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Alumni-Active Semiformal

The active chapter will be sponsoring a semi-formal dance on Saturday, April 26, from 9:00 pm until 1:00 am at Tomlinson Hall. The band will be similar to the one which played for the alumni-active semiformal last year. The alumni association is unable to financially support an alumni-active semiformal dinner and dance again this year. There was much positive feedback from those who attended the event last year. The active chapter is extending an invitation to the alumni to attend the dance. We are asking for a donation of \$10 per couple to help defray the costs of the band and refreshments. This has been supported by the alumni I have talked with. A good time is to be had by all so come join the festivities!

David Eckstein DA 788
Social Chairman

Alumni Dues

Action at the last Alumni Chapter meeting (April 20, 1974) included an increase of annual dues from \$2 to \$5. This increase is necessary so that the alumni can fund activities such as the alumni-active dinner-dance which was so well received last year but could not be funded this year. Also, increased printing costs have cut deeply into the newsletter budget, which is alumni funded. Please send a check payable to "Delta Alpha of Sigma Nu Alumni Chapter" along with the questionnaire if possible, or to alumni treasurer Bill Dornbush, 1390 Cleveland Hts. Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio, 44121. Any excess will be credited to future dues.

Ken DeJager DA 811
Alumni Contact

Alumni Chapter Meeting

The Alumni Chapter meeting will be held here at the Sigma Nu house on May 17, 1975 at 2:00 pm. This is the same weekend as the Case alumni reunion. The meeting will not conflict with the reunion, which begins Friday, (May 16) and includes a dinner that evening, so plan to spend a fun-filled spring weekend in beautiful Cleveland!

DA 811

Delta Alpha Prepares A Rush Brochure

Taking example from the past, the brothers decided to prepare a sixteen page rush brochure for use in the next two rushes. Included in the brochure are candid shots of the chapter and short articles on brotherhood, fraternity, rush, social activities, and sports.

Over forty pictures included in the brochure were selected from more than 200 originals prepared by Brothers Conroy, Eckstein, Michelotti, Meluch, and Somogyi.

Brother Somogyi handled the final preparation of the brochure, saving substantially on the final cost. The alumni chapter helped finance the brochure by contributing \$75, with possibly more support on the way.

Rush was a great success this year. The rush brochures helped the prospective pledges see Sigma Nu before pledging. The brochure contained few pictures of seniors and was undated. 250 copies were printed, and enough are left to use in next year's rush.

DA 802

Commander's Corner

One of the highlights of the chapter's activities this year is an upcoming trip to Lexington, Virginia to visit the Sigma Nu National Headquarters. We are traveling down to VMI on a chartered bus on the night of Friday, March 21st. While in Lexington we will take several tours, have a chapter meeting in the Alpha chapter room, be served a banquet, and participate in a group dynamics session for personal development. There should be plenty of free time for browsing in National's library or searching through their files. We will return to Cleveland Sunday afternoon and evening. The following week is Spring Break so all the brothers will have a week to rest up before school starts again.

The trip will cost approximately \$1600, most of which is coming from direct assessment of the brothers going, and from the active chapter's social budget. We are also withdrawing \$550 from the chapter's Building Trust Fund.

The active chapter is setting up a fund to collect money each month in anticipation of trips to National Headquarters in the future.

Jim Weddell DA 794
Commander

Pin Shortage???

An unusually large pledge class and a large number of pinned actives threaten to create a pin shortage. If activation was held tomorrow, all except four pins would be held by freshmen and pinmates.

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Alumni Annual Scholarship Awards

After several meetings of the trustees, a proposal has been put together for awarding scholarships to the active chapter and to individuals for exceptional academic achievements. In honor of Brother Charles Jackson Hammond an award of \$100 will be given to the chapter undergraduate who has contributed the most to Case through the chapter, campus, and community activities. Another award of \$100 will be given to the graduating senior in the chapter with the highest grade point average. Finally, there will be several options under which the active chapter can receive awards:

- A. The chapter will receive \$100 if the chapter is among the top three fraternities scholastically in both fall and spring semesters of a given year.
- B. If the chapter doesn't qualify for "A" it may still receive an award of \$50 for improving in the rankings of the fraternities both semesters of a given year.
- C. \$50 will be given to the chapter for each semester that the chapter grade point exceeds 3.00.

The program outlined above is a pilot program only. The trustees intend to expand the program as funding becomes available. Trustee Dave Parham is presently in the process of drawing up the papers necessary to set up a tax deductible trust fund. Alumni will be asked to contribute to this tax deductible fund. The trustees have worked closely with the alumni chapter officers so the program is expected to be passed by the alumni chapter.

Jim Weddell DA 794
Commander

Intramural Basketball Team Has Successful Season

Intramural sports at Sigma Nu were highlighted by an excellent performance of the basketball team, which finished the season in third place in tournament play. The team compiled a winning record during the regular season and advanced as far as the semi-finals before being ousted from competition. Led by high scorers Bob Akers and Bill Vaughan, the team's finest moment came during play midway through the season with a 40-38 overtime victory over champion Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Bill Vaughan stole all the honors in that game with an unbelievable 22 point scoring burst.

Roy Sambuchino DA 803

Pledge Class 1975

So far this year our 23 pledges have been busy getting interviews and making plans for various and sundry items of import (project, party, raid).

On Saturday, March 1, the pledges attended a four hour workshop at the house during which time they participated in three structured group dynamics experiences. These exercises were designed to help people gain insight into the dynamic processes of groups, and to get them working together as a group in a minimum amount of time. It is hoped that by gaining an awareness of the ways in which groups work together, they can be more aware of problems in groups (i.e. pledge class, chapter) and more able to avoid or solve those problems.

At the end of the day, pledge class elections were held. Kent Libbe was elected captain; Chris Brandon, co-captain; Gabor Lutor, raid chairman; and Bob DiSalvo, ponding chairman.

It is felt by the chapter that pledges should become a part of the chapter by working with actives rather than for them. So, on the weekend of March 7-9, a pledge-active work session was held. Organized by house manager Roy Michelotti, groups of 2 to 4 people composed of both actives and pledges did a number of the odd jobs around the house that are normal to work sessions.

Most of the interviews will be done by March 19 and consequently big brothers will be chosen at that time.

The class is a very spirited bunch of guys. They are the largest class we've had in a couple of years, and the largest class on campus. From the looks of this class, our chapter has a bright future.

Michael E. Bondor DA 799
Pledge Marshal

P.S. Hi to Paul/Larry and George.

Pledges Ask For Information

As of the printing of this newsletter, plans for the pledge party have not yet been finalized. However, one of the suggested themes is "Brotherhood and Big Brothers". We thought it would be interesting to make a large chart, sort of a "family tree" of big brothers. Unfortunately, the necessary information is not written in any chapter records. Could you lend us a hand by filling out the "Big Brother Information" space on the questionnaire? We need your name, your big brother's name, his big brother's name if you know it, and the names of your little brothers. Please include pin numbers if you can. We would appreciate your help immensely and it would fill in a big gap in the chapter's history. The pledge party is scheduled for April 5th, so we would appreciate your returning the questionnaire promptly.

Robert DiSalvo DA pledge

1975 Rush- A Success

This year's rush effort came to a close of February 19th when 24 men pledged Delta Alpha Chapter. This large, diversified, and talented pledge class witnessed many "new" things in the Delta Alpha rush machine this year.

First was the return to the practice of summer rush, which placed many high caliber men in contact with the chapter prior to arriving on campus. Along with this, the rush brochure was brought from retirement under the direction of Brother Lel Somogyi. As was mentioned in the article about the brochure, the format of the brochure is such that it can be used next year, eliminating the problem of extra copies being unused.

These summer activities were followed in the fall semester by both formal and informal social events at the house to allow the rushees to become friends with the Brothers. Some of the highlights were the ice cream party, beer and pizza parties, and Friday night beer and euchre marathons.

Intersession saw more follow-up on these events, particularly the spaghetti dinner prepared by Mary Ringo, our cook, in the middle of the month and the active rush retreat at Camp Cheerful the weekend before classes started.

The success of rush was due to the spirit and enthusiasm of the brothers who, without question, did a terrific job and also due to the pride with which we could sell our product- Sigma Nu.

On a personal note, I would also like to express my gratitude to all the actives and alumni whose opinions and assistance were of immeasurable aid, and I wish to extend my congratulations to Brother Gilbert Lauer, who became the first recipient of the M. R. Juba Memorial Rubber Hose Award for Excellence in Rush.

M.R. "Jubs" Juba DA 792
Rush Chairman

Executive Committee

The executive committee will meet at Dave Parham's house on April 26. Executive committee members should contact Dave for more details.

Chapter Eternal

William R. Williams	DA 38
Edwin J. Lally	DA 248
Robert M. Lehto	DA 299
John W. Freeman	DA 344
Clarence B. Bull	DA 170

Unlocated Alumni

The following alumni have recently become "unlocated". If you know anything about their whereabouts, please drop us a line.

James A. Antil	DA 410
Alfred P. Nickley	DA 432
Willard F. Gillmore	DA 430
Harold C. Hopkins	DA 56
Jonathon Ingersoll	DA 40
Edward C. Doubler	DA 200
Frank Berdan III	DA 682

Apologies

In case anybody doesn't know yet, Mrs. Oliver, housemother for many years, died last summer. Mrs. Oliver served from 1965 to 1973. She was a warm, generous person who dedicated several years of her life to Delta Alpha. We apologize for the oversight in our last newsletter and wish to thank Brother Dave Brezic for bringing the oversight to our attention.

Ken DeJager DA 811
Alumni Contact

New Faculty Advisor

Delta Alpha is pleased to announce that Prof. Robert Hehemann has been selected to be our faculty advisor. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Doctor Hehemann did his graduate work at Case and has been on the faculty of the Department of Metallurgy and Materials Science since he received his Ph.D.

Pete Bruneau DA 798

Notes About Alumni

Jim Martin, DA 285, invites anyone in the Fort Lauderdale area to stop in and say hi. The Alumni Club meets at the Hidden Harbor Restaurant in Pompano Beach on the third Thursday of the month at noon.

Dwight Racioppo, DA 634, is doing marketing services for IBM in a territory that covers Phoenix to Honolulu. If that isn't enough, he built his first house himself. 15 months later, he started again.

Dave Brezic, DA 666, has married Lee-Alison and, as of January, plans to travel to South America for a few years.

Cheuk Kwan, DA 771, has received his Masters degree and is working as a system consultant for Bechtel Corporation. He invites anyone in the San Francisco area to look him up in the Berkley directory.

Questionnaire

- 1) Please make sure we have your correct address.
- 2) Will you attend the April 26 semi-formal? If yes, you may enclose a \$10 donation or pay at the door.
- 3) Don't forget \$5 Alumni dues.
- 4) Do you expect to attend the chapter meeting?
- 5) Please write big brother information wherever you can find room.
- 6) Please give us any news you may have about yourself or other alumni for our "Notes About Alumni" feature.
- 7) Please staple this questionnaire securely shut so that the checks don't fall out. Any ideas on how this newsletter can be improved are welcome. Thank you for your consideration.

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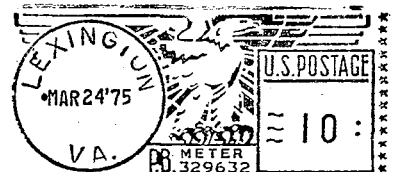
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