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1955

Tribute to The Founders

by Edmund B. Shotwell, Alpha '20

Grand Historian

Read the night of December 6, 1955 on the old Yale campus.

"One hundred ten years ago tonight *Alpha Sigma Phi* Fraternity was founded on the Yale Campus by

Louis Manigault, of Charleston, South Carolina

S. Ormsby Rhea, of Clinton, Louisiana

and

H. Spangler Weiser, of York, Pennsylvania

"They took the Law of Brotherly Love out of the purple vastness of eternity, out of the local church, and put it where it could be most effective—in the work-a-day world by fellows who would be called upon to lead the thoughts of developing America. On December 6th, 1845, a vehicle bearing high ideals, workable ideals, was constructed at Yale College; and across the years thousands of willing souls have gladly drawn it down to the present age.

"We have just sung the verses of the *Anniversary Song* written by Brother Francis M. Finch in 1849 and our Fraternity *Initiation Song* of 1860—this latter proclaiming Alpha Sigs were free from care—and then a Great War stalked our land, and Brother Finch sang again—this time for a wider hearing,

'By the flow of the inland river,
Whence the fleets of iron have fled,
Where the blades of grave-grass quiver
Asleep are the ranks of the dead:
Under the sod and the dew
Waiting the judgment-day;
Under the one, the Blue,
Under the other, the Gray.'

"Founded by men of the South, men of the North, Alpha Sigma Phi's sons have gone forth, from her Chapter Houses on many a campus, bearing a spirit of Idealism in Action; they have gone down to the walks of life where mankind live and work—they have shown the Way of Brotherly Love.

"We have in memory the Founders of Alpha Sigma Phi and rededicate the Fraternity to its Ideals."



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Built by the undergraduates of Alpha Omicron Chapter in memory of the Sigs who have given their lives in five wars since 1845, this striking Memorial in the center of the Missouri Valley College campus serves as a meeting place for students. The pictured Sigs and the girls that wear their respective Badges are, left to right: H. E. Dennis C. Spellman, Carol Sprecklemeyer, Lydia Evans, and H.S.P. Dan N. Saunders. The story of the construction and dedication of the Memorial may be found on page 10.

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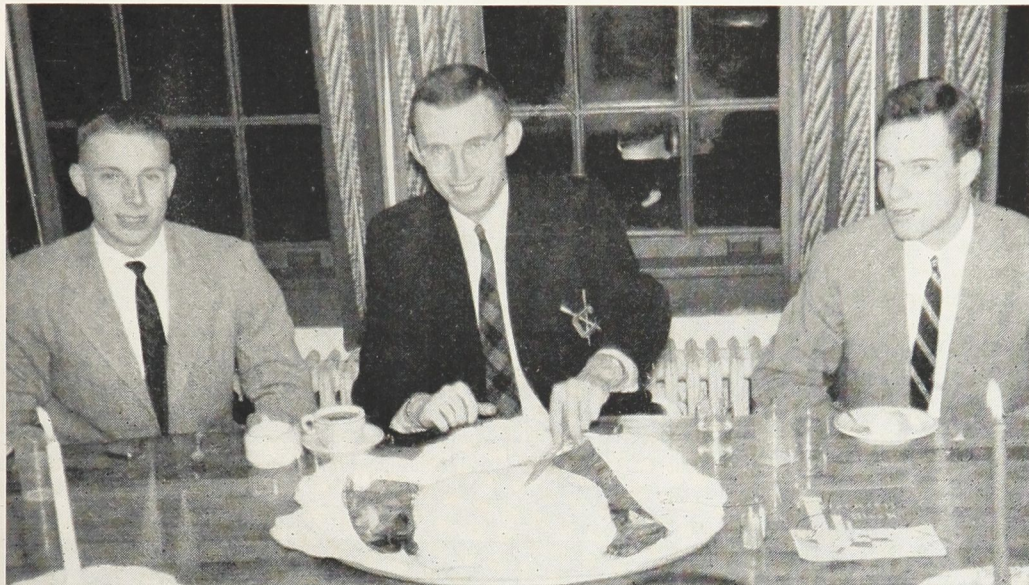
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Sigs gathered in the Nation's Capitol to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of the Founding of Alpha Sigma Phi include, from left to right: Beta Chi Chapter H.S.P. Joseph S. Guy, Jr., American '54; Chairman of the Office of Defense Mobilization and President of Ohio Wesleyan University Arthur S. Flemming, Ohio Wesleyan '24; former member of the Grand Council George E. Worthington, Wisconsin '09; Grand Junior President Charles T. Akre, Iowa '28; and Alumni Secretary William H. E. Holmes, Jr., Purdue '44.

"Her Anniversary I Shall Ever Hail—

—And Celebrate With Joy"



Cornell's H.S.P. James Sylla cuts the cake at Rockledge, Iota's chapter house, in celebration of the Fraternity's 110th Anniversary. Officers for the second term flanking Sylla are, left to right, H.S.P. Craig Comstock and H.J.P. Alan Gast.

December 6, 1845—December 6, 1955

"Her anniversary I shall ever hail and celebrate with joy, for on that glorious day with pleasure I will quaff the sparkling 'quadrimum merum' in honor and to the success of Alpha Sigma Phi. And you and Horace too must join me in frolic . . . repair to the Temple, walk into one of those small rooms, shut the door to keep intruders out, take your seats beside a table you will find within, call for your wines and cigars and enjoy yourselves. I will go through the same ceremony here (in Louisiana) and thus you see we will all be together, celebrating that glorious anniversary."

Letter from Steven Ormsby Rhea to Louis Manigault

Sigs across the nation gathered to celebrate the 110th Anniversary as the Founders had celebrated that First Anniversary. Rhea's keynote words, "we will all be together," were as applicable in 1955 as in 1846, for this past December Sigs were to gather together in New Haven, San Francisco, in Washington and Kansas City, in St. Louis and Los Angeles, in Oklahoma City and Honolulu, and on fifty-six campuses from the University of Arizona to the University of Massachusetts, and from the University of Washington to the University of Miami. In each place ideals from an initiation ceremony written over a century ago — ideals repeated again and again on seventy-nine campuses and stored in the memory of initiates during the last fifty years—brought men together to share the family-like unity of friendship and fellowship within the Mystic Circle.

Pilgrimage to Yale

It is fitting that a mere-band of three journeyed as representatives from the New York City luncheon group, the Third Thursday Thirsters, to New Haven on the evening of December 6th. This musical trio, the Throstles, as they refer to themselves, included Grand Historian Edmund B. Shotwell, Alpha '20; George Woodward, Alpha Delta '20; and Thomas R. Evans, Lambda '19. Brother Shotwell has reconstructed the scene at Yale this night:

"You'd have enjoyed our expedition: the night was clear and sharp; the stars were really 'brightly glancing'; the Christmas decorations of festooned lights all along the streets from the station were accepted as the town's offering to our 110th Anniversary; Harkness Tower, but only forty years old, was excluded from our occasion. One of the fellows had never been to the



At Ciro's in Los Angeles, Wendell C. Cole, U.C.L.A. '26, left, watches as Jack Courtney, U.C.L.A. '43, receives his Delta Beta Xi Award from Grand Marshal Frank F. Hargear, California '16, as Billy G. Neighbors, U.C.L.A. '47, looks on.



San Francisco Sigs at the Founders' Banquet are, left to right: Louis J. Joubert, California '13; John G. Curtis, California '13; Thomas A. Greig, California '13; J. Philo Nelson, Minnesota '20; and Claude V. Thompson, California '13.



Sigs from eight chapters were on hand to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the Founding of the Fraternity at the banquet held by the North Jersey Alumni Council. Oldest Sig present was Michael N. Chanalís, Lambda '10.

campus so we toured about and enjoyed the thousands of lighted dorm windows and the Christmas Tree in Branford College court against the gray backdrop of Wrexham Tower. Then lighting our candle lamp, the Throstles proceeded to the center of the old campus and sang lustily for ten minutes—the trio was in fine voice as the Yale campus police can attest. The penetrating tones of *A Brotherhood Imperial*, the *Anniversary Song*, written in 1849 by Brother Francis M. Finch for the fourth anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity, and *Wake, Freshmen, Wake*, brought heads to the hundreds of windows of the surrounding dormitories. Within this rim of golden lights around the campus, a tribute was read to the Founders.”

(Written by Grand Historian Shotwell, it is reprinted on the inside front cover of this issue of the *Tomahawk*.)

“As this trio raised their voices in song and tribute to the Founders, thousands of Sigs were together in spirit on the old campus at Yale that night.”

Celebration in the Nation's Capitol

At the Army-Navy Club in Washington, over sixty Brothers were together to make and renew friendships. As toastmaster, George Worthington, charter member of Kappa Chapter and former member of the Grand Council, recalled events from earlier Founders' Days:

“Ten years ago, I was chairman of our 100th Founders' Day Celebration in Washington when nearly 100 attended after I'd spent a week at the phone. Being a demon for punishment, I've tried it again—I never seem to learn. Perhaps I have never recovered from the inspiration of 45 years ago when I attended our 65th Anniversary at Marietta. The same celebration included our 3rd Annual Convention, the 50th anniversary of the founding of Delta Chapter, and the 75th anniversary of Marietta College. This quadruple event brought out all the old Delta men and even some of the original Alpha and Delta Beta Xi men. Among them was the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, the Governor of West Virginia, Albert Blakeslee White, and other distinguished Sigs.

“At that reunion I played the old Fraternity songs on that organ pictured on the cover of the Fall *Tomahawk*. You should have heard those old Delta men sing—some hadn't been together since Civil War days.



1955 President of the San Francisco Alumni Council Henry A. Dietz, California '25, presenting the Council's gavel to 1956 President Floyd W. Mosiman, Stanford '17.



Sacramento Alumni Council members Gilbert L. Stout, Cincinnati '54; Claude V. Thompson, California '13; George A. Schurr, Minnesota '18; and H. Marden Wilbur, California '22; celebrate with the San Francisco Sigs after driving 90 miles to attend the San Francisco Council's Founders' Day Banquet.



Four of the many Buffalo Sigs who attended the Founders' Day Banquet gather around the Gamma Epsilon Charter. Left to right they are: Jack Keller, Steve Long, Donald Lever, and Paul O'Neill, H.J.P. of Gamma Epsilon.



Sigs gathered in Kansas City for the 110th Anniversary are Missouri Valley men unless otherwise noted. Seated front row: H.S.P. Dan Saunders, Lyle Dilley, Theodore Ford, Chicago, Louis Surles; seated second row: William Siddon, Walter Tearse, Clarence Arndt, Lester Heckman, Iowa State; standing: John Orear, Paul Ingrassia, W. C. Blankenship, Lester Izard, Ernest Spaulding, Andy Murphy, Merle Berlin, Gene Walden. Also present were D. Skinner, Nebraska, and Ralph E. Wienke of Missouri Valley, the photographer.

"The celebration lasted three days, including our Silent Black Lantern Procession through the city, and ending with a dusk to dawn dinner and dance at the Parkersburg Country Club, chaperoned by the Governor and his wife. For transportation they chartered a dozen little old fashioned, open Toonerville Trolley cars all coupled together. They lined up in front of the old fraternity house, extending a block along the street. Our girls had previously arrived in horse drawn broughams, and we all piled in the trolley cars, dressed in white ties and tails, to the astonishment of the Marietta natives. It was my first all-night party and it was really romantic to watch with a pretty girl the sunrise over the West Virginia mountains from the wide porch of the Club where we had breakfast."

The main speaker of the evening in Washington was Brother Arthur S. Flemming, recipient of Alpha Sigma Phi's Distinguished Merit Award. Speaking as President of Ohio Wesleyan University, Brother Flemming told of the great advantages of fraternity membership in teaching cooperative living and in teaching young men consultative management, as well as training them in the ability to work together as a team. He also stated that the American college fraternity plays an important role in the education and training of young men, and that as such the fraternity becomes an integral part of the nation's educational system. Speaking as Chairman of the

Office of Defense Mobilization, Brother Flemming gave the Sigs an intimate insight into the operation of the Cabinet and the National Security Council under President Eisenhower's leadership.

It was an evening to be long remembered by the members of the Fraternity who were privileged to be in attendance.

Gatherings from Coast to Coast

And there were evenings to be remembered in other cities. Los Angeles Sigs and their ladies met at Ciro's in Hollywood, and the Fraternity's northern California contingent of eighty-four Sigs met at the San Francisco Bar Association Club, while farther up the Pacific coast the Seattle Brothers gathered at the College Club.

Oklahoma City was the scene of another 110th Anniversary celebration; and at the opposite ends of Missouri, Brothers were assembled in Kansas City and in St. Louis. Dinners were held in Chicago and in Buffalo, and the North Jersey Council had a pleasant evening, as did the Sigs in Miami, Florida.

Birthday cakes were cut at various chapters and ritualistic ceremonies marked the event. As Brothers stood about these flickering candles, thoughts came to mind of the development of Alpha Sigma Phi by her Founders:

"Day by day would these friends in silence meet, and bend their lonely course to some distant retreat; in shady woods outskirting the town, remote from Mortal gaze where the Diety alone could view the action of their thoughts. There they would freely exchange views, and discuss the long mooted idea of founding a Society in the Sophomore Class at Yale. Those indeed were happy days," and were to provide happy years for thousands who were and are to follow.

Causa latet vis est notissima.

Undergraduates from Tau Chapter entertaining at the San Francisco Founders' Banquet. Seated in the foreground are John G. Curtis, California '13, and Louis J. Joubert, California '13.



Delta Beta Xi

In 1938 the Grand Council of the Fraternity established the Award of Delta Beta Xi to recognize distinguished service by alumni. In creating this award, they drew upon the historic name by which Alpha Sigma Phi was known on the Yale campus from 1864 to 1875.

In the former year, the Society was banned by the Yale faculty, as the result of a lengthy battle growing out of class rivalries on the campus. The men who were to be initiated into Alpha Sigma in the spring of '64 petitioned the faculty for permission to organize a "new" fraternity. Approval was given and Delta Beta Xi was established, being in effect, nothing more than a tri-lateral alias for Alpha Sigma Phi. For eleven years the traditions of the Fraternity were carried on under this disguise by succeeding sophomore classes which secretly pledged their allegiance to Alpha Sigma Phi.

It was, therefore, appropriate that an award recognizing the spirit of those early days of our Fraternity should take the name of Delta Beta Xi. The alumni who have been honored by election to this award have served the Fraternity faithfully and have largely contributed to her strength. Perhaps the record of their collective leadership and assistance is less dramatic and less romantic than the history of that sturdy group in 1864; but their contribution to the continued well-being of the Fraternity is no less vital than was that demonstration of faith in, and devotion to, Alpha Sigma Phi 92 years ago.

In creating the award, the intent was that not more than 100 alumni, of the total Fraternity list of 10,000 in 1938, would be elected the first year with ten elections in each succeeding year. During the War years with most of the chapters inactive and at a time when the Grand Council met less frequently, the election system was not closely followed, and few recipients were named. In the post-War period, the Council has felt that the authorized quota should be filled, in order that this honor might be conferred upon those who would have qualified during those years when no, or few, recipients were named. Beginning with elections in 1956, the Grand Council will resume the original election policy of ten recipients each year.

Nominations for the Delta Beta Xi award are accepted from undergraduate chapters,



alumni councils, and from Brothers who have been previously honored with the Award. Each nomination is accompanied by supporting data and personal recommendations, and recipients are elected by individual ballot and upon unanimous approval of the Grand Council.

The Fraternity owes an inexpressible obligation to those whose distinguished service to Alpha Sigma Phi has earned for them the privilege of Delta Beta Xi, men who have worked arduously for the Fraternity without thought of personal recognition or reward.

The Grand Council announces the following elections to the Award of Delta Beta Xi, dated December 6, the Founding Date of the Fraternity, and the year of election, 1955:

Floyd J. Arnold, Phi '23
John B. Brandeberry, Beta Rho '37
Thomas L. Bush, Delta '19
Jack Courtney, Alpha Zeta '43
G. Blaine Darrah, Delta '08
A. Howard Davis, Alpha Alpha '27
Charles D. Hazeltine, Nu '27
T. Kirk Heselbarth, Omicron '19
Wesley W. Hobson, Tau '39
Earl T. Iddins, Mu '25
Allen B. Kime, Upsilon '21
J. Paris Mahan, Sigma '32
Paul C. Morrison, Zeta '26
Joseph L. Picard, Eta '26
Robert T. Sheen, Beta Epsilon '31
Carl K. Tester, Beta Rho '37
Everett M. Witzel, Nu '37

Memorial Fund Grants

On December 6, 1945, the Centennial date of the Founding of the Fraternity, the Alpha Sigma Phi Memorial Fund was established as an instrument for the encouragement of high scholarship and for providing aid to students needing financial assistance in order to continue their educational programs.

The initial contribution to the Fund was made by the Fraternity itself in celebration of its Centennial. However, in the years immediately following World War Two, due to the urgency of the financial demands upon other Funds of the Fraternity, there was little activity on the part of the Memorial Fund.

More recently a number of alumni have joined in supporting the Memorial Fund, thus permitting the Trustees to initiate a major program of scholarships and grants-in-aid, beginning in the academic year 1955-56.

Founders Scholarships

The Founders Scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis and is to recognize high scholarship during the first two academic years in college. Applications were called for from the chapters and the qualifications, with a transcript of grades, of each candidate were fully reviewed. Based on this examination of records, the Memorial Fund Trustees announce as Honorable Mention designees in the Founders Scholarship competition: (1) Leamon Eugene Miller, Tri-State College, Beta Omicron '55; and (2) Harry Davis Van Wagner, Davis and Elkins College, Gamma Delta '54.

Named as first recipient of the Founders Scholarship, for 1955-56, was William Judson Anderson, Iowa State College, Phi '55. The Scholarship, in the amount of one hundred dollars, will go to Brother Anderson in recognition of his superlative academic record. Now a junior majoring in aeronautical engineering, Brother Anderson ranked third out of 700 freshmen students and second out of 600 sophomores in engineering, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.962 out of a possible 4.0.

Brother Anderson has been elected to membership in several honorary societies, including Phi Eta Sigma (freshmen), Tau Beta Pi (engineering), and Sigma Gamma Tau (aeronautical engineering).

Recipient of the Convair Award as outstanding basic Air Force R.O.T.C. student,

Anderson is active in the Arnold Air Society and Scabbard and Blade.

Bill Anderson has combined this outstanding academic performance with a number of campus activities, including freshmen basketball and baseball. And in his sophomore year he was a member of the varsity baseball squad.

The Fraternity is proud to be represented by Brother William Anderson as first recipient of the Founders Scholarship, first man in what promises to be a long succession of outstanding scholars.

Application Procedure

The Trustees have adopted the following procedure for consideration of future candidates for the Founders Scholarship:

On October 15 of each year, the H.S.P. of each chapter will be advised that the Memorial Fund Trustees are accepting applications for the Founders Scholarship. Each chapter is invited to nominate one of its members for the competition. The proper application form, accompanied by a transcript of grades and such other supporting data as may from time to time be called for, should be submitted to the Fraternity Office. All persons recommended by the chapters should have completed their first two college years and would probably hold the status of juniors.

Recommendations will be received in the Office until, but not after, December 1 of each year. Announcement of the winner of the Founders Scholarship will be made in January of each year, with appropriate mention in the *Tomahawk*.

Grants-in-Aid

These awards are to be made each year on the basis of need and academic record, to members or pledges of the Fraternity, of undergraduate or graduate school status.

The amount and number of such grants each year will be dependent upon the amount of money available for such purposes, the number of applications, and the degree of financial need of the applicants.

Applicants for grant-in-aid are required to file the official application form which includes a statement of financial need and an estimated budget of income and expense.

In order to place this program in operation during the current academic year, the Memorial Fund Trustees called for grant-in-aid applications last fall. In view of the limited funds available this year, special

consideration was given to those who were close to completion of their academic programs.

After thorough review of all applications, and in view of the conditions set forth above, the Memorial Fund Trustees announced grants-in-aid, in the total amount of five hundred dollars, to the following Brothers: Roger M. Battistella, University of Massachusetts, Gamma '55; Richard J. D'Accardi, Rutgers University, Beta Theta '52; William E. Geiger, III, University of Colorado, Pi '54; Robert L. Tremewan, Stanford University, Tau '53; and Thomas M. Wiggins, University of Missouri, Alpha Theta '54.

Grant-in-Aid Application

The Trustees have adopted the following program for future consideration of grant-in-aid recipients:

On April 1 of each year the Trustees will announce, through the chapters, that they are receiving applications for grants-in-aid. Applications must be received in the Fraternity Office not later than June 1, and announcement of grants awarded will be made on August 1. This program will permit each applicant to know the amount of money available to him prior to the start of the academic year.

Under this program, applications will be received between April 1 and June 1, 1956, with announcement of grants for the academic year 1956-57 made on August 1, 1956.

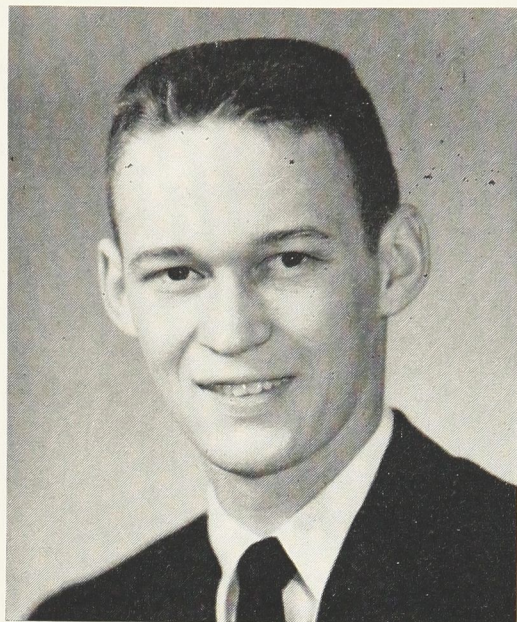
Purposes of the Fund

In creating the Memorial Fund, the Fraternity outlined six major purposes and functions:

To enable or assist deserving young men to obtain or complete a college or university education;

To further learning by the establishment of scholarships, scholarship incentives and awards;

To seek and contribute to the attainment of high educational standards among col-



William J. Anderson, Iowa State, Phi '55, was named by the Trustees of the Memorial Fund as the first recipient of the Founders Scholarship.

lege and university students;

To make, encourage and promote endowments and other donations to colleges and universities;

To conduct research work in the educational field and to supplement educational processes in colleges and universities; and

To encourage and contribute to the improvement of education and scholarship and the development of high standards of honor, integrity, character and leadership among students of colleges and universities.

This is a program of constructive value, enriching the contribution which your Fraternity can make to the education of young men.

In a period of rising costs of education, the announcement by the Trustees, embarking upon a program of financial aid and recognition of high scholarship, was greeted with enthusiasm and appreciation. It merits the support of every alumnus.

The need for greater financial support of the Memorial Fund is urgent. The Trustees received twenty-one applications for grants-in-aid last year. Financial resources of the Fund made it possible to assist only five applicants.

It is believed that many alumni of the Fraternity will want to join in this program of assistance to college men so that each year an increasing number of our undergraduate Brothers—men with difficult and legitimate financial problems—may be assisted in pursuing their academic programs.

Checks should be made payable to Alpha Sigma Phi Memorial Fund.

All Honor to Their Memory—

Missouri Valley Builds Memorial

by Leland L. Kessler, Alpha Omicron '54



The men of Alpha Omicron Chapter at Missouri Valley College have for a long time desired to perpetuate the memory of their Brothers who had given their lives on the altar of patriotism. In order to bring this dream to reality many hours were spent in the task of first deciding what kind of a memorial would be fitting and later in the tedious task of preparing the plans that would serve the desired threefold purpose; to honor the members of Alpha Sigma Phi who had made the supreme sacrifice while fulfilling their patriotic duty, to beautify the campus, and to provide something which could be used and enjoyed by the students. After considerable work, plans submitted to the College Engineer were approved.

Arbor Day, one of Missouri Valley's newest traditional days, was selected as the time for the completion of the memorial to the College. However, the desired memorial still was to be constructed, a task willingly accepted by the members and pledges of Alpha Omicron.

First, a circular foundation fifteen feet in diameter was dug with work progressing at a rapid rate in the invigorating spring air. After the ground work was completed a circular base of concrete was poured and dyed a dull cardinal. The colored cement was then floated, but before it was allowed to completely set, a rope was embedded in the partially hard concrete. Later removed, the rope left indentations in the base which were filled with white mortar, thus creating an unusual flag-stone effect. A circular brick column was erected in the center of the base, and in its cement top was embedded a bronze replica of the Badge of the Fraternity. An inscription was cut into the

stone:

"Presented to M.V.C. in Memory of
Our Brothers who gave their lives
in Service to their Country."

Four benches, made of brick columns and concrete slabs, were located around four sides of the column at the edge of the base.

Thus, the Memorial which stands in the center of the Missouri Valley campus was completed—a proud monument built by a grateful chapter.

The Memorial was accepted by the College at a dedication ceremony which was part of the alumni festivities during the Homecoming this past fall.

In formally accepting the Memorial as a permanent addition to the campus, Dr. M. Earle Collins, President of the College, stated:

"On behalf of Missouri Valley may I, in this formal way, accept with a deep sense of gratitude the thoughtfulness of your Fraternity and your so generously planning for the beautification of our campus as evidenced by your gift in memory of your Brothers who served their country by giving their lives.

"It would be my hope that this message would be shared with the members of your group, and that this communication might become a part of your permanent record indicating our sincere appreciation and expression of gratitude."

The Chapter's fundamental dream has been fulfilled, and in so doing may we hope that other chapters, where allowed to do so by the college, might build and dedicate such a memorial in keeping with the traditions of our Fraternity.

Our Brothers in Alpha Sigma Phi who gave their lives in the fulfillment of one of our Fraternal Purposes, to promote patriotism, truly deserve to be remembered.

May this Memorial ever stand with its Badge untarnished in memory of those Brothers who gave their lives on Missionary Ridge and at Gettysburg, at San Juan Hill, at Chateau Thierry and Verdun, at Anzio and in the Battle of the Bulge, at Okinawa and Guadalcanal, in Korea, and on all the other patriotic fronts of the five wars in which Sigs have served.

Gerald R. Planutis joined the Michigan State Colony in the spring of 1954 as one of the original group. He was one of ten members of the Colony initiated by Theta Chapter on May 15, 1955. An unassuming fellow with a "life-of-the-party" spark, Brother Planutis has a campus-wide popularity. Jerry's gridiron feats are recounted below, courtesy of the Spartan Sports News Service.

Spartan Grid Ace

Michigan State coaches, players and fans believe that Spartan fullback Jerry Planutis, pound for pound, is one of the finest backs in collegiate football.

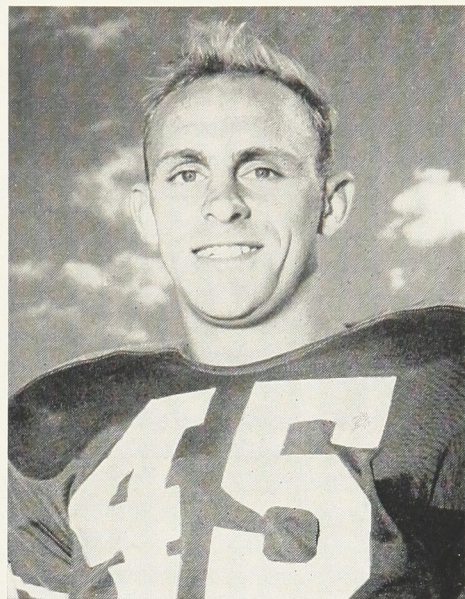
Late in the 1955 season, Michigan State coach Duffy Daugherty called Planutis, "The most under-rated back in the Big Ten." The only honor that came his way last fall was a spot on the United Press All-Big Ten backfield.

Planutis was a member of the State varsity for three years, winning a letter each year, and holding down the regular fullback slot the past two seasons. His collegiate career was climaxed by an outstanding performance in the Rose Bowl, in which contest he was the second highest ground gainer. However, the Rose Bowl was not a new experience for the 175 pounder from West Hazelton, Pa. He also participated in Michigan State's 28-20 win over U.C.L.A. in 1954.

He was one of the most fiery competitors ever to play for State, and provided much of the "spark" in this year's successful team effort. The dismal 1954 season, which saw State lose six of nine games, did not outwardly affect Jerry's spirit; he was continually attempting to bolster team morale, both on and off the field.

Although he led the team in scoring this year with 52 points, Jerry had to wait until the last game of the 1954 season before he scored his first collegiate touchdown. After a wait of 17 games, he scored against Marquette on a 57-yard screen pass. At the end of that 57-yard jaunt, he tossed the ball high in the air and danced around like a little boy.

This year, as if to make up for the long touchdown famine, Planutis scored in each of the first four games and added a final tally in the closing game with Marquette.



He added 22 out of 31 conversion attempts, for the 52-point total.

Perhaps his finest game was played against Notre Dame last fall, when the Irish brought an unbeaten and unscored-on team to East Lansing, only to go back home with a 21-7 defeat. Jerry scored once, converted three times, gained 91 yards, and blocked and tackled perfectly. For his efforts in this game, the Associated Press named him "Back-of-the-Week."

He is perhaps of even more value to the team when he isn't carrying the ball! He is one of the best blockers on the team, and a master at carrying out a fake line-buck—painfully so. In fact, he takes a beating on nearly every play—either blocking or being tackled, with or without the ball.

In the 1955 opener at Indiana, he was continually crashing into the middle of the line, while the halfbacks skirted the ends. The only time the Hoosiers didn't bother to tackle him, he had the ball and scored!

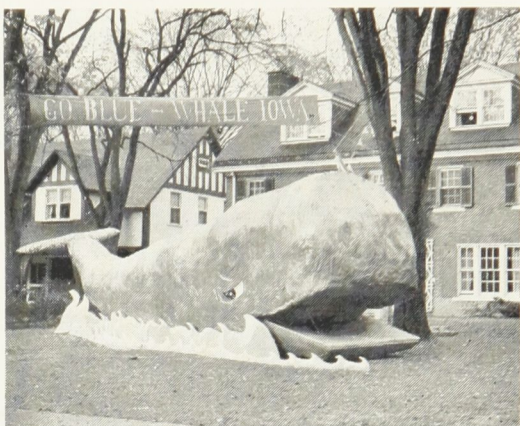
He loves football and kids—a perfect combination for his ambition of coaching. Although it would be hard to guess it on Saturday afternoons, Jerry teaches a Sunday school class the next morning. Following his final home appearance last fall, Jerry was literally swept off his feet by a flock of his admiring Sunday school pupils.

When the question of pro football comes up, Planutis shrugs his shoulders. He's small, but he's proved that he can take the rough pounding—and dish it out as well. He would like to try it; in fact, he once said, "I'd like to play football til I die."

"The Animals Are Coming, One by One"—

Michigan Adds to Homecoming Zoo

by Gene S. Metsker, Theta '55



The Michigan Chapter's display for 1955 was a 45 foot spouting whale.



The head of the 1954 Gopher display being constructed in the Michigan Chapter house.



Theta Chapter won the grand trophy in 1953 with its 70 foot dragon.

Homecoming at the University of Michigan is a very big affair, and Theta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi always takes a very active interest in it. In 1953 Theta won the grand trophy with what was perhaps the finest homecoming display ever built in the history of homecoming contests at Michigan. The display then was a dragon, 70 feet from head to tail, and 18 feet high. Offers amounting to over two hundred dollars were made for this masterpiece, and some people even refused to believe that we built it ourselves.

The green monster, which required six weeks of coaxing before consenting to grace the Sig lawn with its presence, was of the fire-eating variety and emitted bloodcurdling screams during its short earthly stay. After several days of spreading terror and awe throughout the campus, and inspiring statewide press comment, the brute slithered back into the unknown depths from whence it came, leaving only a gigantic hole in the ground and the First Place trophy on the mantle—and just when the Brothers were becoming rather attached to the scaly beast.

The next year our display was a Gopher, 40 feet high and dressed like a ballerina. She stood upright and slowly spun around to the music of the Nutcracker Suite. By this time, we had quite a reputation on campus for our homecoming displays.

This fall, we knew that we had to come up with something really fabulous in order to keep up our reputation at Michigan. So in due time we came up with the theme "Go Blue, Whale Iowa." We knew that this couldn't be any old whale, it had to be the most gigantic whale that this campus had ever seen.

The architects and engineers in the house divided up the contemplated whale into sections and started making plans. Everyone devoted all of his spare time and even some of his bridge time into the planning of the whale. It started taking shape about three weeks before homecoming, so construction was begun at once. Two by fours were driven into the ground and used as cross-members to provide a base. Then the whale

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Tau Toots U.C.L.A.'s Horn

by Claude C. Laval, III, Tau '54

The famous University of California at Los Angeles air horn which has bleated happily after U.C.L.A. touchdowns for many, many years spent six busy days in the possession of Tau Chapter at Stanford University recently.

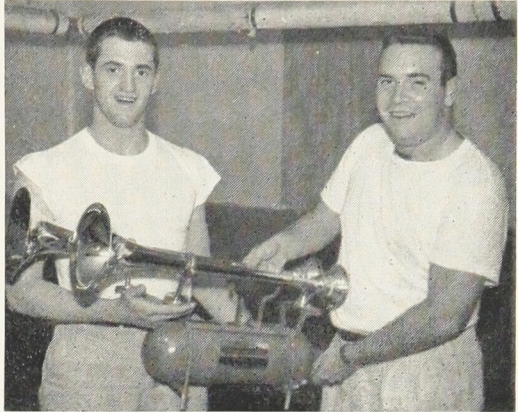
The horn, painted a magnificent baby blue and yellow when captured during the pre-game activities at the Stanford-U.C.L.A. football game on October 15th, had sounded off from the U.C.L.A. rooting section at every game in recent history. In fact no one could remember their team ever playing without it. But there's a first time for everything, and this is how it happened.

Tom Gregg, a Stanford Phi Delt, sneaked up on two members of the U.C.L.A. Rally committee as they were awaiting their team in the entrance tunnel. Suddenly, he snatched the horn and started to run toward the Stanford rooting section, while the two startled Bruins gave hot pursuit. It was nip and tuck until Gregg reached the rooting section, where he tossed the horn to Alpha Sig Bill Lackey, who was standing on the running track of the stadium.

Brother Lackey, who is a director of the Stanford Rally Committee and director of card stunts for the University, then leaped over the retaining wall and raced into the midst of the Stanford rooting section, where he was met by upwards of 30 members of Tau, who guarded the horn—while bleating it happily—throughout the game.

But after the game another question arose. Head yell leader Jim Walters had promised the UCLANS that they could have the horn back as soon as the game was over if they returned everything they had stolen during the process of the game—megaphones, bandleader's baton, etc. They didn't, and so the air horn was removed from the stadium under the direction of Brother Lackey and Brother Robert Weinland and a host of others.

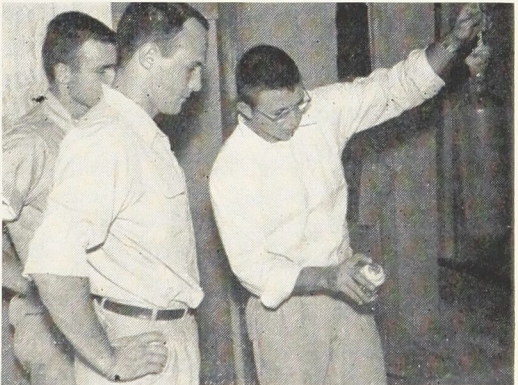
The crowd followed Lackey's car—and the air horn—up Fraternity Row past the Theta Chi house, where the crowd suddenly became full of U.C.L.A. supporters anxious for blood, or at least their precious horn. So Lackey raced away at top speed in the direction of the hills that ring the campus. Yell leader Walters announced that the horn would be hidden in the hills, and the



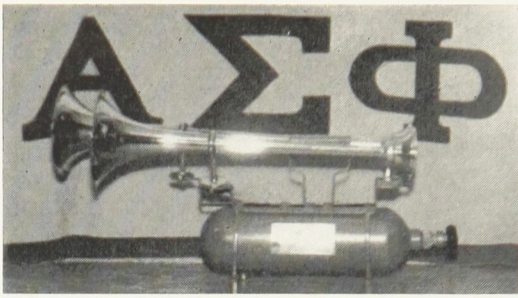
Brother Bill Lackey of Stanford, left, who aided in gaining possession of the U.C.L.A. air horn presents it to Tau H.S.P. Bud Farrari for safekeeping by the Chapter.



Tom Anders sprays the handle, formerly U.C.L.A. Yellow, a Stanford White, watched by Brother Bob Weinland who helped spirit the horn away from the stadium.



Tau's Bob Weinland sprays the air container of the horn with Stanford Red as Rich Haserot, left, and Dick Reyna supervise.



The air horn captured from the U.C.L.A. rooters lies in state, under heavy guard, at Tau Chapter. Painted with the Stanford Red and White, the horn carries the inscription "Preserved by ALPHA SIGMA PHI for the Students of STANFORD UNIVERSITY." The horn, later returned to U.C.L.A. will become a perpetual trophy of the annual football game between the two universities.

crowd dispersed, apparently satisfied.

But the air horn was actually just taken for a ride, and then back to the Chapter house where it was heavily concealed and placed under lock and key.

During the next five days the horn was to be the subject of enormous radio, newspaper, and TV coverage, not only in the San Francisco Bay Area but throughout the West Coast. The Associated Press Wire Service carried a story both Sunday and Monday, each time mentioning that the horn was in the possession of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Meanwhile the air horn itself was under-

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was divided into two foot sections, and cardboard ribs were built for all of these sections. These were then braced and fastened together with wood lath. After all of the frames and bracing were in place, chicken wire was placed all around the outside of it. Once the chicken wire was in place, papier mache was placed on this. In all, over 1500 feet of lumber, 2700 square feet of chicken wire, and 250 pounds of flour went into the whale, as well as thousands of feet of paper rolls. As soon as the papier macheing was done, the proper color of paint was sought. There was no color of paint that we could find that was exactly suitable, so through George N. Hall, Theta '33, who is connected with Sears and Roebuck, we made our own with special pigments. We sprayed on two coats of this, as well as a coat of varnish, to give it lustre. We then constructed the inside workings of the whale and we were finished!

There it was. Forty-five feet long, fifteen feet high, with a volume of some 10,000 cubic feet. The huge mouth was hinged so that it could be raised and lowered, and the

going a great deal of renovation. First the horns themselves were straightened out—they had become slightly mangled in the fray—and polished by several pledges. Next the air container was painted a brilliant red, and the trigger section, white, the colors of Stanford.

Subsequently the horn was taken to a jeweler who engraved on its side the following inscription:

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UNIVERSITY
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But by this time the gag had worn a little thin. Representatives of both student government and administration at U.C.L.A. demanded that the horn be returned in time for their game against Iowa State, or they would not be responsible for the consequences. The situation grew uglier as plots to raid the Stanford campus were uncovered. However, the U.C.L.A. administration finally gave in to the Stanford request that the air horn become a perpetual trophy of the yearly football game between the two universities, and the horn—resplendent in its new coat of Red and White and including its new plaque—was crated up and shipped by air to Los Angeles.

tail was also made so that it could move up and down. Carbon dioxide, furnished by a fire extinguisher, shot out of the top, simulating a whale spouting.

The whale was immediately the hit of the campus. The *Ann Arbor News* featured it on the front page of their paper, and professional photographers took pictures of it all day. All of the people in the neighborhood had to bring their children over to see the goliath, and people posed with their heads in the whale's mouth all morning. Even for three days after homecoming, people constantly paraded past the house to see the talk of the town. On Wednesday, things quieted down, but our whale wasn't through yet. That night the whale was somehow soaked in gasoline and a bomb was thrown in it. Because of the resulting explosion and fire, two fire trucks raced to the house and extinguished it. The culprits were finally caught, and were punished by being commanded by the police to clean up the mess. The whale was finally dead, but in the hearts of the Brothers it will live forever. At least till next year, when we'll have something even better.

In Memoriam

Ralph S. Damon

Beta '16

1897—1956



"Brother of Beta Chapter, Harvard University; Career Airplane Builder; Inspiring Leader of Men; Major Contributor to the Field of Aviation; Recognized and Respected as One of the Nation's Foremost Business Executives."

This Citation was presented to Brother Ralph Shepard Damon as the first recipient of the Fraternity's Distinguished Merit Award in 1950. Characteristic of this man, was his modest and humble acceptance: "I don't know why my Fraternity would honor me thus."

The Fraternity recorded with pride the many accomplishments of Brother Ralph Damon; we must now pause to record with sorrow his passing on January 4, 1956.

Brother Damon was a man of ambition and initiative. He was so interested in the field of aviation that he offered his services without charge to the old Curtis Aeroplane and Motor Company. That was years ago, and long before he had become president of the Curtiss-Wright Airplane Company—and Republic Aircraft—and American Airlines—and, finally, Trans World Airlines.

Ralph Damon was a widely respected, popular and consistently successful executive in a fiercely competitive industry. He was forthright and a man of high principle. One of the major reasons for his success was a seemingly tireless capacity for learning everything there was to know about his job.

A tireless worker and almost constant traveler, he believed firmly that air travel and trade contributed to better understanding, amity and unity within our borders and throughout the world. His reputation was international, as were his interests.

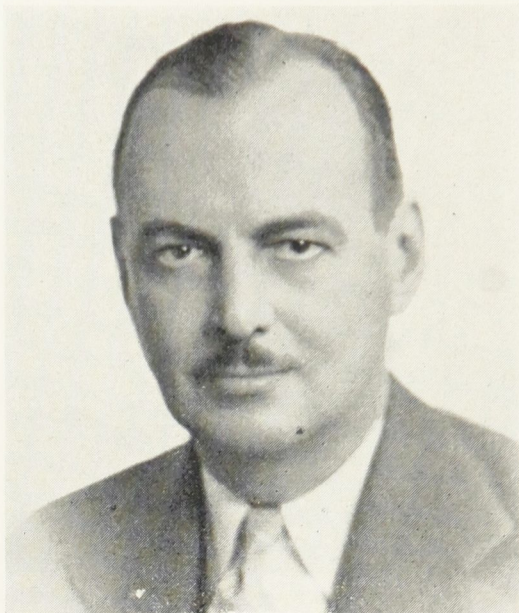
Ralph Damon was a respected counselor to the Government, serving by Presidential appointment as a member of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. During World War II, he was requested by the Government to assume the presidency of Republic Aviation where he put into quick mass production the famous P-47 Thunderbolt fighter.

He was respected as a business leader of the highest rank, serving as a director of the New York Telephone Company, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, the Sheraton (Hotel) Corporation and of several banks.

He was keenly interested in education and served for a number of years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Clarkson College of Technology. His career was a constant inspiration to young men.

With all of these responsibilities, he was ever willing to assist his Fraternity and to lend his name in support of her projects. Here truly was one of Alpha Sigma Phi's most distinguished sons.

Who's Who in America



JOHN O. MERRILL, Kappa '15

The last time John O. Merrill's picture appeared in *The Tomahawk* he was shown in attendance at the Wisconsin Chapter's Sig Bust last spring.

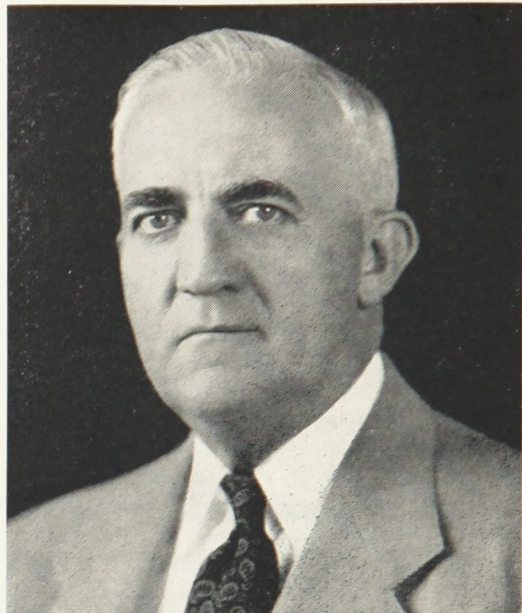
This loyal Sig, who formerly served on the Fraternity's Housing Committee, studied at the University of Wisconsin from 1914 to 1916. A captain in the United States Army during World War One, he resumed his schooling at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, graduating with a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1921.

Since 1939 he has been a partner in Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Architects-Engineers, with offices in New York City, Chicago and San Francisco, a firm of international reputation and prestige.

For the last twelve years Brother Merrill's activities have been largely concerned with acting as partner in charge of a series of large projects undertaken by the firm, such as the design and construction of the atomic city of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

In 1950 the firm was retained by the Army and Air Force to design and supervise construction of permanent installations at Okinawa, necessitating Brother Merrill's residence in Tokyo and Okinawa from 1950 to 1954.

Since his return to this country he has been engaged as partner in charge of the design and construction of the new United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.



BENJAMIN F. YOUNG, Epsilon '13

Benjamin F. Young was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1913, the same spring that Epsilon Chapter was reactivated on that campus. Instrumental in the re-establishment of the Epsilon, he served the Chapter as H.S.P. in his last semester.

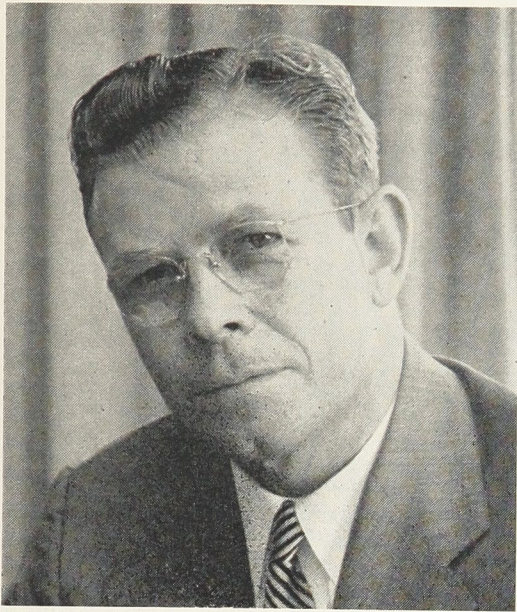
Leaving his alma mater, he went on to graduate study at Columbia University where he affiliated with Lambda Chapter.

His effort on behalf of the Fraternity nationally has been exceptional, serving as a member of the Grand Council from 1942 to 1950 and as a Trustee of the Tomahawk Trust Fund from 1937 to 1952. For this devoted service he was granted the Award of Delta Beta Xi.

His entire business career was spent with the New York Telephone Company which he joined as a personnel statistician in 1919. He later served the Company successively as chief accountant, general auditor, and vice-president and general auditor. From 1944 until his recent retirement he was vice-president and comptroller. His other business activities included the vice-presidency of the Empire City Subway Company, Limited, of which he was also a director.

Since his retirement he has travelled extensively, but has also served the United States Government as an Assistant in the Office of Defense Mobilization, of which Brother Arthur S. Flemming, Epsilon, '27, is Director.

Who's Who in America



BRUCE PAYNE, Nu '30

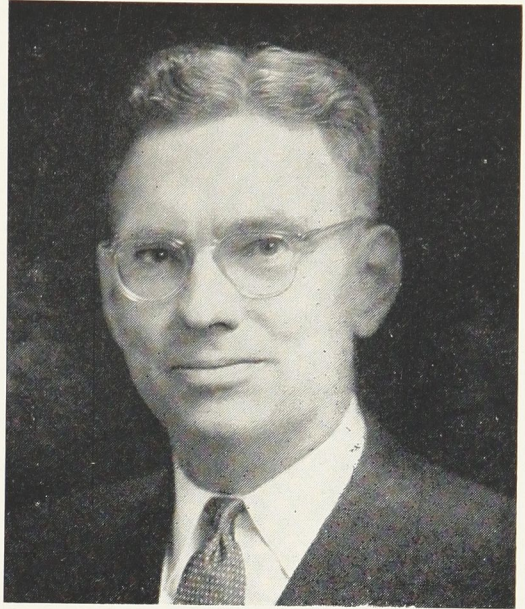
Initiated at Nu Chapter in 1930, Bruce Payne graduated from the University of California in 1933 and then received his Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University in 1935.

In the twenty years between the end of formal schooling and today, Bruce Payne has become head of one of this country's largest management consultant firms.

His business experience has been in this field since his first job with the Republic Steel Corporation in 1935. Next followed a two-year stint as consultant to National City Bank of Cleveland and then a six-year association with Dyer Engineers of Cleveland as vice-president.

In 1946 he formed Bruce Payne & Associates, heading the firm as owner and president. In 1952 he established Bruce Payne & Associates, International. Especially successful has been his work with Latin American business, an area where his company has set an outstanding record offering consulting services in manufacturing methods, personnel development and labor relations, marketing, and industrial engineering.

In addition to his own company responsibilities, Brother Payne is a director of Flexible Tubing Corporation. He has also been a director of the Council for International Progress in Management and President of the Society for the Advancement of Management.



HOWARD H. BUFFETT, Xi '22

Howard H. Buffett was one of four brothers initiated by Xi Chapter at the University of Nebraska, being third in a line which also produced Sigs George M., Xi '21; Fred W., Xi '26; and the late Clarence D., Xi '18. Howard's son Warren broke the magic spell of Xi, but remained within the Mystic Circle, being initiated at the University of Pennsylvania, Omicron '48.

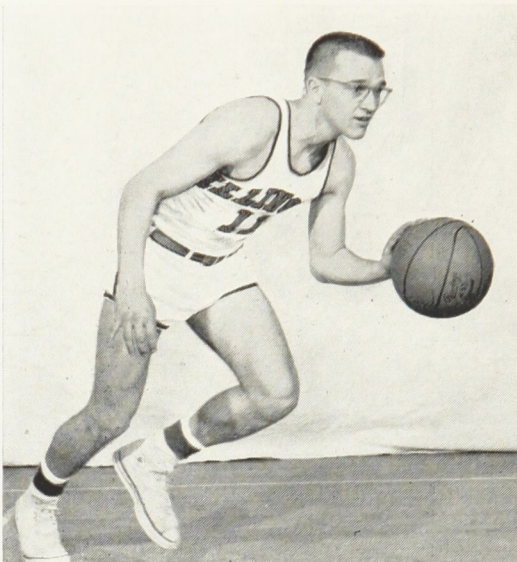
There are few families that can boast a larger number of Sigs. And if the Buffett family deserves recognition within the Fraternity, Howard himself has gone on to national prominence.

Graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1925, Brother Buffet joined the Henry Koch Company, investments, as advertising copy man and later as a bond salesman, gathering experience for his later role as president of Buffett-Falk & Company which he has headed since 1931. Since 1938 he has also been president of the South Omaha Feed Company.

Civic-minded, Brother Buffett served the city of Omaha as a member of the Board of Education from 1939 to 1942.

Interested in good government, he has been an active political worker in the Second Nebraska District, representing his district as Republican Congressman in the United States House of Representatives from 1943 to 1949 and again from 1951 to 1953.

Sig Basketball Stars



BILL RIDLEY, Eta '53

The Midwest is invariably blessed with an abundance of top notch basketball stars. Two of this year's outstanding hoopsters, in the Big Ten and Big Seven, proudly wear the Badge of Alpha Sigma Phi when off the court.

Eta Chapter's Bill Ridley is the smallest player in modern history to perform as a starter for the University of Illinois basketball team. That accomplishment proves just another leaf in a fabulous cage career.

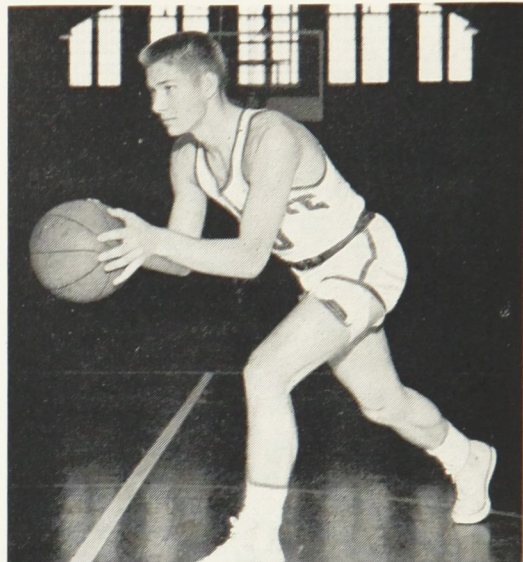
Only 5'9", 160 pounds, Bill makes up for his lack of size with the same ability, drive and determination which made him one of the State of Illinois' top prep stars at Taylorville high school. Fast and an excellent ball handler, Ridley likes to pop one-handed shots from far out on the court.

A senior this year, Bill, who is majoring in physical education, saw considerable action for the Illini varsity as early as his sophomore year. He was used primarily as a spot player, entering 19 games.

As a junior, he was named All-Big Ten and received All-American honorable mention. He was second among Illini in scoring, with a 15.2 point game average, shooting .373 from the field and averaging .726 from the free throw line. His free throw percentage of .763, earned in Big Ten competition, won for him the Ralf Woods Memorial Trophy for Illinois' highest free-throw shooting average in conference games.

As a prep, Ridley played in the 1950 and 1952 state tournaments and was named on virtually every All-Star team. Now in his final season of collegiate eligibility, Bill Ridley has fulfilled the promise of his prep school record and has become one of Illinois' very highly rated performers.

The sports spotlight moves west and comes to rest on a Sig known the country wide for his competitive spirit and play in



GARY THOMPSON, Phi '54

this sport of basketball. This is Gary Thompson, one of twenty-two Brothers admitted to the Mystic Circle on June 5, 1954, in the reactivation of Phi Chapter.

A four-year letter winner in basketball and baseball at Roland, Iowa, High School, Gary was the "big man" in taking his team to the state basketball finals for three years. Every year he was awarded a berth on the all-state team.

Coaches not only in high school and at Iowa State College, but coaches in the Big Seven speak very highly of Gary. It has been stated that very rarely will one find an athlete of such high morals, spiritual leadership and over-all character, as Gary Thompson.

No doubt, Gary is one of the greatest basketball players of all time at Iowa State. He broke many records as a sophomore; and with two seasons of eligibility remaining, many are yet to fall. His 339 points last season are the most ever scored by an Iowa State guard and by an Iowa State sophomore.

Based on his one-season record, Gary's total points rank him third among leading Iowa State scorers—and this accomplishment with two years to tackle the all-time Iowa State record. In spite of being only 5'10" tall, he's a tough man to keep from scoring and he seems destined to become the first man ever to score 1,000 points in the history of the College.

Last season Gary received a spot on the All-Big Seven Conference second team while receiving the Conference's "Most Promising Sophomore Award."

Gary not only keeps himself "on the ball" on the playing floor, but also does quite well in the classroom. A student with well above average grades, Gary served the Chapter as Scholarship Chairman last year, quite a responsibility during Phi's first year of reactivation.

Cincinnati Chapter Has Pledge Class of Fifteen

This year's pledge class at Cincinnati has all the markings of being the greatest yet. There are 15 men in this group and all of them have the spirit and drive that a good pledge class should have. With the very capable guidance of their pledge master, Steve Budai, they have developed into a united group, and their participation and attendance at intramural football has been very good.

This year we hope to provide these pledges with all the cooperation and help which they more than deserve. Thus far their accomplishments have been many and with each one there seems to be a greater feeling of pride. As tradition has had it, the pledges have had the responsibility of building the float for our annual homecoming game and this year was no exception, as they devoted many enjoyable hours to the project. Pledge projects are not unusual but this pledge class has undertaken to entirely redecorate the recreation room of the Fraternity house and when this is concluded it will give us a much needed party and dance room.

Howard W. Pickering, H.A.E.

Davis and Elkins Sigs Win Football Crown

The fraternity football team after a long and hard fight finally came out on top and are the champions of the campus. When the last two games of the schedule came around we found that the two remaining games were with the first and second place clubs and that we could win the championship with victory over these two teams. The first game was held on a muddy field and the team was really out for a win and the score turned out to be 14-12 with Alpha Sig the winners. In the last game, in which the winner of the game won the championship, the field was past the muddy stage, being more like a swamp. The Brothers once again proved themselves good mudders and came from behind to win 14-12. The team and the entire Brotherhood came to life in those last two games with spirit that this campus has never seen the likes of before and it was this spirit that led us to victory. Brother Jess Green who coached the team was thrown in the showers that night by a jubilant team.

At our first Homecoming in two years, the Sigs made the front lawn into a football field with the players standing some fifteen feet high. In the display was a tractor driven by the school mascot that moved back and forth across the field piling up the opposing team. Many of the townspeople were so impressed at our display that they went out of their way to congratulate us on a job well done.

Joseph G. Zumba, H.A.E.



Tau Chapter's float with its theme of "It's in this card" took first place in Stanford float parade. As the animated doctor bent down and looked into the Stanford Indian's stomach, which lit up to reveal a bear inside, the progress chart lit up; and when the Indian sat up he belched, blowing smoke out his mouth.

Iowa State Wins Greek Week First Place Trophy

Greek Week at Iowa State is the time of year set aside for fraternity and sorority students to evaluate how they can better promote, serve, and further a greater, more coordinated Greek system at Iowa State and to display the Greek system to the public.

Main events of Greek Week included a mass dinner exchange, convocation, Greek theater, discussion luncheon groups, pledge relays, and the Greek Week Dance. A pledge project was held the Saturday before to clean up the churches of Ames for Easter. An exchange held on Thursday night was followed by the Greek Week Convocation.

Greek theater was presented on Friday night and our pledges combined with Gamma Phi Beta, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Theta Delta Chi to offer a parody on the Greek system at Iowa State during the roaring twenties. The group was rated second in a field of ten skits.

Saturday noon was taken up by discussion groups on fraternity topics and afterwards crowds gathered on the intramural field to watch the pledge relays. With much enthusiasm Dick Marr, John Weinbeck, John Miller, Ray Coppinger, Jim Collins, and Bill Moellering won the biggest event of the day, the Tug-O-War, giving us a tie for first place in a field of 41 houses on the Iowa State College campus.

The big event of Greek Week was Saturday night when Ralph Marterie played in the combined ballrooms of the Memorial Union. At intermission the Chapter received the Greek Week Trophy for the most outstanding performance in all Greek Week activities for 1955.

Don M. Gunderson, H.A.E.



Undergraduate Brothers in attendance at the National Interfraternity Conference at St. Louis, front row left to right, were: Kenneth Hudson, H.S.P., Illinois Tech; Louis Marting, H.J.P., Washington University; Donald Ditzler, H.S.P., Washington University; Thomas Wiggins, H.S.P., Missouri; back row; Robert Sindelar, Illinois Tech; Donald McFarland, Illinois Tech; Mike Gwinner, H.J.P., Missouri; Milton Cerney, I.F.C. President, American University; Thomas Polizzi, Rensselaer; and Thomas Peterson, Toledo.

Gamma Eta Hosts N.I.C. Delegates in St Louis

Gamma Eta Chapter at Washington University was honored to be host to many of our out-of-town Brothers during the National Interfraternity Conference which was held in St. Louis on December 2 and 3. These visiting Sigs, graduates and undergraduates, left a deep impression as to the quality of Sigdom across the country.

On Friday evening our Mothers' Club treated our guests to a buffet dinner. Several visiting Sigs stayed over until Monday evening, the 5th, when we held our Founders' Day Banquet in the George Room at Medarts. These included H.J.P. Mike Gwinner, of Missouri. Executive Secretary Ralph F. Burns, and Lloyd S. Cochran, our speaker. Brother Cochran choose to entitle his speech "Grecian Profiles" and it quite captured our imagination. He said that it is the job of the Fraternity to build men, and went on to say that we don't want to build a common man, but an "uncommon man," a man who will grow into a leader, and suggested that this could best be accomplished by preserving the spiritual values of our fore-fathers, by self-discipline, and finally, by hard work.

The speech was especially pertinent to

Gamma Eta Chapter because here also the accent is primarily on building. In our five year existence we have had ups and downs but now, with a young and enthusiastic chapter and a fine pledge class, we stand on the threshold of building a "Grecian Profile" of leadership at Washington University.

One of Brother Cochran's prerequisites for building a good man is hard work. Gamma Eta is always among the top fraternities at W. U. in scholarship and this semester we have a good chance to take first in scholarship for the third time in the last five semesters, a record we cherish.

Our social season has been especially full and successful. During homecoming we rode our float in the morning, shuffled out to a pledge's home for lunch, then attended the game with Washington & Lee, and went to the formal dance that evening. Earlier in the semester the pledges provided a dance, and a few weeks later we turned a rained-out hayride into an evening of singing, dancing, and marshmallow roasting before a roaring fireplace. On Friday evening, the 9th of December, we attended our Interfraternity Council Dance.

During the past two years the progress we have made toward building a significant profile on campus has been great. This is because of the enthusiasm of the

Brothers and not to any small degree, because of the fine support we receive from our Mothers' Club. Our greatest problem now is the confining influence our apartment has on our growth, so our largest goal of the next few years will have to be obtaining our own house. But this is the challenge which has made our chapter an enthusiastic and spirited group—it is the challenge of building a fine 'grecian profile.' So perhaps the next time the NIC comes to town, we will wine and dine our guests in our own house with all the trimmings.

Herb Kiesling, H.A.E.

Westminster Sigs Aid Foster Child in Europe

Alpha Nu Chapter at Westminster College took 27 pledges, won the campus Homecoming decoration contest and formed a new glee club, and, has taken an active part in all phases of the College program.

Just before Christmas the Chapter voted to extend financial help for the third straight year to our foster child in Europe. The men voted unanimously to continue to support the teenager who has many times expressed her appreciation to the Chapter.

On the eve of the Fraternity's 110th Anniversary, 27 men were pledged after a one month formal rush period. The list included Richard Augenbaugh, Pittsburgh; Ralph Benson, Floral Park, N. Y.; William Beveridge, Yonkers, N.Y.; John Blamphin, Kansas City, Mo.; Larry Bobst, Hawley, Pa.; Wilbur Book, New Castle, Pa.; Charles Gregg, Stewart Manor, N. Y.; Harry Humes, Milford, Del.; and William Jack, Kenmore, N. Y.

Others are Del Johnson, Pittsburgh; Robert Klepser, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jack Mansfield, Pittsburgh; Peter Marshall, Pittsburgh; William Meyer, Charleroi, Pa.; Alvin Mohnkern, Warren, Pa.; Mark Moore, Pittsburgh; Carl Morris, Elizabeth, Pa.; and Nevin Morris, Pittsburgh.

Jerrold Paul, Pittsburgh; Raymond Preston, New Castle; John Shaffer, Akron; William Steppnick, Claridge, Pa.; Theodore Taylor, Washington, Pa.; Richard Walker, Struthers, Ohio; Gary Weidner, Pittsburgh; Dale Westerman, New Brighton, Pa.; and Robert Wright, Andes, N. Y. Richard Newcomer did an outstanding job as rush chairman and as pledgemaster Jack Rickard will now prepare the men for spring initiation.

In sports, both varsity and intramural, the Sigs were again outstanding. Sophomore Bernie Taylor worked his way into a starting tackle position on the Westminster team that finished the season undefeated and ended a sensational three-year period with a record of 20 wins, one loss, and one tie. Performing his second year as an end post was senior Fred Wagner. Pledges Jack Mansfield and Bob Wright played their first year for the Titans.

Again the Sigs dominated the swimming team. Four year veteran Fred Wagner was elected captain early in the year and had good support on the tank team from Jim Corbet, Bud Grip, Jerry Long, Dell Johnson, Burdette Keppel, Chuck Gregg, Ken Wessel and Gary Weidner. Dave Jaeger was the team manager.

For the second straight year, Frank Marsico won the annual fall tennis tournament on the Westminster courts.

In intramural football, the Chapter lost a three-game playoff for the league title and finished in second place in the six team loop with a record of seven wins, three losses and a tie. Don Baumann headed the athletic committee.

In basketball, Mark Moore and Ed Townes are on the junior varsity team. The varsity cross-country squad was aided by pledges Bob Klepser and Peter Marshall. Don Patchel was team manager.

Something new was added to the chapter when a glee club was formed with the aid of Raymond Sphar early in the fall. Darl Hollen and Marlin Reynolds direct the group which has already sung at a sweet-heart serenade and our rush smoker.

The Christmas Dance was held in the Terrace Room of the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh with music by Brad Hunt and his Huntsmen. The Sig Christmas Queen, Miss Virginia McMahon, was crowned during the intermission by H.S.P. Frank Dickson. Raymond Sphar was in charge of the dance.

The chapter welcomed back two Sigs after terms in the service, Burdette Keppel and David Egner. Initiation ceremonies were held October 10 for Alan Greenslade, David Hartkopf and Wayne Henderson. Jim Dorsch was elected H.C.

Sigs were elected to offices and were initiated into almost every club or honor society on campus. Howard Sleppy and Marlin Reynolds were named to the college quartet. Bob Sleppy was selected to accompany the group.

Roger Finlay and Robert Gardner were honored at the annual fall convocation. Bill Beveridge was elected vice-president of the freshman class and Harry Humes was chosen as its Student Council representative.

As is our custom each year, all the campus sorority presidents and the Dean of Women were entertained at a Sunday dinner at the house this fall. A dinner was also held for the alumni on Homecoming. An outstanding house party featured a gambling house theme and a large number of Sigs and their dates enjoyed the evening's fun.

Since painting the outside of the house and making repairs and additions inside, the chapter has easily become the best looking house on campus and we're always happy to have Brothers from other chapters visit us.

Dean English, H.A.E.



The Delta Beta Xi Award was made posthumously to John B. Brandeberry, Toledo. Numerous friends, university officials, and members of Alpha Sigma Phi gathered to honor the man who had served as Dean of the College of Engineering of Toledo and who had served as advisor to Beta Rho Chapter, for more than twenty years. Pictured above are; Beta Rho H.S.P. Donald G. Abbajay, President of the University of Toledo Asa S. Knowles, Mrs. John B. Brandeberry who accepted the Award, Executive Secretary Ralph F. Burns, President of the Beta Rho Alumni Association Larry W. Reuthuser, and Dean of Men Donald S. Parks.

Toledo Holds Memorial Dinner for Brandeberry

Highlighting the fall semester at Toledo was the John B. Brandeberry Memorial Dinner at which the Delta Beta Xi Award was presented posthumously to the late Dean John B. Brandeberry, for more than twenty years Beta Rho's senior faculty adviser. Mrs. Brandeberry received the award from Executive Secretary Ralph F. Burns.

Fall rushing again proved successful: this year under the chairmanship of Brother Bob Adler, a total of 26 men, 17 freshmen and 9 upperclassmen, have been pledged.

Always leaders in campus affairs, the Toledo Sigs turned their attention this fall to the University Theatre production of *Mister Roberts*, in which a total of seven Beta Rho Brothers played before a standing-room-only house, in early December. Brother John Lindemulder appeared in the lead role as Mister Roberts, Brother Ron Brenneman was in charge of set construction, while Pledge President Paul Grill served as stage manager. Both Ron and Paul also had roles in the production. Other Sigs dazzling Toledo play-goers were Brothers Roy Anderson, former H.S.P., Fred King and Tom Zraik, as well as Pledge Pat Tansey.

H.S.P. Don Abbajay is serving as vice-president of the University Student Senate, Brother Brenneman is President of the University Radio Workshop and Brother Lindemulder was recently named Assistant Feature Editor of the *Campus Collegian*,

TU's weekly newspaper. Brother Zraik, in his capacity as President of the Sophomore Class, served as chairman of the Sophomore Dance. Brother Jameel Sadd has been appointed Treasurer of the Student Union Board of Control, and was chairman of the University Christmas Formal.

Sportswise, Beta Rho is equally in command of the situation. The Sig Interfraternity Council football team placed second in the league with a 7-1 record, and recently handed the new pledge class a 26-0 grid lesson. Brothers Abbajay, Bill Lunbeck, Jim Nyers, Rick Rudey and Phil Weiss placed on the all-campus team. The Sig bowling team, paced by Brothers Weiss, Rudey, Lindemulder and Tom Woodruff, is currently leading the league by three games. The Beta Rho basketball team is again expected to run away with the cage loop on campus, with eight returning veteran cagers. The Toledo Sigs have not lost a game in three years.

The Beta Rho Homecoming Buffet Supper was a success, as were the various Open Houses held after Toledo home football games. Delta Delta Delta and Chi Omega were guests of the chapter at parties during the fall semester. As always the highlight of the social season is the Annual Apache Dance, held between semesters in January. Social life and athletics will be combined in March when Ohio Alpha Sig chapters will be the guests of Beta Rho at the annual All-Ohio Alpha Sigma Phi Basketball Tournament. Beta Rho is the defending champion.

James Nyers, H.A.E.



Chapters in the State of Missouri use different methods of transportation in Homecoming displays. Missouri Valley, left, resorts to a train with the slogan "Valley trains champions," while the University of Missouri looks into the future with its ship from outer space.

Illinois Sigs Are Well Represented in Sports

Sigs are well represented in sports at Illinois, both in intramural and varsity sports. Bill Ridley expects another fine basketball season as one of the starting five on the Illinois team. Dick Jirus is expected to lead the gymnastic team to another Big Ten championship as team captain. Many new pledges are paving the way to varsity berths by way of the freshman teams. Roger Taylor, All-State basketball player from Rich Township in Chicago, is currently leading the freshman team and hopes to make a great basketball career at Illinois. Bob Brown is also making a bid on the freshman basketball team, and John Pawlus is playing on the freshman gymnastic team. Eta's intramural football team took their league trophy this fall, as Len Kudlata received honorable mention on the Intramural All-Star football team. We are presently participating in intramural basketball, volleyball, water polo, bowling, and gymnastics.

We are also proud of Dick Jirus and Don Ball who were elected as two of the most active seniors on the campus.

All Etamen are now making plans for another successful Black and White Formal for their winter dance. Preparations are also being made for the annual Spring Carnival, this year with the Pi Kappa Sigma's. As the Christmas season rolled around, the Brothers did some Christmas caroling around the campus, and a Christmas party was held for underprivileged children with the Alpha Delta Pi's. Before the Christmas vacation started, a tea was held in honor of our housemother, Mrs. Harlan.

Elections were recently held, and the following officers were elected; H.S.P. Bob Leigh, H.J.P. Len Kudlata, H.S. Ken Hamilton, H. E. Jerry Hauter, H.M. Carl Hartmann, H.C.S. Jim Gelvin, H.A.E. Jim Snyder and H.C. Perry Bolhaus.

James Snyder, H.A.E.

Buffalo Chapter Wins Touch Football Crown

Gamma Epsilon's biggest sports victory came with the winning of the Inter-Fraternity touch football crown, giving Gamma Epsilon a big boost toward winning the I.F.C. All Sports Trophy which will be presented at the end of the academic year. In intercollegiate athletics, Gamma Epsilon can boast of a real champion in Brother Bob Grudzien. Bob was first man on the 1955 Varsity Cross-Country Team. His average finish in eight dual meets was third place which included four first place victories. Bob is a sophomore in the School of Business Administration and the immediate past season was his first in intercollegiate competition.

Each year the Student Christian Association at the University sponsors the Kampus Karnival, proceeds of which go to the World University Service; and this semester, as in the past five years, the Sigs ran their Monte Carlo Gambling Casino.

In student affairs around Norton Union the Sigs again have many of the important committee chairmanships, as the Mixer, Tournament, and Program Committees are head by Brothers. Dick Liscandro was general chairman of the Silver Ball Committee which organizes the University's largest and most popular dance.

Within the Mystic Circle itself Gamma Epsilon has had a good semester. Socially we can look back on the Formal dinner dance in October, the Pagen Party, the Founders Day Banquet on December 6 in conjunction with the alumni, and the Silver Ball Cocktail party.

Perhaps the most significant event to have taken place this past semester is the reactivation of the dormant Alumni Council. With the alumni's active interest in the chapter, Gamma Epsilon looks still more strongly toward their goal of a chapter house.

Ronald E. Creps, H.A.E.



Homecoming in the Pacific Northwest and in the Midwest finds the Sig Chapters depicting defeat for their rivals. The University of Washington display, left, portrays the milking of the "cow college" of Washington State, while the Purdue display shows the famous Purdue Pete in a Davy Crockett outfit with his latest trophy, Wisconsin's Badger.

Baldwin-Wallace Holds Second Annual Siglympics

Alpha Mu got the year off to a good start by sponsoring the first all college dance, held on our parking lot, and thus called the Black Top Ball. Music was furnished by the band of Brother Paul Lawrence. A barbecue was held to supply the refreshments for the many attending students and the evening offered an excellent opportunity for the student body and especially the freshman to tour our home.

On Thursday of Homecoming week we held our first rush party with over fifty rushees present, and on the following afternoon we held our second annual Siglympics, an Alpha Mu original which was presented in a feature article in last spring's *Tomahawk*. In spite of inclement conditions which caused many of the events to be held in the rain the contestants fought to a fierce and exciting finale with Delta Zeta receiving the coveted winner's trophy.

After hosting the champion DZ's to a dinner at our house we were faced with the task of constructing our Homecoming decorations by Saturday morning. With the spirit that is characteristic of Sigs we met the challenge and worked from dusk to dawn to complete our decorations, a twenty-foot replica of our football coach dunking a Bowling Green falcon into a huge cooking pot. To complicate things, it rained the entire night and our work was carried on under a tarpaulin suspended high in the air. However, the first place trophy that was placed on our mantle later in the day more than compensated for the hardships.

Since then, Brother Carl Schraibman was chosen Interfraternity King and Brother Paul Rios was selected "Ugliest Man on Campus." In other campus elections H.S.P. Gene Borza was elected president of the junior class and Brother Ron LaRosa and Pledge Bill Gilsdorf were elected sopho-

more and freshmen student council representatives respectively. With the addition of twenty-five excellent pledges, the year 1955-56 has all indication of being another great success for Alpha Mu.

James McMillen, H.A.E.

Alpha Theta Chapter Holds Anniversary Reunion

The Missouri Chapter, though small, has been working hard this fall. Several of us arrived early in September to prepare the Chapter House for rush week. New pledges are: Dick Brown and Maynard Webb, Kansas City; Jack Brandenberger, Owensville, Missouri; E. C. Hensley, Branson, Missouri, and Al Aiple, St. Louis.

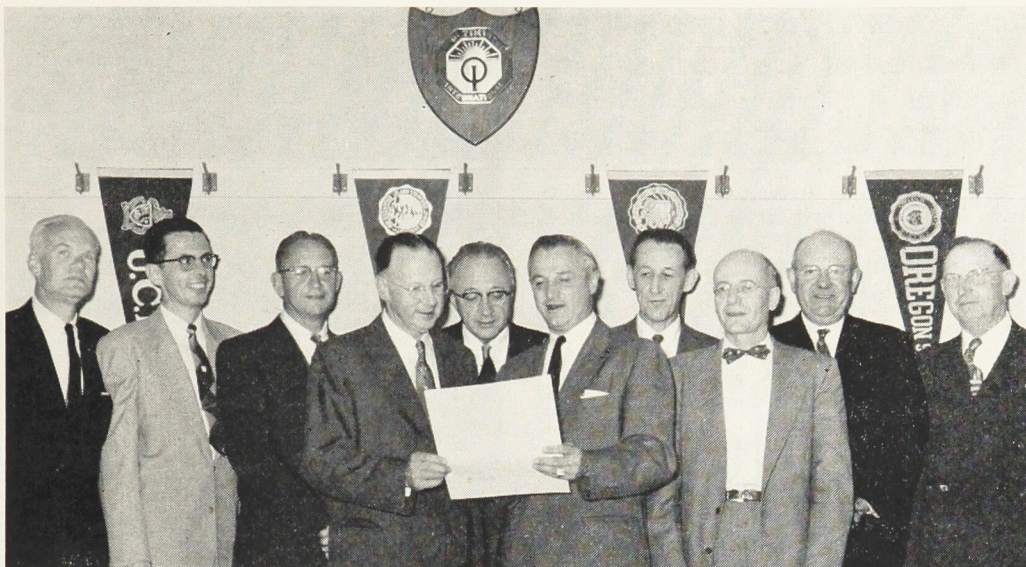
For Homecoming we constructed a twenty foot flying saucer on the front lawn, complete with weird lights, a Nebraska Cornhusker climbing out of the hatch, and an eight foot tiger holding a ray gun.

The highlight of our fall was the Twenty-sixth Anniversary Reunion on November 5. Charter members Norman Falkenhainer, Walter D. Frerck, Carl Diemer, and Jerry Bredall returned for the banquet and were joined by William Bickley and James A. Moore. Alumni should plan now to attend next year's reunion, which will be held at Homecoming.

Three Brothers have been welcomed into the Mystic Circle; Robert A. Johnson and George Bullmer, Jr. received their new badges in October, and Richard L. Brown early in December.

Brothers Tom Wiggins and Mike Gwinner were fortunate to be part of the large University of Missouri delegation to the recent N.L.C. meetings in St. Louis. A great inspiration was received by meeting so many other fraternity men, including Grand Councilors Wilbur H. Cramblet and Lloyd S. Cochran.

Myron W. Gwinner, H.A.E.



About four years ago, diligent George A. Schurr, Minnesota '18, began locating Sigs in the Sacramento, California area. Soon George had found enough Brothers so that monthly luncheons became a reality. When attendance increased, the Sacramento Brothers applied to the Fraternity for a Charter, thus assuring the Council a vote at the Fraternity Conventions. Brother Schurr's tireless effort was rewarded on November 7, 1955 when Executive Secretary Ralph Burns journeyed to Sacramento to present the Council's Charter. Pictured above are the Brothers in attendance: Arthur F. Dudman, California '20; Robert L. Primm, Washington '40; Donald J. Jones, Pennsylvania '30; George A. Schurr, Minnesota '18; Gilbert L. Stout, Cincinnati '54; Executive Secretary Ralph F. Burns, Ohio Wesleyan '32; John B. Powers, Wisconsin '22; Carl R. Riepe, Iowa State '35; H. Marden Wilber, California '22; and James N. Fulmor, California '13.

Washington Sigs Pledge Twenty-two

Mu's Sigs began the year with the most successful rush week of the 39 Washington fraternities.

Of the thirty-two spirited lads pledges, 27 left high school with grades of three-point or above. Eighteen have begun by rounding out their college life in campus activities, house activities, and sports. The officers elect of the pledge class were: Frank Beers, President; John Bomengen, Vice-President; Andy Olson, Secretary; and Les Eldridge, Treasurer.

George Strugar, Gene Pedersen, Bob Graf, and Milt Yanicks earned their letters for the Husky gridders. Wayne Waters, Dave Purnell, Frank Beers, Doug Scheuman, Ross Holmstrom, and John Fish were stalwarts for Brother Al Ulbrikson's varsity crew. Freshmen competing for assignments on the Frosh boats were: Phil Niemeyer, John Bomengen, Buz de Celia, Dennis Pistoresi, Les Eldridge, Jim Ware, Ron Jensen, and Howie Keenan. Gene Hammermaster, Rich Dobson, and Dick Tonelli have begun training for track.

The Pledge Dance, as always, was the highlight of the social calendar. Exchanges, and firesides filled the interim until the Barn Dance. A Halloween Costume Party at the house provided comedy and entertainment plus a welcomed break from studies.

Steve Wood was elected president of

Husky Flying Club and Scabbard and Blade, National Military Honor Society. H.J.P. Dick Ramsey, has filled the president's office in Rho Chi, national pharmaceutical honor society. John Stevens, ASUW Service Area Chairman, and Alpha Phi Omega member, was Lt. in charge of Army Drill Team. H.S. Jack Meredith, second in his class in the School of Business Administration, is on the ASUW contest committee and a member of Alpha Phi Omega. Dick Cornils, Dave Hughbanks, last year's ASUW Outstanding Frosh, and Pat Healy have also been prominent men in campus activities.

Homecoming this fall was a major triumph for the Sigs of Mu. A third place in the "Village Band Contest" was crowned by the second place entry in Homecoming signs. Chairmen Jim Cruver and Jack Wolfe for the actives, and Dick Nelson, Jim Price, and Keith Fenner for the pledge class, domineering "taskmasters" during the three weeks prior to judging, were the heroes of the day.

Dave Hughbanks won the Mother's Club award for the Outstanding Pledge of the previous year. Jack Meredith again walked off with the Scholarship trophy.

Outgoing and incoming officers, in that order, are as follows: Norm Howard, Jim Cruver, H.S.P.; Dick Ramsey, Keith Patrick, H.J.P.; Jack Meredith, Craig Magnusen, H.S.; Dave Hughbanks, Roy Grosser, H.C.S.; Roy Grosser, "Willa" Jakobsen, H.A.E.; Gordy Douglas, Bob Graf, H.M.

Roy Grosser, H.A.E.

Son Presents Badge to His Father at California

Dr. Ruben A. Stirton, chairman of the Paleontology Department at the University of California, was initiated by Nu chapter on November 6, 1955. This may seem to be an ordinary event except when the facts which led to this situation are explained.

The events first began when John A. Stirton was initiated into the Mystic Circle five years ago. Dr. Stirton has always been very interested in the activities of his son's chapter, and a friendship with the members grew out of this association. Then on November 6, Dr. Stirton was initiated into Alpha Sigma Phi with his son presenting the Badge to him. With this final act a legacy in reverse was performed.

Preceding this event Nu was happy to add sixteen new pledges to the Chapter. Next came the annual family night dinner which was thoroughly enjoyed by Brothers and their families as it provided the opportunity for closer acquaintance between the families and the fraternity.

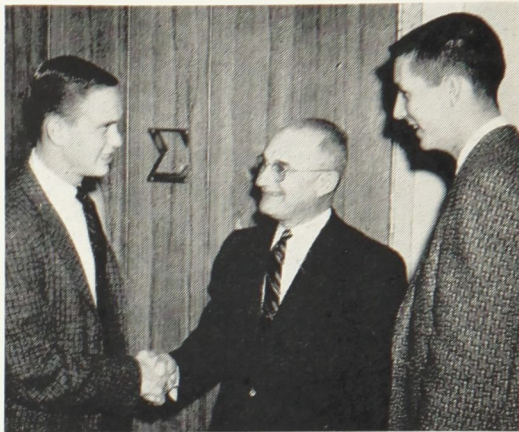
The Sigs along with the Alpha Delta Pi's participated in a Community Service project. A Christmas party was held at which gifts were distributed to thirty boys and girls from local organizations for the underprivileged, thus these children were able to enjoy a happier Christmas season.

Michigan's Mothers' Club Helps Redecorate House

As usual, Theta Chapter's actives, pledges, alumni, and mothers club have been busily repairing and improving the chapter house until it is now in the best condition since it was purchased in 1946. A new fire escape and rear porch in the back of the house were built this summer. The Mothers' Club held a very successful rummage sale in Detroit, and with the money collected from this they bought the chapter a beautiful living room rug, new drapes, new carpeting for the stairs, and new tile for the front hall floor. The pledges installed this tile during their work week, as well as repainting the first, second, and third floors. In the meantime, the Brothers were also fixing up their individual rooms with new desks, sofas, and other pieces of furniture brought from home. It was a lot of work, but it looks so nice that we all think it was worth it!

On September 26, 1955, Theta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi initiated five pledges into the Mystic Circle. They were: James Garrow MacKay, Gerald Patric Dundas, Hubert Montgomery Allen, Robert Lorain Armstrong, and James Blanchard.

Sigs at Michigan really rushed this fall semester and were fortunate in getting eleven excellent pledges: Kenneth Anderson, Frank Duncan, Earl Figley, George Powell, William Ingerson, Gilberto Font, Henry LeBrun, George Powell, William



Dr. Ruben A. Stirton, a member of the faculty of the University of California, is congratulated upon his initiation into Alpha Sigma Phi by Nu Chapter H.S.P. John Jenkins as Phil Zimmers looks on. Brother Stirton received his Badge from his son, John, a member of Nu Chapter.

Rockershousen, Wally Sturm, James Yaw, and Herb Pollick. The rushing chairman, Don Miller and George Schuster, did a fine job during the rushing period.

Theta Chapter held its fall pledge formal on December 10 in honor of the eleven pledges. Dinner was held in the Golden Apples room of the Tower Hotel, with couples returning to the house until the dance began. Dancing was held at the Michigan Room of the Michigan League with approximately eighty people attending and a fine time was had by all. Special thanks to the social committee of Frank Arens, Hugh Allen, and Gene Metsker for a fine job of decorating the house.

Gene Metsker, H.A.E.

Tomahawks Made by Stevens Pledge Class

Influenced by the Gamma Theta article in the 1955 Spring issue of the *Tomahawk*, the Chapter decided that the pledge class shall make tomahawks instead of the usual paddles. All tomahawks were made alike, twelve inches long and five and a half inches wide, with a handle consisting of a three quarter inch dowel, and a leather thong wrapped around the head and handle. The Brothers were very pleased with the finished products and this new tradition will be carried on at Alpha Tau.

Fraternity men at Stevens ended the social life of 1955 with the annual Winter Carnival Weekend held December 9th and 10th. A formal dance Friday night featuring Sammy Kaye at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, New York, was arranged by the Interfraternity Council.

Alpha Tau is now in the process of renovating the downstairs playroom by adding a new ceiling, floor tile, and indirect fluorescent lighting.

Joseph Lencoski, H.A.E.



Brother John Benson of the American University Chapter displaying the cake he decorated for one of Beta Chi's rush season open houses.

Homecoming Highlights Cornell's Fall Calendar

The first few weeks of the fall term at Cornell were relatively quiet this year due to the absence of Freshman rushing. There has been, however, a limited rush of upper classman and Iota has four Sophomore pledges, Ed Flanagan, Monte Riefler, John Megrue and Bob Kinkead. In addition to these pledges our ranks have been strengthened by the return of Len Gott to the Chapter.

Earlier in the term we received a new canine pledge named Mr. McSwiggin. "Swig," a colorful Irish Setter, was given to the Chapter by Gra MacDonald, whose son Stu is H.J.P.

Homecoming Weekend was one of the highlights of this term's social calendar. After the football game with Princeton over one-hundred and fifty alumni and their guests joined the Brotherhood for a post game party and dinner. An air of friendly reminiscence prevailed and many stayed for the dance held later that evening. It was one of the finest Homecoming turnouts the "Old Gal" has ever seen and will long be remembered by those who attended.

The weekend after Homecoming was Fall Houseparty at Cornell. Many of the dates were imported from home, and the affair got off to a fine start Friday evening with a cocktail party here at the house. Shortly after, all left to hear the Glee Club concert and then returned for an evening of dancing back at Rockledge. Saturday the scene switched to Schoellkopf Field where we witnessed a Cornell victory over Columbia. The game was followed that evening by a formal banquet and a trip to Barton Hall to dance to the music of Billy Butterfield and Leroy Holmes. As the weekend

drew to a close we returned once again to the house for a Dixieland party highlighted by a fabulous Dixie group, The Saltine Warriors from Syracuse.

The Warriors were so well received that we asked them back for our open party with Delta Tau Delta. The house was filled to capacity as many Cornellians came to Rockledge for an evening of the finest Dixieland Music.

Heading the list of Sigs in campus activities this term is H.S.P. Jim Sylla, who is serving as president of the Crew Club, president of the Chemical Engineering Honorary, and was just recently elected to Tau Beta Pi. Next term's H.J.P. Alan Gast holds offices in engineering honoraries Mu Sigma Tau, Pi Tau Sigma and the A.S.M.E. Others in key positions include Charles Feeney, Cornell Hotel Association president, and Russ Taft, president of the Cross Country Club.

Representing the Chapter in varsity athletics this year are soccer men Al Allen, Craig Comstock, Don Dresser, Jamie Reid, and George Bradley, swimmer Jim Stevens, crewman Ross Johnson, cross countryman Bill Lauck, griddier Charley Feeney, and George Bradley, a member of the Cornell Sailing Team.

Recently elected to office for next term were H.S.P. Craig Comstock, H.J.P. Alan Gast, H.E. Jim Tarbell, H.S. Bill Lauck, H.C.S. Dar Novak, H.M. Ross Johnson, H.C. Carl Pfirrmann. With these men to guide us we are looking forward to a successful spring term at Iota.

Harry Clinton, H.A.E.

Eighteen New Pledges At Bethany Chapter

Beta Gamma Chapter welcomed eighteen new pledges to the chapter, December 3rd, marking the end of ten extensive weeks of rushing. Those who pledged were: Cyrus Barimani, Pete Bragg, Del Carneval, Mike Claditis, George Farranto, George Feltyberger, Don Hastings, Paul Hoffman, Walter Jonsson, Lynn Lorch, Manuel Nicholas, Sal Sciortino, George Seminara, Ron Williams, Bob Wuester, and David Grubnick. Jack Milligan, as Pledgemaster will guide them through their pledge program. The chapter was second highest in number of pledges this year.

The Annual Winter Breeze Formal, held in December, featured Paul Cambell and his orchestra. Founders' Day was celebrated with the Third Annual Faculty Smoker, with all members of the faculty attending.

Athletically, the Chapter showed marked improvement by placing second in intramural competition, winning five out of seven football games.

Beta Gamma was fortunate in securing Dean Robert A. Preston, the new Dean of Students, as its Faculty Advisor for the forth coming year.

Ronald E. Swick, H.A.E.

Massachusetts Seeking Its Own Chapter House

Gamma Chapter at the University of Massachusetts has begun this year with many problems and as many goals such as housing, dining arrangements, membership, inter-mural athletics, Greek Week participation, the annual Homecoming float parade, the snow sculpture, and re-activation of the alumni.

What is lacking in numbers is made up with cooperation, and where exacting abilities are required, zeal is often substituted. Gamma is growing.

On May 14 Gamma Chapter was re-chartered and the Brothers show the enthusiasm that will produce the leading fraternity on campus.

For a new, yet one of the oldest fraternities on campus, Gamma has been busy in many activities. The Float Parade on Homecoming Weekend was rained out and postponed a day, but the resourcefulness and foresight of the Brothers in planning a float that could not be harmed by the elements provided one that was as fresh as any in the parade. The float was a farm scene, a tractor and wagon arrangement with the suggestion that the Rhode Island Rams be sent back to their farm in the woods.

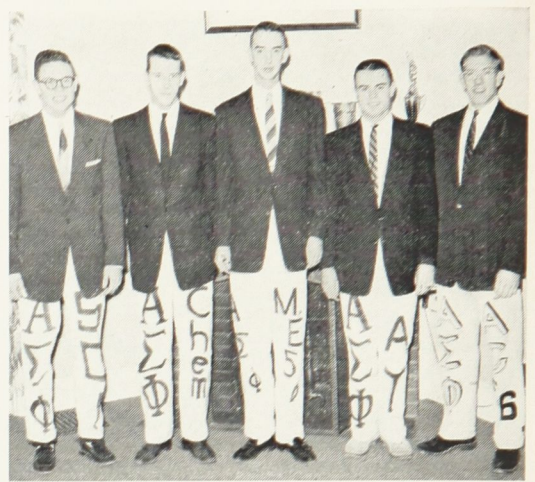
Gamma recently initiated eight men, and is presently instructing a healthy class of pledges. As membership grows, so does Gamma's ability to participate in campus activities, and thereby the ability to prosper in the future.

The University of Massachusetts Winter Carnival is a weekend of activity and gives the Brothers an opportunity to show their ability in snow sculpturing. This healthful tradition dates back to the time of the first Eskimo student of U. of M., and the Igloo he built near the College Pond, according to rumor. Gamma's sculpture is anybody's guess at the present, but with competition the keynote, the Brothers feel that enthusiasm which comes only from confidence.

Domestically speaking, Gamma is in a slight quandry with Brothers living in dorms all over campus, primarily in the fourth floor rooms of Brooks Dorm. It is the unanimous opinion of the membership that the Fraternity should have off-campus housing as a unit, where they could live like the family they are, eating, sleeping, working, and relaxing together. Therefore, several possible houses are being considered on a rental basis. The former alumni corporation is being reactivated, and Gamma hopes to be in its own house next September.

So, as the raw material for the Winter Carnival Snow Sculpture accumulates on the ground, Gamma Chapter, with her head in the air, but her feet firmly on the ground, is planning her second semester.

Leonard B. Merchant, H.A.E.



Purdue seniors sport their yellow cords for the first home football game, having previously attempted to hide them from the freshmen pledges who have decorative desires. Wishing they had a better hiding place or more artistically inclined pledges are Alpha Pi seniors, Robert Wiborg, James Martin, Robert Snow, John MacGregor, and Wallace Abbott.

Purdue Again Has Successful Fall Semester

As the result of fall rush Alpha Pi obtained five new pledges: Bill Ellis, Ojai, California; Tom Gordon, Wilmette, Illinois; Will Larkner, Chicago, Illinois; Joe Rorke, Lake Zurich, Illinois; and Vince Scala, Brooklyn, New York. With the addition of these men we now have twelve pledges.

At Homecoming on October 8, the chapter was host to over 75 alumni, parents, and guests. The Homecoming sign consisted of "Purdue Pete" dressed as Davy Crockett with coonskin cap and buckskin jacket choking Wisconsin's Bucky Badger. Added to this were the voices of Brothers Miller, Snow, and MacGregor in a special rendition of the song "Davy Crockett."

On October 28, twelve men joined the Mystic Circle of Alpha Sigma Phi. The men initiated were: Brothers Robert Childon, Louisville, Kentucky; Dan Coble, Anderson, Indiana; Rolland Dowd, Storrs, Connecticut; Charles Freehafer, Dayton, Ohio; Luther Hays, Frankton, Indiana; Bruce Hebestreet, Evanston, Illinois; James Kendall, Washington, D.C.; Thomas Nedved, Brookfield, Illinois; Thomas Rorke, Lake Zurich, Illinois; and Phillip Wallis, Frankfort, Indiana. With these Brothers the active chapter now has 32 members, and the chapter roll stands at 299 members.

November 5th was Dad's Day with a large percentage of our parents attending. After the football game the Mother's Club held their fall meeting and decided to purchase the house a new vacuum cleaner and an official flag—all of this in addition to the television set which the Mother's Club recently purchased for Alpha Pi.

James K. Hepler, H.A.E.

American Sigs Hold Top Campus Leadership Posts

It may not be traditional with Beta Chi, but it certainly remains a fact that we again got a diversified group of individuals in our pledge class of 15. Of course, we got the top men, culminating a successful season of open houses, rush parties and spontaneous get-togethers.

This fall the Society is being ably led by the following officers: H.S.P. Jay Guy, H.J.P. Johnnie Schreck, H.M. Bob Rumpf, H.S. John McQuiston, H.C.S. Chuck O'Connor, H.E. John Benson, H.C. Chuck O'Connor, H.A.E. Floyd Beach, and Brother Rumpf is also Pledgemaster.

As it has been in the past, the Brotherhood is well represented on the University political scene. Brother Milt Cerny is President of the Senior Class, and of I.F.C. Norm Better is President of the Junior Class, and Sonny Bell, Treasurer. Pete Warring is Vice President of the Sophomore Class, and Burt Stephens, Treasurer. Brothers Dave Bause and John Benson hold two of the more responsible positions on campus, those of Manager and Business Manager, respectively, of Radio Station WAMU. Also on the Radio Station's staff are Brother Stephens, News Manager; Brother Mabee and Pledge Morgan, Operations; and also Brother Mabee handles Continuity. Brother Guy is the Senior Representative to Communications Board, and from the Junior Class, Brother Mabee is the representative to the Scholastic Achievement Board, and Brother Ed Amundson is the Election's Board representative. Brother Bill Petrini is Photo Editor of AU's yearbook. The Athletic Board of the University is presided over by Brother Rumpf. In this respect, we have also a very active pledge class. Pledge Barnes is Chairman of the Religious Board, Russ Simpkins is the Freshman representative to the Election's Board, John Rixdle to the Social Board, "Shep" Morgan to the Scholastic Achievement Board, and Dave Pattison to the Religious Board.

Sportswise, we have added to our collection the championship bowling trophy; three Brothers, Wayne Shufelt, Roger Chenault, and Johnnie Schreck are on the Varsity Soccer Team, of which Brother Schreck is Captain. Brothers Bob Rumpf and Jerry Dobben are on the Swimming Team, and Brother Schreck is a member of the Basketball Team.

We were very sorry to lose our faculty advisor, Brother Hatchett, who left the University for a position at the National Institute of Health. We are quite fond of our new advisor, Dr. Jack Yokum, Assistant Professor of English, and Director of the A.U. Players. Dr. Yokum joined the administration last year, and immediately received acclaim for his friendliness, and direction of the magnificent theater we all enjoyed.

Brother Dick Witter, graduate of '54, returned to the University as Alumni Secretary.

Brother Willard Scott, NBC staff announcer, and Brother Ed Walker now have their own show on WRC, which has been widely acclaimed as one of the most popular in the Washington area.

Brother Ernie Dibble, who is finishing work for his Ph.D. has attained the position of Assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School. When he gets his degree, "Dib" plans to teach history.

The parents of Warren Brown, a Chapter Brother who was killed while serving in the Air Force, bestowed to the Fraternity a collection of several hundred books, to which we have consciously contributed, and now have a sizeable collection of all types.

We again loaned our bell to a fraternity at the University of Maryland for the UCLA and South Carolina battles. The Marylanders are superstitious in that they find, when they have the bell, they are sure to win. As it is, they have yet to lose when they have had it.

Floyd L. Beach, H.A.E.

Oklahoma's Pledges Win As Housemother Cheers

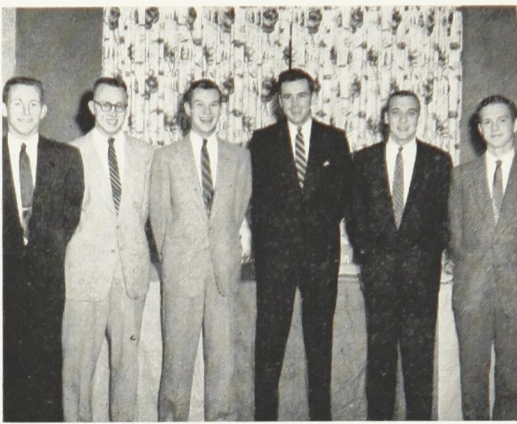
Challenged on the field of battle, the Alpha Alpha Brothers met defeat at the hands of their chosen Pledge Class Sunday, October 30th. The Pledges with excellent organization and manpower marched over the Brothers at the tune of 13 to 0 while being cheered to their upset victory by the Alpha Alpha housemother, Mrs. Louise Underwood. The fraternity function drew a handsome crowd of admirers including Alumni Secretary, Bill Holmes.

Christmas season at Alpha Alpha is a time for parties, serenades and exchanging gifts. The season began with the annual Christmas formal at the Lockett Hotel where over 100 couples danced to the music of Bill Hunt's orchestra. A dinner party preceeded the dance, and the Norman Country Club was the scene of another pre-formal gathering.

At the house decorations party held December 10, Brothers, Pledges, and their dates decorated the 10-foot Christmas tree, sang carols, danced, popped corn and ate apples around a blazing fireplace.

December 11 the annual Christmas dinner was held with the traditional turkey dinner served by candlelight.

Mrs. Louise Underwood, Alpha Alpha housemother, was hostess at the Mother's Club Christmas party held at the house December 14. The mothers, entertained by skits and singing, later exchanged gifts. December 14 the Chapter entertained the Alpha Gamma Delta pledge class with a dessert at the house. To climax the season the Chapter serenaded all the sororities with Christmas carols, making a perfect end to a delightful holiday season.



Officers of Alpha Nu at Westminster College, just completing a successful year are: H.C.S. John Howard, H.S. Robert Hill, steward Donald Hopper, H.J.P. Glen Flinchbaugh, H.S.P. Frank Dickson, and H.E. Robert McFarland.

Connecticut's Lounges to Be Returnished, Redone

The Brothers of the Gamma Gamma Chapter, suntanned and well rested, came back to school in September entered into rushing found ourselves with eighteen pledges, ten of whom have since become part of the Mystic Circle. One of these new Brothers is James B. Quinn, a member of the faculty of the School of Business Administration, who has shown a sincere interest in the Greek system in general, and our Fraternity in particular, ever since his arrival on the campus; so we are proud to claim him as a Brother.

Four days after the arrival of the upperclassmen on campus, the Sigs started the social ball rolling by staging a picnic with Kappa Kappa Gamma. Perhaps, the most successful affair of the first half of the semester was a combined party with the men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. This proved so enjoyable and advantageous, from the standpoint of furthering Greek harmony, that more such events are planned for the future.

Of course the highest point of the fall social pyramid is the celebration of Homecoming. This year was no exception as alumni and guests filled the house to somewhat beyond capacity. By the time laughter had ceased almost no one remembered that the football team lost to Rhode Island.

While the varsity football team bemoaned the loss of tackle Brother Bill Dion, the freshman team welcomed him as line coach. Dion, a four year veteran in Yankee Conference play, helped mold a unit that lost only one game all season.

The return of Brother Peter Grundy, Yankee Conference diving champion, to the varsity swimming team greatly enhanced our chances of winning the conference title in this sport. The versatile Grundy is also a member of the debate team. Among other Sigs prominent in campus activities is Fred Gardiner who reigned as King of the Coed

weekend. Brother James Hagerty, Vice President of the Inter-Fraternity Council, was elected to the Senior Executive Committee in recent campus elections.

The culmination of an all around successful semester came when the Brotherhood decided to completely redecorate and refurnish the lounges, both upstairs and down. This move, which will give us the finest facilities for relaxation and entertainment on the campus, has been looked forward to for a long time, and is expected to stimulate the Brotherhood to attain new scholastic and social heights in the Spring of '56.

Gerald J. Sullivan, H.A.E.

Wagner Sigs Active In Campus Athletics

The Sigs at Wagner opened the winter semester with their traditional Free Fall Formal. The first dance of the academic year, its purpose is to familiarize the new students with the old and to celebrate the chapter's 29th anniversary at Wagner.

In football, the chapter was represented by Brothers Lars Larsen, Don Roper, Walt Sawicki, Charles McGeehan, Mike Delpercio, Bob Natalicchio, Ray Nelson, Frank Wille, and co-captain, Sal Vindigni. The James Robb Memorial Trophy, in memory of a Brother who gave his life for his country in the last war, was awarded to the outstanding player of the Homecoming football game. Brothers Lou Marcano, Warren Tunkel and Charles Domke are key men on the Wagner basketball team.

The chapter enjoyed a Homecoming cocktail party with the alumni, providing a pleasant opportunity for the alumni to become acquainted with new Brothers and renew friendships. The social event of the semester was the masquerade party, with everyone from Charlie Chaplin to the Neanderthal Man present.

We were happy and proud to welcome five Brothers to the Mystic Circle. They are: Warren Tunkel, Clifton, New Jersey; Edward Hellenschmidt, Purling, New York; Lawrence Boyd, Queens, New York; Frank Lucatuorto, Brooklyn, New York; and Frank Townsend, Staten Island, New York.

The Brothers of Alpha Sigma are forever anticipating the challenges of the future and are already in the process of preparing for a triumphant spring semester. Plans have begun for the purpose of perfecting the chapter's basketball team, and a bowling team is in the making. We are trying to become the first fraternity at Wagner to build a fraternity lodge and the battle is encouraging. A great deal of enthusiasm, planning and energy is being devoted to maintain the high position enjoyed by the Sigs at Wagner. The Chapter has come a long day since 1926 and we are confident that the Sigs will always remain "the best on the hill," commanding respect and enjoying the proud fellowship that results in the membership of a fine fraternity.

Sal Tuzzo, H.A.E.

West Virginia Wesleyan Takes Fourteen Pledges

Beta Nu Chapter at West Virginia Wesleyan has arisen out of its dormant state and the manpower for the 1955-56 academic year has reached a total of 23 men, 14 of them being new pledges: Bob Heine, Sandy Frey, Lou Beraill, Dick Lamperti, Skip Micklore, Mickey Shumati, Joe King, Joe Cluiseno, Frank Patty, Neal Small, Gene Heyer, John Ruof, Phil Decker and Warren Jordan. With these men, the Old Gal will once again become the top fraternity on campus. A great amount of the rebuilding of Beta Nu to its present level is attributed to the unsurpassed work of Assistant Executive Secretary Ellwood A. Smith; and we, the Sigs of Beta Nu, would like to express our deepest gratitude.

This year, the Sigs, though too late to enter the Interfraternity Tournament, overcame the champions, Theta Chi, by a score of 16 to 6, with Skip Micklore and Gene Keyer as the mainstays.

A huge Tomahawk has been presented to Beta Nu by Gamma Delta Chapter of Davis & Elkins for a football game between the pledge classes. The game was played in ankle-deep mud with both sides evenly matched, thus the game ended in an 0 to 0 tie. Since Gamma Delta was the host, the Tomahawk, 3 feet long, was presented to Beta Nu. The party following the game was, needless to say, a huge success.

Plans are being put into action for a house for the coming semester. The Sigs are holding a "Yankee Ball," which in this southland, should prove interesting, what with the Brothers attired in Yankee uniforms.

Our new officers are: H.S.P. Jules Metroka, H.J.P. Dan Koehler, H.E. Bob Bitten, H.S. Frank Floyd, and H.C.S. Dick Dunn.

Jules Metroka, H.S.P.

Illinois Tech Wins Top Trophy For Seventh Time

Alpha Xi finished the 1954-55 year just as they began, on top. In doing so the Illinois Tech Sigs gained another trophy to display on the mantle of their new house. The new trophy is Alpha Xi's seventh consecutive All-Activities trophy which is awarded by the I.F.C. to the fraternity placing highest in all I.F. sports, the pageant, the sing, house decorations, and scholarship.

On their way to the All-Activities trophy the Sigs racked up their tenth consecutive track title, ninth straight swimming championship and finished first in the pageant for the third year in a row. The Sigs captured additional first places in softball and tennis along with seconds in the sing and house decorations for open house. The most smashing triumphs were recorded in track where Alpha Sigma Phi took first in every

event but one and softball in which the Sigs climaxed an unbeaten season with a ten to nothing victory in the championship game.

The Alpha Xi Sigs started this year with a new house. The chapter's new house was formerly the residence of John J. Abbot, financial wizard and the U.S. advisor to China during the Boxer Rebellion. The Sigs moved everything into the house in the spring and then painted and cleaned their new home during the usual fall work week.

Individual Sigs have received recognition as well as the Chapter. John Madell, former H.S.P., was chosen by the other fraternities on campus as the I.F. athlete of the year. John was a standout in football, basketball, tennis, swimming, track, and softball. John also played first string on the scholarship team making Tau Beta Pi engineering honorary. Ken Hudson, present H.S.P., is doubling in brass this semester as he is also serving as president of the I.F.C. Ken has been very active in chapter and campus activities playing football, basketball, tennis, track, and softball for the Fraternity and running varsity track for the school.

Alpha Xi has eleven initiates: Earl Anker, Jerry Foote, Rodger Fosdick, John McConahay, Robert Sonnenberg, James Carlson, Fred Gould, Thomas Horton, David Johnson, Robert Warren, and Robert White.

John McConahay, H.A.E.

Write Before Visiting Warm and Balmy Miami

Weather at the University of Miami is still warm and balmy, which means beach parties and the like are still in order.

The chapter has moved into the dorm area of the school and has very few accommodations for visiting Brothers but, if the Brothers will write the Chapter we may be able to secure space. Our address is P.O. Box 8202 Univ. Branch, Miami, Florida or 1200 Walsh "B" Univ. Branch, Miami, Fla.

Gamma Theta has won it's first trophy, acquired in the recent homecoming house decoration contest. Our decoration which took second place in the fraternity dorm division was a huge Ibis (school bird) which had Boston Eagles for sale.

Seven pledges have been added to our pledges class, and are busy working on their tomahawks. Initiation was held for Philip Burkholder. H.S.P. Stanley Iacono has left the Undergraduate ranks to join the business world, and H.J.P. Andy Sabol has taken over the reins.

On December 4, the Chapter held it's annual Founders Day Banquet at the Candlelight Inn where on June 7, 1952 the Chapter was formally installed and given it's charter.

Thomas R. Pitts, H.A.E.

Tri State Supporting Alumni Building Fund

The erection of a new sign on the northeast corner of the Tri State Chapter house with two small flood lights, makes the Fraternity coat of arms visible for several blocks.

Beta Omicron now has six men serving with Skull and Bones C.O.A., student leader council. They are: Joe Gayda, Bill Faughn, Bill Jones, and Douglas Mowat, and Brothers Phil O'Brien and Leamon Miller who were elected this term.

Our chapter alumni organization, with President Alexander at the helm, is steadily gaining ground. Brother Alexander and his alumni officers have given much of their time and energy to help form a strong alumni association. In conjunction with the Alumni Building Fund, the active chapter has established a building fund. Donations each term are placed with a trustee who is investing the money in good grade securities. Planning for the future has become a major project at Beta Omicron. A new and bigger house is envisioned for the future to cope with our increasing membership and activity.

William R. Faughn, H.A.E.

Ohio Wesleyan Plans to Build New Chapter Home

The annual winter formal based on the theme "Candlelight," with hundreds of candles illuminating the house, was a success as usual. The Sig octet sang during the intermission, and was followed by a general song fest of Christmas carols, with everyone participating.

The biggest affair on the agenda for Epsilon in the near future is the Sig Bust which will serve as the kick-off for the campaign for a new chapter house. Chuck Vondrasek, head of the alumni relations committee, is working on the plans to make this the best Bust in our history. Alumni and active chapter entertainment is being arranged for the Saturday night activities.

We completed a successful rush season by pledging 20 men. Tom Ribley from Dearborn, Michigan was elected as pledge class President. Tom is a Pre-Med student.

Len Rott and Dave Huff are in Phi Mu Alpha, the music honorary, with Len being Secretary of this organization.

Brothers Bill White and Bruce Harrington are now joining those who have taken the long trek down to the altar.

Brothers Bill Atkinson, and Lew Morrow were initiated in the Chemistry honorary. Brothers Phil Leek, Bill Jeffers, Bruce Harrington, and Howie Blind were initiated into the local radio honorary. Athletically—Bob Ball, Dave Rouse, Fred Ballard, Dave Crockett (not of legendary fame), and Ted Warton are all varsity swimmers,

while Bill Steinbrenner is manager of the basketball team.

In the recent elections, the following men were elected: H.S.P. Lew Morrow; H.J.P. Bill Atkinson; H.E. Len Rott; H.C.S. Ralph Morrow; Prudential Committee, Dave Huff and Art Tellam.

Art Tellam, H.A.E.

Black Lantern Procession Used at Missouri Valley

On Sunday evening, October 2, Alpha Omicron pledged twenty-nine men, and the ceremonies began with the traditional Black Lantern Procession. Four were initiated into the Mystic Circle this semester; John Bonnet, Dan Duggin, Alan Lawson, and William Siddon.

The most photographed Homecoming decorations this year were the Sig float and house decoration. The first place house decoration, a tufted train in 3-D with the caption, "Valley Trains Champions," was a real eye stopper, with a unique combination of color, sound, and motion. The float was a pink and black telephone, with the prize winning theme of "Dial MVC for Murder."

In addition to their regular Saturday morning work, the pledges are nearing the completion of several major projects. A third room is being remade into a study hall. Alpha Omicron's Talisman Room is being completely remodeled. The room is being enlarged to accommodate the growing chapter, and its inherent beauty will be enhanced with indirect lighting, lattice work entwined with vines, and a concealed sound system. Cardinal and stone will dominate the decor.

At 12:01 A.M., December 6, the chapter started the traditional Founder's Day activities, with the initial scene staged around a bonfire. Everyone who partook in these activities left with a keener sense of appreciation for our Fraternal heritage and a strong desire to perpetuate the ideas of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Keeping in line with the Christmas season, a nativity scene was erected in front of the house. A rustic stable, thatched with evergreen boughs, provided a striking background for the figures. A star from above marked the spot of the Holy Birth, and an angel hovered over as the air filled with the strains of Christmas Carols.

The Chapter at Valley is 44 strong, representing twelve states of the Union, from Minnesota to the Lone Star State, from California to New York. Much ground has been covered since Alpha Omicron's charter was granted in 1945, but the real challenge lies in front of us. Borrowing the words of Brother Jerry Dean, every man in Alpha Omicron must realize that it is "ten times harder for a fraternity to stay on top, than it is for it to get there."

Leland Kessler, H.A.E.

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