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SUMMARY OF CHAPTER NEWS

During the past year Alpha Theta Chapter has continued to rank high scholastically, socially, and athletically with an increasing interest in student government and other activities.

Social

The highlight of the fall social term was the Junior Prom Weekend held Nov. 6, 7, 8. A cocktail party was held at the Sighouse before the traditional Friday night formal dance, with several other fraternities as well as friends of the house in attendance. Saturday night the pledges put on their pledge skit and party following the Kingston Trio concert at the Armory. Good planning and the support of the entire chapter helped make this one of the most successful weekends in recent years.

Other social events this term have included; a Halloween party, a Christmas party, and a mixer in the house with the Wellesley girls, as well several beer parties and other informal parties. Much of the credit for a successful season of social life should go to Erich Ippen, our fall social chairman.

Athletics

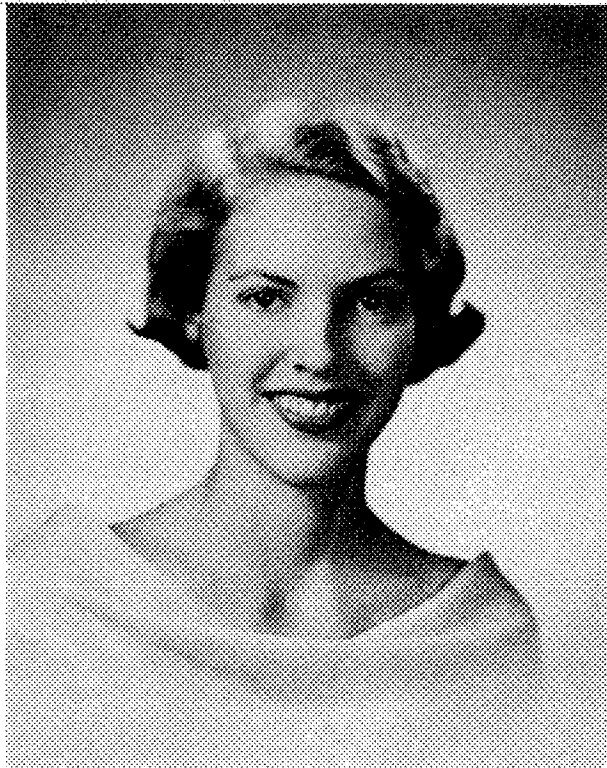
After finishing near the top in the running for the intramural all sports trophy last year the chapter is continuing to win its share of intramural contests. Our football team took a second in its league, and the Sigs placed second in the intramural wrestling tournament. Our tennis team will still be in the running for the championship, when the playoffs are resumed this spring. The basketball team, led by Bob White '60 with help from pledges Dick Brown and Julian Ayres, among others, easily won its league championship and finished fourth in the intramural tournament. This was the highest finish of any fraternity team in this tournament.

Sigs are also active in varsity and freshmen sports at M.I.T. including LaCrosse, Swimming, Rowing, Wrestling, Squash, and Indoor Track.

Scholarship

The scholastic ratings for the past year show Sigma Chi ranked third among the 28 fraternities here at Tech with a 3.45 average for the year. This is significantly above both all mens average and the all fraternity average. This year we hope to improve our showing enough to regain the Sigma Chi Foundation Trophy which we have held for the past two years.

At the November 11th Scholarship Banquet special recognition was given to Bob White who was awarded the trophy for the highest scholarship average for the spring term and Eric Mudama who earned the award for the greatest improvement.



Alpha Theta's sweetheart for the past year is the former Miss Ann Swan a graduate of Wellesley College. Ann is now married to Brother Hank Couch, a member of the class of '59.

FROM THE CONSULS STUDY

The fall term has seen a great broadening of interests at Alpha Theta and further increase in the prominence of our chapter on campus. The success of our chapter in all phases of Institute life has been due in no small part to the gratifying enthusiasm shown by each and every brother.

The term began with a very successful rush week as thirteen outstanding men were pledged. These men have been active on campus and have added greatly to our chapter.

Much effort has been directed toward improving the alumni relations of the chapter. In addition to the Alumni Committee within the house an Alumni Council has been formed composed of Sigs who are actually connected with Alpha Theta and M.I.T. Our Grand Preator, Mr. William H. Carlisle, Jr., Director of Student Personnel at M.I.T. has consented to chairman this group which will act as an advisory group to the chapter. A letter has been sent to a member of every class asking him to serve as Class

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FROM THE ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE

This year Alpha Theta hopes to further the work that has been done in the past year to establish a strong alumni organization. To help us with our plans, we have organized an alumni council with Mr. Carlisle as chairman and Mr. Chamberlain as co-chairman. In addition; we have written to one member of every graduating class since 1900 asking him to serve as an alumni representative to this committee. Within the house we have an alumni committee composed of Bob White '60, Bill Kendall '61, Hank Schlienitz '61, and John Rupert '62. The purpose of this committee will be to carry out the major part of the coordinating work which will be necessary.

We hope that with the help of the above two committees to bring our alumni correspondence up to date on brothers who were here at M.I.T. and who are now spread all over the world. This we hope to accomplish mainly through a greatly enlarged "alumni news" section in our Beaver Sig Publication. To get information for this section we shall shortly send out letters to the alumni representatives asking them to forward them around to their classmates and eventually back to us. If you, the alumni will all cooperate by contributing a few lines telling something about yourself that you think your friends might be interested in, we will publish these as soon as possible.

This is the year for the Province Conference and again it will be held here at Alpha Theta on February 20th and 21st. We hope that as many of the alumni as can possibly make it will come to luncheon on Saturday and Sunday, February twentieth and twenty first and sit in on the panel discussions of problems which are facing the Fraternity at this time.

John G. Rupert,

Alumni Representative for Alpha Theta

From Council's Study (cont.)

Representative to the Alumni Council in the hope of improving communications between the alumni and active members. An alumni open house is planned for the spring term and it is hoped that many grads will be able to attend.

At the 52nd Grand Chapter held in Kansas City this past summer several important issues confronted the General Fraternity. We regret that the wording of our membership standards clause has not yet been revised to alleviate the serious pressures being brought to bear on many of our fine chapters. It appears that the next few years will see the loss of a significant number of our chapters unless we remove the word "white". No one can deny a fraternity the right to choose only those members which are personally acceptable, but there is an increasing amount of pressure being put on American Universities by minority groups to rid themselves of fraternities which have nationally imposed discriminatory clauses. Sigma Chi will never lower her standards, but it appears that some superficial change will be necessary to prevent the loss of our California chapters, Wisconsin, Colorado, and Dartmouth within the next four years.

The drinking question has been settled after several years of uncertainty. The use of alcoholic beverages is now permitted only in those chapters in which the use of liquor is condoned by their respective colleges, and is forbidden at those institutions in which its use is not allowed by civil or university authorities.

It appears rather certain that Alpha Theta must seriously consider moving its location into Institute property within the next few years. M.I.T. has recently opened up the west campus area for fraternity housing and is presently reviewing the conditions under which such structures will exist.

The condition of our present structure necessitates either a complete relocation or a considerable modification of our existing residence. As other fraternities make such a move we must do likewise or face a serious rushing handicap in future years. To build an adequate house would require an expenditure of at least \$250,000, less than 15% of which is presently on hand in chapter funds and the trustees checking accounts. No contributions have been asked of alumni as of yet since we are still in the planning stage, but that the continued existence of Sigma Chi as the prominent M.I.T. fraternity can not continue without an improvement in our physical plant.

We are presently investigating means by which our funds can be invested so as to provide maximum interest and security, and a 50% increase in the monthly building fund contribution of the active members has been approved.

To raise a sum such as we need we must ask our alumni to begin building up our funds. We have every hope that the Sigma Chi Foundation will give us a loan to enable us to begin construction within a year. We sincerely hope that our Alumni remain behind us in meeting this crisis. The necessity for increasing our building fund is becoming increasingly evident and we must start building now to meet the need which will confront us in the very near future.

Edward F. Neild, III, Consul

1899 Charles Frank Harwood of Tenafly, New Jersey, has been retired since 1950 after almost half a century with the Worthington Corporation. Brother Harwood served as a salesman, manager of several departments and Assistant to the Vice President. He is married and has one child.

1903 Ralph Curtis Jordan, Sr. is chairman of Jordan Mills Inc. In 1904 he founded the Jordan Co., a real estate development firm which today has expanded with building supply departments and general contracting, doing business in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. Brother Jordan is presently living in Columbus, Georgia.

1909 Stanley H. Page has done work in the design and development of internal combustion engines, including the first aircraft engine to pass endurance tests of the U.S. Government, at the Navy Yard, Washington D.C. He is now retired and living in California, where he pursues his hobbies of music and records of professional and amateur musicians.

1920 Dr. Edwin Sharp Burdell has served as President of Cooper Union since 1938. In 1934 after graduate work at Ohio State he returned to M.I.T. to become Dean of Humanities. Four years later he advanced to his present position. Brother Burdell is married and has 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

1921 Waldo Adams was employed in the Adams Company, a manufacturing firm from the time of his graduation until 1929 when he organized an industrial loan company. Since 1954 he has been President of the First National Bank of Dubuque, Iowa.

1925 Glen L. Bateman is Chairman and Managing Director of Edw. L. Bateman Ltd. of Johannesburg South Africa. He has been with this firm since graduation except for four years with the South African Air Force where he achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel. He hopes to retire soon to his farm in Natal where he raises pedigree Holsteins. Brother Bateman and his wife Joan have five children.

1929 Hunter Rouse is Director of the Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research, at the State University of Iowa. Brother Rouse had received an M.I.T. scholarship to study in Europe after his graduation, a Fullbright to France in 1952-53, and a National Science Foundation grant to study in Europe again in 1958-59.

1930 John Hewson is a wholesale lubricating oil distributor in Orlando, Florida. As a hydro-electric engineer Brother Hewson served as a civil employee of the Corps of Engineers from 1933 until 1945. Since then he has been in his present business. In 1958 he was elected Orlando City Commissioner. He and his wife Kathryn visited Alpha Theta Chapter in 1958.

1932 John P. Cree of Chambersburg, Penn, is Manager of Municipal Utilities. Since graduation he has been employed with several electrical and power companies and has worked in varied phases of operating, accounting, engineering, sales, and management. Brother Cree is married and has three children.

1934 Graves H. Snyder entered the Army Air Corps upon graduation and has been connected with the Air Force ever since. During World War II he served in the Panama-Caribbean area and in this country achieving the rank of Colonel in 1945. Brother Snyder has since been stationed in both this country and abroad. At the present time he is Professor of Air Science, AFOTC, Newark College of Engineering.

1937 Emory Hukill Jr. is President of the Hukill Chemical Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio which he founded in 1947. Brother Hukill belongs to several professional societies and service clubs, is married and has three children.

1939 Robert Iredell is now living in Akron, Ohio where he is administrative Engineer in Central Development, for the General Tire and Rubber Co. After graduation he designed process equipment for Struthers-Wells-Titusville Corporation for four years. Since then he has been associated with his present company.

1940 Samuel P. "Spec" Card of Baltimore, Md. is now a management consultant. Since his graduation he has been employed as an engineer and production manager. For the last ten years he has been in his present occupation which he describes as "...free lance professional practice as a management and industrial engineering consultant...". He is married, has four daughters and one son.

1942 Gordon M. Bliss is living in East McKeesport, Penn, with his wife Barbara and four children. His present position is Personnel Development Administrator of Koppers Company, Inc.

1942 Kenneth M. Leghorn spent five years in the U.S. Air Force and eleven years with the Sun Tube Corp. in Hillside, N.J. He is now President of Bradley Container Corp. of Maynard, Mass. Brother Leghorn and his wife and three children live in Concord, Mass.

1942 Halsey Jones was on active duty with the U.S. Naval Reserve until 1946 in Radar Maintenance. He then went to Graduate school at Cal Tech and Pratt Institute, opening his own architectural office in Portland, Oregon in 1950.

1944 Wallace P. Dunlap worked for Monsanto Chemical Co. until October of 1958, and he is now Production Superintendent of Mobey Chemical Company's isocyanate plant. Brother Dunlap is married, has four children, and is living in New Martinsville, West Virginia.

1947 Jack Brannan has been employed by the Pennsylvania R.R. and Long Island R.R. since graduating, except for some time in the Navy. He is married, has two children and has his home in Syosset, N.Y. At the present he is the Director and General Supervisor of Equipment maintenance for the above railroads.

1948 Robert O. Hirsch is now Manager and Chief engineer for the T.V. station KEVS. After his M.S., 1951 he went to work for Bendix Aviation Corporation as a research engineer in electronics. He moved to New York and worked on development and research of missile guidance systems. He is married and has 3 children, Lucy 6, Ellen 3, and Chris 1½.

1947 Hunter M. Bennet of Weston, West Virginia is now practicing law after graduating from Harvard Law School in 1950.

1949 Andrew R. Pfeiffenberger is Assistant to the President of Bowman Biscuit Company. He lives in Denver with his wife and three children. Brother Pfeiffenberger is Past Secretary of the Rocky Mountain M.I.T. Club and past Regional Chairman of MIT Educational Council.

1950 Captain Joseph M. Glasgow, Jr. is now serving as a combat crew navigator in the Strategic Air Command at Romey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico. Brother Glasgow has served in the Air Force since graduating from flying school in 1950. He plans to return to M.I.T. for two years and then go into the Air Research and Development Command.

1956 Chip Wood is employed as an "underpaid chemical engineer" for Monsanto Chemical Co. He is living in Texas City, Texas.

Micheal E. Parker of Marietta, Georgia is employed as a tool designer. Brother Parker worked three years for the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation and spent six months in the army before he took his present job.

1958 Owen Schlaug is a Graduate Student at the University of Michigan and Bart Sensesig is studying international relations at M.I.T.

1927 George R. Copeland is currently employed as a Mechanical Engineer for the U.S. Air Force at Plattsburgh, N.Y. He is married has four children and is living in Peru, N.Y.

1929 Lawrence R. Moses has been with the New York Telephone Co. since 1930 and has been in the Chief Engr. Department and Plant Department. At the present he is the Plant Supervisor of Budget on the staff of the General Plant Supervisor. During World War II he served with the Signal Corps Radar Labs and with the Newfoundland Base Command as Asst. Base Signal Officer and Base Signal Officer. He is married and has three children. His home is in Delmar, N.Y.

1929 Willard J. Slagle is the President of Slagle's Inc. (Food Operations) During World War II he served as the Commanding Officer of the Chemical Warfare Service Development Laboratory at M.I.T. Brother Slagle's home is in Arlington, Mass. and he is married and has three children, George, Cindy, and Bonnie (whom he recommends very highly).

1931 Herbert E. Raymond Jr. has been associated with the Fonda Container Co., St. Albans, Vermont as Assistant General Manager and with the Sutherland Paper Company, Albany, New York. His present occupation is Trade Association Executive-Paper Industry. His home is in Albany and he is married and has two children.

1935 Buckley Crist was with Calco Chemical Company (now Cynamid) for ten years as a chemical engineer. After the war he changed positions several times and then worked on the invention of a "pre-mix" soft drink machine. He was President of Crist Engineering Company of Muncie, Indiana which sold out to Glasscock Brothers Manufacturing Company. He is now a Hydraulic Engineer in Muncie. He is married and has two children.

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1953 William Salmon, Jr. after his service in the army, started his present business of Salmon Paper Box Co. with his father. He is married and now has 2 sons. Last year he became president of the business.

1926 Guy S. Frisbie is the Vice President and General Manager of the Hobart Manufacturing Co. in Troy, Ohio (food preparation and dishwashing machines). While working in Seattle, he married "The belle of 526 Beacon St." Katherine Menzie. His oldest daughter graduated from Wellesley in 1951. He has four children and four grandchildren to date.

RUSH WEEK

Sigma Chi pledged eleven men during the fall rush week. They are Stanley K. Yeager, Cleveland, Ohio; James MacGrew Harris, El Paso, Texas; Richard G. Brown '61, Greendale, Wisconsin; Dean W. Boyd, Shreveport, Louisiana; Robert A. Johnson '62, North Haven, N.Y.; Harry Steven Colburn, Portsmouth, Ohio; William H. Hackett, Jr., Speedway, Ind.; Julian A. Ayres, Knoxville, Tenn.; William E. Byrd, Charlotte N.C.; Frederick C. Hopper, Taylorville, Ill.; and Micheal R. Williams, Oklahoma City, Okla. In addition to these men Alexander von Kugelen '62 pledged at the end of spring term and Murray Morton from Ontario, Canada pledged early in the fall. Much of the credit for an outstanding rush week should go to rushing chairman Mark Jensen. Our pledge class has been active in Institute activities and has already contributed much to Alpha Theta Chapter.

Chapter News (cont.)

Activities

Alpha Theta has taken an increasing interest in student activities during the past year. Several of the freshman have been active in such class activities as freshman council. Hank Schlienitz is president of the class of 1961 and Al Brennecke is sports editor of Technique the school yearbook. Hank and Al were selected for membership in Beaver Key, the Junior Class activities honorary, and Hank was elected secretary of this organization. John Rupert was elected to Quadrangle Club, a similar organization for the sophomores.