

DELTA ALPHA NEWS

SIGMA NU at CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

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As the holiday season rapidly crescendos toward full torque; we the active brothers of Sigma Nu, Delta Alpha Chapter extend our warmest greetings to you, our alumni brothers, and your families. This first edition of the Delta Alpha Newsletter of the 1973-1974 school year has a few highlights we would like you to take note of, (1) the planning of an alumni-active semi-formal this spring, (2) a questionnaire to help our planning and record-keeping (please fill it out and mail to the chapter house), (3) a synopsis of school and chapter news since the last newsletter.

Your new alumni contacts, Ed Haddad and Jim Weddell thank all of you for your time in reading our news and would appreciate your writing back comments along with the questionnaire. Have a Happy Holiday Season.

A Letter From the Alumni Chapter Commander

Brothers,

This edition of the Delta Alpha Alumni Newsletter will mark a change in format. In an effort to disseminate information about the brothers as quickly and as efficiently as possible, we are hoping to put out four newsletters per year for the same cost as one of our previous newsletters.

One other important decision has been reached by the executive committee of your alumni chapter. We want to amplify the participation of alumni in our organization. We are sending out a survey with this newsletter. Please send back your questionnaire as quickly as possible.

The executive committee would like to coordinate with the collegiate chapter in planning a semi-formal dance this spring. The dance would include a sit-down dinner at a conveniently located hotel (near Interstate 77 or 80), refreshments, and dance music by a five piece band, playing both standard and contemporary music. We could hold a regular alumni chapter meeting on the afternoon of this dance.

The collegiate chapter has budgeted \$500 for a smaller scale, semi-formal dance. We estimate the collegiate chapter attendance at 35 couples. If the alumni chapter can participate at a similar level of 35 couples, we could have a much nicer dance, as described above, at a cost of about \$15.00 per alumni couple. If there is a deficit, it could be financed from the alumni chapter general funds.

Please complete the questionnaire enclosed so that we can measure the enthusiasm or apathy for a nice semi-formal as a social activity of the Alumni Chapter.

James Waldorf, Alumni Commander

Alumni Chapter Elections

On May 24th the 1973 election meeting was held by the Alumni Chapter of Delta Alpha of Sigma Nu. The following slate of officers was elected:

Commander: James Waldorf, 4829 Cranberry Ave. N.W.,
Canton, Ohio

Lt. Commander: Robert Kromer, 1205 Lakeview Dr., Lorain, Ohio

Treasurer: James Reiman, Rural Route 2, Lot 75, Meadowood,
Crestline, Ohio

Recorder: William Dornbush, 74D west Park Street, Westerville,
Ohio

1974 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. 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.

Commander's Corner

During the past semester, the entire fraternity system has drastically reorganized. The newly-organized university IFC still has a long way to go before reaching the power of the old Case IFC. In its new development it has faced some very difficult roadblocks, and on occasion has failed.

One of the most recent obstacles is the dwindling membership in the eighteen university fraternities, especially the eight "on-hill" residences. The fraternity system has, in general, maintained the same percentage of undergrad enrollment, but that enrollment has dropped from 1800 Case students in the mid-60s to now approximately 1000 students. The resulting loss in fraternity membership has hit the "on-hill" fraternities the hardest, especially since they have the largest houses to maintain.

The university has now, in an attempt to cut expenses, asked that the fraternities maintain higher occupancy. Several methods are now being considered by a special committee of the university. The suggestions include a minimum number of members, a minimum house rental, and a host of methods of increasing occupation.

We, at Sigma Nu, are also caught in the problem, though not as severe as many houses. The Sigma Nu membership is now twenty-six. However, this year we will graduate only four giving the chapter an excellent opportunity to grow. The following year, a maximum of six will graduate, giving rise to continued growth in the next two years.

Other happenings at the house have been routine. After several semesters of declining academic performance, this semester we hope to reverse that scholastic trend and raise the grade point.

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Make plans now to keep the weekend of April 20th open for a semi-formal in Cleveland. We are hoping to see you all then, or anytime, at the house.

Tom Eckstein, Commander

House Elections

The following brothers were elected recently to serve for the end of the fall semester and the spring semester:

- Commander: Tom Eckstein
- Lieutenant Commander: Mark Juba
- Treasurer: Bob Akers
- Recorder: Tom Nees
- Steward: Roy Michelotti
- Alumni Contacts: Jim Weddell, Ed Haddad

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schreck are currently serving as house parents. Rob is a fifth year electrical engineering student and a former Delta Alpha.

1973 College of Chapters

On August 17th, Brothers Jim Cobb, Bill Langenhop, Tom Eckstein and Mark Juba represented Delta Alpha Chapter at the 1973 College of Chapters in Lexington Virginia. The College was opened by Executive Secretary William Ammiot at the Lee Chapel at Washington and Lee University. University Dean Gerald Hawkins set the tone for a very productive experience with Sigma Nu.

The College centered around two major activities. The first was a group dynamics workshop based on the book, Grouping for Solutions, by William Ammiot, that stressed exercises designed to illustrate concepts of cooperation, leadership, and group effort. It was shown how these could be implemented in both a pledge program and in chapter life. The second was a series of group discussions on topics which will be brought up at Grand Chapter next year. They ranged from Little Sisters programs to liturgy revision, regionalization, rush seminars and a national philanthropic project. Debate was often heated with the brothes of Delta Alpha making the views of our chapter known. Judging from the general tone of the discussions it should prove to be a very interesting Grand Chapter next summer in Arizona. These discussions were often carried into the wee hours of the morning as the brothers of Delta Alpha exchanged views, songs, and toasts with Sigma Nu's from across the country.

Bill Langenhop, Pledge Marshal

The 1973 Pledge Class

792 Mark Juba	Polymers E	Pittsburgh, Pa
793 Roy Michelotti	Systems E	Edison, N.J.
794 Jim Weddell	Chemistry	Pittsburgh, Pa
795 Bob Akers	Accounting	Sulfur Springs, Oh
796 Ed Sanow	Mgmt (transfer to Purdue)	Grafton, Oh
797 Ed Haddad	Chem E	Parma, Oh
798 Pete Bruneau	Material Science	Rockville, Md
799 Mike Bondor	Civil E	Dayton, Oh

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804	Warren Iwamoto	Comp E	Honolulu, Hi.
800	Craig Miller	Chem E	Bedford, Oh
801	Dan Middlestetter	Comp E	Dayton, Oh
802	Lel Somogyi	Comp E	Medina, Oh
803	Roy Sambuchino	Chem E	Erie, Pa
805	Paul Sincerny	Social Science	Northumberland, Pa
806	Kirk Tunder	Math	Parma, Oh
	John Poremba	Biology	Carnegie, Pa
	(not here this semester)		

Mrs. Oliver Retires

Last year (1972-1973) was Mrs. Oliver's last year as Sigma Nu's house mother. Many of the brothers passing through the active chapter since Mrs. O came to Sigma Nu in 1965 grew to love her in the few years that they were here. Though having suffered several heart/attacks at the end of last school year, she has been feeling better and would like to hear from everyone. Her current address is:

Mrs. Ruth Oliver
286 6th St. SW
Brewster, Ohio 44613

(216) 767-3004

Board Plan

Delta Alpha has returned to coordinating it's own board plan, completely independent of the program offered by the University. Fall semester '72 saw Phi Kappa Psi running their own board plan, setting a precedent which several other fraternities also took advantage of.

During Intersession '73, Tom Eckstein, acting steward, set up what turned out to be a very successful board plan. The costs of our independant board plan ran 16% less than the University board plan. All brothers are cordially invited to pay us a visit and try our food. A holiday meal would be recommended as our cook likes to go out of her way in preparing special meals.

Roy Michelotti
Steward

The IFC and Open Rush

Many changes have occurred in the past year that will shape the direction of Delta Alpha in the future. Two of the more important changes are the merger of the Case IFC with the Western Reserve IFC and the move to open rush. Let me briefly discuss these events and their impact on the chapter.

After a long battle with the Case Dean's office and Case Provost John Hrones' office, the Case IFC and the Western Reserve IFC became the CWRU IFC last May. Though a constitution has yet to be approved, the joint IFC has been meeting since its inception. The most important implication of the merger is the right for Case and Western Reserve fraternities to cross-rush freshmen from both schools. However, the brothers

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of Delta Alpha will be rushing on the Case side of campus, as we have decided to remain a Case fraternity. It does not seem likely that the cross-rush will draw from the pool of Case freshmen, so we are looking forward to a good rush this coming year.

This year rush has been opened up. This means that all rush rules have been dropped except that bids may only be extended and accepted in the beginning of the second semester. After the results of the all-fraternity rush last year (70% of all Case in-dorm freshmen) when rush was partially opened, we are optimistic about the size of this year's pledge class. For Delta Alpha, rush has begun this fall with in-dorm contact, open-houses, and block parties. With open rush, anything goes.

Bob Steinke
ex-Commander

Bar Sale!

For Sale:

Two bars built by the class of 1966. Each has a table top area of ten square feet, (5ft. by 2ft.), and stands 45in. off the floor. The bars are made of 3/4 inch plywood with a tile bar top. They may be bought separately or as a pair. Accepting the best offer by February 1st.

Craig Miller
House Manager

After being dormant for some time now, the Alumni newsletter has again come to life. Now that this letter is completed the next letter should be much easier to put out after having learned from various mistakes and oversights. But to improve the newsletter, information about you is needed. Please fill out the questionnaire and add comments and suggestions too. Don't forget your \$2.00 alumni dues for 1974 also. Mail back the completed questionnaire and expect an even better newsletter in the early spring.

Jim Weddell
Alumni Contact