

DELTA ALPHA SIGMA NU



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Alumni-Active Events Planned

Alumni-active events at Delta Alpha come in a variety of forms. Probably the most elaborate of these is the White Rose Formal, hosted by the active chapter once every three years. This past May 10th, 104 Sigma Nus, wives, and dates gathered for an evening of dining and dancing. The festivities got under way with a reception at the house, after which the party moved to the Park Plaza Hotel. Following the buffet dinner, Chapter Advisor **Bill Langenhop** made a brief presentation and announced the winners of the Alumni Scholastic Awards. National representative **Jim Bibbons**, Michigan Divisional Commander, then delivered a short speech in which he commended the house for nearing two milestones — the 75th anniversary and the 1,000th initiate. For the remainder of the evening "Horizon" kept the dance floor full by providing plenty of dancable music.

The upcoming chapter social calendar shows more alumni-active get-togethers. An event in the near future which the house hopes will be of interest to many alumni is the Alumni-Active Dinner and Stag Party set for Friday, November 21. The evening will get under way at about 7 o'clock with a pre-Thanksgiving turkey feast. Immediately following dinner a special alumni meeting will be held. The main topic for the meeting will be early plans for next year's celebration of Delta Alpha's 75th anniversary. Of special importance in this discussion is initial action towards setting up a special White Rose Formal to be held in the spring of 1982 in commemoration of the 75th.

The party will get under way after the meeting. Highlights of the party's activities (in addition to a few rounds of Shit-Shit and several refrains from the one-and-only "Delta Alpha Song Book") include an all out effort to extend the

family tree (see elsewhere in this newsletter) back at least a couple of generations. So stop by the house on the 21st and meet your little brother's little brother's little brother...and see some of your old friends, too. Hope to see you here!

Doug Gordon
DA 890

**BE THERE AT THE
ALUMNI - ACTIVE
DINNER AND MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21
7:00 P.M. AT SIGMA NU**

49th Grand Chapter Atlanta, Georgia

"The highpoint of my life as a Sigma Nu." "Best weekend ever!" are a few ways to describe what happened at the Atlanta Marriott August 15-18.

Over 400 collegiates and 100 alumni gathered to discuss national policy and to party.

The days were filled with legislative sessions, and workshops aimed at making every chapter number one on its campus.

New officers were elected, many of whom were nominated from the floor, including **Randall Kapps**, Regent.

This is the first time the Grand Chapter has nominated and elected officers from the floor, disregarding the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Each candidate appeared at a question and answer session that lasted 3 hours.

The nights were spent talking with Sigma Nus from every state and Canada. I also have some, vague recollections of massive beer drinking going on at the same time.

Delta Alpha was represented by actives **John Wilson DA 889** and **Brett Bailey DA 911**, and by alumni **Bob DiSalvo DA 822**. John and I drove down with actives **Damond Mace** and **Jim Eville**

from the newest chapter Iota Phi, Wittenberg, plus **Brad Kennedy**, Beta Nu Ohio State.

The return trip was made bearable by a pit stop to **Roy Michelotti's [DA 793]** house in Knoxville, Tennessee. Roy was very kind to invite us and he introduced John and Damond (both Commanders) to drinking yards of beer.

I am also happy to say that Roy is still in good shape and he proved it by demonstrating a three-man-lift to our guests.

August, 1982 50th Grand Chapter Snowbird, Utah.

Be there for the fun and honor of Sigma Nu!

Brett Bailey
DA 911

NEWS WANTED

So that we can continue to serve the alumni in the best possible way, we need news from all of you.

Send us newspaper clippings, letters or give us a call on our new phone system.

IFSC NEWS

For the first time since the merger of Case's and Western Reserve's Fraternity and Sorority systems, the IFSC has made major progress in regaining the prestige it lost since that time. The officers hope that the administrations to follow will continue in their dedicated and unbiased footsteps so that the IFSC can once again be like Case's once prestigious and powerful IFSC.

The most notable gain to the system was the formation of a new sorority to raise the number of sororities to three. Soon after the present administration was elected last February, rush chairman **Michael Chmura DA 893** proposed an amendment to the constitution forming the office of expansion chairman. The amendment was approved, the chairman was elected, and she began to work with a group of about eight girls who were trying to form a sorority. By the beginning of this year, they had about 25 upperclassmen, and they began negotiations with the IFSC for recognition and with Alpha Phi

New prestige

so that they might become a colony of that national sorority. Vice President **John Wilson DA 889** then formed a committee to amend the by-laws and constitution so that the IFSC would have some rules governing colonies. Progress has been made. The sorority became a colony in October and hopes to become a Chapter of Alpha Phi by March.

The IFSC has also made gains in trying to become a significant aid in rush. For the first time in an untold number of years, summer mailings from the rush chairman were sent out in the hope that freshmen and their parents would better understand the Greek System. The Student Directory given to the new freshmen every year used to contain two pages on every house filled with pictures and some propaganda from that house. It was felt that this showed only disunity and conveyed little useful information on the houses. To alleviate this problem, the Directory contained a few pages on the Greek System in general. Terms were defined, the system was described, and it contained a picture and some objective facts on each house. Although the effectiveness of this effort cannot be seen until next semester, we are confident that the system will have a good rush.

A final gain by the IFSC was the

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Spirit and enthusiasm, built up over past years, are very much alive in Delta Alpha. This attitude must be attributed in part to the inspired newly initiated members, who account for the bulk of house manpower. The determination and ideals of these young men will allow this chapter to retain its dominant position on campus for years to come.

The presence of young members has also had a marked effect on general house operations. A number of innovative ideas have allowed the house to revise established chapter functions and even develop a few new house events. In past weeks the house has participated in a chapter retreat/community service project at a local camp for the blind. Hard work coupled with sincere group discussions produced a successful weekend. On another occasion the brothers painted a variety of areas throughout the house. To the best of our knowledge, this had not occurred for a number of years. Another new attraction was a parent's weekend for both brothers and in house freshmen. Over 120 people attended this event.

Intramurals continue to be a common topic of discussion throughout the house. Though we do not grab every trophy, the brothers are willing to take on anyone (including alumni) in any sport.

Rush is again providing major concerns for the chapter. Recent legislation in the I.F.S.C. has allowed for a fall bid date for freshmen. This program is scheduled to begin in the fall of 1981. How the chapter will handle this new opportunity is of yet, undetermined.

One of the topics of discussion in the recent chapter retreat focused on our continuing inability to bring alumni back to the house. In future weeks, we plan to invite a number of alumni back to the house for dinner get togethers. If you are planning to pass through town please let us know. We may be able to line up a few members of appropriate vintage to join you for an evening at the house. In the interim, all alumni are welcome to attend our Thanksgiving dinner on Friday, November 21. The dinner and alumni chapter meeting will be followed by traditional festivities. These activities will not close until the last Sigma Nu has had enough!

At this time I would like to extend special thanks to **William Langenhop DA 783** our spirited chapter advisor, and **Robert Akers DA 795** who keeps tabs on our books, for extraordinary efforts in the past few months. Their guidance has enabled the chapter to avoid major problems in past years.

In closing, I would like to extend a personal invitation to each of you to visit the chapter whenever you are in the area. Should this be impossible in the near future, perhaps the 75th Anniversary may provide the opportunity for us to get together. This event is scheduled for May of 1982. At that time both you and I can see our old friends and also see for ourselves just how well our fraternal efforts have paid off.

John R. Wilson DA 889
Commander

“SIGMA NU OVERSEA”

Instead of returning to the Case SCWRU, two brothers have decided to take their junior year abroad. Brother **Bill**

passing of a by-law amendment to institute a fall bid date to go along with the present spring date. The fall date will not be used this year, however, because the Case and Western Reserve assemblies must both approve it. So far, the Case assembly has approved it, and the Western Reserve assembly is expected to do so as well.

Michael A. Chmura DA 893
IFSC Rush Chairman

Messinger DA 902 will be attending the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He left the U.S. the weekend of October 4; classes begin start on October 8. He plans to take some physics courses to work toward his degree.

Brother **Brian Williamson DA 908** left the week of September 28 for the University of Sussex in Brighton, England. His classes begin start on October 6. Besides pre-med studies, he hopes to do some travel in Europe.

We wish them the best of luck this year.

Mark Williams
DA 915

GREEK WEEK

Despite the cold around campus and Delta Alpha, practice began under the illustrious Greek Week Chairman **Scott Shook DA 871**. With Pledge classes assistance as the pledge Greek Week chairman **Dennis Gaishausser**; Shooky after much coaxing from the house had a number of practices with the D Phi U's.

Last semester we had many pledges participate in events which will now be run down:

Beer Chug:

As you know from the past beer chug in the house has been a strong event, and last year was no exception. The four man relay team consisted of brothers **Shook, Pistner, Eldridge** ("T-Bird") and a newcomer, **Frank Brichacek**. We placed first with a time of 14.1.

Bear Relay:

After much dedication of practice in unforgiving weather and inevitable sickness the Bear Relay was close with the members consisting of brothers **Lidrbach** ("Beak"), **Shook** and pledge **Vanderstaur** placing second behind SAE.

Bear Marathon:

It was a cold night when the taps were pumped and flowing to begin this event, with the team consisting of many brothers with the team psyched we were able to finish the keg and tie for third position while the Phi Delta and SAE began a rumble over the question of what team finished first.

Rope Pull:

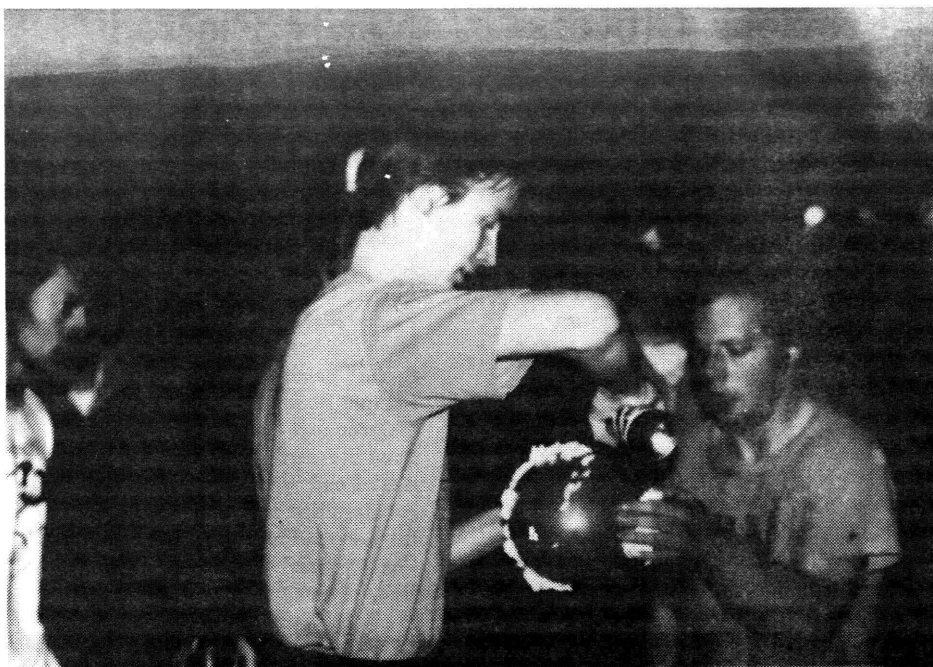
Although we had some of the largest members of the house included in this event we drew to pull the Pikes first who were larger. What need we say? (The water was warm)

Wheelbarrow Race:

The team of **Mike Chmura DA 893** and **John Wilson DA 889** pursued the Phi Delt team all the way to the finish line finishing just a little short with a second place finish.

Egg Toss:

The team of **Spence Siegel DA 905** and **Barry Katz DA 896** trying to defend their title cracked up with just a few feet to go and had to settle for third place. The other team of **Frank Brichacek DA 865** and **John Howald DA 907** fell victim to a bad egg and were not able to place.



Brothers Tom Young and Scott Shook attempt to shave a balloon during the relay race as others cheer them on.

Pie Snarf:

Practices were rigorous with brother **Shook** pushing brothers **Haber, Chmura**, and his two pledge teammates, **Joe Bellian** and **Mike** ("Stro-Light") **Silvestro** into second place.

Pyramid

With the diligent efforts of Dean Real Pyramid was cancelled.

5-Legged:

Unfortunately because of a bad call our winning team was disqualified while the other didn't place.

Bed Race:

The team was impressive this year with great speed and high hopes. Under

the steersmanship? of our professional foreign driver pledge **Nadeem** (Go-Nads) **Husain**. Unfortunately the race ended in confusion, when because of modifications made on the bed it lost control jumping the curb before finishing and went into the crowd. Pledge **Husain** was unhurt though and hit a Phi Delt, in the process of bringing his mighty machine to a stop. "I told you he was a professional." Needless to say a new bed is to be made.

Overall the house came in 3rd as it did the year before. But next year will be better since the house is always psyched on such competition.

Dennis Gaishausser
DA 914

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Lt. Commander - Mark Williams
Recorder - Spencer Siegel
Treasurer - Dave Visti
Housebills - Dave Chen
House Sales - Roy Smith
Chaplain - Vince Reiling
G.O.T. - Dave Lidrbauch
Alumni Contact - Bill Schmidt
Pledge Marshall - Mike Chmura
Rush Chairman - Mike Stone
Social Chairman - Dough Gordon
Finance Steward - Mike Globig
Maintenance Steward - John Howald
Food Steward - Joe Bellian
Ass't Food Steward - Pete Vandersteur
Scholarship Chairman - Dave Eby
Intramural Chairman - Barry Katz
Charity Drive Chairman - Dave Lidrbauch
House Manager - Roy Smith
Sentinal - Mike Chmura
I.F.S.C. Representative - Tom Schmidt

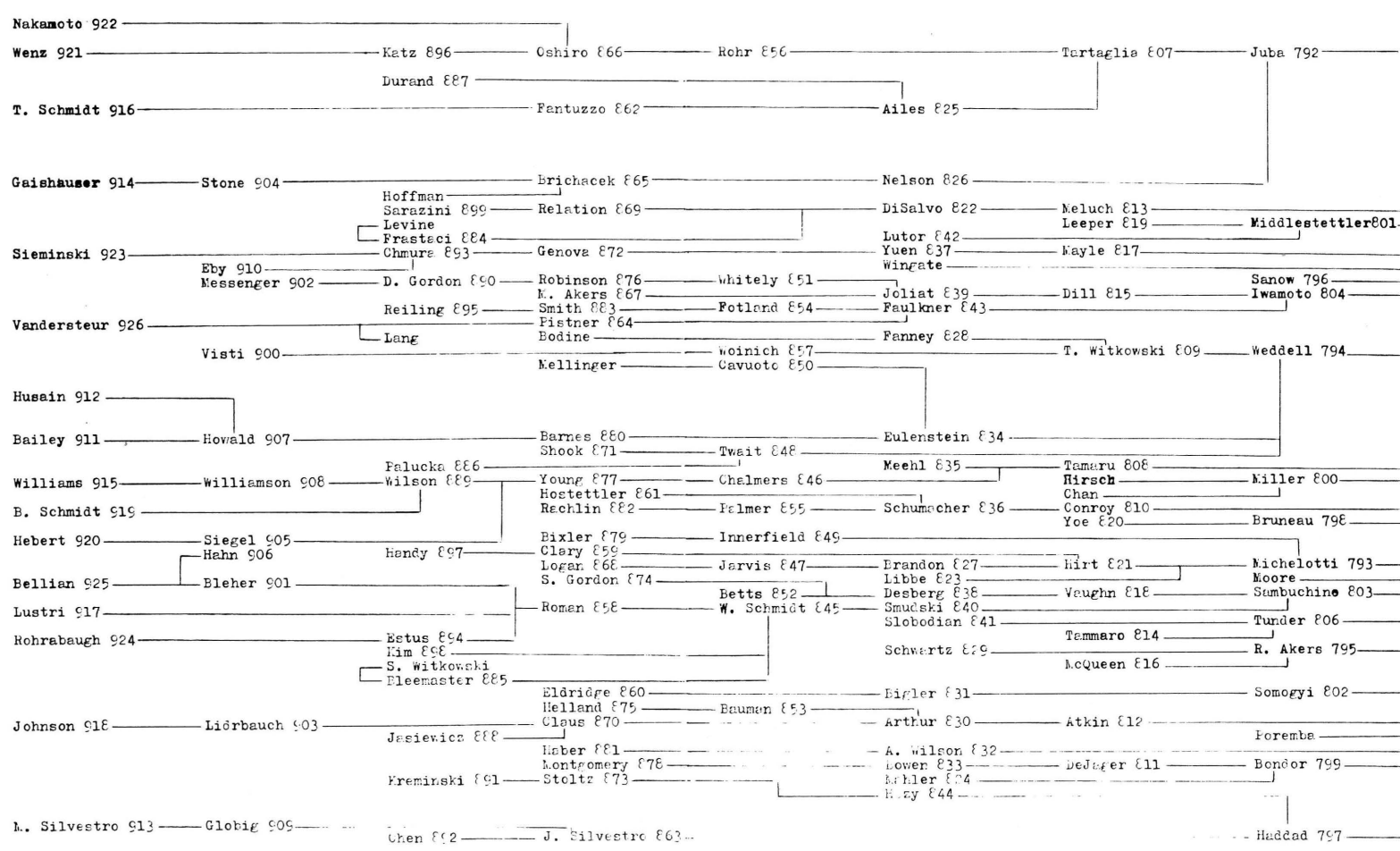
Newly Elected

Commander - Dave Fantuzzo
Lt. Commander - Robert Wenz
Recorder - Tom Schmidt
Treasurer - Burt Sarazini
Housebills - Mark Williams
House Sales - Dave Chen
Chaplain - Mike Chmura
G.O.T. - Louie Hebert
Alumni Contact - Nadeem Husain
Pledge Marshall - Doug Gordon
Rush Chairman - Mike Stone
Social Chairman - Mike Silvestro
Finance Steward - Ralph Lustri
Maintenance Steward - Bill Schmidt
Food Steward - John Howald
Ass't Food Steward - Dennis Gaishausser
Scholarship Chairman - Tony Sieminski
Intramural Chairman - Dean Nakamoto
Charity Drive Chairman - Dave Lidrbauch
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Sentinal - Dave Chen
I.F.S.C. Rep. - John Rohrabough

Senior Awards

At the White Rose Semi-Formal there were three awards presented to graduating Sigma Nus. **Frank Frastaci DA 884**, was presented the Scholarship Award, given to the graduating senior with the highest cumulative grade point average. A new award was won by **Tim Pistner DA 864**, and **Scott Shook DA 871**, given to the active with the best positive change in grade point average from one semester to another. (Tim was honored for his turn-about in the first semester and Scott for his second semester grades.) The Charles Jackson Hammond Award, for outstanding senior wasn't presented because entrants' nominations weren't sent in time for the deadline.

Michael Silvestro DA 913

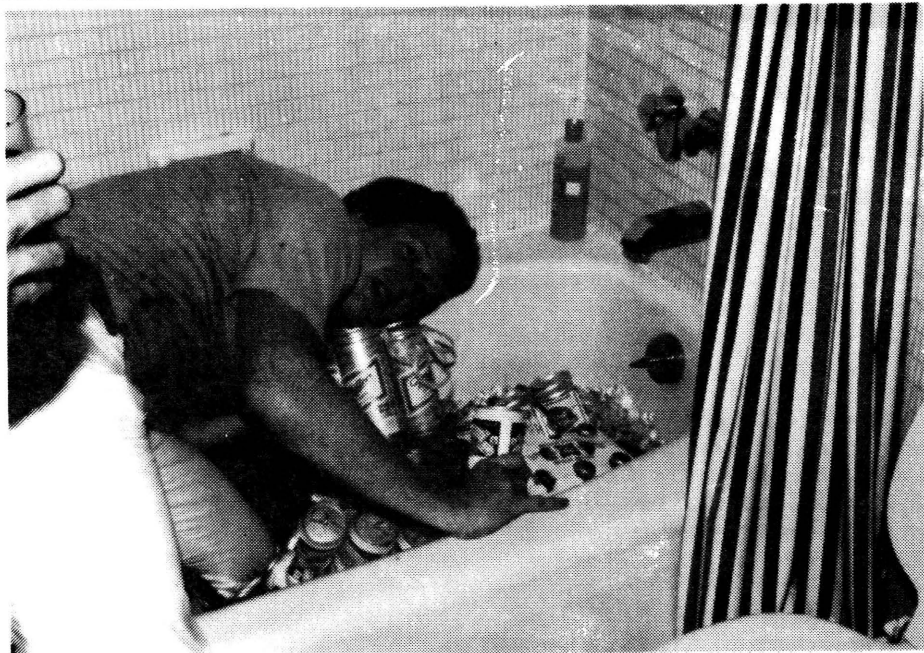


Status of Alumni Directory

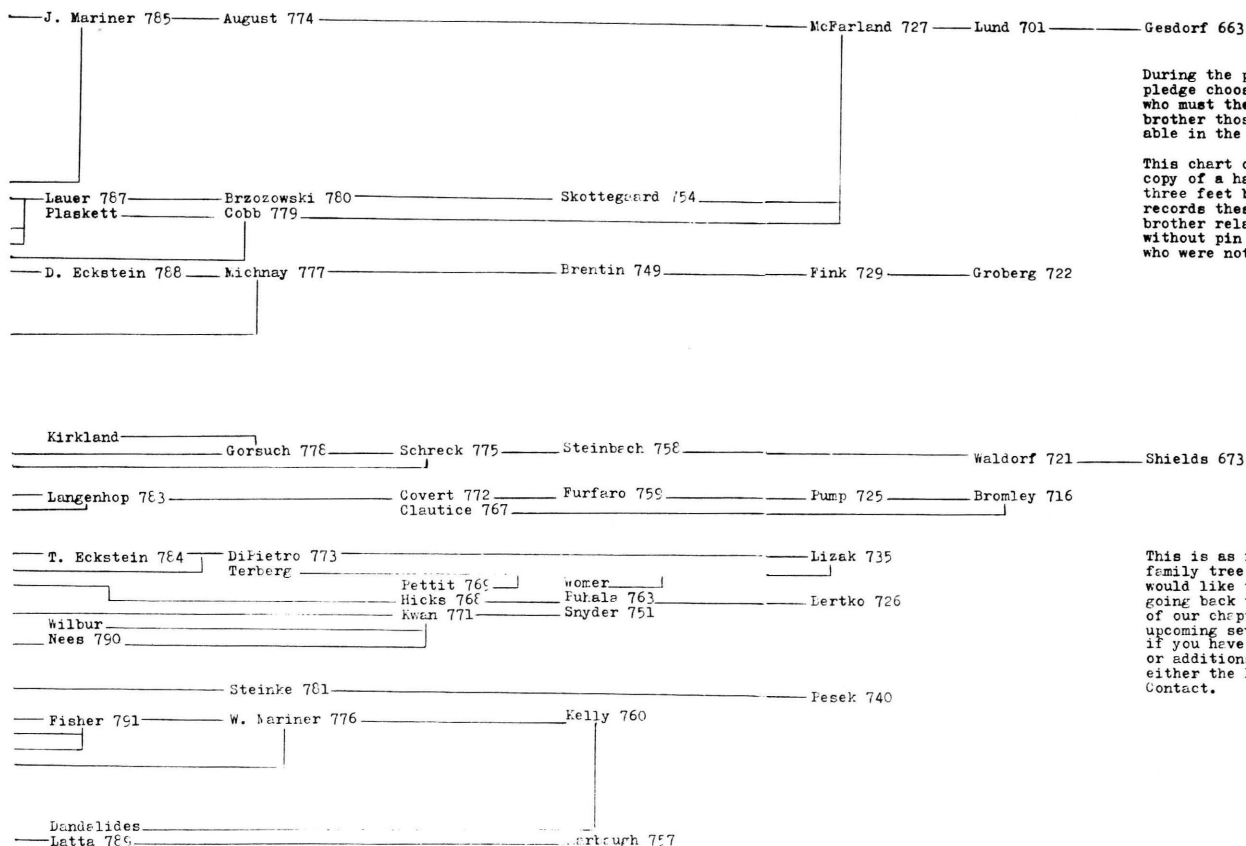
The Delta Alpha Directory program was initiated last spring by a member of the University Publishing Corporation during a meeting in the Chapter House. Since we were unable to obtain directions through National Fraternity, the chapter along with **Bill Langenhop**, chapter advisor, decided to go with this outside group. At this point, all address changes have been made and printing is under way. A Directory should be in your mailbox soon.

Finally, I would like to thank the alumni who by their donations made the Directory possible.

Bill Schmidt
DA 919



Chapter Representative Brett Bailey ponders taking a shower or...



During the pledge program, each pledge chooses a "big" brother who must then teach his "little" brother those things not publishable in the pledge manual.

This chart or family tree is a copy of a hand-written sheet three feet by twelve feet which records these big brother-little brother relationships. Those listed without pin numbers were Brothers who were not initiated.

This is as far as the Delta Alpha family tree has been traced. We would like to prepare a genealogy going back to the first members of our chapter in time for the upcoming seventy-fifth anniversary; if you have any corrections, deletions, or additions to this chart, contact either the Recorder or the Alumni Contact.

SIGMA NU CALLS ON MCI

Yes, Sigma Nu now subscribes to the MCI long distance telephone network. For those of you who have not heard of MCI, it is a long distance communications company which was formed in 1968 and is not part of the Bell system. MCI stands for Microwave Communications, Inc.

How does one make a phone call using the MCI system? It is actually quite simple. When making a long distance call to a city covered by the MCI network, the brother calls a local Cleveland number (the MCI computer), once the computer answers, he then dials the Sigma Nu personal access code and finally he dials the number of the party he wishes to speak with.

What are the advantages of the MCI system? The biggest and most important one is that the caller saves between 40 to 60% over Bell's rates for each rate period. For example, a 3 minute call from Cleveland to Philadelphia costs 75 cents thru

Alumni Notes

Brother **Frank Guenzel DA 546**, has been with Diamond Shamrock since his graduation in 1962. His oldest daughter, Lynn, just started school this fall at Ohio University.

Brother **Dwayne E. Morrison DA 625**, is now the President and General Manager of Sherwood Metal Products, which is a subsidiary of TRW. Sherwood is part of TRW's Turbine Component Division, which is headquartered here in Cleveland.

Brother **Jeff Williams DA 640**, is now residing in California, with his wife, Mari Kelly, and their first child, Jennifer. Brother Williams is currently the Western Regional Sales Manager for Microtest Systems Inc., which is based in Sunnyvale, California.

Brother **Ray McFarland, DA 727**, is conducting Computer Research for the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C. His project involves some travelling, and has literally taken him from coast to coast. The Boston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco areas are his most common stops.

Brother **James Cobb DA 779**, has joined the family business, Tri-State Industrial Laundries, Inc., and is serving as the Secretary-Treasurer. Prior to this, he taught at Clarkson College for two years. He now makes his home in New Hartford, New York.

Bell but thru MCI the same 3 minute call costs 33 cents.

What does it all cost? For 24 hour MCI service a monthly service charge of \$10 is incurred. This extra expense is more than made up by the savings that Mrs. Fay realizes herself, not even considering the tremendous savings the brothers will see. Another cost was the installation charge for touch-tone phones. The MCI system requires touch-tone, so the house has finally gotten rid of those old black dial phones and we now have new black touch-tone phones.

One interesting side-line: many of you may remember certain brothers having their own personal phones hooked up in their rooms. Well, unfortunately those Bell installers are very sharp and they found the phone wires running up the wall and thru the ceiling and into the rooms. They were a bit perturbed so there are no more "extension" phones at Sigma Nu.

At the writing of this article, the system has been working for about three weeks with no problems. The house has decided to try the MCI system until the end of January and at that time we will review its performance.

Some final notes: the system currently does not cover all Metropolitan areas. However, MCI is continuing to grow and it does cover the majority of the hometowns of the brothers. MCI bills separately from Bell. MCI has the potential to save Mrs.

Fay and the brothers a substantial amount of money. A performance update will be included in the next newsletter.

Roy Smith
DA 883

Charity Drive

This year's charity drive was not our typical large-scale money raiser of past semesters. After trouble with the administration during last year's drive, netting \$2,500 for the Leukemia Society, the house showed a marked preference for a suggested alternative charity event.

The last weekend of September was held open by the brothers to do needed repairs, maintenance, and general cleaning at the Society for the Blind, Camp Highbrook. The digging out of one of the Main Lodge basement rooms started during the Pledge-Help Weekend last April, was finished along with cutting firewood, cleaning gutters, washing walls, stripping and waxing floors, and a few other jobs getting the place ready for winter.

The weekend was also a good chance to get away from campus for awhile and gave us time as a group to hold a preliminary Rush Retreat. Its success was marked by very near 100% of the active chapter attending and coming home beat.

Dave Lidrbauch
Charity Drive Chairman

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?

OUT OF TOWN ALUMNI, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO ATTEND A DINNER, DANCE AFFAIR FOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY?