

Beaver Sig

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Spring, 1952

70th ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI REUNION PLANNED



OUR SWEETHEART

Beautiful and vivacious Miss Barbara Adams, a Wellesley College senior, has been chosen as our Sweetheart to represent Alpha Theta in the national sweetheart contest. Barbara is well known at 532 Beacon Street, since she wears the White Cross of Brother Barry Norris '51, now a lieutenant with the U. S. Air Force, and has attended many of our social activities in the past.

We of Alpha Theta are extremely proud of our Sweetheart and extend to her our most sincere wishes for a successful and happy future.

For the first time in several years, Alpha Theta plans to hold an alumni reunion, in an attempt to renew our alumni relations which, although long neglected, are actually an integral part of the strength of the chapter.

In conjunction with M. I. T.'s Open House on Saturday May 3, we are opening our house to welcome back all alumni who are able to be in the Boston vicinity for the occasion.

As we celebrate our seventieth anniversary on the M. I. T. campus, we hope that many of our six hundred living alumni will join us for an active day of renewing old friendships, reminiscing past experiences, and reliving the days that they spent in the bonds of brotherhood here at Alpha Theta.

OUR 1951 GRADUATES

Since their graduation last June, the 1951 alumni have scattered themselves through the country with the exceptions of those who have chosen to remain in school. Here is a very brief resume of what the "old grads" are doing.

Our former night owl Gene Oster has been in graduate school working for his M. S. in Chemical Engineering. Gene hopes to finish in June unless he is called into the service.

Clay Monkman is also enrolled in graduate school here at Tech. Last year's Balfour Province Award winner is studying for his Master's degree in Metallurgy but he has still found time to play football and volleyball for the house along with helping out the coaching of the freshman crew.

John Harris is working as a physicist, employed by Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gordy Ingwerson, the lone businessman in the class of '51, is employed by a glass works in Canton, Ohio.

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Lt. Barry Norris is with the Air Force at Edwards AFB in California. On June 21, he and our chapter sweetheart, Barbara Adams, plan to be married. The chapter extends its very best wishes to you both, Barry and Barbara.

Gene Graham is working in New York City as a design and process engineer for the California-Texas Oil Company.

Stan Moulton is now married and is living near Cleveland, Ohio.

SOCIAL SEASON IN REVIEW

The policy here at M.I.T. has long been to study diligently through the week but also to make the most of the weekends. Of course, the expectations of the weekend may show their effects early, and the aftereffects may remain through the first few days of the next week. Nevertheless, we have managed to find a happy medium between work and play.



...when out on the lawn, there arose such a clatter. . . .

Our fall social season got under way even before classes began. Near the end of rush week, we packed cars with blankets, food, beer, girls, and Sigs and fled from the Boston heat to Crane's Beach in Ipswich. We spent the day singing, eating, playing softball and digging for clams and other assorted sea monsters. It was a tired, sandy gang that straggled back to Boston that evening, but what a wonderful way to get tired!

The new pledges were afforded their first chance to meet girls from the vicinity at a tea dance which was held in the house. By this time Social Chairman Bob Wilson had things well under control. Next came a hay ride, followed closely by the annual Pledge Party. This year the highlight of the Pledge Party was a hill-billy play, the effects of which were enhanced by the fluid refreshments.

The Miami Triad Weekend was the biggest social event of the term. As is our custom, the girls

took over the house and we took to the streets, seeking shelter in nearby hotels. Friday Dec. 7 was the formal dance at the Somerset Hotel which was preceded by a cocktail party and banquet. There wasn't much activity until about noon on Saturday, but when it finally started, the house was like a beehive. The afternoon was spent decorating for the Bowery Wharf Brawl; so complete that you could practically smell the salt water. The dining room was transformed into a typical harbor saloon with swinging doors. The game room became a waterfront cafe, the music room was the "New Howard," a theater of raucous entertainment, and the library took the part of the "Sheffield Arms," an exclusive hotel. Everyone came appropriately dressed to help make the party a terrific success. The final banquet was at 1:00 Sunday and shortly after, Santa Claus arrived in the library with a gift for everyone. By then it was time for the girls to start their long journeys home.

On Dec. 15, just before Christmas vacation, we held our annual Christmas party for under-privileged children. It's always a debatable question as to who has the most fun at this party -- the Sigs or the kids.

The spring social season was piloted by Bill Bohnert. The outstanding events of Bill's term so far have been a dinner dance with Wellesley, the Spring Bid Party and the coming I.F.C. Weekend.

For this spring's bid party, April 12, the house was transformed into a pirate ship. The outside was rigged with sails and a Jolly Roger, while the inside became the hold, the bridge and the Captain's quarters. Real anchors, rigging, wheel, barrels and cannon together with the pirate dress of the guests added the final touches to another great mark in the social history of Alpha Theta.



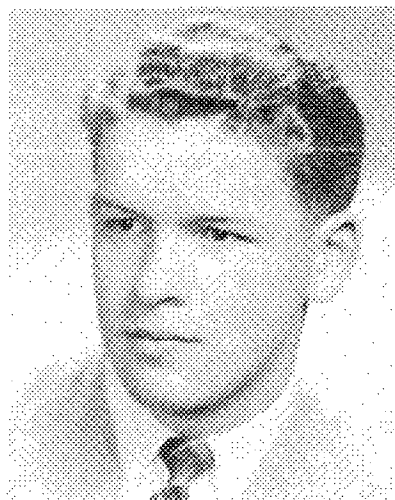
Bill Bohnert, "Corky" d'Oliveira, Jack Lunsford, and "Bebel" Sauer Cavort at the Triad.

The I.F.C. promises to be a great weekend on campus. This weekend will also consist of a formal dance on Friday night and numerous parties on Saturday.

This resume of the year's events should be sufficient to convince anyone who has never attended a social event here that the engineers at M. I. T. really know how to have fun.

CLAY MONKMAN BRINGS HONOR TO ALPHA THETA

For the second consecutive year, a member of Alpha Theta has won the Balfour Province Award -- the highest award obtainable in the province. Brother Forest Clayton Monkman brought the honor to Alpha Theta through his outstanding record scholastically, in sports, and in other activities at Tech, coupled with his personal attributes, which alone seem to merit such an award.



Clay Monkman

Upon completion of his four years in Metallurgy, Clay was offered a chance to study in Sweden on a scholarship, accepted by the Harvard Business School, and extended a research fellowship to continue his studies for a Doctor of Science degree here at Tech. Clay accepted the latter offer and is now studying for his advanced degree.

As a member of the ROTC unit here,

Clay rose to the rank of major and was awarded a medal by the American Ordnance Association for being the outstanding cadet in his unit.

While taking a very serious interest in his school work, Clay nonetheless found time to participate in a variety of sports. He started his career in crew during his freshman year, climaxing it by being a member of the varsity heavyweight crew that won the Eastern Intercollegiate Championship when he was a junior. For his loyal service to the crew at M. I. T. he has been awarded three varsity letters.

In addition to his school sports interests, Clay has always been active on Sigma Chi teams. The track, football, swimming and volleyball teams have all been strengthened by his participation, thus raising Sigma Chi's intramural teams to a position of high respect among the other fraternities.

Clay's record within the chapter is equally outstanding. He has been I. F. C. Representative, Rushing Chairman, Magister, and Consul of Alpha Theta; and he initiated many reforms and improvements in each office.

An innovation for which Clay is responsible is the annual Mother's Day banquet in the house. The Program consists of a banquet followed by brief talks by the various officers concerning their jobs and the functions of the house.

It certainly did not come as a surprise when Vincent P. Kelleher, the Grand Praetor of our province, presented Clay with the award. It was something that we have watched develop during

Clay's undergraduate career at M. I. T. and Alpha Theta of Sigma Chi.

INTRAMURAL ROUNDUP

Alpha Theta began the 1951 spring term in quest of its third straight volleyball trophy, which would have enabled us to retire the trophy permanently. Sparked by Barry Norris, the team won its league championship easily, only to lose to a powerful graduate house team in the finals.

Our swimming team finished third in the intramural meet. This was mainly due to Jim Saunders, who won the backstroke event, and Jack Lunsford and Clay Monkman, who teamed with Brother Saunders to win second place in the medley relay.

In softball, we won our league, defeating defending intramural champions Theta Chi in the final game, 19-9. The composition of the team was almost entirely freshmen and sophomores and turned out to be a pleasant surprise, despite the fact that we lost to a strong Westgate nine in the finals of the round robin.

This fall we started the football season with only four of last year's team back, due to the graduation of a strong all-senior line and an injury to Bob Frey, outstanding back. We won one game and lost two in a short season, although one of the losses was a heartbreaking 0-0 tie, which we lost on first downs in a double overtime.

The young Sig basketball team demonstrated promise for the future. With only captain Jack Horner returning from last year's team, we had to completely rebuild; but the freshmen showed enough promise to finish in one of the top leagues. In a post-season game, we defeated league winner ATO by a large margin, indicating that we should be up among the leaders next year.

In this spring's volleyball, we paralleled last year's record by easily winning our league but bowing to a powerful SAE team in the round-robin. This year's team was sparked by the spectacular spiking of Bob Wilson and the consistent playing of Clay Monkman, "Rebel" Sauer and Bob Kiehn. Tom Dupree and Hobie Kraner showed exceptional promise in their first year at the net.

Right now we're breaking out the ball bats and gloves in preparation for the coming softball season.

Besides intramural athletics, many of Alpha Theta's brothers are on the rosters of intercollegiate sports at Tech. Barney Silver and Al Skane rowed on the freshman crew, while Ned Lyke pulled with the varsity. Hobie Kraner, Buck Brown, and Tom Dupree played football with the freshman team. Bill Moody represented the sophs in the Freshman-Sophomore rivalry as a hard-hitting end. Blev Dunklin played squash and coached the house intramural team consisting of Bob Jones, Chuck Oelfke, Al Wahlberg, and Bob Frey. Al Ward and Bill Moody moved up to join "Corky" d'Oliveira on the varsity lacrosse team this year.

All three saw service on the freshman team during their first years at Tech. The freshman tennis team had the support of Blev Dunklin and Tom Dupree while Ric Haeglar led the varsity squad as their captain. Walt Fritz and Chan Stevens held down managers jobs on the freshman swimming and football and track teams respectively. This way Chan could keep his eye on Russ Meyer and Hobie Kraner -- freshman runners. Ric Haeglar, Fausto Martins, and Ray Sauer traveled with the soccer team this last season.

CAMPUS SIG-NIFICANTS

While most people have been thinking about who will be the next President of the United States, we at Alpha Theta have been thinking about campus elections. Now that the new officers have been duly elected to their respective offices, we are proud to announce that several of our brothers have been elected to the presidencies of departments at school. Bob Briber, after serving as Senior Class President, was elected Permanent President of the Class of 1952. Jerry Laufs, our Consul last term, was elected President of M. I. T.'s chapter of Tau Beta Pi (the engineers' equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa), and Al Ward will serve his class as its junior year president.

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SIGS TO BE

This year's pledge class of 14 men came to Alpha Theta from all parts of the United States. The South was represented by John W. Stumpe from Hollywood, Fla., Buck F. Brown from Monroe, La., and Thomas H. Dupree from Knoxville, Tenn. Russell G. Meyer and, Jr. from Kirkwood, Mo., Robert W. Temple from New Albany, Ind., W. Chandler Stevens from Mansfield, Ohio, and Richard E. Lyke from Oconomowoc, Wis., all hail from the Midwest. From the West came Walter R. Fritz of Pasadena, Calif., and Barnard S. Silver of Denver, Colo. The East supplied Alpha Theta with Allen H. Wahlberg from New York City, N.Y., Hobart W. Kraner from Bethlehem, Pa., Blevins C. Dunklin from Bronxville, N.Y., Albert R. Skane from Reading, Mass., and Anthony S. Gregorio from Somerville, Mass.

Brother Reinaldo "Corky" d'Oliveira guided the class through its pledge training as Magister -- a job well done, "Corky."

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

Brothers Bob Kiehn '50 and Bob Stout '49 have both passed the written and oral exams for their Doctorates in Physics. Both Bobs have been instructing in Physics at the Institute while working on their degrees, and now only the thesis remains, so go to it, guys!

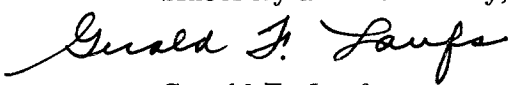
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Dear Brothers and Friends:

This issue of THE BEAVER SIG marks another year characterized by uncertainty and national emergency. The doubtfulness of being able to continue our education is an uneasy problem in all our minds. Reserve officer training, selective service regulations, and draft deferment examinations are prevalent subjects of conversation. However, with the good influence of the M. I. T. administration and the benefit of the broader background of our older brothers, all have calmly and intelligently met these issues.

Looking to the future, the seniors find this year unsurpassed in opportunities for the engineering graduate. Considerably more companies have been interviewing June graduates this fall, indicative of the shortage of scientifically trained men. We of the senior class find, that as we prepare to enter the industrial world, our training in Chapter co-operation and responsibility stands us in good stead.

Alpha Theta is ready to meet the forseen problems of deferred rushing and new housing. The latter appears more distant with the limitation of available land west of the Institute. All the brothers firmly believe that the success of our Chapter is the result of co-operation, an outgrowth of brotherhood. As ever, it is this spirit of brotherhood that makes life in Sigma Chi beneficial, constructive, and memorable.

Sincerely and fraternally,

 Gerald F. Laufs
 Consul Fall Term