

DELTA ALPHA Sigma Nu CWRU

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REGENT HELPS CELEBRATE

CHAPTER RECALLS PAST YEARS

The 75th Anniversary Celebration of the installation of Delta Alpha Chapter of Sigma Nu which took place on March 6 featured Regent **Dr. Randall Capps** as the Guest of Honor. Other special guests included **Clark Walter**, Divisional Commander; **Mrs. Dorothy Fay**, Housemother; **Mrs. Helga Orrick**, Director of Housing; and **Mr. Joe Wood**, recently made a Friend of the Chapter by unanimous vote.

The festivities opened at 5:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and punch served at the Chapter's house. **Peter Musselman**, University Vice-President and Treasurer, attended and talked with many of the brothers, as did **Dr. Eric Baer**, Dean of Case Institute of Technology.

Following the reception, alumni and actives went to the Brookpark Best Western motel near the airport. Upon

their arrival, Sigma Nus discovered many items of memorabilia from the earlier days of Delta Alpha. Included were the annual composites and a family from over the years, listing big brothers with their little brothers.

After a delicious roast beef and chicken buffet, Regent **Capps** gave a speech in which he commended Brother **John Howald**, DA 907, for the fine job he did as 75th Anniversary Chairman. The Regent went on to state that Delta Alpha was well on its way to becoming a Rock Chapter. At the end of his talk, **Dr. Capps** presented the Chapter with an autographed copy of his **Heritage History of Sigma Nu**.

Kenneth Parker, DA 267, and **Charles Atwood**, DA 274, received their 25-year-recognition pins. Both were the oldest Sigma Nus of the 52 alumni present that night. Alumni came from Maryland and

Georgia, while **Tom Witkowski**, DA 809, and **Scott Shook**, DA 871, received a Jefferson Cup for travelling the longest distance for the Diamond Jubilee; both came from Clute, Texas. Friend of the Chapter **Joe Wood** was given a Jefferson Cup for his invaluable assistance to the House in preparing the first-place 1981 Greek Week banner and for his constancy to the Chapter in other areas. **John Howald** was presented with a Jefferson Cup for the excellent planning and organizing he did for the evening.

When the speeches and presentations had been completed and the buffet cleared away, "Music Unlimited" provided a variety of music suitable for everyone's dancing pleasure. **Kenneth Parker** set the example for the rest of the brothers; he and **Mrs. Parker** did not stop dancing for the entire evening. Midway through the evening, the brothers gathered around for the singing of the "White Star". After the dancing, alumni and actives pledges returned to the House to catch up on some old news.

Brother **Howald** asked me to extend many thanks to Brothers **Ed Haddad**, DA 797 and **Don Stoltz**, DA 873, for their invaluable assistance in helping to make arrangements for the celebration.

Paul McKey
DA 903

CHARITY DRIVE A SUCCESS

The brothers have successfully completed their charity drive for Cerebral Palsy. The brothers raised over \$350.00 for a little girl stricken with this disease and in great need of some equipment. I wish to thank all the brothers who helped with this drive.

James P. Gero, DA 930



Dr. Eric Baer, Dean of Case, discusses policy issues affecting the fraternity with the brothers at the Chapter House.

DELTA ALPHA ALUMNI NOTES

Compiled by
John Howald, DA 907

David Hill, DA 730, dropped us a line recently with news of his engagement to Miss Laverne Harris. The June wedding will be held in Freehold, NJ, the home of Laverne's parents. Dave is currently residing in Mentor, Ohio.

How time flies! **David Parham, DA 651**, notes that he and his wife Nancy will be celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary this summer. David, Nancy, and their two children, Karen and Eric, have just moved into one of the original Van Severingen homes in nearby Shaker Heights. We'd like to hear more from the class of '67, so how about the rest of you following Dave's example and sending us a note?

Robert Sweeney, DA 407, is currently the President of the Buick Youngstown Company. Robert has also served as the President of the Buick Dealer's Organization of the United States.

John Shields Jr, DA 673, has advanced to the position of Senior Research Metallurgist with the Climax Molybdenum Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor. Though still an Ohioan at heart, he is adjusting to "Meechigun" nicely. The National Jaycees have recognized John by including them in their list of the Outstanding Young Men in America.

We missed **Roy Michelotti** at the

recent 75th Anniversary Celebration held here in Cleveland. An ear infection in his 1 year old son, Matthew, grounded the Michelotti's travel plans. We're happy to report that all is well now, and Roy is enjoying his new position with the Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico.

Merrill Arthur, DA 830, has announced his engagement to Betsy Eulenstein (yes, that's Rob's sister). Congratulations and best wishes from the collegiate chapter.

Eric Snyder, DA 751, and his wife moved into their new home in Solon, Ohio last May. Eric is a night Superintendent with Lincoln Electric, and looks forward to becoming a father this August.

David Brezic, DA 666, his wife Lee Alison, and their son Benjamin had been residing in lovely Coral Gables, Florida, for 3 years, before a transfer to Mexico City, Mexico. Climbing the corporate ladder successfully, Dave's new title is Manager, Strategic Planning for General Electric Mexico Operations.

Fred Pierce, DA 152, has retired in Colorado but is keeping himself as busy as ever. Still the musician, his Melodixies are quite in demand, playing 4 and 5 gigs a week. One of his recent compositions is titled "The White Rose and the Star."

In last newsletter's picture, **Robert Folino, DA 681**, identified himself

and his cohorts. Bob is still in the Cleveland area, making his home on the westside in Strongsville, and working in Middleburg Heights where he is the President of the All Type Systems Company.

Nice to hear from **Robert Knowlton, DA 70**, who sent his regrets about not being able to make the 75th Anniversary, and also some memories from his attendance of the 10th Anniversary for Delta Alpha in 1917.

Jim Ailes, DA 825, and his wife Stacey are enjoying a southern lifestyle in South Carolina. Jim is continuing his studies at the Graduate School of Columbia Bible College. He expects to complete his studies in the next year or so, and his tentative plans include pastoral work in the church.

After 33 years of service with the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, the last 12 as the Principal Valuation Engineer, **Robert Kemper, DA 271**, has entered his retirement.

To avoid Cleveland's notorious winters and play year round golf, Robert and his wife are spending about half of each year in Florida.

William Ellis, DA 159, reports that he is enjoying his retirement. Previously William had been a Division Metallurgist with United States Steel. He makes his home in Waukegan, Illinois, except for his annual 2½ month exodus to Florida.

Harry Bennet, DA 238, is now a proud grandfather. Since his retirement from the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1979, Harold has been active with the Palm Beach County Kidney Association. Currently he is the treasurer.

And as we expected, there are more Delta Alpha's in Sunnyvale. **Jeffrey S. Williams, DA 640**, is there working as Director of Marketing with Micro Test Systems, Inc. He makes home in Boulder Creek, California, with his wife and two daughters, Jennifer and Kimberly.

Lel F. Somogyi, DA 802 (who is always a tremendous help in producing this newsletter), has been promoted within Ernst & Whinney. He is now a Supervisor and Management Consultant in the Information Systems Department. He received the outstanding Service Award from the ASM (Association for Systems Management), and is the Secretary for that Society.

William Eisenhauer, DA 379, is the Manager of Miniature Lamp Sales for General Electric International Lighting

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Sigma Nu is alive and prospering at CWRU! Delta Alpha Chapter currently boasts 47 active members and 7 spring pledges, with 43 of these returning next year. Sigma Nu is also very strong in campus leadership, as three out of seven positions on the IFSC executive council are held by brothers; likewise, the vice-president of the USG is a Sigma Nu.

This past year has been a busy and interesting time for the chapter. In addition to celebrating our 75th anniversary, we experienced a fall rush and bid date for the first time. Through six weeks of hard work by the brothers, we picked up nine pledges last semester in that new venture. This year we are planning a more extensive summer rush program to complement fall rush. Any of you alumni who know of a good prospective Sigma Nu or who would like to help us out over the summer, please drop us a line. We can always use an experienced hand or a tip on a good freshman.

This next year may pose some new problems for Delta Alpha. University Housing has decided to phase out housemothers in the fraternities at the end of this school year. At the present time we are trying to negotiate a compromise with the powers-that-be, but the outcome is still up in the air.

In closing, I'd like to extend a personal invitation to each of you to visit the chapter whenever you are passing through Cleveland. Physically, the house is looking better than ever, with new living room furniture and new paneling in the basement (courtesy of the pledge project). So if your travels take you near us, please stop by and see how your fraternal efforts in past years have paid off.

Robert E. Wenz
DA 921, Commander

Division. He is based at Nela Park in Cleveland. Travel constraints prevent Bill from stopping by the house as much as he or the chapter would like, but we expect him to drop in soon.

Christopher Mattheson, DA 540, is now in his tenth year at Texas A&M University, where as an Associate Professor he enjoys teaching and research. Also an author, his recent text "Engineering Geology" won the Claire P. Holdredge Award from the Association of Engineering Geologists. Lectures and symposiums have taken Chris to places as far away as South Africa and Spain.

Sigfried Bleher, DA 901, has experi-

enced a role reversal from his recent undergraduate days. As part of his assistantship at the University of Maryland, he has taken a role in teaching undergraduate physics. At least Sigfried had plenty of practice, helping many of his fellow brothers learn that "fisics is phun."

T. Barton Hubbard, Jr., DA 692, is enjoying the temperament climate of Texas, residing in Richardson. Much of his work now is in the municipal field as a project engineer with the engineering staff of the U.R. S. Company.

Besides his position as Vice President of Erico Products, Inc., **William Pritts II, DA 558**, is also the President of the Case

Alumni Association. Bill hopes that his fellow Delta Alpha Alumni will take an active role in the Case Clubs and the Annual Class Reunions.

Hewlett Packard meets Delta Alpha? **Steve Chalmers, DA 846**, reports that it has. Steve says that he is gainfully employed with HP in Sunnyvale, along with **Dave Mahler, DA 824**, **Dave Fotlund, DA 854**, and **Kurt Bigler, DA 831**. Steve and Dave F. have pooled their resources to match the real estate prices, and are sharing a house in nearby San Jose.

Robert Kramer, DA 766, has opened his fourth retail sewing machine store in the Cincinnati area. Robert has two children, Mindee 4, and Todd 2.

HOUSEMOTHER THREATENED

GREEK LIFE SITUATION RAISES QUESTIONS

Early this semester **Mr. Tom Grace**, Associate Director of University Housing, announced that the University will no longer be placing houseparents in University-owned fraternities, including Sigma Nu. Instead, the Housing office will employ a full time Greek Life Coordinator and four part-time Greek Life Assistants to assist all of CWRU's fraternities and sororities in planning and programming, and to administer the University-owned properties. Rather than having responsibility for any particular Greek house, the staff will be available to all the houses.

The Greek Life staff will be selected by a committee of students (I am a member) and it is intended that they will respond to the needs of the fraternities and sororities, rather than simply being an extension of the Housing office. They will however, be employed by Housing. The coordinator will be paid a salary of \$10,500 and will receive free housing in one of the suites formerly occupied by a houseparent in one of the University-owned fraternities. The assistants will receive no salary but will receive free housing in suites in the remaining University-owned houses. Since the University owns eight fraternity houses, there will be three left

over; in the original plan these were to be used for Inter-Fraternity-Sorority Council offices and guest accommodations for visiting national officers of fraternities and sororities. All of the suites are to be sealed off from interior access to the houses of which they currently are parts, and entrance will be by way of their outside doors.

According to **Mr. Grace**, the new plan is designed to make better use of the money Housing now spends for houseparents. A survey made in the fall indicated that most houseparents were not fulfilling the expectations of the Housing office. Further, they provide

services only to the eight fraternities which live in University-owned houses. The funds for the houseparents are supposed to come from revenues charged by the University to residents of these houses (including of course Sigma Nu), but according to **Mr. Grace**, these operations currently lose money, so the houseparents are effectively subsidized by Housing. **Mr. Grace** feels that any such subsidy should benefit all 20 fraternities and sororities on campus, and the funds now used for houseparents will be used to pay the Greek Life staff.

We at Sigma Nu believe that a central

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office for Greek affairs is long overdue at CWRU, but we have serious reservations about the new plan. Mr. Grace did not consult with the IFSC or any of the Greek houses about the plan before he announced it in January. We think that student input is essential in a decision of such great importance. In addition, we believe that our housemother, **Mrs. Dorothy Fay**, is very competent and conscientious, and **Mr. Grace** has agreed that she is one of the few houseparents who is doing a good job. Nonetheless, he believes that the new plan will serve the needs of the entire Greek community better than houseparents can.

Because we believe that having a housemother is of great benefit to Sigma Nu, we have decided to pursue any options which could lead to retaining a housemother here. Since our present contract with Housing requires the University to employ a houseparent and accomodate her in a suite in our house and because according to Housing's estimates, Sigma Nu has not lost money for Housing in recent years, we feel that we are entitled to retain a housemother.

A committee headed by brother **Dean Nakamoto, DA 922**, was formed to look into the situation and with help from Chapter Advisor **Bill Langenhop, DA 783**, and Alumni Commander **Bob DiSalvo, DA 822**, they reached a compromise with **Mr. Grace**. At present only two fraternities, Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Mu, are greatly upset by the new plan, and Mr. Grace has agreed to allow us to keep our housemothers in the suites, provided we take over paying their salaries. Housing will not charge us for the use of the suites, but they will discontinue paying us board fees to provide meals for our housemothers. In return the other six fraternities in University-owned buildings will receive two free rooms to do with as they please. The plan is currently under study by the University lawyer, awaiting his approval before Housing will officially agree to it.

Presently we have three options: we can take legal action against the Univer-

sity to require them to employ a housemother as the contract requires; we can submit to the new plan; or we can pursue the compromise I have outlined above. We feel that the loss of our housemother is too significant for us to do nothing, and Mr. Grace has made it plain that the University will make it difficult for us to have the contract enforced, as its wording is rather vague.

There are still unresolved questions, however. Do we really **need** a housemother? How will we afford her \$200 per month salary? Will we be endangering ourselves by agreeing to a compromise without a legal contract? What if the University lawyer does not approve the compromise?

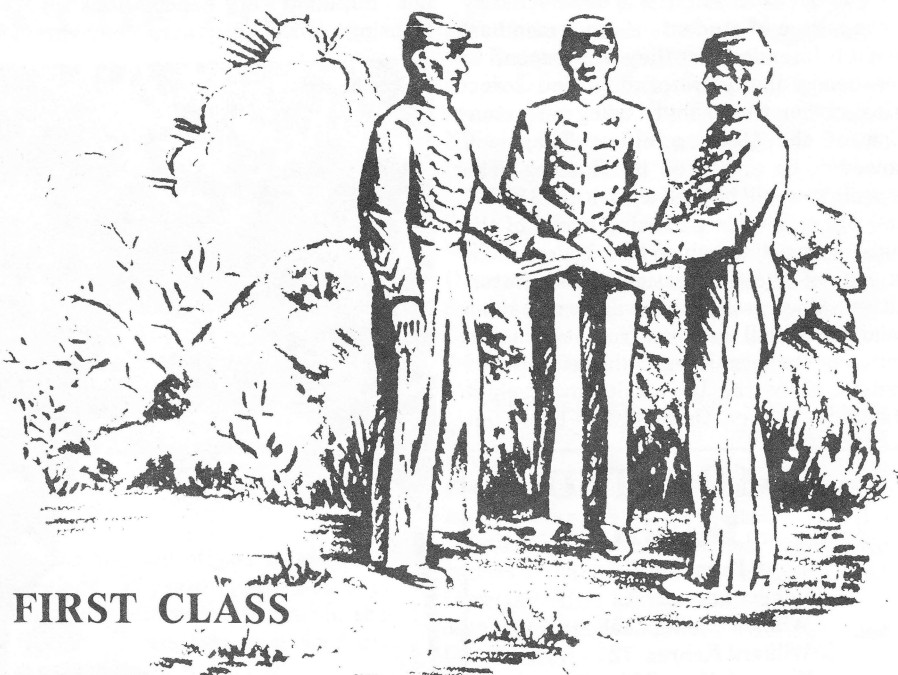
This is where we need your help. If you have any suggestions, ideas, or comments, please contact us soon. Send them to Dean **Nakamoto** or to Commander **Bob Wenz, DA 921**.

If you have had any experiences in which the presence of a housemother prevented a dangerous situation from developing, or if she was of special help of any sort, please jot us a note — these may be helpful if we have to take official action. Finally if you can think of a way we can raise the funds to pay a housemother's salary, let us know. We value very highly the experience and insight of our alumni brothers, and we would greatly appreciate it if you can help us resolve this problem.

Bill Messenger, DA 902

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