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AT HIGH COUNCIL AND TRI-DIVISIONAL

## REPRESENTING DELTA ALPHA

Last November, fourteen brothers travelled to Bethany, West Virginia to represent Delta Alpha at the combined High Council and Tri-Divisional meeting. The meeting was held in the Millsop Leadership Center on the campus of Bethany College and was hosted by the members of Epsilon Chapter. It was attended by the members of the High Council, representatives from the twelve chapters of Divisions 8, 9 and 12, and other distinguished Sigma Nu alumni.

Clark Walters, Commander of our division, opened the Tri-Divisional meeting on the afternoon of Saturday, November 5 by welcoming the representatives and introducing the dignitaries. The High Council then excused itself and moved to another room to continue the meeting that had begun the day before. Kyle Faulkner, DA 843 served on the High Council as a collegiate representative, a high honor for him and our chapter. Also attending the High Council meeting was Will Schmidt, DA 845 who was later invited to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee. Topics discussed at the High Council meeting ranged from budgetary matters to the activities of the regional consultants at various problem chapters.

After the introductions, Regent Gerald R. Sherratt spoke on the future of fraternities in general and Sigma Nu in specific. A major portion of the speech was directed at chapters that haze and included a definitive notice

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- CASE SIGMA NU TO SERVE ON THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE.
- DEBUT OF DELTA ALPHA GLEE CLUB.
- REGENT IMPRESSED WITH THE ENTHUSIASM OF HOUSE.

that no more hazing would be tolerated by Sigma Nu National.

After Sherratt finished, Judd Heflin, regional consultant, took the floor to explain the many services that National provides, including alumni files, newsletter service, merchandise and other services that many chapters have not been taking full advantage of.

After a short break, John Cluss, Commander of Division 8, gave a lecture on the law and organization of Sigma Nu, including the process for changing the law at the Grand Chapters Meeting, to be held this summer. Following the speech by Cluss, a multi-media presentation entitled Sigma Nu Spectacular was shown. Included in this show were many slides of historical interest and of current Sigma Nu activities. The meeting was then recessed until the next day.

After the meeting, the representatives gathered in a group dining room in Benedum Commons for a social hour. The representatives from Delta Alpha started the evening on a lighter note by demonstrating their technique in a quick game of shit-shit. Shortly afterwards, the representatives were treated to a dinner catered by the college food service.

Immediately following dinner, and several short speeches by local and national dignitaries, came the event which enabled Delta Alpha to muster fourteen brothers to attend: the debut and final performance of the Delta Alpha Glee Club. Gerald Sherratt, while attending the Active-Alumni Semiformal last year, was impressed by our enthusiasm during the singing of the White Star and before we knew it, we were committed to sing at Bethany. We managed to assemble the brothers for several hasty practices and entertained the dinner guests with shaky renditions of several songbook standards, including **The Engineers Song** and **The Souse Family**. We ended our performance with the White Star followed by the cheer. The dinner then ended and we left to prepare for the evenings entertainment, namely the party at the Epsilon Chapter house.

Following a quick breakfast the next morning, we went directly into seminar groups. Two different seminars were held, one on goals in

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## ALUMNI NOTES

Brother Richard Wolke, DA 327 has recently been transferred by General Electric to a new job with Storno A/s, one of GE's subsidiaries in Copenhagen, Denmark. Tell us, Dick, is it

true what they say about Denmark women? Here is his new address:

Tarbaek Strandveg 53F  
2930 Klampenborg, Denmark

Brother Joseph G. Nemanich, DA 447 is continuing his interest in roller-skating, and is now on the Board of Directors of the Roller Skating Rink Operators Association. He is also involved in the manufacture of several roller skating products, and is part owner of SAI Marketing Corporation, a mid-western electronics manufacturers representative.

## SIGMA NU SKIES

This past winter many of us saw more snow and cold weather than we will ever care to remember, but for those inclined to skiing, this season provided many good times on the slopes.

For the second consecutive year a group of brothers from Delta Alpha spent a week of their winter break skiing at Sugarbush Ski Center in Warren, Vt. The week included five days of skiing, meals, and lodging, as well as time to meet some people, make some friends, and have a good time. Some of the festivities included pushing cars out of drifts and up mountains, skiing in the rain, and a lot of intimate contact with the cold, hard slopes. They're crazy you say! Well, possibly, but there is more to it than that.

Skiing is a total experience — from

standing along the trail to enjoy the view to recalling the weather, the scenery, the companions, and the experiences of the week. Being on a leisure week and not having to worry about tests and grades gives you time to appreciating the beauty of the Vermont mountain environment. Observing the snow-covered pines, the steep cut banks, and the walls of trees which line the trails is all part of the overpowering experience.

Our evening were taken up by good food, good friends, and making the decision of where to ski the next day.

Leaving the mountain was not really a sad occasion at all. The week was nostalgic, warm, hopeful, fun. And, I'll admit that after enjoying the gift of winter I'm looking forward to spring.

**Mark J. Roman, DA 858**

Brother Dale Hall, DA 504 is very proud of his newest child, Christine Marie, born October 20, 1977. She joins brothers Steve, 17, Jim, 14, and Ken, 13. Congratulations from all of the brothers.

Brother Robert Folino, DA 681 is now working with his brother and nephew in the field of computer software systems. Is this a family business, or what? He has a son Christopher, 3, and another recently arrived. He has but one question: is all of the junk mail he has been receiving being sent by Joel Lexier?

Brother Robert Breutin, DA 749 is now serving as an area governor in the Toastmasters. He is currently employed in the Styrene Plastics Department of Dow Chemical in Midland, Michigan.

Brother Lel Somogyi, DA 802 is out there consulting in the Real World. He tells us he recently bought himself a computer. Wonder if it keeps him happy...?

Brother Jeff Dill, DA 815 has moved and taken a new job with Raytheon in the Submarine Signal Division as an assistant engineering technician. His new address is 5403 East Bay Village, Middletown, RI 02840.

Brother Steve Innerfield, DA 849 has quit his job and gone back to being a full time student at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan. He has also set up a complete photolab at home. Doing what you do well, eh Steve?

## New Officers Elected

On Sunday April 2, 1978 tradition was set aside temporarily. On the recommendation of Kurt Bigler, DA 831, the out going Sentinel, sophomore Eric Blemaster, DA 885 was chosen as the Sentinel.

Eric has been a Sentinel in the true sense of the office. The rest of the new officers are:

<b>Commander</b>	DA 848 Greg Twait
<b>Lt. Commander</b>	DA 865 Frank Brichacek
<b>Rush Chairman</b>	DA 877 Tom Young
<b>Pledge Marshal</b>	DA 845 Wilber Schmidt
<b>Social Chairman</b>	DA 885 Eric Blemaster
<b>Finance Steward</b>	DA 863 John Silvestro
<b>Treasurer</b>	DA 880 Kevin Barnes
<b>House Manager</b>	DA 864 Tim Pistner
<b>Food Steward</b>	DA 884 Frank Frastaci
<b>Recorder</b>	DA 868 Joe Logan
<b>Maintenance Steward</b>	DA 872 Vince Genova
<b>Charity Drive Chairman</b>	DA 858 Mark Roman
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	DA 883 Roy Smith
<b>Chaplain</b>	DA 876 Scott Robinson
<b>Assistant Food Steward</b>	DA 870 Paul Claus
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	DA 879 Bob Bixler
<b>Intramural Chairman</b>	DA 860 Tom Eldridge
<b>"Spirits" Chairman</b>	DA 856 Chris Rohr
<b>Alumni Contact</b>	DA 866 Ernest Oshiro
<b>Alumni Contact</b>	DA 867 Mike Akers
<b>Guardian of Tradition</b>	DA 873 Don Stoltz
<b>IFSC Representative</b>	DA 873 Don Stoltz
<b>Scholarship Chairman</b>	DA 853 Steve Bauman
<b>Sentinel</b>	DA 885 Eric Blemaster

# COMMANDER'S CORNER

Delta Alpha is again alive and growing on the Case Campus. The chapter is 44 Brothers strong and has 20 pledges — the strongest and largest house on campus. And it appears that the house will be full next semester and we will have more Brothers than rooms. The spirit which the Brothers are showing now is as great as it was for Greek Week. Beer Chug practice and talk about a new "bed" for the Bed Race were the topics of discussion once again and the pledges looked forward to the springtime activities of pondings and Help Weekend.

The chapter is doing well in its day-to-day operations. The Board Plan and the chapter's finances are in good hands under the watchful office eyeing the future and the chance for improvement. The chapter's relations with the Dean's and Business Affairs offices have also been on the up-swing this semester. Our Divisional Commander, Clark Walter, is working in Cleveland and has spent time here at the house becoming involved in our daily operations and programs giving us all the help he can.

The chapter's programs are doing fine. Rush and the pledge programs are under constant revision and continue to provide ever improving results. The other chapter offices are also performing with the same care and dedication.

Soon we will be starting a new program aimed directly at you, the alumni. We want our alumni back. We seem to have lost you. We have lost something which only you can supply to Delta Alpha: our and your history. We are looking for your letters and any bits and pieces of stories you can provide us. It is you we want to see and meet and hear your stories. It is not your soul we are asking for; it is only the chance to meet you. For you it is the chance to once again see the brothers you went through school with. All we ask, is that you help us make your experiences a part of the history of Delta Alpha.

**C.A. Brandon, DA 827**  
Commander

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## TWO NEWEST

Our two newest brothers, Frank Frastaci, DA 884 and Eric Blemaster, DA 885 were initiated as Knights of Sigma Nu on December 3, 1977. Frank hails from Parma, Ohio and is a sophomore majoring in Computer Engineering. Eric is from Bedford, Ohio and is in his second year of the six year dental program.

Their pledge project involved painting the telephone areas on the second and third floors. For their Help Weekend, Frank and Eric did volunteer work for the Playhouse Square Association. This work involved helping to restore some of downtown Cleveland's older theaters.

Interestingly their initiation was to be the last occasion that the 1911 Bennett Ritual was to be used; however, the old ritual is still being used since the National Headquarters did not finish processing the new liturgy as scheduled.

The new initiates are already involved in the house. Frank has been elected Greek Week Chairman and Eric, while skiing in Vermont with several brothers during Christmas, established himself as the chapter's foremost wine connoisseur and has subsequently become Sentinal.

**Greg Twait, DA 848**

## Representing Delta Alpha

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pledge education and alumni relations and the other on rush and chapter management. From these seminars, we learned many good ideas that will be incorporated into some of our programs.

Following the seminar, we left for home, happy to have escaped the academic world of Case and instilled with a new pride in being a Sigma Nu.

**Tom Young, DA 877**

SINCE IT WAS WITH YOUR HELP THAT OUR RUSH BOOKLET BECAME A REALITY WE THOUGHT WE WOULD GIVE YOU A TWO PAGE TASTER OF EXCERPTS FROM OUR RUSH BOOKLET OF 1977-1978.

# SIGMA NU

## What is a Fraternity?

At first glance a fraternity is a social club. The most striking features are the organized social events, intramurals, and the pranks and horseplay of any large group of twenty-year old men. Still, all of these are available in a dormitory or an apartment. So why join a fraternity?

First and most important, every member develops deep friendships that continue long after graduation. There is a sense of "all for one and one for all" that is lacking in the dorms. Second, whether a member holds an office or simply carries out his duties, he becomes more responsible and dependable. Finally, each member now has a house and a home in which he can truly develop a pride.

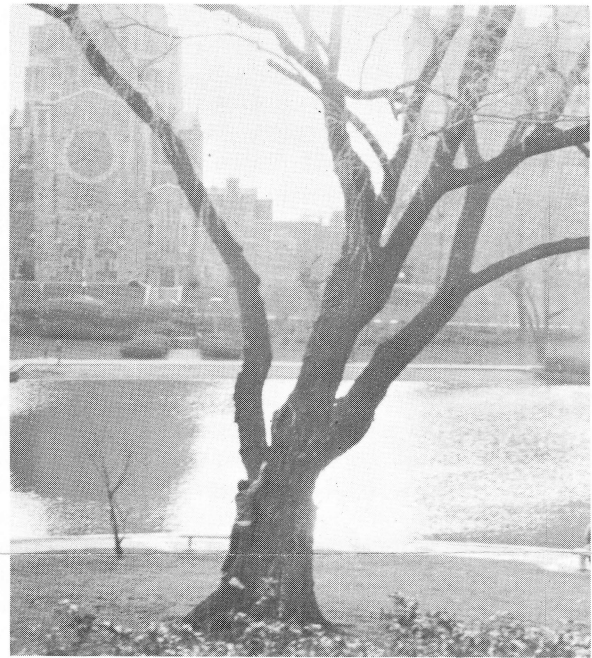
These characteristics add a fresh and exciting dimension to college life. The fraternity is something else to work for besides a diploma. It is a place to live and work with people who have left the apathy of the dorms. It provides a home where one can develop a true sense of belonging and pride. These feelings separate a fraternity from a dorm or a club.

## SIGMA NU

Once you have begun to consider fraternities, how do you pick one? How do they differ? We at Sigma Nu pride ourselves on two noticeable areas of uniqueness. First, our ideals, and second, our diversity, set us apart from the rest of the fraternities.

Our ideals are best expressed in the term "honor fraternity." It may sound corny at first, but consider honor for a minute. We treat each other, including pledges, as we expect to be treated - with respect. We have no fines or disciplinary committee for acts done or left undone. Every brother does a job because he wants to, not because of the threat of a fine.

SIGMA NU IS DEDICATED TO AN IDEAL



TO BELIEVE IN THE LIFE OF LOVE  
TO WALK IN THE WAY OF HONOR  
TO SERVE IN THE LIGHT OF TRUTH  
THIS IS THE LIFE, THE WAY, AND THE LIGHT  
OF SIGMA NU

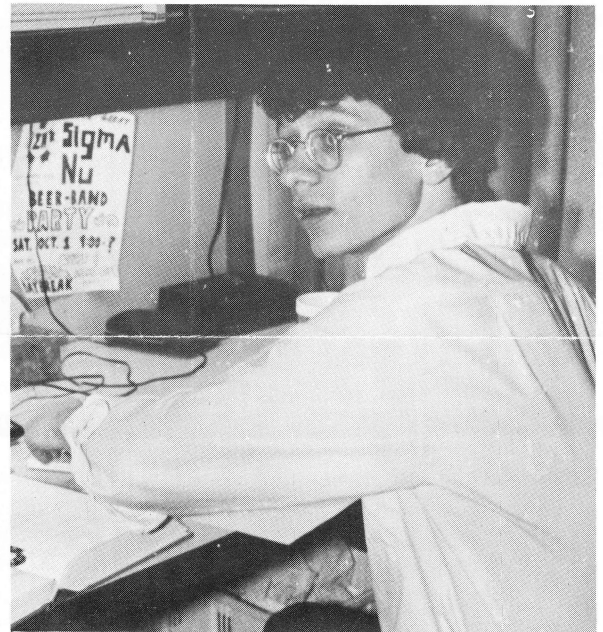
THIS IS THE CREED OF OUR FRATERNITY

WITH US THE WORD HONOR IS MORE  
THAN JUST A WORD.  
IT IS A WAY OF LIFE

We are probably the most diverse house on campus. There is no typical Sigma Nu. Note how each Sigma Nu who comes to rush you is different from any other. This diversity provides great opportunity to interact with and learn from people quite different from yourself. It requires far more effort to make a fraternity work if it is based on honor and diversity than on fines and stereotypes, but the end product is much more rewarding.

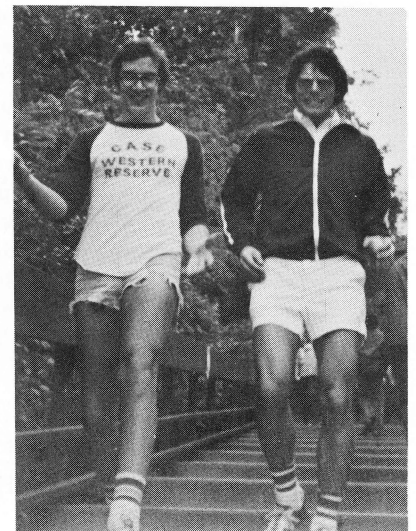
## The Student at Sigma Nu

When all the shouting has died down, we at Sigma Nu realize we are at school for primarily one reason — to learn. Therefore, we do place a heavy emphasis on academics. This does not mean we are a fraternity of nerds; it does mean we allow a brother to pursue academics to the degree he desires. Sigma Nu consistently has a combined grade point that is above the all men's average. Also, should you encounter difficulty with a subject, you will nearly always find a brother able and willing to help you out.



Sigma Nu is based on respect for each other. We are an honor fraternity, with no fines or penalties for misconduct. Sigma Nu is a diverse house, with no stereotyped image, allowing each of us to develop in the directions we choose. No one is required to change to become a Sigma Nu. All that we ask is that our members care enough about the house to demand change when needed, and who will work voluntarily because they care.

In becoming Sigma Nu's, we have found more than a house. We have found a home.



# NEW SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO BE CREATED

In the Spring of 1975, the Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter adopted a scholarship program for undergraduates of Delta Alpha. At that time, a formal trust fund was established as were three specific awards:

- 1. an award of up to \$150 to the chapter for attaining certain scholastic standards or substantially improving its ranking among other on-campus fraternities,
- 2. a \$100 award to the graduating Senior with the highest cumulative grade point average, and

3. the Charles Jackson Hammond Award, which recognizes the Sigma Nu who has contributed significantly to Case and the University Community through chapter, campus, and community activities.

Plans were made to expand the scholarship program when additional fund became available. Through contributions and interest income from the trust fund, the Alumni Chapter is now in a financial position to consider the creation of additional awards.

Because most alumni are not able to attend meetings held at the Sigma Nu House, the alumni officers are requesting that you make your opinions known regarding additional awards by filling out the questionnaire below.

Those of us who are able to attend and will ultimately be voting on the future course of this program feel a genuine obligation to seek input from all alumni. The setup of additional awards should reflect the wishes of the entire Alumni Chapter, not just of ten or twenty Cleveland "locals."

Help us, then, to set up meaningful awards. Take some time to think through the alternatives presented below. Mail the questionnaire back as soon as possible so your opinions can be considered. Contributions to the scholarship fund are always welcome and are, naturally, tax deductible.

**Brad Hicks**  
Alumni Commander

## Scholarship Questionnaire

**NOTE YOUR CHOICE BY CIRCLING THE APPROPRIATE LETTER.**

- 1. Additional scholarship awards to individuals should be based on:
  - a. highest grade point averages (GPA).
  - b. most improvement in GPA.
- 2. If awards to individuals are based on high GPA, I favor rewarding the:
  - a. highest GPA in a single semester.
  - b. highest GPA in a one year period (Fall and Spring semester combined).
  - c. highest GPA in any two consecutive semesters (e.g. Spring of Sophomore year and Fall of Junior year).
  - d. brother in each class with the highest cumulative GPA at the end of the school year.
- 3. If awards to individuals are based on improvement, they should recognize the:
  - a. largest improvement from one semester's GPA to another.
  - b. largest improvement in cumulative GPA from one semester to another.
  - c. biggest improvement in cumulative GPA from one year to another (e.g. from the end of the Sophomore year to the end of the Junior year).
  - d. biggest improvement of the semester GPA over the cumulative GPA.
- 4. If awards to individuals are based on GPA improvement:
  - a. the highest percentage increase should be rewarded ( $4.0 - 2.5 = 1.5$  so there is a  $1.5 / 2.5 = 60\%$  improvement).
  - b. the greatest improvement in actual points should be rewarded ( $4.0 - 2.5 = 1.5$  points of improvement).
- 5. If a brother wins one scholarship award:
  - a. he should be eliminated from competition for future scholarship awards, except the Hammond Award).
  - b. he should still be permitted to compete for any future awards.
- 6. Any comments or suggestions:

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM.**

## Alumni Directories

Have you lost touch with some of your old Delta Alpha fraternity brothers? Have you been wanting to write a letter or just send a Christmas card but did not know where to send them?

If you find this describes your situation, then the new Delta Alpha Directory will solve your problem. A complete listing of all Delta Alpha initiates by pin number and current addresses is available to you and all you have to do is merely pay your annual alumni dues.

So send your check for \$5.00 to the Delta Alpha payable Delta Alpha of Sigma Nu Alumni Association. We anticipate mailing the directories during mid-summer, so please make sure that your check is sent by the end of May.

Now there is no excuse not to write your friends and renew old acquaintances!

# QUESTIONNAIRE

**TELL US WHAT IS NEW WITH YOU. YOUR BROTHERS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW. HAVE YOU CHANGED JOBS? BECOME A PARENT? OR EVEN BECOME MARRIED?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW ANYBODY'S ADDRESS?  
DO YOU KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF ANY UNLOCATED ALUMNI?**

**IS THERE ANY TYPE OF EVENT THAT YOU COULD SUGGEST TO HELP DRAW IN MORE ALUMNI?**

**WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THIS NEWSLETTER? CAN YOU SUGGEST ANY IMPROVEMENTS?**

**CAN YOU OFFER US ANYTHING THAT WILL ADD TO OUR COMPI-  
LING OF OUR CHAPTER HISTORY?**

## CHAPTER HISTORY UPDATE

In an attempt to update chapter histories across the country, the national leaders chose Brother McWhinnie to spearhead this massive national undertaking.

Last March Brother R. E. McWhinnie was appointed Grand Historian by the High Council of Sigma Nu.

We are turning to you, our alumni, as the best source of historical information we can tap to compile our chapter history. You can be of great help by recalling and informing us of your own experiences as an active member of Sigma Nu.

We would like to hear of your accomplishments and achievements in the chapter, those of your contemporaries, as well as your recollections of noteworthy social, athletic, and scholarly events of your day. Of further interest to us would be memories of your personal endeavors, however dubious, performed under the banner of Sigma Nu.

We need your assistance. Your replies to this request, no matter how brief, are vital to our preparation of a complete and well-rounded written history.

Once prepared, we believe, the chapter history will be a source of pride and enjoyment for all Delta Alpha brothers. We hope to have your response by June 1, 1978. Please direct your replies to:

**Guardian of Tradition  
2235 Murray Hill Road  
Cleveland, OH 44106**

We look forward anxiously to learning of the great events that transpired during your days at Delta Alpha as we attempt to record the joys and despairs of our past.

Fraternally,  
**Tim Pistner, DA 864**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALUMNI****LARGEST PLEDGE CLASS AGAIN**

Delta Alpha pledged 22 men this year, which gave us the largest pledge class on campus for the second consecutive year. More important than the size of the class is the quality and we feel our pledge class is the best pledge class on campus.

The alumni deserve a special thank you because without their help and support our task would have been much harder.

The results of this year's rush are even more impressive when the obstacles that were overcome are considered. Coming out of a good rush last year, the chapter could have become complacent. However, the chapter's enthusiasm and morale did not lag and has never been higher than during the last rush period. And the hard work put in paid off.

In past years, when our house was

not filled to capacity by brothers, freshmen were assigned to the vacant rooms. This almost guaranteed a pledge class of substantial size. This year we did not have any in-house

was most informative and helpful in their consideration of Sigma Nu.

The alumni also did some rushing for us. One of our new pledges, Douglas Gordon, was first recommended to us

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**We feel our pledge class is the  
best pledge class on the campus....**

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freshmen, as did several other houses, yet we still managed to do very well.

Finally, the active chapter would like to thank the alumni for funding the new rush brochure. The 16 page booklet describes our house, our ideals, and contains many candid photos of the brothers. Many of our rushees said it

by Kenneth Wirtz, DA 150. The information Brother Wirtz relayed to us was very helpful and we would welcome any similar alumni tips in the future.

**William Schmidt, DA 845**  
Rush Chairman

**Delta Alpha of Sigma Nu**  
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106

**ADDRESS CORRECTIONS REQUESTED**



**FIRST CLASS**