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of Alpha Sigma Phi



CAUSA LATET

Three college freshmen met one winter's evening in a small room on Chapel Street in New Haven. Their youthfulness — they ranged in age from 17 to 19 — belied the seriousness of their purpose. But they were laying the foundations for an endeavor which had been uppermost in the mind of the youngest of their group, Louis Manigault, since his admission to Yale College in the fall of 1845.

This issue of the *Tomahawk* is largely devoted to the fascinating story of those three young men as told by an unexpected contributor to our pages. For more than 80 years the intimate and personal details of our Founding were lost to the members of the Fraternity. But last year there was discovered a manuscript volume prepared by Louis Manigault in 1869 revealing the story of those early days of inspiration and founding at Yale. Because of its significance to the background and tradition of Alpha Sigma Phi, that record is reprinted on the following pages.

It is rewarding and stimulating to have this opportunity 108 years later to recapture the spirit which gave Alpha Sigma Phi its birth. It is inspiring to read such testimony of faith and confidence and to appreciate the intense sincerity and ardent aspirations of those who started Alpha Sigma Phi in her "onward career to prosperity and renown" as was recorded by Stephen Ormsby Rhea in a letter to Louis Manigault in 1847: "Is she in a flourishing condition? I am certain she is (it could not be otherwise) and she will continue to be so until Yale shall be no more. She will ever be the brightest ornament not only to Yale but to Society and her Country. Her sons shall receive from her hands the grace, eloquence, and love of deep learning that will render them capable of filling any station in life."

These pages are filled with personal glimpses of our Founders and of college life in the 1800's which give us a kinship with the past and which reinforce our sense of unity with those of our Mystic Circle who sang the old songs, wore the same Badge, and extended the same Grip — all unchanged through generations of practice.

No dull reading of history is this! For the flavor of college life, for the personal and human portrayal of our Founders, for the eternal qualities of college and fraternity men revealed in this record — for all of these revelations and more, this manuscript volume bears unequalled import in the journals of Alpha Sigma Phi.

But perhaps its greatest significance comes from the clear demonstration of the early spirit of the Fraternity which has marked our tradition ever since. There is no more eloquent expression of lifelong devotion than Louis Manigault's: "For although far away, still I am, and ever will be, as long as the banner of Alpha Sigma Phi continues to wave, one of her supporting columns and a pillar of this glorious Fraternity."

There is no more eloquent expression of lifelong friendship than a classmate's farewell to Louis Manigault: "The ties of affection can never be severed and if in after life it may be our fortune to meet again, let us ever find in each a Brother's Heart, a Brother's Hand."

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Sigma Phi, 1845; Delta
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This picture, taken in
1869 at the request of
members of Delta Beta
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written by Manigault, lost
to the Fraternity for the
past 80 years, and now
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Preface

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This Volume is respectfully presented as a parting memorial of myself, with the fervent prayer that our fond Brotherhood may continue to prosper as long as the venerable Institution in which she flourished bears the World renowned name of "Yale".

Louis Manigault
Class of '49.

Charleston, South-Carolina, }
May 1869. }

The Manigault Papers

In 1865 Louis Manigault, a Founder of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, wrote a manuscript concerning the early days of the Society, and forwarded the original copy to the Yale Chapter, retaining a copy for his own personal records. There followed over the next few years a correspondence with the members of Alpha Sigma Phi, then Delta Beta Xi. Louis Manigault then compiled a leather bound volume, written in his own hand, containing a copy of the original manuscript and copies of letters between himself, Stephan Ormsby Rhea, Horace Spangler Weiser, and other members of the Fraternity.

In 1869 this volume was forwarded by Manigault to Delta Beta Xi, and was placed among its archives. From the demise of Delta Beta Xi in 1875 until last year the existence of this volume was unknown.

All the documents copied into the original volume by Manigault are included in this issue of the Tomahawk. There has been no attempt to edit the documents or change the order of presentation. Where it has seemed advisable to add information to clarify the documents, these additions are in italics so as not to be confused with comments which Manigault himself placed in parenthesis, usually followed by his initials, L.M.

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Louis Manigault

Class of '49

Charleston, South Carolina

May, 1869

In the event of my death at whatever time and place it should occur my desire is that the $\Lambda\Sigma\Phi$ Society of Yale College be informed through my family of the fact as it is to be recorded amongst the archives of said Society. For one not connected with $\Lambda\Sigma\Phi$, the most certain method of communication is to forward a letter either to the president or one of the professors of Yale College who upon demand would readily furnish the writer with the address of a then acting member of $\Lambda\Sigma\Phi$.

Attention should also be directed to the fact that in 1867 this Society is only known in Yale College as the $\Delta B\Xi$ and unless otherwise informed as such should be named.

My devoted college friend, Mr. S. Ormsby Rhea, should also be addressed in case he survives me.

Louis Manigault

Charleston, South Carolina, this 24th June, 1867
and XXI Anniversary of Alpha Sigma Phi



Nearly twenty years have elapsed since the foundation of Alpha Sigma Phi Society in Yale College, during which period battling against the numerous obstacles incident to every undertaking of any concern or importance; She now stands recognized in her onward career to prosperity and renown by her fellow Societies and is classed amongst the first of those honorary associations of Yale College.

As year upon year speeds hastily along and new names become enrolled upon the records of Alpha Sigma Phi, the desire has been expressed that some of the early notes of this Society might be rescued from oblivion; and that a few remarks concerning the founders and their labors would not be inexpedient and to obtain them if possible during the lifetime of these gentlemen.

Mr. Louis Manigault of Charleston, South Carolina, has been informed of this "desideratum" and from notes preserved during his collegiate career compiles the following crude statistics for the members of Alpha Sigma Phi, with an earnest hope that its perusal may be deemed worthy of their attention and of being preserved among the archives of said fraternity.

Upon the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, the ancestors of the Manigault family left La Rochelle in France and together with numerous other Huguenots were amongst the early settlers of South Carolina. For nearly two centuries this family has been chiefly employed in agricultural pursuits, their permanent city residence being established in Charleston, South Carolina.

Meeting with success in the New World, sufficient means was accumulated from year to year to allow the principal members of nearly each generation to receive a European education. It was during a visit to France by his parents that Louis Manigault, a Founder of Alpha Sigma Phi, was born November 21, 1828. At two years of age he came to America but in 1835 revisited in France and was placed at school in Paris. At the expiration of two years he returned to Carolina and from a primary school was sent to the best classical school of Charleston where he remained until 1843. In August of this year he left Charleston for Dr. Muhlenburg's well-known academy, viz: "Saint Paul's College" near Flushing, Long Island, New York. Reaching Saint Paul's College young Manigault found himself surrounded by perfect strangers, but it so happened that the very first night spent there he formed the acquaintance of a fellow student two years his senior in age and who had been already one year at the school. This young man took Manigault to his room and from very first sight evinced for him the deepest interest and most marked affection. From this moment, Steven Ormsby Rhea, a Founder of Alpha Sigma Phi (whose far distant home was Clinton, East Feliciana, Louisiana), and Louis Manigault became the warmest friends.

In a few weeks Manigault and Rhea became more firmly linked in the bonds of friendship as members of the Phi Theta Kappa Society. Here, it was, in this secluded hall, that these two friends received their initiations in Society regulations and with thoughts similarly inclined their attention was directed to the study of the true principles upon which should be based these honorary associations.

Two years rolled on, tending alone to strengthen the mutual friendship of Manigault and Rhea. The highest branches of scholarship offered at Saint Paul's Academy had been attained and our two young friends were fully prepared for College.

Manigault selected Yale College in preference to Harvard, (having an elder brother at Yale who afterwards graduated in 1847) and reaching New Haven entered freshman September, 1845, a member of the Class of 1849. By his persuasion Rhea soon joined him and was admitted a member of the same class.

Steven Ormsby Rhea was an orphan, having lost both parents when yet young. Upon his becoming of age, he was to inherit a plantation in East Feliciana, Louisiana, which until then was in the hands of his guardian. He was fast approaching the long desired twenty-one years when he would become master of his own actions, thus need we not be astonished that his name graces the catalogue of the Class of 1849 for only the first year of the collegiate course. The natural idea of returning to his native Louisiana and once more reveling amongst the verdant fields of his father's estate after a lengthened absence of four years at last decided him no longer to await his diploma. Prospects of a bright and happy future dazzled before his sight causing him to abandon that rigid application so necessary for the preserving of a good rank in his class, an active member of which he continued for only six months of freshman year. From this period until the foundation of Alpha Sigma Phi Rhea's studies were continued under private tutors, the greater portion of his leisure moments were devoted to literature, his library was well stocked with histories, but he was particularly fond of the classics from which a quotation suited to the conversation would most frequently from memory be introduced. His knowledge of Shakespeare was remarkable, but frequently he would be seen pondering over his pocket edition of "Thompson's Seasons," or else his "Lord Byron" or "Cowper."

During the continuance of freshman year most of Manigault's thoughts were devoted to college Societies. The Kappa Sigma Theta Society of the Sophomore Class seemed to command most unbounded influence and all appeared to shrink from before her. Standing alone in the Sophomore Class guarded by her Patron Saint Minerva the Kappa Sigma Theta seemed not only to scorn but behold with contempt all outside members as hardly worthy of being their classmates.

These feelings of pride and haughtiness were not unnoticed by Manigault. Pondering in his mind all things and investigating the matter as far as his power lay, he fully determined to use every effort not only to found an Opposition Society in the Sophomore Class at Yale College but to cause the proud Goddess of Wisdom clad in her war-like armor to tremble lest she might be forever erased from existence by the birth of a superior rival Sister. Binding his friend Rhea to the utmost secrecy he unfolded to him his views. At first Rhea thought the accomplishment of such an undertaking hardly feasible and much too arduous. By persuasion, however, he finally consented to assist with his wise judgment and knowledge in parliamentary tactics. From this moment Rhea's interest in the Cause was constant, and the utmost devotion manifested.

Day by day would these two friends in silence meet, and bend their lonely course to some distant retreat; in shady woods out-skirting the town, remote from Mortal gaze where the Deity alone could view the action of their thoughts. There they would freely exchange views, and discuss the long mooted idea of founding a Society in the Sophomore Class of Yale. Those indeed were happy days.

Rhea was intimate with a fellow student, viz: Horace Spangler Weiser of York, Pennsylvania, (a Founder of Alpha Sigma Phi). Deeming it expediate to strengthen the Cause by the addition of a third class mate (besides Weiser's inclination being after college to practice the Law), the subject was broached to him, and from that moment his entire confidence and assistance secured.

It is the date of this meeting, at which time Manigault, Rhea, and Weiser agreed on the basic idea of forming the opposition Society in the Sophomore Class, that is the Founding date of the Fraternity, namely, December 6, 1845. It will be noted that Manigault later speaks of the Founding date as the day on which the initiations of the first members were completed, and when these men wore their badges openly on the Yale campus, namely June 24, 1846. The following paragraphs tell of the events between December 6th, 1845 and June 24th, 1846.

The various steps needful for the formation of a well-organized Society, which will not be regarded with ridicule and contempt, in a college of such magnitude and importance as Yale, would be too numerous to mention. The task is no easy one. Without faith, boldness, firmness, and decision, failure is inevitable. On every side obstacles arise, and countless impediments are cast in the way.

And yet from an insignificant, but pure and Christian Origin, did the (to be hereafter) formidable Rival of Kappa Sigma Theta arise, to transmit to posterity her hallowed rays of usefulness and light.

A Hall was shortly engaged; the Society pin and other insignia approved and adopted, and a new Society known in Yale College as the Alpha Sigma Phi was founded by the three previously mentioned members of the Class of 1849, on Wednesday 24th June, 1846.

Eighteen members of the Class of 1849 were in time initiated, making a total of twenty members (Rhea having left for Louisiana). The new Society was now an established fact and its existence boldly proclaimed to the world.

The long-cherished desire of founding the Alpha Sigma Phi Society of Yale College being now accomplished as if so willed by Divine Providence that this connection with the history of Yale should be sufficient; neither of the three founders were graduates of this institution.

Manigault left Yale College in August, 1847, and having an invitation to that effect spent his junior and senior years in prosecuting his studies in Europe, besides having the immense advantage of traveling far and wide in Italy, Greece, Egypt, Spain, and other countries. Weiser, through ill health, left college at the same period.

Rhea, as before mentioned, had returned to his home.

Upon the conclusion of his studies in Europe, Mr. Manigault returned to America and embarked in commercial pursuit in Charleston, South Carolina. He next continued for one year his mercantile career in China, after which circumnavigating the globe returned via the Pacific Ocean to the United States, having first spent a year in California, Mexico, and various parts of South America. For the past ten years he has been a rice planter on Savannah River, near Savannah, Georgia, with a wife and two children. His friend, Rhea, was living in full enjoyment of his estate up to the outbreak of the late war. He corresponded with Manigault and was recently married. This did not prevent him, however, from making inquiries respecting Alpha Sigma Phi and recalling to mind the happy days at Yale.

Alas! It rests to be seen what former members of Alpha Sigma Phi remain on earth at the termination of the war! Though frequent inquiries have been made, five years have elapsed since any communication has been received from Rhea.

In terminating these remarks it may not be inappropriate to chronicle the first death in Alpha Sigma Phi, viz: that of Horace Hollister of the Class of 1849, one of the original members of the Society. He came from Salisbury, Connecticut, and died near Mobile, Alabama, whither he had removed on account of declining health, 10th September, 1853.

State of Georgia
Richmond County

Personally appeared before me David L. Roath, Ordinary in and for said County, Louis Manigault of the city of Charleston, in the state of South Carolina, who being duly sworn says the facts contained in the foregoing statement are true to his own knowledge and that said statement was prepared and written out by him.

(Signed) Louis Manigault

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal of office, this twelfth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

(Signed) David L. Roath
Ordinary, Richmond County, Georgia

SEAL

The preceding document bore date 6th July, 1865, and was forwarded a few days after to Alpha Sigma Phi. The following was the reply:

The first page of the Manuscript Volume written in the hand of the Founder, Louis Manigault, contains the Oak Wreath Seal, referred to in this Volume as the Stamp. It was designed by Manigault, and the oak leaves were chosen to symbolize longevity.



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EARLY twenty years have elapsed since the Foundation of A.S.P. Society in Yale College, during which period battling against the numerous obstacles incident to every undertaking of any concern or importance, She now stands recognized in her onward career to prosperity and renown by her fellow Societies, and is classed amongst the first of those Honorary Associations of Yale College.

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Yale College, New Haven
2nd June, 1866

Alpha Sigma Phi Hall

Louis Manigault
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

In behalf of the Alpha Sigma Phi Society I beg leave to write you a few lines in tardy acknowledgment of the great kindness you showed the Society now nearly a year ago.

First, let me endeavor to remove the disagreeable impression that our long silence must have made upon you. Last October after our Class had finally settled into its possession of Alpha Sigma Phi your valuable reminiscence was presented to acknowledge your favor. Owing to one of its members leaving college, the committee failed to do its duty. Another was appointed which culpably neglected its task. After some time this committee was reprimanded and discharged and I was appointed to succeed them.

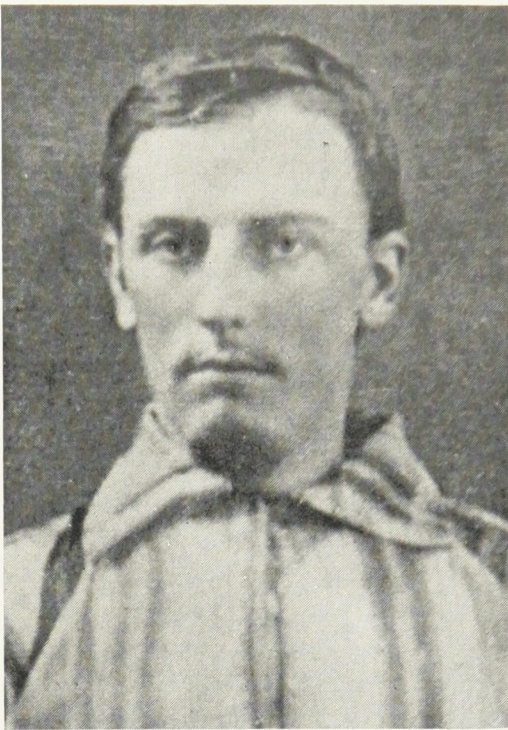
Immediately we entered on our long contemplated improvement of the Hall and for

two months were kept out of the Hall by workmen, so that I could not obtain the proper access to the archives.

Since the present term commenced my pleasing duty has been ever in my mind and I now embrace my first opportunity to perform it.

I believe that you are aware that the old Alpha Sigma Phi Society is now known to the outside world as the Delta Beta Xi, but in its Hall and among its members it is still the old Alpha Sigma Phi, the first love and the true love of all who are among its children.

The causes which led to this change are numerous. In the first place Alpha Sigma Phi in its ONward march entirely destroyed its former rival Kappa Sigma Theta so that all vestiges of it are gone, and even the name is entirely forgotten in Yale. Perhaps Alpha Sigma Phi became intoxicated by too much success, but whatever the cause it is certain that it became too often the instrument of excess, and so became obnoxious to the faculty of the College. Jealousies springing from junior society politics also arose among its members. Finally the elections from the Class of 1867 were given out. The



Louis Manigault, from a portrait made in 1848 in the Philippines.

night before their proposed initiation they were informed by the faculty that anyone of them being initiated would be expelled from the College, and that the Society must be broken up. This was seemingly done, the Hall was opened, and the Society disorganized. Several weeks after the elected men were secretly initiated and wore their badges concealed. Then a new Society was formed by some outsiders by permission of the faculty and styled Phi Theta Psi.

The secret members of Alpha Sigma Phi, then obtained permission to organize a Society. They simply placed the letters $\Delta\Xi$ on the badge where $\Lambda\Sigma\Phi$ had been and adopted a constitution on the model of Alpha Sigma Phi. Since then the Society has gone on in peace and harmony under a new motto of "Strength, Brotherly Support, and Mutual Kindness," ever striving to preserve the records and traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi in its bolder and truer existence, and hoping that its new life will be full and as illustrious as it was in its ancient prime.

Our class (1868) has spent \$800 in ornamenting and beautifying the Hall. Every window has been bricked up making all exit of sound impossible; while plenty of air is secured by a complete system of ventilators and conductors. The whole ceiling

and walls have been handsomely frescoed. A very fine stage (said to be the best in the college) has been constructed with all possible conveniences, where comedies and farces are occasionally enacted. The curtain represents a platform looking out into a river and grove, in which there is a temple; while overhead three cherubs are bringing down from heaven an Alpha Sigma Phi badge. I trust the meaning is perceptible to you. (The three founders of Alpha Sigma Phi, L.M.) The outer door is of oak, several inches thick, covered with thick iron plates on the outside, strongly riveted; this is painted black with the lintel white, and is strongly suggestive of the mystery attending the Society.

The Society is never spoken of in the presence of or to outsiders, but all within is love and harmony. We possess all the records of Alpha Sigma Phi excepting one volume that was stolen in the confusion. That only contained the records of the Classes of '65 and '66.

We have a book containing the full roll of members of Alpha Sigma Phi and I trust your suggestion will be speedily adopted concerning a printed catalogue.

The Hall is situated on the corner of College and Chapel Streets diagonally opposite South College. I sent a copy of the Songs of Alpha Sigma Phi. I believe all other things that you requested were sent by Mr. Goodrich.

I trust this little account will be partially satisfactory to you, and that you can pardon our long delay.

I cannot help thinking that your eagerness to write us as soon as the War closed and our tardiness in acknowledgement, is typical of the wish of the South for a fully-restored Union, and the coldness of the North in meeting its advances. I trust, however, that perfect harmony and true peace are not far distance. I remain with respect.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed): Sheldon T. Viele

I enclose a list of the newly-elected members from the next class.

Charleston, South Carolina
30th June, 1866

Sheldon T. Viele, Esq.
Yale College, New Haven, Conn.

My dear sir:

Your interesting communication of 2nd inst. reached me on 24th June, singularly enough the anniversary of the foundation

of Alpha Sigma Phi (founded 1846).

Please return my sincere thanks to the Society for this kind token of their remembrance, as also for the interest manifested in this matter.

From the deep attachment I naturally hold towards all pertaining to Alpha Sigma Phi, from its very birth, you can readily comprehend the degree of satisfaction with which I peruse your document, and how grateful to Divine Providence do I feel for our preservation up to the present moment, and onward march to prosperity and renown.

All undertakings, whether of greater or minor import, are apt at times to meet with reverses. Alpha Sigma Phi has proved no exception to this long established axiom; the more difficult of access the goal, the more to be cherished when attained; thus ten fold more firmly riveted to present Delta Beta Xi should our attachments become then prior to her late disturbance.

Founded upon the principles of Christianity and love; established on a firm basis, strengthened by the lapse of twenty anxious years; there is no longer the dread of premature decay. Upon this point our minds might justly rest at ease. A few early mementoes of Alpha Sigma Phi had been fondly cherished by me up to a recent period, but with numerous other valuable records, have perished during the war. I have preserved, however, one sacred emblem of our associations in the shape of the Pin (my constant companion), still retained as perfect as when originally from the moulder's hands. This pin was the first specimen made; worked under my own supervision and direction, and afterwards adopted by the Society as our outward symbol of recognition.

The termination of the earthly career of our former powerful rival, Kappa Sigma Theta, is noted with deep satisfaction. One of the most serious obstacles affecting our establishment was her unwelcome presence, shielded by a long retinue of numerous and influential friends (both in the faculty and out) bearing towards us naught but contempt, animosity, and bitter hatred. The thought has more than once flashed across my mind that most probably "Professor T. A. Thatcher" and others of the faculty might once have been members of our former rival. I can assure you that even in my day Thatcher was most deadly opposed to Alpha Sigma Phi and unfortun-

ately by his marriage with President Day's daughter his influence with the faculty was great.

As it may be of interest to the Fraternity to learn the welfare of those two early members mentioned in my communication of last year, viz: my valued friend S. Ormsby Rhead, Esq. of Clinton, East Feliciana, Louisiana; and Mr. H. S. Weiser of York, Pennsylvania, I shall at an early moment endeavor to procure some reliable information respecting the welfare of these two gentlemen and forward to Alpha Sigma Phi the result of my investigations.

I take pleasure in informing the Society that I am again permanently established at my home and would respectfully ask that my address, Charleston, South Carolina, be entered upon their books.

I would also most respectfully request that some safe and direct means of communicating with Alpha Sigma Phi be indicated, some lasting method which would not change from year to year, that in case of need remote members might be brought in contact with the Society. The dread of uncertain addresses is unpleasant.

My fervent prayers are, as ever, for the welfare and onward march of Alpha Sigma Phi now transformed in sound alone to Delta Beta Xi. You may, if you wish, read this before the Society and inform them that:

Throughout the deadly strife 'twixt North and South, whilst every binding tie between these hostile sections seem forever rent asunder; and heated blood with ire boiled in every Southern breast, I still remembered Alpha Sigma Phi. Above the raging strife of battle, a distant angel's form would flash upon my mind, and breathe such notes as these:

Some there are amongst your
enemies,

Far beyond the reach of hatred,
These you know, you feel are
friends.

Yes! Indeed! My loving comrades!!
Thus I've often said, and felt:
Mortal strife can never sever,
Binding ties of — Sigma Phi.

And now, my dear sir, for your own burthensome task in addressing me so lengthened and valuable a communication in the midst of important classical duties; and for the pamphlet of interesting Society songs, duly received, please accept my utmost thanks.



Trusting it may not be the last time you favor me with a line during your collegiate career, with deep regard and pleasure.

Yours in the bonds of Alpha Sigma Phi,
Louis Manigault

Reference is made in the following letter to the organization in 1846 of Phi Theta Psi as a sophomore society under the sponsorship of the junior society of Psi Upsilon. This action followed the elections that spring in which most members of Alpha Sigma Phi were elected to Delta Kappa Epsilon, another junior society. The letter also explains the occasion for the change in name of Alpha Sigma Phi to Delta Beta Xi.

Durham, Connecticut
11th August, 1865

Louis Manigault, Esq.
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 31st came to hand yesterday having been forwarded from New Haven, and it is needless for me to tell you of the pleasure which it gives to me to see such an expression of interest in old — Sigma Phi from a former member. I am equally sorry that the information which I am to give you relative to the Society is not of a similar nature. First, then, I am a member of the Class of '66, and consequently have just finished my junior and am soon to commence my senior year. I am also a ΔKE man, which fact by the changes of fortune which have lately placed Delta Kappa Epsilon at the head and Psi Upsilon at the foot "excuse my prejudice" thus giving to the former a strong majority in Alpha Sigma Phi and leaving the latter

It was in answer to this caricature of the Badge, appearing in the October, 1847, issue of the Kappa Sigma Theta Society's BANGER that the TOMAHAWK first made its appearance one month later in November, 1847. The BANGER contained these comments: "Alpha Sigma Phi, a raft almost wrecked by the waves it is unable to stem with fallen mast and a few sailors half drowned, crying out 'Save, we lubbers perish.'" It is due to this Society to remark, that they have shown great judgment in the selection of their badge. Nothing could be more appropriate. Our heart yearns in pity over these adventurous navigators, who have dared to launch a frail raft upon the waves of college life in midst of so many staunch and noble vessels."

to found a new Society exclusively Psi Upsilon, gives me an especial interest in the Society into which I was initiated with twenty-six others of my class in which I passed so many pleasant hours.

But Alpha Sigma Phi though injured by having become the battleground of junior societies yet retaining its ancient position as the honorary Society of sophomore year, and universally admitted superiority over its so called rival, has been rather hardly used by the faculty.

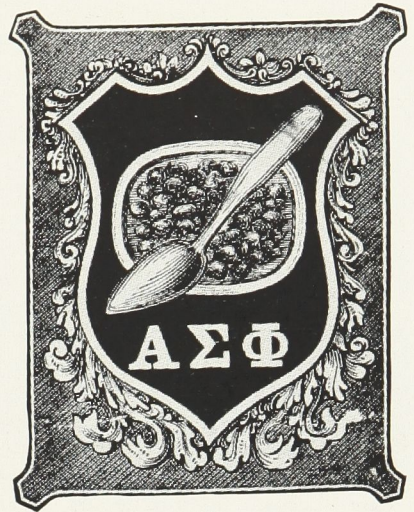
They were down on the institution (most unreasonably) and (to make the long story of its misfortune short) forbid as of 1866 to initiate the elected members of '67. For a time it seemed as if the old Society must fall for its rival had suddenly sprung into existence and it would have been useless to have attempted to run the Society in absolute secrecy, without badge and unknown to the college world. As a last resort a compromise was effected and in consideration of a pledge not to admit any intoxicating liquors to the Hall, the Society was permitted to renew its former existence after a torpor of three months. It was compelled by the faculty through Tommy Thatcher's influence to give up its old name and now on the same pin the letters ΔΒΞ are inscribed.

It is known to all college as old Alpha Sigma Phi. It is the boast of its members that it is such. Some even wear the former pins, and in its Hall is inscribed on the one side Delta Beta Xi; on the other Alpha Sigma Phi.

All old members of Alpha Sigma Phi are members of Delta Beta Xi, and I hope that you will consider yourself as such and feel the same interest in Beta Xi as in Sigma Phi. Its motto is:

Power, Force of Mind, Force of
Eloquence,
Assistance, Rescue, Aid, Support
The Tie of Hospitality

This burlesque of the Badge, pasted in Manigault's Volume appeared in the November 7, 1849 issue of Kappa Sigma Theta's BANGER with these comments: "The badge of Alpha Sigma Phi represents that society as being composed of "A small fry" of very small potatoes, dished up with a wooden spoon. They are too contemptible to deserve further notice at our hands." In a letter to a member of Delta Beta Xi in 1866 Manigault states: "The termination of the earthly career of our former powerful rival, Kappa Sigma Theta, is noted with deep satisfaction."



Such *is* not *in* the history of the misfortunes of Sigma Phi, but the old institution still survived in spirit and in truth. If then you desire to communicate with the Society I should be most happy to be your medium.

I reside in New Haven and anything forwarded to me would be in perfect safety in my home (even if I were not at the time there) and would be presented by me with most scrupulous fidelity to the Society.

You must pardon me if I seem partisan in my remarks relative to Psi Upsilon and the second sophomore Society, but its foundation by those who failed an election to Alpha Sigma Phi make it neither an honor to its founders and members, nor to Psi Upsilon in their intimate connection.

Hoping then that you may see fit to forward your communication so that I may present it to the Society at an early hour next term or that at least I may hear from you in the interval,

I remain yours in Alpha Sigma Phi,
Edward E. Goodrich

Augusta, Georgia
21st August, 1865

Edward E. Goodrich, Esq.
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Sir:

Having been requested several years ago to transcribe to paper what might prove of interest hereafter and worthy of preservation among the archives of Alpha Sigma Phi, viz: earliest records and statistics of said Society, I have thus far deemed it advisable to wait rather the lapse of time whereby to determine whether the object of my profound attachment would be classed thereafter as a bright success or a sad and gloomy failure.

Nearly twenty years have now elapsed since the birth of the Society and prosperity yet smiled upon us. It having so pleased our Heavenly Father to spare my life up to the present period, I feel it a duty to comply to the flattering demands

long since made; and offer the manuscript already forwarded you to the members of Alpha Sigma Phi. (The copy of this manuscript is the first document in this book).

Not having visited New Haven since 1847, and spending several years in Europe, and beyond the limits of the United States, I have been cut off in great measure from Alpha Sigma Phi. During the summer of 1862, whilst sojourning a few weeks in the mountains of upper Georgia (whither I had gone for the benefit of my health, with my wife and children) I chanced to make the acquaintance of a young and pleasing lady (Miss Anna Clay, of Bryan County, Georgia) who having just left New Haven the previous year, had been presented with Alpha Sigma Phi papers and printed songs and spoke of the Society in the most glowing terms.

Those ever-cherished symbols at once caught my eye and cheered my drooping spirits; cut off too at that period this war from every communication with the outer world. Since then I have cherished a more vivid desire to learn the welfare of Alpha Sigma Phi and I now hasten to reopen my former correspondence with the first sounds of peace. It would be rendering me a marked favor did the secretary of the Society inform me of the reception of the document forwarded you per express directing to the care of the RS's Habersham, Esq. Savannah, Georgia, likewise that he favor me with a copy of any paper or printed document emanating from Alpha Sigma Phi.

The idea has at times flashed across my mind that in time a catalogue of all members of Alpha Sigma Phi from its origin

will prove of interest and that it will be printed every five or ten years. The year 1867 would be quite appropriate for the first catalogue.

I must now return you my sincere thanks for your kind letter of the 11th Inst., together with the highly interesting and graphic account of the present status of Alpha Sigma Phi, all of which has duly come to hand.

Within please find \$10.00 in U.S. currency (greenbacks). I would be very thankful to become the possessor of a Society pin of the new form. You could send it per express. Should it cost more, please let me know and I shall at once forward you the amount due. If less; obtain for me the last Yale College catalogue of Alumni, and copies of the reports of the secretary of the Class of 1849, for the years 1859 and '64. Professor Timothy Dwight will furnish you these.

It might be of interest for you to know that I still preserve the pin which first bore the letters $\Lambda\Sigma\Phi$, the entire device having been my own. Although this is saved still during the war I have (with thousands of others) experienced some serious losses. A library of valuable works (most of which had been collected by myself in various quarters of the globe) perished in my plantation residence which was committed to the flames. A large and complete collection of Yale literary magazines, college pamphlets, poems, catalogues and historys, and last but not least, letters from early members of Alpha Sigma Phi have been swept from existence by the cruel hand of war.

From the above, my dear sir, you see that although the cares natural to a married man's career and the peculiarity of the times, cause me to reflect seriously upon the stern realities of life; I yet find a moment or two to recall to mind the Society in which have been spent happy moments of my earlier days. I am now however far otherwise in position (as far as my pecuniary affairs are concerned) than when I bid adieu to the classic halls of Yale, with the entire world before me and a bright and happy future in store.

With the liberty of the African, I see no future for the South, and when too late for remedy the error may be found out. All of this however I care not, in our most friendly correspondence, to discuss nor even mention. With the almost perfect equality of the black to the white man, I (and all of

my friends) lose everything; and from opulence and ease we are now reduced without warning to penury want and at times starvation itself stares my family in the face. It now depends upon the future policy of the U.S. Government toward the Negro whether he will work or not. Thus far all tends to the negative. In our low malarial swamp lands, during the summer months no white man can live there. This is sad indeed for us rice planters. I think as little as possible of these subjects but find at times it is almost impossible to prevent my thoughts from drifting in that direction.

I think I shall be perfectly satisfied if my life is spared and that I may possess the means to send my son to school and then to Yale College, where I should be proud to have him initiated into all the mysteries of Alpha Sigma Phi. God grant that it be so; when I shall have been favored far more than I have any reason to expect.

A copy of the manuscript forwarded you per express is preserved among my papers in case then of the loss of the original the duplicate can be furnished.

In writing hereafter please address me at Charleston, South Carolina.

Believe me, my dear sir, your friend in Alpha Sigma Phi,

Louis Manigault

Charleston, South Carolina
17th July, 1849

Henry H. Jessup, Esq.
Member of Alpha Sigma Phi Society
Yale College
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Without the honor of your personal acquaintance, I take the liberty of addressing you a few lines upon a topic doubtless of as deep concern to you as it is to myself. I allude to the Alpha Sigma Phi Society.

Having ever cherished the deepest attachment with strong hopes for the final success of this Society, from my connection with it in its earliest days; and again having just returned to the United States after a lengthened tour in various parts of Europe, I have in a great degree "lost the run" of Society politics.

It is true my friend Mr. H. S. Weiser has informed me of the prosperous condition of our affairs; but the chief object of the present is to call the attention of the Society to consider how best it could so be

regulated that I might from year to year be furnished with copies of any papers emanating from Alpha Sigma Phi, as also to receive a brief report of the condition of the Society. Mr. Weiser has lately furnished me a copy of the TOMAHAWK which has thrown much light upon Society affairs.

And, again; whenever a catalogue of the members of Alpha Sigma Phi should appear, I would respectfully request to be furnished with a copy.

As year succeeds year and class follows class, the bright insignia of Alpha Sigma Phi will yet remain to shine forth in brilliancy in glorious Yale, to whom then can I address myself for information respecting Alpha Sigma Phi, after the termination of the present year; when all of my classmates and friends shall have bid adieu to the classic halls of Yale?

Please call the attention of the Society to the above and to their kind consideration?

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, dear sir, your friend in Alpha Sigma Phi.

Louis Manigault
Class of '49

Yale College
1st August, 1849

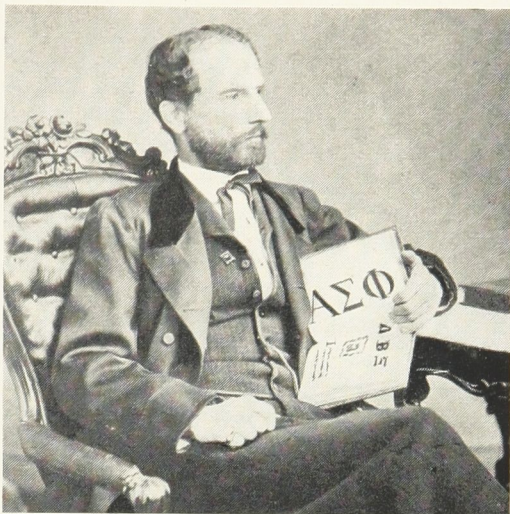
Louis Manigault, Esq.
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter of the 17th instant coming from one to whom the Alpha Sigma Phi Society has always looked up to as a father and a founder and from whom we hardly expected ever to receive a word of advice or encouragement was received, let me assure you on behalf of the Society, with a most heart-felt gratitude, and to your inquiries with regard to the present prosperity of the glorious fraternity in accordance with your request I beg leave to reply.

Since the conduct of the Society was transmitted by its founders to the Class of 1850, its history has been one of uninterrupted prosperities; and not withstanding the unceasing efforts of our rival to frown us down, we have finally succeeded in gaining a victory over her, from which she can not recover without a desperate struggle.

In our Class (1851) the Kappa Sigma Theta Society was one far superior to us in point of numbers, but as far as regards the requisite qualities for rendering Society intercourse pleasant and social as well



Yours in the Bonds of Α·Σ·Φ
Louis Manigault

This picture of Manigault taken in 1869 and his signature appear as the frontispiece of the Manuscript Volume.

as profitable, we have never felt disposed to yield to them the palm. Relying upon the superiority in numbers and trusting to the pristine dignity of their Society, they took it for granted that the coming sophomore class would flock to their standard without the least hesitation and leave Alpha Sigma Phi "in the lurch." But while they slumbered and slept, an enemy bound them hand and foot and much to the astonishment of the venerable Kappa Sigma Theta the flower of the Class of '52 are members of the Alpha Sigma Phi Society.

To tell the truth, Alpha Sigma Phi has given them one of the severest chastisements that one college society is capable of inflicting upon another. The class scholarship and a majority of the mathematical and translation prizes were born off by Alpha Sigma Phi men. The poets (!) scholars, and best men of the Class in every respect all wear the coat of arms of Alpha Sigma Phi. *The oak wreath seal.*

The Hall of the Society, as perhaps you have been informed, had been removed from its former location to Smith's Building to the corner of Chapel and Temple Streets. It is a fine room and it has been refitted by our class in a very superior manner. The same carpet, however, which has occupied the floor of the Society from its first institution down to the present time with so

much dignity and for which the Society will ever hold you in grateful remembrance still remains, but little "worse for wear." The Society song to the tune of Old Lang Syne, a copy of which is enclosed was written by Francis M. Finch of your class. (He was a fine man and the poet of the Class, L. M.) I must ask your pardon for so long a delay in replying to your letter as it was necessary to refer your proposition to the Society before any action could be taken upon it. The extreme heat of the weather had rendered it impracticable to hold meetings lately and consequently last Saturday was the first opportunity I have had to call the attention of the Society to your communication. It was read before the Society, and it was of course most heartedly responded to. The action of the Society upon the occasion is contained in the following resolution.

At a regular meeting of Alpha Sigma Phi held 28th July, 1849, it was resolved, "That the Society have listened with pleasure to that expression of continued interest and warm attachment to Alpha Sigma Phi from one of its founders and as a token of our acknowledgment in regard to one who bore so conspicuous a part in the founding and permanent establishment of our Society, that a copy of all the printed papers and catalogues of Alpha Sigma Phi be sent on their publication, to Mr. Louis Manigault; and that the last president of each class be directed to write this gentleman a letter indicative of our prosperity and position, so long as he may desire it." AΣΦ

This resolution is to be recorded in the constitution books of the Society and you depend upon its fulfillment to the letter. If at any time during the coming year you wish to address a letter to the Society, please direct to W. W. Crapo.

With the best wishes for the future success and for the continued success and final triumph of our beloved Society.

I remain, Sir, with the greatest respect
Yours in the bonds of Alpha Sigma Phi
Henry H. Jessup

Mr. Henry Harris Jessup graduated in 1851.

Yale College
1st of January, 1851

Louis Manigault, Esq.
Charleston, South Carolina

Wishing you a happy New Year, I respectfully touch my beaver and make an

appropriate bow for past delinquency and introduce myself as an ex-officio member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Society. I entered the Class of 1852 at the Commencement of the Sophomore year and near the close of the first term was initiated into the mysteries and secrets of Alpha Sigma Phi, from a connection with which I enjoyed many rare literary entertainments and rich literary advantages. The year passed in perfect harmony, each vieing with the other in honest rivalry; each striving to promote the best interests of the whole. It was our mutual endeavor to guard well our Society's interest and add new honors to its name. And this success crowned our efforts, even beyond our most sanguine hopes.

Of college honors, I need mention but a single instance of the many. Of the fifteen prizes on English composition awarded to the members of the two Sophomore Societies, ours drew twelve; Kappa Sigma Theta three.

In the graduating class of '50 the valedictorian by scholarship; the class valedictorian by election; and the three valedictory orators in the large Societies were all from Alpha Sigma Phi. Thus again and again fell Kappa Sigma Theta's long cherished hopes, while Alpha Sigma Phi crowned with the laurels of victory came forth with cheering hopes for the future.

The well-known reputation of our Society, and the high literary inducements it offered rendered an electioneering contest with our would-be rival, more than needless. We had but to select our men, propose to them an election to membership, and find our propositions immediately accepted.

And thus when time came for separation, although we sorrowed at leaving the scenes of so many endearments, yet we felt an inward satisfaction; a joy and a pleasure in transmitting so noble a prize to those so well deserving it. Thus far in the present collegiate year, prosperity has attended them. After an unusual delay the Banger has appeared, a copy of which I send you. The term was so far gone when it was issued that it was thought best to delay publishing the "Tommyhawk" til the commencement of the next term. It is now ready for the press and will be issued soon after the college comes together. I will see that a copy is forwarded to you. In conclusion then permit me to say that a grateful remembrance of yourself as one of the founders and as the benefactor of our be-

loved Fraternity is, and I trust ever will be, cherished by every member.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

James A. Wood, Class of '52

Mr. James A. Wood graduated in 1852.

Alpha Sigma Phi Hall

Saturday the 20th of September, 1851

Louis Manigault, Esq.

Charleston, South Carolina

Sir:

In accordance with an established custom of this Society, I herewith forward a copy of the songs and the bill of fare for our recent initiation supper.

For my negligence for not before performing this duty, I can give no excuse but my own thoughtlessness. I hope, however, that this will be overlooked. The Society is in a very flourishing condition.

I remain, Sir, with great respect

Your obedient servant,

Adrian Van Linderen, 1st Secretary

Alpha Sigma Phi Society for

Class of '54

Mr. Adrian Van Linderen graduated 1854. This communication was received 22nd February, 1852, having just reached Charleston after my lengthened sojourn in China and South America.

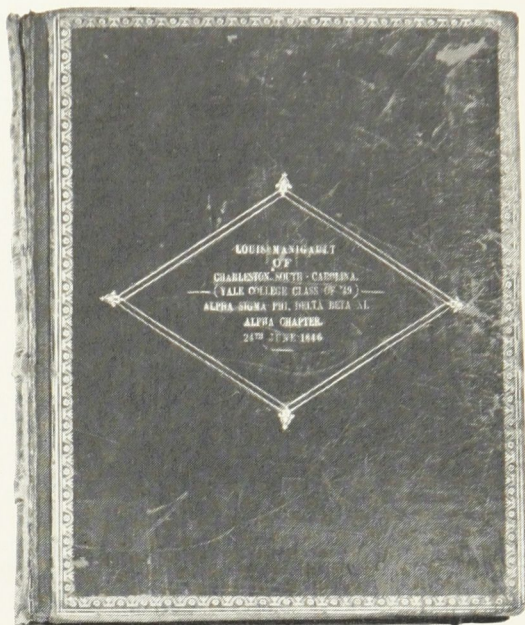
Extracts from letters; Louis Manigault
to H. S. Weiser, New Haven.

Charleston, South Carolina
1st June, 1849

You can well imagine, my dear Horace, the marked pleasure I experienced in perusing your long and interesting letter coming from an old friend like yourself with whom I have spent so many happy college days. It was with sadness however, I learned that such had been your health, you were at last compelled to abandon your studies at Yale. No doubt, however, the step is a wise one for my own experience goes to prove that unless a young man is blessed with a sound constitution, he runs a great risk of ruining his health with a close application to study so essential during those long four years at Yale. In my own case deeply as I shall ever lament through life the non-registration of my name amongst the "graduati in Artibus, Collegii, Yalensis" after having braved the storm for two years; perhaps the course I persued was the most prudent. My recent extended European tour having proved of the utmost benefit not only mentally but physically.

Only a few days after my last letter to you, I met Ben Rutledge who gave me much information about your plans and movements and mentioned your declining health and your departure soon from New Haven.

All of your remarks touching the Alpha Sigma Phi Society are of the most gratifying nature. Upon this topic (if on no other) your feelings are my own. To think that all of our college labor in the arduous task of founding a Society has not proved vain, but on the contrary that the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity still stands with her glorious and mystical insignia untarnished. I pray God that she may yet survive her cruel and unjust attacks to transmit to future generations her literary renown. During my recent sojourn in Italy and Greece, treading those classic spots, the abodes of all the ancient Greek and Latin authors; and then again in Egypt, with its monumental stones covered with hieroglyphics known alone to the initiated; my thoughts would invariably bear me back to our Society and I trembled for her fate. Yet in her very infancy, with opposition on every side and even members of the faculty heart and soul against us; I thought our case doubtful. But it has been otherwise. Sir Ormsby (we call Rhea this at times) left college so soon that you and I had more than our allotted share of duty to perform. Well, if a success so much the more glory. Suffice it to say that had he remained at New Haven his entire attention, energy, and skill would have been devoted to the Cause. It seems almost incredible the success which has thus far crowned Alpha Sigma Phi with already the most talented members of three classes enrolled upon her books. In reflecting upon the Society affairs I trust you will consider my sentiments regarding such topic as unchanged by time. Should our treasury stand in need of funds or the Society require other assistance; I am ready as always to assist her, as far as my limited means will permit. As you are well aware, whilst at college, my sole thoughts were for the advancement of our Cause and do you remember upon our first being established what a source of irritation and bitter mortification it was to me when the new carpet (my parting gift to the Hall) was made one foot too narrow by the stupid man whilst my sudden departure for Europe did not afford me time to remedy the evil. Now that we three are separated and you remain the last of the founders at



Yale, I am curious to know whether my memoranda or record has been preserved amongst the archives of the Society tending to throw light upon the peculiar manner of its origin. *This is apparently another undiscovered document written in 1845 or 1846 telling of the Founding of Alpha Sigma Phi.* I have a faint recollection of some such entry, but it struck me as not sufficiently graphic for transmission to future classes. Such documents become far more interesting and of greater value with the advancement of years, and when also the principal actors have gone down to the tomb; and yet if the chief parties do not chronicle them, none other can so well accomplish the task. I am pleased to hear from you that the founders are remembered regarding the likenesses of which you speak (these were of Rhea, Manigault, and Weiser) I fear that it is almost too late to accomplish your idea. Rhea could not be procured, far away as he now is from any town, whilst on the other hand to have carried out the idea; the three should have been in one picture. Time, however, might remedy this and hereafter if nothing better can be accomplished a good daguerreotype of each of us might be taken, forwarded to Alpha Sigma Phi, and these in turn might be transformed to canvas whilst we can assist in defraying the expense. Please forward me a copy of the last number of the paper known in college as the Tomahawk. Do not forget? And also the last college

catalogue. You will be pleased to know that your letter gave me the first information of college affairs since my departure from Yale and accept for it my warmest thanks (I deeply regret in 1867 the loss of Mr. Weiser's letter during the war, together with numerous other college documents) Let me know who is the corresponding secretary of the Alpha Sigma Phi Society for the present year that I might be able to communicate with him. In fact, write me all about our Society; for although far away, still I am, and ever will be, as long as the banner of Alpha Sigma Phi continues to wave, one of her supporting columns and a pillar of this glorious Fraternity. I hear now and then from Rhea. He writes; his thoughts are now engaged in the matrimonial line, and that he is actively occupied in a courting expedition the object in view being some charming Louisiana damsel. You know he was always fond of lady's society.

Charleston, South Carolina
7th September, 1849

Horace S. Weiser, Esq.
York, Pennsylvania

My dear friend:

Your kind favor of the third Inst. having just reached me I hasten to reply to your question. I thank you for the positive information of your final Adieu to New Haven; and I agree with you perfectly in your suggestion viz: that as we are both upon the same footing at present in being away from Yale, each having an equal advantage of hearing from Alpha Sigma Phi; our own correspondence need not be as extended as heretofore. We shall in future write each other only in case of either receiving important news from Alpha Sigma Phi or some such affair of importance.

So, for the present, Adieu! My friend! May God bless you! In your onward career through life; and may His infinite mercies be showered upon our Alpha Sigma Phi, that she may continue to prosper for many a generation to come; gaining for herself a glorious renown amongst the honorary associations of Yale College.

S. Ormsby Rhea to Louis Manigault
Rhea was my most intimate friend whilst at College Point and at Yale.

Yale College
25th August, 1846

Mr. Louis Manigault
New York

Dear Louis:

I promised to write to you today and accordingly I hasten to fulfill the engagement. I called at Kirby and Browns at 11:00 o'clock A.M. and had a long confabulation with Kirby about **That Thing**. (This was the Alpha Sigma Phi pin made under the supervision of Rhea and myself). I told him that we must have the address of the man who was at work with the die. He answered that he would give it to me if I would call at 2:00 o'clock P.M. He also mentioned that he had a letter ready for you yesterday at 12:00, but that he was absent when you called. I again visited the aforesaid firm of Kirby and Browns at 2:00 and this time conversation was with Brown. This man said that he had put the letter somewhere, he knew not where. I requested him to give me the address of the workman so that I could send it to you. His reply was, "I expect the die will come tonight by the Express and if it does not I will send a letter to Mr. Manigault." I gave him your address, but I do not in the least expect that he will do as he promises. He says that he will send you the said letter by tonight's mail. I shall make it my special business to call him every day, as long as I remain here, and hurry him on as much as possible. If anything new occurs relative to the said **Thing**, I will write to you again.

A few weeks after the above was written, Rhea left New Haven for his home near Clinton, East Feliciana, Louisiana. His next letter gives a lengthened and graphic account of his once more having reached his happy Louisiana. My extracts, however, are those touching alone Alpha Sigma Phi affairs.

Bayou, LaFourche, 20th November, 1846

Also please pay Kirby and Brown for my Alpha Sigma Phi pin, and yourself for my initiation fee and 50c which you gave me to pay the express for your pin which I took to New York myself and sent back to New Haven by Wallace Ward because Mr. Morris was absent. I have asked this favor of you because I know that you are punctual and particular in everything;

moreover because **you are the secretary of our Society**, and therefore the person appointed for collecting the Society dues, but for the last but not least reason I hold you as a good and sincere friend. You must be certain to write to me on the receipt of this and tell me something about our Society.

Magnolia Forest, Louisiana
27th May, 1847

A letter of eight closely written pages full of kind remembrances. He continues; after speaking of the sale of his furniture, left behind in New Haven, and the payment of his just debts entrusted to my care; for the execution for which he furnished me with ample funds:

But I will trouble you no more, just as you have acted in relation to it, (this was referring to the sale of his Secretary and bookcase) so let it be, whatever satisfies you contents me. If you have done nothing with it and are at a loss what to do you can sell it if you wish and **devote the proceeds to the good of Alpha Sigma Phi** . . . Now for Alpha Sigma Phi, the very thought of which gladdens me. Is she in a flourishing condition? I am certain she is (it could not be otherwise) and she will continue to be so until old Yale shall be no more. She will ever be the brightest ornament not only to Yale but to Society and her Country. Her sons shall receive from her hands the grace, eloquence, and lore of deep learning that will render them capable of filling any station in life. **You spoke well** when you said it would be very interesting (a few years hence) to look back upon Alpha Sigma Phi and say, "**We were the founders of that Society.**" The retrospection will indeed be a source of deepest interest and pleasure. Be cautious and prudent, Louis, at every step you take, for our Society is yet in its tender state, and its success greatly depends upon us. I say us but unfortunately I am no longer there to contribute my humble assistance, and therefore you must be doubly watchful for we the founders are, as it were, the pillars upon which it rests, and when once we give way the Society must inevitably fall. I must again **warn you and Horace**, and beg you to use every precaution to prevent any rash motion or resolution which might be detrimental to the Society from being carried or at least from taking effect. Use eloquence and art and you will surely prevail. I must now cease from my strain for my imagination is be-

coming too free, (it will be noticed here the similar tendency of mind of Manigault and Rhea) and her onward flight must be stopped, but before this is done I must bestow a short but heart-felt benediction in behalf of our beloved Society.

May her benign influence enlighten the minds of her sons, and peace, order, and friendship reign supreme among them (for these are the bonds which uphold everything) and may she ever be the brightest gem that adorns the diadem of Yale.

Her anniversary I shall ever hail and celebrate with joy, for on that glorious day with pleasure I will quaff the sparkling mellow "quadrimum merum" in honor and to the success of Alpha Sigma Phi. And you and Horace too must join me in the frolic and in order that we may arrange it in such a manner that it will be the same as if we were together. We will adopt "Old Billy's" plan (Old Billy is Dr. William Muhlenburgh of College Point). You recollect when the session ended, he told the boys during vacation to repair every evening at 7:00 to their rooms and read their Bibles and say their prayers and that he would hold service in the chapel at the same time, and by this means they would hold communion together and it would be the same as if they were all in the chapel together. Therefore you and Horace and whoever of the members you wish, on the **night of the 24th of June** at eight o'clock must repair to the Temple, walk into one of those small rooms, shut the door to keep intruders out, take your seats beside a table you will find within, call for your wines and cigars and enjoy yourselves. I will go through the same ceremony there, and thus you see we will all be together, celebrating that glorious anniversary. I am in earnest, you must not fail . . .

You wished to know if you could sign my name for me in the new constitution book. Certainly, my friend! Anything you think right to do for your absent friend will meet with his approbation. You also wished me to write the Preamble, which I did in as fine a style as I possibly could, and short according to your directions. It was enclosed in that letter of mine to you which was lost, but if you will answer this soon and tell me if it is not too late I will write another with pleasure (when the new constitution book was prepared and upon

receipt of this letter, I signed my friend, Rhea's name the **very first** in the book, my own next). I wish you could send me a copy of the new constitution. I should like you to give me a full account of the Initiatory Ceremony . . . Tell Horace about the 24th of June, he, I am certain, will join in the frolic, for I know he likes a little fun . . . I must leave many things unsaid, but will not forget to thank you for the catalogue and copy of the stamp you sent me. The stamp I shall ever keep with care looks very neat and is prettier than that of any of the Societies. *The stamp is the Oak Wreath Seal.*

Rhea's next letter is dated from his plantation (Monterey) 15th March, 1850, and was received by me when on the eve of my departure for China. I answered it in New York 6th May, 1850. His valuable letter does not touch upon Alpha Sigma Phi topics; but although with thoughts deeply absorbed in future agricultural proceedings he bids me "Farewell on my long voyage" and signs himself "With esteem and regard, your friend, classmate and Brother in Alpha Sigma Phi."

Mr. Rhea was married about 10th June, 1859, when he sent me this card from Baton Rouge. *The card is pasted in the volume.*

At the termination of our war, I made every endeavor to obtain information respecting the welfare of Mr. Rhea and wrote to various parties in Louisiana concerning him.

After a lengthened state of anxiety on my part with no tidings whatever regarding him; on 15th August, 1866, I was greeted with the following letter which although not relating to Alpha Sigma Phi still I insert in full as of interest.

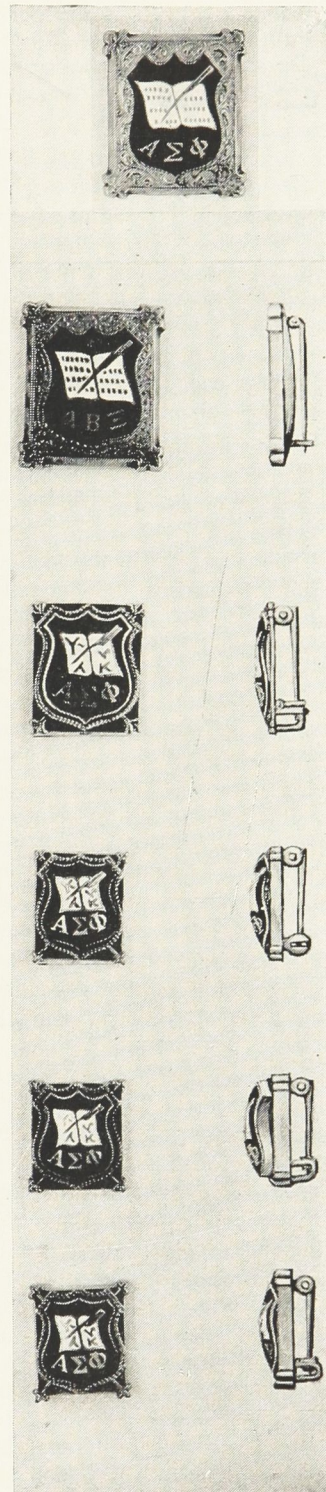
East Feliciana, Louisiana
7th August, 1866

Mr. Louis Manigault
Charleston, South Carolina

My dear friend:

You cannot conceive of the pleasure and surprise experienced by one of hearing from you at the lapse of so many years. If you remember the last letter received by me was dated someplace in China and in it you promised to write again soon and let me know where to direct my answer. Never having heard from you since I had mourned for you as having been shipwrecked and

gone to that "far off country from whose bourn no traveler returns." In 1857 I went to Charleston in the pleasing anticipation of meeting you, and enjoying for a time the pleasure of social intercourse. I called at your residence; the servant informed me that the family were in France; my disappointment was great but leaving my card found the consolation of traveling among the White Mountains and spending a few months in Canada. I was absent six months and returned home by another route. Your communication was not received until today, otherwise it would have been answered immediately. It was taken from the post office by one of my brothers who lived near Clinton and sent by him to me by the first opportunity. In this way its receipt was delayed. I am now planting cotton, my plantation is about fifteen miles from Clinton, nearer the Mississippi River and about three miles from Jackson, Louisiana. During the greater part of the time the war continued I was in Alabama and did not get home until October last. The land and improvements alone remained. It being within ten miles of Fort Hudson was abandoned when that place was invested, except by a few old Negroes. The stock, furniture, and everything else that was valuable was stolen. I have, however, hired some of the Negroes who formerly belonged to me and have now a prospect of making a living. I had the great misfortune during the first year of the War of losing my wife and am now a widower with a very intelligent little boy six years of age. A visit from you would afford me much gratification. It would renew old associations and recall agreeable reminiscences; can't you come and spend a few months, we are having a lively time at present, notwithstanding the sad havoc of war visible everywhere, against which our people bear up amazingly. The order of the day here is to recuperate from losses sustained by industry and application interluded by festivals of different kinds; weddings, dancing parties, and barbecues. In a few days I will attend "Deo volente" a social gathering for which occasion thousands (or should I say in classical language) Hecatombs of beeves, sheep, and swine will be slaughtered for the enjoyment for the



At the top is a model of the Original Badge designed by Louis Manigault. The next was used from 1864 to June 2, 1875 by Delta Beta Xi. Third is the 1907 model, and the lower three are the 1909 model made respectively by the Ford Company, the D. L. Auld Company, and since 1922 exclusively by the L. G. Balfour Company. The Badge cost six dollars in 1846 and costs seven dollars (plus tax) today.

many that may attend. A fine band of music has been engaged to discourse sweet harmony and during the evening many a light fantastic toe will tread in the mazy dance. "Bacchus" and Terpsichore" will be presiding Deities. You can come all the way here by rail and river communication without the least interruption. Come to New Orleans via Mobile, land at Port Hudson, there take the carts and in an hour you will be put on my place. I suppose you visited in your travels the scenes described in the classical authors, whose works we studied so hard to master at Yale College. Did you not while sailing o'er the "wine-coloured" Aegean Sea or musing in the streets of the renowned Athens, recall to mind the mighty heroes who flourish on Homer's pages? (Whilst in Rome and Athens, although just from the classic halls of Yale, and with the conscientious satisfaction of having devoted myself to my studies as far as health, strength, energy, and capability would allow I felt sadly my extreme ignorance of all pertaining to ancient history. L.M.)

But I must change the theme, for I begin to imagine that we are again at college, living o'er the scenes once passed through. But second thought reveals the fact that you and I are verging the meridian of life. This reflection naturally introduces the inquiries: Are you married? How many dear little ones climb your knees "the envied kiss to share." Do you know the fate of any of our college friends: Horace Weiser, Rutledge, Waters, Gadsden, and others?

In 1855 Horace spent three months with me, in his last letter some years since he said that he was practicing law in some town in Iowa, the name of which I have forgotten. He was at that time unmarried.

I shall always be glad to hear from you. **My feelings of esteem and friendship have undergone no change from the flight of years.** Address your letters to me at Jackson, Louisiana. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain truly your friend

S. Ormsby Rhea

East Feliciana, Louisiana
July 10th, 1867

A most interesting communication from which the following extract is taken:

You promised to send me some extracts from the Society documents appertaining to our much esteemed Alpha Sigma Phi.

They would indeed be very acceptable, as also all information on matters relating thereto. I am anxious to know why the faculty changed its symbolical letters, and by what right. Any documents and packages you wish to send can be forwarded by express to New Orleans to care of my merchants: Messrs. D. R. Carroll & Company, 133 Gravier Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and they will deliver them safely to me.

On 30th of July, 1867, I forwarded per mail to care of the above named gentlemen for Mr. Rhea the following documents: Viele's original record of Alpha Sigma Phi, copied in this book page 11. Goodrich's, page 23, pamphlet printed songs. Report of Class of '49, Yale College, by Timothy Dwight, the class secretary for 1859. Report of class of '49 Yale College, by Timothy Dwight, class secretary for 1864.

Charleston, South Carolina
9th November, 1867

Messrs. D. R. Carroll & Company
133 Gravier Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

On 30th July last I forwarded per mail to your care a parcel containing valuable papers, the property of Mr. S. Ormsby Rhea of Clinton, Louisiana. Although favored with a letter from you bearing date 1st August I have received no tidings of Mr. Rhea since mailing the above mentioned documents, and await with anxiety a communication from him touching this matter. Please inform me whether my tidings of the above named gentleman have of late reached you and which would be my safest method of communicating with him.

Remaining, gentlemen, yours very respectfully,
Louis Manigault.

ΑΣΦ Anniversary Song (24th June, 1849)
composed by Francis M. Finch, poet of the
Class of '49. Tune: Auld Lang Syne.

Oh! Swell the song, the jovial song
Til wall and welkin ring;
For smiles and music here belong,
As flowers attend the spring!
Hope's warmest smiles are near us now,
And pleasure's bark is nigh;
Then let us all in reverence bow,
To Alpha Sigma Phi.

Chorus:
To Alpha Sigma Phi my boys!
To Alpha Sigma Phi

There's nothing in this world of ours,
Like Alpha Sigma Phi.

Let tutors, profs, and president,
Hurl warnings at our heads;
Let us but sleep and we're content,
They dare not steal our beds.
We'll sleep and eat and laugh and sing,
At least, my boys we'll try;
For naught care we a fiddle string,
Save Alpha Sigma Phi.

Chorus:

To Alpha Sigma Phi my boys!
To Alpha Sigma Phi
There's nothing in this world of ours,
Like Alpha Sigma Phi.

Oh! Things are but an arrant cheat,
And wealth an infant toy;
And rosy lips and ankles neat,
Cause more of grief than joy.
Then let us swell the jovial song,
The cup of bliss fill nigh;
And may we all remember long,
Old Alpha Sigma Phi.

Chorus:

To Alpha Sigma Phi my boys!
To Alpha Sigma Phi
There's nothing in this world of ours,
Like Alpha Sigma Phi.

Charleston, South Carolina
11th July, 1866

Horace S. Weiser, Esq.
Decorah, Winnesheik Co., Iowa

Dear Horace:

I was much pleased to learn through your brother at York that you were well and at present engaged in banking business in Iowa.

After long silence of twenty years and with the conclusion of our War, I am still in the enjoyment of good health, being a married man with two children. During these many years since our college days I have thought frequently of you, and of our early connection with Alpha Sigma Phi, and it is very pleasing to know that our Society is yet in full blast at Yale College. You may be aware, however, that about a year ago owing to some difficulty with the faculty of the College, the name of the Society had to be changed. It is now known to the outside world as the Delta Beta Xi, everything else, however, remaining as when you and I were at College.

At the termination of our Struggle, I addressed a letter to Alpha Sigma Phi and

received a satisfactory reply bearing the above information.

Concerning our old friend, Rhea, I have heard nothing for many years, but of late have addressed a letter to Clinton, East Feliciana, La.; which I trust will throw some light upon whether he still lives, or has perished on the field of Battle.

I do not deem it worth my while to allude to the condition of affairs here at the South. The story can be told in few words. I notice in a speech of a certain "Senator Wilson," he remarks that "With the Emancipation of Slavery this country has been lifted a thousand leagues near Heaven." There is no doubt the Hon. Senator is mistaken. He should have said, "A thousand leagues nearer the Infernal Regions."

I trust you will favor me with a line and let me hear how the world goes with you. I myself have no cause to complain. I have experienced my full share of happiness and pleasure previous to the War, having on many occasions visited Europe, besides traveling in China, California, and South America.

And now after a lapse of sixteen happy years, playing the Gentleman, I am reduced to a position of a simple Clerk in a Commercial House and am one of the favored ones in having obtained this appointment.

I would be happy to receive your "photograph" to see how an old college friend looks.

Please write me soon directing to Charleston, South Carolina.

Yours very sincerely,
Louis Manigault

Banking House of H. S. Weiser & Co.
Decorah, Winnesheik County, Iowa
August 9th, 1866

Louis Manigault, Esqr.
Charleston, South Carolina

My dear Louis:

Several times I have been on the point of replying to your good letter of the 11th inst; what pleasure it afforded me in receiving it, I need not stop to tell you; how it awakened old associations and remembrances which have slumbered for years: how often I have thought of you and Ormsby during the progress of the War; in reading the news from the South, I always had you both in my mind's eye, but never saw your names, or either of them, except in one instance when I believe there was some illusion made to Col. Manigault,

which I presumed to be some connection of yours — possibly your Brother Charles (Mortuus 1856).

Of Ormsby I have heard nothing, since about 1854 or '55 when he and his brother called upon me at York, previous to which I saw much of him. You probably are not aware that I spent some six weeks to settle up an estate, in which quite a number of claimants were interested in Penna, and it happened to be at Donaldsonville, quite near Bayou Sara, Ormsby's River Point. The administrator happened to be ex-Lieutenant Governor Landry, who kindly entertained me until he could get the money together, and while waiting for this, I went over to see Ormsby. I went south again in 1854 by Rail and got as near Charleston as Branchville; had I been assured that you were home, I should have gone to Charleston to see you. We talked a good deal about you but he did not seem to have any late intelligence of you. **I was pleased to hear so good a report of our dear $\Lambda\S\Phi$, I have heard of it from time to time but not lately. Some day not very distant, I hope to visit New Haven and will then see for myself.**

You gave me a very interesting account of yourself since we were at College together; you will therefore excuse me for adding a few remarks about myself. I remained at College until the end of junior year, my health being indifferent, I returned to York, Penn. and read Law. I did not like the profession, and in 1855 came to this point, and engaged in my present business, where I have ever since remained and have made money. Like yourself I have two dear, little children, and a most devoted wife: was married in 1859. I shall be delighted to hear from you again and tell me about Ormsby.

Truly your friend,
H. S. Weiser

Augusta, Georgia
28th June, 1865

Rev'd. Timothy Dwight
PROFESSOR OF SACRED LITERATURE
Yale College
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear sir:

Having been for two years a member of the Class of 1849 and always feeling a lively interest in all pertaining to my college life, I know of no one to whom I could better address myself than to the "Secretary

of the Class" asking your assistance and an act of kindness towards me.

Cut off from all communication with New Haven for the past four years, could I trespass upon your valuable time asking you to procure for me the address of some active member of Alpha Sigma Phi Society in the Sophomore Class of Yale College. I am very desirous of communicating with him as early as possible.

Previous to the War, I had been absent from America in distant countries and have only lately become in possession of a copy of your report as Secretary of the Class of 1849 at their Decennial Meeting, July, 1859. There are errors attached to my name which you might desire to correct, also it may please you to have inserted upon your next report a continuation of my career up to date all of which I would gladly forward to you upon learning your correct address.

I trust it will not be too presumptuous on my part in asking for copies of all and any reports of the Secretary of the Class of 1849, or could you give me the information how I might obtain them. They would reach me through the Post Office. Please address your communications, Augusta, Georgia.

With kind regard, yours very sincerely
Louis Manigault

New Haven
19th July, 1865

Louis Manigault, Esq.
Augusta, Georgia

My dear Sir:

Your letter is at hand. In reply to your inquiry I would say that all desired information in regard to Alpha Sigma Phi Society may be obtained by addressing Mr. Edward E. Goodrich, c/o Rev'd. Chauncey Goodrich, New Haven, Connecticut.

We were very glad to hear from you again and hope you are well. Everything here is moving on pretty much after the old style, with few changes except those which the years bring with them.

I will send you a day or two my supplementary class report—1859-64. We shall always be glad to learn of your prosperity and well-being. Excuse my delay in answering your letter and believe me.

In haste, yours very truly,
Timothy Dwight



In the event of my Death, at whatever time and place it should occur, my desire is that the A. S. Φ Society of Yale College be informed, through my Family, of the fact, as it is to be Recorded amongst the Archives of said Society.

For one not connected with A. S. Φ, the most certain method of communication is to forward a Letter, either to the President, or one of the Professors (c. s. Tide p. 71) of Yale College, who upon demand would readily furnish the Writer with the Address of a then Acting Member of A. S. Φ.

Attention should also be directed to the fact that in 1867, this Society is only known in Yale College as the Δ. B. Ξ, and unless otherwise informed, as such should be named.

My devoted College friend, Mr. S. Ormsby Khea, should also be addressed, in case he survives me.

Louis Manigault.

Charleston, South-Carolina
this 24th June 1867,
And XXI Anniversary of A. S. Φ.

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This page immediately follows the Preface to the Manuscript Volume and was written into the book in 1867, prior to the time Manigault decided to send the Volume itself to Delta Beta Xi.

Augusta, Georgia
31st July, 1865

ing condition, and hoping to hear from you at an early date.

Edward E. Goodrich, Esq.
c/o Rev'd Chauncey Goodrich
New Haven, Connecticut

I am, with kind regards
Sincerely yours,
Louis Manigault

My dear Sir:

I am informed by Rev'd Timothy Dwight of New Haven that I could address myself to you concerning any desired information regarding the Alpha Sigma Phi Society of the Sophomore Class of Yale College. I was attached to said Society when a member of the Class of 1849 and hold a Communication which I desire to forward to the Society.

Would you be kind enough to impart my wish to A S Φ and state to me as early as convenient the safest means of which I could forward it to its destination?

Please inform me whether you are a permanent resident of New Haven; at what period a member of Alpha Sigma Phi; and whether it would meet your views that I forward the manuscript to you per Express to be presented to the Society? Trusting that Alpha Sigma Phi is still in a flourish-

Sundry Letters From Edward E. Goodrich
to Louis Manigault

New Haven, 3rd September, 1865

Your letter and two packages have been received and I hasten to inform you of their arrival and the pleasure which I have felt in the perusal of your manuscript. It will, I feel sure, be equally interesting to those now active members of the Society to whom I shall present it as soon as College comes together again. About the pin. The badge remains unchanged, merely substituting the letters Δ B Ξ, and some continue to wear the old Alpha Sigma Phi pins. I think the pin is as first worn and so enclose a rough copy of it that you may see it before I order one made, for as they only differ in the letters you would hardly care to get a new one. The triennial and class books I shall send at the earliest moment, as soon

as I am able to see Professor Dwight. I will retain the "greenback" (\$10—U.S. currency I sent him) til I hear from you relative to the badge which you may decide to order and then act as you may direct. The cost of the badge is about six dollars.

17th October, 1865—Yours of October 8th came to hand on the 15th and in accordance with your desire expressed therein I have ordered a pin made, as the single one which was on hand at the jewelers was not quite as perfect as could be desired. If finished at the time appointed, I shall be able to forward it in about three weeks. Of the pleasure caused by the reception of the manuscript you have heard or at least will soon hear from the Society direct. It is sufficient for me to tell you of its reaching the proper hands, and they can much better express their thanks and the enthusiasm which must ever be awakened by such an instance of interest of an old member in the old Society. Hoping to be able to forward the pin as above stated, I remain,

1866, February 11th—Your letters and the money by Express were duly received and I hasten to acknowledge them and also forward an Express order for the pin which will doubtless reach you in safety. I am surprised to learn that you have heard nothing from the Society, for I am certain that it became the duty of the Secretary to return thanks to you in their behalf, by a vote of Alpha Sigma Phi. I fear the letter may have miscarried, but will, at any rate, inform the Society of its apparent negligence. (All afterwards well explained).

Charleston, South Carolina
1st June, 1867

Ed. E. Goodrich, Esq.
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Sir:

Remembering our correspondence of 1865 with pleasure and satisfaction and desirous of affording you a trifling proof of my appreciation for your interest and trouble then evinced in my behalf, which thereby opened for me once more a means of communication with Alpha Sigma Phi, after years of silence, trial, and anxiety; permit me now to offer you a "Photograph" of myself just executed (facsimile in this book) and which so far as resemblance is concerned is good.

Office of Marsh, Coe, and Wallis
Counselors at Law,
170 Broadway, Cor. Maiden Lane
New York, 11th June, 1867

To Louis Manigault, Esq.
From Ed E. Goodrich

Your kind letter of the 1st was received in due course of mail with its very welcome inclosure and I have delayed an answer only with view to a visit to New Haven, when I might learn the directions requested. Accept my thanks for the considerate kindness of which your letter was the bearer and believe me.

Mr. Goodrich was a member of the Class of 1866 and I presume from his address is at present studying Law at New York City.

Charles W. Bingham
of Cleveland, Ohio
Member of Alpha Sigma Phi Society in
1866, Yale College Class of 1868
Charles C. Marsh
159 W. 44th Street
New York City
Member of Alpha Sigma Phi Society in
1866, Yale College, Class of 1868

The above named gentlemen called upon me in Charleston, South Carolina, Tuesday, the 16th of April, 1867. As members of the Alpha Sigma Phi Society they had felt an interest in forming my acquaintance, as also of bearing back to the Society the result of their interview. Taking advantage of the short spring vacation at Yale, they left New York per steamer for Savannah, Georgia, from which city they came by sea to Charleston. Having come chiefly to meet me, their sojourn here was limited to only two days. The greater portion of one day was devoted to a highly interesting visit to Ft. Sumter, whose historic renown, even in its ruined condition, attracts the attention of passing strangers. They complimented me greatly by asking for my "Photograph" to be borne by them to AΣΦ. This was the origin of my having one of myself taken (a copy of which is noticed in the first part of this volume) and besides giving each of these gentlemen one, a superior copy was forwarded through them to Alpha Sigma Phi. In a communication from Mr. Bingham upon his return to Yale College and dated New Haven, 2nd June, 1867, he remarks: "The Society was much pleased at the receipt of the pic-

ture we brought with us and I suppose have before this written you concerning it. Last Friday night they gave out elections to the freshmen and obtained by far the best crowd in the Class. The Society of Alpha Sigma Phi is as thriving as you could possibly wish and we can only hope that it may remain in the same state of prosperity as long as there is such an institution as Yale College."

Upon forwarding the portrait to Alpha Sigma Phi, through Mr. Bingham; my remarks to him in a communication bearing date 8th June, 1867, were as follows: "I now ask your kindness to present this likeness to Delta Beta Xi, in my name and with my kindest regards with the hope that they might so deem fit to preserve it amongst the archives of our Society."

I found Messrs. Bingham and Marsh most agreeable in conversation and refined both in appearance and manners, also wearing the Alpha Sigma Phi badge so as not to attract attention evincing good taste and knowledge of the world.

New Haven
August 30th, 1867

Louis Manigault, Esq.
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 22nd inst. reached me per due course of mail. I likewise well remember you as once a member of the Class of '49. Am most happy to renew the acquaintance, and should be glad to see you personally at my home in New Haven.

The man "Day," of whom you speak many years ago abandoned the book trade on Chapel Street and I give you the name of Thomas H. Pease, of this city as the address of a man in that trade, who will be most likely to furnish you the books required. He is an honest and reliable man and you please command my service in any way that I may be of assistance whilst I remain

Yours very truly,
Levi B. Bradley

Upon the next page (80) is inserted a souvenir on the part of my classmate Mr. Bradley taken from my Yale College autograph book upon my final leave of New Haven.

Yale College, August, 1847

Friend Louis

You well know my feelings of **friendship** and **respect** for you and know the bond that for two years has united us as classmates is about to be broken, the ties of affection can never be severed and if in after life, it may be our fortune to meet again, let us ever find in each a **Brother's Heart, a Brother's Hand**. Whatever may be our situation, let the many pleasant hours in college and our connection in Alpha Sigma Phi never be forgotten.

Yours in true affection
L. B. Bradley

Charleston, South Carolina
7th September, 1867

Levi Barnes Bradley, Esq.
(Attorney at Law)
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Your kind favor of 30th inst. is at hand and I return you sincere thanks for the address furnished. I shall avail myself of the name of Mr. Thomas H. Pease for whatever I may desire in the book line, which however is not much and only for my own private library and reference. It has afforded me marked pleasure to learn you are the gentlemen with whom I was formerly so well acquainted whilst at Yale, and moreover we were together fellow members of Alpha Sigma Phi Society, which association dates from the Class of '49 and is still flourishing, although now under the name of Delta Beta Xi. I cannot appreciate too highly the compliments you pay in offering me the hospitality of your home in New Haven on a visit. Greatly as I would enjoy a chat with you in recalling those bygone days of happiness and youth; that I am no longer in a position to wander ad libitum over the globe, as was wont of yore from the moment I left old Yale even up to the outbreak of the recent disastrous war. At present I am compelled to remain quietly at home, with the strictest economy by my own exertious endeavor to support a family consisting of my wife and two children. The change is incredible which has befallen the South, from former wealth thousands of families are now in absolute want and misery. The higher the rank in Society previous to the War, the more humbled now the condition; with all of which however you must be well conversant. There

is no longer any happiness in this Southern section of the country and did you ever visit the South you would not imagine yourself in the United States but rather in some distant colony inhabited by lazy, semi-civilized Negroes who cannot appreciate the term "liberty" which has caused the Government such an outlay in obtaining for them. In my own individual case I have nothing to regret, and Providence has favored me as much as I could desire. As it might interest you to know something of my past career I may mention that upon leaving college I spent two years in Europe traveling far and wide over the classic grounds of Italy, Greece, besides visiting Egypt, Spain, and finished off by entering a Counting House in Charleston. At the termination of a year I embarked for China and through the influence of friends, entered the Commercial House in Canton. All this from my own instruction, and to obtain knowledge of the World, for always with ample funds, my destiny was to settle down as a rice planter and follow the career of all my family. Gaining the desired information I circumnavigated the globe, having first visited all of the ports in China and crossing the Pacific to California, spent nearly one year in Mexico and South America, returning to the United States via the Isthmus of Panama and Cuba. Since then I have paid two visits to Europe, the past being with Mrs. Manigault (a lady from Georgia) when most of our time was spent in Paris. I have an interesting and very intelligent son born in Paris and now nine years of age. He speaks French very fluently, and I am always telling him that it is my intention to send him to Yale one of these days, where his father went; which I sincerely trust that I may be able to do, for although the War has caused changes in the minds of many, I still look to Yale College as the best institution I know of upon this continent. From my early mercantile instructions and on account of the total destruction of our former large estates, I am at present once more at the desk, in the Commercial House of Messrs. George A. Hopley, of this city and considering all things am quite pleased with my situation.

I continue to take a lively interest in all that pertains to Yale College and the Alpha Sigma Phi Society and as you are kind enough to offer your services in case I might need anything I avail myself of

your attention. Within please find \$1.00 of U. S. Currency. Upon the opening of College after vacation please send me by mail the new catalogue of students. Also presuming you have some young friend or acquaintance amongst the students; later in the autumn whenever those college societies papers appear in which burlesques of the badges are introduced, secure me two copies, and lastly; at your leisure, procure from some Alpha Sigma Phi man, the printed pamphlets of songs and any other documents relating to said Society, which you think might interest me. After procuring the above should any funds remain spend it in a small printed view of Yale College. I can imagine writing in such a strain must remind you of twenty years ago! I myself am fast becoming older but my memory still clings with the most pleasing recollections to my two years classical career at Yale College. I hope you will excuse the trouble all this gives you and only view it in the light of an act of kindness towards me. If I can ever be of service to you in this part of the world, I trust you will not hesitate to address me. Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

Charleston, South Carolina
3rd November, 1867

Sheldon T. Viele, Esq.
Senior Class, Yale College
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

I received in due course the papers and pamphlets (The "Yale Pot-Pourri") you have been kind enough to forward to my address and for which please accept my sincere thanks. It has given me great satisfaction to behold, (after the lapse of twenty years) the "badges" of the various collegiate societies and I perceive several additions and changes; as for instance your own "Spade and Grave" is new since my day. I am pleased also to note that Messrs. Bingham and Marsh are members of the "Scroll and Key." Upon the receipt of the two papers I at once forwarded one copy to my friend, Steven Ormsby Rhea, of Louisiana with whom I continue an active correspondence and who will appreciate it highly.

There is little doubt but that these societies exert a beneficial effect in tending to heal the wounds that exist between the various sections of the Union. I only trust

that we may yet live to behold a brighter state of affairs than now exists throughout the Southern Country; up to the present time however the utmost disorder prevails and instead of an ameliorated condition, the past two years have only added fuel to the flame.

During the winter should I come across any paper or periodical which I think might interest you, I shall not fail to forward it to your address. But you need expect very little from this section for now that slavery is abolished and our lands and estates remain idle through want of labor it is most heart rending to witness the misery and poverty prevailing here in every quarter. The suffering has been greater in 1867 than '66 and many country people are on the borders of starvation. I congratulate you that "Buffalo" is your home remote from all this suffering and distress. May you terminate with success your collegiate career and let prosperity and quietude ever smile upon you through life, unmolested by wars, contentions, and civil strife.

Always pleased to hear from you, I am
Yours very sincerely,
Louis Manigault

Charleston, South Carolina
6th May, 1869

Henry A. Cleveland, Esq.
Junior Class, Yale College
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Noticing your name in the catalogue of students of Yale College for 1868-69 (the last which has reached me) and also perceiving by a copy of the Yale "Pot Pourri" for the same period, that you are a member of the Delta Beta Xi Society, formerly Alpha Sigma Phi) although aware that you will very soon in turn pass into other hands the guardianship of the above named fraternity in your onward collegiate career, still I venture to intrude upon you, asking the address of some active members of Delta Beta Xi, to whom I might in perfect reliance forward a communication.

I was connected with our Society when quite in her infancy, as you will see by reference to the archives of bygone days, but have ever cherished for her the firm affection and attachment of one of her sons.

Believe me, dear sir
Very faithfully yours,
Louis Manigault

Acting Members of the A. S. P. Society, 1846-'47 33

Name.	Residence.	Age.	Occupation in 1867.
Benedict, George	Danbury, Conn.	23.	Physician, Bethel Conn.
Bradley, Levi Barnes	Southington, Conn.	22.	Lawyer, New Haven.
Clark, William B.	New Haven, Conn.	18.	Prof. Divinity, Yale College
Finch, Francis W.	Ithaca, N. Y.	21.	Lawyer, Ithaca, N. Y.
Gordon, George A.	Savannah, Ga.	18.	Lawyer, Savannah Ga.
Hall, Chas. F.	Chautauque Co. N. Y.	19.	Lawyer, New York City.
x Halley, William S.	West Town, N. Y.	21.	Physician, Philadelphia.
Hill, Henry H.	Vincinnati, Ohio	22.	Farmer, Illinois in 1859.
x Holton, Albert	New London, Conn.	19.	Physician, New London 1859.
Hollister, Horace	Salisbury, Conn.	19.	Lawyer. Died 1853.
Jeddup, William H.	Worthode, Pa.	17.	Lawyer, Worthode Pa.
Lee, William Brown	Madison, Conn.	20.	Pastor Beth. Ch. Brooklyn N. Y.
x Manigault, Louis	Charleston, S. C.	18.	Planter, near S. C. Ga.
Merriman, Geydon C.	Ellbridge, N. Y.	20.	Banker &c, Genesee Pa.
x Moore, Benjamin F.	Binghamton, N. Y.	21.	Lawyer, Iowa 1857.
Murray, Washington	New York City	19.	Lawyer, New York City.
x Scofield, Edward	Fishkill, N. Y.	23.	Physician, 1852.
Ward, William Wallace	Savannah, Ga.	17.	Secretary Legation in China.
x Weiser, Horace Spangler	York, Pa.	19.	Banker, Decoral Iowa.
Wodell, Elias	Wallkillville N. Y.	19.	Lawyer, Died 1861.
x Rheca, Stephen Omsby	Clinton, E. Ohio, La.	21.	Planter, near Clinton La.

x Non Graduate.

Charleston, South Carolina
8th May, 1869

Rev'd Timothy Dwight
Professor of Sacred Literature
Yale College
New Haven, Connecticut
Dear Sir:

Remembering the kind manner in which you responded to a letter of mine written near four years ago, I take the liberty of intruding upon your valuable time, being in search of the same information I then so greatly desired and which at that time you happily furnished me. Could you procure me the address of some reliable student of Yale College at present a member of Delta Beta Xi Society and to whom I could forward a communication? This would be rendering me quite a service.

I trust after the lapse of twenty years, since terminating your collegiate career that you still retain good health, and that the world has dealt lightly with you. Although not a graduate of Yale College myself still I look forward a few years hence with the fond expectation of a highly promising son of mine (who bears my name)

will be registered amongst the students of your justly celebrated institution, for which I myself have ever entertained a profound and sincere attachment. Excusing the liberty believe me.

My dear sir
Very faithfully yours,
Louis Manigault

New Haven
May 13, '69

Louis Manigault
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Mr. Cleveland of '70 was handed to me this P.M. It gives us the greatest pleasure to hear from an old member of our Society but I regret to say we scarcely ever enjoy that pleasure. I may add, Sir, that it gives us a special pleasure to hear from **you**; for with no other one of the pioneers of our Society do we feel so well acquainted. Your name is very frequently seen in the early records of the Society and even your features seem familiar to us, as we have your portrait, alone of all the early members of the Fraternity. I am happy to be able to report the vigorous and flourishing condition of Delta Beta Xi at the present time. In my class ('71) she has a very decided advantage in a literary point of view and her social standing (if success in securing desirable successors in '72 is any proof) is far higher than her rival, Phi Theta Psi.

On behalf of the Society I shall be highly gratified to receive any communication you may be pleased to send us.

Believe me, Sir, with the greatest respect

Your obedient servant
Edwin F. Sweet

Charleston, South Carolina
19th May, 1869

Edwin F. Sweet, Esq.
Yale College
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Your valued communication of 13th inst. reached me in due course and I am highly gratified to learn of the continuing prosperity of Delta Beta Xi. Be kind enough to impart to the Society my warmest thanks for the pleasing manner in which my name is still mentioned amongst the members of our Fraternity, whilst it should ever be borne in mind that there were others in the

Class of '49, men far more worthy and competent than myself, and noble supporters of the "Cause" during our infant days and early struggles against trials and hardships of every kind.

My cherished friends, S. Ormsby Rhea and Horace Spangler Weiser, are names most intimately linked with us, whilst the entire list of active members of Alpha Sigma Phi in the Class of '49 had their full share of anxiety and trouble.

Deeming it proper and in fact my duty to transfer to our Society any document in my possession at all connected with the history, I have copied in a volume the early correspondence between myself and Messrs. Rhea and Weiser, when in the least relating to Alpha Sigma Phi affairs, which as years advance will be perused with a greater degree with interest. The book also contains all of my recent letters regarding Delta Beta Xi up to date.

A large number of my own collegiate papers, and minutely connected with Alpha Sigma Phi, perished during the War, but we should be thankful for those we still preserve.

Within please find express receipt for a book forwarded this day to your address and which I trust will reach you in safety. Please present the volume in my name (this is the volume) to Delta Beta Xi with the hope that it will never again depart from our sacred hall but ever be preserved amongst our precious archives.

As I shall feel anxious until informed of its safe reception by the Society, I would be greatly indebted to Delta Beta Xi did you on their behalf favor me with a line to that effect as early as convenient.

With the book I have also sent a portrait of myself for the Society and superior to what they now possess.

For yourself, personally, my dear sir please accept my sincere thanks for your gratifying letter. Although at present in my forty-first year, still advancing age does not in the least impair the profound interest I have always taken in the secret societies of Yale College, neither does it distract from my deep attachment for our beloved Delta Beta Xi.

After the commencement and when once again you have resumed your classic duties, in the autumn would you be kind enough to send me a copy of the new "Catalogue of Students" and also the "Yale Pot-Pourri" for 1869-70. I trust one of

these days also there will be a catalogue of our own, viz; of all those who have ever been connected with Alpha Sigma Phi and Delta Beta Xi which if published, about once in ten years would be of value; whereas now in case of a conflagration and destruction of the Society Building and all of our records the names of our members for twenty-three years past would be forever cast into oblivion.

I would most respectfully asked to be informed by the Society what "chapters" we now have in other institutions and whether with them the old or new appellation is used.

Believe me my dear sir
Yours in the bonds of Delta
Beta Xi
Louis Manigault

*The above is the last letter written into
book. This document pasted in
the manuscript volume*

Yale College
July 9th, 1847

Louis Manigault

This Society in view of the liberal munificence of a rich carpet and other articles both serviceable and highly ornamental to its Hall hereby through its committee expresses its gratitude and unfeigned thanks to the donor Louis Manigault, one of its members and original founders and assures him that in his expected absence much regretted by his class mates, he bears the best wishes of his associates in the Society.

Though far distant—long may the blessing of Alpha Sigma Phi rest upon him.

Committee:

Francis M. Finch
Corydon C. Merriman
Silas Wodell

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Alpha Sigma Phi Hall
June 18th, 1862

Twenty-six members from the Class of '65 assembled at a room of one of their number upon the above memorable evening, there listened, 'erectis auribus' to certain preliminary injunctions with regard to their deportment during the revelations of the mysteries of Alpha Sigma Phi. Proceeding to a most auspicious "designated place" (so termed by their conductor) a place well suited to aid gloomy forebodings, but which strangely

seemed to have no such depressing effect upon the spirits of this said "twenty-six" they were duly ushered into the Hall and forthwith initiated with the usual ceremonies as members of the Fraternity. After the prolonged grips and greetings had ceased, *part of letter deleted, as it verifies and reveals the grip of the Fraternity*, they composed themselves to listen to an oration by Mr. L. P. Pugski of '64, then grips and greetings again, stretching, singing, and such like agreeable exercise filling up the interval, attention was called to the stage. The first play was entitled, "The Spector Bridegroom", the following were the dramatis personae: *Document is torn and is unreadable.*

This is a letter pasted in the book.

Charleston, South Carolina
3rd July, 1873

Mr. John Patton, President
Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Beta Xi Society
Yale College

My dear Sir:

I feel greatly honored at receiving so important a communication as the one you kindly furnish in your valued favor of the 25th inst. which has been perused with careful attention. The copy of the "Yale Pot-Pourri" as also that of the Society song book has safely come to hand; for all which please accept very many thanks. Although at present forty-four years of age yet with the onward march of time in gathering years my attachment for our Society far from diminishing is as firm as upon the very first establishing of this cherished Fraternity.

Allow me for your great consideration and recalling to mind my happy days at Yale to present you here enclosed a very good photograph.

I am, my dear sir, yours
in the bonds of $\Lambda\Sigma\Phi$, $\Delta B\Xi$
Louis Manigault

Mr. Joseph C. LeBourgeois
Yale College
New Haven, Connecticut

Seeing your name in one of my numbers of "Pot-Pourri" as a member of Delta Beta Xi in 1873-74 I take the liberty of asking that you furnish me the address of some active member of said Society to whom I would be pleased to forward a communica-

tion. My own name appears among the early records of Delta Beta Xi.

With the hope of hearing from you, I am, dear sir

Very faithfully yours,
Louis Manigault

Document pasted in the Volume

Charleston, South Carolina
15th May, 1876

Mr. F. S. Winston
Yale College
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Allow me to offer you my thanks for your kind favor of the 10th inst., although imparting news such as I least expected. The downfall of Delta Beta Xi is a sad blow to me and these tidings fill me with melancholy. I had hoped that after a life of thirty years (founded 24th June, 1846) we might flatter ourselves that this Society could but be considered one of the "fixtures" of Yale, but it seems is it not the case. You may remember that the present is not the first instance in which the Delta Beta Xi had trouble or rather "come in contact" with the faculty. I refer now to the period in our history when to continue our existence the motto was changed from Alpha Sigma Phi to Delta Beta Xi. It may be that something of this kind may again take place in time to come. As you are no doubt aware my own name is linked with the earliest records of Alpha Sigma Phi and my correspondence with the Society has been kept up through most of the long series of years during which she flourished. As you kindly offer to give me any information which I might require upon these subjects let me avail myself of your kindness by asking what becomes of all the records and archives of Delta Beta Xi. Amongst these was an interesting and

valuable manuscript volume furnished the Society. (19th May, 1869) and handing down to future members a history of early days of Alpha Sigma Phi written by myself. I also at a more recent period delivered over to the Society my Badge this being the very first one made, after my own design and I received from New Haven a Delta Beta Xi pin which is still in my possession. I myself prefer remembering Alpha Sigma Phi as in her balmy days and these relics might prove of interest to some of you gentlemen, the last active members of the Fraternity. This little souvenir may be of interest to your good self, the last stage manager of Delta Beta Xi. In designing the symbols of Alpha Sigma Phi you will remember the oak leaves and acorns surrounding the mysterious book. I myself executed the original drawing and selected the oak as emblematic of longevity. It is interesting to contemplate that chance has placed me in correspondence with one of the last active members of Delta Beta Xi and I shall be happy to hear from you again. At Yale I was a member of the Class of '49, freshman and sophomore, having a vast deal to do with societies. I left college first term junior with good standing in the Class and traveled extensively with my parents in Europe. Again I went around the world for pleasure and education and finally settled down as a rice planter. This business is no longer a lucrative one as of yore and even now the Congress has in contemplation the ratification of the Treaty with the Sandwich Islands allowing rice from those islands to enter our ports free from entry. If so, it will be a bad blow to the rice planters of Louisiana, Georgia, and Carolina.

Hoping that these hearty remarks may interest you, I am, dear sir,

Very faithfully yours,
Louis Manigault

No letters or other documents have ever been found to indicate that Louis Manigault was aware of the installation of other Chapters of the Fraternity or of the existence of the Delta Chapter at Marietta College at the time of the demise of Delta Beta Xi.

In his letter of May 19, 1869, to Edwin F. Sweet, Brother Manigault requested to be advised as to "what 'chapters' we now have in other institutions." but no record of an answer to this question has been located.

With a note of sadness, therefore, we must presently conclude that Louis Manigault died without the knowledge that Alpha Sigma Phi continued to live.



Executive Secretary Ralph F. Burns is discussing Convention plans with General Chairman Thomas L. Conlon, Theta '25 (center) and Vice Chairman Edward C. Bailey Jr., Beta Tau '40, (right) in preparation for the 1954 meeting at the Gratiot Inn.

1954 Convention at Gratiot Inn, Port Huron, Michigan, September 8-11

Arrangements for the Twenty-third National Convention on September 8, 9, 10, and 11, 1954, are now in the able hands of the General Chairman and the Vice Chairman.

The Grand Council has asked Brother Thomas L. Conlon, Theta '25, to serve as the General Chairman and Brother Edward C. Bailey, Jr., Beta Tau '40, to serve as Vice Chairman. These men have already enthusiastically entered into the planning of the Convention and are calling on other Detroit area Sigs to assist them.

The site of the Convention is the Gratiot Inn, located in Port Huron, Michigan, 60 miles north of Detroit. This resort Hotel is ideally equipped to handle the business and recreational activities of the delegates, undergraduate visitors, alumni, and wives.

The Fraternity Office will make reservations for the official delegates and the Grand Council. All other Brothers, alumni and undergraduates, may make reservations directly with the hotel. The maximum rates are \$12.00 per person per day,

American Plan (including meals).

The first event will be the opening luncheon at 1 P.M., Wednesday, September 8. The afternoon session will be the first of several sessions devoted to the Leadership School at which time topics concerned with effective chapter operation will be discussed. These will probably include; chapter organization, chapter finances, scholarship, rushing, and pledge training, as well as all other phases of undergraduate operation.

The Convention will continue through Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with reports of committees and discussions of vital interest and importance to the Fraternity. The climax of the formal sessions will be on Saturday afternoon with the election of the Grand Council and Grand Officers.

The conclusion of this gala four day meeting will be the Final Banquet on Saturday evening. This is always the high point of the entire convention and the Twenty-third Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi will be no exception.

Hitching Thru Europe

by Keith Mulrooney

Last summer Keith Mulrooney, Tau '51, spent 106 days hitch hiking around Europe. In this article he tells some of his experiences and gives a few hints for other travel-hungry Sigs planning a trip abroad.



Mulrooney flew to London and tried his thumb in the British Isles before heading for the continent. After a final week in Paris, he flew to London and then to the U.S.

When I arrived at London Airport on June 13 I was really green. That was just three days after I had finished my finals at Stanford. Prices, currencies, where to stay, how to travel, scant knowledge of French—these were problems that were spinning around in my mind. When I left that same airport 106 days and 14 countries later I felt confident that I could get around with ease in any nation.

During my first days in England the question which bothered me most was how I was going to travel. My original plan had been to buy a bike and cycle my way around Europe, but a Swiss friend had advised me to hitch hike. "You'll go farther and see more," he had said. Although I had my doubts, I decided to give his idea a try; the British Isles would be my guinea pig. After about a week in London I put my toothbrush, camera, and very few other things in a bag and set off on the Great North Road for Edinburgh.

Had to wait an hour for my first ride, but once I got clear of London things began to pick up. Almost everyone was extremely friendly. I had been advised to offer truck drivers a beer or tea if they gave me a long ride, but to my surprise most of them insisted on paying when we stopped at a way-side pub. Farther north rides were very easy to get, and by the end of the first day

I had had 13 rides and had reached Newcastle, 300 miles north of London.

My confidence in my newly tested method of travel zoomed. During the following two weeks I thumbed my way around England, Scotland, and Ireland, finally returning to London. The experiment had been a great success; I was sold on hitch hiking.

Doubts Arise

But that was England. My opinion nose-dived during the next month which was spent in France and Spain. The highways in the northern part of France were all right, but as I proceeded south the rides got fewer and fewer. As other students had warned me that hitch hiking was next to impossible in Spain, and I believed them, I rode the slow but cheap third class trains during my two weeks there.

Back in southern France, after visits to Madrid and Tangier, things picked up slightly. The first morning on the road rides were non-existent and I walked a good ten miles, but later in the afternoon I caught a few rides. I was eating with an English hitch hiker about 10 PM when we met a trucker who was about to set off. We rode all night with him, arriving at Cannes on the Riviera at 8 in the morning. I had crossed southern France in about 14 hours.

After this my luck got better and I got smarter. In Switzerland I bought a small

American flag to put on my pack. This seemed to help, especially on the German autobanns which are crowded with hitch hikers. Then, as I reached Scandinavia, I got the idea of pinning the flag across the front of my jacket where drivers couldn't miss it. It worked like magic! People seemed glad to give a foreigner a lift, even when they didn't approve of their own countrymen hitching. Then too, many of them were glad to practice their English, for in all the Scandinavian countries I got only two rides where the driver couldn't speak at least a little English. During the last month and a half I had no trouble and returned to London in plenty of time to catch my flight home.

Kind Police

My journey was filled with unforgettable experiences. In one Swedish town I found the hotels and hostels closed so asked the police if I could sleep in a cell in the jail. Not only were they very happy to oblige me but the Chief of Police even bought me breakfast the next morning.

Another time an American couple dropped me on a desolate stretch of country road near Dusseldorf at 3:30 AM. After walking for miles I finally found a little town and slept in the railroad station for the rest of the night.

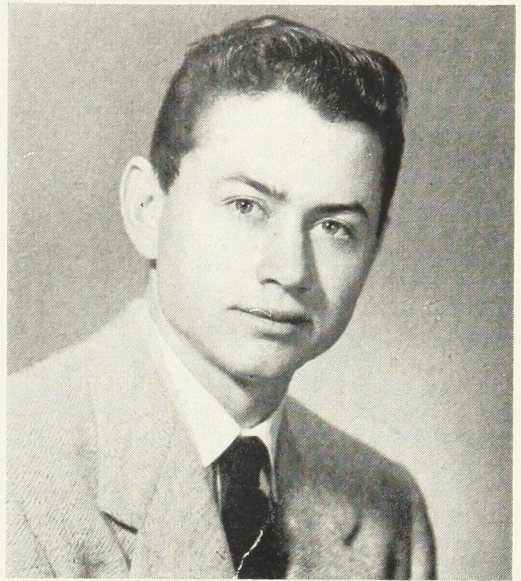
I had promised to buy my mother perfume in Paris, but at the end of my trip found that I had only enough francs left to pay my hotel bill. I had about ten cents with which to buy meals for two days. Fortunately I met my next door neighbor from Los Angeles and he treated me to several meals in one of the best hotels.

In Antwerp the police tried to pick me up on charges of being a stowaway from one of the ships in the harbor.

I reached Venice late one night with no place to stay. An English gal and a Norwegian gal I had met were having the same trouble. They finally located a single room with bath, took the room, and I slept on the bathroom floor for the next three days. As we left the landlady asked us to recommend her rooms to our friends.

Two night later I was traveling with a young Italian couple who were going to Verona to see the opera. The opera was great but there were no rooms afterward. I slept in a bathroom in the young couple's hotel; only this time the manager set up a bed for me.

One Sunday morning I left Cologne with



Keith Mulrooney, Tau '51

24c in my pocket and set out for Denmark, about 600 miles away. Although I existed on green apples and a loaf of bread for two and a half days. I made it to Denmark.

Travel Tips

All told my summer's travel really sold me on hitch hiking. I think that it is ideal for students who want to see many countries and meet many peoples, but who have little money to spend. There is no better way to meet people and no cheaper way to travel. The Editor asked me to direct this article to those Brothers who may plan such a trip to Europe this summer, as he believed that many of you might be interested in hitch hiking as a means of travel. Therefore, I will explain some of the things you should expect when hitching in Europe and follow these explanations with some specific tips on how to plan a trip.

Take What You Get

One thing you'll find out early—you never know what to expect. I got rides from everything from a motorcycle to a chauffeured Mercedes-Benz, from troop trucks in France to whisky vans in Ireland. I rode in taxis, in ambulances, in milk trucks, and in GI dependents' busses. I heard about two English gals who had ridden 10 miles on a German steamroller.

One point distinguishes hitching in Europe from that in America—thousands of girls hitch on the continent. It is quite respectable, and many women—married or single, young or old, with a friend or with-



A scene in Holland, a country Keith found most friendly.

out—give rides to hitch hikers. A Swedish mother and daughter gave me a ride from the Swiss border to Stuttgart, and when we said goodbye they invited me to stay with them if I ever got to Stockholm. Two weeks later I met them at their apartment and they showed me a great time in the capital.

Another thing you'll find everywhere is friendliness. I found that almost every driver seemed to take an interest in me and to go out of his way to help me. Many bought me meals. Others drove miles out of their way just to help me along. The drivers are a real mine of information about their countries; these are the authentic guides to Europe, not those smooth talking persons who conduct you around the old Roman Forum or the Sultan's Palace in Tangier.

The language, or your lack of it, need be no barrier. Millions of Europeans speak English, and if one doesn't, sign language is always universal. I stayed with one German family for two days, and although neither of us could speak a word of the others language we became such friends that the mother cried when I left.

Here are some specific tips for Sigs planning an inexpensive trip to Europe this summer.

Use the Hostels

First and foremost — join the International Youth Hostel Association. A card costs only three dollars in New York and holding it will save you a great deal of money. Europe, with the exception of the Iberian Peninsula, is doted with youth hostels which provide inexpensive accommodations ranging in price from 10c to 35c a night. In addition they will either have cooking facilities (utensils and a gas burner) or will serve a meal costing from 5c to 50c, or both. Some larger hostels maintain stores at which you can buy foods very cheaply. They also receive mail and sell maps, and perhaps most important, the hostels are filled with students from all over the world. The friendships you make with these students may well be the most rewarding part of your trip.

Travel lightly. I took only a few changes of underwear and socks with me while I was hitching, sending my suitcase with my suit and other things ahead to the big cities where I knew I would need them. You'll need a suit for operas, plays, and dining in the better restaurants, but in general you needn't be as dressy in Europe as in the United States, much as this may surprise you.

Buy the cheap currencies such as the French and Italian in New York, Tangier, or Switzerland, for that way you will get better rates. I bought French francs at 400 to a dollar when the official rate was 350 to a dollar. At the free port of Tangier they were offering 413 to a dollar. The most respected currencies in Europe are the United States dollar and the Swiss franc. Don't get stuck at borders with a lot of extra currency of the country you are leaving (especially France and Italy) for you are certain to lose on the exchange.

Why Not by Bike?

Many people have asked, "Why not bicycle?" There are several good reasons for not biking. First, a good bike will cost between forty and sixty dollars, while hitch hiking is free. Secondly, there is the matter of distance covered. Depending on your capacities you can count on between fifty and a hundred miles per day on a bike, while hitching you can go at least 250. If you've only a limited time and want to see a lot, you'll get about three times as far by hitching, and at the end of a days biking you are pretty tired and can't take much nite life. Thirdly, if you have a bike you are

tied to it. Of course, you can always ship it or store it when you don't need it but this is a big nuisance in a foreign country. Lastly, on a bike you just don't meet as many people as you do hitching. If someone takes the trouble to stop his car and give you a ride he generally has some interest in talking to you, in telling you about his country, and in hearing you tell about yours. On a bike you miss much of this contact. Most of these arguments against a bike hold also for a motorcycle.

Sigs in Europe

The Fraternity Office will be glad to supply a list of Alpha Sigs who are now living in Europe. It is helpful to know someone in a foreign country. Many Brothers are currently stationed at army and airbases in Europe. In Stuttgart I visited Larry Kain, Tau '49, stationed at 7th Army Headquarters. Believe me you will get a kick out of sitting in a German beerhall passing around old chapter stories.

Along this same vein, get acquainted with some of the foreign students at your university. I was fortunate in this respect because Tau has provided room and board to a foreign student for each of the past several years. I roomed with these fellows at Stanford and then visited them in turn in Europe. When you see a nation through the eyes of one of her countrymen, you see an entirely different country.

Take lots of pictures. Twenty years from now these will be the only records you'll have of the trip. Take them in color; for it costs only a little more, but it makes a world of difference.

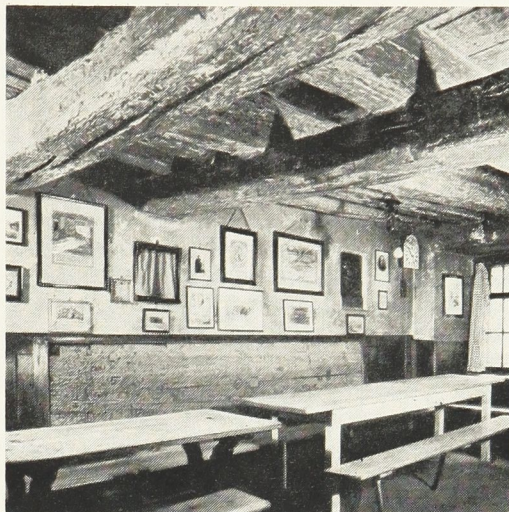
Keep a diary even though you have never done it before; it's fun to read over after the trip is completed.

Stay away from Americans. You live with them all your life; this may be the only chance you will have to be completely on your own.

Know something about the country you are visiting—at least a few basic facts. It was disheartening to find how many Americans did not know that Oslo was in Norway.

Do Not Take Tours

Even if you do not try hitching I advise you strongly against taking a tour. Go with one of the Brothers or some other close friend, otherwise you will tire of having to follow a guide through museum after museum. You'll live your life by schedule when you get in the service; don't start regimentation any sooner than necessary.



The test of sobriety at the end of an evening in this Zurich beer hall is climbing onto the rafter to quaff the final brew. Keith failed—seems the rafter was greased, or so he says.

Last, there is one especially important point—allow great flexibility in your plans. Unless you have taken a prior trip to Europe you can't possibly know all the places you will want to go, and you can't plan how long you want to stay in each place. Set up some broad plan including the countries you want to see and the general route you want to follow, and then let the trip shape up as it will.

Not Only Europe

We have been talking about Europe, but this is certainly not the only place where one can hitch hike. Europe is ideal as there are lots of roads and motorists, and distances between points of interest are very small. The net work of hostels in Europe guarantee cheaper accommodations, but hitching can be done elsewhere. I met a Michigan grad in Amsterdam who had just returned from five months of hitching in Africa. He had lived with missionaries, hunted big game, and even joined the British in fighting the Mau Mau for two weeks. I met an Italian who had lived with the Laps in the north of Finland for six weeks. Only the Arctic and Antarctic seem to be out of reach of the hitch hiker.

Probably there is only one dangerous thing about hitching. It gets in your system and you don't want to stop. Having only been back five months, I am already dreaming about a South American foray.

The following article is reprinted from THE TRIAD OF ACACIA as it very definitely outlines the organized step by step program used by those who are attempting to destroy one of the basic democratic institutions of this nation—the American College Fraternity.

It should be read by every alumnus and undergraduate, for the patterns developed on the campuses across the nation are entirely too similar to have happened by chance alone.

The program of these agitators is to: (1) get every fraternity to discuss this matter among its members hoping that discord will result, causing internal strife, and thereby weakening the fraternity, (2) force those fraternities with membership qualifications, the so called "clauses", to remove them, (3) force the fraternity to prove its purity from restrictions by taking a man of every race, creed, and color represented on the campus, and (4) force the fraternity to have a quota of different type members to conform with the college enrollment.

Alpha Sigma Phi feels that each fraternity has the right to adopt qualifications for membership applicable to all chapters free from any interference, or restriction by any non member. The program outlined below strikes at every fraternity, whether or not it has a so called "clause", and is printed below so that members of Alpha Sigma Phi may stand against the organized agitators and behind the American College Fraternity System.

The Job is Ours

**by Roy C. Clark,
Executive Secretary, Acacia Fraternity**

Countless thousands of words have been written on the subject of "discrimination" or selectivity of membership by fraternities. These range from articles and editorials in college dailies and the public press, to analyses and dissertations by learned educators and fraternity leaders. All have been in support of a movement against alleged nefarious practices among fraternities in selecting their memberships, or in defense of the right and privilege of freedom of association with individuals of our own choosing.

It would seem, possibly, that all that could be said on this controversial subject has been capably said already. However, it is true that those who wish to mold the pattern of fraternity membership by outside regulation, will not remain silent and that the coming academic year will be no different than many others. By the time this is being read the campaigns on many campuses will have been revived and new ones will be started on others. The thousands of new enrollments will provide a new audience to supplement the field already under cultivation, and the fraternities have no alternative except to rebut the argu-

ments even though it may seem boresome to repeat ideas already presented.

This article is not to be a scholarly rendition supported by graphs and charts and a mass of statistics. It is intended to be down to earth; a realistic and practical approach in restating facts which are well known but susceptible to twisting in the lexicon of clever people not averse to double talk. The seemingly spontaneous campaigns which spring up have a similar pattern of operation easily detected by veteran observers but not especially significant to others.

Let us face the facts. Those who are carrying the torch in the fight against "discrimination" are not friends of the fraternity system. They seek, not its reform, but its dissolution. This will be heatedly denied and some of the denials will be honestly made from the honest hearts of men who have not thought the subject through to its only logical conclusion.

Our opponents are not intellectually honest. This is apparent from the inception of any specific campaign. They redefine the meaning of words to the extent that

terminologies take on a meaning that is offensive. The prime example, of course, is the corruption of the word "discrimination." Webster would never recognize its present usage. From a very inert and admirable original connotation it has taken on a modern one tainted with malicious bigotry. It has been narrowed to the point that there are apparently only three kinds of "discrimination" — those based on race, color or creed. Thus a fraternity which considers these three items, or any one of them, is wholly bad. By inference, or at least by omission, there is nothing wrong in a social fraternity confining its members to agricultural students, or engineers, or to those brilliant enough to meet a stated grade average. Likewise, nothing is said about the chapter which concentrates on athletes, debaters, music majors or just a smooth type boy who wears the right clothes, patronizes the Classic Barber Shop and knows the latest wisecracks.

To be entirely fair, our opponents should be equally exercised over the whole range of discriminatory practices over which they might conceivably make a much better case. Of course, that would mean immediately advocating elimination of the college fraternity system, as well as every other type of social organization, and that would be a rather fatal tipping of the hand. In addition, they would be pleading guilty themselves to the same sins now charged wholly against fraternities.

Having arranged a very convenient definition of words and repeating them often enough, it is a relatively easy matter to attract a following from those who are naturally crusaders, romanticists or just plain unthinking people who persist in viewing the world as it should be and not as it is. Included will be some who are honestly seeking reforms but who make the mistake of working outside, rather than within their own organizations.

It has been repeatedly proven in Communist and Fascist activities that a small but vocal minority is capable of taking over a situation, if it has a plan and works at it hard enough. College campuses are no exception and oftentimes provide a much more fertile field because of the natural and entirely laudable idealism of youth and the cloistered atmosphere of intellectuality. The perfection of a tight little group of students, assisted perhaps, by a few ultra-liberal faculty members, marks the comple-

tion of the first major step in the campaign.

The next is to secure a sounding board. The college daily is the proper vehicle for that. A well organized and publicized campaign of meetings, articles to the editor, editorials and news items regarding isolated or planted examples of "discrimination" in the college town serves to whip up indignation about the evils to be eliminated. Not the least effective in the campaign is that of securing signed statements by campus leaders. Most all of us are firm believers of equal political and economic rights to all, not to mention sanctity of the home, religious freedom and Mother's Day. With these broad fundamentals as a spring board and having made a semblance of case against fraternities who "discriminate," it is not too easy for a campus or faculty leader, who has perhaps paid little attention to what has been going on to refuse to subscribe to the program to eliminate the vicious practices going on right under his nose. Unfortunately it frequently happens that the Inter-Fraternity Council or at least some fraternity men, fall prey to the hypnotic process and sign up as the expedient thing to do, or for fear that refusal will be used to paint him as a bigot himself.

To all these maneuvers must be added the student poll taken by the daily or some other means modeled after Dr. Gallup in which it is not too difficult to establish a climate desiring a change. It does not matter that the results are obtained by means of slanted questions, expert seeding, or just plain lethargy of those individuals who lack the backbone to stand up and be counted. It is thus relatively easy to secure statistics which are imposing and by projection indicate that the whole student body is aflame and demanding that the administration do something about eliminating those evil fraternities which are blighting the fair name of the college.

Some college administrators accept all these developments at their face value with little or no inclination to look behind the scenes to discover how this whole movement received its start and how it was maneuvered. Extremely sensitive to student opinion, outside news releases and fear of general public reaction, they pursue the course of least resistance and lend their efforts to bringing about positive disciplinary action, or the threat of it, against those fraternities who persist in asking

only that they be allowed to choose their associations as a group, just as they do as individuals. Fortunately, as in the cases of Cornell and Michigan, there have been brave and honest administrators who have cut through the propaganda of attack and have taken a stand to protect the rights of those under attack.

In too many instances the opponents of the fraternity system have been successful in swaying administrators and even some of our brother fraternities have found it expedient to dispense with their so-called "clauses." Surely no one would point the finger of criticism at any such groups for that would be negating the whole issue at stake — the freedom and right to choose associations freely, without compulsion or the threat of it. Let no one be so naive as to believe that victory for our opponents in the elimination of membership requirements will end the conflict; temporizing or retreat as the result of attack settles nothing ultimately. The second step will be to force the fraternities to prove that they have become pure. That can only be accomplished by prescribing a system of quotas and requiring the fraternities to periodically demonstrate their adherence to the new order. Thus fraternities, as they have existed for more than a century, will

no longer live and the final objective of our enemies will have been accomplished.

This is, indeed, a bleak and dismal picture, and there are those who will rise to pooh-pooh this conclusion. They may honestly feel that yielding to our opponents and removing the "clauses" is the course of expediency and will solve the problem neatly and we will be able to go on as before. However, it is difficult to accept the conclusion that our enemies will be satisfied with lip service without proven performance. No democratic electorate loses its freedom at one fell swoop. It comes about only as the result of many failures to resist encroachments — expedient temporizing until the whole fabric of freedom is finally lost. Fraternities are only a small segment of democratic society but they too may lose their rights and privileges by failure to resist those who are using every effort to deny us the right of freedom of association. As fraternity men we have the duty of protecting this right by being alert to the activities of organizations and associations attempting to interfere with our selective processes. That duty includes not only withholding support of movements which have as their aim compulsion, but actively resisting and exposing them as enemies of the fraternity system.

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