

# DELTA ALPHA SIGMA NU CWRU

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## CHILIAD CHAPTER CELEBRATION PLANNED MAY 12, 1984 OF ONCE-IN-A-CHAPTER'S HISTORY EVENT

The Chiliad Committee has begun planning with a rousing start. The committee has already selected Cleveland Clinic Inn on Euclid Avenue for the grand occasion slated to be held on **Saturday, May 12, 1984.**

Delta Alpha Chapter will open the festivities with a cocktail reception from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Chapter house. Following the reception, members and their guests will drive over to Clinic Inn in a mere five minutes in order to dine in the fabulous Founders Ballroom. The dining area will be open at 7:00 p.m., with a sit-down dinner being served from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. There will be dancing throughout the evening except for a one-hour period from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. This slot has been reserved for announcements and speeches.

### What's a Chiliad Chapter?

With Delta Alpha 998 having been knighted on October 12, 1983, only 2 more men need be activated before Delta Alpha Chapter is recognized as a Chiliad Chapter. The word "chiliad" comes from the Greek word "xilioi" which means "thousand." Delta Alpha 1000 will in all probability be activated during the Spring 1984 semester, and, accordingly, Delta Alpha will be holding a celebration on a grand scale to commemorate this fine accomplishment.

The event will be brought to a close at 1:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 13.

It is expected that 250 people will attend this once-in-a-Chapter's-history happening. Prices are \$15.00 per person, \$25.00 per couple. Hotel accommodations are readily available in the area, alumni and their wives may even stay in the Clinic Inn itself. The Chapter plans to have university administrators and members of High Council on hand throughout the celebration. The dancing will be had with the help of a live band.

For every alumnus who attends, the House will be providing a memento stick-pin of a distinctive appearance and designed by **Michael Jaszczak, DA 980**, who garnered the Sigma Nu Talent of the Year honors this past summer. For the fairer sex, long-stem roses will be given.

Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find a self-addressed, postage-metered response card. We, the Brothers of Delta Alpha Chapter, should like you to check the appropriate box in order that we may know whether to expect you or not. A check for the correct amount does **not** have to accompany the card. Please observe our **deadline of January 15, 1984, for all responses.** Should you require more information, please check the appropriate box.

Do not miss this chance to meet with old buddies as well as the newer sets of brothers. Celebrate with us as Delta Alpha Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity moves yet one step closer to achieving the status of Rock Chapter.

Paul McKey, DA 931

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

### The Best It Can Be

Delta Alpha has started on the right foot again this year, beginning with the selection of **Michael Jaszczak, DA 980**, as Sigma Nu Talent of the Year. (Please see relevant article in this newsletter.) The Chapter then went straight to work in rushing and pledged twelve excellent men; eleven of these are out-of-house. In addition to the twelve pledges, Delta Alpha Chapter affiliated **Michael Varverakis, KA 12, as DA 986**. Today, the Chapter stands only two initiates shy of Chiliad Status (1,000 initiates) with the Spring bid date still in the offing.

With the filling out of the Rock Chapter application and some goal-setting by Delta Alpha, we are now working on improving the Chapter in our weaker areas. Alumni relations, scholarship assistance for brothers and pledges, and a large-scale Charity Drive (Something which has not been accomplished for over five years.) are some of the areas being worked out.

This past summer, a trial alumni outreach program was carried out in which brothers were given alumni in their respective areas to be contacted. Pledges will be more closely monitored as to their academic progress so as to ensure that they maintain and go beyond initiation averages. Finally, a huge Casino Night has been slated for **Saturday, February 25, 1984**, for the **Chapter's Annual Charity Drive**.

In closing, I should like to thank **Bob Akers, DA 795**, **Lél Somogyi, DA 802**, and **Bill Langenhop, DA 783**, for their continued aid in making Delta Alpha the best it can be. I look forward to seeing all of you at the **Chiliad Celebration on May 12, 1984**.

**William G. Cranston, DA 928**  
Eminent Commander

NO HOUSEMOTHER

## HOUSEMOTHER COMMITTEE DISSOLVED

Last semester the Chapter passed a motion calling for the formation of a committee to search for a suitable candidate to serve as a new **Housemother to Delta Alpha**. Several ladies had been interviewed when a roll-call vote taken to ascertain full house interest revealed that the Chapter was evenly split on the issue of having a Housemother. In

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Ned E. Desenberg, DA 398**, is working for General Railway Signal Corporation in Rochester, NY. He is also a member of the board of Brook-Tea Country Club in Greece, NY. He currently resides at 111 Gordon Drive, Rochester, NY 14626.

**Howard Markt, DA 52**, has promised to give the House another memento for its files. Brother Markt has donated several articles in the past. He is now living at 23511 Chagrin Blvd., Suite 409, Beachwood, OH 44122.

**Kenneth R. DeJager, DA 811**, in a meeting with **Chuck Hanley, DA 963**, announced that the best thing for active alumnus relations would be an "Active Alumnus Grain Alcohol Self-Abuse Party!" We feel certain that the House will give this suggestion all of the consideration which it merits. Brother DeJager can be reached through his parents at 8622 Plainfield Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

**Mark R. Juba, DA 792**, is doing recruitment work for Kodak in Rochester, NY. He and his wife, Sharon, are expecting their second child in January. Brother Juba recalls that there were only 22 girls in his graduating class in 1976. Of Division Commander **Bill Langenhop, DA 783**, Brother Juba says, "He never really graduated!" Brother Juba may be contacted at 15 Barlow Drive, Rochester, NY 14626.

## Insurance Obtained

On September 23, the Brothers were informed that one million dollars in liability insurance was to be obtained by October 14.

This issue, as reported in the last newsletter, has been going on for some time. As a result the Brothers obtained a policy through the university with the National Interfraternity Council's plan. This was the cheapest policy for the coverage we needed.

Next year we hope to go with a policy from Sigma Nu National.

**James P. Gero, DA 930**

light of this, a second motion was passed by the Chapter on October 12, which dissolved the Housemother Committee and ended the search for a new Housemother. It remains to be seen whether, in the future, the House as a whole will again feel the need to have a Housemother.

**Donald Setzler, DA 937**

## ALUMNUS OF THE SEMESTER

### Hookway Assistant Professor at CWRU

Over the years Delta Alpha alumni have spread across the country. In contrast, this issue's Alumnus of the Semester has remained right here on campus. **Raymond J. Hookway, DA 694**, is an assistant professor in the computer science department right here at CWRU.

Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, professor Hookway first learned of Case through his father who had gone to Case himself. Hookway majored in engineering with his center in computing.

Upon graduation in 1969, he worked for General Dynamics in Ft. Worth, Texas. There he worked on visual flight simulators for the F-1 planes. He returned to Case in 1972 for graduate studies. During graduate school, he worked for the Chi Corporation, a computer company set up by the university. He received his doctorate in 1979 and has been teaching here at Case ever since. The list of courses he has taught includes operating systems, program verification, compiler construction, and data bases. Next semester he will teach one section of the freshman computer course.

Professor Hookway's research at the university deals mostly with program verification. He tries to

deduce mathematically whether certain specifications or certain hardware will perform correctly.

Professor Hookway recalls his days in the Sigma Nu house as being more structural than in regards to university regulations and house activities. For example, he remembers how the cook at that time used to receive the house's food from the dining commons. In comparison, our cook today buys and prepares her own food.

While in Sigma Nu, Hookway was pledge marshal, upperclass and underclass IFSC representative, and Santa's helper. He remembers that the house took the principle of Honor very seriously at that time **as the present actives still do**.

Professor Hookway's interests include bike riding, airplanes, trains and railroads, and lamenting the Cleveland Browns' performances.

Delta Alpha Chapter is always interested in its alumni — where they are now and what they are doing. It is indeed fortunate that the chapter has so many fine alumni in the Cleveland area including Professor Hookway right here on campus.

**Andrew Bleichfeld, DA 965.**

#### TALENT OF THE YEAR

## Michael Jaszczak Receives Sigma Nu's Talent-of-the-Year Award at College of Chapters

Artist **Michael Jaszczak, DA 980**, was awarded the Sigma Nu Talent-of-the-Year at this year's College of Chapters at Indiana University. Mike, currently a senior art education major, was quite shocked when Executive Director **Mo Littlefield** called him to inform him of the decision. Brother Jaszczak submitted slides of his many works, an essay, and his grade transcript to the selection committee. The presentation of the award was made by Regent Thoren at the College of Chapters Banquet. The nearly 500 in attendance "oohed" and "aahhed" as several of his paintings were displayed. Michael commented that he was overwhelmed by the deluge of casual compliments and serious appraisals he received during and after the banquet. Among Brother Jaszczak's many artworks are a three painting set on CWRU (now on display in Thwing

Center), a stained glass collage of the symbols of Sigma Nu, and a sculptured plaque of the Sigma Nu Coat-of-Arms. Michael's next major project will be a redesign of 'A Serphant, A Rose, and A Star.'

The College of Chapters itself was held from August 12 to 15 at Indiana University. The Delta Alpha Chapter was represented by **Charles Hanley, DA 963**, and **James Harris, DA 975**. Much of the time was devoted to specialized lectures and workshops on topics such as apathy, ritual, leadership, and (alumni relations?) goal setting. In addition, the representatives were divided into "chapters," developed rush and pledge programs within their chapter, and finally "rushed" other representatives.

The trip provided the house with new perspectives and the attendees with a learning experience.

**Charles Hanley, DA 963**



## Rush Successful

Eleven freshmen and one sophomore were pledged on October 12, 1983.

The pledging ceremony was the culmination of four weeks of biweekly room rush and two weeks of hard rush. One unique feature of the rush program this semester was the use of social events which stressed increased brother-rushee interaction. A homemade pizza dinner prepared by **Michael Silvestro, DA 913**, with help from several brothers, was a very successful example of this approach. Forty-five freshmen attended the dinner, which was followed by two movies: "The Blues Brothers" and "Flashdance." Wine and cheese, of course, was held the Saturday before the bid date, and was also well attended.

Looking towards next semester, several freshmen who did not pledge this fall expressed a strong interest in joining the Spring Pledge Program.

Those pledging this semester are:

<b>Chris Boyer</b>	<b>Michael Lilly</b>	<b>John Servilio</b>
<b>Issam Khammar</b>	<b>Charles Linville</b>	<b>Randel Simon</b>
<b>Doug King</b>	<b>Hugh Phelps</b>	<b>Bob Simonoff</b>
<b>Ken Kozak</b>	<b>Howard Rosen</b>	<b>Doug Wait</b>

Mark Waples, DA 954

## WHY NO RESPONSE?

The Alumni Visitation Program was recently analysed and evaluated. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, many brothers were unable to take part in this program over the summer. It is also sad to note that for many of those brothers who participated and made an effort to contact alumni, those alumni did not respond in any way to the initial contacts.

It is clear that many alumni feel estranged from the House. Reasons given are distance, passage of time and "misunderstandings in the past." One alumnus noted that he had written a letter to this Chapter when his son had enrolled at the university. Apparently no attention whatsoever was paid to the legacy; consequently he became member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. This is, of course, an extreme example, but it serves as being illustrative of some of these "misunderstandings in the past."

There is no doubt in our minds that you represent a valuable resource in terms of both brotherhood and experience in general.

We are certain that, if both Actives and Alumni work together for the betterment of Delta Alpha Chapter, neither group will regret it.

Paul McKey, DA 931

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