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Centennial Formal to Be Held December 14

January 1, 1969, will mark the first centennial of the founding of Sigma Nu at Virginia Military Institute by Hopkins, Quarrels, and Riley. Delta Alpha's observation of the Centennial will be our winter formal to be held on Saturday, December 14, at the Pick Carter Hotel in Cleveland. The Centennial Formal also marks the first official social function of the recently organized Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter, and we would like to see as many Alumni at the Formal as can possibly come.

CENTENNIAL FORMAL

Pick Carter Hotel
Prospect and East 9th Street
Dinner Served at 8:00 pm

DINNER MENU

Yankee Pot Roast
Baked Potatoes and Sour Cream
Green Peas and Sliced Mushrooms
Chef's Special Salad
Baked Alaska

Dinner Charge 5.00 per person
\$10.00 per couple

Cash Bar Available

Dance music will be provided by the Lenny Orcino Quintet, featuring Brother Charles Barone on Saxophone. A late evening, light refreshment buffet will be served at the fraternity house until 3:00 am. Reservations should be made before December 10 by mail to Brother Dennis Pesek in care of the House, or by calling Dennis at 1-216-721-2500. We hope to see you there!

Looking at the Fraternity

Our perspectives on the fraternity vary, not only in the differences from brother to brother, but as we progress from pledge to alumnus. In the following series of articles, three brothers look at Delta Alpha, each giving his own reflection on the Fraternity, what it means or has meant, and how it will or has affected his life.

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Formation of New Alumni Chapter

For many years the financial affairs of Delta Alpha in relation to the ownership of a fraternity house have been administered by a dedicated group of alumni known as the House Corporation. When Delta Alpha moved into school owned housing, the need for the House Corporation ceased to exist. In its place an official alumni organization, the Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Sigma Nu, was chartered with the National Fraternity.

This new organization met for the first time in the fall of 1966 to review the immediate past history and to project plans for the alumni chapter. In succeeding meetings a set of By Laws was drafted and a slate of officers elected and installed. Many alumni helped in the sessions which involved the forging of the purposes of the new organization and the setting up of the By Laws, some of whom were Harry Calsing, Dell Kitzel, Bill Pritts, Bill Eisenhauer, Ken Parker, and Ralph Kneale.

The alumni group seems to be off to a successful start and a continuation

on this course hinges on the development of its purposes and their diligent pursuit. These ingredients were obviously present in the old Delta Alpha Association which performed admirably. In fact, their success generated some excess money in the sale of the Abington Road house and in the payment to the school for the use of a new house. This sum amounted to about \$17,000 of which about \$10,000 is deposited in the National Fraternity Building Trust Fund. The money earns interest in the fund and is available for loan to chapters which require building money. The remaining \$7000 is on deposit at present in the Alumni Association checking account. The further use of this money, perhaps in the form of an educational foundation, is one of the tasks of the Alumni Association. The officers of the alumni group hope to get guidance in the use of these funds and other purposes from interested Delta Alpha alumni everywhere. A meeting will be held in the spring of 1969 and all alumni are urged to come and help decide how best to help other Sigma Nus.

Ed Hill

May 5th Alumni Chapter Meeting

The first regular meeting of the Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter was held Sunday, May 5, 1968, at the Case Sigma Nu House. The dissolution of the House Corporation and the formation of the Delta Alpha Alumni Association were discussed. The slate of officers and the By Laws drawn up by the planning committee were approved. The minutes of the meeting and a summary of some of the points of the By Laws follows.

Minutes of the May 5th Meeting

The meeting was opened at 3:00 P.M. by Bill Eisenhauer. Introduction of all alumni present was made. Seventeen alumni were in attendance. Class representation was not all inclusive.

Bill discussed the move from Abington to the present location on Murray

Hill. Specific items covered by Bill were: the rules governing the move to Murray Hill, the House Corporation and its present role, the dissolving of the House Corporation, and the college chapter's present status and the possible use of money left from the nearly defunct House Corporation.

A motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 17, 1968 Planning Committee meeting. Bill did mention the important points of the meeting for the benefit of those now present.

Harry Calsing read the Chapter By Laws for acceptance. The nine articles were discussed and approved. The approval is contingent upon a revision in wording but not affecting the intent of

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A Word from the Collegiate Chapter Commander

I have a special pride in writing to you in this first of a new series of Alumni Letters. It is the result of several years, work for Delta Alpha, but it is also the result of the rebirth of the Delta Alpha Alumni Association. Following the second meeting of this group last May, the executive committee has been meeting regularly in anticipation of the next meeting this coming May.

I hope that you will be able to support the Alumni Association. Through it you can continue the friendships made in college as well as aid Delta Alpha. Make plans now to attend the May meeting and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Centennial Formal on December 14th.

Fraternally,
Joe Craig
Collegiate Chapter Commander

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the By Laws. The revised By Laws will be entered into the minutes at a later date.

Harry Calsing resigned as a trustee. His term of office was for two years. The following slate of officers was submitted and accepted by the Alumni Chapter:

Commander	-----	Bill Eisenhauer
Lt. Commander	-----	Bill Pritts
Recorder	-----	Dell Kitzel
Treasurer	-----	Ed Hill
Reporter	-----	Ralph Kneale
Trustees	-----	(1 year) Ken Parker
		(2 years) Bob Kiehl
		(3 years) Harry Calsing

Bill Pritts submitted to the chapter his financial report. There are two separate sums of money to which the Alumni Chapter may have access, a total of some \$17,000 to \$18,000. With the House Corporation being dissolved, the status of the money is in some doubt. I feel the financial report should be submitted as a permanent record and part of the minutes so that the status of the money is fully understood by all those concerned.

The 43rd Grand Chapter will meet in Denver this year on August 24 thru August 28th. Presently no alumni can attend; however, an alumnus in the Denver area could possibly be enlisted to attend. A check of the alumni records by the college chapter will determine if such an alumnus exists. Bill Eisenhauer stated that alumni funds may be available to send a delegate if someone so desired.

Bill Eisenhauer discussed the Alumni News Letter, a letter to be printed in a regular, orderly fashion expressly for Delta Alpha Alumni. Ralph Kneale could possibly be of service in arranging to have such a letter printed.

The meeting was closed by Bill Eisenhauer at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dell Kitzel
Recorder

Summary of Alumni Chapter By Laws

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity", hereafter called "Chapter" in these By Laws.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purposes for which said Chapter is formed are the following, to wit: To extend to alumni the opportunity to advance, foster, and extend in every legitimate manner the principles and policy of Sigma Nu Fraternity in its relationship to the Delta Alpha Chapter; To provide for the care and preservation of Chapter and Fraternity records and property; and further to administer such funds as will be available to it for educational, literary, and scientific purposes in the advancement of fraternity and academic life of Delta Alpha Chapter at Case Western Reserve University.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1. The Chapter shall hold one regular meeting each year which shall be designated as the "Annual Meeting", to be held during the months of April or May in the Delta Alpha Chapter House at Case Western Reserve University. The Commander shall fix the time of all meetings.

ARTICLE VII FINANCES AND DUES

Section 1. Funds of the organization may and shall be used for the following purposes: Taxes, insurance premiums, interest and principal payments on indebtedness, administration of the chapter, and for normal functions of liaison with the national Sigma Nu Fraternity and with Case Western Reserve University.

Section 2. In addition to expenditures authorized in Section 1 of this Article, the Board of Trustees is authorized to contract for or otherwise commit expenditures or extend loans not to exceed a total of \$1000 during any one operating year running from June 1 to May 31st.

Section 3. Expenditures not authorized in Section 1 or 2 of this Article

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CHAPTER NEWS

The culmination of the political activity on campus last semester was the Republican Mock Political Convention held in May. Michigan and Virginia, represented by Delta Alpha, backed Romney and Nixon respectively. However, in spite of our enthusiastic support for these two candidates, Rockefeller was nominated. That's politics! Special recognition is due Brother John Shields, chairman of the convention, whose year-long efforts helped make the convention the success it was.

Just before the start of Greek Week, our entry in the bed race was discovered to have basic steering problems. A couple of all-nighters had to be spent by our engineers, testing and making final adjustments. Piloted by our courageous Commander, Frank Steffey, who hung precariously out over its front wheel, our bed was pushed to second place. Greek Week '68 marked the first running of the tricycle race. Brother Bob Vorthman, after some persuasion, agreed to ride our tricycle. Bob showed amazing skill at drifting around hairpin turns and at avoiding the maze of tricycle parts strewn about the course, and managed to win his heat and take second overall.

Our experimentation with throwing shaving cream at each other about the house led to the design of a shaving cream pie throwing booth for Senior Carnival. The booth captured first prize for originality, and was, without doubt, the carnival's major attraction.

The pinnings and depinnings of the Chapter over the past year were far too numerous to list here. We seemed to spend most of our time throwing brothers into Wade Pond. More notable occurrences were the marriages of several of our graduating seniors. The chapter extends its best wishes to Mike and Pat Meier, Tom and Karen Szymanski, Don and Anita Platine, Bob and Marcy Folino, and Fred and Molly Gearhart. Delta Alpha would also like to congratulate the following couples upon their recent engagement: Ted Weisbruch and Mary Brown, Terry Voress and Janet Ristine, and Bill Dornbush and classmate Jennifer Brody.

Twenty pledges were initiated at the beginning of the fall semester and the strength of the house now stands at fifty-two men. We also have three new pledges:

Evan Lim, Youngstown, Ohio
Lloyd Nakata, Honolulu, Hawaii
Jim Lindsay, Uniontown, Pa.

43rd Meeting of Grand Chapter

Highlights of the 43rd Grand Chapter held this past August in Denver included the passing of important legislative proposals. The centennial program and building expansion program were explained by Executive Secretary Richard Fletcher.

One notable legislative proposal passed was the elimination of the qualification which excludes Negroes from consideration for membership. "Membership balloting waivers" were granted to chapters who are under duress by university administrations because of the one-black-ball system. Several administrations interpret this system as unfair prejudice.

These two pieces of legislation are particularly important since they reflect the climax of an arduous struggle over the elimination of the racial clause. In Delta Alpha's opinion, racism is in contradiction with Sigma Nu's philosophy of honor and in general with the ideals of the Fraternity. Our former active chapters at Brown, Dartmouth, and Stanford were hurt by this clause. Even our racial waiver that has existed for a few years would not have stood against future university administrations. In conclusion, this clause should have been eliminated many Grand Chapters ago.

The aforementioned "membership balloting waiver" was passed after the defeat of a proposal to grant autonomy in determining the membership balloting procedure. Chapters under administrative pressure because of the one-black-ball system included Illinois, George Washington, Albion, Cornell, and Oregon. It is Delta Alpha's hope that this waiver will be accepted by the administrations of those universities and that the local chapters will be given the right to determine all ballot policies.

Because many chapters are not following the one-black-ball system, it should only be a matter of time before legislation of this type will be passed. Delta Alpha hopes that the political machinery of the Grand Chapter doesn't move as slowly as it did on the racial clause.

Another interesting legislative point mentioned was the possibility that a majority vote would be required to discontinue pledging and one black-ball to cut a man after his formal pledging. This idea merits considerable thought since it does have certain advantages.

Besides legislation, our building expansion program was discussed extensively. The new wing for our permanent offices, costing approximately \$380,

should be completed for the June 14-15th Centennial Celebration in Lexington. It will include office space, room for historical material, and room for each chapter to display its own historical panel.

Chapter Historical Panel For Headquarter's Museum

In the Museum Wing under construction at Headquarters, provision has been made for a display panel that will quickly and graphically highlight each chapter's history. Each chapter is to submit its own display. Your help in this project is needed.

We are looking for flat, two dimensional items; either pictures, posters, plaques, etc.; or objects that we can photograph. If you have any items pertaining to the history of our chapter, please contact us or send the items to us. If you do not wish to part with these items, either have them reproduced and the copy sent to us, or send the item to us and we will reproduce it and return the original to you.

We hope to have a display covering every period in our Chapter's history. The panel is going to represent Delta Alpha. Your help is needed to make this project a success.

Alumni Notes

It will be the policy of future issues of "Delta Alpha News" to devote this space to personal news concerning individual alumni, such as marriages, promotions, births in the family, and residence changes. To facilitate the collection of such information a questionnaire is enclosed with this newsletter. Such information may seem unimportant, but it is invaluable in maintaining communication within the brotherhood. Therefore, we urge every one to reply if at all possible.

Another source of communication which we have found extremely useful has been alumni interviews and reports by pledges. For the past few years it has been the practice of the collegiate chapter to assign to each pledge of the spring semester pledge classes an alumnus to be interviewed during the pledge's spring vacation or at the convenience of the alumnus. The purpose of such a visit and subsequent report is not only to give the pledge an expanded outlook on fraternity life, but also allows the alumnus to meet the future members of the chapter. We would like, therefore, to thank those alumni who were contacted by pledges last spring for their cooperation and to ask any alumnus who would

especially like to be interviewed this spring to please let us know by way of to enclosed questionnaire.

As was reported in the "Delta," spring 1968, Delta Alpha is in fourth place out of twenty in its division in the race to locate all alumni by the Centennial in 1969. Now, with the formation of the Alumni Chapter, it is even more imperative accurate addresses for all alumni be obtained. A list of our unlocated alumni follow. Such a list appeared in the last newsletter of April 23, 1968 in the hope that anyone having any of the addresses would send them in. The response to that newsletter was very encouraging, as can be seen by the fact that many names are no longer on the list.

Theodore Edward Hayes	DA 51
William Calvin Davis	69
Harold LeRoy Byers	71
Russell Price	77
Charles William Willits	78
William Clark Haskell	111
John Mason Coe Boyd	125
Charles Jamieson Kuhn	140
Samuel B. Hood	153
William Myron McCune	154
Donald Rexford Stark	168
Joseph David Galbraith	176
William LeRoy Dairy	204
Walter Edward Jones	207
William Muir Auld, Jr.	217
Charles Wellman Atwood	274
Thomas Joseph Maloney	276
David Peter Kling	283
Robert Mattias Lehto	299
Willard Webster Cummings	372
Clark Winslow Story III	376
Joseph Ovid Campeau	417
Richard Henry Hambridge II	425
James Mansfield Clark	428
William Hayes Beall	481
Alan Francis Freisinger	525
Gregory Lavern Calver	554
Arnold Herman Seitz	596
Karl Barry Brother	602

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shall be made only upon a majority vote of members at a regular meeting of the Chapter or at a special meeting called for the purpose, at which a quorum (eight members) is present.

Section 5. No officer or trustee of the Chapter shall be paid for labor or service rendered to or for the Chapter.

Section 6. An annual audit of books, prior to June 1 of each year, shall be conducted by an Auditing Committee appointed by the Commander.

Section 7. Annual dues of membership shall be \$2.00 payable on September 30th of each year.

Looking at the Fraternity

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Jim Reiman, is a recent initiate of Sigma Nu from Crestline, Ohio. He is a sophomore at Case and is majoring in chemistry. Jim provides the mainstay for the bass section of the Case Men's Glee Club and is the administrative editor of the CASE TECH.

September 15, 1968 marked a day of great significance in my life. The way to that day had been long and had entailed an entire semester's work.

When I was rushed by the Case fraternities, I made the statement that basically, all fraternities are the same; that they are groups of men living together for social purposes — to have a good time. The decision to pledge Sigma Nu was based primarily on the brothers I had met during my first semester at Case. Freshmen and upperclassmen have very few academics in common, but extracurricular activities provide a point of contact, and being active in several activities, I met many Sigma Nus.

Pledging was fun, even though lessons had to be learned and pledge duties carried out. As pledging continued, I realized that Sigma Nu was more than just having parties. Sigma Nu is a way of life — of learning to live in harmony with your brothers, or working with them for the good of the chapter, of having fun together, and of striving to fulfill commitments made to others.

Delta Alpha stresses what we call "the honor system." This system is based upon the idea that every brother will do his best to do his part in the functioning of the chapter because he has an obligation to do so. There is no fine system for missing meetings or work sessions; each of us is expected to work for the chapter as much as he is able.

Besides awakening a sense of responsibility in me towards others. Sigma Nu has done much more for me as a person. Being a member of a social fraternity has taught me a great deal about meeting new and different people, and in general, just how to be more sociable. The greatest attribute of being a member of Delta Alpha, and perhaps the most difficult to describe, is the friendship and unity of the brothers in the house. Developing close relationships with the brothers by working and having fun together is what sets apart the fraternity from a dormitory.

Sigma Nu means much more to me than I am able to express. Yes, September 15, 1968 means a great deal to me;

that was the day my pledge class was initiated into Sigma Nu fraternity.

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Jeffrey "Rock" Lund is a senior at Case from Jamestown, New York. Rock has been very active in the fraternity and we will be sorry to see him graduate. He is majoring in geology and preparing to attend graduate school at Yale.

One of the most amazing things that has happened in my life has been the passage of my four years at Case. The reality of going to college seemed like it would never arrive and now out of nowhere comes graduation and the world. This is a perfect time for reflection. It's such an important time, and as I look back over my career here, things begin to fall in place, and I see what has been important in shaping my life. It can be summed up in one word for me, people. Delta Alpha has allowed me to spend four years in a setting of friends, cooperation, hard work, problems, responsibility, competition, and good times. The fraternity house is a far cry from the situation I'll be in next, whatever that may be, but all the essential elements were there.

For the first time I know the meaning of nostalgia. I'm sure I'll never again have such a close group of friends as my brothers in Sigma Nu and it is with deep regret that I say good-by. But then pulling the other way is life and all its challenges and ups and downs, and I can hardly wait to get started.

So as I prepare to leave collegiate membership in Delta Alpha and assume the role of alumnus, I can only say it has been as valuable and rich an experience as I'll ever have and that I'll never forget.

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Al Gutheim is a recent graduate of Case, class of '67. Al majored in Business Management and is presently working for Ernst and Ernst in Cleveland. Al is a former Commander of Delta Alpha.

When I was asked to express what Sigma Nu means to me it sounded just like the old "What I Did on My Summer Vacation." But putting the words down on paper turned out to be a bit more difficult than I had anticipated. Since my graduation, I really hadn't thought about it.

What does Sigma Nu mean to me?

As an undergraduate, I had it down pretty well, talking fraternity, I mean. Most of us did; we did it at least twice a year for rush and then generally for

sundry other reasons during the semester. But I haven't been an active member now for a year and a half. The Homecoming float that kept me awake all night my freshman year doesn't mean much anymore.

Sure, I remember a lot of things. Being an alumnus of a fraternity — any fraternity — admits one to one of the largest social clubs in the country — that group of men who can sit around and shoot the breeze about hellraising that they did in the old days. I remember mine pretty well. Certainly much better than they ever really were. But all that is part of the life of the man who is presently an active or a pledge. An intramural volleyball trophy doesn't do much for me these days.

But I'll tell you what does: having been a member of Delta Alpha for four years. As an undergraduate, I always felt that the fraternity was part of my education. As an alumnus, I'm delighted to report that my hunch was right. It was an integral part of my education. The things that fraternity membership taught me have turned out to become much more a part of me than anything for which I get paid sixty dollars an hour.

Now I don't want to preach the virtues of fraternity membership here. Dick Fletcher has been doing that for years, and he is much better at it than I. But even though this really isn't the place for it, I would like to add something for the men who are presently actives and pledges, because, after all, that's where it's at. If I were to do it all over again I'd do one thing differently.

Remember that a fraternity contains all the economic, political, and certainly all the social aspects as any organization does, as life does in general. The fraternity is, in many ways, a kind of "life in a fishbowl." And as a young alumnus, I can tell you this: the way you interact with the fraternity today is a very good indication of how you will interact with the world after you graduate.

So stop occasionally and think about what is good about you and Sigma Nu and likewise what is not so good. And if you can somehow reduce the items on the liability side, by all means do so. If you don't, expect to see them again. I promise that you will, and they will cause you much more trouble the second time around.

One more thing. Work hard at being a fraternity man. It's very much worth it.