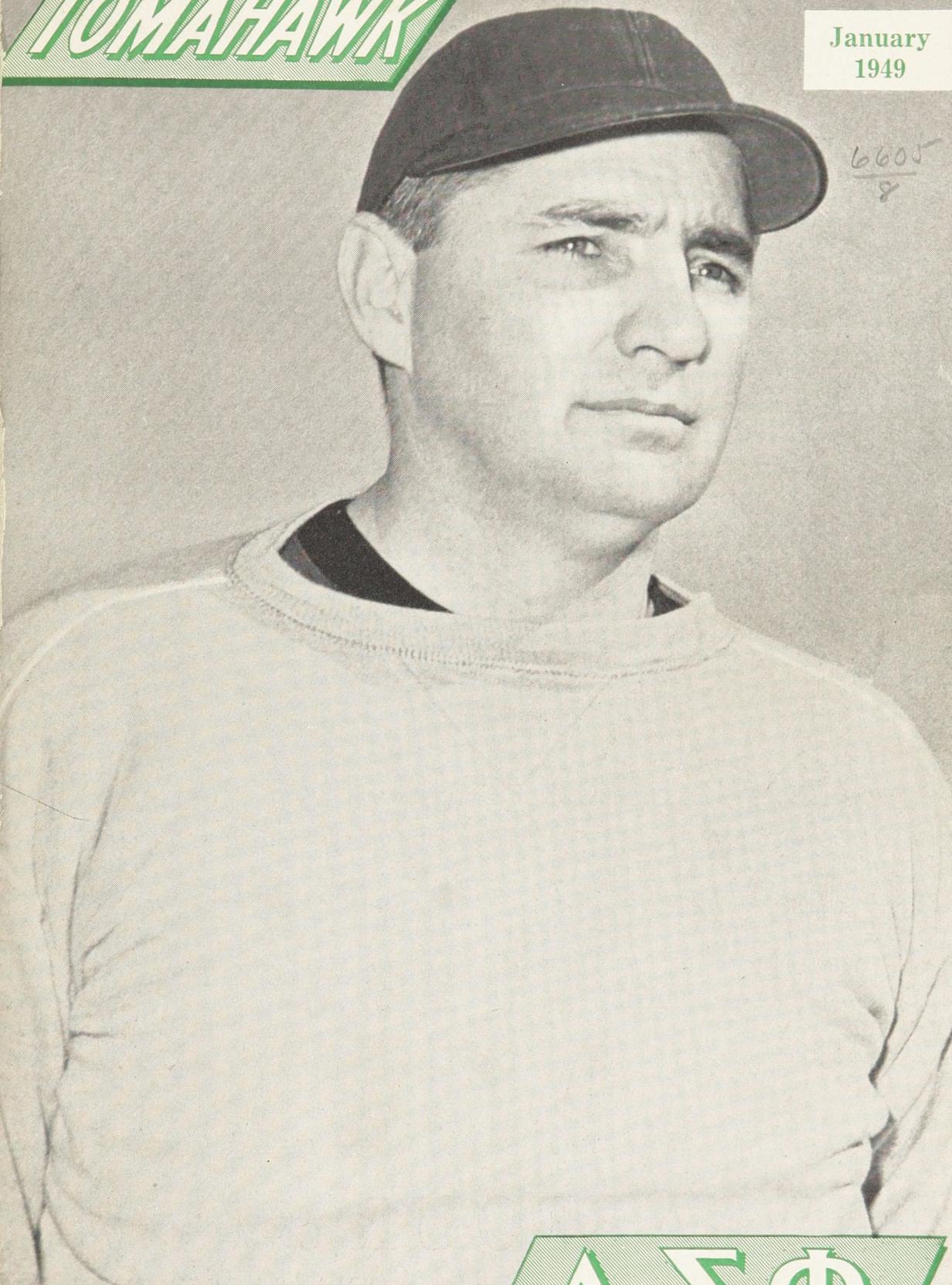


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On the cover of this issue we feature the picture of Bennie Oosterbaan who recently named Coach of the Year for 1948 after taking his Michigan team through the year undefeated.

We suggest that every chapter require that their pledge classes, soon to be initiated, read the excellent article by Edmund B. Shotwell entitled "Let's Take a Look at the Forest," on page 13.

Take a look at the National Office of Alpha Sigma Phi on page eight and nine.

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The President's Page



On December 6th, another year took its place in the long procession of history and tradition of Alpha Sigma Phi. The occasion was honored by many chapters and alumni associations. Founders Day banquets and other similar festivities fittingly celebrated our 103rd anniversary.

The toast at all of these gala affairs was to the health of the Old Gal and to continued years of dignity and of service devoted to the promotion of our three Cardinal Virtues of Truth, Wisdom and Brotherly Love.

At least two of these Founders Day celebrations took on added significance. The Bedford Springs Convention gave deserved recognition to two of Sigdom's most illustrious sons. By unanimous acclaim, scrolls were awarded to Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, the retiring Grand Senior President, and to Benjamin Clarke, who has been designated Grand Junior President Emeritus.

The Pittsburgh Alumni Council held its banquet on Friday, December 3rd. Appropriate tribute was paid to Dr. Cramblet there. For his talent of leadership, his tireless and enthusiastic energy, and in recognition of the lasting respect and deep affection, this scroll and engraved gavel were presented to him from the whole fraternity.



G.S.P. Lloyd Cochran

A similar scroll was presented to Ben Clarke from all of Alpha Sigma Phi at the Chicago Alumni Council banquet on Monday, December 6. Ben was Executive leader of the fraternity and guided its expansion policy and procedure for the better part of two decades before 1936. His loyalty and devotion to the fraternity during that period brought greater prestige to her name, and built the solid foundation for her later growth. His earnest effort, his loyalty and friendliness have won him a permanent place of high esteem in the hearts of all Alpha Sigs.

The fraternity program, formulated at the Bedford Springs convention, is beginning to take definite shape through the activities of our committees. As progress becomes evident, I should like to discuss these developments with you.

Under the capable leadership of Arba S. Taylor, our Grand Junior President, the Committee on Alumni Affairs has taken steps to reactivate old Alumni Councils and to establish new councils in many centers, suggested procedures of organization, and suggested council programs of activity are formulated to assure greater interest among our alumni and more opportunities of friendly contact for all Alpha Sigs.

This and fourteen other similarly functioning committees will be glad to have your suggestions on how Alpha Sigma Phi may be a more vital force to you and to our way of life and brotherhood.

MICHIGAN'S BENNIE OOSTERBAAN NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR



(In the June 1948 issue of the Tomahawk we were proud to report the appointment of one of the all-time Alpha Sig football greats as head football coach at the University of Michigan. We are now even more proud to reprint an article from the Michigan Daily that tells of his being named to the highest honor a coach can receive.)

By BEV BUSSEY
(Sports Feature Editor, Michigan Daily)

Bennie Oosterbaan received his second national honor within two weeks when he was named today 1948 "Coach of the Year," after steering the Wolverines to the top ranking position in the final AP football poll.

The Michigan coach rated 61 first place votes—almost twice the number of his closest rival, Lynn Waldorf of California.

Behind Oosterbaan and Waldorf came Bob Voigts of Northwestern, Frank Howard of Clemson College, Matty Bell of Southern Methodist, and Tuss McLaughry of Dartmouth. In seventh place, Notre Dame's Frank Leahy received 11 first place votes.

The choice of Oosterbaan as coach of the year was based on the Wolverines 9-0 record, running their victory skein to 23 games and achieving spectacular records both on offense and defense.

But, as the alumni at the annual Michigan

Bust in Detroit said last week, "Oosterbaan is our nomination for coach of the year anytime." He IS Michigan—right down to the core.

As a three-sport athlete and as a coach, Oosterbaan has devoted himself to the university for the past 24 years. It is an integral part of him. This strong attachment seems to have penetrated every player on the team.

Everyone worked hard at practice. They never griped about staying late. There were no signs of dissension that are bound to creep up on "star" teams.

They played their hearts out for Bennie, because each one knew how much Michigan's reputation meant to him. After Ohio State kicked a field goal to take the lead in the last game, they realized the significance of Bennie's feelings. They fought for Michigan

tradition the same way spiritually that their coach fought for it.

At the beginning of the season, a lot of people wondered how Oosterbaan would succeed as a head coach.

He knew the sport inside out, and had worked with the two-team, single-wing system under Crisler.

But he was noted for being an easy-going guy—maybe it wouldn't pay off to be like that.

There were two groups, however, who never doubted his ability—the football players whom he directed and joked with, and the old-time M men who felt that anything Oosterbaan did was okay—for Oosterbaan IS Michigan.

Bennie Oosterbaan, referred to by the late Fielding H. Yost as "Mr. Ree-laxation," is not, in reality, the cool customer he's supposed to be—"he's nervous as a cat."

This comes from no less an authority than Delmas Oosterbaan, wife of Michigan's Coach of the Year.

In his quiet home on Shadford Road, Bennie let's his hair down. According to the Mrs., he doesn't believe in showing his feelings in front of other people.

He worries constantly. Two minutes after one game's over, he starts thinking about the next. Even a couple of weeks after the end of the season, he has an emotional hang-over that eventually fizzles out by itself.

Mrs. Oosterbaan has learned, however, to take everything in stride. In fact, she has spent the last 16 years perfecting the art of being "a coach's wife" and still maintaining her mental equilibrium.

She now takes lightly the things her better half does.

During the season he gets very little sleep. In the middle of the night, Bennie always gets hungry.

"He'll trip over his shoes and bump into every picture lined down the staircase wall. Upstairs I can hear him rummaging through the ice-box or looking for the cocoa in the cupboard," she mused.

During the midnight "raid," the Oosterbaans' four year old daughter wakes up. So they carry on brief "through the wall" conversations.

Bennie knocks and says, "Go to sleep, Anna." And she raps back, "You go to sleep, too," daddy."

During the season, that's about the only time they get a chance to visit with each other. The Michigan coach leaves early in the morning, and comes home late at night.

Like a slowed-down version of Dagwood, he grabs a glass of milk offered by Anna at the kitchen door, deposits the empty glass in her hand at the dining room door, and kisses his wife goodbye at the front door.

There are staff meetings, long practice sessions, and movies to keep him occupied. He has dinners to attend and speeches to make throughout the state.

Mrs. "Bennie" smiled when she said, "I wonder what it's like to be married to a nice, steady ditch-digger."

But, she married a man who began to coach immediately upon graduation. It happened this way:

"We had both signed up for a geology course called Gems and Precious Stones," she remembered.

It was a snap for Mrs. Oosterbaan. She wound up the course with an "emerald" from Bennie. (And Bennie did all right, too—he wound up with the "gem" of the class.)

M. I. T. Interfraternity Council Wins National Award

The impressive Undergraduate Council Award of the N. I. C. was presented to the Interfraternity Council of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as the undergraduate unit which developed the most constructive program in interfraternity activities the past year. This was the first selection for the award to be made since the start of World War II.

The winning program included such projects as the providing of scholarship plaques for chapters with high scholastic records; the establishment of a central office, the publication of a monthly newspaper, a song contest, the planning of a building project to provide houses for chapters, and the reorganization of programs dealing with social policies, expansion, and rushing.

Chicago Alumni Council Honors Benjamin Clarke

Grand Junior President, Emeritus

More than a hundred brothers joined in a tribute to Brother Benjamin Clarke, Michigan '10, Grand Junior President, Emeritus, in the Century Room of the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago on the evening of the 103rd birthday of the "Old Gal," December 6, 1948.

Ralph W. Ibenfeldt, Illinois '21, did a masterful job as toastmaster. A toastmaster who can keep the show moving to a conclusion which leaves everyone happy is good and Brother Ibenfeldt was excellent.

Alumni in the east were represented by C. William Cleworth, Illinois '14, president of the Cleworth Publishing Company in New York City. Bill is a past national officer of the fraternity and could not pass up the opportunity of paying honor to Ben.

It was an evening of tribute to Benjamin Clarke. Undergraduates attended from the Purdue University, University of Illinois, and Illinois Institute Chapters. Alumni from over 25 chapters were in attendance.

The evenings' program began with the singing of "The Cardinal and the Gray," followed by the invocation by Rev. Paul T. Sanders, Illinois '20, Director Community Center Foundation, Palos Park, Illinois.

H. Kenneth Foute, Illinois '38, president of the Chicago Alumni Council, introduced distinguished guests. He spoke of the educational program of the council and the many advantages which participation in the council activities offered. Ben Clarke had developed friendships over a period of 30 years as a member of the Chicago Council. In recognition of his devotion to the Chicago Alumni Council, Brother Foute presented Brother Clarke a handsome pocket watch properly inscribed from the Chicago Alumni Council.

Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, Yale '12, immediate Past Grand Senior President, came on from West Virginia for the meeting. He presented to Brother Clarke, on behalf of the entire fraternity, a several page hand inscribed tribute, bound in a cardinal leather cover. Brother Cramblet spoke of Brother Clarke's many years of devoted service as Grand Junior President from 1923 to 1940, during which time he was in charge of the extension program of the fraternity. Ben served as a member of the Grand Council from 1940 to 1946 and is continuing to serve as chairman of the legal committee of the fraternity.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Norman K. Anderson who took Ben as a law partner in 1918. This partnership had shown those fine qualities of character which Brother Clarke has of integrity, hard work, and a zeal to get a job done; Dr. Nathan E. Van Stone, Michigan '10, vice-president of Sherwin Williams Company, and Ben's college roommate, came in from Cleveland for the occasion; George H. McDonald, Chicago '20, came from Rock Island, Illinois. George worked with Brother Clarke for many many years on national fraternity, particularly while Brother McDonald was Grand Marshal from 1924 to 1930.

Ralph F. Burns, Executive Secretary, Ohio Wesleyan '32, introduced Grand Senior President Lloyd S. Cochran, Pennsylvania '20. Brother Cochran flew from Buffalo to pay tribute to Brother Clarke and outline to the large gathering "Sigs" the program of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Truly it was an evening of praise to Brother Benjamin Clarke, who has exemplified to others the open motto of his fraternity:

"Causa Latet Vis Est Notissima."
"The cause is hidden, the results well known."



PITTSBURGH ALUMNI HONOR DR. WILBUR CRAMBLET

The Pittsburgh Alumni Council met for dinner on the evening of the 3rd of December to celebrate Founder's Day and to honor our immediate past Grand Senior President, Dr. Wilbur Cramblet.

There were men from the Alpha, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta, Iota, Omicron, Pi, Sigma, Upsilon, Chi, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Nu, Beta Alpha, Beta Gamma, Beta Epsilon, Beta Nu and Gamma Alpha chapters in attendance. There was a total of sixty enthusiastic Alpha Sigs who were able to make it to the testimonial dinner.

The presentation of a beautiful bound copy of the resolution of appreciation for Dr. Cramblet that was passed by the 1948 Convention at Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania, and of a fine gavel, was made by our Grand Senior President, Lloyd Cochran. The resolution was then signed by all of the brothers present.

Included also in the program was the presentation of the Delta Beta Xi key to Brother Ralph Hudson. Brother Hudson's election was announced at the con-

vention also. It was pointed out that great services have been rendered the fraternity by the three H's of the Pittsburgh Alumni Council: Hudson, Hesselbarth and Hartman. Brothers Hudson and Hartman are both Yale men but Hesselbarth was the Omicron man who pledged Lloyd Cochran to Alpha Sigma Phi.

Others of the national organization, including Dr. Hugh Hart and Frank Krebs, were also there.

During the business meeting, new officers were elected for the coming year. They are: President, Harry W. Hosford, 6201 Walnut Street, Pittsburgh 6; vice-president, Paris Mahan, Jr., 1309 Wood Street, Pittsburgh 21; and secretary-treasurer, Howard Hancock, 128 Beisner Avenue, Pittsburgh 27. The directors named were: Harold Wilson, Carl Skoogland and Ben Jones. Joe Christie, George D. Porter and William Boag were named to the nominating committee.

Brother Ross Altwater was responsible for the fine picture coverage of the meeting.

At the left—

(1) Part of the crowd of Pittsburgh Alpha Sigs who gathered on December 3rd to honor Dr. Cramblet and to celebrate Founder's Day. (2) G. S. P. Cochran presents the leather bound scroll to Dr. Cramblet. (3) Retiring president of the Pittsburgh Alumni Council, Joe Christie, acts as toastmaster. (4) Ralph Hudson receives Delta Beta Xi key from a brother in that honorary, Hal Wilson. (5) Lloyd Cochran reads scroll to immediate past G.S.P. Cramblet, who sits in the background. (6) Brother Hal Wilson tells of his father-in-law who was initiated into Delta Beta Xi in 1873, as he accepts his key.

CENTRAL OFFICE

DELAWARE, OHIO



The Executive Secretary, Ralph F. Burns, in his office.



The reception office with Miss Elizabeth Steel, secretary to Mr. Burns, at her desk.



The bookkeeping department is presided over by Mrs. Betty Coonfare.



One corner of the addressing room is shown with the alphabetical files in the background.

The center picture of this spread was taken from the bookkeeper's office looking through the mailing room. The door to the left leads to the Executive Secretary's office. The door to the right leads through a filing room into the reception room.



The Executive Secretary confers with the editor of the TOMAHAWK in the latter's office.

Your national office, located at 31 West Winter Street, Delaware, Ohio, is the hub of the multi-spoked wheel that is Alpha Sigma Phi. It is there that business of the national fraternity is administered. Since such a small percentage of the brothers, although hundreds call each year, can ever get to Delaware, it seemed that you should be acquainted with the office and its functions through the *Tomahawk*.

The various departments and activities of the office are supervised and co-ordinated by the Executive Secretary. Under his guidance operate the book-keeping, the addressing the mailing and the other departments that are necessary for the ever growing business of this century old fraternity.

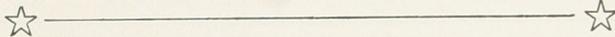
In the addressograph department each

member is cross filed by three different methods. The first of these methods is numerically by chapter. That is, a file is kept of the names of men in the order in which they were initiated into the chapter. The second file is alphabetical. This file also includes every man who has ever been initiated into the mystic circle. The file of addressograph plates is by geographic area. Men from the same state and city or post office are filed together. These plates have tabs placed on them to indicate those who subscribe to the *Tomahawk*, and several other facts.

The bookkeeping office carries on the myriad details concerning the initiation of members and the payment of dues and assessments as well as keeping the accounts of the national office and the endowment fund.



Girls operate Address-o-Graph equipment in the addressing room.



Missouri Valley Football Team Sets Records

For two years in a row the Missouri Valley Vikings played in two bowl games a season. The Vikings, M. C. A. U. champions of 1942, 1946, 1947, and 1948 ('43, '44, and '45 were war years when the college was occupied by a naval unit which does not represent the record of the school). and victors in 41 consecutive victories under the coaching of Volney C. Ashford are tops in this central Missouri town. Seven men have been placed on the all-conference first team for the last two years by the Vikings.

Also, Jim Nelson has been first-string

guard on the Little All American team for the last two years. Hugh Dunn, ass't coach in 1948, won the Williamson Award for the outstanding small college player in 1947, and was voted most valuable player among small colleges by United Features Syndicate.

Huge crowds follow the team to all their games. (Texas, Florida, and Indiana no exceptions). Public relations are of the highest calibre and graduates coaching in surrounding high schools send a lot of good material to the college.

INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNI ORGANIZE

On the evening of December 7, nineteen Alpha Sigs gathered for an organizational dinner meeting at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. Bill McCaw, Zeta, did the whole thing up fine as the toastmaster.

After a fine dinner, everyone tried their singing talents on some of the old songs of the "Old Gal." The quartet from Alpha Pi supplied the entertainment of the evening and gave forth with five numbers which were really well received.

Hank Marshall gave a little of the background of the meeting, and thanked Brother Baron for all of his aid in getting the group together. Bill Holmes read the greeting and wishes for success from several chapter presidents and from Lloyd Cochran, Grand Senior President, all of which showed that the interest in the group goes farther than just Indianapolis.

Ralph Burns, Executive Secretary of the Fraternity, was the guest of honor and the main speaker. He gave the group some information concerning what the fraternity has done in the past few years toward expansion and ultimate strengthening. Ralph told the group that it could be an important influence in strengthening "the ties that bind" in the state of Indiana. He then outlined the activities of some of the other city alumni councils, mentioning the possi-

bilities for expansion of the fraternity in regard to new chapters in Indiana.

Those alums attending represented seven chapters: William B. McCaw, Ohio State; Arthur J. Strauss, Illinois; Dr. Carl P. Huber, Michigan; Frank W. Baron, Michigan; Francis A. Hackett, Minnesota; George W. Vogel, Kentucky; Harry B. Smith, Northwestern; Robert Atkinson, Purdue; George Finkbinder, Purdue; Joseph Gibbons, Purdue; Brian Hall, Purdue, and Henry Marshall, Purdue.

Others attending included the Alpha Pi Quarter, consisting of Cecil Lay, Hal Pearson, Bob Mathews, Leigh Nelson, as well as Ellis McKinley and Bill Holmes from the Purdue chapter.

Much credit for the event goes to Hank who did most of the publicity and contact work which is so important to such a meeting. Many thanks to those chapters who so laboriously checked their files for Indianapolis alums.

Anyone who knows of members for their chapter who live in the Indianapolis area (this includes Anderson), please send their names and addresses to HANK MARSHALL, 310 N. Illinois, Indianapolis.

With the first meeting such a success, Indianapolis can promise another active city alumni council for the fraternity and another link in the Mystic Circle of Alpha Sigma Phi.

NEW YORK ALUMS GET TOGETHER

The New York Council of Alpha Sigma Phi is making great progress and the post war development program is definitely showing the results of hard work. Many more brothers have shown interest in the Council's activities and it is hoped that before the spring of next year, capacity turnouts will be witnessed.

Old standbys such as Brothers Wayne Grunden, and Hap Felton are turning over more and more of the Council's affairs to the younger men. With the new blood and the old guidance we have but one course, onwards and upwards.

The brothers' business and outside affairs cover many fields of endeavour and it is one of the Council's primary functions to aid young Sigs starting out. An idea of the fields covered may be seen from such brothers as George Woodward, Alpha Delta '20, who is with Western Electric, and also executive director of the American Bowling Congress; Loren Zeltner, Iota '18, handling Veterans Administration business as Regional Insurance officer for the Brooklyn Regional office; Robert L. Fraissinet, Alpha '45, who is a school teacher and professional student at the

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THE PROVINCE SYSTEM

by

RALPH BURNS, *Executive Secretary*

A new system of chapter supervision for Alpha Sigma Phi has been introduced this school year. It is known as the Province System. It is not new to many other national fraternities, nor to former Alpha Kappa Pi chapters.

Chapters in a geographical area are placed in a province. These provinces are numbered, such as I, II, etc. The provinces may change from time to time as to the number of chapters within the province and the number designating the province.

Each province is headed by a Province Chief who is an alumnus of the fraternity. The Province Chief is appointed by the Grand Senior President on behalf of the Grand Council. The Province Chief serves for two years, which is the interim period between conventions.

The purpose of the Province System is to provide a closer contact with the undergraduate chapters and is an official representative of the national organization. The Province Chiefs are kept informed of the program development and policy of the national organization and in this way are able to better interpret the same to the undergraduate chapters. The Province Chief is requested to visit each chapter in his province twice a year. He makes reports relative to the condition of the chapters in his province to the Grand Council.

It is planned that during the interim between the national conventions that province meetings will be held. These meetings would discuss matters of a national character, but more important they will bring about a closer cooperation between the chapters within the

province. Chapters within a given province are usually contacting men who may be going to another school within the province where a chapter of the fraternity is located. These contacts can help each chapter in rushing and in many other ways.

The Province Chief in each area may have at the present time only one or two chapters. He is charged, however, with the responsibility of further extension of the fraternity in his area in addition to doing extension work. Province Chiefs are asked to assist in the strengthening of alumni groups and the establishing of new alumni groups.

The province system of visitation and supervision is not to replace visitation of each chapter by the Executive Secretary or the Assistant Executive Secretary. The visits made by the Province Chief are to supplement the visits made by the National Office. In addition to visits from the Province Chief, the Executive Secretary and the Assistant Executive Secretary, members of the Grand Council from time to time make visits to the undergraduate chapters.

There are at the present time twenty-five provinces covering the United States.

The Provinces and the Chiefs in charge are:

Province I—Province Chief, Dallas L. Donnan, Ehrlich-Harrison Co., 35 Hanford St., Seattle 4, Washington; area, University of Washington, Oregon State College, Idaho.

Province II—Province Chief, W. R. Augustine, 640 State Building, San Francisco, Calif.; area, University of

California Stanford University, University of Nevada.

Province III—Province Chief, Arthur C. Hurt, Jr., 133 South Windsor Blvd., Los Angeles 4, Calif.; area, U.C.L.A. and Southern California.

Province IV—Province Chief, not appointed, Colorado and Wyoming area.

Province V—Province Chief, Dr. Daniel B. Heffelfinger, Leonhardt Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla.; area, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas.

Province VI—Province Chief, George H. MacDonald, Modern Woodman of America, Rock Island, Ill.; area, Iowa.

Province VII—Province Chief, Dr. Charles Gehrke, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri; area, Missouri.

Province VIII—Province Chief, John Haskell, 2043 N. 54th St., Omaha, Nebr.; area, Nebraska, South Dakota.

Province IX—Province Chief, C. J. Iverson, 1550 Northwestern Bank Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.; area, Minnesota, North Dakota.

Province X—Province Chief, John Trutter, 813A Forest Ave., Evanston, Ill.; area, Illinois Institute, Wisconsin.

Province XI—Province Chief, Calvin Sifferd, 725 South Wright, Champaign, Ill.; area, University of Illinois, Indiana.

Province XII—Province Chief, Charles E. Stitt, 2715 Digby Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio; area, University of Cincinnati and Kentucky.

Province XIII—Province Chief, Dr. Marcus Whitman, University of Alabama, University, Ala.; area, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi.

Province XIV—Province Chief, Raymond G. Wilson, 1469 E. 115th St., Cleveland 6, Ohio; area, Baldwin Wallace, Ohio Northern, Case, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio State.

Province XV—Province Chief, Josef J. Richards, 210 Washington

St., Marietta, Ohio; area, Marietta, Bethany, University of West Virginia.

Province XVI—Province Chief, Nick Cody, 1002 E. DuPont Ave., Belle, W. Va.; area, West Virginia Wesleyan and Marshall.

Province XVII—Province Chief Douglas P. Hammial, 345 Pacific Ave., Plymouth, Michigan; area, Michigan, Tri State, Toledo, Wayne.

Province XVIII—Province Chief, unassigned; area, Wake Forest, Presbyterian, Wofford, North Carolina State.

Province XIX—Province Chief, Paris Mahan, Jr., 1309 Wood St., Apt. 13, Pittsburgh 21, Pa.; area, Mount Union, Westminster, Carnegie Tech.

Province XX—Province Chief, Albert G. Jahn, 3620 N. 15th St., Philadelphia 40, Pa.; area, Pennsylvania, Penn State, Lehigh, Franklin and Marshall.

Province XXI—Province Chief, Lee Fencil, 258 Seneca Ave., Havre de Grace, Maryland; area, American University.

Province XXII—Province Chief, Stuart E. Pomeroy, 113 Circle Road, Syracuse 10, N. Y.; area, Syracuse, Cornell, Hartwick, R.P.I.

Province XXIII—Province Chief, Dr. W. E. Rogler, 37-48th St., Weehawken, N. J.; area, Wagner, Stevens, Newark, Rutgers.

Province XXIV—Province Chief, unassigned; University of Conn.

Province XXV—Province Chief, William E. Mayer, Marblehead St., North Reading, Mass.; area, Tufts.

Province XXVI—Province Chief, Charles Hall, Eastern Lawn Tennis Ass'n, 120 Broadway, New York City; area, Brooklyn Poly. Inst. and Columbia.

In the next issue of the *Tomahawk* a few of these Province Chiefs will be introduced to you. In each succeeding issue there will be other biographies to acquaint you with these important men of Alpha Sigma Phi.

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE FOREST

by EDMUND B. SHOTWELL

There is in every living and expanding institution a danger that its original ideals, purposes and objects will be lost from view and forgotten in the excitement and striving for excellence along the lines of financing and expansion.

Important beyond measure, vital to continued existence, are the problems of the proper handling of funds and the growth of the fraternity. Stewardship is a duty; a fraternity must grow or die. But let us keep "dusted off" and ever in our mind's eye the IDEALS, PURPOSES and OBJECTS of Alpha Sigma Phi. Let us take to heart *and translate into action* their teachings and not be kept from so doing by a feeling that thereby we weaken ourselves and make ourselves the objects of a manly ridicule.

A group of men back before the Civil War had formed a partnership to make boats. They prepared an excellent design embodying special features of strength and seaworthiness. The craft were to be built to carry future generations of men with speed, comfort, and pleasure across yet uncharted seas. As time went on the firm grew and branched out. Always the original designs lay on the books. No man arose to improve upon them. Doubtless none could. The lives of those who handled them attested to the excellence of the naval architecture employed. (It is true a few who climbed into the sternsheets just for the ride fell overboard or were jettisoned for failing to cooperate in the venture.)

In the shipyards the work fell into the hands of departmental experts, as it should. As the boats were launched they represented the final product of cooperative skilled effort. There were problems of locating raw material, getting it to the shipyard, shaping it, putting on its insignia and outfitting it; behind and through all a host of financial problems were disposed of to keep the many wheels turning and geared up; came questions of "more *or* better boats"; came questions of the necessity or desirability of branch shipyards— independent operating units following the original plans. Came a day when defects seemed to develop here and there in spite of the really excellent financial and expansion programs. Into the office of this hypothetical boat-building firm rushed a man shouting "experts, experts in every line, but they've lost the plans for the boats."

This cannot now be said of Alpha Sigma Phi nor of any of its vitally alive chapters (and vitality is not to be measured by the size of the Chapter House). May it never be truly said we have lost sight of, have forgotten, the ideals, purposes, and objects of the fraternity. Frame them and put them in a conspicuous place in your chapter's living room—the place it lives in—be it the lounge or the dining room. Get pledges to understandingly memorize them. Turn to them for inspiration and guidance. Use Founders' Day as an

occasion to read them aloud to the chapter and to award a simple copy of them to the active member and to the alumnus member who have best exemplified them in their actions.

What then are these ideals, purposes and objects. They are set forth in our Constitution (there's a copy of it in your directory) in.

Appropriately this is the shortest Title of the Constitution; nine simple lines round out the acorn from which the fraternity has grown. Here they are:

The PURPOSES of Alpha Sigma Phi are to foster education, to maintain charities and to promote patriotism. The OBJECTS of the fraternity incidental to these purposes are to encourage culture and high scholarship, to assist in the building of character, to promote college loyalties, to perpetuate friendships, to cement social ties within the fraternity membership, and to foster the maintenance of college homes by chapters for their active members. The ritual goes further in impressing these thoughts.

Let us examine our ideals briefly.

At the outset we should recognize that no attempt is made to cover the field of desirable virtues. It is assumed that no pledge will be presented for initiation who is not of high character.

TO FOSTER EDUCATION.

To encourage culture and high scholarship—to assist in the building of character.

The by-laws require that a pledge be of fair scholarship and good intellect; upon the fraternity falls the burden of shaping this workable raw material, of encouraging culture and high scholarship. The rushing committee that beamingly presents the brawny athlete with a sub standard IQ has missed the point. Our Dr. Cramblet, benefited by the excellent campus view from his office of President of Bethany College, warns us that "men must be made to feel that the fraternity has a definite contribution to make to the total educational experience and . . . that this contribution is positive and worthwhile." Our Grand Council reports that "185 men pledged by our

chapters were not initiated because a large majority of them did not have the grades required for initiation" by the college and chapter. Both pledges and members should be assisted with their hard subjects. A man "busting out" takes with him a piece of the chapters' reputation.

Good grades help get good jobs. Lacrosse and clarinet won't blandish the prospective employer.

Enforce quiet study hours. Create a reference library—ask alumni to contribute books. Get faculty members and alumni to talk on general subjects at organized bull sessions.

Attacks on fraternities usually open along the salient that they harm the intellectual life of the college; they can help it. The fraternity group is a tool—it all depends on the use to which it is put.

TO MAINTAIN CHARITY:

To assist in the building of character—to perpetuate friendships—to cement social ties within its membership—to promote college loyalties and, to foster the maintenance of college homes by chapters for their active members.

The word "charity" is used in the sense of "Brotherly Love," the love that Jesus declared constituted the second greatest law. Let the words of the fraternity ritual sink in; let them be the seeds that will grow into brotherly actions. Have the guts not to be kept from helping a brother by a feeling of embarrassment. Let yourself go when something gives you a push in the right direction.

Close your meetings with the question, "Has anyone anything to offer for the good of the fraternity?" Get personal and haul each other over the coals about any shortcomings. A needed bawling out is better than praise of obvious virtues.

Perpetuate friendships through your chapter news letter. Get an alumnus who will join the staff of your chapter publication and give its alumni news a continuity no undergraduate can give. A chapter consists of all the members ever

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Publicity or Public Relations

Which Do Fraternities Need?

by CHANDLER HARRIS

Fraternity publicity often seems to resemble a sophomore climbing a greased pole; for every foot he climbs up, he slips back two. A year never goes by without bringing some major publicity disaster. One year a prominent sorority woman denounces the whole fraternity system in a national magazine article. Next a Greek letter outfit permits some really outlandish and suggestive pictures to be posed at a social event and plastered all over the country. Then some chapter injures or perhaps even kills a pledge accidentally during a careless initiation. Not long ago a west coast fraternity made the newspapers everywhere because of an accusation that pledges had been required to kill a puppy as a pre-initiation stunt.

As an antidote for such contretemps, it is usually proposed that what fraternities need is some good publicity to offset the bad. "If the public could only be made to understand the good things fraternities do," moan the old heads. As a result they propose that stories should be sent to the papers about fraternity charities (which, incidentally, are much less extensive than those of the sororities) or about chapter anniversaries, or visiting national officers, or the fraternity affiliations of leading citizens.

Little Chance for Counter Attack

The effect of this counterattack is usually pretty close to zero. A few

small and unimpressive items may run here and there, but they never sell the public on the value of fraternities to the extent that the bad publicity has unsold it. Obviously something is wrong with this approach. What is it?

It doesn't take much analysis of newspaper policies to determine that it is nearly hopeless to expect to use newspapers to sell fraternities to the public. Papers print very little news with a sweetness-and-light angle, and when they do, it's about old ladies, little children, or dogs. If a man loves his wife, it isn't news, and it doesn't get any space in the paper. But if he shoots his wife, it's great stuff, and it rates a headline. In the case where a fraternity was alleged to have killed a puppy, the Los Angeles papers carried lengthy stories, banner headlines, and even editorials. A few days later another fraternity gave the proceeds of its big dances to charity. This didn't rate a line.

Must Accept Facts

It does no good to deplore this state of newspaper affairs; we may as well accept it philosophically. The newspapers cater to the public, and the public has a certain set of stereotyped ideas about American institutions. The public considers fraternities to be composed of rich and socially acceptable young men who spend their time in college engaging in various vices, including promiscuity, excessive drinking, and sadistic initiations of their fellow members.

Newspapers have a strong tendency

* Extracts from an article published in the September 1948 issue of *Carnation of Delta Sigma Phi*.

to print stories which reinforce the public's stereotype about fraternities. They give excellent space to stories about injuries suffered during initiations, or to the results of drinking parties or social events which get out of hand.

If fraternities can't get good publicity, and the papers insist on playing up the bad, what's the answer? The answer is to work night and day to prevent the things in fraternities which result in bad publicity and to forget about trying to match the bad news stories with good ones.

What Is "Public Relations"

There is more to public relations than newspaper publicity, and the other avenues should be explored. The public relations problem of fraternities is not essentially to achieve the affection of the entire public. Instead, it is to maintain enough prestige among entering college and university students to make them want to be chosen as fraternity pledges. Secondly, it is to avoid offending the general public, the college administrators, the parents, and the legislators to the point where they can reasonably demand the curtailment or abolition of fraternities.

The American social structure being what it is, there isn't too much that needs to be done to increase fraternity prestige among the under-graduates. Even if fraternities offered nothing but the boardinghouse facilities—a place to live and a common table—they would attract a good many members.

Provide Workable Program

About all that needs to be done to attract rushees to fraternities is to provide a good, workable method for fraternity men to meet incoming students. Some interfraternity councils provide freshman smokers. Others send out literature to all incoming students telling them what fraternities are, how much they cost, and inviting them to register for rushing. This is rifle-shot public relations, which is infinitely better than shotgun newspaper publicity.

What about the general public? Fraternities have a good deal of prestige (which is not the same thing as good will, with the general public. The fact that such an organization as Sears Roebuck's advertises teen-age clothing under the name of "Fraternity Prep" testifies to that. This prestige is based on another phase of the same stereotype mentioned earlier; the public assumes that membership is highly select and thus elite. This impression, while not necessarily leading to approval, at least does not lead to effective demands for curtailment or abolition. It is the various mishaps of fraternities which lead to such demands.

Hell Week

As long as preposterous Hell Week practices exist, there will be occasional mishaps which will be front-page news. Where excessive drinking is a problem, there will be occasional stories on that. "Wild parties find their way into the news. Restrictive racial and religious clauses in fraternity constitutions often lead to vigorous criticism by the press. Instead of complaining about the bad publicity which fraternities get, why not spend our time correcting the conditions which lead to such publicity? In the long run, fraternities will stand or fall on their usefulness. If unfortunate conditions are allowed to persist, certainly they will damage the usefulness of fraternities not only in the public eye, but in fact.

What the public relations problem of fraternities all boils down to is that fraternities need publicity in about the same degree a moose needs a hatrack. Attacks on fraternities are almost always aimed at points on which they are really vulnerable—at their lapses of good sense in social conduct, at initiation excesses, and at the sometimes arbitrary membership qualifications. A few inches of favorable publicity is never going to balance the black eye which these things give fraternities; let's give more thought to our public relations and put our house in order so that we can honestly defend the fraternity system without apology.

News Notes

Baldwin-Wallace

(ALPHA MU)

Ed. Hard, H.S.P.

After a most successful year in 1947-48, the Alpha Mu chapter at B-W has again taken up the banner. Under the leadership of H.S.P. Ed Hard, the Sigs of Berea, Ohio are again tops of the Baldwin - Wallace campus.

By the time this article goes to press, the Alpha Mu chapter house should have its television set.

Working towards a goal of \$995, the Sigs have allied themselves with a national magazine subscription plan.

In the first campus election of the year, Sig Elmer Munkachy rode into victory as senior class president and the Sig sponsored campus coalition took eleven out of twelve offices. Elmer, Curt Crews, and Bob Beach were recently announced as Sig members of Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities for 1948.

After initiating Larry Wescott, Andy Sykora, Wilbur Jonas, Don Sargent, Dean Beauregard, Dave Griswold, Fred Herzberger and Jack Chance on November 14, the active chapter has turned its attention to the new class of 21 pledges. Choosing from a top flight class of freshmen, the Alpha Sigs were able to pick off the cream of the crop.

Homecoming on November 13 brought over 150 visitors to the Alpha Sig house. Old alumni and present actives shared experiences and memories of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Planning their Christmas party for December 17, the Sigs took a large part in presenting the annual inter-fraternity dance on December 4. For the third consecutive year the college yearbook, the Grindstone, is under the leadership of the Alpha Sigs with Editor Bob Beach and Business Manager Don Young leading the way. With three representatives on the Student Council and holding the chairmanship of the college Activities Board, the Alpha Sigs are very strong politically this year. In every phase of school activity, Alpha Mu should lead the way on the Baldwin-Wallace campus.

—DON YOUNG, H.A.E.



Don Young, H.A.E.

Bethany

(BETA GAMMA)

Carl France, H.S.P.

Our regular fall initiation ceremony brought Phil Esposito, Tony Dilementen, Herb Sandwen, and Neil "Bud" Wiggin into the Mystic Circle. Fall pledging netted the chapter four fine upperclass pledges: Russ Rhodes, Frank Palmer, Jack Bates, and Arthur Orłowski. So much for statistics.

Keeping our reputation for being the "singin'est" fraternity at Bethany has been the object of all the brothers of late. We serenaded *les femmes* at their various dorms during early November, and since then we have been catching up on our list of pin-serenades. On December 17 we sang to the women again, presenting our annual Christmas Serenade. Song-leader Bob Hankey, assisted by pledge Bob Lamborn, has been doing a wonderful job. Witness that the rest of the frats have given up trying to match the quality of our singing.

The fraternity calendar of "Sig Busts" has been pleasurablely stout, thanks to the planning of Brother Perry Culver and his assistants on the social committee. "Social hours" have been held at the house on frequent Friday nights for everybody and their dates. The parties after the pin-serenades have filled in for the regularly scheduled stag-parties, with Harry Foosse, Bill Grove, and Bob Steele doing the honors.

On December 4th we held our annual Christmas dance, with nearly 75 guests present. It has been the largest affair we have held at the house to date. Needless to say, the social committee is hard pressed to devise ways of handling such groups, but so far they have done their job well.

There has been a bit of a shake-up of our administrative machinery recently. Carl France has been elevated to H.S.P., with Bill Grove taking over his position as Marshal. Al Patterson is now H.C.S.

Bob Hankey is continuing his brilliant dramatic career, this time taking the lead role in "Two On An Island." It seemed funny to see Bob acting for a change after a solid year of directing. Busy Brother Bob has also been elected as the president of the Junior Class, proxy of the Theatre Guild and the honorary dramatics fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, Chairman of the Student Board of Governors' Election Committee. Bob also holds offices in the Student Christian Association, International Relations Club, and the *Bethanian* (Yearbook) staff. Amazing as it seems, he also makes pretty good grades.



Alpha Mu's Homecoming Decorations



These B-W men are strictly non-union workers.

Yours truly has decided to retire to the Dean's List this year, but as Chairman of The Constitutional Committee of the S. B. O. G., he has just finished revising the student body constitution. He must be getting tabbed, this is the fifth local governing document he has taken part in arranging. One wonders how journalism and constitutions are linked so closely.

Back to the house, a visitor will note that the cellar has been given a new floor of reinforced concrete and that it has been partitioned off and repainted. Over the Christmas season the chapter erected a "child in the manger" scene in front of the house. "Quite effective," 'tis said. Other decorations are wreaths and streamers of holly inside and out. And we don't want to forget the mistletoe.

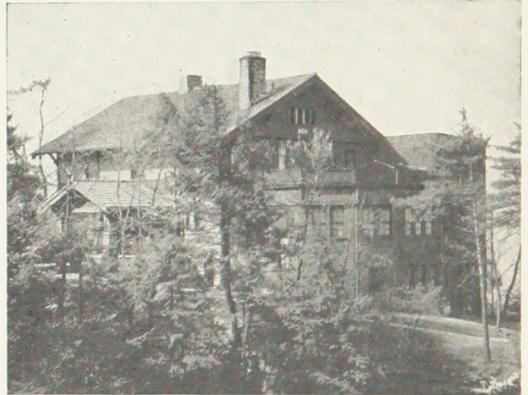
Brothers Bob Stickle, Jim Kearney, Roy Weeks, and Bill Bonville wish to thank Bethany's President Wilbur Cramblet for giving them the opportunity of attending the December 3rd One Hundred Third Anniversary Dinner and Get-Together held by the Pittsburgh Alumni Council. And further thanks are extended to that Council for a truly grand evening. The chapter wishes to invite those brothers down at any time one of them feels like seeing the best chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi in action. This is a standing invitation. The spring initiation would be an especially good time for a visit. For time and date, contact Brother Bill Grove, whose mail reaches him at the house.

Odds-n'-ends: Bethany's Phi Mu Sorority invited the boys down to their house on December 2nd for a spaghetti feed that was enjoyed by all. Alpha Sigs and Phi Mus have a twenty-year record of close relations . . . to mention a few: Charter Member Bob Hedden and or present H.S.P. Carl France, have married Phi Mu girls, while the latest pin to be "lost" was that of Bob Steele. The "finder" was Connie Vitson, Phi Mu pledge.

After the barrage of cards, etc., reported in our last news-letter, alumni news has slacked off. Ellwood Rushworth dropped us a line from Chattanooga University where he

is a music professor, telling us that all is well with him and his family. Jack Sonneborn, now with the Marshall College Chapter, was in Bethany for a few hours on an early December day. He had a brand-new daughter to show-off. He informed us that Brother Myer Sonneborn is head of the Chemistry department at Weirton High School, Weirton, West Virginia. Dave Thomas, caught with draft jitters to the point of enlisting in the army last summer.

—BILL BONVILLE, H.A.E.



Rockledge

Cornell

(IOTA)

Craig Linderman, H.S.P.

Cornell with its surprisingly successful football team this year, saw many alumnae back for Homecoming Weekend as well as other weekends. We were glad to welcome several Alpha Sigs back at Rockledge. George Griffiths '10, the first house president, delivered a message to the pledge class and members telling of the beginning of Iota chapter back in 1909.



Al Thomson and John Cordes with dates at Turkey Trot.



On the right—Don Ennis, Illinois Institute H.S.P., with unknown friend at Turkey Trot.

Fall houseparty came and went the weekend of November 13, with everyone more than enjoying himself through the efforts of Jim Chase '49, social chairman. The weekend was climaxed by the Coronation Ball with the orchestra of Johnny Long. Our lighting display for the weekend, the Cornell bear shooting the Dartmouth Indian across the gorge, drew the comments of the whole hill. It was constructed largely through the efforts of Dave Swift '50, and Denny Bullens, '52.

Although we won no championships, we are proud of our record in Intramural Football this fall by winning all but one game, and losing that by the meager margin of 2-0. Now that football season is finished Norm Schiek '50, athletic chairman, is starting to whip the basketball team into shape for the forthcoming intramural basketball season.

The plans are moving forward for a combination pledge formal and Christmas party shortly after vacation and then Iota stops the social activity in preparation for finals that will be along all to quickly. Bill Vogt '51, scholastic chairman, is doing a bang-up job keeping averages up and getting those up that are down, by assigning advisers to those that are in difficulty and by cracking the whip to make everyone study more and harder.

—RAY SPRINGER, H.A.E.

Illinois Institute of Technology

(ALPHA XI)

Clarence J. Smith, H.S.P.

The second week of December always means election time at the Alpha Xi House. After a meeting that lasted until midnight, the dust of combat was cleared away and the final results tabulated. These results are as follows: for resident, Don Ennis; vice-president, Les Hardison; treasurer, Svend Chrval; recording secretary, John V. Peterson; corre-

sponding secretary, Bob Scharding; pledge master, Jim Rice; house manager, Bob Jonelis; associate editor of the Tomahawk, Ed Janssen; steward, Dave Buchner and Prudential committee members, Bob Shuldes, Jack Smith.

The House extends its congratulations to these men and best of luck during their tenure of office.

As usual, Alpha Xi has had a full social calendar. On Saturday of October thirtieth, a Halloween Dance was held at the House complete with costumes, a Hall of Utter Death and cider. Jim Fitzpatrick and Don Ennis won the costume contest. Jim's costume was an "engaging little number"—a half suit—patterned after the Ivory Soap ads.

The Mother's Club held a card party on the Friday evening of November twelfth, the success of which was not only social but also financial.

The Semi-Annual Pledge Party took place on Saturday, November twentieth and was called the Turkey Trot. This was also a costume party as the pictures most eloquently demonstrate.

The next high spot of this social whirlwind was the Founder's Day Banquet sponsored by the Chicago Alumni Council. The banquet was given in honor of Benjamin Clark, Vice-President emeritus, a grand gentleman. Twenty-eight members of Alpha Xi Chapter attended the banquet held at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago.

On Saturday, December eighteenth, the traditional Christmas Party was held. It was a semi-formal affair, and music was supplied by Al Herbeck and his five piece orchestra.

Jack Smith has graciously offered the use of his home for our New Year's Eve festivities. Bless Jack Smith.

Erol Smith, the Football Coach, reports that we placed third in inter-fraternity competition.

The basketball team has been practicing for many weeks now, and John S. Peterson states that his crew is ready for all comers. The basket men won their first engagement by the large margin of twenty-one points. More power to you, men!

—JACK PFORDRESHER, H.A.E.

Kentucky

(SIGMA)

Harrison Cooper, H.S.P.

The boys from old Kaintuck, having passed the hectic rush season, quickly relapsed to the usual form—which normally consists of not doing much of anything, with an occasional interest in what the rest of the world happens to be doing. Recently one of the brethren began to stir to the idea of filling the back yard of the chapter house with crushed rock after he had been wallowing around in mud for approximately a year. After a month of discussion the deed was finally done and it proved to be the biggest improvement in years. Unfortunately, it will be months before the boys recuperate from the ordeal, but by that time something else will have to be done. Life get's tedious, don't it.

Much to the chagrin of the Carpenter family, their son Jack was selected by the fraternity to represent Alpha Sigma Phi in the campus "Ugly Man" contest. Jack had immediate misgivings which were culminated when he took runner-up prize. Some suspicion arose on the campus when it was realized that brothers "Beowulf" Lott and Omer Stikeleather who are also members of Alpha Phi Omega, the sponsoring organization, were in charge of the contest. Jack received a handsome sport shirt at the Student Union Christmas Dance, December 11.

Recently the pledge class threw a house party for their big brothers, probably in lieu of impending "home week" activities. Although the actives expressed no little concern beforehand as to the nature of the party, it was a big success in fun and entertainment. Each active was presented with a little token of "affection" by his little brother at the happy event, which came off November 26.



Glenn Hartman, H.A.E.



Kentucky's House

The boys made the local front page during "home week" when a picture of the statue of General Morgan and his horse on the court house lawn appeared in the "Herald," enhanced by a red feed bag, a jockey cap, and various crepe paper.

The big highlight of November was the Homecoming weekend. The Mothers' Club, headed by Mrs. Earl Endicott, gave a turkey buffet supper in honor of the alumni of the chapter after the game. Invitations were extended to all alumni and a large number responded. Dr. Edward Pulliam of New Canaan, Connecticut, an alum of the chapter, came down for the game and took the opportunity to pledge his son, Edward, Jr., to the chapter. Eddie had been on the campus for a year unbeknownst to the chapter. On the campus side, the chapter came *very* close to winning the coveted homecoming trophy. Our theme was two wildcats feeding alligators into a machine which was turning out alligator skin and bags, shoes, and so forth, as UK was playing the Florida "Alligators."

Although we Sig's didn't have the best booth at the Lances Carnival in October, we certainly had the corniest. The Louisville Courier-Journal put out a feature on the carnival and in it a picture of our attraction (?). The caption said, "This show had standing room only the whole night. There were no chairs in the place."

Selected as Queen of Alpha Sigma Phi, 1949, was Miss Carolyn Smith, a Kappa Alpha Theta from Paducah, Kentucky, Carolyn was presented to the University at the Alpha Sig Winter Formal. Her attendants were Betty Lyons, Alpha Delta Pi; Betty Ford; Dolores Freitag; Katie Whaley, Zeta Tau Alpha; Pat Conway, Chi Omega; and Mary Ann Rice, Kappa Alpha Theta.

—GLENN HARTMAN, H.A.E.

Lehigh

(BETA EPSILON)

Philip F. Moyer, H.S.P.

The annual fall house party here at the university was jammed into the all too short weekend of October 29 and when the smoke had cleared away . . . we started to build the chapter house back up again.

With nine pledges including John MacDonald, a recent freshman addition to the fraternity, we began preparations for an Alumni weekend on November 20-21. It was a successful weekend, although we lost the Lafayette football game, and it looks like all we had to do then was wait for the weekend of Dec. 18 for the university sophomore dance.

Of course all is not play up here at the Beta Epsilon chapter. Not quite all, anyhow.

We have managed to hit the university honor roll with one of our mechanical engineers, John Moskowitz, carrying the ball. John was awarded the John R. Wagner award for having the highest scholastic average of all M. E.'s for his freshman and sophomore years. As a result, Pi Tau Sigma, honorary M. E. society has recently initiated him and the possibilities for TAU BETA PI are promising.

We have begun to publish the chapter newspaper-magazine the "Bull's Eye," again and expect to have the next issue on the road before this issue of the TOMAHAWK appears. This isn't anything in the way of defiance—just an announcement.

Incidentally we welcomed back on the weekend of Nov. 20th, Hern Naisby, John Biegler, Bob Sheen, Bill Waltman, Bob Shepherd, Dick Wilson, Dick Shepherd, George Hrivnak, Harry Topliss, Chuck Zacharchuk, Bill Stoeckle, Ted Gallagher, Woody Horn, Bob Wilson, Harry Boyer, Walt Kostenbader, Bob Mountsier, Dick Hopkins, Bill Burgess and our more or less honorary chapter alumnus from the house at Penn State, "Ducky" Jahn.

It seems that matrimony is in style this year—I guess everyone makes mistakes, though. Anyhow, Don Cameron and Chuck Zacharchuk were married just recently and of course we all wish them the best of luck, seriously that is. Incidentally, there were two separate marriages.

All good things must come to an end and the men at Beta Epsilon chapter are now, more than ever, aware of the solemn validity of the old statement that "silence is golden," for silence has gone the way of all flesh. We have a piano. Not a new one, but still—a piano. It makes music and it makes noise—some of us can't play, but we're still willing to try at the expense of the house average. However, it came in mighty handy over house party weekend.

It is now time to put away the typewriter, wish all you Alpha Sigs a very prosperous New Year.

—J. ROBERT CAIRNS, H. A. E.

Marietta

(DELTA)

William J. Corcoran, H.S.P.

With the semester well under way, we have launched a concentrated attack on the prime objective of the year, namely the traditional battle-ax. The object of our endeavor was lost but has now been revived to climax a year of activity for the fraternities on campus. Our drive has been rewarded with various gains such as the intramural football crown.

In the fraternity league we went through an undefeated season sparked by backs Frank "Toe" Smith, (he averages 50 to 60 yards per punt—in sneakers, no less), Gus Allegretti, and Mark Stevens, end and high scorer. The list would be too long to mention all the names of the brothers who helped win the intramural trophy but recognition should be given to the fine spirit displayed by all. Man for man we had the biggest turn-out for our games than any other fraternity.

The cross-country running gave us a three way tie for second place. George Stewart and Vinny Dronzek came in sixth and seventh to give us the tie. A pat on the back also to Willy Williams, Bill Corcoran, Fred Durr, and Gus Allegretti, who made up the rest of the team.

Volleyball is now under way and basketball and handball will soon be. In volleyball so far we have won two games and lost one to give us the edge. Two more games remain to be played. All in all the season looks very promising.

Pledging ceremonies for seven men were held before an informal dance at the Hotel Lafayette. Our new pledges are Fred V. Carrillo, William E. Hoffheins, Dave Mengar, William Snyder, William R. Watson, Robert A. Weeks and Donald G. Williams. The class is small because of a ruling here which does not allow freshmen to pledge until second semester. At that time we hope to pledge more men.

Our housing shortage is still acute. In fact, it's worse, no house! We have irons in the fire but only time will work out the snarl. We are awaiting a decision of the school president before we can proceed further. Keep your fingers crossed for us.

Homecoming saw the Pioneers win over Wabash of Ind. in an upset victory. Danny Shields, Bridgeport, O. was down to visit us as was Walter Dziegiel (Jingle). Danny is managing a garage in Wheeling, W. Va. and Jingle is working as an investigator with North American Insurance Co. also of Wheeling. Nice of you to stop by, hope to see more of you next time. Our float didn't win first place (but it should have).

Dale Latimer paid us a short visit last week. Nice of you to stop in, Dale. He's teaching and coaching basketball at Woodsfield, O.

That's it for this trip.

—WILLIAM M. JESSUP, H. A. E.



Marshall

(Beta-Delta)

Edward Bartles, H.S.P.

On Monday November 22, 1948, *The Sigs Phinal*, chapter newspaper of Beta-Delta made its initial appearance on the Marshall Campus. This was the first such newspaper that any organization has attempted to print thus far. There are several news letters that other fraternities publish but none of them compare with *The Sigs Phinal* in format, content or quality. The newspaper rated congratulations from the Dean of Men and the officers of other organizations on the campus. We of Beta-Delta do feel proud that our fraternity has been first in just about everything on the campus this year. First, we scored a beat on all other organizations when we published a pamphlet, in addition to the one published by the Inter Fraternity Council, and directed it to all freshmen who entered Marshall this fall. Second, we gained recognition from notables by attending a different church, in body, once a month. Third, we gave the most elaborate smoker of any fraternity and fourth, we gained compliments for having the most beautiful float in the Student Council Homecoming Day festivities and last but far from least, our chapter paper which has signified



Above—The Beta Delta chapter's float was called "Fans of Marshall."

At the left—Jim Manard with Audrey Davis and Bob Kelly with Bobby Pauley at the party that readily displays the talent and brains about which they boast

another great accomplishment of Beta-Delta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

The Sigs Phinal carried the slogan, "For A Better Fraternity—For A Better College" and consisted of six pages, the nameplate and pictures being printed and the rest of the paper memographed. The paper is edited by John Lair and George Fiorletta is Sports Editor. The platform is: (1) To secure for our present brothers and future brothers a home in which closer social relations and brotherhood, for which the fraternity was founded, can be appreciated; (2) To foster and maintain better relations with the faculty and other student organizations; (3) To practice among ourselves the aims for which Alpha Sigma Phi was founded; (4) To conduct ourselves in a manner to which our fellow brothers and Marshall College can well be proud, never bringing discredit on ourselves, our fraternity or our school.

Results in the uprising of this outburst of enthusiasm in making Alpha Sigma Phi the best fraternity on the Marshall Campus and Beta-Delta the best chapter in the Fraternity, has awarded us with the largest pledge class in our history and the second largest among Marshall fraternities this semester. The Alpha Sigs are on the upgrade and are already recognized as one of the best fraternities on the campus and certainly one of the most influential.

Adding to our prestige, two more of our brothers were awarded membership in the honorary organization of ODK. The requirements for membership in this honorary society are "stiff." A member not only has to have scholarship but he must also be a leader in various organizations on the campus. Brothers Bill Shorter and Jake Forbes are such men of outstanding ability which were awarded this outstanding membership and in addition to these new members, Brothers Edward Bartles,



First man on the right, with these Alpha Sigs, is Johnny Long, band leader.



Marshall chapter rush party.

HSP and Bob Smith HRC are already active in this society.

Socially the Alpha Sigs are rated tops on parties and dances. For every social event that we hold, there is a scramble for bids. On December 11 we will give our first "Evergreen Ball" at the Spring Valley Country Club. This name was adopted this year by the fraternity to be the sister to our Annual Star Dance which is held in the Spring. Brother Bill Shorter was the originator of the theme and decorations. After the dance a breakfast will be held for brothers, pledges and their dates in the grill room of the Country Club.

Beta-Delta has spared no expense, talent or brains in order to reach the position as A-1 fraternity on the Marshall Campus.

—JOHN H. LAIR

Michigan

(THETA)

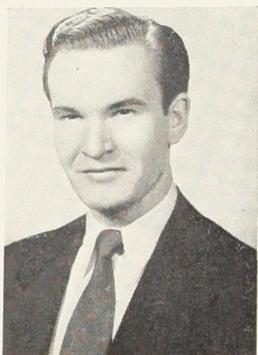
H.S.P. Henry C. Bruner

"Have you seen Dracula lately?"

"No, but Annie Oakley and Buffalo Bill just went by!"

The conversation at 920 Baldwin sounded very much like this the other evening, and no one was having hallucinations either. A terrific costume party was the cause of it all, and these were but some of the many interesting and unusual characters who turned up. Our new social chairmen, George Rubay and Lew Sleeper, have started the season with a bang, as has been proven by this party and our recent pledge formal. This dance was held to honor the following new pledges:

Bill Bachtel, Ev Ballard, Jack Bauer, Dick



Windy Shoup, H.A.E.

Breihart, Harry Dunn, Bill Dresser, George Gannon, Bill Henderson, Hank Hughes, Bob Jermstad, Bob Kopka, Art McWood, Otto Reisman, and Dick Roberts. Visiting from Detroit, and doing the honors as chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Oakman and



Theta's House

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. McWood, whose son is a member of the new pledge class.

Speaking of pledges, we can't resist the temptation to mention a recent football game, played between actives and pledges at their challenge, which the actives won, but of course.

Another game which attracted a lot of attention was the gridiron battle between the Alpha Sigs and the fair girls from the Tri-Delta house. They won, but graciously acknowledged the fact that we penalized ourselves freely, and all participants enjoyed the informal refreshment session which followed. The event made the front page of the Panhellenic newspaper, all of which is bound to make a good impression on the fair sex of the campus.

Theta has been happy to see many of the alumni back for the homecoming game, as well as on individual visits. The younger alums have been the most frequent guests, including Don LaSage, Bill Philipsen, Karl



Beta Delta's extra fine pledge class is shown above.

The pledge class on the right is the boast of Baldwin Wallace.

Sterne, and Bill Wilson, all of last year's graduating class. Don is now working as a contractor for his father, Philipson is on his way to Texas and a new job, Karl announced plans for a February wedding as well as a promotion in his Chicago job, and Wilson reports that the insurance business and he are clicking perfectly. We hope to see more alums dropping in from time to time, the latch-string is always out!

—WINDY SHOUP, H.A.E.

Milton College

(BETA UPSILON)

John Shuler, H.S.P.

Work has finally been completed on the drinking fountain and bronze plaque that make up the George Lake Memorial. George was a very active member of Alpha Kappa Pi who lost his life during World War II. We the members of Beta Upsilon Chapter feel that their memorial that stands at the corner of Main Hall is but a small token of the appreciation and esteem that we held for Brother Lake.

For awhile it was thought that mid-year graduation would seriously deplete the ranks of actives at Milton, but an energetic pledge campaign has solved the problem. The new members are as follows: Faculty advisor, Professor Howard Wilcox; Allen Dearborn, Thomas Kelley, Fred Kelsey, Ed Keller, O. John Leider, Howard Wingren, Dick Thompson, Lawrence Ruszczyk, John Strickland, Arthur Sarnow, Harris Buros, John Harper, Donald Hoffman and Sewart Jacobson.

This chapter has entered a team in the College's intra-mural basketball league and from all reports the boys are doing right well. The first game ended in a resounding victory for Alpha Sigma Phi.

Preceding the annual Homecoming football game, a smoker for all alumni and actives was held in the Century Room of the College. A business meeting was conducted and an alumni association formed. Since our chapter is rather young, and alumni members not too numerous, this is the first real step towards the formation of a sound alumni association.



This very important meeting concluded with a dinner at Tibbies and then the football game. Brother Charles Lemke is in charge of the alumni program and we feel that he is doing a fine job towards cementing active and alumni relations.

—WINTON BURGER, H. A. E.

Missouri

(ALPHA THETA)

Alpha Theta has gone into high gear now that the long October is past. After a slow start in intramural football, the Sigs came to a fast and furious finish. The total read: won 2; lost 2; tied 1.

In basketball, thus far, we have won 2 games and lost 1. The team keenly feels the loss of their star forward, Wilbur Volz, who was high point man in intramural basketball last year. Brother Volz, who is defensive fullback on the varsity, is in training for the Gator Bowl game with Clemson on New Year's Day. Pledges Bronko Marusic, left guard, and John Donley, right tackle, are also in training for the bowl game.

The wild protest rally on the 9th for a longer Christmas vacation is still big news here.

Our big Homecoming Party was a huge success all around. Our 21-7 victory over Kansas U. gave us second in the conference and a bid to the Gator Bowl. A four piece jive band at the house really made things jump.

Then there was the tragic game at Norman, and the least said about it, the better. But we are certainly indebted to Alpha Alpha for their all-out reception for us. They got the game and the pennant—we got the "cob."

Once again the Sigs have passed the semi-finals of the Savitar Frolics. This is a gala



Campus as well as chapter leaders are these Missouri Alpha Sigs.

show to raise funds for the year book. The four fraternity and four sorority finalists compete for the trophies given for the best skits and the two best acting jobs. Last year we were barely nosed out. This year Mike "the fox" Garguilo has written and is producing the show for the second year, and we are all certain that the Alpha Sigs are destined to sweep all honors in the finals.

Now that our new oil heating system is in operation, we have more room in the basement for a Rec Room. This will mean more all around recreational activities and bigger and better parties.

We have a Valentine Award dinner and semi-formal dance scheduled for February 12th. The Landman Scholarship Award Trophy and the new fraternity recognition cup will be presented at this function. The recognition cup was started last year and is given to the brother who does "the most to further the objectives of Alpha Theta of Alpha Sigma Phi." Brother Les Crow, HJP, won the honor of having his name inscribed on the cup first. He also won the Landman Award.

The "Jolly Bunch" on Paquin Street have set their sights high, but we have only to look in the past to prove that the roughest road lies behind us. We've got the ability, the initiative, and the spirit—we've got the ball rolling now, so there's no stopping us. Alpha Theta? Alive? Splendid!

—ANDREW M. ADAMS, H. A. E.

Missouri Valley

(ALPHA OMICRON)

H.S.P. Frank Dennis

Alpha Omicron is in what may well be its best year on the Valley campus, under the leadership of Frank Dennis. We have 12 of the more promising students on the campus all ready to come in next February.

These pledges were obtained from a party in a clubroom of the college library. Brother Dennis explained some functions of the fraternity and some movies were shown. A group of juvenile magicians from town entertained the group almost as much as the refreshments served later.

A O has enjoyed several activities this fall and is planning many more. One chilly night last month the brothers and their dates or wives got together for a hayride which ended in the city park as a weiner-roast. The brothers have attended several dinners this fall including one with the alumni of Kansas City in a Kansas City restaurant and another given by our own chapter in the Old Missouri Homestead in Sedalia.

The chapter float for Homecoming took third place among the Greek Letter organizations. We played the Warrensburg Mules, so the brothers placed a live mule at the front of a large trailer truck and a horse skeleton at the back. These two were on a mock football field with purple and orange streamers down the sides. Although we placed third officially, public opinion proved to us we were first rate in the public eye.

December proved to be a fruitful month for the local chapter. A movie sponsored at a town theatre brought in a little over one-hundred dollars. However, we managed to get back pretty close to where we started by throwing a Christmas Party for the actives and pledges.

—ROBERT ZAHN, H. A. E.

Ohio Wesleyan

(EPSILON)

Peter Andrews, H.S.P.

Beginning the first of December, a new group of men undertook the leadership of Epsilon chapter. Peter Andrews of Youngstown, Ohio, assumed the helm as H.S.P., while John Linn of Burgettstown, Penn., will commandeer the vice-prexy job. Bob Whitaker continues as H.E., as does Larry Henize with his duties as H.M. Paul Finical and Bob Nelson are now the H.S. and H.C.S. respectively. The H.A.E. details are now attended to by Charles Yoder while Bob Jackson remains as H.C. Bill Smyth is representing the fraternity in Inter-fraternity council. Our prudential committee is now aided and abetted by the services of Bob Bonham and Dick Swoverlund. Congratulations are in order to all of these men.



The Old Manse at O. W. U.

On the athletic side of the ledger, Epsilon men are represented in several of the major sports. Larry Henize and Don Purke are dropping them through the hoop for the Bishop's varsity "five" this year and really playing a nice brand of ball. At the time of this writing, the Wesleyan frosh football squad has completed a successful season with the aid of Epsilon's Vossers, Buckley, Sprague, Miller, and Lenc. Pledge Brothers Vossers and Buckley both played first string ball.

All of the active chapter was certainly pleased with the number of alums turning out for the Homecoming festivities on November 6. There seemed to be quite a number of alumni present who graduated back in the early thirties. Mother Green, who was the house mother here from something like 1930 to 1938, made a surprise visit and was greeted by a number of men who were under her wing during those years she was here. Needless to say, all of the alums were pleased with the appearance of the new chapter room.

Social Chairman John Linn conducted sev-



Above is an overall view of the Ohio Wesleyan chapter's new chapter room in Delaware, Ohio.

eral additional events worthy of mention. A faculty tea was held on November 14 that brought approximately 30 or 40 of the Wesleyan teaching staff up to the "white mansion." On December 6, another gala winter formal was recorded in our annals.

—TED GUEST, H.A.E.

Oklahoma

(ALPHA ALPHA)

Jim Thomas, H.S.P.

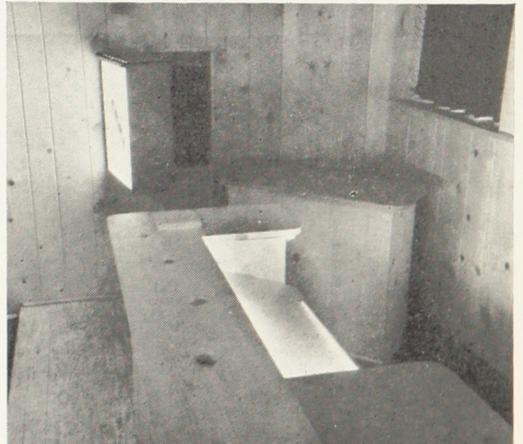
That "reactivation" tag is off the Sooner Alpha Alpha chapter.

The most spirited organized house on the campus captured the Ruff-Nek (university pep club) spirit trophy by simply out-numbering, out-signing, and out-shouting everyone at OU pep rallies. And we like to think (with all due modesty, and credit to a great team) that our outstanding display of college pep has, at least, urged that excellent football squad to loftier heights.

As we said, that reactivation title no longer applies to us. We're in the midst of campus doin's, and steaming full ahead under "Ole Jim" Thomas, the H.S.P. who does a million things well, and does 'em fast! Presently Jim presides over our first post-war house (formerly a co-op house for working girls) which will do until the real thing comes along. Thomas is surrounded by Barney Hendricks, H. J. P.; George Klotz, H. E.; Don Boyer, H. M.; Dave Francis, H. S.; John Laflin, H. C. S. and Wayne Bennett, H. C.

Forty-six members and twenty-six pledges also surround Jim at various times, so when things get crowded, he says, "Get out of here and make high grades, play ball, work at being a gentleman, cheer loud when your team's losing, and be of good cheer—be a top Alpha Sig!"

The crowd disappears and Alpha Sigma



This is a close-up of the H.S.P.'s desk and the built-in illuminated crest at Epsilon's new chapter room.



The new house at Oklahoma.

Phi becomes well-known on the Oklahoma campus:

Our first touch football team made the playoffs with a thrilling 7 to 0 victory over a strong independent team which was unbeaten in three games and favored to win.

Pledge Charlie Pabian's spear-like passes brought the Alpha Sigs to midfield, and Pledge Bill McMorries' skyscraping snag of a long one put us on the five. Pabian shot the scoring pass into Brother Vic Paulos' tummy, and that was it. However, sad news, we dropped our first playoff game 7-6, as the lucky Delta Chis scored on an intercepted pass.

But we saw brighter horizons on the grid-iron as the Sooner varsity climbed into national power, and we took advantage of the overconfidence of our Missouri brothers to establish an interschool tradition with Alpha Theta: our mantle is now graced by the Missouri pennant which was our booty from the OU-MU debacle. We don't intend sending a red and white one to Columbia very soon, either!

Ours was the pleasure, incidentally, of seeing the stunned Alpha Theta faces when Mizzou was cut down 41-7, since our invitation had brought several carloads of brothers down for a wonderful week-end. (We consoled 'em like brothers should, after that licking).

With brothers Dale Looper, George Cowper, Joe Riggs, Jack Tomey, Don Boyer, and Frank Tomlinson working overtime and keeping the rest of us working overtime, our Homecoming house decorations and parade float were a great success. The Sooner state was the theme of our float while a huge tiger head completely covered the front door and the tiger skin stretched over the front of the house.

The winter formal had (strangely enough) an autumn theme. There was none of autumn's chill, though, for it was the warmest, coziest dance on the campus. Large multi-colored leaves gave depth to the walls and the gay spirit was caught and fanned into a highly pleasing evening.

And it's that gay, forward-looking spirit that will carry Alpha Alpha to the front fraternity ranks!

—EARL O'CARROLL, H. A. E.

Penn State

(UPSILON)

Edward Peetz, H.S.P.

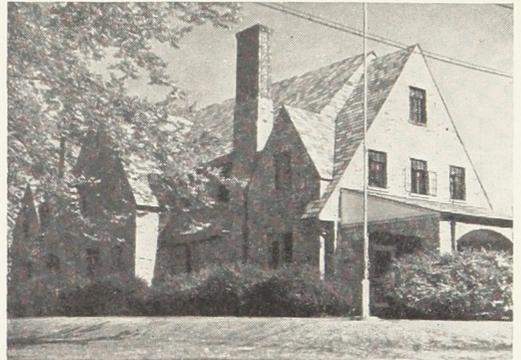
Much has happened at the Upsilon chapter in the past few months. We have had everything from house-party to exchange dinners in accord with the sustained drive which started at the beginning of the fall semester.

Due especially to the efforts of Mark Del Vichio, Ray Bloom, and Charls Hamilton, our houseparty was a grand success. Although many brothers came through with good ideas, it was Ray Bloom who contributed the theme of "Black Lantern Inn." A rustic atmosphere was achieved by having lighted candles on the tables and hanging black lanterns from the ceiling. The favors were miniature beer mugs with the inscriptions Alpha Sigma Phi and Black Lantern Inn on opposite sides. It was an informal affair and over two hundred guests were present.

Alumni weekend turned out to be one of the largest homecoming's in years. The Michigan State vs. Penn State football game was played here at that time and approximately eighty of our alumni witnessed this spectacle. Speaking about football games, about thirty of the boys from Alpha Kappa chapter at West Virginia were entertained during the weekend of the West Virginia-Penn State game.

Turning to intramural sports, we find that Bill Hartman has reached the semi-finals in tennis singles. Although we lost our first intramural swimming meet, a new record was set in breast-stroke by Harry Nelson.

Many brothers and pledges are also participating in outside activities. Jim Walker was initiated into "Blue Key," which is composed of Juniors who are out-standing on campus for their extra-curricular activities. Don Desandro now has the position of assistant editor of the "Engineer," a magazine which is put out by the engineering school of Penn State. The C. & F. honorary brotherized



Penn State House

Bob Leithiser into their organization, Delta Sigma Pi. The Ski Club elected Warren Hinks for their president, and Jim Workman was pledged by the Thespian honorary.

Again there were several brothers and pledges in the Thespian show. David Pugh had the position of stage manager along with Warren Hinks who was assistant stage manager. James Workman and Jack Scooglund assisted backstage while Tad Komorowski and Bill Hamel were in the cast.

In order to raise the scholarship rating the brothers agreed that a certain average must be attained by the pledges before they can be brotherized. Pledged recently were Joseph Murphy and Edward Shorsher and the new pledge president is Clayton Richmond.

The Alpha Sigs wish the best of luck to the newly-weds, Owen Giblin and Lois Meng.

—WILLIAM C. HAMEL, H.A.E.

Purdue

(Alpha Pi)

Carl Berglund, H.S.P.

This fall semester at Purdue has been a very successful one for the Alpha Pi Chapter. Last Saturday, November 12, marked an important spot in the history of the chapter. Ten men were added to the number of active members which now totals fifty-one undergraduates. These ten men have shown qualities of good leadership and initiative during their pledgship. The chapter, as a whole, will benefit greatly from their efforts and activities on the campus and about the house.

Selection of new pledges that have the same initiative and are of the same high calibre is the important factor that has made this chapter the leading fraternal organization on this campus. The new active members are Bill Smith, former president of the pledge class who is from Greencastle, Indiana; Lowell Shearer who was the secretary and treasurer for the pledge class and who is from Fort Wayne, Indiana, Howard Burns from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Richard Jensen, Summit, New Jersey; Ellis McKinley, Borden, Indiana; Newton Newton, Boswell, Indiana; George Tangerman, Hammond, Indiana; Jack VanNeuren, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Everett Veregge, Richmond, Indiana; and Peter Weisse from Muncie, Indiana.

Brother Bill McWhorter, rush chairman, is doing a bang-up job this semester. Our rushing and pledge program is operating at top speed. Immediately after initiation our pledge class was increased by four new members. The candidates are Tom Boyles, Cary Coleman, Don Myers, and Bill Soulen. Brothers McWhorter and Jim Harding, assistant rush chairmen, have done an excellent job in organizing the program. The future plans are being organized now so that at the beginning of the spring term there will be a full scale program operating.

Graduation this year is going to make a

change in the status of the members of the Alpha Pi Chapter. The following actives are going to graduate at the end of the semester or in June with Bachelor of Science Degrees in their respective schools; Dean Howard, Electrical Engineering; Ted Johnston, Civil Engineering; George Ceccanese, Mechanical Engineering; Nick Lardieri, Civil Engineering; Norm Olmstead, Electrical Engineering; Dick DeWitt, Science; Melvin Thieme, Physics; Arthur Williams, Mechanical Engineering; Dick DeTamble, Air Transportation; Jack Quinlan, Mechanical Engineering, Bill McWhorter, Electrical Engineering; Paul Stutsman, Civil Engineering; Dominic Colasito, Science.

For the past six semesters our softball team, the strongest we have thus far produced, has wound up in the play-offs but never succeeded in taking first place. We have finally broken the ice by taking the top honors in the Inter-Fraternity Softball League. This victory is going to set a precedent for the future athletic teams of the Alpha Pi Chapter.

The softball team showed the true Alpha Sig spirit by sailing through the entire season without a loss. There were eleven teams in the final competition for the trophy. The first team the Alpha Sigs eliminated from the finals was Tau Epsilon Phi. They proved no match and the game ended with a score of 8-0. The next team to fall before the Champions was Delta Upsilon. Even though the competition was becoming tougher we beat them by a score of 4-1. With that victory we emerged from the quarter finals. In the semi-final we beat the dreaded Theta Chi's 3-0. Our Walt Black pitched a terrific game to hold them scoreless.

Alpha Tau Omega was our final barrier. They proved to be a pretty good match for us, but with the superb pitching of Walt Black and the hard-hitting Alpha Sigs we became the Champions, beating them by the score of 3-1. After the victory the fans carried the popular hero, Walt Black, off the field on their shoulders and staged a victory parade around the campus. The victors had a steak banquet held in their honor at the house. These men really deserved it. The Alpha Sig line-up is as follows: Hal Pearson, catcher; Walt Black, pitcher; Gene Baumgartner, 1st baseman, Cal Smith, 2nd baseman; Lowell Shearer, 3rd baseman; Dick DeWitt, shortstop; Lee Nelson, right field; Bill Lewis, center field; and Bill Munnich, left field. Also contributing greatly to final victory for the Alpha Sig: were Bill McWhorter, Bill Smith, and Jack O'Neill.

The cross country run is another athletic event in which the Alpha Sigs proved successful. We increased our number of athletic participation points in the competition for the Athletic Participation Trophy which is presented to the fraternity accumulating the greatest number of points for sports participation. At the present time we are in third place in the race for the trophy. Through the efforts of the members of the cross country



The crowning of Dilley—by request.



The coveted Barker trophy of R.P.I.

team we are gaining on the leading fraternities. Ted Johnston, Jack Quinlan, Cal Smith, and Everett Veregge represented Alpha Sigma Phi in the cross country event. All of them crossed the finish line. Honorable mention goes to Everett for placing eleventh out of a possible 120 places. Our golf team, consisting of Walt Black, Bill Lewis, and Bill McWhortor, has been very active in getting points. Bill Lewis pulled through with a hot score of 82 for his 18 hole match.

Our bowling team is also doing a bang-up job this semester. In the two matches our boys have had, they have won five games while only losing one. With that record to their credit we feel certain that the team will have a very successful season. The credit for the good performance goes to Gene Baumgartner, Hal Pearson, Bill McWhortor, Melvin Thieme, Jack VanNeuren, and Don Chambers.

Another organization very active in the race to get the trophy for Alpha Sigma Phi is our archery team. Bob Johnson, John Kauffman, Norm Olmstead, and Paul Stutsman have been hitting the bull's eye to come out on the winning end of their matches. Through the efforts of our athletes and their initiative we will succeed in gaining top place in the race for the trophy.

Under the supervision of Bob Sartoris the Alpha Pi News Letter is being redesigned. Don Chambers, Cal Smith, Dale Rhodes, Ellis McKinley, Jim Harding, Lowell Shearer, and Dick DeTamble are the members of the News Letter committee. The purpose of the News Letter is to acquaint the alumni and all the Alpha Sig chapters with the activities of the Alpha Pi chapter.

Since the June issue of the "TOMAHAWK," wedding bells have rung for four brothers who have left old Purdue. Edward Leavitt and Miss Marjorie Jean McCrary were married November 27th at Peoria, Illinois. "Putty" Allen also took the great step with the former Mss Jean Scholle, while Richard Allshouse married Miss Ellen Scholefield who hailed from Melbourne, Florida. On October 16 Ray Guard and Miss Louise

Nichols were married in Lafayette, Indiana. Two more of the active brothers, Brothers Paul Stutsman and Jim Probus, were just recently married. Paul married Miss Elaine Carver and Jim married Edith Kreiser.

This marriage fever seems to be spreading throughout the active membership like wild fire. Several couples are well on their way in following the examples set by the brothers who were recently married. Here is a list of the future husbands and the names of their choice: Cal Smith pinned Miss Evelyn Cowel; Gordon Blakeney, and Mary Ellen McMahan; Don Chambers and Janet Jordan, Mel Thieme and Loretta Luke, Fig Newton and Ruth Broadway, Jim Harding and Merwyn Rulo, and lastly Dick DeTamble gave his pin to Betty Jeanne Ahlers. Two of the brothers have their plans made and the happy date already set. Brother William McWhortor was married December 19th to Miss Velma Morford at Indianapolis, Indiana. Brother George Ceccanese is going to be married on February 12th in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception to Miss Mary Johnson who is from his home town of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

—RICHARD J. DE TAMBLE, H.A.E.

Rensselaer

(Beta Psi)

Phil Horgan, H.S.P.

The following is the latest report from the hinterlands of lower upper New York State.

Last semester has been termed by many of the members as our banner season and justly so for it marks our first winning of the Barker Trophy, the coveted Interfraternity Sports Award. The trophy, surrounded by four smaller statuettes, representative of honors for specific sports, rises majestically in contrast to the sombre decor of our living room.

Along more productive lines of endeavor we point to several substantial house improvements, among which must be included our completely reconverted cellar into an intimate

game room complete even to those all-essential features. The completion of our redesigned kitchen this term, coupled with the extensive redecoration of the living room and hall last term, leaves only minor touches on the upper floors to bring forth the culmination of those house-revamping plans, so doubtful just a few terms ago.

Socially, Beta Psi has kept abreast of the times. A Gay Parisian Soiree Party and Interfraternity Ball marked the highlights of our social season. However, mention should be made of our rushing parties, semi-monthly informal parties and open house, all of which proved successful. Evidence of a satisfactory social atmosphere lies in the fact that an astronomical number of pins have found much softer resting places.

Recent initiates and graduates yield a net balance of thirty-four brothers and eleven top pledges. Among our newest members are Jack Artale, Chuck Callahan, Bill Frankentfield, Gordy Palmer and Nick Sinder, all of whom have been properly indoctrinated.

Incumbents of present house offices are: H. S. P. Phil Horgan, H. J. P. Sandy Lane, H. S. Bob Collins, H. C. S. Dick Neal, and H. E. Russ Butler..

This term will witness the graduation of twelve brothers who will be sorely missed as outstanding examples of the ideal fraternity spirit so essential to any chapter. Within their group are a representative number of prominent men on the campus, active in sports, club leadership, class offices and honor societies.

Today finds the chapter at a critical turning point in its career, well back on its feet since the war socially, scholastically and fraternally, emblematic of a dynamic and aggressive force on the campus looking forward to its best year yet.

—ART SCHNEYMAN, H.A.E.

Rutgers

(BETA THETA)

H.S.P. Geoffrey Dobson

The semester is moving right along and Beta Theta chapter is progressing right along with it. Our house is slowly but surely improving as time goes by. In place of our worn out coal furnace, which refused to keep us warm in the winter, we have installed an oil burner. This was made possible through a generous loan by the alumni chapter. Much of the work of installing the furnace was done by the brothers. The kitchen has just acquired an electric refrigerator which makes things much better for our Brunch Club. The Brunch Club is very popular with the fellows and we are looking forward to the time when we can have a full table.

Plans have been drawn up and are being put into effect for remodeling our cellar. We are putting pine paneling on the walls which should make a fine job.

Our intramural football team has ended its season with the second place slot in the



Sam Race, H.A.E.

league. Our basketball team is slowly taking shape and by the looks of it we should have a very good season.

Our first weekend party which was held November 5-7 turned out to be a great success. We gave a buffet supper on Saturday night at which many alumni brothers and their wives were present. Special mention must be given to our house-mother, Mrs. McCain

who helped very much to make the supper a success.

On October 29, 1948 eight new brothers were initiated into the Mystic Circle of Alpha Sigma Phi here at New Brunswick. They are: Joseph Sandford, Robert Claus, Howard Sayre, Tyler Bills, Harvey Tegge, Marlin Brace, Thomas Tegen, and Frank Rodgers. Several new pledges have been added to the roll since that time.

—SAMUEL RACE, H. A. E.

Stanford

(TAU)

Dwight Sale, H.S.P.



The Stanford Chapter House

Tau Chapter started Big Game (Stanford vs. California) weekend off with a roar this year by taking first prize in the Big Game Parade with our float, "Come Hell or High Water." Following the general theme of "Stanford of the Future" it depicted Hoover Tower and the Stanford quad on Noah's Ark II floating by a California bear perched on top of the sinking Cal. campanile. After the game members and dates had dinner together and ended up the evening at a party given at Nu Chapter.

We are still hearing favorable comments about our two big parties this quarter. The first, a Halloween party presented for the brothers by the pledges, was highlighted by a



Almost finished. This is Tau's prize winning float.



Homecoming makes the Stanford Alpha Sigs work on their float.

floorshow given by the pledges. For the second, the house rented two trucks, piled on some hay, and headed for Alum Rock canyon, thirty miles away. Hamburgers, drinks, singing and a long ride home finished off the evening.

The brothers awoke one Saturday morning to find the house minus silverware, toilet seats, showerheads, the ladder to the sleeping porch, and, of course, the pledges. The actives found out later that, in order to get the ladder downstairs, the pledges had to take it into a room and carry it over the head of a sleeping brother.

Tau pledged one man this quarter—Don Lofquist from Seattle. Most of the year's pledging isn't done until winter quarter because of a university ruling that forbids rushing and pledging of freshmen until they have been here at least a quarter.

The guest room has taken on a new look, thanks to the newly formed Mother's Club.

—LEE STEWART, H.A.E.

Tri-State

(BETA OMICRON)

Michael Petranto, H.S.P.

October and November brought many fine experiences to the brothers of the Beta Omicron chapter.

In sports, the completion of the first round of the inter-fraternity bowling season found the Alpha Sigs out in front in games won, high series, and high individual averages. It looks as though our five bowlers are well on the way to winning another bowling trophy.

This term's social events have been organized by Brother Gibson and up to date he and his committee have provided us with three entertaining and very successful parties.

On Halloween the typical autumn atmosphere was brought into our house due to the excellent decorations which consisted of corn stalks, pumpkins, golden leaves and other foliage characteristic of the fall season. All the traditional games were played and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Plans for the combined "Winter Formal and Pledge Banquet" are now being discussed.

This social activity climaxes the school term and all the social activities for the term.

This quarter has brought the welcomed return of Brothers Dave Hay and Bill Kelly, both of whom have been working in Chicago since their graduation from Tri-State.

The brothers of the Beta Omicron chapter extend their greetings and an invitation to all the alumni to visit the chapter.

—MATT N. HUMMEL, H.A.E.

University of Connecticut

(GAMMA GAMMA)

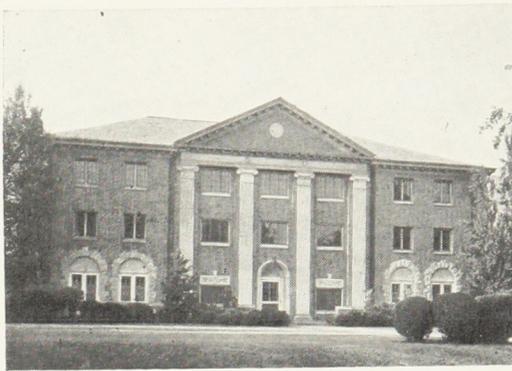
H.S.P. Walter Bergamini

The twenty-nine Alpha Sig activities here at Connecticut have already accomplished much and are out to do still more. To date we have pledged eight new men: Michael Benedetto, Robert Gregory, Robert Keay, Peter Lazar, John MacFarland, Paul Peha, Rudy Vecoli, and William Walsh. These together with our three pledges from last semester, give us a nucleus of eleven pledges which we hope to increase to eighteen. This would fill our house to its capacity of forty-eight.

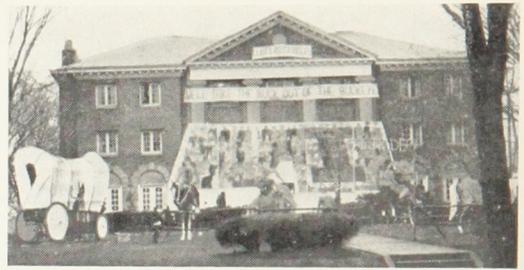
Our fall social program continues to roll along in high gear, thanks to social chairman Hurley Boazman. A combination Halloween Hayride and House Party put everyone in the Halloween mood, and despite the nippy autumn weather, no one came away disappointed. The most recent item on our social calendar was the very successful Alpha Sigma Phi Fall Semi-Formal Approximately sixty brothers and guests crowded the chapter house for the dance and pre-dance "open house." Probably the best testimonial to its success is the unanimous opinion of all the brothers that this was one of our best dances ever!

Two more brothers have fallen prey to the opposite sex, having pinned their chosen ones. These lucky men are Rett Harvey and Hurley Boazman. In each case, a delegation of brothers serenaded the happy couples.

While on the subject of serenading, I'd like to mention that a "barbershop 'quartet'" is in the process of being formed; your editor has been relegated to the baritones. It's a



The Eta Chapter House



It was necessary to take this picture of Eta's homecoming decorations from a distance.

little early now, but we hope to have more news on this by the next issue of the Tomahawk.

Ed Stula and Mort Hansen are this year's Alpha Sig contribution to the U-Conn football squad. Although Mort has been hampered by a foot injury, both he and Ed played a good game all season long. You might also say that Gamma Gamma leads the band when it comes to music. Pledge Bob Keay is the Connecticut drum major while H. S. Joe Connolly is the only male U-Conn baton twirler.

In closing, Gamma Gamma chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi extends to all the heartiest of best wishes for the coming year.

—NICHOLAS A. FESS, H. A. E.

University of Illinois

(ETA)

Dick Einbecker, H.S.P.

Since the last issue of the Tomahawk, we at Eta are beginning to realize that final exams aren't far off. Needless to say that, after the Christmas vacation, the books are being used for purposes other than ornaments. Never-the-less, even though the cloud of study hangs low over the charter house, we can look back on the semester as one that has beamed with activity.

On October 23, we had the pleasure of playing host to approximately 30 members of Alpha Pi who had come over from Purdue to back their football team. Good thing the Fighting Illini beat the Boilermakers or no telling the amount of heckling that we would have had to endure.

November 6 saw dads coming from all directions to attend the annual U of I Dad's Day. With Phil Worack as Dad's Day chairman, a good time was had by all. During the same weekend, the annual pledge-active football game was played. The actives won 12 to 7; however, Jim Downey still claims that the actives were using 12 men. "Purely accidental," maintains Joe Ribordy.

Homecoming, a week later, was just like past Homecomings, a great week-end. Many of the Eta men came back to the campus to renew old friendships. A group of Zeta's were

present also to watch Ohio State trim the Illinois eleven. Sam Stotlar and his assistants, Herb McCurdy, Ken Hoover, Dave Braun, and Bob Christiansen planned and worked hard so that the occasion might be successful.

During the alumni reunion elections were held for new officers and board of directors of the Eta Alumni association. Re-elected to the presidency was Bob Shoecraft, '27; the vice-president is Harold Nogle, '20; and re-elected to the office of secretary-treasurer was Ken Porter, '41. The new members of the board of directors are Bill Long, '26; Ken Foute, '41; Warren Mitchell, '43; and Dick Einbecker, '49. Shoecraft, Nogle and Porter were also elected to the board.

Our pledge class honored the house by coming in second in the Armory avenue "Night-shirt Relays." The race was run on the street with all contestants wearing night shirts. Competition was offered by pledges from the other houses on the avenue. Bill Kennedy, John Garden, Loren Anderson, and Bill Whittaker ran the honors for Alpha Sigma Phi.

This year's intra-mural football season saw the first of many future rivalries between our chapter and the Illinois chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha. Every season, from now on, will see a football game between the two houses. With the playing of the first game, which we won 13 to 0, we gained possession of the new trophy, a wooden bucket, known as the "Grudge Bucket."

Future victories in intra-murals depend on our strong handball and table tennis teams. Bill Hasse, Dick Joutras, Jerry Newell, and Ken Hoover make up the hand ball entries, while Phil Worack, Glen Feltz, and Bill Johnston plan to give keen competition in the way of table tennis.

Two new additions to the pledge class are Jim Aaron and Jim Swenson.

In the activities, we have Gordon Boyd who as past director of the Illini Union board has been elected as president of the board. Ken Hoover was pledged to Alpha Kappa Psi, a commerce honorary, and Jim Mahoney was recently initiated into Alpha Delta Sigma, an advertising fraternity. Dave Braun has been active in Peirrotta, a Theatre Guild honorary, while Harry Rothe was just initiated into that organization. Herb Boyd is a member of Phi



H.S.P. Greene presents G.S.P. Cochran with a gavel at Omicron's Homecoming.

Mu Alpha, a music honorary. Our swimmer, Bill Johnston, has made the varsity swimming team.

During the past few months, two more pins were hung. The givers were Jim Pratt and Dick Gerrity.

We sincerely hope that everyone had a very merry Christmas and that this new year will be a prosperous one for all Alpha Sigs.

—JACK WESTBERG, H.A.E.

University of Pennsylvania

(OMICRON)

H.S.P. Philip R. Greene

The opening of the fall semester found Omicron in high gear. The football games and parties were the center of attention during October and November. After each game there was a buffet dinner, party and dance which were very popular. The high spot of the season was the weekend of October 23, which was not only Penn's glorious and colorful Navy weekend, but was also Omicron's first "Homecoming" weekend. We were particularly happy and proud to welcome back one of Omicron's most distinguished alumni, Brother Lloyd C. Cochran who was elected Grand Senior President of Alpha Sigma Phi at the Bedford Springs Convention in September. Over eighty alumni were present to witness the presentation by the actives and our local alumni of an inscribed gavel to Brother Cochran.

Present at the party given in honor of his father was Jim Cochran who is now on the marketing teaching staff at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce. The best wishes of his home chapter are extended to our Grand Senior President.

Several days after the "Homecoming" weekend we were very pleased to have presented as a gift from the attending alumni sufficient money for us to purchase a new piano which now is in our Green Room. We are hoping that this new piano will inspire Brother Lenny Farina to become a concert artist.



Part of the crowd served at the Buffet at Homecoming week-end at Penn.

Omicron was very proud to have as our guest for two days Brother Ralph F. Burns, Executive Secretary. Brother Burns just missed our Homecoming weekend by a few days.

All of the brothers are busy with paint brush in hand and determination in mind preparing the house for our rushing season. The game room has been redecorated and most of the rooms have been painted. Very noticeable items are the red venetian blinds in Brother Manno's rooms and the heliotrope piano in the game room. A project is also under way for the improvement of our parking lot. We are looking forward to a very successful rushing season which is being handled by Brother Don Sparks, Rushing Chairman.

Our H. S. P. Roy Greene was recently elected to the Sphinx Senior Honor Society. This honor is but one of the many bestowed on Brother Greene and other actives.

—JAMES E. CRAFT, H. A. E.

Wake Forest

(BETA MU)

John Person, H.S.P.

During the recent rushing period for the fall semester, Beta Mu chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi led all fraternities on the campus in the number of new pledges. The Alpha Sigs at Wake Forest pledged a total of 35^f men—the largest in the history of any social fraternity at this school. At the smoker given in honor of the prospective pledges, Beta Mu entertained some 100 persons of which 35 decided to join our lodge. This is an honor that all of the brothers are proud to claim.

The new additions to the chapter through the pledging ceremonies are: Clark Mitchell, Henry Lewis, "Wink" Edwards, Tom Ferguson, Meredith Miller, Fletcher Woodard, Byron Bullard, C. E. Williams, Dave Buckner, Ross Welch, Loren Kee, Cecil Hall, I. C. Barbour, Bill McDonald, Horace Bennett, Blair Bryan, Bill Norris, Harry Shelton, Charles Green, Joe Sullivan, Bob Jones, Jim



Lenny Farina and Clyde Reighard get in some hot licks at Penn.

Allen, Elmer McCaskill Parker Faison, Harold Creech, Marvin Norman, Dick Vander Clute, Babe Narr, Bill Shore, Julian Chappell, Bryan Finch and O. Murray.

The Alpha Sig a cappella choir has been organized under the direction of brother Gus Grose and now boasts of 21 members. The choir entertains at the meetings and banquets of the fraternity and has made plans to enter the campus singing festival to be held shortly. The college quartet this year is now made up entirely of Alpha Sigs. Brother Gus Grose and pledge brothers Harold Creech, Loren Kee and Charles Green are the members. The chapter is very proud of having such a fine organization in its midst.

The Christmas dance and party turned out to be a big success. A cabin party preceded the dance and the brothers exchanged small presents. Plans are now being made for the big dance of the year to be held the 3rd and 4th of March at the auditorium in Raleigh.

The closing of the Fall semester found Beta Mu chapter in third place in the fraternity football league and in second place in the Homecoming decoration contest. Shep Hamrick was coach of the football team this year and brought the team through with a record of 7 wins and 3 defeats. Brother Emmett White was in charge of the homecoming decorations.

The chapter recently welcomed five new members into the lodge. Brothers Jim Getzen, Lindsay Getzen, Basil Boys, Bill Barnes and Ed Baublis are the new members. Pledge brother Clark Mitchell was elected vice-president of the Freshman class during the recent elections.

Brothers Art Chesson, W. C. Johnson, Ralph Tate and Basil Boyd have been initiated into Beta Beta Beta, national Biology fraternity; Gus Grose is now a member of Gamma Sigma Epsilon, national chemistry fraternity and Bill Hensley was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary leadership fraternity. Brother Tate was also selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

—BILL HENSLEY, H. A. E.

Wayne

(BETA TAU)

John Blackwell, H.S.P.

Five months ago the assiduous efforts of several years culminated in the acquisition of a Beta Tau chapter house. Long recognizing the imperative need for a chapter house that would enhance the distinctiveness consistent with Alpha Sigma Phi, and which would provide us with an object around which we could unify the vital spirit of the chapter, we were never quite satisfied until our need was fulfilled.

The house, a large, unpretentious structure, discouraged many of us initially, because of its gross malcondition. However, this general discouragement gave way to a collective decisiveness to alter its overall appearance so that we could be justly proud of our new possession.

There is something inexpressibly satisfying in accepting and overcoming a challenge; and this is precisely what Beta Tau has done.

Work began immediately, and throughout the long summer months both actives and alumni disregarded the vacation period and worked untiringly at the job of tearing down, renovating, and reconstructing. Rooms were made over, walls were repainted and repapered, floors were sanded and varnished, and modern fixtures replaced those of less functional value. And during the entire renovation process the chapter was constantly responsive to the unaffected simplicity of fraternal demands. Hence, everything has been done in a solid, unadorned manner, and the house reveals a pleasant, unobtrusive masculinity.

Owing to the friendly willingness of many business men to assist the chapter in its task, we found it possible to obtain the required materials at a minimum cost.

When the Fall semester began, the long hours of summer work were shown to have been well spent, for the house has been completely transformed from its former neglected state to one of good-looking livability. Yes, the job has neared completion, and Beta Tau House will be ready for occupancy in the near future.

It is the unhesitating acceptance and successful completion of such an undertaking as this that again illustrates the vigor and spirit of the fraternal ideal; an ideal that finds expression in doing a job, and is refreshed in doing so.

—DOUGLAS TAYLOR, H. A. E.

Westminster

(ALPHA NU)

Bernie Kessler, H.S.P.

Westminster's Alpha Sigs, in the midst of rushing freshmen, have had time to do a little work for the alma mater too.

The latest and perhaps most distinguished development was the naming of two of our number to the 1948-49 edition of "Who's Who



"Swell—hey." Alpha Nu candidate for Homecoming Queen, was Errol Dexter, shown above complete with wig, false teeth, and false eyes. He is seated between Bob Williams and Dick Zimmerman. The blackfaced brother in the foreground is Chuck Pitcher.



West Coast brothers Bell, Pierce, Thomson, Ruthford, Boyle and McLain at Convention

in American Colleges." Bob Hinman and Ray Dunlap were selected by Student Council for this honor.

Autumn Weekend, one of the most important occasions of the fall semester at Westminster, received full support from the Alpha Nu chapter. The committee included three Alpha Sigs. Duff Brown was chairman of the "Dance of the Year," which brought Gene Krupa and his orchestra to open the festivities. Ray Dunlap was co-chairman of the Sunday services, and Bill Miller headed the publicity for the entire weekend. Roger Jarvis, Alpha Sig music major, and his orchestra furnished the music for Saturday night's dancing. The house decorations committee was led by Bill Kegel.

Brother Errol Dexter almost stole the show from the seven coeds who vied for the title of Homecoming Queen that weekend. Garbed in a scanty two-piece bathing suit, and equipped with huge false teeth, false eyes, and blonde wig, his ride around the campus in an open convertible created no little excitement. "Swell—hey" was suitably escorted by several characters appropriately dressed for the occasion.

Emil "Lucky" Reznik was recently named to the district all-star soccer team. Lucky is a sophomore from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Gallup, Roper and the rest of leading pollsters had nothing on Alpha Sig Ed Dotten in picking the wrong man to win the presidential election. Ed was in charge of a student straw vote taken by the Political Science Forum a week before the national elections. His results showed President Truman at a four to one disadvantage.

A recent Little Theatre production featured no less than seven Alpha Nus. The play "Doctor For a Dumb Wife" included in its cast Eugene DeCaprio, Bob Ranck, Bruce Catt, Bill Sample, Jim Fudge, Lew Shirey, and Art Schreiber.

Alpha Nu Bob Hinman was one of the co-chairmen of a United Nations Day of Prayer held in October. Originated by student council, this day commemorated the third anniversary of the founding of the United Nations with prayers for the guidance of our leaders in solving the world's problems. The idea spread from Westminster to many colleges and towns of the surrounding area. An address in the evening by Dr. Robert F. Galbreath, former president of the college and brother Alpha Nu, culminated the day's activities.

All in all, Alpha Nus having been keeping extremely busy, but not too busy to train a wary eye on prospective pledges.

—GLENN HARTMAN, H.A.E.

West Virginia

(ALPHA KAPPA)

H.S.P. Robert Edge

With a recent election the following brothers were named: Robert Edge, H. S. P.; Leonard Wilson, H. J. P.; Richard L. Boyd, H. E. with Art Trenton, Co-H. E.; Mitchell M. Mickel, H. S.; Morgan Bier became H. C. S.; Brother William Moore, H. C.; John Mitsoyanis, H. M.; Edward Toompas was appointed Social Chairman and Delbert Cunningham as House Executive. With the election out of the way, let us look to the lighter vein.

We of Alpha Kappa Chapter saw the Penn State-West Virginia football game at State College, Pa., en masse as guest of the Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. All of us are convinced that fraternal brotherhood is here to stay. We were very cordially received by the members of Upsilon Chapter. Each of us had a gay time, thanks Upsilon.

We have fifteen new pledges in the present class of potential Alpha Sigs, and they are: Roscoe Carder, Dick Egan, Charles Greene, Joel Gwinn, Norman Jackson, Dick Hamstead, John Jones, John Landis, Patrick McCartney, Charles Pike, Paul Randolph, Gene Sarri, Dick Schiffbauer, Dave Wallace and James Warren.

Many alumni members dropped in during the Homecoming weekend but I will not attempt to list them by name for the house was overflowing with guests, dates of actives and pledges. In the best float contest we were very fortunate in placing 4th out of a total of 38 floats entered. Our house decorations developed mechanical difficulties at the exact moment the judges were here! The plans are already being made for next year and there will be no slip ups next time.

No sooner were we past this mishap, when along came Mountaineer Day when all the students attend dances, the game and other social functions in the traditional mountaineer dress, complete with the little brown jug.

Our chapter on this campus has been instrumental in organizing the Kappa Sigma Pi Orphanage Project near Clarksburg. Under the direction of our H. S. P. we have been able to obtain the support of all fraternities on this campus.

Activities for the celebration of Founders Day of Alpha Sigma Phi included a formal banquet for actives and alumni, plus a smoker for all actives, pledges and alumni.

Our chapter has recently pledged Egan, whose band under guidance of Mitchell Mickel has been very popular in and around the campus.

—RICHARD L. BOYD, H. A. E.

LOOK AT THE FOREST—

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initiated through it. It is wrong for the actives, the undergraduates, to describe themselves as "the chapter." The alumni members are just as integral a part of the chapter as the active members and if this can be kept in mind the active and alumni relationships will be improved. Your chapter news letter need only go out once a year to all your alumni members, but don't forget them and they won't forget you. Through the mimeographed or printed word you take the alumni to each other and you take the chapter to them all.

A properly organized chapter with actives and alumni fulfilling the purposes of the fraternity constitution, will go on as a living group even though adverse local conditions require the

closing, for awhile, of the chapter's campus home doors. Alpha Sigma Phi has *no* defunct chapters though it has several chapters whose campus houses are not now open, yet each of those chapters still exists as it has its alumni members. It remains for us all to encourage the effective organization of these alumni members through their alumni secretary.

Promote college loyalties. Dr. Cramblet has pointed out that "nothing but complete cooperation with the total program of the college will assure security and strength for the fraternity." The college may continue without the fraternity's campus home; the converse is not true. Our by-laws require that no member be pledged or initiated in violation of any rules of the college.

We must do our best to make our chapters' campus houses real homes for the active members. The "House" should be a place of cooperative living—of comparatively nonchalant freedom, where the ideas of others are respected and the rough edges rubbed off. A home is something more than a house and it must mean sacrifice if it is to prosper.

TO PROMOTE PATRIOTISM

In an age when autocracy in the totalitarian state challenges the democratic form of government and put at nought the value of the individual, the fraternity, maintaining Charity—the principle of brotherly love—is one of the firm pillars of our national society. Charity in its sweep takes in the ability to live in harmony with those of different opinions, exercising the right to differ by means short of force. The government of the fraternity is based upon the principle of majority rule throughout. As you see your cherished motion fail of a second, as you see your seconded motion rudely defeated, you learn to live by parliamentary procedure with its basic theory of good sportsmanship.

The ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi are those of America. Cutting across political lives, with thousands of well educated, cultured members, with active groups throughout the land and an efficient central headquarters, is any group better able to serve the nation? The details of

the background of each member are known to the fraternity; old line Americans we are, appreciative of a life shot through with individual initiative; accustomed to enjoy the reciprocal advantages of our fraternal friendships—giving as we receive; not looking to some political state to guarantee our future in exchange for our souls; prepared through experience to advance a cause that is worth striving for. From the pledge training, through the chapter work involving sacrifices of time and cash for the good of a respected group, to those bright occasions when an Alpha Sig has been able to help a brother in adversity, the spirit of brotherly love is strengthened and directed to practical work-a-day channels and the individual made a valuable unit in the economy of the United States of America.

In our concern with the admittedly important details of fraternity administration let us not forget that it is not enough merely to exist and expand physically: we must vigorously teach, preach and practice the ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi.

NEW YORK ALUMNI COUNCIL

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Washington Secretarial School, Newark, New Jersey, and Harold E. Haskin, R.P.I. '48, aeronautical engineer, employed with the Wright Aeronautical Corporation.

For the young engineers located in and around the New York area the Council can boast such men as Harold Benel, Beta Psi '44, located with the New York Board of Transportation as a civil engineer. The Council boasts of Harold but Harold boasts of Russell, his 13-lb., 3 month old son. Another Sig is Ronald White, secretary-treasurer of the New York Council, who spends his odd moments with the Public Service Electric and Gas Company of New Jersey. Harold Tummel, Beta Psi '47, and Raymond Bohn, Jr., complete the list of engineers, giving us a well rounded representation.

At the present time, the Council is meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at Childs Restaurant, 196 Broadway, in lower Manhattan. Each meeting holds the promise of an interesting speaker from the ranks of Sigdom. All visiting brothers and out-of-towners will always find the welcome mat out in big, bold letters. Please do not hesitate when you are in town to jump right in the swing. Wayne Grunden at Exchange 3-9800, Extension 2353. (The call won't cost you anything), is always available to give information and directions.

EDINFO

When the "Old Gal" had her birthday this year, loyal Alpha Sigs throughout the country lifted their glasses in a toast to our founders and to some contemporary members who have done magnificent work in extending and strengthening Alpha Sigma Phi. The men who gathered at Pittsburgh to honor Dr. Cramblet and those that met in Chicago to pay tribute to Brother Clarke were just representative Alpha Sigs who were saying thanks to these men for the rest of us who couldn't be there. We add our thanks here. Thanks to both of you for doing so much for the fraternity that we all love. Thanks for helping to bring our brotherhood into the enviable position that it holds today.

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The picture of Brother Cochran on the President's Page was taken shortly

after he received the gavel that he is holding from the H.S.P. of his chapter. It was taken by the chapter but arrived too late to be used for the cover of the November issue.

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A man applied at a factory for a job and was being interviewed by the Employment Manager.

"What have you done before?" he was asked.

"I was a milkman," was the reply.

"And what wages did you get?"

"I got sixty dollars a week and my milk," said the man.

The Employment Manager reflected for a moment.

"Well, I think I can give you a job," he said. "Come along. We'll start you at sixty dollars a week, and wean you in the bargain."

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