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CHAPTER HISTORY

Summer Term, 1944

Alpha Theta Chapter of Sigma Chi, in June, 1944, was still suffering from the lack of active members caused by the induction in the summer before of all save one member into the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

William Ritchie and "Tod" Howland were the only civilian active members; those in the Navy V-12 were John Freiberger, Jack Brannan, Robert Fauvre, Winchell Hayward, John Taylor, Stuart Edgerly, Robert Spoerl. Of the officers, Ritchie was Consul, Freiberger was Pledge Trainer, and Howland was Magister. Hunter M. Bennett, Jr., "Gary" Coit, Jr., and Bruce Mayer were then pledges.

Accordingly, the chapter conducted a vigorous and successful July Rush Week. John Taylor was Rushing Chairman and among his most active assistants were "Tod" Howland, Freiberger, Brannan, Bennett and Coit. A large class was pledged, headed by Norman Meullen and followed by Carl Bergmann, Thomas Devine, Bradford Endicott, Robert Jenkins, Perry Nies, Howard Hendershott, Robert Drye, James Langley, Robert Hirsch, Watt Webb, James Ryder, William Edgerly, Austin Marx, Kenneth Conger, Otto Wetzl and Philip Starin. The Chapter house was then full.

A regular initiation was held on July 30 and the chapter membership was augmented by Bennett, Coit and Mayer.

Alpha Theta was beginning auspiciously on a period of recovery, following the strained conditions caused by the induction of many members. John Raullerson had resumed his post as cook shortly before the July Rush Week and regular meals were served from then on. However, the house still was finan-

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Rushing During 1945

Towards the close of the winter term of 1944-45 the class of 2-'47 began to feel the pressure of the draft. With V-E day not yet in sight, and consequently no prospect of returning veterans, the Rush Weeks coming up in March and July assumed particular importance. The rushing program after the previous July record class had been rather feeble, although one man, Bob Dennis of Cleveland, Ohio, was pledged after Christmas. Bob, however, was a V-12, and hence was not a real step towards increasing the house's long-term civilian strength.

The March Rush Week was conducted concurrently with the first week of school, and was hampered by the fact that the IFC had not released the freshman list in time for pre-Rush Week contacts. Over a period of two weeks, however, a class of five was pledged: Tom Monroe of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Bill McGorum of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, Casper Ranger of Ashburnham, Massachusetts, Toni Ortiz of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Edward Loring Belcher of Plymouth, Massachusetts. Shortly after pledging, Bill McGorum entered the Navy.

All during the Spring Term the main problem before the chapter was the July Rush Week. A rushing booklet was printed and some 500 freshmen received invitations to visit the house during Rush Week. Immediately after these had been sent out, the brothers began visiting their schools and home towns in an effort to make as many pre-Rush Week contacts as available. Although limited in these efforts by school work, and by the fact that the entering freshmen were seldom at home, by the end of the Spring Term and the between-term vacation some progress had been made. The

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Sig Life

At seven o'clock on the night of August 14th, the main body of Alpha Theta Sigs and pledges were assembled on Briggs Field across the avenue from Tech. They all watched and played the game attentively, but it must be admitted that their minds were slightly distracted and in other quarters, while their ears were directed toward Brother Webb's handy portable. As the game was entering the seventh inning, the news flash broke! Japan had surrendered, and in the center of atomic glare the greatest war in history had suddenly come to an end.

Five-thirty-two was no quieter that night than any other house or institution in the City of Boston, but the greater part of everyone's celebrating was done with the rest of the Hub's thousands down on Boylston and Tremont. To mention a few of the more outstanding instances, there was Brother May's wild ambition to osculate passionately with every man's wife and daughter (he actually scarcely passed the hundred mark), and Brother Orr's automatic disbarment from Sister Carey's famous League. "Our Boy Loring" could hardly be put to bed without his horn, which he continued to blow until he was sure that every last person knew that the war was over.

While the tempo of the nation's life was slowed up by reconversion and other problems, Sig life stepped ahead. September brought a moment long to be remembered by 22 Sigs, for on the 23rd the largest pledge class in Alpha Theta's history was initiated into the active chapter. Then on the 27th came one of the year's big social events, the IFC sponsored weekend. Ye olde Back Bay mansion was turned into a ladies' hotel from the second floor up, while

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Letter from the Consul

The house has made almost unbelievable strides in the past year. Our greatest accomplishment was, I think, pledging the class of July, '45. The boys really worked on that Rush Week and they were amply rewarded with twenty good men, who are now their brothers. You freshmen have never been to an initiation as an active but you will find that it is one of the greatest thrills of your college career. Soon you will have this opportunity; put yourself out completely, because just a fair initiation is an impossibility. You will further find that the initiation unites the house as nothing else can.

I'd like to mention some names of the Sigs who have left and of those who are notable among us. I'm not going to do this, however, because I'd be sure to slight someone and, besides, merit will eventually assert itself.

Thinking back, many, many memories linger in my mind. Who can say what each of us will remember. The laughs, the serious discussions, the work, the informal parties, the I.F.C. and J.P. week-ends; all these and innumerable other factors go to make the Alpha Theta chapter our home away from home.

We have not always been perfect. Our attitude toward the

fraternity, Tech, and each other has not always been exemplary. As Sigma Chis, more is to be expected of us than of other men. Of this there can be no doubt. I think that if we keep this in mind constantly we will reach new and loftier heights.

Next term many older Sigs will be returning to further their education. These fellows in most cases will be leaders. They will help us to keep the White Cross flying over Fraternity Row scholastically, socially, athletically, and, above all, in true fellowship.

Win, Johnny, Stu, Jerry, and I will be leaving shortly and our most pleasant memories will be of the house. We can say that we're wonderfully proud to be Sigma Chis. Your heritage is to be able to say the same.

In hoc signo vinces,

ROBERT SPOERL

Lady Visitor: "What is that black line around the side of the ship for?"

Langley (after much thought): "That's where the water is at high tide."

W. Stout: "Do you know what good, clean fun is?"

Drye: "No, what good is it?"

Bolton: "What's eating you?"

Benedict: "Oh nothing, but when you said you were going to dig me up a date, brother, you weren't kidding."

Moon: "I never saw such dreamy eyes."

You Know Whom: "You never stayed so late."

Rapid Robert Back Again

Early in December a familiar figure again appeared at the door of 532 Beacon. This time, however, he was in civilian clothes. Bob Plachta had returned from the army. (It is rumored that we weren't the only ones to greet Rapid Robert. Wellesley is said to have turned out in force to meet the conquering hero when he visited the college. Each house also has at least one window seat with the sign "Bob Plachta napped here.") Once again the halls rocked with his boisterous laugh.

With him Bob brought his latest creation, a baseball game invented by himself and another officer, Gar Aikens. At the time Bob was waiting to hear from the patent office about a very important detail. During the time that followed, Bob spent most of his spare moments between here, Wellesley, and Cleveland. In Cleveland he succeeded in interesting a sportswriter in publicizing his creation. As of now the game is at the printer's.

R. A. plans to re-enter the Institute in March.

December also saw the return of Bill Clark and J. D. Stout. Both of these boys plan to return in March. At the present time Bill is living in the house, trying to get back into the grind.

November brought the discharge of Brad Endicott from the service and his welcome return to the house and the school.

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cially dependent upon the assistance of the Trustees, who administered the payment of the larger debts of the house and collected the income of the house bills; in short, the relation of the Trustees to the members and pledges was that of landlord to tenant.

The summer term was highlighted by several successful parties. The first major one of the term was the original Paddy Murphy Party. The guest of honor was the skilfully modeled "corpse" of Paddy Murphy, reposing in a specially built coffin. One of the evening's most unexpected events was the explosion of a beer keg in the living room, resulting in stains which are still evident. "Wine, Women and Song" was indeed the keynote and dozens of guests enjoyed themselves. In fact, Alpha Theta's party was judged by many to be the most successful of the three campus celebrations held that week-end. The same week-end the chapter and dates trekked to Ipswich for a relaxing beach party.

The Class of 2-'47 was regularly initiated on September 24. A princely initiation banquet followed, attended by a number of visiting Sigs.

At the close of the term in October, Brothers Brannan, Moore, Lambert, and Mayer were transferred to Midshipman school; Brother Coit enlisted in the Naval Radio Training Program.

Fall Term, 1944

Shortly after the inception of the fall term of 1944, Brothers Devine and Hendershott enlisted in the Naval Radio Training Program.

Alpha Theta Chapter did not pledge any freshmen at the beginning of the 1944 fall term. Unfortunately, the chapter was gradually losing members to the armed forces without replacing them, and consequently suffered something of a decline through-

out the rest of the year and for a part of the next. The officers included Freiberger as Consul, Bennett as Pro Consul, and Stuart Edgerly as Annotator; by December there were twenty-six active members, a rather low number for successful finances.

During the term another I.F.C. week-end was held.

Before the Christmas vacation the chapter held an eggnogg party, at which each member gave a present with a pertinent rhyme to another member. During the vacation those brothers in New York City gathered for an enjoyable party at the Hotel Astor.

Although the Institute required its students to be back at classes even before January 1st, one boisterous member helped see the New Year in noisily by throwing lighted firecrackers in the dormitory on New Year's Eve.

At the end of the term Brothers Conger and Endicott left for the Air Corps, Jenkins joined the Navy V-12 Program, William Edgerly also entered the Navy, and Brother Bergmann was inducted into the Army.

Spring Term, 1945

The chapter began the term by pledging six men: Robert Dennis (pledged after Christmas, but in the March pledge class), Thomas Monroe, William McGorum, Antonio Ortiz (Armstrong), Casper Ranger III, and Edward Belcher. About two weeks later McGorum left for the armed service, and so was not initiated. The new officers for the term included Ritchie as Consul, Stuart Edgerly as Pro Consul and Starin as Quaestor. There were twenty-one active members in April.

Known as the "Third Term" to the class of 2-'47 (Meullen et al), the Spring Term was not especially notable. Informal beer parties and celebrations were somewhat frequent. Another enjoyable Junior Prom Week-end was held. One of the major social events of the term was a party which Brother Endicott

held for the chapter at his home.

A regular initiation was held on May 20, 1945, and the chapter roll of active membership was increased by Brothers Dennis, Monroe, Ortiz, Ranger and Belcher. At the end of the term in June Brothers Monroe and Ranger left the chapter to enter the Navy. Brothers Freiberger and Ritchie were graduated from the Institute and so became inactive. Ritchie, however, remained in the house while he worked over at the Institute.

Summer Term, 1945

Alpha Theta Chapter began the summer term of 1945 promisingly with the pledging of nineteen entering freshmen of the Class of 2-'48 and two Navy V-12 trainees, in the following order: Robert W. Stout, George Hossfeld, Andrew Snow, Robert Dean, Alexander D'Arbeloff, Jon Benedict, Frank Staples, Robert C. Stout, Guy May, Edwin McLeod, Jack Kaleher, Robert Ellsworth, James Orr, Edwin Lord, David Stallard, John Main, Edmund Bolton, Martin Moul (Navy), Bruce Calhoun, Paul Egan and John Peck (Navy). Early in Rush Week (week of July 9), Brother Herbert McShane from Gamma Upsilon Chapter at Mississippi State College, affiliated with this chapter and began a mixed freshman schedule. The Rushing Chairman and subsequent Pledge Trainer was Robert C. Drye.

Prior to the July Rush Week the active brothers of Alpha Theta Chapter were: Henry T. Howland, Robert Fauvre (Navy), Winchell T. Hayward (Navy), Hunter Bennett, John Taylor (Navy), Robert Spoerl (Navy), Stuart Edgerly (Navy), William Casey (Navy), William Osgood (Navy), Norman Meullen, Robert Drye, Watt Webb, James Ryder, Robert Dennis (Navy), Antonio Ortiz (Armstrong), and Edward Belcher. Brothers John Leschen, a graduate student from the class of 1940, and Bill Ritchie remained

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Addresses of Alumni In and Out of Service

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- Lt. W. B. Scott, 0553013, 343 Engineer Regt., A.P.O. 758, c/o Postmaster, New York City.
- Lt. William H. Schlegel, U.S.M.C.R., A Co. 2nd Pioneer Bn., 2nd Marine Division F.M.F., c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
- Jack Freiburger, 1917 West Colvin Street, Syracuse, N. Y.
- Lt. Courtney H. Reeves, 0557443, Co. H 19th Inf., A.P.O. 24, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
- Lt. Bob Breck, 0556942, Co. A 387th Inf., A.P.O. 445, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
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- Howie Hendershott, 3889 Monte Vista, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.
- Jim Langley, 532 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.
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- Lt. John T. Lumis, O-1335949, Hqs. 3rd Bn., 349th Inf. Regt., A.P.O. 88, c/o Postmaster, New York City.
- Ben Parran, 3734 Oliver St. N.W., Washington, D. C.
- Howard Bollinger, 1809 Parkside Drive, Washington, D. C.
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- Tom Devine, 3550 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

Saleswoman: "I'm representing the Sheep Hill Wool Co. Would you be interested in some coarse yarns?"

McShane: "Sure, let's hear a couple."

Bennett: "What do you do to keep yourself clean?"

Howland: "I wash my face and hands in the morning and neck at night."

Belcher: "Something tells me that I'm going to be sick tonight."

Starin: "What makes you think so?"

Belcher: "Inside information."

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brothers returned July 1 to await the entering freshmen.

Bright and early Monday morning Brother Drye staggered down to South Station and met Andrew Snow of Washington, D. C., our first rushee. Andy was pledge number three, but we are getting ahead of our story. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were the big rushing days. Freshmen filled the house from 8:00 A. M. to 12:00 P. M. and it was not usually until about three that the brothers got to bed. Up at seven, to clean up the house and arrange the day's program. Unlike many other houses the chapter did little entertaining, since with limited manpower—twenty brothers—it was felt that we would have to sell ourselves as a house rather than as vaudeville. Wednesday night the tension was eased somewhat when we got our first pledge, Robert W. Stout, brother of J. D. Stout, '45, of Washington, D. C. Thursday brought four more pledges. Friday, for some unexplained reason, no one pledged. By Saturday morning the brothers were so haggard that they were hardly able to turn much charm loose on the few straggling first-visit men still coming in. Saturday and Sunday pledges poured in, due to a large extent to the efforts of the first five pledges, who were able to keep in close contact with their classmates, particularly at Freshman Camp. Chapter meeting found us with sixteen pledges, and a large number of bids still out. At this point Brothers Spoerl and Edgerly pointed out that there was a large preponderance of upper-classmen in the Navy group in the house. Consequently some limited Navy rushing was carried on for the rest of the week, and Martin Moul (a pledge at Maryland) of Hyattsville, Maryland, together with Johnny Peck of Spokane, Washington, were pledged. Further civilian pledg-

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ing brought the total to 21 pledges, an all-time record. The class: Robert W. Stout, Washington, D. C.; George Hossfeld, Manhasset, New York; Andy Snow, Washington, D. C.; Bob Dean, Wellesley, Massachusetts; Alex D'Arbeloff, Mamaroneck, New York; Jon Benedict, Port Washington, New York; Al Staples, Concord, New Hampshire; Robert C. Stout, Kansas City, Missouri; Guy May, Williamstown, Kansas; Ed McCleod, Cranston, Rhode Island; Jack Kaleher, Chicago, Illinois; Bob Ellsworth, Buffalo, New York; Jim Orr, Buffalo, New York; Ed Lord, Medford, Massachusetts; Dave Stallard, Yonkers, New York; Ed Bolton, Concord, Massachusetts; John Main, Bronxville, New York; Bruce Calhoun, Crestwood, New York; Marty Moul, Hyattsville, Maryland; Paul Egan, Belmont, Massachusetts, and Johnny Peck, Spokane, Washington. This filled the house nearly to capacity, and rushing tended to fall off for the rest of the term, although some limited rushing was conducted. After V-J Day, with the prospect of the at least partial return of '44, '45 and '46, there was some discussion as to rushing during the November Rush Week. However, it was felt that some new blood was necessary, and that the chapter could always expand into annexes if necessary. Les Cline, from Lower Merion, Pennsylvania, who had a bid from the July Rush Week, pledged at this time. Shortly before Christmas our rushing program bore fruit when Norman "Buzz" Baumgartner of Chicago pledged. In the second week of January, two more boys pledged: Bob Gillmeister of Oak Park, Illinois, and Andy Pfeiffenberger of Alton, New York. There are still a small number of bids out, and limited rushing of civilians, particularly of veterans, will continue until June, at which time the Rush Week for October,

1946, will be organized. With most of the brothers taking a summer vacation, we ought to be able to return to the peace-time rushing system and avoid such a difficult Rush Week next fall. We are also, of course, not quite so much affected by a manpower shortage, since next fall will see the return of several men from 2-'47, and brothers from '45 and '46 will be returning to M.I.T.

The rushing program over the past year has been handled by Brothers Bob Spoerl, Bob Drye and Norm Meullen. Fortunately all three of these experienced men have been able to work together closely without ever facing the problem of July, 1944, when only one or two of the chapter had ever seen a large Rush Week. However, certain difficulties have arisen. War-time schedules have prevented the usual pre-Rush Week filtering, causing an overload on the numerically reduced house. Food problems during Rush Week have reduced to beans for periods of time. Still, the house has maintained a consistent opposition to "lead-pipe" tactics and feel that the standards of rushing have been kept up reasonably well considering the difficulties.

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the usual incumbents ambled on down to the SAE's at 484 Beacon. The dance itself was a big success with the Statler rocking to the stepping of M.I.T.'s brown baggers and assorted dates. To touch off a perfect week-end, three fraternity parties on Saturday night turned out equally well.

It didn't take long for the house to turn back to a normal schedule and marks took a sharp upswing near the final stretch. Aside from those specific events just mentioned, though, a number of old and traditional trademarks of life at the house are often seen and heard repeated; new customs develop every day

or so. Any night in the week, for instance, there is the famous and long-established horse and goggle for the extras at the dinner table, and afterwards you can always enjoy a cup of coffee in the music room and listen to the rendering of the latest ballad by Brothers Meullen and Langley. Meander upstairs and drop into the second large back and you'll be sure to see several of the less strong-willed leaning out, far, far out of the back window and hanging on each long-drawn note of the "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" as interpreted by Miss Cooper of the Fensgate in the hotel's popular outdoor Satire Room. Being careful not to shut the door too loudly less several of the more (physically) unbalanced should fall off the ledge, turn toward the library and witness a few strange sights. First of all you'll be bound to stumble over the prostrate bodies of Teetertot (Bob Ellsworth) or Hoss (Hossfeld) after one or the other has been defeated in the evening's general mixup. Then notice the still present heads of those ancient deer "Joe and Mabel." If you'll look closely, the better half has acquired a new vice, for Joe is casually drooling a cigarette out of his mouth nowadays. Like his Russian counterpart, Joe sees all, says nothing, and smokes on.

Without doubt, regardless of when you last visited the Chapter house, the third large back was occupied quite extensively by Mo Leschen. Well, Mo is still occupying extensively. His collection of New York Times editions now rivals that of the Library of Congress, several piles of them nearly reaching the ceiling. It's rumored that the only way John Raullerson can keep any kind of order is to slip a few copies from the bottom each day and burn them quickly. Leschen doesn't know this, of course—he thinks that they just settle with time. Fill your lungs with one last gulp of all the news that's fit to print

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in the house as inactive members. Philip Starin and Austin Marx had obtained leaves of absence from M.I.T. and had surrendered active membership at the close of the Spring Term, anticipating their being sworn into the armed services.

Shortly after Rush Week Brother Ryder, expecting to be drafted soon, left M.I.T. for his home in Charleston, West Virginia. Later, Brother Fauvre in the Navy V-12 was given a new assignment and consequently left M.I.T. and this chapter.

The Summer Term included a number of parties, formal and informal. One of the first was a quiet beer stag party, where the pledges and members became better acquainted. Later, the "Milk Party" was held, with flavored milk as refreshment, many of the members and pledges being unwilling to have anything alcoholic. Dates and non-members were invited, and a highlight of the evening was the recording of "The Sweetheart Song" and other Sigma Chi songs on Brad Endicott's machine.

Early in August most of the house, together with dates, drove to Ipswich for a beach party. Despite some painful sunburns the party was most enjoyable. Within less than a week came the radio announcement of the Allied victory over Japan and the whole house stopped work for two days to celebrate. Many informal celebrations took place, and the A-Y Club's membership was swelled amazingly.

Freshman - sophomore spirit ran high before and during Field Day, resulting in numerous *en masse* brawls and the exile of Robert Drye to Lynn by his pledge class.

The most significant and important social event of the term was the Interfraternity Conference Week-end, September 28-30. By the first arrangement of its kind for several years, SAE's

dates together with those of our members stayed at our Chapter house Friday and Saturday nights, our members being the guests of the SAE house on those nights. The dance itself was held at the Hotel Statler and the following night our members were guests at three different house parties, given by Theta Chi, SAE and ATO. The week-end was universally proclaimed a success.

At the close of the Summer Term Brothers William Osgood, Robert Dennis, Martin Moul and John Peck were reassigned by the Navy to different training centers and so became inactive members. Of the new initiates, Frank Staples left the Institute, expecting to return after one or possibly two terms, and Edwin McLeod was inducted into the Army.

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and perambulate into the third small front.

Issuing from behind the door which bears the singular title, "Cocktail Bar," the loud drone of snores which you hear can be easily identified as the patented product of none other than "Flash" Bennett, the "Energy Enigma" of modern science. You needn't think that you'll awaken him by tripping over that wastebasket so conveniently placed in the center of the room. After being in the same room with W³ for several terms, he's getting used to sleeping through all sorts of mutterings and ejaculations — "(&\$% #)'& those &!# ('@1/4 Mechanics problems anyway!"

If you're hardy, try to climb to the polar regions and visit the fourth floor for just a minute. On reaching the top, the first thing you'll be struck by is a frigid blast, but that's just because you accidentally opened the door to the dorms. About face and enter the spacious living quarters in the front often termed the "Quiet Room." Not a word can be spoken here after

the hour of eight. From then until the wee small hours, it requires a special pass to gain admittance to the room. Nowadays the door is no longer locked, of course. Having it removed from the hinges once or twice was enough to keep the boys from continuing that particular procedure.

That is about the way things go from day to day. Late at night there's always the sound of Hoss blowing away mellowly on his horn, competing with the soft clack-clack of the ping-pong balls during a fast game, and just above in the music room Porky (W. Stout) will be hammering away at Finlandia, not quite so expertly. On week-ends there's often a record dance and once or twice a term a bigger blowout, such as the Paddy Murphy Party. On such occasions, Russ Faust and wife usually serve as the very understanding chaperons, and it is not unknown for Father Ritchie to pay his respects at such times.

Every day now we get word of more Sigs who are coming back from the war, and occasionally we hear of one who will never come back. Among the latter, for instance, are Brothers McClave and McKelvey. To these two especially, who, along with Brother Freiberger, managed to keep the house running alone after the draft had nearly closed the Chapter, we will ever be thankful. Those of us who knew them counted it a privilege not to be forgotten, and those of us who will know them only through their indelible impression on the existence of this Chapter wish that we might have had the same honor.

Among the brothers returning to Tech are Bill Clark, Ted Davis, J. D. Stout, Bob Plachta, Wally Dunlop, and Tommy Munroe. With the end of the war and rising Chapter membership, prospects for the fraternity are more than encouraging and spirits are high. In the coming term Sig life will hit its full stride.