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## Delta Alpha at Grand Chapter

Sigma Nu's 47th Biennial Grand Chapter was held August 19-22 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. This was Sigma Nu's largest Grand Chapter in history, with 478 registered participants. Nashville was the site of our very first Grand Chapter in 1884, and the return to the city this year was in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Greek letter fraternity system in the United States. Delegates attending from Delta Alpha were Tom Wikowski DA 809, Robert Hazy DA 844, an d alumnus James Cobb DA 779.

On the way to Nashville, the delegates stopped in Loretto, Kentucky for a tour of the Star Hill Distillery, given to them personally by Bill Samuels DA 569, president and distiller of Maker's Mark Whiskey. Bill has left an open invitation for anyone from Delta Alpha Chapter to stop in and say hello. They met Bill again in Nashville, where he and another Sigma Nu distiller, Jeremiah Beam GI 121, threw a party for the High Council and Division Commanders.

The Grand Chapter general sessions were held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. Committee reports were given, legislative motions were voted upon, and officers for the new term were elected. Mini-University sessions,

which were instructional sessions concerning rush leadership, and chapter management styled after Sigma Nu's College of Chapters, were held during the afternoons. Scheduled evening activities included a number of banquets and a trip to the Grand Ole Opry.

Unscheduled evening activities included visits to Nashville's famous (rather infamous) Printer's Alley and much time was spent in the "gathering room" which the hotel set aside for the delegates and its own protection. Plenty of beer drinking, singing, and general fraternalism (define

that as you wish) occurred during the evenings. Many of the songs sung were from the Delta Alpha Songbook, which Brother Cobb brought along. The Delta Alpha delegates received many requests for copies and have been filling the "orders" for them throughout the semester.

The whole Grand Chapter gathering was quite an experience and the city of Nashville was made well-aware that Sigma Nu was in town.

Robert Hazy DA 844

## Semiformal

In about five months, during the weekend of the Case Alumni Reunion, the active chapter and the alumni chapter will combine their efforts in creating an Alumni-Active Dinner and Dance in celebration of Delta Alpha's 70th anniversary. We anticipate that it will be equal in magnitude to the semi-formal held two years ago at the Ramada Inn. If you recall, there were 28 alumni couples there and it was a huge success.

We have worked hard to make this a big weekend. Not only will

you be able to attend the Semi-Formal, but you will also be able to enjoy the Case Alumni Reunion. And there is more. There will also be a Delta Alpha Alumni meeting.

This year's event will be one which you would not want to miss. We estimate that Alumni will be charged \$20 per couple. Details will be included in the next newsletter.

Robert Tamaru DA 808  
Social Chairman

## DELTA ALPHA THROUGH THE YEARS

The history of the chapter of Sigma Nu at Case began in the very early 1900's when two enthusiastic Sigma Nus entered Western Reserve Law School. They were George A. Waddle (Epsilon — Bethany) and C. T. Kirkbride (Beta Iota — Mount Union). These two, and some associates, established the Cleveland Alumni Chapter for the purpose of starting an undergraduate chapter at one of the city's colleges. Initially they intended to direct their efforts toward Western Reserve University, but not enough quality students interested in forming a fraternity could be found.

So Waddle and the Alumni turned their attention to Case. Several fraternities had already established chapters here and they were doing well. It was discovered that a strong local group wanted to request admission into a National fraternity. Excited about the prospect, the Alumni submitted a charter petition to the Sigma Nu High Council on behalf of the local. The petition received approval from all members of the Council except Regent George Cook who probably claimed that Case already had too many fraternities for its size. Instead of waiting a year or two until a new regent could be elected, the local gave up on Sigma Nu and petitioned another national. They probably became the Kappa Sigma which no longer exists on this campus.

A few years later, the next regent, Isadore Dyer, visited Case and was impressed both with the school (he was given a personal tour by President Howe) and with the enthusiasm of the Alumni Chapter. He promised to support their efforts in securing a charter.

In 1906-1907, Waddle and the alumni found some Case freshmen who were interested in the idea of forming a new fraternity at the school. They were: *Harold "Hop" Woods* (a Sigma Nu transfer student from Mt. Union), *Clark Francy*, *Walter Denman*, *Roy Berridge*, *Dwight Leggett*, *Earl Bloxham*, *Charles Cleveland*, and *Lawrence Hopkins*.

A delegation from Cleveland, headed by Waddle, went to the Thirteenth Grand Chapter at Chicago, 12/31/06 — 1/2/07, to again present the Case petition. Having been refused by a previous High Council, and sensing that some difficulty might arise with the current Council, Waddle decided to try something never done before. He submitted the proposal to the General Assembly of the Grand Chapter, by-passing the High Council entirely! This upset many delegates, but Waddle's oratory and the support of such prominent Sigma Nus as *Walter Sears* (author of "The Creed of Sigma Nu", read for the very first time at this Grand Chapter), *Rawson Bennett* (author of the Liturgy), and Regent Dyer overcame all opposition.

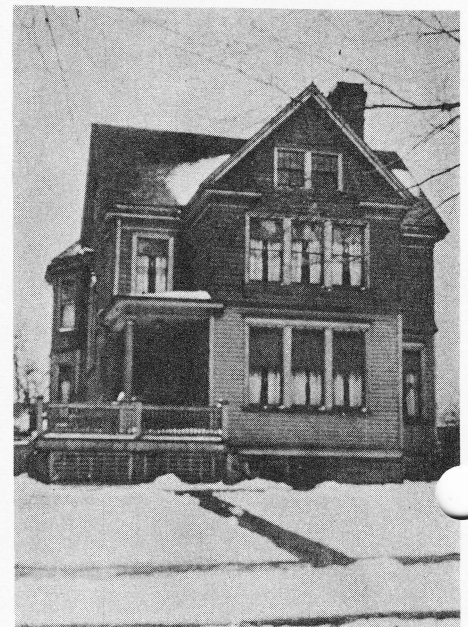
Thus, the charter authorizing Delta Alpha Chapter at Case School of Applied Science was granted. That original charter, signed by the High Council, and inscribed with the names of DA's first members still hangs prominently in the chapter house. On February 22, 1907, Delta Alpha was installed and its original members were initiated by *Walter J. Sears* except for *L. L. Hopkins*, who did not initiate for 3 years due to parental objections. A large banquet followed at the Hollenden Hotel in downtown Cleveland. *Clark Francy* was

made DA No. 1; "Hop" Woods became the first Commander.

In commemoration of his efforts in obtaining our charter the "Waddle Cup" trophy was created. It was engraved with the names of all Case varsity letter men from 1913-1934. It still has a place of honor in the chapter and is used to collect votes in all secret balloting.

For a short while, the brothers of DA, along with Denman's parents, lived at E. 66 and Carnegie. The Chapter soon found a house much closer to school on Cornell Rd. and moved there in early 1908. Sigma Nus were involved in many school activities. *D. Leggett* was president of the 1910 College Senate, and *Elmer Francey* (one of the first pledges) became captain of the 1912 football team. As membership grew, the Chapter moved to a larger house at 10017 Euclid Ave. in 1913.

And then, suddenly, World War I intervened. Many brothers enlisted in the Armed Forces. For those students who stayed in



# NEW INITIATES

school, Case started a compulsory military training program, which added to the already difficult science and engineering curriculum, made life at Case quite strenuous. Due to the low membership levels, Delta Alpha and Delta Zeta (WRU) chapters found it financially necessary to move to a common chapter house at 11448 Euclid for the duration of the war.

Finally, when the war ended, DA was able to buy its own house at 2171 Adelbert Rd. and returned to the strength and prestige in the 1920's that it had just after installation. During this period, the social calendar included events such as rush "smokers", formals, alumni dinners, "Mom and Dad's Nights", and annual exchange events (parties, dinners, and sports) with Delta Zeta (WRU) and Beta Iota (Mt. Union). Sigma Nu won the Case Basketball Cup in both 1921 and 1923 topping all other fraternities. The scholarship problems that existed in the early 20's must have been solved by 1927 when Sigma Nu was awarded the Charles S. Howe interfraternity Scholarship Cup.

By May 1927, Delta Alpha chapter of Sigma Nu had definitely established itself on the Case campus in many areas and was here to stay. The chapter had initiated 174 members (about 20 still in school) before its 20th Anniversary Banquet.

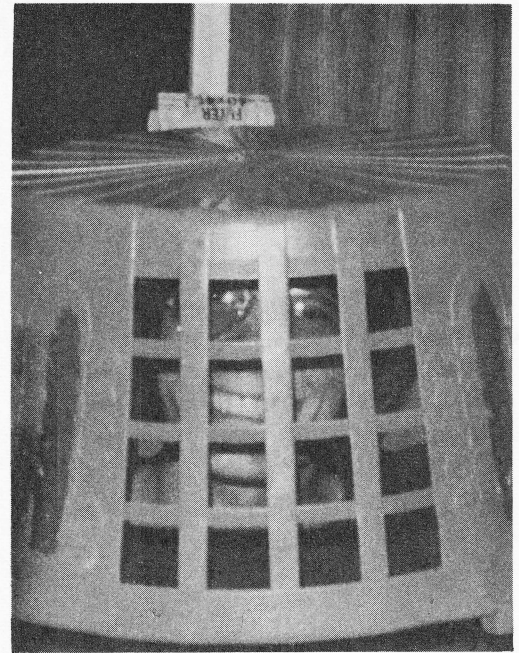
These were the beginnings of this chapter, now nearly 70 years old. With 857 initiates now on the rolls, the chapter remains strong and proud of its heritage.

— To be continued —

Robert DiSalvo DA 822

The following men were initiated into the Delta Alpha chapter.

- William P. Schmidt DA 845
- F. Steven Chalmers DA 846
- Glen W. Jarvis DA 847
- Gregory D. Twait DA 848
- Steven I. Innerfield DA 849
- James C. Cavuoto DA 850
- Brian J. Whitely DA 851
- Thomas A. Betts DA 852
- Steven W. Bauman DA 853
- David A. Fotland DA 854
- Larry A. Palmer DA 855
- Christopher J. Rohr DA 856
- Anthony P. Woinich DA 857



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### Commander's Corner

The university has finally done it. Case and Reserve students are now living in the same dormitories and even in the same suites. The dormitory complex on the corner of Adelbert and Murray Hill has been reopened after being vacant for the last two school years. Most of this year's 800 freshmen, of which 560 are male, are housed in the newly opened complex. The north side of campus is for all intents and purposes closed down. A handfull of Western Reserve upperclassmen and graduate students occupy the Reserve dormitories that remain open.

Gilbert Lauer was married to Cheryl Dotter on the day after graduation ceremony last May, Pete Bruneau was married to Dee Dee Karsner in September, John Mariner married finally Carol Heintz this November, and Bill Langenhop is engaged to Sandy Senti with a wedding date next spring. Tom Witkowski will be Santa Claus this year and he has chosen Merrill Arthur to be his fairy.

Pride and enthusiasm have been abundant among the brothers this fall. Preparation for parties, concentration on house cleanliness and house improvements as well as overwhelming participation in pondings are encouraging signs of the chapter's future.

Although participation in pondings has been high in quantity it has been low in quality. As outgoing commander I was ponded and the active chapter actually had to carry me across Euclid Ave. twice! (I got loose on the steps at Severance Hall.) Perhaps some of the alumni should return and show the actives how a real ponding should be performed.

Roy Michelotti DA 793  
Commander

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# ALUMNI NOTES

*Walter R. Denman* DA 2. We regret the passing of one the founding fathers of the Delta Alpha Chapter.

*Howard T. Markt* DA 52 is doing well. We would personally like to thank Howard for his excellent letter to us that helped us in writing our "Delta Alpha Through the Years" article.

*Howard T. Williams* DA 155 is the grandfather of two. He retired in 1969 and has been an Engineering Consultant since.

*William H. Kibbel, Jr.* DA 307 is married and is the proud father of two. He is manager of Industrial Applications of Commodity Chemicals for the Ford Motor Company. In his spare time Bill is involved with the Lions, his church Parish Council and is chairman of the Turnpike Development Commission.

*Donald R. Daykin* DA 349 is married and is the father of two girls, ages 23 and 26. He is presently Senior Engineer in the Products Development Lab of IBM Corporation in New York. In his spare time he swaps and collects antique radios, tubes, and test equipment and is in the process of rebuilding a 1960 Jaguar.

*William A. Eisenhower* DA 379 has a very prominent position with the Oversea Lamp Division of General Electric. He travels 40% of the time arranging all sales and price policies of auto and aircraft exports. In his spare time he is very active in his community being active in Boy Scouting and is one of the three trustees of the Delta Alpha Alumni Organization.

*Joseph G. Nemanich* DA 447 is married and is a manufacturing representative in electrical components for Sheridan Associates Inc. He is keeping busy being involved with Rollar Skating Rink organization on the national, state and local levels.

*James A. Nay* DA 473 is married and has five children. He is employed by Westinghouse Pressurized Water Reactor Systems Division. He is chairman of Standards Committee SP-67.1 for the Instrument Society of America. For recreation Jim square dances regularly.

*William G. Limberty* DA 489 is married and is the proud father of two boys and a girl, ages 9, 11, and 7. He is Senior Supply Agent for PPG Industries Inc. In his spare time he is a Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, a Cub Pack Committee Chairman and a Deacon at his church.

*Jeffery S. Williams* DA 640 is manager of Product Sales at Fairchild Systems Tech. in San Jose, Cal. In his spare time he is a part time ski instructor at Squaw Valley.

*Edward D. Gesdorf* DA 663 is married and is the father of two. He has left Alcoa and is now Sales Manager for Foote Minerals Company, a national producer of Ferroalloy products.

*Frank Berdan III* DA 682 is still married. So far two cats are to carry on the family name. He is employed by 3M Company in St. Paul Minn. and is involved in applying process control computers to manufacturers. He is also active in the state and local Society of Professional Engineers.

*Joseph N. Craig* DA 697 is married and is the father of two girls ages 6 and 2. He now is employed by Carnegie-Mellon University and is involved with Pion-Nuclear Physics Research at Los Alamos' Meson's Physics Facility.

*Thomas Eckstein* DA 784 is working for Eastman Kodak's Synthetic Chemical Division and in his spare time is taking flying lessons.

*John Mariner* DA 785 got himself married the day after Thanksgiving. He is presently employed at Union Carbide in Cleveland.

*David Eckstein* DA 788 is now a graduate student at Case in Astronomy. He is very active around the chapter helping out one of the bowling teams every Saturday morning.

*Mark Juba* DA 792 is working in the Research Lab for Eastman Kodak. He has taken up hunting and is planning to visit Texas to deliver a speech in an interplant conference. He is still doing his "usual".

*Michael Bondor* DA 799 has enrolled in an officer training program of the United States Navy.

*Lel Somogyi* DA 802 is a management science graduate student at CWRU and is a Resident Director of a Case Dorm. In addition to helping us print this newsletter, he is involved in the publication of a book on Hungarian cultural history.

*Roy Sambuchino* DA 803 is working for Diamond Shamrock.

*Kirk Tunder* DA 806 is doing research for Ford Motor Company.

## A CHANGE IN RUSH

This year's Rush Program has had many unique problems to deal with. As you have probably heard, CWRU now has unified housing. What this basically means is that Case and Reserve Students all live together on the south-side of campus (formerly the "Case" side). Therefore, we have a freshmen class of approximately 550 instead of 200 as in years past. Matters are even more complicated by the fact that the IFSC, the Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council, has retained Rush Policies of the now archaic past. For example, Reserve students are bid in the fall and Case students are bid in the spring.

As you might well imagine a great deal of thought and planning had to occur, many questions were posed, deliberated, and hopefully resolved.

The program, as now implemented, is based upon the following ideas. Case and Reserve freshmen will be treated alike; and a

During the last election there was a unprecedented vote taken for the office of Sentinel. When the 6 Sentinel candidates were asked to leave the room, they adjourned to Minnello's.

freshmen needs time to become accustomed to school before he should be asked to make major decision about joining a fraternity. What this boils down to is that we will bid Case and Reserve

students in the spring.

Although we have chosen this path, other houses have not. Many other houses have taken fall pledges. However, I am happy and proud to report that the stand our house has taken will be the official policy of the school and the IFSC as of next year.

Kyle Faulkner DA 843

## AWARDS

During the Alumni-Active Semi-Formal last Spring two scholarships were given away. Lél Smogyi, a senior Computer Engineer was awarded the Delta Alpha chapter Jackson Hammond Award. Lél was very active on campus, best known for being editor of the *Engineering and Science Review* last year. Lél, now a graduate student in the Management Science department, continues his involvement with Case by being a resident director of one of the reopened dorms and a member of the Case Alumni Council Student-Alumni Relations Committee.

The Alumni Scholarship Award was awarded to Robert Akers DA 795 who graduated from CWRU with a B.S. in Accounting and a GPA of 3.70.

## THE HOUSE

During recent months the Brothers of DA felt that it was time to put some work into improving the looks of the house. As a result of this feeling several changes of somewhat major proportions were made and some others at least considered. First the house charged Brother Schumacher with the purchase of some large plants for the living room. He came up with a Spider Plant now hanging in the living room window and a Weeping Fig, a very bushy, ficus plant now sitting on an end table near the fireplace. The House also financed the construction of a half-wall (4 ft. high) just to the right of the fireplace where some trophy shelves had previously stood. Construction of the wall took much time and effort from many of the Brothers. But the finished product, panelled and capped by a heavy oak plank, adds warmth and a more home-like feeling to the living room. Finally, the chapter seriously considered the purchase of a different second-hand piano, but felt that it could not support the financial burden and still maintain a safety buffer at this time. But, the Brothers are still hopeful and still looking for a good buy.

David Mahler DA 824

## Elections Held

Commander	Robert Hazy	DA 844
Lt. Commander	Robert DiSalvo	DA 822
Pledge Marshal	David Mahler	DA 824
Steward	Brian Whiteley	DA 851
Treasurer	Mike Yuen	DA 837
House Manager	Reinhard Schumacher	DA 836
Social Chairman	Robert Eulenstein	DA 834
Alumni Contacts	Christopher Brandon	DA 827
	Steven Chalmers	DA 846
Sentinel	Malcolm Meluch	DA 813
Recorder	Douglas Fanney	DA 828

## Lost Alumni

### Alumni Association

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 needed. Your continued support will keep the alumni chapter functioning as a help and support to the active chapter.

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

The Alumni Chapter held a meeting and elections last spring. The new officers are:

Commander: Bob Kromer  
DA 744

Lt. Commander: Brad Hicks  
DA 768

Recorder: John Mariner  
DA 785

Treasurer: Dave Fink DA 729

Trustees:

Bill Eisenhauer DA 379

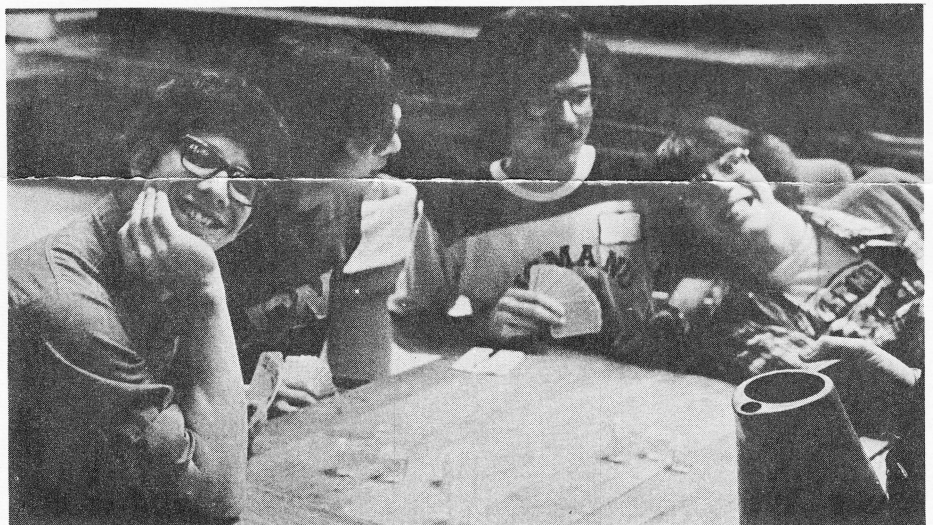
Dave Parham DA 651

Jim Reiman DA 742

The following Alumni are still unlocated. We would appreciate any help you can give us in locating them.

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 145 Maxwell L. M. Mitzel  
DA 154 William M. McCune  
DA 168 Donald R. Stark  
DA 204 William L. Dairy

DA 207 Walte E. Jones  
DA 276 Clark W. Story III  
DA 283 David Kling  
DA 365 Kent R. Evans  
DA 368 Howard K. McLaughlin  
DA 371 Howard F. Barrett  
DA 372 Willard W. Commings  
DA 417 Joseph O. Campeau  
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 741 Stephen W. Darling



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# QUESTIONNAIRE

Can you tell us something about yourself? Your old classmates would appreciate anything you can give us. (Feel free to write us a letter!)

Do you know the whereabouts of any "unlocated" alumni?

Would you like to know anybody's address or whereabouts?

Do you think you will be able to attend our Semi-Formal this Spring?

Is there any type of event that you could suggest to us that might help draw in more alumni?

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

## A QUOTE

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.

## SEX!

If you forgot about your \$5.00 dues for last year or you wish to make a tax deductible contribution to the Scholarship Fund, you can enclose a check with this questionnaire. Scholarship trust checks should be made payable to "Delta Alpha of Sigma Nu Scholarship Trust" and the dues checks should be made payable to "Delta Alpha of Sigma Nu Alumni Chapter."

# ALSAC

## A Family of Delta Alphas

Lester Bauman DA 138, majored in Civil Engineering and graduated from Case in 1926. Twenty years later, his sons Lester W. Bauman, Jr. and R. Craig Bauman also pledged Delta Alpha Chapter of Sigma Nu and became DA 394 and DA 393 respectively. They both graduated in 1951, Bill majoring in Electrical Engineering and Craig in Physics. Finally 24 years later Bill's son, Steven Bauman, entered Case and in the Spring of 1976 he was initiated as DA 853. Steve is expected to graduate as a Mechanical Engineer in 1979.

### Encore of Charity Spectacular . .

Remember the excitement of last year's Sigma Nu Charity Fund Raiser? People drinking a shot of beer endlessly; students painfully climbing up and relievedly descending the treacherous Elephant Steps; amused spectators watching these members of the CWRU community pushing themselves to the limits of physical endurance: all for a worthy cause.

All this and more returned to the Case Tech Reserve campus on Saturday November 13, 1976. It was our Second Annual Sigma Nu Charity Fund Raiser. This year's proceeds go to ALSAC, St. Jude Children Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, leaders in the study and cure of children's catastrophic diseases.

Events featured included a "Beat the Champ" Beer Chug contest (starring Roy Michelotti DA 793), a campus trivia hunt, and a repeat of last year's favorites: the Sloppy Sixties and the Elephant Step marathons.

Total pledges for the day exceeded \$ 2,200.00 with a projected total contribution of \$ 1,800.00 after expenses and collection losses. Any Alumni who would like to bolster our charity drive contribution are invited to make tax deductible checks out to "ALSAC—St. Jude Hospital" and mail the donations to Sigma Nu Fraternity, 2235 Murray Hill Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44106. Your "Little Brothers" thank you for the support.

Ed Haddad DA 797

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