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Centennial Convocation and College of Chapters

by Bob Lorenz

In accordance with National law, the College of chapters was held this year. Jim Reiman and I were the Delta Alpha representatives. It was held in Lexington, Virginia on the campuses of Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University. The agenda was divided into two main parts: the Centennial celebration and the College of Chapters.

Jim and I arrived in Lexington on Saturday, June 14, 1969. The formal convocation was held that afternoon, beginning with an invocation by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Richard Sturgis, which was then followed by a roll call of the chapters. Regent Herman B. Wells spoke about important events in the history of Sigma Nu.

Dinner was cafeteria style and was held in the VMI dining hall. After dinner, the formal unveiling of the commemorative tablets was held. Herman Wells and other grand officers met with representatives from the chapters and other honored guests. At 9 p.m. more speeches were given and the Centennial poem, *The Rock*, by O. Z. Tyler was read. There was also to be a dramatic reenactment of the founding, but this had to be cancelled due to a thunderstorm and the possibility of an electrical short circuit in the spotlights.

On Sunday morning, we attended the dedication of the newly built wings of the headquarters building. Again it rained and the ceremony had to be held indoors. It was at the "Rock" where we obtained several ink sketches of headquarters along with a cutting from the original White Rose. These sketches and the rose are now at the chapter house. The Dedication was followed by an open house which gave everyone an opportunity to view the new additions and original house.

Monday brought nice weather and the beginning of the College of Chapters. The organization of the college was different due to the abbreviated time. We were divided into discussion groups according to the size of our college. We



The First Delta Alpha House. L to R: "Hop" Woods, Charley Cleaveland, Walt Denman.

May 14th Annual Alumni Chapter Meeting

The annual meeting of the Delta Alpha Alumni of Sigma Nu was held on May 14, 1969. The alumni organization agreed to underwrite the entire cost of the newsletter. Annual dues of \$2.00 due September 30 will be requested from each member to defray the cost of the newsletter and offset other current expenses.

Officers elected for the year 1969-1970 were:

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| Commander | William Pritts |
| Lt. Commander | Allen Gutheim |
| Recorder | John Massie |
| Treasurer | Dale Johnson |
| Reporter | William Eisenhower |
| Trustee (3 year term) | Harry Calsing |

Trustees remaining in office from prior elections are Kenneth Parker and Robert Kiehl.

Article III, Section 7 of the Bylaws of Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity state:

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

were given a few suggested topics of discussion but no rigid format to follow. The main topics of conversation were

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Three major changes have been made at Case this year. The first is the institution of the proposed 4-1-4 program which has revised the academic calendar of CWRU to include a month long intersession. Also, a Case Assembly has been formed of students and faculty to govern academic programs and requirements of Case Tech. Finally, the University Undergraduate Student Government has started to function as a university governing body.

The 4-1-4 program which goes into effect this year calls for the first semester to consist of four months and to end in December. January will be devoted to the intersession programs and the second semester will last from February through May. This means that each semester has been cut by two weeks.

Each student has the option of choosing to take one course during intersession. This can range from participation in courses offered by various faculty members of regular required courses to independent study programs proposed by the student in conjunction with a faculty advisor. All grading, except for courses required for the student's major

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A Word from the Collegiate Chapter Commander

With this issue of Delta Alpha News I would like to present a challenge to you—not as an alumnus, but as a brother. The key that ties you to the collegiate chapter is not financial contribution, honor, or fraternity creed, but PARTICIPATION.

Last May your newly elected Alumni Commander and his team of officers set out to revitalize the Alumni Chapter. Their success or failure will be reflected in the degree to which you become involved with Sigma Nu.

How, you say? 1. Right now, before you forget, tell your wife that on Friday, November 7 you're going out with your fraternity brothers to the Alumni Stag. If you think she'll lock you out of the house or it's too far for you to drive back home, stay overnight at **your** fraternity house. We'd love to have you.

2. Tomorrow at work dictate a letter to your secretary. Let us know what you've been doing since you graduated.

3. The next time you are in Cleveland stop by the house. The food is bland but fattening, the coffee pot runs continuously, and we never haul in the welcome mat.

4. If you think that the younger generation is going to hell, write an article about it for *your* Alumni Newsletter. I'd like to see the Newsletter written entirely by alumni contribution with guest articles by the collegiate chapter.

In closing, some exciting things are happening on campus and in Delta Alpha. We still trust people over thirty, and would like to share our excitement with you. **REJOIN THE BROTHERHOOD!!!**

Fraternally,
James Waldorf, Commander

College of Chapters

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pledging programs, the honor system, and social activities.

After lunch there was a formal meeting in which discussion centered about special problems which might sometime arise. Assistant executive secretary Gerald Hawkins usually headed these discussions.

After the special problems session, we returned to our small discussion groups. Tuesday followed much the same procedure. Jim Reiman and I had to leave early Tuesday afternoon due to previous commitments in Cleveland early Wednesday morning.

During our stay in Lexington we discussed Delta Alpha's honor system

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is on a pass-fail basis.

Perhaps the best feeling for inter-session can be obtained by surveying the available courses. These range from work in oceanography at the University of Rhode Island to intensive language courses in which the student moves into a language house, or in the case of German, goes to Germany. A student can go to London to study English government or participate in a theater production on campus or study kinetic art. A course that might interest alumni is one on filling out income tax forms. Original research problems are readily available to Case students.

The Case Assembly is an attempt by the Case faculty to involve students in the decision making process of Case Institute of Technology. This new representative assembly will consist of one hundred faculty members, thirty-five students, and thirteen *ex officio* members of the administration and alumni.

The faculty members will be elected by their respective departments. The basic breakdown is thirty each from the science, engineering, and Case humanities faculty and ten from the university. The student representatives are elected with one from each fraternity, two from each dorm, and three from the coeds and commuters.

This council is to decide on issues involving academic standing and admission, student counselling and judicial proceedings, and educational goals and quality of instruction. The formation of this assembly shows faculty recognition of student ability to assist in planning their education.

The University Undergraduate Student Government (UUSG) is a super-government over the four coordinate colleges: Case, Adelbert, Mather, and Cleveland College. The UUSG is an attempt to provide a representative government to deal with issues involving the entire undergraduate body and in no way should intrude on the traditional activities of the

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and membership requirements with Richard Fletcher (Executive Secretary) and Gerald Hawkins. We learned exactly what National law says about membership qualifications and how we should go about obtaining any changes if we cared to do so.

I would recommend that any brother who is ever near Lexington to be sure to stop by Headquarters and visit with the staff there. It is sure to be an interesting and rewarding experience.

CHAPTER RETREAT

Delta Alpha of Sigma Nu held a chapter retreat on June 7, 1969. The purpose of the retreat was to discuss areas of possible chapter improvement and to draw up specific proposals to be put before the entire chapter in the fall. The body at the retreat was divided into three committees, ritual, social, and campus activities. These committees met separately during the morning to concentrate discussion in their particular areas. In the afternoon they combined to agree upon and draft the proposals in their final form. The planning for the retreat was the work of Brother Neal Nomiya whom we thank for a job well done.

Under the ritual committee it was proposed to write to the National Secretary for permission to delete certain archaic passages from the ritual such as that which can be found on page eight, paragraph six in the Liturgy. A proposal was made and passed to attempt to obtain a waiver from the National to change the "black-ball" system from its present 50 percent to a more reasonable 20 percent. The honor system and fines were discussed and the following proposals made:

A fine of three dollars for missing a chapter meeting or a rush function without an excuse to the executive committee. A fine of two dollars for the third missed work session without excuse in any one semester. Also a fine of two dollars per month for anyone with a house-bill overdue by more than five days. These fines, however, were not passed by the chapter this fall. The general feeling at that meeting was that perhaps such fines would not be needed this year and if they were they could be passed when the necessity appeared.

The social committee under the chairmanship of the social chairman, Ed Evers, reviewed the social calendar proposed for the coming year with the objectives of making parties more interesting and of encouraging all the brothers to date every weekend.

The campus activities committees came up with new ideas for increasing participation on campus and improving our public relations in general. Two specific proposals were, first, to form an Activities Committee within the house to bring openings in various campus organization to the attention of brothers with particular abilities, and second, to undertake as a community service project the formation of a science club for interested junior and senior high school students in the area. These last two proposals were passed.

Notes About Alumni

We deeply appreciate the support and contributions of the Alumni regarding the *Delta Alpha News*. The response to our plea for Alumni news was immensely encouraging and we enjoyed hearing from so many Brothers. We are repeating our plea for news items, so try to drop us a line and tell us what you are doing.

We also need help with our compilation of the history of Delta Alpha. Although our knowledge of the early years of Delta Alpha is fairly complete, our information about the chapter between 1925 and 1955 is very sketchy. Any memories you have of the Chapter and the Brothers that lived there during these years would be very valuable to us.

George Heron, DA 33, is presently retired and living in Shaker Heights. He attended the Alumni Dinner held last Spring.

Darwin Hindman, DA 46, now lives in Columbia, Missouri. He retired as a Professor of Physical Education at the University of Missouri in June 1964.

Gerald Cover, DA 129, living in Cleveland Heights, retired as a professor of Metallurgy at Case in 1964. He has been the president of several companies since then.

Louis Gegenheimer, DA 195, is presently employed at the Timken Roller Bearing Company of Cleveland in the industrial division. His nephew also pledged a Sigma Nu chapter—Delta Sigma at Carnegie-Mellon University.

Harvey Berghaus, DA 211, is now president of Transport Products in Cleveland, the very same company that employed him during his summers while attending Case. The Chapter would like to thank Brother Berghaus for his encouragement of this newsletter.

Carl Geltz, DA 225, had pledged in 1933 when there were about only 28 actives. He majored in Mechanical Engineering and is now employed in the Certification Services Department of the American Gas Association Labs. In July Brother Geltz began working in their new "Total Energy" plant in Independence, Ohio. The Brothers would like to thank Brother Geltz for his recommendations and his encouragement of this newsletter.

Charles Smith, DA 228, left Case in the Spring of 68 to become the University Distinguished Professor and Director of the Materials Research Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he claims, "there

is neither traffic nor winter slush!"

Richard Englehardt, DA 230, graduated in 1938 as an electrical engineer. Presently he is employed with Martin Marietta in Baltimore, Md. Nancy, his daughter, just recently graduated from Goucher College in Towson, Md.

Harry Bennett, DA 238, living in Florida, is now Project Engineer on the Division Engineer's Staff at Southern Bell Telegraph and Telephone. Brother Bennett is also working toward his MBA Degree.

Robert Gardiner, DA 252, is presently living in Friendswood, Texas. The Brothers of the Chapter would like to congratulate his recent promotion in June of 68 to Assistant Director for Electronic Systems, Manned Spacecraft Center, NASA, Houston, to also congratulate him for his being awarded the NASA Exceptional Service Medal for Outstanding Contribution to the Success of Apollo 8, January 1969.

James Martin, DA 285, is retired and living in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Brother Martin would like to hear from any of the Brothers, especially those who know him. The Brothers of the Chapter wish to thank Brother Martin for his interest and encouragement in Delta Alpha and this newsletter.

Robert Schow, DA 289, who was recently promoted to the position of Manager of Production and Advanced Technology to the Extraction-Oxide Department of the Brush Beryllium Company, Elmore, Ohio, is now living in Lambertville, Michigan.

Charles Anglemeyer, DA 303, informed us last that his son, 21, was in his 4th year at U.C. studying in Mechanical Engineering, and his daughter, 15, in her 9th year at Mason County High School. Living in Kentucky, Brother Anglemeyer is employed as Manager of the J. M. Stuart Station of the Dayton Power and Light Company.

William Kibbel, DA 307, after graduating from Case in 1942 with a Chemical Engineering Degree, returned to Case for graduate work and left in 1947. Living near Pennington, N. J., Brother Kibbel is presently managing a department at the FMC Chemical Research and Development Company.

Charles Gardiner, DA 321, having his graduation delayed by serving his country during the war as a sailor, graduated in 1946 as a civil engineer. He is now a partner in the Steel and Wire Manufacturing Company. Brother Gardiner has 2 daughters, 24 and 21, and a son 14 years of age.

Nicholas Meholic, DA 325, presently living in downtown Cleveland, is Chief

Engineer for Byers, Urban, Klug, and Pittinger, Consulting Engineers. His work often carries him as far as Erie, Pennsylvania.

James Lee, DA 361, living in Acton, Massachusetts, was recently released from active duty as Commanding Officer, NMCB-12. The Chapter wishes to congratulate Brother Lee for being awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V (for services in Vietnam) and the Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal.

William Morton, DA 362, upon graduating from Case in 1946 as a civil engineer, and later fulfilling his Naval obligations, Brother Morton got married. Living in East Cleveland, he is presently employed by the government as a city engineer. The Brothers may be interested to know that the Commander who was Bill's roommate while his stay at Sigma Nu, later became Bill's Best Man at his wedding.

Richard Thoman, DA 370, moved to San Diego, California in 1958. He has 3 children, and presently holds the position of Manager of Custom Engineering for Stromberg Datagraphix.

James Clark, DA 428, may be addressed as Lieutenant Commander of the United States Navy. He is presently serving as head of Terrier Missile Weapons Control Branch of the Naval Ordnance System Command of the Navy Department in Washington, D.C.

Donald Gross, DA 431, of Canton, Ohio, is currently head of an insurance company, the Donald Lee Gross Agency with State Farm Mutual.

Charles Schuler, DA 444, living in Columbus, Ohio, graduated from Case in 1952 with a Mechanical Engineering Degree. Just recently Brother Schuler established his own manufacturing corporation, and is presently concerned with sales.

Donald Dick, DA 451, now residing in North Canton, received a SLOAN Fellowship to M.I.T. (nominated by the Ohio Power Company) in 1967 and graduated in June of 68 with a MS Degree in Management. Brother Dick is presently employed as an Administrative Assistant on the Staff of the Executive Vice-Presidents of the Ohio Power Company. The Brothers wish to thank Brother Dick for his encouragement to this newsletter and his information concerning unlocated alumni.

Dwight Decker, DA 466, is an Assistant Professor of Physics at the Rhode Island Junior College in Providence, R. I. He is presently living in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Jerome Eldridge, DA 467, a resident of Yorktown Heights of New York, is currently employed as Staff Scientist of IBM in their Yorktown Heights Research Center. Brother Eldridge received his Doctorate in 1966 in Metallurgy from N. Y. U.

William Rauker, DA 475, of Atlanta, Georgia, is presently a stockbroker with Goodbody and Company of Atlanta, Georgia. He would enjoy hearing from any of the Brothers in this area or passing through on their way to Florida. The Chapter wishes to also thank Brother Rauker for his encouragement of this newsletter.

John Richards, DA 492, after graduating from Case in 1957 as an electrical engineer, served three years in the Air Force. Brother Richards is now employed by the Production Machinery Corporation and at the same time working for his Master's Degree in Business Management at Case-Western Reserve University. He resides in Mentor, Ohio.

Ronald Thomas, DA 498, of Cleveland, is employed by NASA at the Lewis Research Center. He received his MS Degree in June, 1968, from the Toledo University. Brother Thomas is the father of 4 children, two girls and two boys. "They would love any visits from the Brothers."

Peter Duff, DA 501, living now in Matapoisett, Mass., has recently formed a company to manufacture fiberglass cruising sailboats. "Look for 'Edey and Duff' advertising in *Yachting* in the next few months."

Edward Labuda, DA 515, a former resident of New Jersey, is now living with his wife and three boys in Allentown, Pa. In February of 1969, he became a supervisor of the Semiconductor Device Physics Group at Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Robert Ledden, DA 516, employed by the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, was promoted to Assistant Superintendent in charge of the open hearths of the Brier Hill Works. He was formerly in charge of the blooming mills of the Campbell Works.

Tom Milhoff, DA 518, after graduating from Case in 1959 as a chemical engineer, worked for about ten years with various research firms. In 1967, he returned to school to obtain his Master's Degree in Secondary Education. Brother Milhoff is currently teaching at Niles High School in Niles, Michigan.

Edward Buerckholtz, DA 556, of Spring-

field, Missouri, is employed as an airline pilot for a scheduled air carrier in the Midwest. The Brothers would like to thank Brother Buerckholtz for his interest in this newsletter.

Paul Bondor, DA 574, living in Houston, Texas, completed his doctorate studies at Case and received his degree in June, 1969. He is now working for the Shell Development Company as an engineer in Research.

James Bowers, DA 575, graduated from Case in Management Sciences, and is currently employed by the Pyronics Company in Warrensville. Brother Bowers is residing in Cleveland with his wife and their two-year-old son. In last April we heard that he was expecting a new addition to the family.

Edward Hall, DA 578, received his MBA Degree in Management from Michigan State last December. He now resides in Jackson, Michigan.

Christopher Mathewson, DA 590, just recently got married to Janet Olmstead on November 2, 1968. He is a Lieutenant in the U. S. Environmental Science Services Administration and presently assigned to the Joint Tsunami Research Effort located at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu—what a way to go; Editor.

Dominic Strollo, DA 606, graduated in 1961 from Case with a degree in Metallurgy. He is presently working for Reactive Metals in Niles, Ohio, which produces titanium products. Brother Strollo got married five years ago as of last May, and is the father of two children, Karen, 4, and Kim, 2. They are living in Youngstown, Ohio.

Dwayne Morrison, DA 625, and his wife Judy recently purchased a home in Alliance, Ohio. Brother Morrison is a Senior Product Engineer of the TRW Metals Division. Both he and his wife are working part time for their MBA Degrees at Kent State University.

Robert Zinn, DA 669, a recent alumnus of Delta Alpha, began attending the Yale University Graduate School for his Ph.D. in Astronomy.

Ronald Kolda, DA 670, just recently got married to Jenny Hendershot in June of 69. They are presently living here in Cleveland, while Brother Kolda is attending the Case Graduate School Division of Macromolecular Science.

Mark Frishberg, DA 676, is currently an instructor of Chemistry at Carnegie-Mellon University. Brother Frishberg got married in June 1969 to Kathy Deweese.

ALUMNI STAG

Ringinging. HELL-O. Bill speaking.

Hiya, Bill! This is Joe. What say we bop down to the old frat house and chew the fat with the rest of the gang. Old baldy's going to be there, and so are Jim and Tom. How about it?

Wawawawawhat are you talking about?

You know, they're having a stag party at Delta Alpha on November 7. It's going to be like old times. Remember the wild parties we used to have?

Hmmmmmmmm. Tom's going to be there, so's Jim, and old baldy, huh? Like old times. But it seems like I've outgrown the frat.

Outgrown the frat? Have you outgrown your memories, the good ole times? How about it, Bill?

Well, I guess I can give it a try. It might just be a lot of fun . . .

Sigma Nu Stag, on Friday, November 7, starting at 8:30 P. M. Address: 2235 Murray Hill Rd. — map on page 6. A nominal charge will be collected at the party. Send your reservation to John Massie, CHI Corporation, 11000 Cedar Ave., Clev. Need accommodations for the night?

Campus Activities

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Case Senate and solely Case affairs.

These changes show great promise for the future development of Case as an institution and for the personal development of students and faculty. But the challenge is as great as the potential. Case students are being given the opportunity to demonstrate that their generation is seriously interested in improving themselves and their environment.

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CHAPTER NEWS

by Eric Snyder

Since last April, Delta Alpha has been a beehive of activity. It continues to be one of the most energetic and lively fraternities on campus. Many events have occurred during this period that we here call to your attention.

First, Chapter elections for the fall semester were held at the end of last April. The new major officers are:

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| Jim Waldorf | Commander |
| Jim Reiman | Lt. Commander |
| Bob Gann | Treasurer |
| John Bertko | Recorder |

News also centered around the graduating seniors of last June. Dave Adams began work with Du Pont in Charleston, W. Va. while Drew Barry started with Inland Steel of Chicago. Joe and Diana Craig were married on July 12 and he is presently attending graduate school at the University of Maryland. Ray Hookway married Kathy Cox and is now working for General Dynamics in Fort Worth. Mike Hyrnick accepted a job with Ohio Edison in Akron and will marry Jean Robinson on October 25. Larry Jansen is working for Goodyear in Akron. Larry and Moira Koppelberger were married on June 21, and he is working with Collins Radio in Dallas. Jeff and Marty Lund were married in July, and he is now working for Sun Oil Co. in Houston while Rich Merrill has started with General Dynamics in Fort Worth and will be married to Linda Deal on the 18th of October. Keith Minton is working for Hoover Vacuum here in Cleveland; John Paul is attending graduate school at Case. How Roth is with General Dynamics at San Diego while Terry Tuttle is with North American Rockwell in L.A. Bill and Bev Verdini were married on June 12; Bill is presently with Firestone in Akron where he is training for a two year overseas assignment in Liberia, scheduled to begin in November. Terry Voress is with Morton Salt Co. in Manistee, Michigan; Ted Weisbruch is with Pratt-Whitney in Hartford, Conn.; and Dan Wise is working for Firestone in Akron.

The Chapter welcomed seventeen new Brothers last June 6. The new initiates are:

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| Al Blischak | Toledo, Ohio |
| Bob Brentin | Poland, Ohio |
| Bruce Cable | Chardon, Ohio |
| Eric Demerlin | Westlake, Ohio |
| Gary Eesley | Grove City, Ohio |
| Angelo Furfaro | Cleveland, Ohio |
| Don Hunt | Washington Crossing, Pa. |
| Rich Kelly | Euclid, Ohio |
| Ken King | McDonald, Ohio |
| Bob Lorenz | Columbus, Ohio |
| Ken Marbaugh | Sturgis, Michigan |
| Mike Puhala | Youngstown, Ohio |
| Mike Sherbon | Oklahoma City, Okla. |
| Pete Scottgard | Plantation, Fla. |

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| Eric Snyder | Euclid, Ohio |
| Gary Steinbach | Massillon, Ohio |
| Chuck Taitt | Parkersburg, W. Va. |

The Chapter also wishes to announce some recent engagements and marriages. Last spring Jim Waldorf became engaged to Miriam Pickel of Mt. Sinai Hospital here in Cleveland, and on July 12, Bill Dornbush married Jennifer Brody, who just graduated from Case. Chuck Taitt's wife, Paula, recently gave birth to a baby girl, Jennifer Carol.

Delta Alpha has three new pledges this fall: Bob Kramer from Cincinnati, Ohio; Tim Opar from Kensington, Pa.; and Chris Clautice from York, Pa.

Around the house, several changes have taken place. The Director of Student Housing has given the Brothers permission to paint, at their own cost naturally, their own rooms. As a result, the old "institutional beige" has been replaced by various shades of blue, green, and red. The Chapter has also acquired a new stereo system, a Marantz to be more precise.

This past semester, the Chapter had an overall scholastic average of 2.83, which was five-hundredths of a point below the leading fraternity. We hope to be back on top next semester. In Case Intramurals, Sigma Nu finished first in squash, tennis, and bowling, and placed well in several other sports.

In winding up, it should be mentioned that Homecoming is coming around soon. This year Bruce Cable is our chairman and will coordinate the activities. The main contest is to decorate the fraternity houses and dorms according to the theme, "The Age Of Aquarius". Sigma Nu has an idea that truly promises to challenge the others for the trophy. In all we are looking forward to another good year for Sigma Nu.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF DELTA ALPHA

by Theodore Swanson

In 1880, a scientific school was founded in Cleveland; that school is now known as Case Institute of Technology of Case Western Reserve University. As the school grew, it gradually attracted national fraternities, Zeta Psi being the first to be established. By the beginning of 1907, seven national fraternities were located at Case with Sigma Nu being the eighth one. The installation of Delta Alpha was not, however, an easy matter. The story begins with the initial attempts of the Sigma Nu alumni in Cleveland to start a chapter at one of Cleveland's institutions of learning. It was for this purpose that the Cleveland Alumni Chapter was founded.

George Waddle, C. Kirkbride, Walter Myers, and William Atterhalt were among the leading alumni engaged in this cause.

After an initial attempt to establish a chapter at Western Reserve failed, the fight to enter Case began. In the fall of 1906, "Hop" Woods, a Sigma Nu from Beta Iota, Mt. Union College, entered Case as a freshman. Waddle and Woods together set out to secure some good prospects. Clark Wilson Francy was the first to pledge. No better man could have been chosen. Francy had great endurance and his faithful hard work gave the young chapter a much needed source of strength in its early years. Delta Alpha owes a great debt to C. W. Francy.

Woods and Francy were soon able to enlist a small number of others in the cause. These were Ray Berridge, Walter Denman, Earl Bloxham, Dwight Leggett, Lawrence Hopkins, and Charles Cleaveland. Due to problems at home, Hopkins was forced to wait until his senior year to become initiated.

These first seven young men, although lacking any previous organizational experience, were soon awaiting the next Grand Chapter of Sigma Nu with high hopes of becoming charter members of a new chapter. This was not, however, to be accomplished so easily. The Alumni chapter had previously tried to secure the consent of the High Council for a chapter at Case, with one adverse vote preventing the attempt. The Cleveland Sigma Nus, largely through the efforts of Trafford B. Talmadge, finally succeeded in gaining the consent of the Division in order to present the proposition on the floor at a convention. At the Grand Chapter convention itself, objections were raised on the grounds that this method of securing a charter deviated from what had become traditional. Previously, chapters had gained their charter by petitioning the existing chapters and having it voted upon, rather than at a Grand Chapter. However, through the efforts of the tireless Cleveland Sigma Nus and some influential friends, the charter was finally granted. Thusly, Delta Alpha was born. Upon the seven founders, the destiny of Sigma Nu at Case rested. Whether she would flounder and die or grow with honor rested in their zeal and abilities. Delta Alpha's success throughout the years is a tribute to these men.

On the afternoon of February 22, 1907, the small group took the vows of Sigma Nu in the Hollenden Hotel and

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A Brief History

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the active life of Chapter 71, Delta Alpha, of the Sigma Nu General Fraternity began.

The new chapter deemed it advisable to attempt to secure a house as soon as possible. In the fall of 1907, they decided to locate themselves with Brother Denman and his parents on Carnegie Avenue. It was here that Delta Alpha's first pledge put on the button. He was J. W. Cleaveland, the brother of C. W. Cleaveland. By the spring of 1908, a house on Cornell Place was rented.

In the middle of the school year, the membership totaled fifteen. The "bunch" began to eat together and conduct social functions, thus approaching the stage of an ideally developed fraternity.

In May of 1917, the strenuous times of World War I forced the chapter to move in with Delta Zeta chapter of Western Reserve on Euclid Avenue. The war cut the membership rolls from twenty-four to six or seven within a month after its outbreak. As an example of the times, only one chapter meeting was held between September, 1918, and January, 1919.

The immediate post-war period was characterized by problems of securing a house. Finally, a house at 2071 Adelbert was purchased in the spring of 1920, which was occupied until 1929. During this time, Delta Alpha became increasingly strong until it was once again one of the top fraternities at Case. In 1929, the chapter moved into a new house, the first built especially for the fraternity, on Abington Road, where the chapter remained until it moved into the present (school-owned) house at 2235 Murray Hill Road in the fall of 1964. During this interval, the chapter steadily grew in strength and stature. At a formal initiation on February 19, 1954, Delta Alpha initiated its five hundredth member. Delta Alpha presently has 764 initiates and 3 pledges. The chapter has ranked first scholastically out of twelve fraternities on campus for four of the last six semesters, and has members in virtually all of the various campus activities, ranging from athletics to business organizations.

Delta Alpha has, in this manner, grown from a small group of faithful founders to its present position as a leading fraternity on campus. Although all who have passed before are to be credited for this development, we owe a special debt of gratitude to those who

NOTES TO ALUMNI

We have, in the past, received quite a few letters from many alumni. Some of these express opinions on the newsletter itself, while others give us general information. We appreciate all comments, as this provides the only measure of how interesting the newsletter is to the alumni. Also, the newsletter is meant to be **for and about** the alumni. The more mail we receive, the more alumni notes we can include. So drop us a line, and let us know what you are doing and any other news you may have.

In the interest of increasing support for the Delta Alpha Alumni Association, we would like to know how many alumni would like to obtain an address list of all alumni. Also, if there is a particular address you would like, please write.

conceived and created the chapter and nursed it through the difficult early years.

DUES

On the matter of dues: The by-laws of the alumni association calls for the payment of \$2.00 annual dues from each active member of the association. The continued maintenance of our fall and spring newsletter alone requires the support of over 225 active members. Please indicate your support for the 1969-1970 fiscal year by mailing your check now. Suggestion: use the tear-out below.

To: Dale A. Johnson, Treasurer
4437 Sussex Drive
Upper Arlington, Ohio 43220

Here is my check for \$2.00 covering dues in the Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity for 1969-1970.

From:

