relationships by their subsequent pinning to



*The victors and the vanquished: Theta's annual football classic, traditionally played between brothers and pledges, traditionally lost by pledges.*

A quick inventory of pledge potentialities reveals such hidden talents as saxophone, piano, and musical-saw virtuosos; promising tennis, football, soccer, and lacrosse prospects; not to mention both individual and group vocal talent possessed by many. It is even possible that we might produce several scholars from the versatile group.

With our major rushing period over for the year, our attention immediately turns to one of the highlights of campus life, namely, social activities. Co-social chairmen Gene McNally and Kenny Wolfe have already planned a very full schedule for the succeeding months, including hayrides, sorority parties, homecoming week-end, and a pledge dance.

Athletically, we have made bids in several college sports. In soccer we boast not one, not two, but three "first-stringers" in Jack Charlton, Frank Follmer, and Kurt Klaus. Even with starters Jim Reed and Vance Scout not returning to their familiar varsity positions on the lacrosse team, Bros. John Amber and Bob Koons have taken their places as first-string contenders. Sigma Pi at Penn State has also entered a realm of collegiate sports in which it has been dormant for

Carolyn Ghrist a student at Indiana State Teachers College and Lois (little lo) Markley a student at Bucknell. Entering a more binding relationship is Bro. Vance Scott, recently engaged to Barbara Linnekin. Just one step in front of him is Kurt Klaus, who plans to marry Joan Moore of Philadelphia.

Having completed our primary survey, we feel that we are equipped in every way to make this a most successful year. So through homecoming, Thanksgiving, and Christmas we hope to add to the fame of Theta's name both locally and nationally.

*Pledged:* September 15—Wm. R. Banfield, Richard Blank, Andrew D. Brain, Carl S. Cross, Richard L. Dennis, Herbert D. Ferguson, Victor Hajjar, Edward J. Hartnett, Ralph H. Hofmann, Robert J. Klug, Kenneth L. Lawley, Gerald L. Miller, Carl J. Nugent, Frank Pichon, Charles L. Putnam, Bruce L. Rathfon, Floyd R. Rhodes, Peter P. Schoderbek, Richard R. Shively, Ronald L. Walker, William D. Wallis, E. Victor Ward, Jack R. Williard, and Ross E. Zimmerman.

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## I IOTA CHAPTER University of California

By Gordon D. Johnson

Starting off the fall semester in a new home, the brothers of Iota returned from their summer vacations to begin the social season with a well-attended house-warming party on September 22. The chapter house looked its best graced by the many co-eds who made admiring tours of the house.

Sage Marve Brown's appointment as instructor of Siamese at Cornell University and his subsequent departure was the occasion for a send-off dance the following week-end. The chapter presented him with a crested cigarette case-lighter as a token of best wishes.

Future plans in the social department include exchanges, alumni dinners, annual trip to Lake Tahoe for skiing, and the forthcoming Japanese dinner-dance which promises to be a unique affair.

Men living in the Durant Avenue house during the summer sessions included Ralph Caro of Pi Chapter and Roger Peters of Upsilon.

Plans are being formulated for a Mu Province convention to be held at the Lake Tahoe Lodge during the Christmas-New Year holidays.

Newly-elected officers are: S—David O. Matson; FoC—Allerton Blake; and House Manager—Sheldon M. Smith.

*Married:* David Price to Nancy Gossman (Z T A); Donald Robinson to Eve Havas; Charles Thompson to Carolyn Halper (T T); James Carpenter to Finette Champie; Herbert Basham to Patricia Kindall; Vitali Rozyenko to Joyce Hansen; Carroll Whitney to Lea Alsing; Bill Dobbs to Marsha Fitzroy; Leland Rozelle to Shirley Jones; and Michael Downing to Margaret Evans in London, England, during the summer.

Our alumni association is meeting once a month for luncheon in San Francisco and many of them are very active in chapter affairs, giving us both advisory and financial support. A buffet lunch for the alums followed the Cal-USC game on October 20, and the alumni reciprocated with a house-party in Palo Alto after the Stanford "Big Game."

*Pledged:* Robert Monroe, Philip Johnson, Ronald Fischer, Fred Vering, and Dion Cairns.



## K KAPPA CHAPTER Temple University

By Frederick W. Kraehel, 3rd

On Tuesday, September 18, this correspondent returned to Kappa chapter house after two weeks' Army Reserve training. Things were buzzing! Bob McMullin was painting the front window while Joe Dzurenda and Gail Davidyan were painting the stairway. Everywhere there were signs of activity as the men prepared the house for the coming semester and the pledging parties.

Upon asking the brothers where they went during their summer vacations, I received replies describing trips to practically all parts of the eastern seaboard. Rod Manifold and Gail Davidyan returned from a trip to New Hampshire in time to go to the Province convention at Penn State. On their trip they went through six states and camped out most of the time. Other men told of the six weeks R.O.T.C. schedule at Fort Eustis, Virginia, and of the rigors of army life. Sage Bill McClellan got his first taste of army life from an officer's point of view as he had received his commission before embarkation for summer camp.

Pledging is again the major topic of discussion. Gail Davidyan as pledge master last semester brought into the Fraternity nine new brothers bringing the total active membership at this time to 36. This is six more actives than at the same time last fall. Our good membership condition is largely attributed to Bill McClellan's pledge drive started over a year ago. This year we are again looking for the best pledging material on campus and hope to bring the prestige of Sigma Pi to even greater heights. The first smoker for prospective pledges held on Thursday, September 27, brought to light a number of excellent men who would be an asset and ably qualified to take over the helm.

A number of Kappa men attended the Province Convention at Theta in September and brought back reports of a closer and better understanding between chapters. An excellent time was had by all with a harmonious and friendly feeling prevailing throughout.

One of the projects confronting the chapter for some years seems to be finally nearing realization. Our basement improvement fund finally warrants the start of activities in this direction, and we hope that within a year's time the long-planned-for club-room may be completed.

Also, we are planning for a most active and successful social season. There are various post-game parties planned, plus many special enter-

tainment committees assigned to be sure of a full and successful social year. The annual Interfraternity Ball again promises to be the leading social function on campus.

*Initiated:* October 29—John D. O'Dell and Robert C. Bock.

**Λ LAMBDA CHAPTER**  
Kenyon College

*By Ward B. Gordon*

Fall brought most of the brothers back to Kenyon after a generally successful summer. Only George Granger, Robert Friedly, and Robert Durbin did not find the way back to East Division.

Since our return, rushing has been foremost in the minds of the men, and by the time this publication is printed, we should have a good pledge class to work with. Under the able guidance of Sage Marvin Ellis and Rush Chairman Barry Cahill the season has rolled into action in fine form. Our first real party was held September 22 and as one of the most successful we've seen, it encourages us greatly in our move toward a big year.

A ping-pong table has been installed in the lounge for a little "extra" in the way of entertainment, and our new radio-phonograph is receiving the finishing touches by its designer-builder, Sage Marvin Ellis. All of this and select work-crews chosen from the brothers have put the lounge in tip-top shape for the new year. The Lodge, however, is a little the worse for wear from the summer invasion by carpenter ants. At the moment we are in the progress of exterminating, and repairing what little damage we've spotted.

Plans are already in the making for the big alumni homecoming on November 3, when Kenyon plays Hamilton College. We're expecting many alums back to renew the traditional Kenyon spirit. Don Marsh is our big contribution to the team as one of the starting ends.

Fall dance-week-end plans are also being formulated with a shrimp cocktail party on Friday evening and a Lodge party Saturday afternoon being on the tentative schedule. This week-end falls on November 16 and 17, and promises to be as great as ever.

We thought we had evaded the draft pretty successfully until Miles Wilson received his induction notice. This will be a blow to Lambda and the College, for Miles is senior class president. In the past Miles has always contributed greatly to our activities, and I'm sure we won't

forget his efforts. His "choice comments" on subjects of general interest we shall remember also for some time to come.

Don Marsh has been selected as our Student Council representative, and Joseph Taylor has been picked as a member of the Senior Society, a much-coveted honor bestowed on those outstanding seniors deemed capable of handling student-faculty problems.

**M MU CHAPTER**  
Cornell University

*By Tracy Storer*

Since the last report from Mu Chapter much has happened to us here at Cornell. Last spring we began an extensive program of rushing to strengthen the membership. This was necessary because of the large number of seniors who left after last spring's graduation and also because Uncle Sam was hot on the heels of several of our flock.

Brothers and pledges returned to the house on September 12 for a week's work restoring the house to acceptable condition. Everyone pitched in and worked; many improvements were made. Leaky kitchen walls and ceiling were repaired. Almost all study-rooms were entirely re-decorated. A new concrete floor was laid in the recreation room. Drapes and a pair of modernistic murals were hung in the dining room.

Cornell's period of formal rushing opened September 17. Thanks to alumni cooperation we started rushing with a list of almost 200 names. Rushing chairman Lincoln Peirce and assistant "Bill" Ingersoll guided us through the two weeks of formal rushing with a maximum of efficiency.

The Big Red football season opened with a bright outlook for the season on September 29, when Cornell won over its arch-rival Syracuse, 21-14. Beta-Epsilon chapter was our guest at a post-game buffet supper which was followed later in the evening (and early in the morning) by our first stag party of the season. The supper and party were smoothly run by Tom Blaine, social chairman.

This is the first newsletter from Mu in several issues. We apologize for neglecting our duties and hereby resolve that we shall have news from our chapter in every issue of THE EMERALD this year—or bust!

*Officers:* Installed in April, John G. Robinson—S; Vincent G. Crane—SC; John E. Baringer—TC; Frank W. Conti—FoC; John H. McDonald—FC; and Lincoln C. Peirce, Jr.—H.

*Initiated:* March 17—Thomas E. Blaine, Gale H. Brooks, Donal F. Case, Richard G. Harley, David M. Knipe, Jarvis Leng, Thomas T. Sanford, Tracy S. Storer, and James W. Trego.

*Pledged:* Last spring—Donal Denton, David and Joseph Dewey, George Harvey, Arthur Jagard, Fred Jensen, George Kreisel, Richard Knoblock, Michael Leigh, Herbert Mishler, Howard Rathbun, Eugene Renzi, Kenneth Roberts, and Frank Sorochinsky. September 29—Peter DiConza, Richard Fisher, Robert Lind, Henry Newbaker, Richard Pew, Fred Schuler, Peter Taylor, and Donald Wiedenkeller. (Rushing results are incomplete at this writing.)

## NU CHAPTER Franklin and Marshall

*By S. Robert Thorbahn*

552 W. James St. opened its doors with a bang this fall. George Anis and Bob Gibb returned after a year's absence. Bro. Anis left Germany and khaki to rejoin Nu Chapter and the Chemistry labs. Bro. Gibb returned to campus with a bran' new wife. Also back with us this year is Pledge Donald Barshinger.

Nu is down to 27 members this year, but our best foot is forward. The rushing program has started with a lot of enthusiasm. We hope to pledge eighteen or twenty freshmen before many months. Big plans are also set for Homecoming week-end on October 6. Headed by John Ashworth, the Homecoming committee has plans for decorating the house as a "Showboat" for the Interfraternity competition, and plans for a buffet supper after the football game with Dickinson, followed by an informal house dance in the evening. A good alumni turnout is anticipated.

Interfraternity athletic competition for the chapter is being ably directed by Wilbur Muller. The touch-football team are practicing for their first game, and a tennis team is being formed.

Jack Silknetter is gathering information for our chapter newspaper, *Nu's News*. It will be out in November. Social Committee chairman Richard Riffel has plans for some novelty parties coming up along with our traditional Thanksgiving and Orchid formal.

Nu Chapter is housing a D.P. student from Ukrania, Wasyl Znayenko by name. He is an Economics major, a swell fellow with an interesting past. We hope he gains as much from our acquaintance as we do from our association with him.

Sage Jopling, "VP" Buckwalter, treasurer Buckley, and secretary Thorbahn attended the

Beta Province meeting at Theta, Penn State, the week-end of September 7. Archon Fryburg did a fine job on the administration, and thanks are due the brothers of Theta for their hospitality. The meeting also gave us a chance to meet brothers from Kappa, Chi, Alpha-Chi, Beta-Theta, and Alpha Mu chapters.

Results of campus scholarship found Sigma Pi at Franklin and Marshall third from the top. The scholarship drive at Nu for the past two years really paid off. From tenth to third. Keep up the good work, boys!

*Initiated:* September 24—Donald E. Dahlin, Brooklyn, New York.

## RHO CHAPTER North Carolina State

*By Douglas Powell*

Some of the members of Rho returned to the chapter house several weeks in advance of the opening of school, and these trusty brothers began getting the house ready for the rest of Rho's wild and woolly Deltas. John Rodman along with the help of Don Bulluck and George Lambert did an excellent job of refinishing the kitchen, and the entire chapter expressed approval of the completed job. Sage Freeman passed along a "well done" commendation.

During the summer months, Rho Chapter suffered two "casualties" in that two of its members got married. Gray Bolich and Coyte Garner decided to leave the ranks of the happy single and settle for married harmony.

Rho was honored by having as its guests some of the members of Alpha-Phi Chapter (University of Georgia) on the week-end when their fine football team played the Tar Heels of North Carolina. It can be reported that the members of Rho and Alpha-Phi celebrated the Georgia victory in fine fashion. It is hoped that we can return the Alpha-Phi visit sometime in the future. Rho Chapter stands ready to welcome all Sigma Pi brothers.

Sigma Pi is lucky in having two chapters located just a few miles apart. Alpha-Nu at Wake Forest is only a short distance from Rho, and on the week-end when North Carolina State played their football team, many of Alpha-Nu's members dropped in for some of Rho Chapter's famous hospitality. Alpha-Nu reeled away, happy that they had such fine brothers on the other side of Wake County.

Rush Week has lately occupied the attentions of all the Rho chapterites. Plans have been made for a number of parties and smokers to be held for the benefit of both the rushees and mem-



bers. Bill Halsey is chairman of the Rush Committee, and the "Bull O' the Woods" can be counted on to do a fine job.

## Υ Upsilon Chapter U. C. L. A.

*By Bill Foster*

The coming of September and the fall semester found the ranks of our chapter here at Upsilon only slightly lessened by the draft and the call of reserves.

Most of the brothers found the summer vacation to be a profitable and interesting venture. Clark Wingert and Marty Donohue visited Alaska and returned laden with loot and tales of the far north, while Bob Blaney was enjoying himself in Germany with a Methodist Church group.

Under the direction of Don Nater, Dewey Shepherd, and a rush committee composed of Bob Blaney, Bruce Flemming, Al Minjares, and Chuck Ward, Upsilon completed one of its finest rushing seasons. We were justly rewarded for our efforts by obtaining 18 pledges.

Taking the vows this summer were Bud Mauer and John Hunt, selecting as their brides Annabelle May Brallier (A Δ II) and Jean Loretta Walker respectively. Joe Henriksen became engaged to Arlene Allison (A Δ II), and Don Nater announced his engagement to Donna Woodhouse (Δ Z).

Social events began this fall with an open house after "Sorority Presents" at which we entertained a large cross-section of pledges and actives from sorority-row. Bob Brewster (social chairman) has made arrangements for our initiation banquet to be held on October 20 at the Miramar Hotel. Preceding it will be an exchange with the A X Ω sorority.

The planning and building of our homecoming float this year is progressing rapidly under the direction of a very capable chairman, Ralph Rea. The theme will be South "C" Holiday, and we are anticipating another trophy for our collection. Last year we won the originality trophy.

Preparation for intramural sports began September 25 with a football practice called by our captain Jerry Reed. The following day, sore muscles characterized the brothers having soft summer jobs. Jerry is doing a fine job of organizing and expects to have a championship team as the season progresses. We ranked third in intramural sports last year in the events which we entered, and are seeking to retain or better our position this semester.

Our chapter house is accommodating over forty actives and pledges this year, placing an added burden on Don Bullock the house manager. This kind of work is new to Don, but he is doing a fine job. Many of the brothers have completely re-decorated their rooms, from wallpaper to new carpeting.

Upsilon has had the pleasure of welcoming two Sigma Pi transfers from Pi and Omega chapters, Jerry Frazee and Tom Hamilton.

Although only one week has elapsed since the beginning of the fall semester, the coöperation and participation of the brothers has been outstanding, and we of Upsilon expect another great social and academic year.

*Pledged:* Jairo Barrero, Warner Benjamin, Don Bondi, Allen Conwell, Bob Daleigney, Don Gehring, Earl Hanson, Terry Heselius, George Hoelzel, Bob Jones, Kent Jones, Robert Lashbrook, Michael Mathos, Carl Moroney, Ronald Packard, Dave Randel, Chuck Tirman, and Eugene Wallock

## Φ Phi Chapter University of Illinois

*By Lester H. Ness, Jr.*

"Study hours!" This ever-present fraternity-house cry has taken on a new meaning here at Phi chapter this semester. A real desire to crack down and improve our scholastic standing is resulting in extra emphasis on the age-old problems of grades.

With the completion of clean-up week and rush week plus the beginning of fall activities, which include homecoming stunt show with Chi Omegas, this year promises to be busier than last, though that seems impossible.

Sigma Pi promises to do itself proud in I-M athletics this year. The nucleus of our championship softball team, runner-up basketball team, and excellent football team is back. All-star Bob "Egg" Avery will again be the mainstay of all three. We will not be hurt in the minor sports either, and our chances to improve our 50-51 seventh place all-sport finish is excellent.

The annual pledge dance, hayrides, and last but not least the "Fighting Illini" football games, promise to keep our fall social season full. Incidentally, Bob Bishop '54 will be representing Σ II on the gridiron at a reserve guard position. Bob is a rough and tough 190-pounder with a great future ahead of him.

Dan Cupid was working overtime this summer, and brothers Harvey Powers, Bob Sanner, and Chuck McGrew came back minus their pins.

Their chosen girls are Clari Ritter, Kappa Alpha Theta; Wilma Sprills, MacMurray College; and Irene Smith, Detroit, respectively. Also, a late flash brings us the news that Roger DeYoung has given his pin to Jackie Jones, Alpha Phi.

Bull sessions with the brothers reveal a wide variety of vacation activities this summer. Pastimes range from milk delivery to that of Bob "Hap" Craig who spent the summer at Quantico, Va., receiving Marine Corps training under the N.R.O.T.C. program.

*Pledged:* Gary Andrews, Pekin; Rod Ruch, Springfield; John Mitchell, Waukegan; Bill Faude, Milwaukee; Chas. Finn, Gibson City; Keith Prater, Decatur; Bob Buckles, Decatur; Stuart Sherman, Kingston; Ronald Lunn, Oak Lawn; Joe Nardi, Chicago Heights; Harry Maynor, Buffalo, N.Y.; Dave Pickard, Temple City, Calif.; Bill Turner, Joliet; Rex Gillet, Champaign; and Rod Lewis, Bridgeport.

*Initiated:* September 30—Leiby S. Hall, Decatur; and Robert E. Bishop, Bridgeport.

## X CHI CHAPTER University of Pittsburgh

*By John W. Stein*

The fall semester found the brothers of Chi Chapter coming back early so that the house could be put into good condition. We are very proud of the house that we bought a year ago in October through the fine coöperation of the Grand Chapter, Alumni, and Actives. It is only fitting that we take a few lines here to thank those who did so much to make our wish a reality. The house has meant much to us this past year, and each day we can see the ever-increasing importance that it has for the advancement of Chi Chapter.

Many things can always be found to improve a chapter house, and ours was no exception. The front porch was given a fresh coat of paint, the lawn was reseeded, and the retaining wall in the back yard was rebuilt. Of course, a general house-cleaning is usually in order following vacation time, and so the fellows got out the mops and brooms and went to town; you ought to see how it shines.

Our Third Counselor who is a "Jack of All Trades" made a very attractive electric sign for the front of the house. We think it is a much more attractive sign than that of any other house on campus, not excepting the neon signs.

Through the efforts of Bro. Eriser the house did not stay dormant during the summer. He

contacted seven of his friends who were attending the summer sessions of the School of Engineering and arranged that they live in the chapter house along with one brother and an alumnus who is working in Pittsburgh.

Knowing that more of the brothers wanted to move into house in the fall we purchased more desks and beds to meet the situation. There are now ten house men, and the possibility of accommodating two more men with the present facilities. These places will be grabbed off quickly by either more brothers or the new pledges that we will take into the chapter in a few weeks.

The semester was only a few days old when Chi and the rest of the fraternities on campus started their rushing program. The Rushing Committee consisting of Lou McCollough, Chuck Knight, Al Eckert, and Jim Eriser has planned a very good rushing program, and we know that it is going to pay dividends.

The officers of Chi for the year of 1951-1952 are: S—James A. Rock; FC—Frederick R. Nicely; SC—William H. Leach; TC—Robert A. Woeber; FoC—Kenneth R. Linamen; H—John W. Stein. Dick Davies who was elected Third Counselor was accepted into medical school during the summer and has been replaced by Bob Woeber.

John Kradel, our athletic chairman, has his football team formed for competition in I.F. league, and states that we are going to "Win Them All." In the near future I.F. bowling will begin. Although Chi has never won the championship in bowling, we have always been up close to the top; our prospects for first this year are good. We are looking forward to the basketball season, for the chances of getting several basketball players as pledges are excellent.

A few days ago Larry Loeffler received notification that he had been accepted by the Navy for commission upon his graduation from Pitt in February. Bros. Bob Davis and Alan Hennel are now on duty as lieutenants in the Quartermaster and Engineering Corps respectively.

Many brothers at Chi have distinguished themselves with their scholastic achievements this last year. Three have been accepted into professional schools at Pitt. They are: Richard Davis, Medical School; Robert Gifford, Dental School; and Clifford Koerth, Law School. William West was honored by election to Omicron Delta Kappa, the honorary activities fraternity. Kenneth Linamen received the Ben J. Lubic Award for his outstanding character and citizenship as a Junior in the University of Pittsburgh. Also, Roy Nelson received the Fulbright Scholarship which entitles him to a year's study at the University of Paris from which he will also receive his master's degree. These brothers have set very high standards for the rest of us at Chi.

Our delegates have been talking about the swell time they had at Theta ever since they got back from the Beta Province convention. The reports that the delegates brought back with them have given us many good suggestions for improvement of chapter operations. We should like to suggest that these province meetings be held annually.

*Initiated:* Last January—Major Loren McCarty, C.Q.M., R.O.T.C., who has become chapter faculty adviser. Last May—Albert H. Eckert, John E. Love, and John C. Scaramucci. L. L. McCollough was initiated in March.



**PSI CHAPTER**  
Emory University

Psi Chapter rings in news of a successful rush week. After ten days of concentrated rushing, we are very happy to announce the acquisition of seven new pledge brothers. Paul Bardes was present at the pledging ceremony.

During the summer, Psi maintained an active social program which was concluded by a formal dance following the bell presentation, reported below. Other highlights of the summer season were a swimming party at the Venetian Club, a Hayloft Hoedown, a South Sea Island party, and a Merry Matrimony party.

Deltas Roy Owen, Fred Amatriain, and Dave Fritts were married. Additions to Psi from other chapters are: Henry Ellis, Alpha-Eta, and Ed Georgia, Beta-Zeta. To be initiated this fall are Pledges Bob Baker, Jim Tucker, and Ed Scruggs. The chapter heartily welcomes Mother Worthing back after a long summer vacation.

**PSI BELL PRESENTATION**

On August 11, Psi Chapter officially dedicated a bell which was presented to it by Mr. Ernest E. Norris, President of the Southern Railway System. Psi's Sage, George Keller, wrote a letter to Mr. Norris asking for an old locomotive bell which could be used as a symbol of the chapter's spirit. Mr. Norris' reply to this request was a 255-pound brass bell with "Gift of Southern Railway, 1951" etched on the front.

Acting on behalf of Mr. Norris, Herbert W. Bondurant, vice-president of the Southern, presented the bell to Dr. Judson C. Ward, chapter advisor, who accepted it in behalf of the chapter.

It is a coincidence that marked on the bell is the date, 1924, which happens to be the date the  $\Sigma$  II chapter was founded at Emory.

Following the presentation ceremony, a reception and dance was held at the house. Mrs. H.



*New home of Sigma Pi (Omega Chapter) at Oregon State.*

L. Macon of Atlanta served as guest hostess for the evening, assisted by Miss Sally Thompson, Chapter Sweetheart.

In the short time since its acquisition, the bell has become a standard piece of chapter equipment, and it is rapidly becoming a tradition on the campus.



**OMEGA CHAPTER**  
Oregon State College

*By Larry King*

Faced with a terrific job of rebuilding, we of Omega Chapter have our job cut out for us in the ensuing term.

The biggest noteworthy item is our new home acquired over the summer months with the gracious aid of the Rose City Alumni Club of Portland and other active alumni. Our new house, a beautiful three-story brick building, just off the campus, involves some problems, but the acquisition has given actives new vitality. Naturally, we can now accommodate more men, but we face a new rebuilding job.

Plans are now afoot for homecoming festivities and our annual fall formal both to be held in October. Already work on the house sign for homecoming is in progress, and it is our hope that Omega can gain recognition this year. The fall formal will lift the lid on social activities for our new house, which will help cut expenses by our not having to rent space.

There were three marriages during the summer in which  $\Sigma$  II's played prominent rôles.

Rowan O. Brick married Helen Stenkamp from Bend. David W. DeCook, who is now on active duty as an Ensign in the navy, married Marylou Herndon early in the summer. David D. Nyberg is now commuting from Junction City where his wife, the former Gara Lee Houchin, is teaching.

*Officers:* Installed September 24: Larry King—Herald.

*Initiated:* October 7—William A. North '53, Portland; and Allen H. Pierce '53, Eugene.

*Pledged:* October 1—Robert Stevens '55, Salem; Lewis Hackett '55, Eugene; E. C. Annes, Jr., '53, Grants Pass; and Ervin Smith '53, Salem.

**AB** ALPHA-BETA  
University of Michigan

*By C. Richard Doyle*

Dear Jim:

We're back again this fall, Jim. Why don't you stop by and see us some time? Most of us had very enjoyable summers, and a few of us even thought we'd like the fall to stay away.

Jerry (Sluggett) and Brad (Oldenburg) took a pretty extensive trip down South. They said they really enjoyed Biloxi and old New Orleans. Jerry even said that he made a little money on the side this year, buying and selling used car(s).

Wilson and Olsen told me to tell you they think your and their field is a snap. They spent their summer drafting for the American Shipbuilding Company in Cleveland. They did get up to Jerry's place in Leamington for one week-end party during the summer. Walt, I guess, was up also—he worked as a chemist (sounds pretty classy, doesn't it?) for his keep during the vacation months.

Hank VanCleve also kept to work in his chosen field—he surveyed the far north of the Upper Peninsula railroad lines. As per usual, we still have foresters in this crew, and Patterson, being the highlight of that thought, went out your way, to Idaho, for some kind of forestry toil. The rest of us managed to find something to keep us busy in the hot weather.

This semester started off in the usual manner, with a huge party at Homer's new apartment the night after the State game—it wasn't a victory celebration, but no one would have known the difference. Mrs. Hawkins played a wonderful hostess—Don sure is lucky!! Did you get down to their wedding? They tell me that it was really something. Jerry, Brad, Dave, Ole, and Walt all found their ways to Dayton for the big event. Of course, it meant another lighter.

Don't let me forget to tell you about fall rushing. Dick Kocon from Imlay City, Michigan, and David R. Manwaring of Ann Arbor decided to "go Sigma Pi."

We had another big week-end, Jim, on October 27. Our fraternity homecoming happened to coincide with the University's homecoming; so you can imagine what a time we had.

I have to head for class now, Jim. I guess that's all from the University of Michigan. Keep in touch with us, boy, and drop by, if you ever get out of those hills.

Fraternally,

Dick

**AΓ** ALPHA-GAMMA  
University of Washington

*By E. C. Turner*

The return of fall and football brings the brothers of Alpha-Gamma together again to compare their summer of slavery and brag about their bankrolls. So far Harry Dingwall, using double-folded one-dollar bills, has shown the largest wad. This is only because "Big Dan" Auda is reluctant to let the chapter know the exact nature of his unlimited spending power.

We have a new song around the house that goes something like "I'm a Boeing man myself." It is being sung by a good part of the chapter. It was picked up by Porky Ryan, Dan Auda, James Jahoda, Jack Perry, Wayne Harris, Dick Parent, and Harry Dingwall as they were riveting buckets or straining their brains on some engineering problem this summer at Boeing Aircraft Company. If any B-29 crashes in the future, don't think it was sabotage; merely lay it up to one of these lunkheads.

Activities of a few of the other fellows include: Don Ross shooting the bull at an army warehouse; Paul Thomas wasting away working in a sawmill; George Knight, Junior Wigdahl, Jay Kertulla, and George Carter idling away the summer months in Alaska; and Al Bryan and Burton Fadich hunting for Indian civilizations in the wilds of British Columbia. "Reb" Berrier was the only one who really loafed. He spent the summer in ROTC camp as a shave-tail.

We have heard from a couple of '51 graduates. Don Anderson is in the army stationed in Georgia, and Robert Ryan is selling Nash 'mobiles in Los Angeles.

Formal rushing paid off better for Alpha-Gamma this year than it has in previous years. We pledged four house men, all entering freshmen who should be with us for some time pending previous claim by Uncle Sam.

The football craze has hit the University of Washington, and already half a dozen Alpha-Gamma men are planning to go to the Rose Bowl when Washington takes the Coast Championship. We will invade Upsilon in mass. Any Big Ten team that is unlucky enough to meet us had better bring along a large Sigma Pi rooting section. It is certain we will have one there.

*Pledged:* September 30—Bruce Dingwall, La-Jolla, Calif.; James Jahoda and William Nye, Seattle; and Richard Wetmore, Wenatchee.

**AΔ ALPHA-DELTA**  
Alabama P. I.—Auburn

*By John G. Latt*

Almost all of our time and energy during the summer months was spent seeking relief from the hot sun that sent the mercury over the 100 mark more times than we felt necessary. The heat proved too much for Bro. Tom Ramey '53, and so he got hitched. Bros. Claude Kersh '52 and Pat Ryan '52 left for the service and immediately put in transfers for the North Pole. Bro. Kersh was sent to Texas in the middle of a heat-wave. Bro. Leo Dawsey finally got his sheepskin in architecture, and Carl Knight got him one which stated that he was a full-fledged farmer.

Our softball team was going great guns and reached the semi-finals. However, a polio epidemic forced the cancellation of the softball tournament before the finals could get underway.

Three Alpha-Delta pledges played prominent rôles in Auburn's 24-14 upset victory over Vanderbilt. They were Bill Turnbeaugh '53, a 6 foot, 3 inch, 255-pound tackle (he is still a growing boy); Sam Hanks '53, a 224-pound tackle, and Foy Thompson '53, a 197-pound guard. We are all looking forward to the Auburn-Alabama game in Birmingham, December 1. Wish us Luck!

*Initiated:* Leon W. Thomas, Jackson Springs, N.C. and John N. Yauger, Birmingham.

*Pledges:* Barton Bullard, Fred Clearman, W. W. Cook, Bob Copelen, Wm. Knight, Herbert Jesk, Talmage Parker, W. M. Monroe, Ralph Morris, and Robert Norris.



**AZ ALPHA-ZETA**  
St. Lawrence University

*By Ed Pomerantz and Bud Schneider*

Fall has brought most of Alpha-Zeta's members back to the St. Lawrence Campus—most of them armed with postponements and deferments from the Selective Service. The brothers seemed to have done all right for themselves during the summer. Among these we found that "Strech" DePuy had located "The Girl of His Dreams," while he was working in a north country summer resort.

Two of our graduates, Art Small and "Choppy" Rutherford, are now in the service. Art was called into the Marines and is at Parris Island, while "Chop" is in the Army. Among our other alumni: Porky Baird '51 has returned to Canton to see his Sue; John Alexander '50, who was with us last year while he was studying for his master's, is now teaching at Copenhagen High School as the Advanced Math Instructor. Ed Garbers '50 is with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as an agent somewhere in the United States.

We have finally gotten the house in shape for the current semester. The brothers turned interior decorators for a week or so and re-finished their rooms. We now have a purple Grotto in which you can find Deltas Vath, Pillars, and Bastian. Their room is done in pink and black—very striking black walls and pink ceiling with intoxicated pink elephants chasing each other around the walls. The other rooms are more or less reserved in artistic tastes.

This fall will bring many new experiences for St. Lawrence and Alpha-Zeta. The St. Lawrence football team has extended its 14-game winning streak to 16 by defeating Champlain 55-6 and Union by the score of 48-6. Bros. Tom Marcopulos and Ed Orlofsky help the Larry line hold and charge against their opponents.

Next week is Homecoming Week-end on campus when the Larries will meet Hobart. Alpha-Zeta plans to have the Alumni back for the Clarkson game on October 27.

*Initiated:* Richard King who was pledged last spring.

There is an opening for another Sigma Pi field secretary. Write or send recommendations to the Executive Office.

## AH ALPHA-ETA William and Mary

By Wendell G. Haynie

The returning brothers of Alpha-Eta anticipate a very successful year in scholastic achievement, intramural sports, and social functions. In the scholastic averages among the eleven fraternities at William and Mary, Sigma Pi took fourth place last semester. Although we failed to do as well in intramurals as we did in scholastic competition, we feel confident that we will be tough opponents in touch football during the coming season. With the addition of new brothers and pledges to the team, football practice has gotten under way.

Saturday, September 29, we had our annual fall picnic at the shelter in Matoaka Park. It turned out as successful as the picnic held last spring at Yorktown. Arrangements are already in the making for our Winter Formal to be held in the Great Hall of the Wren Building.

The College of William and Mary is the host of the National Interfraternity Conference to be held at Old Point, Virginia, the last week in November. The president and treasurer of the W. & M. Interfraternity Council are members of Sigma Pi. They are Dick Hildick and Jeff Davis.

## AΘ ALPHA-THETA Beloit College

By Lee Parsons

With some new faces and a loss of many of the old ones, Alpha-Theta reopened its activities this fall under somewhat different circumstances because our chapter was relocated back onto campus, so that we eliminated the cross-country trek to our former remote outpost near the football stadium. Presently we occupy a large section of North Dormitory including a double lounge, dining-room, and kitchen. This move should bring us into the center of the campus activities.

The returning Sigma Pi's were faced with the almost overwhelming task of painting, scrubbing, painting, arranging, painting, cabinet making (thanks to the craftsmanship of Bill Gunn we have a trophy case), painting and interior decorating. The house was finally whipped into remarkably good shape in time for rushing with a minimum of mishaps.

"Sam, those wires won't support that fifty-dollar mirror!"

"They'll hold."

CRASH!!!

"This picture looks better there anyway."

Rushing this year was exceptionally rough on account of the draft situation, a low freshman enrollment, and a relatively small percentage of affiliation by the freshmen. The result of our rushing this year was the pledging of four frosh and one upperclassman.

Immediately after rushing we were plunged into a hectic week of float-building, house-decorating, and the numerous other activities traditionally associated with homecoming. A new tradition added this year was window-decorating on downtown stores, sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce. We are proud to state that Sigma Pi won the trophy by artistry of Dave Panek, Lee Parsons, and Jerry Vojtko (none of whom have taken art). This year we built a magnificent float (created by Kent Rich) in the form of a huge sperm-whale with mechanical jaws, eyes, eyelashes, tail, and complete with spouting water. Through a slight oversight on the part of the judges, however, we missed first place, although the towns-people displayed our whale in a local park. The week-end was high-lighted by a dinner for the alumni.

The college weekly publication is well populated this year by our brothers, "Skip" Halenza being sports editor; Kent Rich, make-up editor; Sam Fuqua, headline editor; and Bill Gunn, Dave Panek, Bill Henry, and Lee Parsons on the staff. We also have Sam Fuqua, Rog Emelson, Steve Arnold, Ron Drum, Dee Parsons, and Orié Mohr with the Beloit College Players.

Our members have not been inactive over the summer months: brother Halenza was pinned to Joy Foehner, Pat Hyer to Marge Johnson (last spring), and Ira Cram was married. The draft has been surprisingly lenient on our men, taking only David Krupa, Ralph Lee, and George MacArthur. Also Bill Duerson and Bob Duffy transferred this fall.

Intramurals have begun with several football games in which we have not been having too much luck. However, with the addition to our line of Frank Ruzicka and Dave Kempton, two robust pledges, coupled with "Shadow" Emilson, we really ought to mow 'em down in the future.

*Officers:* Rollyn F. Meyers—S; William S. Gunn—SC and rush chairman; Samuel A. Fuqua—TC; Harry E. Gunn—FoC; Stuart C. Hyer—FC; and Lee A. Parsons—H; Social chairman is Donald Halenza.

*Pledged:* Stephen A. Arnold of Highland Park; Robert Gustafson and David L. Kempton of Chicago; Frank G. Ruzicka of Burlington, Wis.; and Gerald J. Vojtko of Mundelein.

## AI ALPHA-IOTA Missouri School of Mines

By Lauren Choate

Most of the actives returned a week early to paint and redecorate the house. To those men who were unable to get back early, however, it appeared that most of the work never got beyond the plans laid across the scratched, familiar tables of the Rendez-vous.

During the summer two of our most recent graduates were married: Lt. Gillum Burgess, now a student officer at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, to Miss Doris Forberg of Collinsville, Illinois; Hulon McDaniel to Miss Vida Humphreys of Overland, Mo.

Fred Ferguson, Licking, Mo., a transfer student from Alpha-Rho Chapter, is also with us this year.

We are making plans for a big Homecoming celebration November 2-3. Last year's pledge class is working on the decorations. The Miners' football team will play Cape Girardeau.

In order that all you alumni may receive a copy of the chapter news-letter, will you please send us your present address if it has changed in the past year?

*Initiated:* September 23—Arthur C. Thompson, Brookfield; Andy A. Slaucitajs, Argentina; Robert B. Hopler, Seaside Heights, N.J.; Robert B. Amundson, Wilson, Ark.; and Rayburn L. Williamson, Springfield, Ill.

*Pledged:* September 24—Norman A. Rosekrans and Charles E. Muhleman, both of St. Louis.

## AK ALPHA-KAPPA Louisiana State University

By Thomas G. Whipple

Alpha-Kappa professes to be the strongest little chapter ever to exist in any fraternity. Its members have been brought close together by their continuous work in rebuilding the chapter. A year ago only two members of Alpha-Kappa returned to school at Louisiana State University. The University did not expect the Chapter to last through the year. The Dean of Men even went so far as to suggest that the Chapter go inactive. With the aid of its Alumni and Traveling Secretary Paul Bardes and the inexhaustible work of its pledges, the Chapter has not only continued in existence but has developed into a group that will never have to face defeat.

We are looking forward to building Alpha-Kappa into a chapter that can stand with pride among the rest of the chapters of Sigma Pi. We know that no other chapter surpasses us in fraternalism, ideals, and the desire to expand. With these assets we are starting a year that we are certain will bring us progress and prosperity.

*Officers:* S—Warren L. Greely; FoC—Stanley D. Hanesworth; and TC—Thomas G. Whipple.

*Initiated:* Stanley D. Hanesworth, Biloxi, Miss.

*Pledged:* Joseph L. Aguiard, Jr., Joseph L. Lanier, and John H. Whipple.



*FoC Ralph Ehrhardt, FC Edward Rogers, SC Tom Wechsner, and Sage Bob Hattersley represent Alpha-Mu at Beta Province Convention held at Theta chapter house.*

## AM ALPHA-MU Newark C. of E.

By H. Otto Schroedel

The fall term opens with the return of 28 actives, including those initiated on October 6, all "raring" to make this one of the biggest and best years for Sigma Pi at N.C.E.

The chapter has planned an extensive social program for the fall. Several house parties including a Hallowe'en party will be held. The highlight of fall activities will be the annual formal Orchid Ball on Thanksgiving Eve. At the Orchid Ball the chapter will celebrate its twenty-eighth anniversary on the campus, having its start as Beta Alpha Theta in 1923, and also will celebrate the thirteenth anniversary of its chartering as Alpha-Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi.

Work has steadily progressed on the chapter house. As usual, many brothers are living at the house, almost filling it to capacity. In evidence

that the roof has been fixed, "Colonel" Kinzler is back in "Kempton's Ice Box" sans hip boots.

Four of the brothers enjoyed themselves thoroughly at the Beta Province Convention on September 8 and 9 at Penn State. Bros. Hattersley, Rogers, Wechsner, and Ehrhardt brought back with them a wealth of valuable information concerning fraternity business and organization.

Richard Hagen was married recently to the former Miss Aileen McDermott of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

Although Paul Bardes, our Traveling Secretary, mentioned in his "Ramblings" that Alpha-Mu was a good place to get lost, he must have enjoyed his stay of about two months.

*Initiated:* October 6—Lloyd C. Buell, Belmar; Richard T. Hagen, Montclair; and Raymond Koehler, Hillside.

## AN ALPHA-NU Wake Forest College

*By Wayland Jenkins*

Alpha-Nu began the 1951 fall semester by completely redecorating the chapter room and den. Under the direction of John Blecker and "Hank" Caddell, the work was finished in time for fall rushing, which is in progress at this writing. Σ II will hold one formal and one informal smoker during the rush period in accordance with local Interfraternity Council rules.

The Chapter is especially looking forward to Homecoming in October, at which time a banquet will be held with members of the chapter alumni association. The alumni group was organized last spring and is headed by Pete Davis of Winston-Salem, N.C. Homecoming marks the alumni organization's second meeting.

Among the other Alpha-Nu plans for Homecoming are a dance on the eve of the football game with the University of North Carolina, and an I.F.C. dance on Saturday night with the music of Charlie Spivak and his orchestra.

Alpha-Nu is proud of several brothers who are active in campus activities this year. In the publications field Bill Austin is co-editor in chief of the *Old Gold and Black*, weekly student newspaper. Harold Walters is business manager of the same publication. Jim Bledsoe was named president of the Interfraternity Council in elections last spring, but with his recall into active service he is now Captain Bledsoe, United States Army, Fort Jackson, S.C. Al Dew and Allen Harris are president and vice-president, respectively, of the local chapter of the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity. Also taking an important

part in campus affairs as a member of the student council is Pat Mast. "Hank" Caddell continues in his third year on the college cheering squad, while Mitchell Rabil won a position on the squad this year.

*Officers 1951-52:* S—William W. White; SC—David P. Mast; TC—T. Harold Walters; FoC—Wayland L. Jenkins, Jr.; FC—Wm. Austin; and H—Thomas H. Caddell.

## AO ALPHA-OMICRON Santa Barbara College

*By Desmond L. Kincaid*

Through the efforts of Bros. Owen Wayman, Marc Wallace, and Desmond Kincaid, Alpha-Omicron has acquired a new chapter house at 1104 Cliff Drive. The house, commonly referred to as the Cliff Drive "Mansion" by members and friends alike, is the oldest and largest ranch still intact in Santa Barbara County. The house itself is situated near the Mesa Campus of the College, and boasts 43 surrounding acres, 18 of which are planted with citrus trees! It is 76 years old, and features the old-fashioned wood panelling halfway up the "pool-table" green walls. At least four huge windows are included in each room, and all the floors are of good pre-war hardwood. The selling-point of the house is the bandstand adjoining the main living room and the 76-year-old square grand piano which came with the lease. During the many parties that the chapter had during rush week, none of the rushees failed to admire the house; in fact several of the sorority girls helping with our parties went so far as to say that ours was the best of all Greek houses on campus.

Needless to say, rushing found the chapter still a little groggy from moving, but as always, Alpha-Omicron came through with some of the best and most interesting events of any scheduled by fraternities. The feature of one party was a late afternoon ride through the scenic foothills of Santa Barbara to Coldspring Tavern at the summit of San Marcos Pass. This was an especial attraction to the rushees from out of town as this tavern is the oldest stage-coach stop still in operation in the same manner and the same building as it was over 100 years ago. Terrific dinners at the house, dances with the help of Delta Gamma Sorority, a house-warming party, movies of our homecoming parades for past years were all highlights of a strenuous week of rushing.

Although it was not directly connected with rushing in a technical sense, a great deal of support, both moral and financial, was received



from the starting of an alumni club made up of former members of Alpha-Omicron. The chapter has a real feeling of security now that it has the advice, enthusiasm, and support of 63 "alums" to count upon.

Our "country club" campus has again proved to be the "stompin' grounds" of Ol' Dan Cupid. This summer Jim Mulick married the girl of his dreams, Joyce McQueen,  $\Delta$  I. With a semester of school still to go, Bill Hardison said "I do" to Mary Anne Zane,  $\Delta$  I, honor graduate of UCSB. Southern Pacific light-heavyweight wrestling champ Don Frederickson took to wife Peggy Ward,  $A \Phi$ . The marriage that really started people buzzing was that of Leonard MacKenzie, Sage-elect for this year, to Beverly Fuller. "Mac" succumbed to Beverly's wifely charms and decided to attend UCLA this year to be near her.

As previously mentioned, rushing started off with a "bang," and as it looks now there won't be much chance for rest this semester. Homecoming is on October 20, and then Alpha-Omicron will try for a fourth consecutive win in fraternity float division in the parade, and who knows, perhaps another clean sweep of all first-place awards in the major competitive events that are a feature of homecoming. The first part of November brings All-Cal Week-end, when the several branches of the University of California all get together for a big celebration and for the Bear-Bruins, Santa Barbara-Davis football tilts. This year All-Cal will be at Los Angeles. Of course, there are the many fraternity social affairs as well as school events. And then there will be what we hope will become traditional, the combined Parents-Faculty Tea, to be held at the house sometime before Christmas. To say we have a full semester of events ahead of us would seem to be a masterpiece of understatement.

*Officers:* S—Joseph P. Constantino; SC—Marc Wallace; TC—John R. Baum; FoC—J. S. McBride, Jr.; FC—Yovan Popovich; and H—Vincent R. Magana.

## AP ALPHA-RHO Southwest Mo. State Col.

*By Donald A. Multer*

Graduating at the end of the fall term if all goes well will be Bro. William Taylor Pinet, Jr.

Homecoming is in the very near future, and homecoming float is progressing rapidly under the direction of chairman Jerry Presley, while receptions for the alumni are completed under the direction of social chairman George Esterly.

"Those Wedding Bells are Breaking up That Old Gang of Mine"—yes, those wedding bells are breaking up that old gang of ours. Bro. Lawrence Holt and Miss Cecilia Wheat were united in marriage in August, and Bro. Bill Rook and Miss Phyliss Mynatt,  $A \Delta II$ , were united in marriage in one of the fall seasons' social events, September 27, with Bros. Charlie White, Davey Hilton, Lawrence Holt and Don Multer serving as ushers. The couple honeymooned through the south. Bro. James Melvin Catt, United States Air Force, has announced his engagement to Miss Helen Kay Peterson, with wedding plans for late December. Bro. Joe Jordan, United States Air Force, has announced his engagement and December marriage to Miss Judith Ann Vorderberg.

Alpha-Rho's touch-football intramural team is about ready to open its fall season under the direction of coach Bill Gatlin.

Graduating with honors from the summer term of Southwest Missouri State College was Carl Renie. Also graduating at the end of the summer term was Herb Spratt.

Plans to rejuvenate the chapter newspaper, *The Orchid*, are moving along rapidly under the direction of Publicity Chairman Don Multer, with the purchase of a new mimeographing machine. Don is also serving as Standard-Ozarko photographer this year.

Alpha-Rho has just finished rushing with the holding of its second rush party, a chicken fry, at the Clear Creek state park near Springfield. The first rush party was a smoker at the chapter house, where refreshments of barbecued beef and all the trimmings were served by chef Art Grimmett. Preferential banquets will be held shortly to decide each organization's pledges.

Our membership dropped from thirty-eight in the spring to only nineteen, throwing extra emphasis on the importance of fall rushing.

Many helpful ideas were gained from the Zeta Province convention held at the Alpha-Rho chapter house late in August. Delegates from Alpha-Sigma at Arkansas, Alpha-Iota at Missouri Mines, Beta-Delta at Kansas, and Alpha-Pi at Arkansas State were in attendance, and from comments gathered all Deltas participating gleaned helpful information and suggestions from each other.

Two new officers were elected at the opening meeting of the fall term to replace Bros. Robert May and Loy Moon, who entered the service during the summer months. Kyle Gordon was elected to fill the vacancy of Loy Moon as Fourth Counselor, and Charlie White was elected to fill the vacancy of Robert May as First Counselor. All members hated to see these two boys enter the services, but we feel certain that Kyle and Charlie will be found capable of filling the jobs.

Our first meeting of the year was pleasingly interrupted by the girls of Sigma Sigma Sigma when they paused to serenade the members of Sigma Pi.



Alpha-Rho takes time out from a regular Monday night meeting for a serenade by  $\Sigma \Sigma \Sigma$  sorority.

## $\Lambda \Sigma$ ALPHA-SIGMA University of Arkansas

*By Malcolm B. Levenstein*

Alpha-Sigma started a new year by moving into a new home located at 301 University St. After a week of painting and repairing we are more satisfied with our new home than with the one we occupied last year. We also have a new housemother this year: Mrs. Jess Williams, known to all the boys as Mother Jess. Mother Jess is very well known around Fayetteville, and we feel that we are very fortunate in having her as our housemother.

We of Alpha-Sigma are looking forward to a great year of social and scholastic activities. Plans have already been made for a dance on October 26.

Shortly after returning to school we received word of the death of J. Bruno Lienhart, who was one of the early members of Alpha-Sigma. Bruno will always be remembered by the members of our chapter as being a great fraternity man and a fine gentleman.

Jewel Higgenbottom and Donald Shelton have recently been elected as FC and FoC respectively, and we are sure that these men will carry out the duties of their offices to the best of their ability.

Three more of our alums have joined the ranks of married men: Ray Martin, Ivy Lee Tomlin, and Bob Wallace.

## $\Lambda \Upsilon$ ALPHA-UPSILON University of Rhode Island

*By Kenneth H. Neal*

The past two months witnessed an event which has long been a primary goal for the men of Alpha-Upsilon. A house was contracted for, was obtained, and at present is comfortably housing twenty-nine brothers and pledges.

The house is owned by Dr. Pease and is located only a short distance from campus. At present we are renting, but we hope to buy in the near future. We have the use of the knotty-pine basement, which is being used as the social room; a sleeping deck, and a study floor, accommodating three men to a room.

Now that we have a social room, plans for more activities are being made. The first event, a vic dance, was held Friday night, October 5, under the able guidance of "Kraut" Heisinger and "Pal" Perry.

Well, Saturday, September 29, saw Rhody bow to Maine here at Kingston, to the tune of 12-0. In order that the spirits of many Sigma Pi alumni in attendance would not sink too low, a "bon vue" party was held that night and football scores were soon forgotten as the party progressed.

With reference to football, it is necessary to mention at this point that intramural football is under way. Our first game, a loss, pointed out that much work has to be done with this relatively green team. The army, graduation, and poor scholastic standings took their toll of our more athletically inclined men.

*Initiated:* October 21—George J. Behrens, Paris L. Bump, Jr., Harvey S. Burr, Robert H. Johnson, Edward W. Lewis, Clarence R. Munroe, and Robert W. Smith.

## $\Lambda \chi$ ALPHA-CHI University of Maryland

*By William L. Mullen, Jr.*

Those of us at Alpha-Chi who managed to survive the summer away from the fraternity life we hold so dear—and it wasn't easy—having all returned to the fold by now, again look forward to another hectic semester. After three months of the "easy" life, we are steeling ourselves for rushing parties, football ticket lines, B.A. 118, college food, and . . . aw, come on, fellas, you know you never had it so good.

Because it was apparent to all that what was needed most this semester was "new blood," we determined to make this year our best as regards the acquiring of new men. It is indeed unfortunate that those "golden" years at college go all too fast—a steady stream of incoming brothers each semester is the backbone of any fraternity. If the rush program outlined by Randy Sterling—with the ever-necessary aid of social head "Mole" McComb—works out as well in practice as in planning, we will be well off in the vital rushing process. A well-balanced program of stag smokers and informal house dances makes us sure that we shall be able to garner our fair share of the desirable new men.

One of our biggest problems of years past now looks to be solved. Former Army cook Pete Fraleigh, who is now dishing up "cuisine" instead of "chow," has taken over the kitchen and doing a wonderful job. It may be a different story when the boys get pork and beans "three times a day" near the end of the month, but, seriously, we are very grateful that Pete is lending his experience and willingness to what has been in the past a tough problem. We are confident that last semester's closing of the kitchen and consequent financial loss are things of the past.

Those members who spent the entire summer far removed from College Park had, on returning to school, a delightful surprise. This would be the "re-decoration" of the house. A vote of thanks is in order for House Manager Fred Everett and SC Charley Travers for the fine way they fixed up the attic into comfortable and attractive quarters. A loud cheer should also be reserved for those members who painted their individual rooms according to the dictates of their personality and how they felt that day. Some of them would probably turn a professional decorator green—and not from envy. The outside of the house will, by next EMERALD time, be entirely painted. A new and very beautiful "shingle" was made for us by Bros. Don Bailey and Bob Jordan and makes the Sig Pi house easily identifiable from a distance. Thanks are in order, in fact, to all those men who helped make our house a little more of a "home away from home"—as the travel folders say.

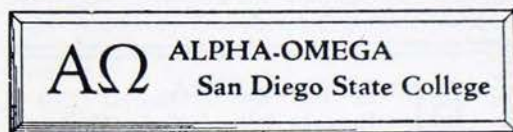
News of a romantic nature must, of necessity, be confined to a single item this issue, namely, the marriage of Bro. Bill Tripp to Miss Nancy Fullen, the ceremony taking place in Bay City, Mich. We all hope that distance alone won't prevent us from seeing Bill and Nan once in a while.

Sage Jim O'Donnell and "Veep" Charley Travers—never ones to rest on their laurels—have been hard at work on the administrative end of the chapter. A couple of their ideas—a stronger and better-defined Executive Com-

mittee and the rearranging of certain committees into stronger units—have already borne fruit in smoother and shorter meetings. More power to the boys along these lines.

*Alpha-Chi Addenda:* "Coach" Lou Iannuzelli has issued the first call for football. What system he will use to baffle the opposition is a secret up to now. Probably to Lou also. . . . Our delegates to the Beta Province convention at Theta Chapter in September, Sage Jim O'Donnell and Jim Hills, reported real Sig Pi hospitality as well as much fraternity work accomplished. . . . Jess Wolcott has "switched" to the U. S. Army. Good luck, Jess. . . . Anyone wishing to donate a piano in good condition (playable) call Un 9771. . . . Back in college after a second hitch with his Marine unit is Al Hutchison. Another brother to return to the fold is Bob Martin, who was out of school for a year.

*Initiated:* October 13—Robert S. Harrison, III.



*By Jack Schwartz*

The ol' Herald has a hobble on him this time; so no chit-chat chillun, just the straight scoop.

Some of the most frantic activities this summer were the rush parties thrown by Alpha-Omega. First, Jim Baumgart and Bill Wood combined their efforts to cook up a mess of spaghetti for the eager rushees. Another one of those fabulous volley-ball games was organized with 30 on a side. The only way to gain a point was to scrape out the sidelines and have everyone stand close together with hands up in the air. Any ball hitting the hands bounced back over the net, and everything else was declared outside. After tying 356-356, we went inside to watch television.

Next was a party at Mission Beach, where football and swimming followed hard on the heels of eating as favorite pastimes, and those who were able to get up the next morning, happily trotted out to school to register.

Larry Bogle sponsored a trip to the Midget Auto Races in Balboa Stadium, and Don Gates held forth on racing information when he could be heard over the roar of motors. Don's brother drives one of the squat monsters, and Don knows a good bit about the midgets himself.

A party before the annual frosh reception September 22, was held in Bob Berry's rumpus room. Mrs. Berry made the "horse doovers," which were promptly eaten by Larry Bogle and

Keith Collard, Jim Spears and Bill Wood joined efforts to make Pineapple Punch, which was enjoyed by all.

Bob Berry's inspiration, *The Alpha-Omega*, a chapter newspaper, has its third issue in the making. Jim Spears is editor and heads an able staff in Larry Bogle.

A very good idea of Jim Baumgart's was eagerly seized upon by all members and come time 100 percent of the membership is to turn out to volunteer a pint of their blood to the Armed Forces-Red Cross Blood Drive.

Future projects of Alpha-Omega: An elaborate float for the Homecoming Parade, a bear-steak dinner at the Serena Cafe in Tiajuana, and the procurement of a new chapter house.

*Officers:* Installed September 24—James W. Baumgart—SC; Chuck Rowe—Social Chairman; Larry Bogle—IFC Representative.

*Initiated:* May 29—Larry Bogle, Keith Collard, Selby Dalton, Harry Grow, Robert Pharr, and Lowell Zuehke; September 3—Wallace McPherson, Charles Rowe, and James Spears.

## ΒΓ BETA-GAMMA Eastern Illinois State Coll.

*By Jerry Griffith*

The chapter house was rather on the quiet side during the summer term of 1951. Only four Deltas remained for the summer course following the end of the regular school-year. Among them was Gene Krueger, who returned to Eastern from Northwestern to pick up some extra credits. It was Gene's first glimpse of the chapter house since it underwent its face-lifting last spring. We might add that he was greatly impressed.

Following a brief vacation after the summer term, the week of September 8 to 15 marked the return of 25 Deltas to the chapter house in preparation for the coming year. For some of us it is the first time we have lived in the house, and for others it was like returning home. Between bull-sessions and other activities, a general day of house-cleaning was held, and at present everything is in tip-top shape. Our only regret is that we are not able to accommodate all the brothers, though plans to do so are just around the corner.

As always happens at the beginning of the school-year, a few familiar faces are missing because of graduation and this thing called Selective Service. A marked change was shown in one of our brothers especially, George Kantner. We noted that George knelt beside his bed each night with his hands clasped and his face sky-

ward. Further investigation showed that he was an upstanding member of the 44th Division of the Illinois National Guard due to be called up for active duty around February 15 of next year. It seems that his discharge is due to come through sometime in December of this year. He is just hoping. Another member is a pledge, Boyd Fox. He knows he hasn't a chance, and so he hasn't changed a bit. A few other brothers attended various reserve training camps throughout the country during the summer.

Several other brothers were active this summer also, but in another way. Tom Kirkwood, Dutch Meyers, Don Duensing, Bud Harrison, and Cliff Nugent all embarked upon the sea of matrimony.

At the first meeting of this year held Tuesday night, September 18, the main business at hand was preparation for the annual Homecoming to be held October 20. We are shooting for our third straight win in the float contest. Committees for the float and house decoration were appointed. We hope to have good news for you in the next edition.

As a further note of interest, you will be happy to know that a group of brothers paid a visit to the newly-installed colony at Southern Illinois University and found the boys there progressing nicely. Beta-Gamma Chapter and Phi Chapter at the University of Illinois are co-sponsors of the colony. We hope to have more news of their progress for you next time.

One new officer was elected during the first meeting. Albert W. Fehrenbacher was elected treasurer to succeed W. O. Bragg. Ralph Beals was recently elected to the office of president of the Business Club on Eastern's campus.

## ΒΔ BETA-DELTA University of Kansas

*By Jim Smith*

Beta-Delta has started its first year in its own house. We feel very fortunate in being able to purchase a home only three blocks from the campus and right on Fraternity Row. Our new home is a three-story white frame house which will hold 30 men. On the first floor we have two living-rooms, a dining-room, the house-mother's quarters, and a kitchen. On the second floor we have study rooms, bath, and a dormitory. The third floor will be made into study rooms soon, and a recreation room is going to be built in the basement.

For the last two years we have ranked last on the campus with our grade average. Now it is a pleasure to announce that we rank twenty-

second out of twenty-four fraternities. It's not much, but at least we are out of the cellar.

Following the recent favorable publicity that many fraternities have received, the Inter-Fraternity Council here at K.U. jumped on the bandwagon, too. Many of you no doubt read about the disastrous flood that hit Kansas last July. The north part of Lawrence was hit very hard and has not yet gotten back on its feet. All the fraternities have voted not to have homecoming decorations and to donate \$50 to a fund for North Lawrence and to work on houses damaged by the flood. So on Saturday, October 6, we all went to North Lawrence and worked. The project was covered by photographers from both *Look* and *Life* magazines. (Be sure to get both magazines and maybe you'll see us there.) Much work was done, and the project was highly successful.

We have been visited recently by three of our alums of '51. Gene Marsh and Pete Kaiser were home on leave after Coast Guard boot camp in New Jersey, and C. D. "Bud" Jones came through from Navy boot camp at San Diego.

Beta-Delta is quite proud of its new home and is looking forward to a good year. If you are ever in Kansas, look us up at 1325 Tennessee.

<b>BE</b> BETA-EPSILON Syracuse University
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*By Clark Miner*

The back-to-school movement has once again evolved into the everyday grind of classes and study hours. Beta-Epsilon is here in force even though a mighty small force it is. We have plenty of plugging to do to fill our ranks.

The house has undergone its annual September change. The downstairs floors were re-finished and the woodwork and walls cleaned and painted. Some new drapes were bought and venetian blinds added to the front rooms. The biggest pride and joy of the house is a new rug for the T. V. room which was bought with the contributions of last June's graduating class. The house really has a new look.

Summer adventures are still a topic of conversation in the bull-sessions. Bros. DeCordova and Sloatman worked in Ohio, Bill Steltz for a tool engineering company in New Jersey, Smitty for a beer distributor in the Catskills, Miner in a wood products plant in the Adirondacks (as part of his Forestry work), Jack Schubert worked for the General Electric Company, Sage Albrecht for the National Biscuit Company, and the list goes on. Other brothers spent the summer months in similar fashion—seems as

if money is still the number-one item for everyone.

Between the working hours there was time for some of the usual and the unusual things too. Miner and Smitty drove to Springfield, Ohio, to pick up Hank Struve (we heard they had to tear him away from that interesting job of his) and came home by way of Michigan and Canada. Many thanks from Beta-Epsilon to Carl Gaylord and Alpha-Beta Chapter, University of Michigan, for the hospitality shown our boys. Jack Schubert managed the unusual—how he got that Ford to run from Schenectady to New York and back all summer is beyond me. Can't be he worked too hard, but then those Alpha Phi's are nice.

Two Sig Pi's made the vow. Ed Dexter and Bob Khatchikian went down that middle aisle to marriage and consequently out of our fold. Both are living nearby and continuing in school.

Bros. Hasby and Tracey, currently of the U. S. Air Force at Sampson Air Base, have paid us numerous visits. Henry Karawan, Paul Palmer, and Hans Peterson are also employed by the same company. Paul is at Sampson, Hank at Scott Field, and Hans is stationed at Pyndall Air Force Base in Florida.

Bro. Horton, known also as "Whispering Charlie" and still using the King's English, has had several surprises for us. Besides obtaining one of the higher academic averages of the house he is also coming right along in his new, self-appointed rôle as leading lover of Sigma Pi.

Rushing is now in full swing and the prospects for a large pledge class look good.

<b>BZ</b> BETA-ZETA University of Miami
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*By Rodney Ross*

Now that September has rolled around once again, all of the members of Beta-Zeta are planning for a great year here at Miami.

Rushing of pledges starts on October 5, but already a number of fellows have shown the desire to become Sigma Pi's. Three fine rush parties have been planned by the rushing committee of Calvin Rampulla, Jack Lenahan, Jack Clark, and Ronald Demaris.

A successful year in intramurals is expected. The football team will start the year in a few weeks. We hope to equal the record of last year's team, which advanced to the semi-finals in the school play-offs. Already the boys are getting a few much-needed practices under their belts, and should be ready to roar with that opening kick-off.



*Beta-Theta's volleyball team in action: Ray Weihman, Norman Merlock, Walter Teetsel, Edward Kelso, and Stephen Tranovich.*

The chapter is looking forward to the preparation of the homecoming float and the running of the stand at the Carni-Gras, the annual school carnival. Last year Beta-Zeta was one of the few to show a profit on their stand, and we hope to gain from our last year's experience.

During the summer we were unfortunate in the fact that we lost the services of FoC Ernie Ward to the navy, and TC Ed Georgia who has enrolled at Emory University. One of our first jobs will be to elect new men to fill these offices. We feel that we shall greatly miss the services of both of these men.

With maximum hard work this semester Beta-Zeta should do justice to the name of Sigma Pi.

## BH BETA-ETA

### San Jose State College

*By Carl Burger and Earl Parker*

Since news of Beta-Eta missed the August EMERALD, the spring, summer, and early fall activities will be summarized this time.

Last spring found the fellows hitting the books. Our pledges placed fifth in competition with other fraternities, while the actives placed ninth; the chapter as a whole ranked seventh with 1.4881 grade-point average.

Several dances were held last spring. Our Orchid Ball and the IFC Formal were one week apart at the Devonshire Country Club overlooking San Francisco Bay; both were very successful. Our Orchid Queen was Patricia Mason, a San Jose State student. For the second year the Ball was held in conjunction with Iota Chapter. The third big dance of the spring was the Sen-

ior Ball, held in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco.

Unfortunately June marked the loss of four members by graduation: Dave Millovich of Sherman Oaks and John Roberts of Palo Alto (both now attending Stanford University Graduate School); Bob Marquis of Castro Valley, now teaching school in Stockton; and Dave Nelson of Monterey, now employed at Ampax on the Santa Cruz Peninsula.

The ranks were replenished, however, with the spring pledge class, who brought their pledgship to a close by throwing a party for the chapter. The affair was held at Archon Bert Howard's cabin in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Shortly thereafter, these large lads were absorbed into the chapter. Dave Doerr was named the outstanding pledge of the group; others were James McMurtry and Russell Roberts.

During the summer six of our bachelors fell prey to the opposite sex. Dave Millovich locked arms with Phillis Alden, Φ B Φ; Dave Nelson exchanged vows with Dorothy McCormick, A Φ; Dick Smith married Daphne Brown; Nathan Hooper put the wedding ring on Clarice Anderson's finger; and Charles Barrena and Nancy Marrovick became man and wife.

With the beginning of the new fall quarter, the brothers got off on the right foot by re-decorating the living room, dining-room, hall, and several bedrooms. The house also bought a new vacuum cleaner which is the talk of the chapter. Jerry Dedo and Wayne Whistler have worked day and night building us a fine radio-phonograph console with a retail value of about \$400.00.

In line with the recent redecorating the Mothers' Club has bought us new drapes for the living-room which are a welcome asset after so long. Their future plans include many more such improvements for the house.

Fall rushing is in full swing here at Sparta. Earl Parker, rush chairman, has planned many functions designed to acquaint the brothers with the prospective pledges. We have already had a fine group of fellows turn out, and with smokers, dances, and a barbecue swim party at Bro. Doerr's on the agenda for the coming rush period, we should start the coming year with a select group of good men.

*Officers:* Robert J. Allen—S; Louis J. Gregory—SC; Richard Smith—TC; Theodore Springston—FoC; Carl A. Burger—FC; and Richard C. Booth—H.





BETA-THETA

Drexel Institute

By Clarence S. Berger

Although there were few brothers in school this summer, our social chairman, Richard DiFulvio, got the ball rolling by transforming the house into a Monte Carlo on Saturday, July 28. Roulette was the main attraction, and some of the brothers still wish they had been playing for real money. The annual Shore Weekend was next on the calendar. It was held at Ocean City, N.J., on August 10, 11, and 12. Friday evening the boys took over the first floor of Mason Hall. The night was spent in exercising elbows and loafing in general. Saturday was the day for relaxation if that is possible at the beach. After a pretty thorough roasting, the brothers went to see the sights of the fair city that night. Sunday was set aside to finish the burning that was started the day before. For one last fling before the term examinations, a picnic was held at the Drexel Lodge on August 25. The afternoon got under way with softball and volley-ball. The stags played football in anticipation of the coming season. Good old hot dogs and beans were on the menu. That evening the brothers and their dates danced to records in the Lodge.

Volley-ball and tennis were the IF sports on tap this summer. Captain Raymond Weihmann's volley-ball team had a rough season losing the majority of their games. The tennis team, under Robert Pachelbel, did a little better but was unable to take first place. We will make it next year, men. Hopes are high for football and bowling this fall.

House Committee was organized this summer to make plans for the possible purchase of a new house. The house we have now is too small in addition to being rented. A new house would also be a great aid in rushing. The committee under the direction of Albert E. Hornsey, Jr., is investigating several properties near our present location. Although plans are moving steadily forward, no purchase is expected before next year. In the meantime plans are being launched for rushing this fall, and preparations are being made for the annual homecoming in November.

Bros. G. Gassdorf, N. Warner, R. Steinman, J. Gildea, and A. Hornsey were the delegates to the Beta Province Convention held at Penn State on September 7, 8, and 9. Many problems were solved and ideas traded at the meetings on Friday and Saturday. The delegates stayed at the Theta chapter house during the convention, and they wish to thank the members of Theta for the good time they had.

Congratulations are in order for Faculty Adviser Russell U. McLaughlin, who was recently named Assistant Professor of Economics; and also for David B. Hart '51 and Manfred A. Espig '52, both of whom were married in June.

*Officers:* Installed July 2: S—Gerhard Gassdorf; FC—Neal Warner; SC—Edward Kelso; TC—Robert Steinman; FoC—Eugene C. Cook; H—Clarence S. Berger.



*Keeping the house clean and in tip-top shape is a job for everyone at Beta-Kappa. Sage Medlyn wields the broom and Bill Woodman handles the hose on porch-cleaning detail.*

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BETA-KAPPA

Arizona State—Tempe

By Anthony F. Miscione

Sigma Pi at Tempe is in the news again! We are proud and happy to announce that our new home (leased) is one of the best, if not the best fraternity house on campus. We are working daily to put it into tip-top shape. A little paint here and a little bit there, but by the time this EMERALD goes to press we guarantee a house worthy of Sigma Pi membership.

The house has ten rooms with a sundeck completely surrounding the second floor. You boys up there in Eta Province are invited, if and when you can dig yourselves out of those snow storms this winter, to come down and enjoy the warm sunshine—we'll even reserve a sun chair for you! (Leave your snow shoes home!)

At the first meeting in the new house Wilbur Horney was elected house manager. House rules were drawn up and, of course, pledge projects were planned.

A building process is at hand here at Beta-Kappa. There are only nineteen actives back on campus; this means that this semester our pledge

class must consist mostly of freshmen and sophomores. We shouldn't have any trouble at all; in fact our rush list is upwards of 45 names. Among these there ought to be some 20 to 25 good men to be Sigma Pi neophytes.

Cupid struck hard this past summer. Married men include John Anderson and Burdell Maurer. Both say married life is wonderful!

Those who transferred their pins included Kenneth Ragle, John Luettich, Fred Holle, and William Woodman.

Elected this semester to replace William P. Flower as FC was John Smart.

## C S. I. U. COLONY Southern Illinois University

*By William E. Cameron*

We are deeply grateful for the efforts put forth by Phi Chapter at the University of Illinois and Beta-Gamma Chapter at Eastern Illinois State College in helping found our colony here at Southern. We are happy to be starting our first year as a Sigma Pi Colony.

The first few weeks of school this fall were highlighted by a rush party and two exchange parties, one with Sigma Sigma Sigma and the other with Delta Sigma Epsilon sororities. These were arranged by Dave Stahlberg and Virgil Fuchs. Our future activities will include intramural basketball, a cocktail party, alumni brunch and smoker for homecoming, and a French

party which will include French singers, acrobats, and a sewer setting.

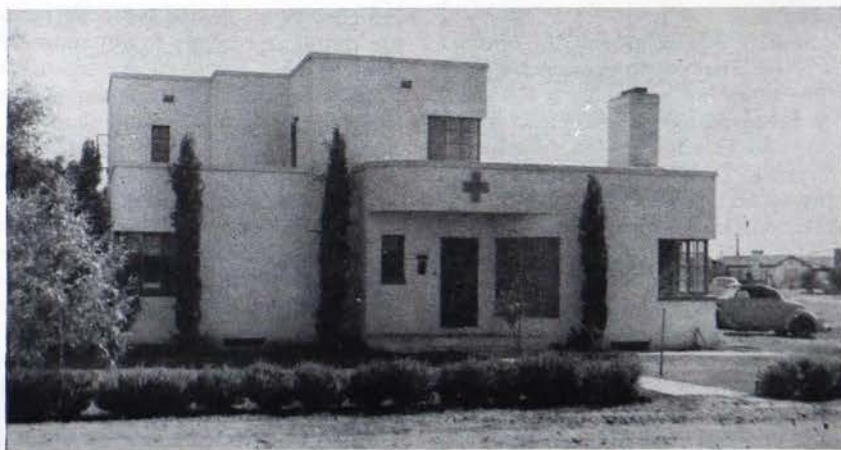
Sigma Pi Colony is proud to announce its new representatives to the Interfraternity Council: Harry Pick, sophomore representative; Jack R. Lawler, junior representative; Lowell Odaniell, senior representative. We are also proud to announce the recent marriages of Sage Anson Smith to Margie Risley, Gene Graves to Norma Jackson, and Robert W. Waite to LaDonne Roth.

We are proud, but also sorry, to announce the graduations of Deltas Bill Martin, Bob Nicol, Bob Smith, and Ray Palmer. We also lost another good fraternity man in Gene Springer, who was drafted, with the activation of the Fighting Forty-Fourth Division of the Southern Illinois National Guard.

Deltas affected by the activation of the division are Tommy G. Smith, Gene Clarke, Harold St. Pierre, and Harry Pick. We are very sorry to lose these men, but the presence of a good pledge class will soften the blow somewhat.

An inventory of our participants in athletics reveals the following talent: James Schmulbach, captain of the varsity baseball team; Ronald Fischer, catcher, varsity baseball; Lawrence Taliana, four-letter man in track; Charles Cutrell, varsity wrestling; Jack R. Lawler, varsity wrestling and track; and Lester Barnes, member of gymnastic team.

*Pledges:* William Cameron, Osco Jackson, Ted Nieciecki, William Schreimann, William Ross, and Robert Williams, all of East St. Louis; Robert Fritts, East Alton; Robert Randolph, Valmeyer; and Donald Fischer, Cape Girardeau, Mo.



SIGMA PI (BETA-KAPPA) HOUSE AT A.S.C., TEMPE



# EMERALD AWARD OF MERIT

## Theta Is Winner for 1950-51

ALTHOUGH the trophy for meritorious contribution to THE EMERALD changes hands after being in the possession of Nu Chapter for three consecutive years, it remains in Beta Province. The trip for the cup was a short one: from Nu at Lancaster to Theta at State College, Pennsylvania.

Yes, Theta amassed more points than any other chapter in the 1950-51 race for the trophy. It had a total of 127 points, beating Phi, the runner-up, by only 15 points. Beta was a pretty close third and was followed by Pi.

In order to qualify, a chapter must submit a newsletter for each of the four quarterly issues, November through August. Failure to do so disqualifies a chapter no matter how many points it might otherwise win. An analysis of past records brings out a very significant fact, namely, that no chapter that had been disqualified for failure to submit four newsletters ever had anywhere near as many points as the top qualifying chapters. In other words, the chapters which send in their newsletters regularly are also the ones which are furnishing extra material such as alumni news, special articles, or pictures.

At least two members of your editorial staff read every chapter letter very carefully each time. While we do this primarily from a sense of duty, at the same time it is a genuine pleasure that we should hate to miss. We sometimes wonder, how many other people (aside from the type-setter) regularly read *all* of the chapter letters, every word of them? At any rate, here is something for all under-

graduate members of Sigma Pi to consider rather seriously. How do you think an alumnus of your chapter feels when he reads THE EMERALD and finds that his chapter—yours, that is—is not represented by a contribution? Do you think it makes him feel like shouting from the housetop which chapter he hails from? Think it over, and put a little pressure, if need be, on your chapter correspondent!

### RANK OF QUALIFYING CHAPTERS

Theta .....	127	Alpha-Sigma .....	55
Phi .....	112	Beta-Delta .....	55
Beta .....	105	Alpha-Upsilon .....	53
Pi .....	94	Beta-Epsilon .....	53
Nu .....	87	Alpha-Zeta .....	51
Alpha-Rho .....	80	Omega .....	45
Beta-Gamma .....	78	Alpha-Gamma .....	45
Beta-Kappa .....	76	Alpha-Phi .....	45
Beta-Zeta .....	71	Alpha-Omega .....	45
Alpha-Chi .....	58		

### RANK OF NON-QUALIFYING CHAPTERS

Lambda .....	77	Alpha-Psi .....	16
Beta-Theta .....	72	Iota .....	15
Upsilon .....	64	Rho .....	15
Gamma .....	42	Alpha-Delta .....	15
Beta-Eta .....	38	Alpha-Theta .....	15
Psi .....	30	Alpha-Iota .....	15
Chi .....	25	Alpha-Kappa .....	15
Alpha-Pi .....	23	Alpha-Nu .....	15
Zeta .....	20	Beta-Iota .....	15
Kappa .....	20	Alpha-Lambda .....	11
Omicron .....	20	Eta .....	10
Alpha-Beta .....	20	Mu .....	10
Alpha-Mu .....	20	Alpha-Eta .....	10
Alpha-Xi .....	20	Alpha-Tau .....	10
Alpha-Omicron .....	20		

### Top Ranking Chapters in 1950-51 Efficiency Certificate Contest

1	Alpha-Upsilon—R.I. State	Points	856
2	Beta-Epsilon—Syracuse		817
3	Omega—Oregon State		793
4	Beta-Delta—Kansas		780
5	Beta-Kappa—A.S.C., Tempe		763
6	Gamma—Ohio State		752
7	Alpha-Rho—S.W. Mo.		735
8	Alpha-Delta—Auburn		718

### Top Ranking Chapters in 1949-50 Scholarship

1	Alpha-Tau—S.W. La.	Plus	15.88
2	Beta—Indiana		13.21
3	Alpha-Eta—W. & M.		12.09
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REV. NEVIN COWGER HARNER, Ph.D., D.D., LL.D., Nu 1921, died suddenly of coronary occlusion on July 24, 1951, in his home in Lancaster, Pa., aged fifty. He was born Feb. 5, 1901, near Berlin, Pa., the son of Rev. and Mrs. Philip Harner, was graduated A.B. from Franklin and Marshall College in 1921, with



REV. NEVIN COWGER HARNER

highest honors and election to Phi Beta Kappa, B.D. from the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., in 1924, and S.T.M. from Union Theological Seminary, New York, in 1925. In 1931 he received his Ph.D. from Columbia University. In 1929 he came to the Seminary in Lancaster as Instructor, and from 1931, was Professor of Christian Education, a chair which he held until his death, except for the period 1945-47, when he served as president of

Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio. He was outstanding in his field of religious education, served widely as special lecturer at other institutions, at Princeton Theological Seminary and Garrett Biblical Institute, and was the author of numerous books and articles in his field. He served the Evangelical and Reformed Church as a member of important boards and commissions, and as delegate to the ecumenical conferences of Oxford and Edinburgh in 1937. At the time of his death he was secretary of the American Association of Theological Schools, His wife, Flora Balch Morton Harner, and two sons survive him.



DR. WILLIAM HALNON

Our August issue reported the passing of William Halnon, who died suddenly from a heart attack on May 17. The portrait reproduced herewith was not available in time to accompany that notice.

Professor at Western Michigan College in Kalamazoo, Brother Halnon spent his very last day in the fulfilment of his regular college work, meeting his last class less than two hours before his death.

Brother Halnon seemed almost like an early member of our Alpha Chapter, inasmuch as from 1914 to 1923 he was President of Vincennes University, where Sigma Pi was

founded, and was thoroughly familiar with our early history and traditions. He was heartily interested in the rejuvenation of that university which is now taking place. Within a few days before his death, he was talking earnestly of ambitious plans for our fraternity, of which he was always a devoted member.

**FRED A. FETTER**, Rho '25, major, United States Army Reserves, an Interior Department personnel officer, died of a heart ailment July 22 at Colonial Beach, Va.

Bro. Fetter, who resided at 4615 N. 36th st., Arlington, was spending the week-end at the beach with his wife, Lolitta, and a party of friends.



FRED A. FETTER, JR., Rho '25

An active reserve officer, Bro. Fetter was a major in the 310 Logistical Command. He had spent many years as a member of the 12th Infantry of the North Carolina National Guard. During World War II, he served in the United States Air Force with the rank of captain, stationed as civilian personnel officer at Morrison Field, Fla. Before his reversion to inactive duty in December, 1945, he was vocational and educational guidance officer in the Adjutant General's office, Pentagon.

Born in Littleton, N.C., he was educated in public schools in Raleigh, N.C., and graduated from North Carolina State College in 1925. He was a member of Sigma Pi Fraternity and of Scabbard and Blade.

He was a designing engineer for the North Carolina Highway Department and the Tennessee and Maryland Departments of Public Roads before coming to Washington 16 years ago.

For the past seven years he held the position of personnel officer with the Department of the Interior.

Bro. Fetter was a past commander of American Legion Post 63 and a member of the Military Order of the World Wars. He was a member of the Masonic Harmonia Lodge 138 of West Palm Beach, Fla., and was active in Almas Temple Shrine, Alexandria Shrine Club, Sojourner and Hero of 76 here. Formerly a member and assistant director of the Washington Redskins Band, he was also active as a Washington Shrine Band associate.

Besides his wife, who lives at the N. 36th st. address, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Fred A Fetter, Sr., and a sister, Miss Mary Fetter, both of 2900 Connecticut Ave. N.W.

# A —Among Other Greeks— Ω

## No Vestigial Hangover\*

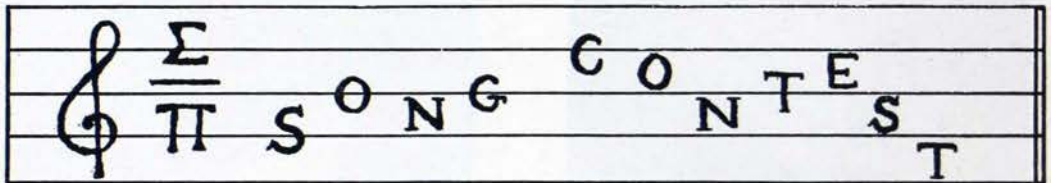
The school of thought that regards post-graduate interest in college fraternities as merely a vestigial hangover from a more juvenile state was very vociferous during the past war about predicting dire things for the future of the American college fraternity system. According to their way of thinking the system was doomed for one reason or another, and was expected gradually to wither and die out in postwar days. This was clearly but a case of wishful thinking because in the first place none of their arguments was convincing, and in the second place since the war the fraternity system has expanded enormously and is still so expanding, and not only that but as previously stated is consolidating its gains and digging in solidly with every evidence of permanency.

\* From an article, "Our Fraternity Ancestors," by W. H. Shideler, Phi Kappa Tau, in *The Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha, March-April 1951.

Like any other democratic organization, fraternities are not perfect. Like any other organization made up of human beings, they are subject to the weaknesses and frailties of mankind. And, like any other constructive association of men, they are trying to improve their efficiency and correct their mistakes.

It is easy to cull out everything that might possibly be discreditable, ignoring everything that might possibly be creditable and good and decent, and so get a terrified but entirely wrong evaluation of fraternities—or of a faculty, or of the Bible, or of almost anything else. I have a Hindu book entitled "Uncle Sham" written on exactly that plan, and it is a terrific—but entirely distorted—indictment of American civilization. The author concludes by admitting just that, but makes the pithy remark that "Uncle Sham" was written along precisely the same plan as Katherine Mayo's "Mother India," and if one be a fair indictment then the other is also.

Many articles have been written about college fraternities. Some are thoughtful and reasonable, as for example the one in the *New York Times Magazine* of January 23.



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1949. Others are so bitterly biased, so completely prejudiced, and, I might say, so very ignorant of what they are writing, like those in the two articles which appeared in *Collier's*, as hardly to deserve an answer. For one cannot make much progress in arguing with a fanatic, or one who is such an intellectual hypocrite as to refuse to face all the facts as they are, but must pick and choose only the worst, entirely ignoring the elements of good.

### The Idea

Did you ever ask yourself: Why does the idea *Fraternity* have such a hold on the minds of men? It can be traced back beyond the records of history; it was glorified by the ancient Greeks; it lies enshrined in the motto of the French Revolution; and it is lived every day in the airplanes, tanks, and foxholes of modern warfare. What great force is in this *idea* which so captures the imagination of men that they fight, organize, and even worship in its name?

Psychologists may say that it is the desire of a man for the extension of the family and the familiar, since his first, and sometimes

only, moments of security are experienced in the family. Men constantly seek to recreate these moments through and in the company of their fellows.

But it is more than that. Men are capable of giving loyalty and fidelity to a remarkable variety of objects, some more worthy than others. Some men are loyal only to the people, objects, and institutions with which they come into immediate contact. Others have no feeling for the immediate, but are capable only of loyalty to the lofty and distant—in love with mankind, they have no time or feeling for their fellow men.

A man without a sense of fraternity for at least some of his fellow men is a man without patriotism or religion. Incapable of friendship, he lives alone; seeking all for himself, he ends up with only himself; devoid of any sense of responsibility to others, he becomes dangerous in a position of power.

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introduced something more personal, something which requires the teaching of loyalty and fidelity to particular individuals. To this need, the American college fraternity responds. The *idea* Fraternity is as old as mankind itself; the need to apply it to the particular is ever new with each generation. If fraternities were abolished tomorrow, new groups of men would band together for the same purposes under a new name. So long as fraternities inculcate the ideals of loyalty and fidelity, they will flourish as part of a nation dedicated to democratic ideals.

STANLEY G. BEDFORD, AXP



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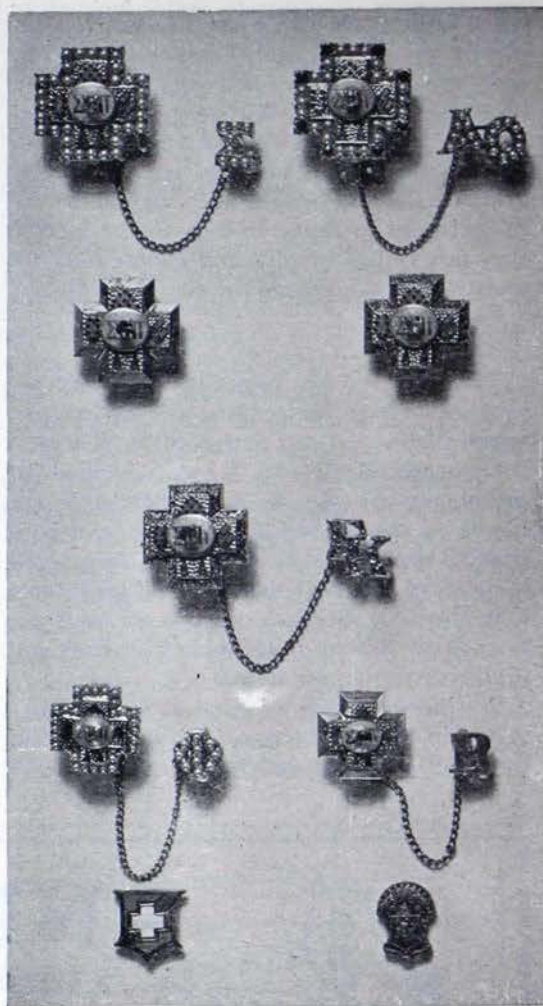
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vember meeting of the Conference, but in the meantime the Committee urges all "fifty-nine member fraternities to give special attention now to character-building programs in all their undergraduate chapters, particularly to the twin procedures of instruction and admonition, and to the formation of sound behavior habits in the daily routines of chapter-house and campus living."

There is need for a movement that will counteract the causes and influences which are having such a bad effect on the development of good character. The job that has to be done is a huge one and may take a long, long time. It requires the coöperation of the homes, the schools, the organizations, and the citizens who believe in loyalty to principles and the value of intangibles. Fraternities are in a very favorable position and should not lose the opportunity to shape the characters of their undergraduate members for good. Would that each Sigma Pi chapter might be a leader on its campus in this movement!

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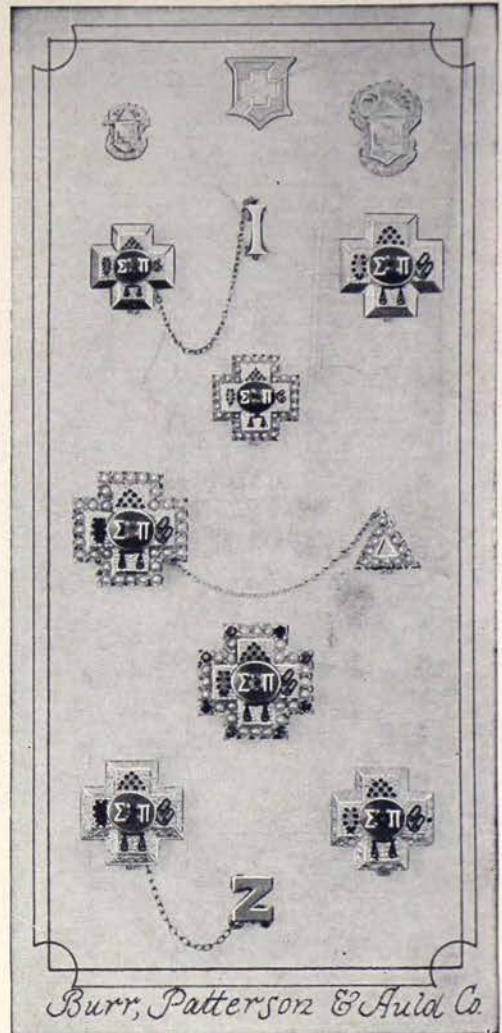
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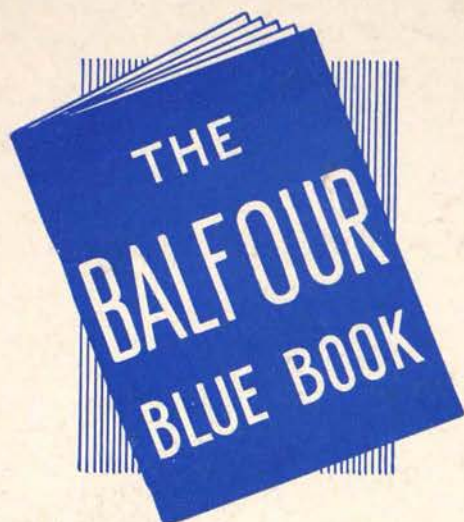
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