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## COLLEGE OF CHAPTERS

John Pettit and Bob Kramer represented Delta Alpha at the 1971 Sigma Nu College of Chapters, which met August 23rd through the 27th in Lexington, Virginia.

"The Big 'O'", which stands for outlook, outreach, outgrowth, outcries, and outcome was used as a theme for the program. On each of the three "work days" the delegates met in small groups to discuss all the various aspects and problems of fraternity life. The discussions proved to be interesting and informative, contrary to the expectations of some.

The group dynamics approach toward problem solving was largely responsible for the success of the discussion groups. A number of exercises were performed in the groups which added a new perspective to the old problems of rush, apathy, and pledge programming. In one exercise a group of five was instructed to form five different squares from the cardboard pieces which the individuals in the group had received. All talking and other forms of communication were forbidden. Furthermore, each member was permitted only to give his pieces to others, he could not take any. This exercise clearly demonstrated the need for cooperation within a group. Some groups failed simply because one member continued to work on "his" puzzle and would not relinquish the parts which the others needed. In another exercise individuals were asked to rank different qualities of a brother in order of importance. Following the individual rankings the group attempted to reach a general consensus on the relative importance of the items which were ranked.

Thursday evening a picnic and talent show were held on the grounds of the national headquarters. The food was good, the talent was better. Additional entertainment was provided when Brother Fletcher attempted to raise the Sigma Nu rock with a helium filled weather balloon.

Lexington was not quite prepared for the invasion of the Sigma Nus. Early Wednesday evening both of the town's bars had to close when they discovered that their beer supply had been exhausted.



CWRU's Spartans defeated W & J, the number ten passing team in the nation.

## ALUMNI BUFFET

A buffet and cocktail party for the combined alumni and active chapters is planned for Saturday, Dec. 11, 1971 at 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$5.00 for single/\$8.00 per couple, payable at the door. The party will be held at the active chapter house at 2235 Murray Hill Road and 3.2 beer will be available to minors.

Since most of the active chapter is planning to attend, this will be an excellent chance to make new acquaintances as well as renew old friendships. Please notify us in the return envelope by Dec. 1 whether or not you plan to attend.

At the conclusion of the College of Chapters each chapter received an autographed copy of *Grouping for Solutions* by Bill Amriott, an alumnus of Eta Theta at North Dakota State University.

John Pettit and Bob Kramer returned to Cleveland with renewed vigor and optimism for Delta Alpha and for Sigma Nu. Each had a deeper and truer feeling of belonging to a national fraternity. Both concluded that the College of Chapters had been a success.

## CHAPTER NEWS

by Rob Schreck

This semester has been highlighted by certain changes and activities in the Chapter. The Chapter initiated seven new brothers and signed one pledge. The new initiates are:

Bill Mariner . . . Allegheny, N.Y.  
Greg Michnay . . . Strasbourg, France  
Scott Gorsuch . . . Malvern, Pa.  
Jim Cobb . . . Utica, N.Y.  
Wes Brzozowski . . . Midland, Mich.  
Bob Steinke . . . Bellvue, Ohio  
Tony Preston . . . Grand Rapids, Mich.

The new pledge this semester is John Harkey, from Wickliffe, Ohio.

The most salient point of change this semester comes from the fact that nine new freshmen are living in the house. It is the general feeling of the Chapter that living in a fraternity house during the first semester will help the new freshmen acclimate themselves to college life.

The chapter would like to extend its congratulations and best wishes to Geoff Covert and Sue Ferrari for their engagement in June. Congratulations are also in order for Wes Brzozowski and Chris Schott on recently getting pinned.

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## A WORD FROM THE COLLEGIATE CHAPTER COMMANDER



If you're up with what's happening on college campuses across the nation you know that "fraternity" has been doing rather poorly. That is, many fewer men have pledged over the past three years than are really needed to keep fraternities alive and running well. Case has been no exception. Even Delta Alpha has felt the pinch of reduced pledge classes and large numbers of graduating seniors. Our chapter now lists thirty-one active members, less than seventy-five per cent of our strength three years ago. The men we have are good men, and brotherhood remains our strength, but both financially and from a rush standpoint we need more men.

Obviously, if we could somehow acquire a good sized pledge class of enthusiastic men, our problems would diminish. The means for doing so have finally been presented to us. After three years of poor pledge classes campus-wide, the IFC has relaxed some of the old restrictive rush rules. In the past, the only sanctioned contact between fraternity men and freshmen was the open house first semester, and formal rush at the beginning of second semester. This year we had a formal rush type contact, i.e., in the dorms, in mid-September. Even though we have retained the Friday evening open house plan, each fraternity can be visited by a freshman at any time during the semester, and he can attend meals on invitation. Parties are still off limits to freshmen, and fraternity men may not call or visit a freshman in his dorm, but we do have open rush on campus, or in our own house. These relaxations in rules may not be much, but we feel that they present us the opportunity to rush effectively on an individual, one to one basis. Such a technique has for some time been thought to be the best approach for getting quality men into fraternities. While we would like to see even fewer restrictions on rush activities up

to pledging during second semester, we are satisfied with and optimistic about our chances for a good pledge class of over fifteen men.

Two other factors we feel are significant are 1) that this year's freshman class seems, overall, more receptive to the idea of fraternity, and 2) we have nine freshmen living among us, many of whom are already convinced that pledging here is a desirable thing. The freshmen are in the house to "fill up" the empty rooms, but they were hand picked to begin with, and they are for the most part Sigma Nu material. In fact, some of them are actually actively, though subtly, engaged in rushing other freshmen for us. All totaled, we feel pretty good about rush this year.

One personal thought from me, I'd just like to invite everyone of you to the Alumni-Active Buffet Cocktail Party on Saturday, December 11. The officers in the collegiate chapter will be making all the arrangements; all you need to do is come and enjoy yourselves. Our elections are coming up October 31, but I'm sure the new commander feels the same way I do: I'm really looking forward to a good time, and good conversation with everyone who shows up. So, no matter what, I'll see you here!

*Fraternally yours,  
Ken Marbaugh  
Collegiate Chapter Commander*

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This semester's social calendar offers a great deal of diversity. Aside from the usual beer-band parties, the Chapter has participated in a bicycle trip in Berea, and plans to participate in a canoe trip in Perrysville, Ohio.

Recently, Norman Reid, a National Field Consultant, visited the house for a few days, and gave the Chapter some ideas for rush and pledging. Norm graduated from the University of Southern California where he was a member of Epsilon Omicron Chapter.

Dr. Fred Phelps, a member of the Electrical Engineering Dept., has been our faculty advisor since December. He has been making a sincere effort to become acquainted with many of the individual brothers, rather than confining his attention to the brothers in his classes.

This year a good portion of the brothers have attained prominent positions in various campus activities. Bob Kramer was elected Senior Class President last spring

after serving as Junior Class President the previous year. Bob is also the Business Manager of the Engineering and Science Review this year; while Bruce DiPetro is the Assistant Business Manager; Greg Michnay the Subscription Manager, and Cheuk Kwan the Circulation Manager. Pete Skottgard was elected Vice-President of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity. Bob Kramer, Ken King, and Geoff Covert are working as tour guides for the Admissions Office. This gives them a rather unique opportunity to survey prospective freshmen and make recommendations to the Chapter regarding future rush activity.

Gary Eesley, Ken Marbaugh, Bruce DiPetro, Don Hunt, and Derald Lyons are tutoring elementary school students in Cleveland's inner city area, Glenville. This only takes an hour of their time once a week and these brothers find this activity personally rewarding.

Bruce DiPetro, Bob Brentin, Chris Clautice, Eric Snyder, Cheuk Kwan, Bob Kramer, Geoff Covert, and Ken Marbaugh are freshmen student advisors this year. This activity gives these upperclassmen a chance to help freshmen get oriented to Case and adds to the rush prospect for second semester.

Our athletic teams have shown promise recently and we hope the trend continues. Our softball team took second place last May, and presently, our bowling team is tied for first.

As a final note of achievement, the Chapter announces that Brother Timothy Opar currently holds the coveted Charlie May Pinesol Award. Upon receiving the award, Brother Opar remarked, "I knew what I had to do, so I went out and did it."

## DUES

The annual dues for the Alumni Association are \$2.00 per member. These funds are necessary to the continuing activity of the chapter, as the chapter cannot function without them. If you have not paid yet, please send your check as soon as possible, and make it payable to Delta Alpha of Sigma Nu Alumni Chapter. If you sent us a check for more than \$2.00 last year, the balance will be credited to future dues. Simply enclose your check along with any news about yourself in the envelope provided with this issue of the newsletter.

**ALUMNI — PLEASE SEND NEWS**

## UNLOCATED BROTHERS

Our thanks to those who have responded to our plea for information concerning unlocated Alumni. We have compiled a new list of unlocated brothers and we would appreciate any information as to their whereabouts.

Walter Ross Denman	DA2
John Francis Eugene Maline	27
William Roy Williams	38
William Calvin Davis	69
Russell Price	77
Charles William Willits	78
Clarence William Wallace	85
William Clark Haskell	111
John Mason Coe Boyd	125
Charles Jamieson Kuhn	140
William Myron McCune	154
Donald Rexford Stark	168
William LeRoy Dairy	204
Walter Edward Jones	207
Alfred Rogers Pray, Jr.	221
Charles Wellman Atwood	274
David Peter Kling	283
Robert Mattias Lehto	299
Reynard George Bradley, Jr.	364
Kent Rose Evans	365
Howard Kay McLaughlin	368
Howard Frederic Barrett	371
Willard Webster Cummings	372
Clark Winslow Story III	376
Harold Ashton Holdridge	400
Joseph Ovid Campeau	417
Richard Henry Hambidge II	425
Eugene Lambert Clough	445
Alan Francis Freisinger	525
David Locke Chapin	531
John Spencer Coates	550
Gregory Lavern Halver	554
Arnold Herman Seitz	596
Karl Barry Brother	602
John David Fisher	603
Russell David Wallace	608
Warren Donald Weinstein	639
Robert Carl Lawler	659

## NOTES ON ALUMNI

Thanks! The response to our urgent plea for alumni news was tremendous and the editors are grateful for your support. We hope that those of you who didn't send in news last spring will do so after receiving this newsletter. We would like to maintain the present size of the NOTES column as we feel that this is one of the most important parts of the newsletter. We also wish to thank those alumni who sent information as to the whereabouts of unlocated brothers.

**Sam Hibben**, DA 12, writes, "At the ripe old age of 82, I can't do much except to think up things for others to do!" We are sorry to hear that your arthritis has been keeping you from your gardening.

**Clifford Reese Augden**, DA 149, received on December 31, 1969 an honorable discharge from the B. F. Goodrich Co. in Akron, Ohio after 36 years of faithful service. Traveling, golfing, bowling, and working in the yard have been keeping him busy since his retirement.

**Larry K. Youse**, DA 158, is enjoying his retirement, but not the lack of water, in Florida. He praises the DA news with a "Very good, keep it up!" and comments on coed fraternities: "The only thing worse than fraternities pledging women would be the sororities pledging men!"

**Carl Richards**, DA 167, escaped the cold Boston weather last winter by working on a power project in Panama. He waited until June to return to New England.

**Charles Smith**, DA 228, wrote to tell us that he enjoyed reading our last news letter. Thanks, Charlie. We hope that by now your broken ankle is completely healed.

**Ed Brohl**, DA 247, retired two years ago, but hasn't stopped working. He is Secretary of the Lorain Port Authority, President of the Community Improvement Corporation, and President of the Avon Lake Rotary Club.

**Ralph W. Mennig**, DA 388, recently passed away. Before his death he was in England as International Operations Manager of Anglo Great Lakes Corp., Ltd. He managed plants in Canada, England, Sweden, and India and served on the Board of Directors of the corporation.

**Charles Schuler**, DA 444, recently started his own company, Schuler Manufacturing Co. His seven years experience as an engineering specialist in the gas service industry led to his conception of a new pre-fabricated domestic meter setting and functional gas meter support riser. His rapidly growing company is supplying customers in several states with the new devices.

**Bill Rauker**, DA 475, is currently living in Atlanta, Georgia. For the past three years he has served Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith as an account executive. He says his training and ten years experience as an engineer is helping in his new job since he has to know how to handle the C and D scales on his slide rule. His current hobby is pursuing a graduate degree in finance.

**Thomas N. Dean**, DA 484, is Quality Control Manager for two tube mills built by Westinghouse. He writes that they now produce the majority of the Zircalog 4 and Inconel 600 tubing used by Westinghouse in commercial nuclear reactors. Tom is married and has two children.

**Maj. John T. Lenihan**, DA 517, has spent the past three years golfing in the Puerto

Rican sun. During this time he took three short breaks for trips to Southeast Asia and chalked up a total of 152 combat missions. John had to leave Puerto Rico last summer for Grissom AFB in Indiana where he will be an instructor pilot.

**Robert Peacock**, DA 520, writes that he ran into Brother Terry Voress at a Jaycee meeting in Manistee, Mich., and asks if Brother Bill Pritts is still active in the chapter. "Are any brothers on the 'River Rat Patrol' hunting for polluters?"

**John Scotchie**, DA 595, was interviewing for a job teaching industrial arts in a California school district. This past summer was spent completing his requirements for teaching credentials by doing his student teaching in electronics and metalworking.

**Larry Baker**, DA 609, BN 957, is now residing at 4417 Timberdale Drive, Stow, Ohio 44224. Larry is district sales manager of the Chrysler-Plymouth Division of Chrysler Motors Corp. Married 6 years, he's the proud father of 2 year old Ann.

**Ron Cotman**, DA 623, consumes most of his time working as a research engineer at the General Electric Lighting Research Lab. The rest he spends taking care of his three children, Patty 5, Ronnie 3, and Susie 10, and pursuing his wood-working hobby.

**Robert D. Smith**, DA 636, received last February his Ph.D from Case in automatic control theory. Since July, he has been working for the Navy as a civilian at China Lake, California.

**Thomas S. Kaye**, DA 648, writes to inform us that he and his wife are the parents of a seven month old son, Matthew Scott. Matthew weighed 7 lbs., 8 ozs. when he was born last March, but has grown some since then.

**Frank Berdan III**, DA 682, is still working with the Union Oil Co. He recently was awarded a master's degree in business administration from the night school at Northwestern.

**Stony Heckert**, DA 687, has returned to Case this fall after two years in the Navy to pursue a doctoral degree in solid state electronics. While in the Navy, Stony was an electronics materials officer aboard a destroyer.

**Bob Gann**, DA 717, is now studying graduate physics at Cornell.

**Ed Evers**, DA 718, is engaged to a girl at Texas Women's University and plans to get married when his fiancée graduates next spring. Good luck, Big Ed!

**Bill Dornbush**, DA 720, and his wife have been working at the University Hospitals at Ohio State University since January, after having received his conscientious objector status. Bill is also taking some  
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graduate courses in biomedical engineering.

Bruce Groberg, DA 722, is in his second year of the School of Finance at the NYC Graduate School of Business, and will be graduating this coming January.

James Skjervem, DA 724, gives his present address as one of Uncle Sam's: Company A, WSMRTC, USAG; White Sands Missile Range; New Mexico 88002. Jim is assigned to Lance Missile System Post-Flight Analysis as an electrical engineering assistant. His spare time is taken up by photography, amateur radio, and exploring the Southwest.

John Bertko, DA 726, is working for General Electric in Evandale, Ohio as a contract administrator. He plans to enter Navy Officer Candidate School next March to become a line officer.

Neal Nomiyama, DA 728, is studying electrical engineering at the graduate level here at Case. He hopes to specialize in lasers.

Dave Fink, DA 729, started with the Lincoln Electric Co. of Euclid, Ohio last June as an engineering trainee. In September he married Eileen Heiser and they now reside in Euclid.

Dave Hill, DA 730, started Navy Officer Candidate School at Newport, R. I. in September. After nineteen weeks of training he will receive his commission and join the Civil Engineering Corps.

Ted Swanson, DA 731, started Navy OCS in October, and like Dave Hill, will join the Civil Engineering Corps.

Rick Hagle, DA 733, started working for Westinghouse last June and is now residing in St. Louis. Rick recently became engaged to Janine Buell of Lyndhurst, Ohio and plans to be married in late November. Congratulations Rick!

John Lundberg, DA 734, has a four-year fellowship at Ohio State University where he is studying communication theory.

Scott Jaffe, DA 736, is now living in Warrensville Hts., Ohio and is working for the Jaffe Shoe Company. He and Elaine Ross were married this past summer.

Craig Richmond, DA 737, is working for the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey. This past summer Craig took a trip to Cape Cod and the Boston area with Eric Snyder, DA 751.

Dennis Pesek, DA 740, accepted a job offer with Cleveland Twist Drill Co. and is working at their Large Drill Division.

Jim Reiman, DA 742, has been working at Kilroy Structural Steel and living here at the house while he waits to be called

for the draft. As of now there's been no word.

Tom Erich, DA 743, is attending Northeastern University in Boston this fall where he is continuing to study for his accounting degree. Good luck Barney, from all of us at DA.

Evan Lim, DA 746, worked for Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago this past summer. This fall he's attending Stanford Graduate School and is doing graduate study in nuclear engineering.

Jim Lindsay, DA 747, was at Navy OCS at Newport, R. I. for a brief stay this summer until he received an honorable medical discharge. He and his wife are now living in Uniontown, Pa. and Jim is hoping to do engineering in Pittsburgh.

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