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Sigma Nu Grand Chapter

Every year, since 1884, Sigma Nu Fraternity has assembled in an international convocation. The first was in Nashville, Tennessee. This year, on August 19 through August 22, the forty-seventh such gathering will take place, once again in Nashville at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

At that time, the laws by which our organization is governed will be under review and revision; a new High Council will be selected by the voting delegates, a new mini-university will be held for learning to deal with the problems of chapter administration.

The last Grand Chapter was held two years ago in Scotsdale, Arizona. At that time, the question of co-ed fraternities was discussed. This led to further action to our MIT Chapter, Epsilon Theta, where their charter was revoked. Undoubtedly, this question will again be raised. Also expected to be discussed is the question of what constitutes a fraternity. In these days of inflation, many colleges are faced with students grouping together under the auspices of a fraternity strictly for financial reasons. Many of these new 'fraternities' are making it difficult for the established fraternities to continue as a financially independent entity of the university. The survival of fraternities in general, is at stake.

For the first time, a special three-day program will be held for Chapter advisors. Last fall, a pilot seminar was held in Lexington and its participants were extremely enthusiastic about it: This program is being adapted to run concurrently with the mini-university on the three afternoons of the Grand Chapter.

Each chapter is expected to send two collegiates and one alumnus delegate for voting, but as many others as are interested and can get there are most welcome. This year, the collegiate chapter is

sending Tom Witkowski and Bob Hazy. An alumnus member is yet to be determined.

Part of the convention will be the fun of the social gatherings, such as a Sigma Nu night at the Grand Ole Opry. Another part will be the solemn task of establishing guidelines for our brotherhood in the years ahead. No less important a part will be the chance for all of us to learn from it what we can do together for each other within the bonds of fraternalism.

Tom "Veet" Witkowski

New Pledge Class

It is generally agreed that rush did not go well for most fraternities this year. SAE and ZBT did well with over 25 pledges each, but most fraternities pledged 15 or fewer men.

Delta Alpha presently has a strong pledge class of 13 men, and we are optimistic about having a fairly large pledge class in the Fall Semester '76.

This semester's pledges are:

Name	Hometown
Steve Bauman	Fairview Park, Oh
Tom Betts	Kansas City, Mo
Jim Cavuoto	Rochester, NY
Steve Chalmers	Shaker Hts., Oh
Dave Fotland	Lyndhurst, Oh

Steve Innerfield	Oceanside, NY
Glenn Jarvis	Pittsburgh, Pa
Larry Palmer	Parma, Oh
Chris Rohr	Holmesville, Oh
Will Schmidt	Columbia, Mo
Greg Twait	Springfield, Oh
Brian Whitely	Rochester, NY
Tony Woinich	Garden City, NY

Although somewhat small, the pledge class is a spirited group with good leadership potential. The house is presently planning a weekend retreat for pledges and actives for the purpose of promoting brotherhood and improving chapter management.

Michael A. Tartaglia
Pledge Marshal

Major Decisions Rock Campus

Recent decisions made concerning CWRU will greatly affect life here on campus.

The first earth shaking decision was the abolishment of Inter-session. Inter-session was a time, the month of January to be exact, which allowed the student to work on varying types of independent work. Since he was not taking the usual load of 17 hours, it gave him time to discover his true qualities. However it did not get enough support from both the faculty and students as it should have and was abolished for this reason. Both semesters will now be lengthened, each by 2 weeks, to make up for this loss in time.

Another major decision, one which may have a major impact on rush, is one in which all the Western Reserve students now living on the north side of campus will move to the south side next year. This then means that both Case students and Reserve students will be living in the same dormitories. With this move and the creation of a university student government it looks like the gap between the engineering student and the liberal arts is slowly disappearing. Incoming freshman will no longer be designated as either "Case" or "Reserve", and this will mean that there will be more freshmen on the rush lists from now on.

Another decision made may aid rush somewhat. Macke, the university food service, has decided to abolish breakfast to cut down on costs. This is being met by tremendous opposition by students living in the dormitories. Since we are on our own board plan we may be able to attract more students for the fol-

lowing year.

The last and most recent move by the university is now only a proposal. They propose to add the grades B+ and C+ to the grading system. They feel that this will fight grade inflation, a growing concern of the faculty and administration, that is sweeping across virtually every curriculum. It is the opinion of many Delta Alphas that this would only make matters worse. It would cause the student to worry too much about grades when they're actually here to obtain an education.

These decisions are of major im-

portance and it will be interesting to see their effect on life here in the following years.

by Douglas Fanney
DA 828

New Initiate

Bob Hazy (DA 844) is our newest initiate, he was activated on December 6, which was the night of our Christmas party. He is a Sophomore Math Major, he lives in Industry, Pa. (near Pittsburg), and he presently holds the office of Maintenance Steward.

Commanders Corner

As the Delta Alpha chapter approaches its 70th Anniversary, on February 22 of next year, it seems appropriate to reaffirm and redefine the purposes and goals of our chapter; to set a direction, not just for next year or the three years each collegiate member is active, but for the next seventy years.

This must be done by **both** actives and alumni. As a matter of fact, it should be done mostly by alumni because, simply enough, there are fifteen times as many alumni as there are actives. Actives are not to be excluded, however, since three years from now (a short time in the scheme of things) they will be alumni.

One possible way to do this would be to hold a one or two day Delta Alpha convocation on or around February 22. President's Day would be good because of the three day weekend. The convocation should be approached with the idea that a fraternity is a meaningful, valuable, viable, and relevant addition to the college experience. It has been so in the past seventy years, it is now and it **will** be in the next seventy years.

The purposes of the event would be to find out where Delta Alpha fits into Sigma Nu, to find out where Delta Alpha fits into Case Western Reserve University, to find out where Delta Alpha fits into each and every active's life, to find out where Sigma Nu fits into each alumnus' life, to look at our common past and find out where we've been, to look at our present and find out where we are and to look at our future to find out where we're going.

Decisions reached by a convocation such as this should not be such that they tell the active chapter what to do. Decisions reached should be on such a level and frame of reference that they are above day to

UNICEF Drive

On Halloween Delta Alpha sponsored a fund raising drive for UNICEF. Campus wide participation in 3 events netted more than \$1700.00.

Chairmen of the program, Bob DiSalvo DA 822, and Dave Smudski DA 840 asked members of the fraternity for ideas to raise money. Many ideas were presented but three were finally chosen.

Sloppy sixties was the main event and has the largest participation. From the house active Roy Michelotti DA 793, Pete Bruneau DA 798, Mike Tartaglia DA 807, Kyle Faulkner DA 843, and pledge Tom Betts participated. Sloppy sixties is a beer drinking marathon

where everyone drinks one ounce of beer every 60 seconds. Most people lasted better than 2 hours. Five people, including Brother Faulkner finished only when it was stopped after 181 minutes.

Our second event, a balloon blowing contest, was the most poorly attended. Still 4 people inflated more than 200 balloons.

Our final event held the next afternoon, was the elephant step walk marathon. Fourteen people including Brothers DiSalvo, Doug Fanney DA 828, Rob Eulenstein DA 834, and pledge Steve Innerfield, climbed the steps for two hours until cold and rain forced them to stop. One man, an SAE,

climbed up and down 62 times. Rob went for 56, Steve for 47, Doug for 40 and Bob managed 39.

The elephant steps are located behind Fribley Commons and are used to reach the dorms on Carlton Road. They were designed so that a sleepy Casie, late for class, would not be able to run down the steps. As a result, each stair is too wide to comfortably walk in two paces and not wide enough for 3 paces. The size of the 72 steps presented the challenge.

Each participant in the various events snagged his friends and acquaintances asking for contribution pledges. For instance, for each shot of beer, a pledge could typically be \$.01. A round trip up and down the elephant stairs might receive a nickel. Participants would then collect the money they earned.

Our two biggest collectors were Janice Alldridge and Janet Lake who collected \$345. Delta Alpha collected a total of about \$475. The rest of the money came from the other 20 fund raisers.

Brothers DiSalvo and Smudski turned the money over to UNICEF in front of TV 5's camera and a photographer for the Cleveland Press. A 30-second TV spot and a small article and picture publicized the public spirit our fraternity mustered.

Brother Smudski had to say, despite trouble with what initially appeared to be chapter apathy, the house really turned out and did a great job. That weekend was a success and prospects for future events are bright.

day and semester to semester matters. They should have as their intent an upkeep and improval of the chapter for years to come. One example of something that has already been done is the Scholarship Program set up by the Alumni Chapter last year.

Perhaps the time, effort, and expense of such an undertaking would be more fitting our seventy-fifth anniversary rather than our seventieth, but the ideas expressed are certainly worth thinking about and worth keeping in mind for a few years (at any rate, there is every reason to have some kind of major active-alumni event on or around Feb. 22, 1977).

Though it is fine to plan for the future of the chapter, it is imperative to keep the present firmly in view. We are uncertain as to how rush and bidding will be handled next year. The IFSC cannot agree on university-wide rushing and bidding dates and it seems clear that the administration wants some changes in the present system of separate rush-bid dates for Case and Reserve fraternities. The source of the deadlock is that most Case houses want to retain their second semester rush and bid while most Reserve houses want to retain their first semester rush and bid systems. Reserve houses are afraid their chapters will die with a second semester bid, while Case houses feel the second semester bid is more beneficial to freshmen and thus to themselves. In whichever direction the decision eventually goes, we will learn to live with it and, I am confident, retain our strong chapter.

Michael E. Bondor
Commander
Delta Alpha of Sigma Nu

David Smudski
DA 840

ALUMNI NOTES

Fred Pierce DA 152 has been keeping busy entertaining and playing for dances. He leads his RSVP "Melodixies" trio by playing the sax.

Dale Johnson DA 438 is currently employed as manager, Manufacturing Services for the Jeffrey Mining Machinery Division of Dresser Industries. He was fortunate in being one of twenty one American manufacturing executives selected to attend a tooling seminar in Stockholm and Sandviken, Sweden.

Jim Brown DA 465 is married and is the proud father of four. He was formally with American Can Co. and now has joined Pfizer Inc. as production manager for Easton Plant, Pa.

Robert Peacock DA 520 has been happily married for the last 17 years and is the proud father of five children. He is currently the Vice President of Marketing at Cadillac Malleable Iron Co.

Stewart Brock DA 601 is currently with Premier Industries Corp. in Cleveland as Assistant Vice President—Inventory.

Will Timmons DA 691 has changed jobs, not companies though. He is now supervisor, Quality Sheet Products for Universal-Cyclops Specialty Steel Division. He and his wife Sue are the proud parents of one year old Tiffany Shiloh Timmons. She is a blue-eyed, red haired angel who looks just like her daddy Willy.

Eric Snyder DA 751 we think is in Business Administration, Graduate level at Harvard. We are still having trouble locating his exact address.

Ken Marbaugh DA 757 and his wife Carol are the proud parents of Heather Marie, born February 6, 1976 and weighing 6 lbs. and 6 oz.

Gilbert Lauer DA 787 has started his job with Hewlett Packard. He enjoys both his work and his geographical location in Santa Clara, California. However, he misses both the chapter and his fiance Cheryl who will graduate from Notre Dame College this Spring. They are planning to get married May 29.

Mark Juba DA 792 is now working for Eastman Kodak in Rochester, NY. He is sharing a house with Tom Eckstein DA 784.

Jeff Atkin DA 812 will hopefully

be working for General Electric. In answer to our questionnaire he stated that he had not removed his shoes or socks since he crossed the same street Woody Allen once drove on eight years ago.

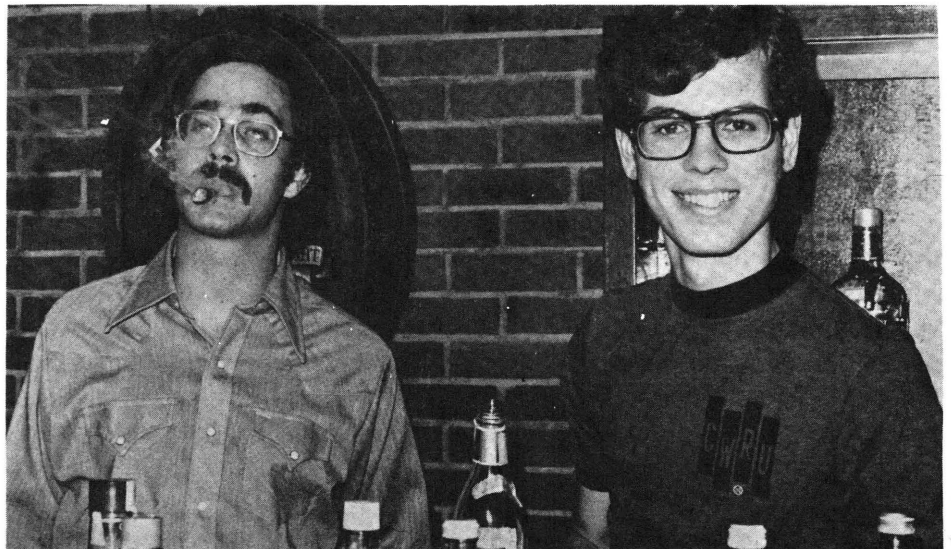
Donn Meehl DA 835 is working in Materials Control for Lemppo Industries. He may attend Cleveland State this Fall.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the following Alumni who made the following contributions:

Alumni Dues		
Kenneth Wirtz	DA 150	\$5.00
Fred Pierce	DA 152	\$5.00
Dale Johnson	DA 483	\$5.00
James Reiman	DA 742	\$5.00
James Cobb	DA 779	\$5.00

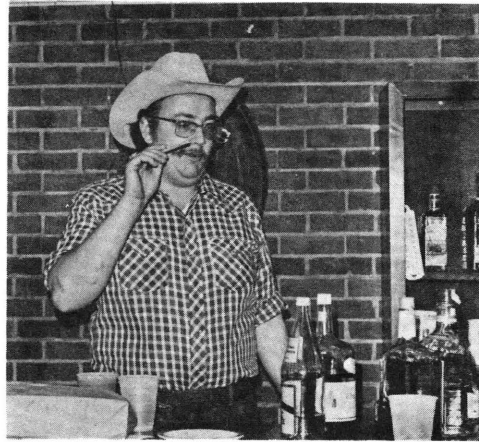
Scholarship Award		
Robert Peacock	DA 520	\$25.00
William Limmons	DA 691	\$5.00



Alumnus John Mariner gives new initiate Bob Hazy lessons on being a man.

Stag Party a Success

Our Stag Party of November 8 was well attended. We would have wished to see some more of the older alumni but the recent alumni were enough to raise the roof to a sufficient height. The two movies were found to be running both forwards and backwards throughout the night. Brother Juba, now an alumnus, who always loves a good cigar, got a "big bang" out of the cigar given to him by now pledge Tom Betts. Tom claims he did not know it was an exploding cigar.



Big Bill Mariner surveying the bar.

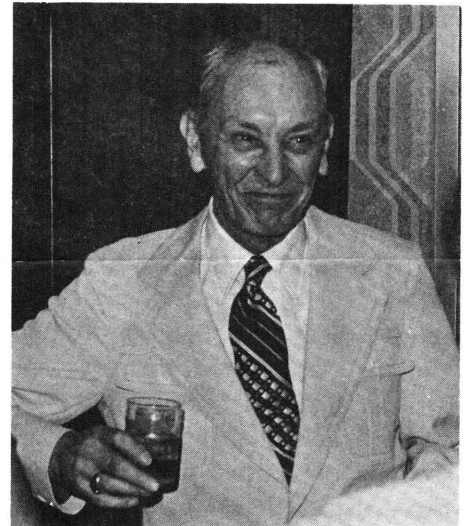
Meanwhile, one keg and two whole shiploads of mixed drinks later the alumni were still running strong. Some entertained themselves with Bridge and other card games, while others joined in the traditional game of "Shit-Shit". All and all everyone had a good time and we hope that for our next Alumni-Active event we can get more alumni to leave their problems at home and visit the chapter with all its nostalgia and in general have a good time.

Unlocated Alumni

If you know any of their addresses please let us know.

- DA 51 Theodore E. Hays
- DA 54 Charles W. Allen
- DA 56 Harold C. Hopkins
- DA 69 William C. Davis
- DA 77 Russell Price
- DA 78 Charles W. Willits
- DA 111 William C. Haskel
- DA 125 John C. Boyd
- DA 140 Charles J. Kuhn
- DA 141 James A. Antil
- DA 145 Maxwell L.M. Mitzel
- DA 151 William G. Lindsay
- DA 154 William M. McCune
- DA 168 Donald R. Stark
- DA 204 William L. Dairy
- DA 207 Walte E. Jones
- DA 269 Edward B. Seaton
- DA 276 Clark W. Story III
- DA 283 Donald P. Kling
- DA 365 Kent R. Evans
- DA 368 Howard K. McLaughlin
- DA 371 Howard F. Barrett
- DA 372 Willard W. Commings
- DA 400 Harold A. Holdridge
- DA 417 Joseph O. Campeau
- DA 429 Edward F. Gasser
- DA 430 Willard F. Gillmore Jr.

- DA 432 Alfred P. Nickley
- DA 532 William G. Duke
- DA 550 John S. Coates
- DA 554 Gregory L. Calver
- DA 602 Karl B. Brother
- DA 604 Larry L. Gladfelter
- DA 657 Robert N. Cotabish
- DA 660 Walter A. Lobodinsky
- DA 675 Walter F. Good
- DA 706 Richard P. Merrill Jr.
- DA 719 Paul J. Martin
- DA 741 Stephen W. Darling
- DA 751 Eric R. Snyder



Herb Schleuter reminiscing.

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Alumni Association Dues Needed

The Delta Alpha Alumni Association derives its total financial support from dues paid by members and interest on funds on deposit at the national level. This income is used for a number of purposes. The Alumni Association underwrites the total cost of all alumni newsletters. The alumni chapter also assists the active chapter in financing periodic projects such as rush booklets and pilgrimages to the national headquarters in Lexington. These are in addition to periodic social functions.

In order to bring about an increase in the projects undertaken by the alumni chapter, your help is

Sigma Nu and the IFSC

On March 4, the CWRU Inter Fraternity Sorority Council held its annual elections. Brother Robert Tamaru was elected treasurer and Brother Drew Hirt was named IFSC Greek Week chairman. This is the second consecutive year that these two offices have been held by Sigma Nus. Bob and Drew were Delta Alpha's Treasurer and Greek Week coordinator last year.

Greek Week 1976 will be held the weekend of April 23-24. The brothers are already practicing for the competitive events, most notably the 4-man Beer Chug Relay team. Major engineering changes are being planned for the Racing Bed. Also taking place that weekend are an inter-house Pie Snarf, Egg Toss, and Rope Pull. Chapter Greek Week chairman Robert DiSalvo predicts the house will make a good showing this year as spirit and ability runs high.

DA 822

needed. Thus far this year we have received less than 10% of the dues we received last year. Your continued support will help keep the alumni chapter functioning as a

Santa Thanks Alumni

Santa Claus, more commonly known as Roy Michelotti by his friends, would like to thank those alumni who assisted him in reaching a most jovial mood before the Christmas Party.

It seems the Italian Yuletide wonder got a little too "jovial" for his own good. As he came down the traditional chimney, he knocked it over in his inebriation and added greatly to the solemn occasion.

He quickly decided he had to leave. He was carried out by the brothers. We would like to thank those alumni who assisted him in recovering from his "jovial" mood.

Unfortunately, Santa had no memory of the evening the next day. The Pope may be Italian, but the Santa sure should not be.

help and support to the active.

In addition, if any alumni have specific suggestions as to how funds could be better used or projects they would like to see undertaken, please let us know. Your alumni association is receptive to all suggestions and ideas and we appreciate any assistance and participation offered.

Dave Fink
Alumni Assoc.
Treasurer

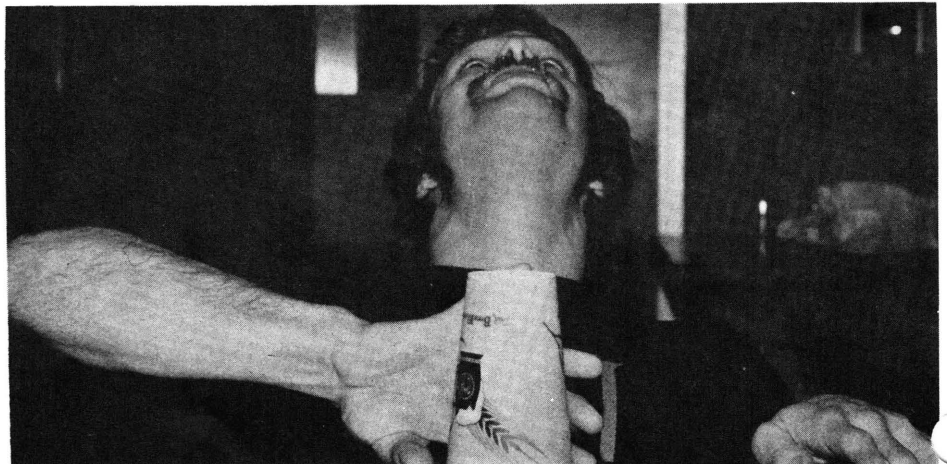
Lose Your Pin?

Recent inquiries regarding Sigma Nu jewelry have come to our attention. If you have lost or misplaced your Sigma Nu Badge and would like to get replaced — Write to our authorized fraternity jeweler:

L. G. Balfour Company
Attleboro, Mass. 02703

Ask for an Official Insignia Price List for Sigma Nu Fraternity. From this list you can order your replacement pin through Headquarters in Lexington, Va. Alumni Pins are also available by this means.

Ed Haddad
DA 797



Roy Michelotti demonstrates the art of beer chugging in preparation for Greek Week.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Are you married? Do you have any children?

By whom are you employed? What does your job entail?

What else have you been up to?

What is your opinion of this newsletter? Can you suggest any improvements?

We would also like some information on Delta Alpha in the past so that we can set up an article for the next newsletter entitled "Sigma Nu Through the Years."

What was the Chapter like? Was it cohesive?

Did it run efficiently? How large was the chapter?

In what ways do you feel Sigma Nu contributed to your education and development as an individual.

What was Life like?

What was Case like?

Important!

Do you know the whereabouts of any unlocated alumni?

Can you attend the Semi-Formal?

A quote from the book "Guide to Chapter Operations" reads as the following:

"The successful newsletter contains. . . Information and pictures of Alumni, their whereabouts, promotions, awards, etc. If this area is not included, scrap the whole project. **Nothing** is of more interest to your alumni."

The problem is we need news, we beg you **please**: take a moment to answer our Questionnaire. We want the Delta Alpha Newsletter to be one of the top ranked Newsletters in the country. We want it to be an example to all other chapters of Sigma Nu on what an ideal newsletter should be. Our next newsletter can be of the highest quality if we receive news from you! So we urge you again, whatever mundane life you feel you lead, your brothers of Sigma Nu care and want to know about it. Please.

Alumni Meeting and Semi-Formal

On May 1 of this year there will be an Alumni Chapter meeting and an active-Alumni Dinner-Dance. All members are cordially invited to participate in the day's activities.

There will be a charge of \$10.00 per couple or \$5.00 each. If you do plan to attend please R.S.V.P. by way of our questionnaire as soon as possible so as to allow us enough time to make the appropriate preparations.

The schedule for the day is:
 1:00 Alumni Chapter Meeting
 6:30 Dinner
 8:30 Alumni Presentation
 9:00 Dance

Kyle Faulkner
 Social Chairman

Scholarship Fund

The principal balance in the Delta Alpha of Sigma Nu Alumni Scholarship Trust now stands at slightly over \$7,500, an increase of more than \$500 from last year as a result of earnings and contributions from alumni. The second annual scholarship awards will be presented this spring in conjunction with the annual alumni meeting and other activities scheduled by the collegiate chapter.

As discussed in earlier newsletters, contributions to the Scholarship Trust are tax deductible and all alumni are urged to help support this program so that the scholarship grants can be expanded and increased to make a significant form

of educational assistance for Sigma Nus at Case.

All contributions should be payable to "Delta Alpha of Sigma Nu Scholarship Trust" and may be forwarded to David Parham, Trustee c/o Thompson, Hine and Flory, 1100 National City Bank Building, Cleveland, Ohio 44114 or may be sent directly to the chapter house at 2235 Murray Hill Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. Questions about the scholarship program or contributions to the scholarship trust may be directed to any of the alumni officers or trustees.

Dave Parham
Trustee

Sigma Nu is Number One

We are proud to state that the Delta Alpha Chapter of Sigma Nu had the highest grade point on campus for the Fall semester. A total of 41 boasted an accumulative average of 2.88. This is a 0.30 point pick up over the previous semester's score of 2.58. We are very optimistic in that we feel that we can do it again this semester. If we do the chapter would be rewarded by an amount of \$50.00, from the scholarship fund.

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