

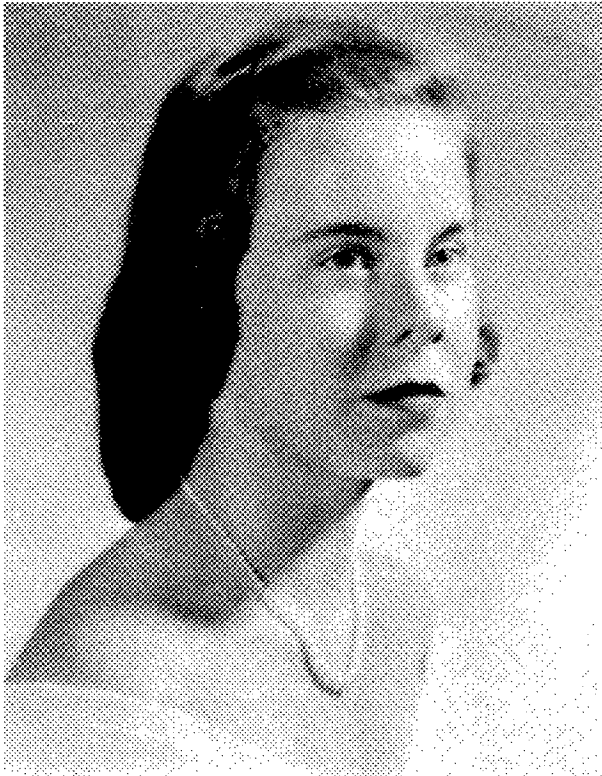


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ALPHA THETA OF SIGMA CHI



SWEETHEART FOR 1958

The selection of Alpha Theta's chapter sweetheart was announced at our annual Sweetheart Ball, held this year on February 28, at the Commonwealth Country Club. She is Miss Roxanne Jope, a charming senior at Wellesley College, whose home is in Winchester, Mass. Her White Cross belongs to Jim McNamara, a senior majoring in mathematics and electrical engineering. Rocky is majoring in political science and is going to work in the Institute for International Studies at M.I.T. next year. The weekends usually find Jim and Rocky on a study date at the house, or at a play or symphony in Boston. Her presence has added a very pleasing touch to many of our house functions.

WARNER RECEIVES PROVINCE BALFOUR AWARD

Alpha Theta was indeed fortunate this year to have had as its Province Balfour nominee Huber R. Warner whose diversified and enthusiastic participation in campus activities qualified him for this honor.

Ever since his entrance into high school, Hube has shown an interest in activities of a varied nature. He excelled in athletics and student government, as well as in scholarship.

Taking an avid interest in things about him, Hube served on the Student Council of his high school and was treasurer of his Hi-Y club, social chairman of the school for one year, and Vice President of his class during his junior year. On top of all this he was a member of the National Honor Society and valedictorian of his graduating class.

His college career began in 1953 at Williams College. At the end of his freshman year he transferred to Ohio Wesleyan with the 3-2 plan in mind. This move to Ohio Wesleyan was a fortunate one for Sigma Chi, for it was here that he pledged and was initiated into our Fraternity. He served Gamma well both as Assistant Magister and as Magister. He participated on the varsity soccer, lacrosse, and swimming teams. Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics Honorary Society) saw fit to ask Hube to membership, for he again excelled in scholarship, earning a 3.92 (out of 4.0) during his two years at Ohio Wesleyan.

In the fall of 1956, Hube entered M.I.T. where he affiliated with Alpha Theta. He carried on his athletic interest, becoming a member of M.I.T.'s varsity soccer and lacrosse teams. This year he was elected Co-Captain of the lacrosse team.

Completing his junior year with a 4.92 (out of 5.0), he was elected to Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honorary, and to Phi Lambda Upsilon, a chemistry honorary society. He is the permanent Vice President of the class of 1958.

In house activities he served as house manager, athletic chairman, and class representative to the executive committee, and in January he was elected Consul of Alpha Theta.

The success Hube has had among his fraternity associations is indicative of his congenial disposition and leadership ability.

We know that you, our alumni, will join us in congratulations to our deserving brother.

R. M. White

SCHOLARSHIP

Alpha Theta First in All Sigma Chi

At our semi-annual scholarship banquet to be held Saturday, April 12, Alpha Theta will be presented the Daniel William Cooper Award signifying the highest scholarship of any Sigma Chi Chapter. We are very proud to be 20.4% above the all men's average with our 3.63 year rating.

The good work has carried through this past term in which we again were first on campus with a 3.56 term rating, compared to the all men's average of 3.28. Our fine pledge class of thirteen men made a very respectable total of 3.43 with an all-pledge average of 3.13.

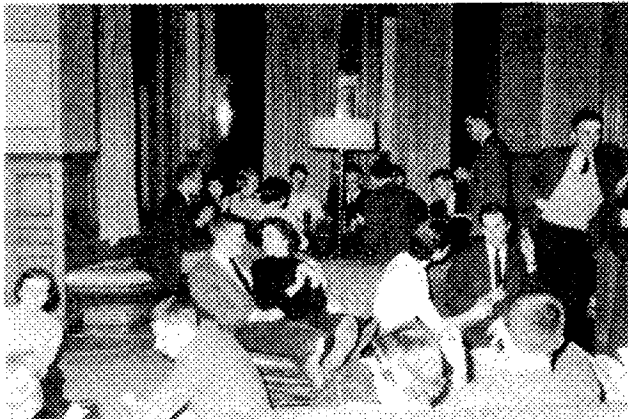
High point of Alpha Theta's second term social life has been the annual Sweetheart Ball, this year held at the Commonwealth Country Club in Newton. The weekend began officially with a cocktail party at the house Friday evening, which proved so enjoyable that we were late to dinner. As it turned out, being late added to the festivity of the occasion as Jerry Benard's band, which was originally scheduled to arrive after dinner, played during dinner. We danced between courses, and toward the latter part of the meal the band came around to each table and played requests.

At 11 pm last year's sweetheart, Miss Ann Gustafson, who is pinned to Brother Bill Brandon, placed the crown of White Roses on Miss Roxanne Jope, daughter of alumnus Ralph Jope. Congratulations to our new Sweetheart of Sigma Chi.

Saturday evening, after a very enjoyable lobster dinner, most of us attended the annual Tech show, a clever musical entitled "Out on a Limbo". During the show the social chairman decorated the library for the party which was to follow. The Bohemian theme and dress lent an exotic air to the festivities. The punch was experimental and well liked, so much so in fact that a couple of the boys put on an impromptu skit. The party went strong until three when chaperones John and Linda Decker helped the boys to the door.

Since the Social department has not quite recovered financially from Sweetheart Ball, there were no parties scheduled for the month of March, but April and May look promising. We are holding our annual Faculty Tea April 13. In connection with the province conference there will be a Jim Killian-Ed Farrow dinner on April 26th here in Boston. We hope to have a large representation from the house there with dates as we are the only Sig chapter in the immediate vicinity.

The I.F.C. weekend is the last of the term's major social events. Plans for this year are centered around a Greek theme, and a trophy will be awarded to the house which accumulates the most points in such contests as the chariot race, bicycle race, and other "Olympic" events.



BEFORE THE DANCE

With the initiation of eight fine men, Alpha Theta began a promising and already productive spring term. The scholastic, social, and athletic activities of the chapter are described elsewhere in this issue of the Beaver Sig; however, I feel it worthwhile to note that while our chapter has gradually moved toward the top of the scholastic ladder, it has at the same time become a leader in campus activities, particularly athletics. Prospects are good for Alpha Theta not only to again win the scholastic cup, but also to take honors in the field of athletics.

One of the most important issues to come before the Inter-Fraternity Council since the hazing proposal two years ago has been consideration of parietal rules and a code of conduct by which all fraternities would abide. The need for such a code was felt after the recent investigations in the dormitories. Alpha Theta, having one of the strictest set of parietal rules, is relatively unaffected by the resolution passed by the IFC in the form of a statement of principles rather than a set of rules. The purpose of the IFC resolution was not to decrease fraternity chapter independence, but to present a uniform code which can be used to protect the fraternity system at MIT against the attacks of uninformed critics.

A recent reorganization of the Institute Committee has also affected Alpha Theta. With the desire to make Inscomm. a smaller and more effective body, the IFC representation to Inscomm. has been reduced to one representative, who must be or have been a house president. Since Alpha Theta has a senior Consul second term, it will never have a candidate for the above position. Although a study is being carried on to determine the advisability of electing a junior Consul, a change seems unlikely in view of the advantages of a second term senior Consul.

This year on April 26 & 27 Alpha Theta will play host to the other chapters of the Northern New England-Nova Scotia Province for the Province Conference. The Consuls of the Southern New England Province have also been invited to the conference which will be highlighted this year by an Alumni Banquet in honor of our Grand Consul, Ed Farrow. Conference discussions will center upon chapter policy in such areas as pledge training, rushing, finances, and scholarship. Special attention will be given to the problem of the discrimination clause in the constitution in hopes that something might be accomplished before the next Grand Chapter.

Other highlights this spring are the Faculty Tea and hopefully an Alumni Tea. A representative from the chapter has been attending the Cambridge Alumni meetings in an effort to not only improve active chapter-alumni relations but also alumni-alumni relations. An effort is being made by the Cambridge Alumni Chapter to combine with the inactive Boston Chapter to form a Greater Boston Chapter thereby strengthening both groups. We, of the active chapter, are interested in this latest move and would like to encourage any alumni in the area to visit the chapter house when possible or send alumni news to us by mail so we can publish it in the Beaver Sig.

I hope the above paragraphs have given you some idea of the highlights and problems of the present semester. In view of the past accomplishments and present status of the chapter, the future is bright indeed.

Huber Warner, Spring Consul

SCHOLARSHIP (Cont.)

At the banquet several other prizes will be awarded. From Sigma Chi, Alpha Theta is being presented The Order of the Scroll, The Legion of Honor, and the province Scholarship Award. These three prizes along with the Daniel William Cooper Award represent a clean sweep of all the awards offered by Sigma Chi.

Special recognition in the form of trophies will be given to two men in the house. One trophy is for the greatest improvement in one term and goes to Don Ziegenbein with his increase of 1.12. The winner of the trophy for the highest scholarship is Bryant K. Vann with a term rating of 4.67.

Pete Kuempel, who has already won this prize, deserves special congratulations for his second consecutive term of perfect 5.00 scholarship.

The fact that we had thirteen men on the dean's list with four receiving first honors is just an example of the chapter's healthy attitude toward learning. With the continuation of this fine attitude we believe that these awards will rest very often at Alpha Theta.

George J. Pillorge, Scholarship Chairman

MEMORANDUM TO ALUMNI

Every now and then a chapter loses sight of the fact that its alumni are an integral part of its existence. It fails to realize that the bond of fellowship linking all its brothers is irrespective of age or position and overlooks the fact that there is a wealth of knowledge and experience to be gained from its alumni.

Other than this publication, we the actives of Alpha Theta have few connections with our alumni and realize the need for strengthening these ties. Although the reason for this stagnancy lies partly with the active chapter, might not the alumni also be guilty of negligence?

Plans are being laid to initiate a program to strengthen alumni relations. In the near future an alumni tea will be held which will give those alumni in the Boston area an opportunity to visit the house and meet the active chapter. We also hope to establish an alumni column in the Beaver Sig which would provide a connecting link between those brothers scattered throughout the world. To do this we need the cooperation of everyone. We would appreciate it if you would write us a short note relating any information which would be of interest to your classmates. Here are a few suggestions on the type of things you might send in:

1. The names and years of any Alpha Theta alumni who have received notable recognition or promotions.
2. Information on other outstanding activities of our alumni.
3. Any facts on Alpha Theta alumni you feel would be interesting (present occupation, recent marriages, etc.)
4. Suggestions on articles you would like to see in the Beaver Sig.

An inactive status does not mean an inactive attitude!



THE HOCKEY CHAMPIONS

SIGS STAR IN SPRING SPORTS

Alpha Theta can be proud of its winter athletics this year, for we have captured first place in intramural ice hockey, successfully beating many old rivals, including the Betas and Graduate house. Our squad was led by defenseman Pete Lawes '58, forwards Bill McArthur '57 and Norm Meyers, and goalie Hank Couch '59. Peter, Bill, and Norm are all old professionals at the game, and Hank is a new, but very capable player. This season's games, improved by use of the regulation hard rubber puck, were well supported by cheering Sigs. After the final game with Grad House, tired players and hoarse spectators joined in an informal victory celebration. The season's scores totaled: Sigs 44 goals - all opponents 2 goals!

Our basketball team did well again this winter by placing seventh on campus under the leadership of Robert White '60, who has been selected for the second consecutive year for the intramural all-star basketball team. The loss of several outstanding players through graduation last year was a handicap, but with this season's experience and the aid of several promising freshmen, we hope to bring home the trophy next year.

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NEW BROTHERS

On February fifteenth, Alpha Theta initiated eight members of the class of 1961. The new initiates are Eric L. Mudama, Curtis Bruce Tarter, Earl C. Van Horn Jr., Wilson "Bill" Kendall, Richard S. Stevenson, Byrd Leigh Price, Alan R. Brennecke, and Kenneth W. Nill. These men have already become a valuable addition to the active chapter. Their many contributions reflect the conscientious efforts of former Magister, Peter Kuempel, in preparing these men for initiation.

Under the direction of Magister Kuempel, the initiation was conducted in a manner befitting the best traditions of Sigma Chi. The chapter wishes to acknowledge the indispensable aid of Mr. William H. Carlisle, Mr. Eugene Chamberlain, Mr. Robert Briber, Dean F. Fassett, and Rev. John Crocker during the initiation period.

The second-term pledge class, consisting of six members, is unusually large this year. A recent addition to this class is Henry M. Schleinitz from Duluth, Minnesota, who pledged at the beginning of the second semester.

SIGS STAR IN SPRING SPORTS

This year we entered two teams in the intramural volleyball competition. As the finals near a close, our "A" team, composed mainly of experienced graduate students, has only one loss on its record and hopes to carry off the championship. Our "B" team, starring several enthusiastic freshmen, has placed second in its league.

Minor sports now in progress are badminton, bowling, and table tennis. While these are not as spectacular as the other events they provide recreation for those of us who have little time or ability to participate in the major sports.

Spring will soon usher in the final events of the year, softball, tennis, and track. We expect good results from the softball and tennis teams this year, and quite a bit of enthusiasm has been expressed for the track and field events which will be entered for the first time in several years.

In addition to the intramural program Alpha Theta has a large number participating in the intercollegiate sports, as usual. This spring we boast eight men on the Tech crews, four on the Lacrosse teams and others in track, tennis, rugby, wrestling, weightlifting, and golf. The DU's have challenged our crew men to a race on the Charles later this spring which we are expecting to win.

Dwight J. Sims, Athletic Chairman

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