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# Introduction

**A**T THE May 19-21, 1978 meeting of the Executive Committee, the writer was formally requested to compile a complete history of the Fraternity for the years 1955 to 1980. At the time of its conception, there was concern that the history of this period should not be published until a few years after the time period it would cover. Some people believed that a reasonable amount of time should be allowed to pass to give perspective to the activities of more recent years. And there were some who felt that issues relating to the divisive membership selection issues were still too sensitive to be presented openly, if at all. Nevertheless, the mid 1980s seemed to be a logical goal for publication.

The writing and editing of this history proved to be a larger than expected task for both the author and the Fraternity's expanded publications staff. More than 10 years elapsed from the inception of the enterprise. The author may admit now that had the long and difficult road been known in advance, he could hardly have felt bold enough to undertake it. Like every task worthy of achievement, however, the difficulties of the route fade from memory at its completion, and the Fraternity historian is glad if these labors may be deemed of enduring value for Sigma Chi. Presentation of this history in the late 1980s seems to have given a richer perspective of the accomplishments of the period, while sensitivities have aged or disappeared.

A publication comprising one volume was first mapped out under substantially the same plan that has been followed in final publication. As stated in the writer's original memorandum to the Executive Committee, "The history should be a narrative of the events of the Fraternity through the twenty-five year period. To the casual reader, the volume should provide interesting reading and a grasp of how the Fraternity evolved through the period. To the student of our history, the volume should provide an accurate dissertation of the facts as well as the opportunity for more extensive research."

From the beginning, the goal was to match as closely as possible the format of the seven volume "History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity" by Joseph C. Nate, Illinois Wesleyan '90. Dr. Nate's death prevented publication of the last three volumes. It is the hope of the writer that all of the volumes written by Dr. Nate will be published and reprinted, and in coming years will be seen on the shelf with the current volume.

The extensive and devoted work of Order of Constantine charter member Robert M. Collett, Denison '15, author of the 500-page "The Centennial History of Sigma Chi Fraternity," is also hereby recognized. Published in commemoration of the Fraternity's Centennial celebration in 1955, the one volume Centennial History was edited by Editor of Publications Merrill E. "Boz" Prichard, Illinois '48, and Managing Editor Richard C. Schurman, Maine '52. It recorded the Fraternity's history up to the beginning of the Fraternity's Centennial Grand Chapter, the official launching point of this volume.

## Historical Background

The resolution regarding the preparation of this history was recommended by Grand Historian Robert E. LeClerg, Maryland '52. Brother LeClerg at that time generously endorsed the writer's capability of accomplishing the task. In addition, the project was endorsed by Editor of Publications Fred F. Yoder, Ohio '57, and Executive Secretary William T. Bringham Sr., Illinois Wesleyan '46. It is not necessary to restate here these official and personal relations. They have now extended through a long period of years. The more or less personal acquaintance with active and alumni members and Grand Officers of the Fraternity during this period has included many of the Fraternity and chapter leaders through all the years following the writer's initiation in 1970. Above that, these lifetime friendships have added beyond measure to the joy of the task.

In 1978, Grand Historian LeClerg initiated a plan for tape recording historical interviews of prominent members of the Fraternity. He stated then, "For several years now there has existed a realization that we should be preserving the recorded recollections of many of our past and current leaders. This project will be the beginning of an effort to establish an archive of living voices - the personal accounts of our past and present leaders and brothers who have played a significant role in the Fraternity's history. Such an archive of living voices will complement our written archive down through the years. We would anticipate that some of the information will be invaluable in compiling future history of the Fraternity and updating past accounts. We want the *full story*—our historical archives deserve it."

The genius and timely execution of this program by LeClerg, with the assistance of the several brothers who conducted the interviews, was prophetic. The remarks and documentation of events in these interviews were critical to the writing of this history. The various interviewers are noted where direct quotation was made, and they included the following: Robert D. Bash, Indiana '40; Douglas R. Carlson, Minnesota '73; Robert W. Davies, Toronto '40; Marvin D. "Swede" Johnson, Arizona '50; Robert E. LeClerg; William H. O'Brien, Indiana '47; David A. Prichard, Illinois '75; and Fred Yoder.

The issues of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* during the period contain many historical studies, editorial writings, chapter letters, and personal mention, all of high value for historical purposes. The first editor during the period, Jack E. Pearson, Whitman '52, was largely supplemented and assisted by Fred Yoder, who succeeded him in 1972.

Four Associate Editors during the several years of preparation were of great assistance: John D. Estes, Drake '81, was of particular assistance in the solicitation and collection of campus historical sketches and photographs, as was John Troutman, Tennessee-Knoxville '82. David R. Drum, Utah & California-Irvine '86, was invaluable in the ad-

ministration of final editing, indexing and production. Sherman D. Leibow, Nevada & Arizona State '86, coordinated the photograph selection and photograph descriptions. Editorial Assistants Laura Harza and Gail Evans contributed their research and typing skills to the project.

The 25 volumes of the Fraternity magazine from 1955 to 1980 include nearly 10,000 pages of printed material. Twenty-five years of *The Sigma Chi Bulletin*, which was published separately before becoming part of *The Magazine* in the early 1970s, contain some 1,500 pages of minutes, legislation, and reports. For the period, there have been more than 35,000 pages of record books, scrapbooks, leaflets, programs and pamphlets. The files of Grand Consul and Headquarters correspondence for the period are in excess of 125,000 pages. Of all this material, every page has required careful inspection. This single phase of the work of compiling the history may serve to suggest something of the extent of the entire task.

The writer is indebted to several historical students of Sigma Chi through the years. Their work and research has benefited this volume. The names of many collaborators, with statements of special contributions of material, will be found with the successive chapters of this volume. Even so, the adequate mention of all has undoubtedly failed at times. The appreciation of the heart does not fail, for the contribution of these helpers has made this volume possible.

The accounts of the establishment of our chapters regularly include a sketch of the educational institution where each has had its life. This is in keeping with the viewpoint that any chapter of Sigma Chi is but a part of the educational purpose of its institution. Source material for the histories of institutions has not always been easy to secure. Individual credit for the source has not always been possible regarding material forwarded by the institutions, but it is given where known.

As an aid to readers who have not had occasion to associate regularly with some of the Fraternity's somewhat unique terminology, a guide to these terms is included in the appendix. It constitutes a refresher course in the meaning of terms such as "Quaestor" and "Magister," and clarifies references to "active chapters," as differentiated from "alumni chapters."

The number of Grand Officers elected and re-elected at each biennial Grand Chapter—as many as 70 or 80 each time—has necessitated a format of naming each of the many Grand Praetors and Grand Trustees only when first elected to that particular office. In similar form, the school and graduation year of a brother generally is not repeated when his name re-appears.

A single name has been reserved for final mention. It is that of the veteran and loyal Sigma Chi John W. Graham, Q.C., Toronto '33, of Toronto, Ontario. His interest in the development of the history of the period 1955–1980 has been unceasing. The highest values and working

purposes of the Fraternity have claimed his constant devotion since his college days. During the preparation of this volume, he read practically the entire manuscript. His suggestions for the work have been of great value. Former historical statements of Brother Graham's about members, chapters, and affairs of the General Fraternity, constituted invaluable source material.

In this effort to acknowledge help and courtesies extended by many members of the Fraternity, the Executive Committees and Publications Boards that guided "The History of Sigma Chi 1955 to 1980" to its publication have by no means been overlooked. The chairmen of the Publications Board since the undertaking of this project have been Robert E. LeClerc; James A. Vrugink, Central Michigan '70; and David A. Prichard, under whose direction the volume is now published. The cover is adapted from the original Nate history design by Robert C. Spencer, Wisconsin 1886.

We feel assured that our fellow Greek-letter organization members will overlook in this volume the emphasis on the progress and triumphs of Sigma Chi, due to our own pride and joy in these records. To us the story of Sigma Chi is of great achievement, of royal men and their successes in college and later life. It is believed that Sigma Chi has had its fair proportion of such men. For these men and their accomplishments, we are grateful. Every Greek-letter group has its own wonder stories which enrich its own noble traditions. It is hoped that the spirit of appreciation for our own history has in no instance seemed to imply a failure of appreciation of our brother and sister Greeks of other names.

## Historical Documents—Original Writings

This volume contains many verbatim entries from books of minutes and historic documents quoted at length. It has been thought wise to include these in what may even seem excessive detail. These official and informal records of the affairs of the White Cross are hidden away in many old volumes and archives widely scattered. In years past, similar priceless material has become lost to us. It seemed advisable to preserve many of these records.

## The Historical Periods

The conventional arrangement of this volume into administrative periods by Grand Consuls' terms of office follows the format of the earlier histories compiled by Joseph C. Nate. The development of the Fraternity in this period and the lives of its leaders are an inspiration. The record seeks to picture faithfully the zeal, characteristic methods of work, and achievements of each for the Fraternity.

During the period 1955-1980, two recurring themes spanned more than one administrative period in Sigma Chi. The issue of membership

selection—whereby the selection of members based on race, religion or national origin became a source of increasing divisiveness—was prominent on the Fraternity's agenda from 1950 through 1970. The period of unrest on campuses in the United States, and the general trends and attitudes associated with it, extended from 1968 to 1973.

The mention of the period of campus unrest and the underlying Vietnam conflict causes the writer to add a further thought. It is the sense that war cannot seem glorious because of its awfulness as a method for the settlement of human differences. Having been an undergraduate at the height of the conflict, the writer remembers well the great differences on the U.S. campuses between those who would and did loyally serve in the conflict, and those who refused to do so. It is difficult to look upon the pictured faces of those young wearers of the White Cross who paid the last full measure of devotion in those years. To all, it was a period that has had a lasting influence.

The study of each period of time in this history should be undertaken with the realization that circumstances, perceptions and procedures varied during its 25-year course. The generation gap between undergraduates and alumni has varied from nearly non-existent to vast, and back again. Colleges and universities treated students with varying levels of control and concern. Within Sigma Chi the pendulum has swung back and forth in the extent of autonomy formally or informally granted to undergraduate chapters on matters such as membership selection and the use of alcohol. Yet, the fundamental values Sigma Chis have attempted to live and serve for have constituted a continuing purpose. Successive periods in the life of undergraduate chapters have been shaped by the members' regard for the values and goals for which the White Cross stands. The enduring nature of Sigma Chi has been proven to be in loyalty to "that standard of manhood that is noblest and best," and not to passing achievement in formal or informal contests. Our greatest need as fraternity men is that our organizations be regarded as constructive parts of our institutions of learning. Success in establishing that viewpoint of our work will ennoble our brotherhood and assure our future in college life.

## In Conclusion

In the accomplishment of a large undertaking there is always great satisfaction. Difficulties overcome and goals finally reached are their own rewards. The work has furnished opportunities for renewal of friendships extending over many years and has led to new friendships with spirited young Sigs. These are the rewards for the writer.

It will be the greatest award for the historian if, through our history, college men are encouraged to persevere through life in their own pursuit of the ideals of the White Cross. May the story of men building

upon our foundations serve as a continuing inspiration for those who will be the builders of tomorrow.

All study of history is like the study of a living stream. It is a stream whose course may bend here and there, and which may be interrupted here or there. Currents and eddys in the movement reveal themselves. But the current within its banks is unified and its course is ever onward.

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Minneapolis  
December 26, 1988

*Editors' note: A photo and biographical information about Brother Carlson appears in the appendix.*

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# Dedication

**T**HE MOST comprehensive history of the Sigma Chi Fraternity's first 75 years was organized into seven volumes, each a memorial to a Founder of the Fraternity. The present history is supplemental to these former volumes, four of which were published, and is designed with respect to their design. In addition, the present book represents a departure from the dedication to Founders, and is dedicated to Joseph C. Nate, Illinois Wesleyan '90, author of that monumental history. His record of dedication and loyalty to the Fraternity is without parallel:

Joseph Cookman Nate  
For 43 Years He Served Sigma Chi  
Grand Quaestor, 1890-1899  
Grand Consul, 1899-1901  
Grand Trustee, 1903-1909  
Research Historian, 1909-1921  
Grand Historian, 1921-1933  
Grand Tribune, 1927-1933

At his last Grand Chapter, just one month prior to his passing in 1933, he presented a tribute to those who had passed to the Chapter Eternal. In his address he made the extraordinary remark:

"May I be pardoned for saying that, as those who have paid the previous beautiful tributes of this hour have been close associates and friends of those of whom they spoke, so I seem personally to have known nearly all of those whose names have been spoken today."

It is believed that at the time of his passing, after having been active in the affairs of the Fraternity for 43 years, he had met or was personally acquainted with most of the then-living Sigma Chis.

Founder Benjamin Piatt Runkle said:

"We boys, all of us, young and old, love Joe Nate. He and I bear the same Cross, only he bears it with a grace that is no gift of mine. We both think the same thoughts, sometimes, only he thinks them more purely and clearly than I. I want to say this much to you, and you may say it to as many other brothers as may please you. Some of us may not be as near right as Brother Nate but when he takes his stand for the thing that ought to be, he will find us with him, and if I am not mistaken, such stand will be to our honor and for the good of Sigma Chi."

Brother Nate knew the Founders, and he made himself understand their thoughts. He recorded various testimonies regarding their high purposes for their Fraternity in the first volume of the History. His consciousness of the real nature of Sigma Chi combined with his lifetime loyalty to serving the Fraternity have caused him to be the only one remembered, appropriately if not factually, as the "Eighth Founder."

The Rev. Joseph Cookman Nate, A.B. Illinois Wesleyan University 1890, LL.B. Northwestern University 1892, D.D. Miami University



All of Sigma Chi paid tribute to Dr. Nate following his death.

(Ohio) 1909, lawyer, clergyman, author, historian, educator, and administrator was of English and new England ancestry. He was born at Evanston, Illinois, on March 26, 1868, where his infancy and youth were contemporaneous with that of Omega Chapter of Sigma Chi at Northwestern University. Following graduation from the law department of Northwestern University in 1892, he pursued special courses of study in the University of Berlin and traveled extensively in Europe. For some years he practiced law in Chicago.

In 1899 he renewed a purpose of his college years and entered the ministry of the Methodist Church. He was of the third generation of clergymen by direct descent in his family. Dr. Nate's pastorates were characterized by steady success. For many years he served on the board of trustees of various educational institutions. By 1927 Dr. Nate had



Nate is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Bloomington, Illinois.

entered into fulltime service to the Fraternity with his election to the office of Grand Tribune, which was at that time the college and university visitation officer. His many accomplishments for the Fraternity all throughout his life would fill a volume.

He was married to Ruth E. Evans on November 12, 1892. Mrs. Nate was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, and the history written by Dr. Nate was dedicated to his lifelong companion. In his later years as visitation officer, Mrs. Nate often accompanied Dr. Nate on visits to undergraduate chapters. Their son, Joseph Nate Jr. was initiated into Alpha Iota chapter, Illinois Wesleyan University, class of 1923. Their daughters were Mrs. Ronald V. Rieke and Mrs. George W. Liljestrom, whose husband was of the class of 1917 at Beta Gamma Chapter, Colorado College.

In every respect, Dr. Nate was born a Sigma Chi. The ideals of the Fraternity appealed to him from childhood. The symbols possessed his mind and heart, and the White Cross to him was a great inspiration. He lived Sigma Chi and liberally gave all the time, soul and spirit he had to it. The more he thought of it, the more he was impressed with this great opportunity, not only for serving Sigma Chi but for serving humanity, and especially the college world:

While his standards were high, he could always find a way to smooth out the errors and faults of other people. During the years of his maturity, he never sought a fight, but he never dodged one. He loved Sigma Chis, and they knew it. He did not have to tell about his love; it was always discernable. He would sit and talk among undergraduates, and they would feel perfectly at home with him. He came to be known as

the most beloved of all Sigma Chis. His love and fullness of spirit in Sigma Chi inspired him to write:

The Cross means love your brother,  
The Scroll says, do your best,  
The friendly grasp of the hands' firm clasp  
Puts the troubled heart at rest.  
The eagle cries, look upward  
To the dome of heaven's blue.  
Cling might and main to the golden chain,  
And the keys will let you through.

His passing to the Chapter Eternal on July 10, 1933 is regarded as the greatest loss the Fraternity has ever suffered. The outpouring of tributes was without parallel. The Fraternity dedicated an impressive memorial monument over his resting place on September 6, 1935.

Above and beyond all that may be said, Joe Nate was a friend and brother to all Sigs. He was and ever will be the embodiment of Sigma Chi—an ideal for the emulation of every wearer of the White Cross.



# Chapter I

## A Look Back to the Future

### The First 100 Years

"We are thankful for the past one hundred years. We look forward confidently to the next century. There is truly as great a joy in the journey as there is in the journey's end.

"There have been some great men who have not been Sigma Chis. Perhaps the secret of their success is that they have somehow, some way, stumbled upon that great enlightenment, that rich legacy, that vision, that Sigma Chi offers to each of her sons.

"Yes, the true success of Sigma Chi is in the striving, the effort to become better, the struggle to improve. May it always be a part of Sigma Chi, as it has been in the past one hundred years, and be a part of each and every Sigma Chi so long as he wears the Cross of purest white serene and richest gold."

*The Hon. Stanley N. Barnes, California—Berkeley '22, at the 1955 Grand Chapter, during the final days of his term as 37th Grand Consul.<sup>1</sup>*

#### SETTING THE STAGE - SIGMA CHI'S FIRST CENTURY

THE YEAR 1955 represents a logical point from which to start a history of Sigma Chi if only from the perspective of beginning its second hundred years. There seems to be something aesthetic about the first quarter of the second century. Researching the year 1955 and the events leading up to it reveals that this centennial era was the beginning of a formidable departure from some aspects of the past. The nature of the situation at the beginning of the 25-year period was to have a distinct impact upon the Fraternity.

As a matter of background, the Sigma Chi Fraternity was founded at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, on June 28, 1855. The Founders of the Fraternity were Thomas Cowan Bell, James Parks Caldwell, Daniel William Cooper, Isaac M. Jordan, William Lewis Lockwood, Benjamin Piatt Runkle, and Franklin Howard Scobey. Six of the Founders had been initiated into the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and severed their ties with that fraternity over a vehement disagreement concerning the selection of a poet to the Erodelphian literary society on the Miami campus. Following the separation from Delta Kappa Epsilon, these six associated with Lockwood to form Sigma Chi.

The separation from Delta Kappa Epsilon and the previous frater-

nal experience of six of the Founders gave the founding group a particularly distinct feeling about what a fraternity should and should not be. The character of Sigma Chi, particularly its Ritual, aims and ideals, reflect the Founders' idea of fraternity. The Preamble to the first Constitution-Ritual of Sigma Chi read as follows:

Believing that many advantages are to be derived from a secret fraternity organization; appreciating that closer communion of kindred hearts which adds so many incentives to virtuous exertion; and feeling that in union there is strength: we do hereby form ourselves into an association for the development of the nobler powers of the mind, the finer feelings of the heart, and for the promotion of friendship and congeniality of feeling.

The fraternal association of the earliest members of the Fraternity was characterized by strong brotherhood and enduring friendship. A study of the history of Sigma Chi is not complete without careful examination of the the origins of the Fraternity and an understanding of the nature of fraternity as envisioned and practiced by the Founders. Regarding the matter of examination of the origins of the Fraternity, particular reference is made here to Volume I of "The History of the Sigma Chi Fraternity" by Joseph C. Nate.

Throughout the Fraternity's history, variance from the concepts envisioned and practiced by the Founders has often caused problems for chapters and their members, particularly in cases where a chapter assumes a predominantly social nature. Sigma Chi is fortunate that the extent and frequency of unfortunate situations in its history has been limited. The Fraternity may look back on a most glorious past built on a strong beginning.

Subsequent to the Founding, the young Fraternity survived the U.S. Civil War despite dwindling attendance in northern colleges and the withdrawal of students and undergraduate chapters in the South. A circumstance in the history of Sigma Chi without parallel in the fraternity world was the existence during the Civil War of a chapter in the Confederate Army, comprised of members serving under General Joseph E. Johnston in the Army of Tennessee. Called the Constantine Chapter, the group was organized by Harry St. John Dixon, Virginia 1861, and several other members, for the purpose of perpetuating Sigma Chi in the South, whatever the outcome of the war might be.

The Fraternity led a legal battle for its right to exist at Purdue University both on campus and in the courts from 1876 until the final decision in favor of Sigma Chi in 1882. The Purdue Case eventually became one of the greatest legal contests ever waged on behalf of the college fraternity system.

Publication of the Fraternity magazine, first entitled *The Sigma Chi*, began in 1881 under the leadership of Theta Chapter at Gettysburg College. Regular communications within the Fraternity and to the public would have been impossible without publication of this journal. In 1926, the publication became *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*.

In 1882 the Fraternity established a centralized form of government

with elected Grand Officers. With recurring improvements and adjustments, it has served Sigma Chi well.

The Fraternity moved into the 20th Century in high gear, with expansion efforts adding new chapters to the roll at the rate of about one per year.

In early 1911, two undergraduates at Alpha Pi Chapter, Albion College, teamed up to create the most famous and popular of all fraternity songs, "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi." Byron D. Stokes, '13, wrote the words one afternoon in class. He then gave them to chaptermate F. Dudleigh Vernor, '14, who set them to music the next day. The song was first sung at the 25th Anniversary Reunion of Alpha Pi Chapter in June of 1911.

After 67 years as a national organization, Sigma Chi became international when it installed Beta Omega Chapter at the University of Toronto in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on April 22, 1922.

As early as 1898, alumni discussed the establishment of an educational endowment to ensure that funds would be available for undergraduates in need of assistance to finish their undergraduate studies. This concept was given life on November 9, 1939 when the Sigma Chi Endowment Foundation was incorporated in Colorado. This important body later became known as the Sigma Chi Foundation.

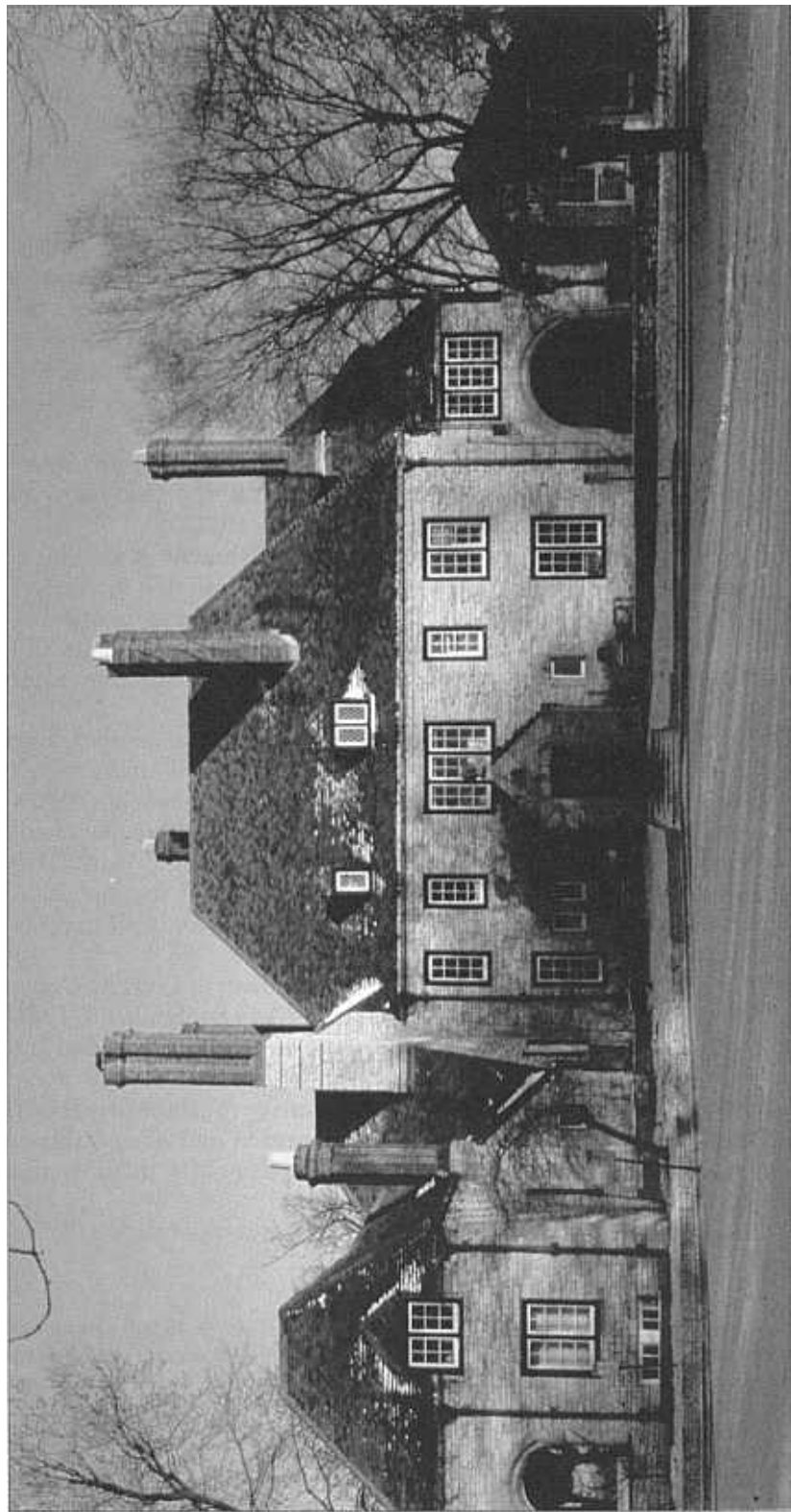
The various conflicts the United States and Canada entered into, including World Wars I and II, created special situations under which the Fraternity survived and functioned. Sigma Chi made notable contributions toward the winning of World War II. Of the nearly 10,000 members in uniform, 738 made the supreme sacrifice. Following World War II there was a great resurgence in undergraduate activity; chapter memberships increased by men returning from military service in addition to the usual chapter roll.

The first Leadership Training Workshop was held at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, August 31 to September 3, 1947. A total of 215 delegates from 82 of the 108 active chapters attended the event.

After 95 years of either no headquarters at all or renting office space, the Fraternity bought the Harley L. Clarke mansion on Lake Michigan in Evanston, Illinois, for a Memorial Headquarters office in 1950, and moved into it in February of 1951.

The following is a condensed statement of the state of Sigma Chi in the early months of the Centennial year:

Membership totals approximately 82,000, of whom about 68,000 are living. There are more than 9,650 Life Members. Of the 124 undergraduate chapters in the United States and Canada, 106 own their chapter houses. These houses and property have a total valuation of approximately \$7 million. A majority (12) of the other chapters live in houses owned by the schools. The other six are housed in dormitories. More than 70 of the chapters have housemothers. The Fraternity has 157 alumni organizations: 130 alumni chapters and 27 alumni associations. Sigma Chi's several endowment funds total approximately \$800,000. The Me-



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morial Headquarters and grounds have a book value of \$250,000. The Sigma Chi Foundation has assets of more than \$500,000.<sup>2</sup>

## THE MEMBERSHIP QUESTION - EARLY ISSUES

During World War II it came to the attention of the General Fraternity officers that several individuals and one or more of the undergraduate chapters believed that some of the prerequisites to membership in Sigma Chi were outdated and should be changed or eliminated. This belief gave rise to the first official discussions of this issue, which came to be known as "the membership question." With varying intensity, these discussions continued until early in the year 1970.

The Fraternity's membership requirements at that time, and for some time, had specified "bona fide white male student." Prior to the 1948 Grand Chapter in Seattle, Executive Secretary J. Russell Easton received a formal proposal from Hubert Reynolds, Colgate '36, then of Wuhu, China, to change some of the membership requirements.<sup>3</sup> The Committee on Constitutional Amendments appointed at that convention - after much spirited discussion - recommended that no immediate action be taken, save a further study of the problem and a report to the 1950 Grand Chapter. Grand Consul Sam C. Bullock appointed a standing Committee on Changing Conditions and Chapter Problems with Judge Stanley N. Barnes as chairman. In reporting to the 1950 Grand Chapter in Columbus, Ohio, the committee recommended "that no change (of the membership provisions) be presently made in our Constitution, but that the problem be made the subject of continuing study by the committee between Grand Chapters."<sup>4</sup>

As early as 1950, the pressing nature of the membership question focused on the fact that on at least 13 of the 119 campuses with Sigma Chi chapters, the issue was regarded as "very hot," and on at least a dozen more campuses it was considered "lukewarm." Institutions assumed to be likely sites for future chapters also recognized the problem.

## THE HEADQUARTERS STAFF AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For more than 28 years, no name was more consistently visible throughout the Fraternity than that of Chester W. Cleveland, Sigma Chi's 11th editor of publications. His tenure was by far the longest, and probably the most colorful, in the annals of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*.

The history of Sigma Chi publications would be utterly incomplete without mention of his time and efforts. Yet, for understandable reasons, his name and activities were virtually absent from print during the three decades following his resignation.

Some who were active during the period will perhaps be bothered by mention of his activities here. However, properly recorded history and fact can be neither a whitewash nor a glorification. There were too many

results of substance, both of a positive nature and in difficult lessons learned, to leave the record blank.

Cleveland, with his dominant, creative and hard-driving "press agent" personality, served as Grand Editor from 1921 until his resignation in 1949. During much of that time he was also Grand Historian. From 1922 to 1925 he also edited the magazine of the Chicago-based Sigma Delta Chi professional journalism society.<sup>5</sup>

Credited with having created the Significant Sig award, he was a prime mover in establishing the Life Membership program and in pushing *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* into a position of prominence in the Greek-letter world. Cleveland was also given to putting his own photo in *The Magazine*, usually with big name brothers. He visibly lived the "good life" although his salary was not especially large by standards of the time.

In mid-1949, in part somewhat by coincidence, it was discovered that Cleveland had for some time been receiving "kickbacks" from printing firms doing Sigma Chi business. He was forced to resign. The Fraternity chose not to take legal action against him, but did expel him from membership. For some time his expulsion was not published in any Fraternity journal, as was normally done for many years. However, the U.S. Government prosecuted, convicted and sentenced Cleveland to prison for tax evasion.<sup>6</sup>

This distressing experience resulted in a strengthening and tightening of the Fraternity's financial procedures, and a re-direction of publications policy and practices. The operation and the credibility of the Fraternity during the 1955 to 1980 period and beyond benefited substantially from the painful lessons learned in the unfolding of the Cleveland episode.

In addition, there had been other troublesome affairs which caused vacancies among the General Headquarters staff in 1954.<sup>7</sup> On April 1, 1954, William T. Bringham Sr., Illinois Wesleyan '46, was named Acting Executive Secretary by the Executive Committee. He served as the administrative officer of the Fraternity during the entire period, 1955-1980, and subsequently. It is impossible to comment adequately upon the extent of Brother Bringham's long and loyal contributions to Sigma Chi, which may be seen in every chapter of this history.<sup>8</sup>

His appearance as the chief executive of the Headquarters staff could not have been at a more opportune time, particularly recognizing the problems encountered earlier with various members of the Headquarters staff. These events, along with the general tendency by the members to want more representation as Sigma Chi grew in the postwar era, caused a change in the geographical make up of the Executive Committee membership by Grand Consul ruling and action of the 1954 Grand Council.

Previously, Executive Committee membership had been limited to men who lived in the vicinity of Chicago and did not necessarily include any of the Grand Officers of the Fraternity. Grand Consul Stanley N.



Members of the Executive Committee and some of the Grand Officers gathered at the newly-acquired Memorial Headquarters in the fall of 1952 to discuss plans for raising \$150,000 to cover the costs of its purchase. From left are Executive Committee Secretary Robert H. Irvine, (seated); Director of the Memorial Headquarters Fund Campaign William T. Cameron; Executive Committee member Kenneth Y. Craig; Executive Committee Chairman Carl P. Clare; Grand Quaestor Sheldon A. Weaver; Executive Committee Vice Chairman Frank S. Townsend; Grand Consul Stanley N. Barnes; Executive Committee member Keith H. Bliss; and Past Grand Consul John Neal Campbell.

Barnes and the members of the Grand Council believed the Fraternity had reached a time when air transportation and telecommunications had eliminated the need to concentrate the Executive Committee in one area. Barnes said, "It isn't healthy to have only one area represented in running a fraternity. Even though we had great men in Chicago." There had been the feeling by some that the Fraternity was a "two-headed animal," with the various officers throughout the United States and Canada and an Executive Committee consisting of Chicago alumni. All of these factors led to constitutional changes in the make-up of the Executive Committee at the 1955 Grand Chapter.

### **THE ADMINISTRATION OF STANLEY N. BARNES, 37th GRAND CONSUL**

Stanley N. Barnes, California-Berkeley '22, was born in Baraboo, Wisconsin on May 1, 1900. When Stan was one year old both of his parents were stricken with typhoid fever. His mother died and his father went to California on a stretcher in hopes of regaining his health in San Diego. Young Stan went through grade school and high school in San Diego. In high school he won a letter in debate, served as president of his senior class, and played three years of football. In 1918 he enlisted in the United States Navy, and was assigned to the Officer Candidate School at the University of California at Berkeley. There he played football for four years, and was an All-Coast player on the unbeaten 1920

and 1921 teams. He was elected to the National Football Hall of Fame in 1954.

He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1922 and began law school there the following school year. He attended Harvard Law School in the fall of 1923, and after a year there returned to California and received his juris doctor degree in 1925.

In 1925 he began his law practice in San Francisco, and after three years moved to Los Angeles. In 1946 California Governor Earl Warren appointed him judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, the largest court of original jurisdiction in the United States. The 158 judges of the Superior Court elected Stan as their presiding judge. Recalling an incident during his time on the bench there, he said:

*I was sitting in my chambers one day in Los Angeles when I received a phone call that said the Attorney General was calling. I thought that I was getting a crank call from one of my good Sigma Chi friends. I almost got too facetious on the telephone, saying, "and this is Napoleon Bonaparte," when I realized that the Attorney General of the United States was calling me. He wanted to know if I would come back to Washington and talk to him.*

The result was that President Eisenhower appointed Judge Barnes Assistant Attorney General of the United States for Antitrust, a position he held from 1953 to 1956, coinciding with his term as Grand Consul of Sigma Chi. In March 1956, Stan was appointed by President Eisenhower to be a judge of the United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, which he later served as Chief Judge, and Senior Circuit Judge.

He narrowly missed being appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1960. Barnes recounted a private conversation with Richard M. Nixon in 1960 at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. According to Barnes, Nixon said:

*I just wanted you to know, Stan, that Bill Rogers (Colgate '34) and I were in an airplane going from Washington to New York ten days before the election. We shook hands and said it looks pretty good. And I turned to Bill Rogers and said "Bill, one thing I want to tell you about, and that is if I am elected (against John F. Kennedy), I want to make Stan Barnes the next choice for Supreme Court, what do you think of that," and Bill said "That's fine."*<sup>9</sup>

Judge Barnes had been a close friend of Earl Warren and Richard Nixon, both Californians. On the occasion of Earl Warren's swearing in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the first order of business was a motion by then-Vice President Richard Nixon to admit Barnes to practice before the court.

Barnes served numerous civic, educational, and legal groups, including office as President of the University of California Alumni Association, and President of the Federal Bar Association.

He had the unusual distinction of having Founder Thomas Cowan Bell attend his Initiation. During his activity at Alpha Beta Chapter, Stan was one of the originators of the Channing Way Derby, the forerun-





Stanley N. Barnes in a 1948 photo, at which time he was a judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, California.

ner of Sigma Chi Derby Days. He also served his chapter as Annotator, Pro Consul, Consul and House Corporation Board Member.

As an alumnus, he was active with the San Francisco Alumni Chapter during his early legal career, and upon moving to Los Angeles became active with the alumni chapter there, serving as its President in 1933 and 1939.

He was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Changing Conditions and Chapter Problems by Grand Consul Sam C. Bullock following the 1948 Grand Chapter. This was the first committee appointed for the purpose of discussing what was believed to be a very serious problem of the Fraternity - the criteria for membership selection. As a result of his diligent work as Chairman of this committee, Barnes was elected a Grand Trustee at the 1950 Grand Chapter and served in that position until his election as Grand Consul in 1952.

It is difficult to imagine how one could be more perfectly prepared for the office of Grand Consul. His upbringing, education and his career led him to have a very definite understanding of friendship, justice, and learning, which are at the heart of the ideals of Sigma Chi. The Fraternity was most fortunate to have him serve as its chief executive at the time he did, particularly recognizing some of the difficult and overriding problems he was confronted with.



Entertaining the crowd with a magic trick during the "stag show" at the 1955 Grand Chapter was Master of Ceremonies Don Ward, assisted by Jimmy Rankin, at left, a relative of Grand Trustee James K. Rankin, and Executive Secretary William T. Bringham, at right.

### **THE 50th GRAND CHAPTER, JUNE 27-30, 1955, CINNINNATI AND OXFORD, OHIO**

Quite possibly the biggest thing that happened to the Fraternity since its founding was the celebration of its Centennial.

The 50th Grand Chapter was held in Cincinnati and Oxford, Ohio, June 27-30. George E. Mayer Jr., Cincinnati '39, was the General Chairman and James K. Morris, Minnesota '49, served as Centennial Coordinator. All records for attendance were broken as more than 2,000 Sigs, their wives and friends attended one or more of the sessions. Delegates were on hand from 120 of 124 active chapters and 83 alumni chapters.

Registration began on June 26 at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel. From all over the continent and from as far away as Hawaii, the multitude descended on Cincinnati by plane, train, automobile and some even by hitchhiking.

At the opening session Grand Consul Barnes gave the traditional

"State of Sigma Chi" address, a glowing report on the condition of the Fraternity. Subsequently, the committees began their meetings. Don Ward, Northwestern '42, master of ceremonies at the informal evening reception, performed an array of magic tricks, and cartoonist and Significant Sig Milton Caniff, Ohio State '30, delivered one of his famous chalk talks. Significant Sig Roger Ferger, Pennsylvania '16, publisher of *The Cincinnati Enquirer* called on his undergraduate experience as a drummer in a combo and demonstrated that he hadn't lost any of his skill.

The Fraternity's Ceremonies of Initiation were then given center stage as a team of brothers from about two dozen active chapters presented an Exemplification of the Ritual and initiated seven selected candidates from three chapters installed later in the year at Ripon College and Texas Christian and Texas Tech universities.

On Tuesday night came the traditional Literary Exercises. The International Balfour Award, annually presented to the most outstanding graduating senior, went to B. Kenneth West, Illinois '55, the third member from his chapter to receive the award. The practice of designating and honoring three finalists for the award did not begin until 1969.

The Grand Chapter Orator was United States Senator Barry Goldwater, Arizona '32. Significant Sig Rush H. Kress, Bucknell '00, presented a service award to Mrs. Jessie Millis, widow of the late Fred Millis, Hanover '11, for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Sigma Chi Foundation. Mrs. Isabella Caldwell Jones Davis, a niece of Founder James Parks Caldwell, presented an oil painting of her uncle to the Fraternity.

At the close of the meeting, a playlet written by noted Hollywood press agent Beverly Barnett, Oklahoma State '34, and his wife, was presented by the men of Beta Chi Chapter, Emory University. This fine playlet depicted in great detail the first meeting of the Constantine Chapter. Milton Caniff had accurately portrayed this meeting in a well-known drawing that has been reproduced countless times in Fraternity publications.



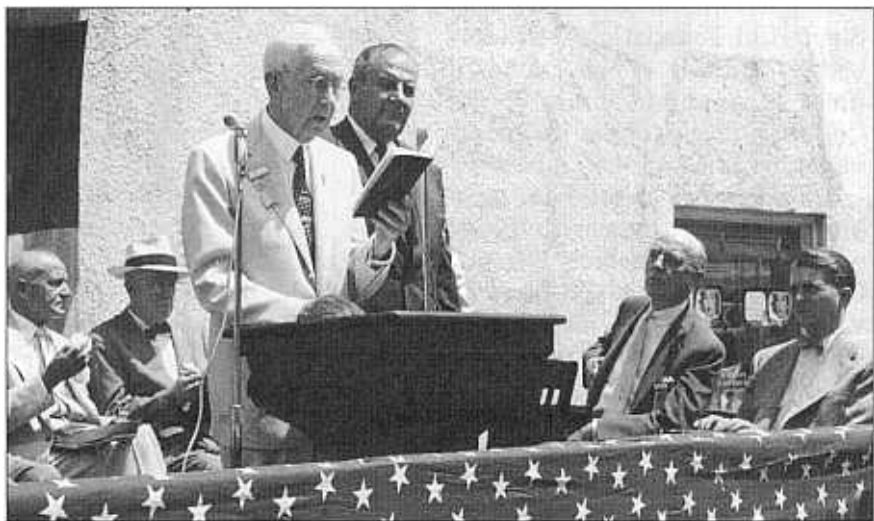
1955 International Balfour Award winner B. Kenneth West, Illinois '55, accepts his honor.

On June 28, a century to the day after the Fraternity was founded, about 1,000 members and visitors traveled in 21 chartered buses to Oxford, Ohio, for a full day of celebration at the site of the birthplace of Sigma Chi. When the caravan arrived in Oxford about 12:30, the crowd went directly to the parade ground of old Miami for a picnic luncheon.



F. Dudleigh Vernor, co-composer of "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" song, provides piano accompaniment to singing brothers at the 1955 Grand Chapter.

A long parade headed by Past Grand Consul William B. Ricks marched down High Street to the building where the Fraternity was founded. Judge Barnes presided at the memorial service at the founding site. Seven Past Grand Consuls read brief biographical sketches of each



Thirty-first Grand Consul William B. "Daddy" Ricks reads from the public ceremonies of the Ritual during a memorial service at the birthplace of Sigma Chi, as Grand Consul Stanley Barnes looks on.

of the Seven Founders. At the conclusion of the impressive meeting, Significant Sig and Methodist Bishop Titus Lowe, Ohio Wesleyan '00, delivered the benediction.

The pilgrimage then moved on to Benton Hall, the college auditorium, for the dramatization of the Founding. This drama was the work of the Significant Sig and Pulitzer Prize winning author, Martin Flavin, Chicago '07. It was an effectively staged and intensely interesting play, with a ten-man cast composed of members of the Cincinnati and Miami-Ohio chapters.

When the throng left the auditorium, the buses began lining up for the trip back to Cincinnati. Many interrupted this trip to stop for a memorial ceremony at the grave of Founder Franklin Howard Scobey in nearby Hamilton.

Speakers at the various luncheon meetings were Elvis J. Stahr, Kentucky '36, Provost of the University of Kentucky; Significant Sig Walter Williams, Washington (Seattle) '16, U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce; and Significant Sig William Rogers, Colgate '34, U.S. Deputy Attorney General.

Following several years of exhaustive work, the Standing Committee on Constitutional Revision report was given to the Grand Chapter by the Committee's Chairman, Southern Province Grand Praetor Norman C. Brewer. After a lengthy debate, including major counter proposals, the Constitution as proposed by the committee was adopted. Numerous piecemeal revisions had been made in the Governing Laws, and as a result, it was felt that the wording had become rather extensive.

The office of Grand Pro Consul was reinstated - after an absence of 61 years - as the international vice president of the Fraternity and a member of the Executive Committee. It had been expressed at the 1952 Grand Chapter and in 1954 by Grand Consul Barnes' ruling that the Executive Committee should consist of men representing a wider geographic balance. The 1955 Constitution reflected this belief by changing the make up of the Executive Committee from a group of five members residing within the vicinity of Chicago to a committee of eight consisting of: the Grand Consul, the Grand Pro Consul, the Grand Quaestor, one Grand Trustee, one Grand Praetor, the imme-



Carolyn Stroupe  
1955 International Sweetheart

diate Past Grand Consul and two other members to be selected without geographic restrictions.

At the mammoth Sweetheart Ball, Carolyn Stroupe, a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority at the University of Florida, was crowned International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. She had been nominated by the Beta Lambda Chapter at Duke University.

At the final business session on the closing day, the following Grand Officers were chosen: Grand Consul, J. Dwight Peterson, Indiana '19; Grand Pro Consul, Edward S. Farrow, M.I.T. '20; Grand Quaestor, Harry V. Wade Sr., Wabash & Cornell '26; Grand Tribune, Rear Adm. Robert D. Workman, Wooster '13; and Grand Historian, Robert M. Collett, Denison '14.

No better selection for Grand Consul could have been made than J. Dwight Peterson. For many years he had been a tireless worker in the Indianapolis Alumni organization. He served brilliantly as Grand Praetor of the Indiana Province and had been a highly respected member of the Executive Committee. He was well suited to shepherd the Fraternity through the transition in the make up of the Executive Committee. It was entirely fitting and proper that he was selected to lead Sigma Chi into its second century.

Other members of the eight-member Executive Committee, along with brothers Peterson, Farrow and Wade, were: William P. Huffman, Denison '11; Norman C. Brewer Jr., Mississippi '35; Gardner B. Allen, Emory '28; Richard S. Doyle, George Washington '17, and Past Grand Consul Barnes.

Elected or continuing as members of the expanded Board of Grand Trustees were: Chairman James K. Rankin, Emory '27; Vice Chairman Elton B. Hunt, Oklahoma '13; William P. Huffman; Frank N. Moore, DePauw '28; Lt. Gen. Willis D. Crittenberger, Texas-Austin '13; Richard W. Sharp, Kansas '13; Craig Nason, Southern California '26; Robert C. Garrison, Alabama '25; Paul H. Kaufman, Denison '22; Thurlow E. Coon, Michigan '06; Dr. Roy B. McKnight, North Carolina '15; Robert M. Feemster, DePauw '33; Floyd R. Baker, Nebraska '37; R. Kirk Moyer, Gettysburg, '27; and Judge George H. Boldt, Montana '25.

Beginning or continuing terms as Grand Praetors as the Fraternity began its second century were: William H. Carlisle Jr., Georgia Tech & M.I.T. '27, Northern New England Province; Charles R. Bragg, Brown '49, Southern New England; John E. Shaffer, Syracuse '45, Eastern New York; Henry A. Zimmerman, Hobart '33, Western New York-Ontario; Erwin L. LeClerg, Colorado State '23, Eastern; Malcolm M. Christian, Virginia '47, Virginia; William J. Wade, Illinois Wesleyan & George Washington '28, Southeastern; Glenn Todd, Dickinson '12, West Virginia-Western Pennsylvania; Robert W. Helmholtz, Miami-Ohio & Cincinnati '49, Ohio; George D. Manson, Wabash '23, Indiana; Alfred W. Gross, Illinois '15, Michigan; Roy Mack Brown, Illinois Wesleyan '53, Illinois-Wisconsin; Robert F. McCoy, Tennessee-Knoxville '50, Ken-

tucky-Tennessee; Dr. Marvin Ebeltmeyer, DePauw '22, Florida; Norman C. Brewer Jr., Southern; Jack O. Wheeler, Missouri-Columbia '36, Missouri Valley; Gilbert E. Robertson, Florida & Iowa '28, North Central; Donald E. Walker, Oklahoma & Pitt '21, Central Southwestern; Judge Robert W. Reidy, New Mexico '38, Rocky Mountain; Adrian W. Hatch, Utah State '28, Utah—Southern Idaho; Dr. Fritz D. Hurd, Gettysburg & Minnesota '23, Montana-Northern Idaho-Eastern Washington; James J. Overlock, Washington (Seattle) '43, Northwestern; and Ray Blair, San Diego State '49, Western.

The closing event in a series of great happenings might well describe the Grand Chapter Banquet. The Centennial Banquet got under way with a welcome to the city by the General Chairman George Mayer.

Seven new members of the Order of Constantine were honored. The five in attendance were: Grand Trustee George H. Boldt; Grand Pro Consul Edward S. Farrow; Grand Trustee Craig Nason; L.R. Gardner, Washington (Seattle) '23; and Wallace P. Roudebush, Miami (O.) '11. Unable to attend were inductees Rufus Askew, Emory '34, and Herbert J. Herring, Duke '22.

The Centennial Grand Chapter also marked the appearance of the 525-page, hard-bound volume, "The Centennial History of Sigma Chi" by Grand Historian Robert M. Collett, and the publication of the largest issue of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* in history, a special 256-page Centennial edition. Grand Consul's Citations, for devoted service to the Fraternity, and Semi-Century Sig awards, for brothers initiated 50 or more years ago, were presented for the first time. A motion picture was made of many of the festivities, a pioneer effort in the Greek-letter world at that time.

The summer of 1955 also found two new Assistant Executive Secretaries joining the General Headquarters staff. Preparing to spend two years conducting visitations of active chapters and assisting with General Fraternity programs were James R. Combs, Purdue '55, and Ben J. Wuerthner, Montana '52.

## CHAPTER I - Notes and Comments

1. 1955 Grand Chapter stenographer transcript, General Headquarters archives or microfilm files.

2. Robert M. Collett, "The Centennial History of Sigma Chi," p. 483,484.

3. Hon. Stanley N. Barnes, "Report to the Sigma Chi Fraternity by the Committee on Changing Conditions and Chapter Problems," *The Sigma Chi Bulletin*, Sept., 1950 p.9-12. The proposal of Brother Reynolds was to eliminate the word "white" from the phrase "bona fide white male student," in the Constitution, Article XV Membership, Section 3. The word "white" had appeared in the Membership portion of the Constitution dating back to 1870. During the period 1955-1980 there had been a theory circulated that one or more of the undergraduate chapters in the western United States had been the original sponsor of the "white clause" in the Constitution. This theory was usually

expressed with a good measure of irony, due to the supposed reversal in posture on membership selection issues of Alpha Omega Chapter at Stanford University in later years (particularly 1965-1966). This theory may now be totally discounted recognizing that there had been no undergraduate chapters established in the western United States at the time that the word "white" first appeared in the Constitution, in 1870. The records of the Fraternity from the period before and after 1870 do not make any reference to discussion of or reasoning for such an addition to the Constitution.

4. Ibid, p.12.

5. In 1988, that organization changed its name to the Society of Professional Journalists.

6. Fred F. Yoder, *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Summer, 1981, p.37, 38.

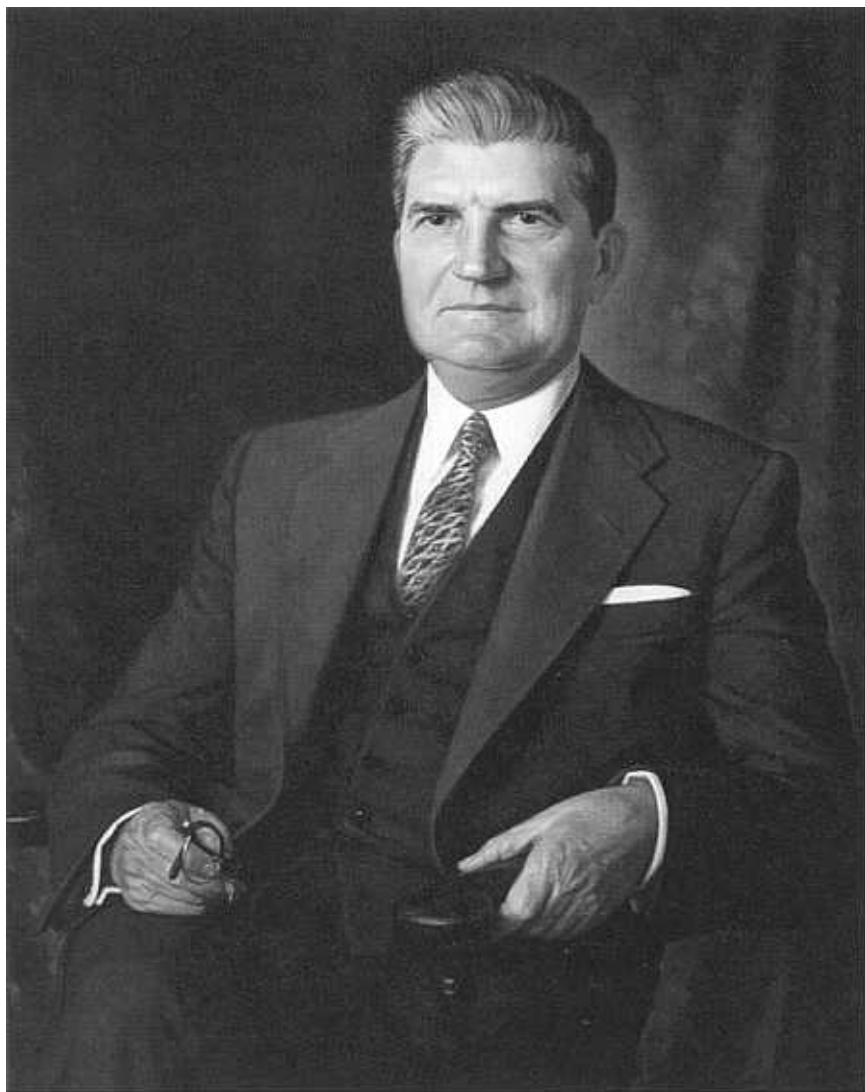
7. Happily, in the long history of the White Cross there is little to be recounted of happenings that could mar the fine records of all the years. Where there have been such circumstances, it is the proper function of history to record them. Wherever consistent, however, it is left to the formal records of the Fraternity, on file at its Headquarters or elsewhere, to supply any detail of names or places.

8. Cf. Chapter XIII of this History for a more complete description of the career of William T. Bringham, occasioned by the celebration of his 25th year on the Headquarters staff.

9. Hon. Stanley N. Barnes, Palm Desert, California, personal interview with the author, at his home December 28, 1979, and March 14, 1982.







J. Dwight Peterson  
38th Grand Consul

## Chapter II

# Growing into the Second Century

### 1955 to 1957

“One hundred years ago, seven young undergraduates at Miami University banded together and established ideals and then bound them up with a White Cross. And I assure you as we start the second century of this great Fraternity that we all realize that we cannot change those ideals which were established and we had better not attempt it, but we had better attempt to change our own lives to conform with them. In taking over the responsibilities of the office of Grand Consul, I wish to tell you that it is my desire to establish those ideals on still a more firm basis.”

*J. Dwight Peterson, Indiana '19, during the 1955 Grand Chapter, at the beginning of his term as 38th Grand Consul.<sup>1</sup>*

**T**HE YEARS 1955-1957 may be characterized as an ambitious period, with the installation of five undergraduate chapters, and expanded efforts by the Executive Committee and Headquarters staff, all under the capable leadership of Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF J. DWIGHT PETERSON, 38th GRAND CONSUL

J. Dwight Peterson, Indiana '19, the first Grand Consul of Sigma Chi's second century, is typical of the caliber of men whose untiring efforts through the years on behalf of the Fraternity provided the brand of leadership that has made the organization strong. As Grand Consul, he inherited the glories and the headaches that were a full century in the making.

Dwight Peterson was born on May 25, 1897, in Decatur, Indiana. In college he served as Editor of the *Indiana Daily Student*, the campus newspaper. His college career was interrupted by service in World War I as a second lieutenant. He returned to the university and earned a bachelor's degree in economics. Following college he worked as a bond salesman for the City Trust Company in Indianapolis from 1919 to 1924.

In 1924 he joined the City Securities Corporation, which he led as manager, vice president, president and chairman. He created the concept of using self-liquidating bonds to finance university buildings, a practice used throughout the U.S. for expansion and improvements. In 1988 he was still serving as honorary chairman of his company and

remained active in its day-to-day operations with his son, John D. Peterson, Indiana '55, at the helm. He is considered an expert investment banker in the area of corporate finance. His extensive work in civic and educational affairs includes service as a trustee for Hanover College, the Indianapolis Foundation, Tabernacle Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund, English Foundation and the Public Employees Retirement Fund of Indiana.

In Sigma Chi, Peterson served as business manager and Quaestor of Lambda Chapter, Grand Praetor of the Indiana-Michigan Province from 1934 to 1941, and was a member of the Board of Grand Trustees for 14 years, including two terms as its chairman. He was the first of three men appointed to the Executive Committee in 1954, after the historic ruling by Grand Consul Barnes that said Indianapolis, Atlanta and Attleboro, Mass., were in the vicinity of Chicago, as was then required by Fraternity law. Later that year, upon the resignation of Robert H. Irvine, Beloit '24, Peterson was named chairman of the Executive Committee. He also served the Board of Governors of the Sigma Chi Foundation as treasurer, vice president and chairman.

Peterson went about his duties as Grand Consul in the same loyal and earnest manner shown in his previous Sigma Chi service. He conducted the business of the Fraternity with special regard for its principles and ideals. His term of office was marked with success. The new plan of Fraternity government, with several Grand Officers serving on the Executive Committee and the removal of geographic restrictions on its membership, was an immediate success. With the Executive Committee meeting quarterly instead of monthly, the Headquarters staff under Executive Secretary William T. Bringham Sr. was given an increased role in the operation of the Fraternity.

Former Executive Director Merrill E. "Boz" Prichard, Illinois '48, stepped down as editor of publications in late 1955. Named Acting Editor by the Executive Committee, Assistant Editor Jack E. Pearson, Whitman '52, became editor a short time later. What had been a four-member, full-time publications staff preparing for the Centennial celebration and history volume, became a one-man publications staff with occasional part-time assistance.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON MU CHAPTER TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, AUGUST 28, 1955**

At the time of the founding of Epsilon Mu Chapter, the city of Fort Worth, Texas, boasted a population of 350,000, with expanding contact to the more urban neighboring city of Dallas. Texas Christian Univer-



Jack E. Pearson became editor of publications in 1955.

sity was founded by Addison and Randolph Clark as Add-Ran Christian University at Thorp Springs, near Waco, Texas in 1873. The university was moved to Waco in 1895, given its present name in 1902 and moved to Fort Worth in 1910. In 1889, administrative control of the university was taken over by the Christian Church. In 1955, it was a private, coeducational campus with 33 buildings, 136 acres and an enrollment of 4,200 students.

Eighty-one years of anti-fraternity regulations were abandoned in September 1954 when a special research committee appointed by Dr. M.E. Sadler, president of T.C.U., concluded an extensive study with the announcement that "national" fraternities would be brought to the campus. The following is from a statement by the chairman of the special committee:

The committee sent questionnaires to representative church-related colleges and universities, seeking to learn their practices in regard to fraternities and sororities, and committeemen talked to many members of fraternities and sororities, active and alumni, and learned that the system gave a sense of belonging; that it developed a fine spirit of competition that grew into a strong loyalty, not only to the fraternity but the university itself; that it greatly enlarged their circle of friends; that it raised their standards of scholarship and discipline; that it afforded constant opportunity for more thoughtful consideration and practice of social graces; and, finally, that the system produced a wholesome and exhilarating effect on student body morale, and brought into focus the entire university.<sup>2</sup>



Named for a Sigma Chi—Texas Christian University's sixth president, Dr. M.E. Sadler—Sadler Hall housed the school's administrative offices.

Sigma Chi was one of eight fraternities initially selected for establishment on the campus.<sup>4</sup> Chi Sigma fraternity was organized for the purpose of petitioning Sigma Chi for an undergraduate chapter charter, with the cooperation of the university administration and Sigma Chi alumni in the area. On September 25, 1954, Jack G. Eckhardt, Iowa State '41, requested recognition from the Fraternity for an alumni chapter in Fort Worth. A group of Fort Worth Sigs, aided by Dallas alumni and undergraduates from the University of Texas at Austin and Southern Methodist University, participated in the controlled rush at Texas Christian and selected the petitioning body, ensuring a well-balanced group of potential

Sigma Chis. The petition for a charter in Sigma Chi was dated December 15, 1954, and was signed by 11 members of Chi Sigma. The petitioning group included three varsity athletes, the cheerleader captain, and four announcers for KTCU, the campus radio station. The existence of Chi Sigma, a brief and glorious ten months, only served the purpose of fulfilling the preliminaries of obtaining a charter.

Epsilon Mu was installed as the first new chapter of the Centennial year on August 28, 1955. The date for the Installation was set by the General Headquarters so the new chapter would be functioning actively before fall rush. This was a wise decision even though several eligible petitioners could not return for the Installation because of summer job commitments and other unavoidable obstacles. Twelve men gained the honor of wearing the White Cross. Together with Roy Cummins, Texas Christian '57, who was initiated at the Centennial Grand Chapter, and affiliate James D. Gray, Denver '55, they formed an enthusiastic active chapter of 14 men.

The four-day Indoctrination was conducted by Assistant Executive Secretaries James R. Combs and Benjamin J. Wuerthner at the Optimists Club outside of Fort Worth. This remote location proved ideal for the purpose. On Saturday evening an informal fellowship party was held at Hotel Texas, the Installation headquarters. A good number of alumni attended, as well as undergraduate delegations from the sponsoring chapters: Alpha Nu at Texas-Austin, Gamma Delta at Oklahoma State, and Delta Mu at Southern Methodist.

After an early breakfast on Sunday, the candidates were brought to Hotel Texas for the ceremonies. Southern Province Grand Praetor Norman C. Brewer Jr., assisted the committee with this task. Leading the fine Ritual presentation were Robert S. Travis, Texas-Austin '56, and Ginger Griffin, Oklahoma State '56, Consuls of their respective chapters, and Tom Bottone, Denver '55, who portrayed the same role he did at the Centennial Grand Chapter.



Consul Earl Zetsche spoke after accepting the Epsilon Mu charter. Seated at the head table are, from left, S.E. Travis Jr., Grand Praetor Donald Walker, Texas Christian President M.E. Sadler, and Grand Praetor Norman C. Brewer Jr.

Following the Initiation, the Installation banquet was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the hotel. The toastmaster was Frank Andrews, Illinois '22. Earl Zetsche Jr., the first Consul of Epsilon Mu, accepted the charter with words that showed the tremendous impact the ceremonies had made upon him and all the new brothers. Toastmaster Andrews then read a few of the many letters and telegrams of congratulations from alumni who were unable to be present. Among these was a wire from Significant Sig and U.S. Senator William Langer, Columbia '10. He had expected to attend but was unable to because of a serious illness in his family. Donald E. Walker, Oklahoma & Pittsburgh '21, Grand Praetor of the Central Southwestern Province, then welcomed Epsilon Mu into Sigma Chi. His sincere and well-chosen remarks were a fitting climax to all the things he had done to help install the chapter.<sup>4</sup>

Dr. Sadler, who was initiated later that school year as an alumnus member of the local group, then gave a cordial welcome to Sigma Chi on behalf of the university. He spoke of the beneficial results the institution hoped would result from the inauguration of the fraternity system on the campus. Executive Secretary Bringham then explained the relationship that should exist between the new chapter and the General Fraternity. James K. Rankin, Emory '27, chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, gave the Installation address. He spoke of the great-



Epsilon Mu initiates pictured with Chief Installing Officer Norman C. Brewer Jr., seated, fifth from left. Seated, from left, are Robert Thomas, Thomas Grant, William C. Wyrick, and Earl Zetsche Jr. To Brewer's left Millard L. Kelley and Larry Roseborough. Standing, from left, are Charles Wilkinson, Albert B. Reese, Hardy S. George, Kent Burkhardt, Thomas J. Gordon, R. Lindsey Emerson, Roy Cummins and James D. Grey.

ness of Sigma Chi, its contribution to college life and its influence for good in the nation and the world.

The Fort Worth Installation committee was headed by General Chairman John A. Lapham, Kansas '32, who was assisted by numerous subcommittee chairmen. Leonard M. Logan, Oklahoma '43, served as Faculty Advisor of the petitioning group and Epsilon Mu. The diligent Logan was a diplomatic and understanding worker in handling the job of selling the fraternity system to a university administration



Epsilon Mu installing officers, seated, from left, are Grand Trustee James K. Rankin, Grand Praetor Donald Walker, Grand Praetor Norman C. Brewer Jr., and Grand Trustee Richard W. Sharp. Standing, from left, are Grand Trustee R. Kirk Moyer, S.E. Travis Jr., Jay E. Minton and Grand Trustee Elton B. Hunt.



that included a number of officials who were unfamiliar with fraternities.

Other developments of 1955 included the 10th annual staging in September of what had grown to be a major regional event in the Fraternity, the Mid—South Rush Party. The huge banquet and dance, which drew as many as 500 Sig actives, alumni and rushees from more than 30 chapters, had come to be a major rush event for about a dozen southern chapters in the region of its annual site, the famed Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee.

### **THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON NU CHAPTER TEXAS TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGE, SEPTEMBER 11, 1955**

West Texas, one of the last regions of the state to be settled, attracted pioneers who loved the wide open spaces, fine grazing lands and good farmland, but there were burrs under the saddles when it came to higher education. The early settlers of the area felt that sending their offspring hundreds of miles south to Austin or College Station for a first class education would be a hardship for them. West Texas needed a college of the first class. The people began their call for a college before 1900, but nearly a quarter of a century elapsed before the state legislature and governor were in agreement. The college charter, Senate Bill No. 103, was signed by Governor Pat Neff on February 10, 1923. The language of the bill reflects the compromises that were required for passage. It was to be Texas Technological College, coeducational, giving instruction in technology and textile engineering with emphasis on Texas raw materials, and offering complete courses in the arts and sciences, agricultural pursuits and home economics. The college admitted its first class of 910 students in 1925.

Foreseeing the need for a well-rounded social life in light of its increased enrollment, the college took steps in 1952 to bring several fraternities to the school. The method employed by the college's administration was a unique and progressive approach to Greek-letter organization expansion. That year 13 fraternities, including Sigma Chi, were invited to visit the school and to consider establishing colonies. These 13 had been screened from questionnaires sent out by the college to the majority of the member groups of the National Interfraternity Conference. The criteria for invitation to the campus were: 1) There must be an active alumni group in Lubbock; 2) The fraternity must be "national" in scope; 3) There must be supporting chapters within a reasonable distance; and 4) There must be a member of the fraternity on the Tech faculty who would be willing and qualified to sponsor that fraternity's colony.



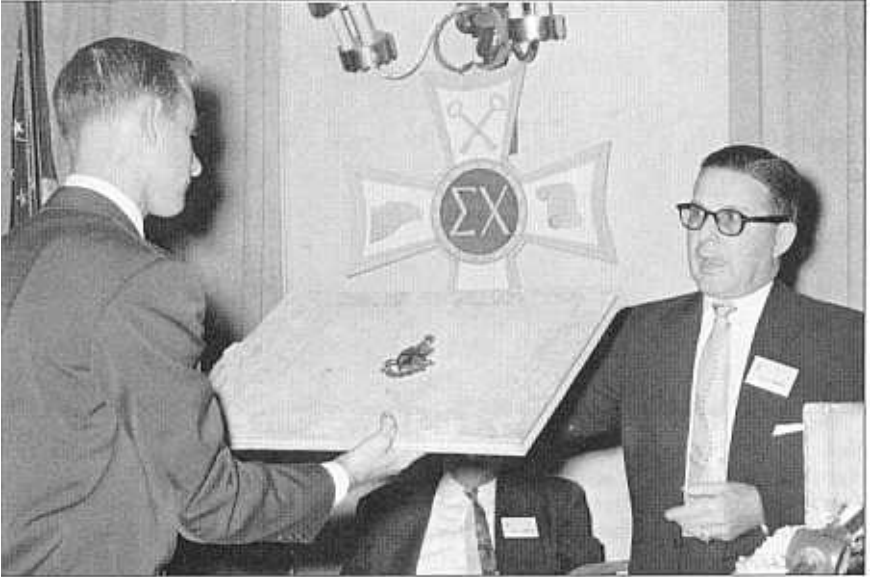
Statue of Will Rogers in front of the Texas Tech Administration Building.

Following this careful screening of the fraternity system, the 13 were invited to meet with the eight local social clubs already on the campus. Although Sigma Chi showed interest in the situation, its democratic method of establishing new chapters prevented guaranteeing a charter to any of the interested locals. Because several of the other "national" fraternities came to Tech with charters in their pockets, the original eight locals soon affiliated themselves with other fraternities. The eight fraternities that comprised the young interfraternity council at Texas Tech were: Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma

Nu. The earliest installation of a chapter was in May of 1953.

By 1955 the enrollment at Texas Tech College had grown to 6,500 students, and Lubbock was a rapidly expanding city of 118,000. Twenty percent of the male student body were members of the existing eight fraternities. No sooner had the established chapters begun to function when the administration saw the need for another fraternity of high repute to keep abreast of the rapidly increasing student body. In the fall of 1954, the dean of student life called for men interested in forming a new group to petition one of the remaining five fraternities acceptable to the college. Some 60 men responded. Of these, 23 withstood the screening to which the administration subjected them. Nineteen men were formed into a petitioning group sponsored by the faculty, approved by the board of student organizations and recommended by the interfraternity council. After careful consideration of the qualifications of each of the possible selections, this group decided to set Sigma Chi as its goal. The council had strongly recommended Sigma Chi as the next organization to be chartered. On that basis, the select 19 men formed Chi Sigma fraternity.

Lending additional weight and support to Chi Sigma's petition was the avid interest and strong backing of the Sig alumni in the area. Nine very active Sigs had formed the Lubbock Alumni Association. Following the establishment of the fraternities at Tech, they worked tirelessly to bring the White Cross to the campus. Three of these Sigs were members of the college faculty, and one in particular, G. Frederick Warn, Hanover



Epsilon Nu Quaestor Gerald Dietz accepted from Grand Praetor Don Walker a guest register, which was a gift from 29th Grand Consul L.G. Balfour.

'36, had been working actively with Chi Sigma in preparing for the charter petition. The Lubbock Alumni Association held several meetings with the 19 prospects and they stated no reservations in recommending Chi Sigma to the Fraternity.<sup>5</sup>

During its nine-month existence on the Tech campus, Chi Sigma had a remarkable record of outstanding organization, community activity, social programs, scholarship, athletics, and campus activities, including representation by the 28 Chi Sigma petitioners in 37 campus organizations.

Assistant Executive Secretaries Jim Combs and Ben Wuerthner arrived in Lubbock on September 6 to begin the schedule of events leading to the Initiation of the charter members. Local newspapers carried summaries of the personalities and exoteric events that were to be included in the Installation ceremonies, and two television broadcasts further told the story of the coming of Sigma Chi to Lubbock and Texas Tech. The Installation schedule began Saturday morning with registration in the Caprock Hotel lobby. The Midland Alumni Chapter sponsored a reception for visiting Sigs at the hotel Saturday evening. Brothers from Albuquerque, Denver, Norman, Tulsa, Dallas, Midland, Amarillo and Los Angeles were present. The Initiation ceremonies were held in the campus Recreation Hall and the Student Union Ballroom, under the direction of Brothers Combs and John E. Eagleton, Consul of Beta Kappa Chapter at Oklahoma University. Members of Beta Kappa and the Lubbock Alumni Chapter assisted with the many details. In-



New faces on the Sigma Chi horizon at Texas Tech. In front row, from left are Harold Criswell; Historian Joe Jefferson; Sweetheart Marilyn Chesher, of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority; Consul Johnny Lacy; and Sam Findley. In back row, from left, are Professor and Faculty Advisor G. Frederick Warn; Dr. Earl D. Camp; Annotator Mel Lemos; Magister Charley Kirkland, Quaestor Gerald Dietz; Doyle Simes; and Pro Consul Richard Ridgway.

stalling officers included Chief Installing Officer and Grand Trustee Elton B. Hunt, and Past Grand Consul Sam C. Bullock. The Ritual was performed by members of Beta Kappa Chapter and Thomas L. Bottone. The list of nine charter initiates included the original petitioning group and one campus professor, Dr. Earl D. Camp, associate professor of biology. The Installation banquet in the Main Ballroom of the Caprock Hotel on Sunday afternoon featured a background of organ music and Sigma Chi songs. Tom Milam, Texas-Austin '34, performed the toastmaster duties. Reverend Bruce McIver, director of the Baptist Student Union Center, gave the invocation.

After dining, visiting and congratulations had subsided, Grand Trustee Hunt presented the charter to Consul Johnny Lacy, an initiate of the Ritual Exemplification at the Centennial Grand Chapter. Grand Praetor Don Walker presented the new chapter with a Sigma Chi guest book and plaque donated by Past Grand Consul L.G. Balfour. Ill health prevented "Bally" from attending the Installation. University President E.N. Jones welcomed Epsilon Nu to the campus, followed by greetings from vice president Dr. G.E. Giesecke; James G. Allen, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, dean of student life; James B. Whitehead, Lambda Chi Alpha, assistant dean of student life; Don Dilley, Kappa Sigma, president of the interfraternity council; and Gale Hays, Zeta Tau Alpha, president of the panhellenic council. Charles A. Guy, Phi Gamma Delta, publisher and editor of the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, also welcomed Sigma Chi's newest chapter. Marilyn Chesher, Kappa Alpha Theta, a pretty brunette and ardent Sig fan, was presented as the first Sweetheart of Epsilon Nu.

A series of awards to members and pledges followed. Warren T. Shropshire won the spring semester award for Outstanding Pledge. Gary D. Bearden, first president of Chi Sigma local and a Centennial Grand Chapter Initiate, received the Outstanding Member award. Three scholastic awards were presented by Professor and Faculty Advisor Warn, on behalf of the Lubbock Alumni Chapter. Plaques were awarded to Richard L. Ridgway, first Pro Consul of Epsilon Nu, and R. James Ortiz.

The Installation address was given by Past Grand Consul Bullock, who spelled out the 100 years of traditions, standards and ideals of the Fraternity and offered the rewards of happiness and unbounding fellowship to those who work for their perpetuation. Epsilon Nu took its place among the fraternities of Texas Technological College and the broad expanses of the southwest.<sup>6</sup>

### **THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON LAMBDA CHAPTER, RIPON COLLEGE SEPTEMBER 17, 1955**

Located in north central Wisconsin, the city of Ripon was a thriving community of 5,000 in 1955. The foundations of Ripon College started in 1850 when it was known as Ripon Lyceum College. It became known as Brockway College the following year, and assumed its present name in 1864. The college has historic affiliation with the Congregational Church, and has always been a private coeducational arts and sciences institution. Initially a college preparatory school, it became a four-year college in 1863. Instruction started in 1853, and four women were in the first graduating class, receiving degrees in June of 1867.

In 1943, Dr. Clark G. Kuebler, Northwestern '30, became president of the college and remained until his appointment as president of Santa Barbara College in 1955. Significant Sig Kuebler was the leading influence in bringing college fraternities to the Ripon campus. At the time of the founding of Epsilon Lambda Chapter there were four other local fraternities at Ripon: Phi Kappa Pi, Delta Sigma Psi, Alpha Phi Omega, and Lambda Delta Alpha. Chapters of Theta Chi and Sigma Nu were established in 1954. Five sororities, all locals, had been organized. Enrollment was 531 students, of which 383 were men. Of the male enrollment, 77 percent were members of fraternities and 92 percent of the women were members of sororities. At that time the campus consisted of 12 acres and 18 college buildings.

A local fraternity later known as Omega Sigma Chi had existed for 40 years at Ripon. Founded in 1915 under the name "Hilltoppers," it was one of the oldest fraternities on the campus. The administration at that time was against any fraternal groups, but when the members threatened to transfer to another school, the administration allowed them to stay. In 1955 Omega Sigma Chi held the highest scholastic

achievement record among the seven Ripon fraternities. It also boasted a high number of leaders on campus. The president of the interfraternity council, the two organizers of the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega chapter, the president of the debate fraternity Pi Kappa Delta, and the president of the Ripon chapter of the journalism fraternity were all members of Omega Sigma Chi. The group also included: president of drama club, R.O.T.C. drill team commander, R.O.T.C. cadet colonel, director of student recreation for Ripon student council representatives, president of pep club, college choir president, student judiciary board president, and president of Ripon Booster Club. One of the pledges was president of the freshman class. They were well represented in all varsity sports, with two all-conference football players, the wrestling captain, and others in varsity athletics.

Evidence of Omega Sigma Chi's powerful influence on the campus had been shown in the fraternity rush program. Omega Sigma Chi was the only fraternity that could choose its top 20 pledge preferences, and get all 20 men. The group had a truly outstanding record in campus activities, was outstanding in internal participation, was the perennial winner of the annual singing contest of the Greek organizations, and was considered by the administration and other campus leaders to be one of the top fraternities in the social aspects of college life.<sup>7</sup>



The Lane Library, Ripon College

Due to its long existence, the local was backed by a group of more than 380 alumni. The fraternity had its own ritual, bylaws and pledge manual. In September of 1954, under the suggestion of the college ad-

ministration, the group decided to begin the lengthy search for affiliation with a major fraternity. Committees were set up and the lengthy petitioning process began. Local president Alfred E. Fischer, vice president Kent Olin, and Reg and Jerry James spearheaded many of the early efforts of the group in its attempt to gain a charter. The formal petition for a Sigma Chi charter was signed by the 33 members of Omega Sigma Chi, dated November 15, 1954. According to Chapter Editor Tom Linde:

About 5:55 p.m. on May 23, 1955, a war whoop ricocheted across the small Ripon campus. Word had come from Evanston! The petition had been accepted! Success was at hand!<sup>18</sup>

Frank B. Thayer, Iowa '12, the advisor to Alpha Lambda Chapter and a member of the Order of Constantine, went up the following weekend and pledged the Ripon petitioning group to Sigma Chi with the assistance of brothers from Alpha Lambda. The Centennial Grand Chapter marked the official recognition of Epsilon Lambda Chapter when three members of Omega Sigma Chi were initiated. Richard C. Diedrich, Bruce P. Anderson and Edward P. Coldwell became Sigs on June 27, 1955. These three carried on the complex business of organizing the infant chapter. The last few weeks of the summer vacation became a time of hectic preparation and study for the pledges. The history, ideals, traditions, and ways of the Fraternity had to be learned. By September 13, all was in readiness, and the pledges returned to the campus.

Assistant Executive Secretary Jim Combs, with the assistance of the three brothers already initiated, condensed into three days a wealth of traditions, ideals and inspiration that normally would be gained over a lengthy pledge period. The Initiation team had come up from Alpha Zeta Chapter at Beloit College, and with the help of brothers from Alpha Lambda Chapter, set up during the early part of Friday evening while the pledges completed their final essays. The faculty lounge of the college library had been turned over to Sigma Chi for the weekend.

Following the Initiation, which ended about 1 p.m. Saturday, the 40 new and three older members of Sigma Chi proceeded to the ballroom of the College Union for the Installation banquet. The Invocation was offered by the Rev. Dr. Lucius Chapin Porter, Beloit '01. Frank Thayer then took over as Toastmaster. His charm and good wit added a special warmth to the proceedings. Chief Installing Officer Robert L. Brookman, Northwestern '42, presented the charter to Richard C. Diedrich, first Consul of Epsilon Lambda. Brookman's remarks touched on the fact that the local, without any organized alumni support, carried along alone with the burning desire to wear the White Cross, and had put into effect an intelligent, hard-hitting campaign that resulted in the resounding approval of its petition to Sigma Chi by a sizable majority on the first ballot. He further commented on how Epsilon Lambda's success would ever be an inspiration and encouragement to similar groups



Past Grand Consul Charles F. Hough, Illinois '15, spoke at the Epsilon Lambda Installation Banquet. Seated at the head table from left are Rev. Lucius Porter, Beloit '01; Ripon College President Fred O. Pinkham; Toastmaster Frank Thayer; and Chief Installing Officer Robert L. Brookman.



Robert L. Brookman presented the charter to Richard C. Diedrich, the chapter's first Consul.

in the future. Accepting the charter for the new chapter, Diedrich said that the men of Epsilon Lambda also realized that the heavy responsibility of running a successful chapter was now theirs and that each brother would do his part in keeping Sigma Chi strong. He made a promise not only of complete cooperation but also determined responsibility to the obligations and Spirit of Sigma Chi.

Grand Consul Peterson and Ripon College President Dr. Fred O. Pinkham both offered their good wishes to the new chapter. The main address of the afternoon was delivered by Past Grand Consul Charles F. Hough, Illinois '15. He reminded the new members of the very real fame of their Fraternity. He challenged the new Sigs not only to carry on the traditions but to further them. After the Installation banquet, the chapter held its first meeting and installed its officers. A.E.S. Combs trained the chapter in the use of the Ritual in connection with chapter meetings. In the words of Chapter Editor Tom Linde:



September 17, 1955, was a great day for Ripon College. The local fraternity Omega Sigma Chi became the 127th chapter of Sigma Chi when 43 members of the 40-year-old local, both active and alumni, became bearers of the White Cross. The Indoctrination Week was filled with careful study and serious discussion. Opportunity was provided for much vital silent contemplation. The meeting rooms became classrooms where ideas could not only be presented but expanded and examined so that the most could be learned from them. John Morrison, New Mexico '55, and A.E.S. Ben J. Wuerthner did much for our understanding of Constantine. The men undertook work projects around the house; the house recreation room was redecorated; plaques were prepared for the doors in the house; and local chapter relics were replaced with those of Sigma



Some of the newly-initiated Epsilon Lambda brothers.

Chi. The work program was in keeping with the constructive pledge programs found on the Ripon campus. A most impressive ceremony of Initiation was conducted, and truly made an impression upon the hearts and minds of the new Sigma Chis. The Ripon men had sought true friendship and had found it, along with a new way of life. Shortly after their first chapter meeting, the tired brothers were back at their house, already reminiscing about that once-in-a-lifetime experience, their Initiation. Only a true Sigma Chi can understand this feeling. Sigma Chi had come to both Ripon College and the men of Epsilon Lambda Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity.<sup>9</sup>

## **EXPLOSION DESTROYS BUTLER UNIVERSITY CHAPTER HOUSE**

In the early morning hours of November 19, 1955, a terrific explosion literally destroyed the Rho Chapter House at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dedicated only a few years earlier, the building was completely destroyed, but no lives were lost in the accident. Most of the approximately 50 Rho members were at an off-campus dance at the Indianapolis Athletic Club at the time of the blast. It was estimated that only seven Sigs and the housemother, Mrs. Ruby Hoffman, were in the house when the explosion collapsed floors and caved in walls just after 2:30 a.m. All escaped injury except one, who was hospitalized but recovered quickly.



The Rho Chapter House, after the explosion of a faulty water heater.

Apparently a faulty water heater was the cause of the explosion. A law suit with the insurance company was settled out of court. Following the disaster, the men lived in the men's dormitory. No sooner had the news gotten around the Fraternity than financial aid began pouring in. Special mention must be made of Lambda Chapter at Indiana Univer-

sity, which pledged and paid five dollars per man. A new house built on the site was dedicated December 10, 1961.<sup>10</sup>

### **THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON XI CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, MAY 5, 1956**

The population of Houston, Texas, was approximately 800,000, and greater Houston had a population of 1 million in 1956. The city had grown rapidly with its strong ties to the petroleum and natural resource industries. It served as the second largest port in the United States. The University of Houston opened in 1927, and by 1956 the enrollment was more than 14,000 students, only 2,000 of whom were non-residents of Houston. There were 14 local fraternities and 9 local sororities, all in the process of petitioning for charters from major organizations. The university had set up an advisory group comprised of both faculty members and active alumni to aid the fraternities in their petitioning endeavors. The advisory committee was charged to assist the groups in four matters: scholarship, rush, government and housing. Of the four, scholarship was regarded as most important. No freshmen were allowed to rush unless they had an overall B average in their high school work. In addition, the advisory committee provided support and encouragement in the building of chapter houses and the maintenance of high standards.



The Houston skyline provided an interesting backdrop for this view of the University of Houston campus.

The petition from the Gan Bey fraternity for a Sigma Chi charter was dated September 15, 1955. Gan Bey was one of the original four local groups on the campus, having been founded on May 14, 1947, by 16 veterans of World War II. The words "Gan Bey" were Chinese derivatives, as the founding group included several veterans of the Far Eastern

theater of action. The meaning of Gan Bey, as told by members of the local, was "to drain all possible brotherhood and service out of the brothers in the chapter." Every individual acquainted with the local groups at Houston was convinced that Gan Bey was one of the best on campus. Their record as a group and individually in every area of activity was exemplary.<sup>11</sup>

The Houston Alumni Chapter had worked diligently in deciding which of the local groups, if any, would be best for Sigma Chi. When asked why Gan Bey petitioned Sigma Chi, the predominant feeling among the men was that "Sigma Chi is the only Fraternity with ideals and standards that are worth working for and living up to." They felt that their fraternity was similar to Sigma Chi in beliefs and general feelings of brotherhood among the members. Sigma Chi was their only choice.<sup>12</sup>

The Installation of Epsilon Xi Chapter began with the regular luncheon meeting of the Houston Alumni Chapter at the Petroleum Club on Friday, May 4, 1956. It was by far the most well attended alumni luncheon ever held in Houston. A number of General Fraternity officers were present, including Grand Trustees Elton B. Hunt and Richard Sharp; Grand Praetors Donald Walker and Norman C. Brewer Jr.; and Executive Secretary William T. Bringham Sr. Later that day, Grand Trustee Sharp entertained the guests at a party at the Shamrock Hilton. Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson arrived late that day in time for a dinner party for the officers at River Oaks Country Club. Later in the evening a number of the local and international officers went to the Gan Bey house to witness and participate in Initiation activities. Early Saturday morning most of the activities were centered at the chapter house. Grand Consul Peterson conducted an indoctrination session for the alumni of the local. Everyone then went to the Elks Club for the Initiation ceremonies. The Installing chapter was Alpha Nu, with Joe Maurin, Texas-Austin '56, as Consul. The Installing officers were led by Grand Consul Peterson, Grand Praetor Brewer, Grand Praetor Walker and Executive Committee member Gardner B. Allen, Emory '28. After the ceremonies, the new initiates and Sig guests enjoyed a buffet lunch. A reception honoring Grand Consul Peterson was held on Saturday evening preceding the banquet, which brought together the new initiates, 72 strong, 200 local Sigs and their wives, and Sigs from all over the state.

Wright Morrow, Texas-Austin '13, banquet toastmaster, introduced Reverend J. Milton Richardson, national president of Alpha Tau Omega, who gave the invocation. Everyone enjoyed the steak dinner and the entertainment by a quartet from Epsilon Xi. Grand Consul Peterson presented the charter to Epsilon Xi Consul Don Reynolds. Toastmaster Morrow introduced Gen. A.D. Bruce, president of the University of Houston, who welcomed Sigma Chi to the campus. Houston Alumni Chapter President David Rude, Iowa '43, extended wishes for a bright future and pledged alumni support to Epsilon Xi. Grand Praetor Norman Brewer presented a guest book and plaque on behalf of Past Grand Consul L.G.



The Epsilon Xi Chapter house.

Balfour. Grand Consul Peterson gave the main address of the evening. His comments about the Fraternity's right to set its own membership standards without interference were enthusiastically received. The banquet ended with the singing of "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi."

In May of 1956, *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* celebrated its 75th anniversary with the publication of a special 96-page issue. First published in 1881, the Fraternity journal was originally called *The Sigma Chi*. It was renamed *The Sigma Chi Quarterly*, in 1887 and adopted its current name in 1926. There had been 13 editors of *The Magazine* by 1956. It had come to be recognized as the leading publication in the Greek-letter world.<sup>13</sup>

Joining the Headquarters staff in the summer of 1956 as an Assistant Executive Secretary was Richard H. Bein, Illinois Wesleyan '54.

Wilbur P. Allen, Texas-Austin '01, Seventeenth Grand Consul, died August 2, 1956 at the age of 76. A charter member of the Order of Constantine and a former Grand Praetor who had been active in the installation of several chapters, he was a talented speaker who addressed numerous Sigma Chi banquets and interfraternity affairs over the years.



Wilbur P. Allen

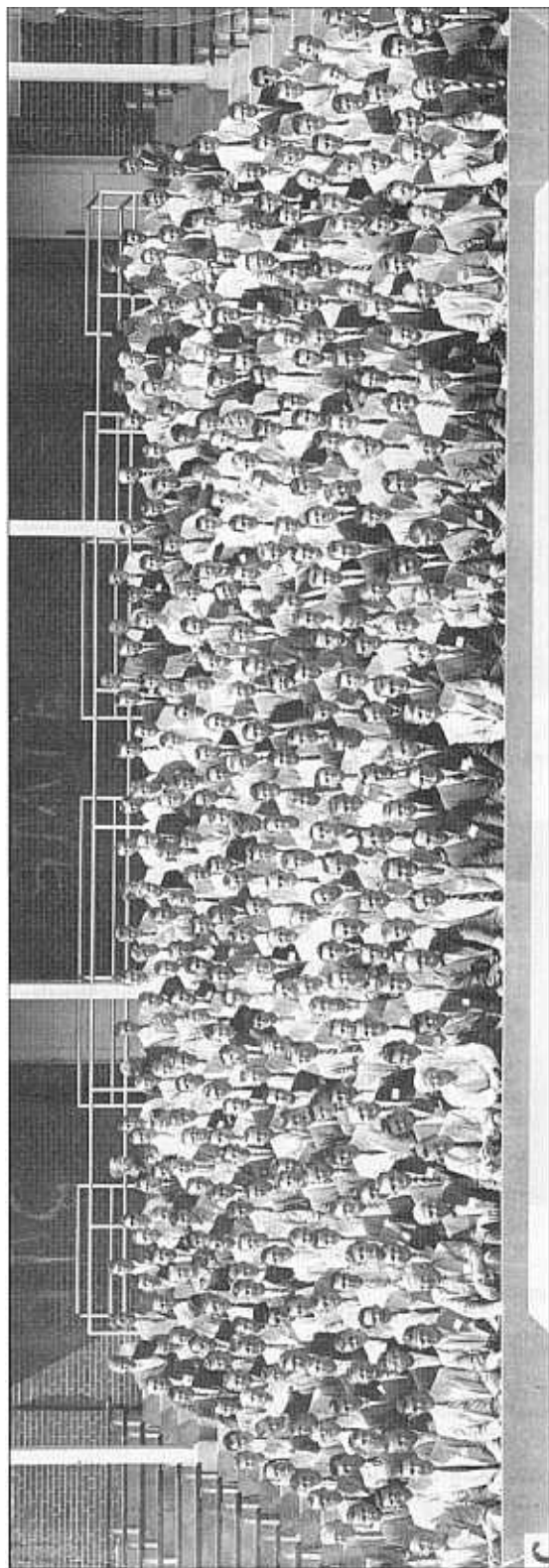


A large banner on the student union building on the DePauw University campus welcomed Sigs to the 1956 Leadership Training Workshop.

## **NINTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP DePAUW UNIVERSITY - 1956**

More than 500 Sigs, including undergraduate delegates, faculty and staff, attended the ninth annual Leadership Training Workshop on August 25-29, 1956, which was held for the first time at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. It was conducted under the auspices of the Leadership Training Board, headed by Gardner B. Allen. One of the original leaders of the leadership program since its birth in 1947, Allen resigned following the Workshop due to other commitments. Other members of the L.T.B. were Floyd R. Baker, Nebraska '37; William H. Carlisle Jr., Georgia Tech & M.I.T. '28; George H. Cate, Vanderbilt '49; Donn B. Miller, Ohio Wesleyan '51; James L. Young, Southern California '48; Howard H. Wetherell; and Burns B. Crookston, Utah State '44.

During the early 1940s, Sig leaders had discussed the basic idea of holding a three or four day session for active chapter representatives every summer, instructing them in the latest and best ways to operate a chapter. Past Grand Consul L.G. Balfour, in particular, stressed the need for a leadership workshop. Plans for the Workshop were well under way when the U.S. entered World War II in 1941, but it became necessary to postpone the whole program until 1947. Sigma



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Chi became the third fraternity to adopt such a program, the first two having been originated by Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Alpha Order.<sup>14</sup>



A Workshop discussion group met in the warmth of the summer sun.

The coming of peace brought additional problems of chapter organization and made the Workshop more necessary than ever. The first Workshop was held at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1947. The ninth, held in 1956, was essentially a continuation of these valuable conferences. It was the first held since 1954. To avoid the possibility of drawing participation or resources away from the Centennial Grand Chapter, a Workshop was not scheduled for 1955. From the very start, the Sigma Chi Foundation recognized the inherent value of the Workshops, and contributed funds to the annual events.



Roger W. Staehle  
1956 International  
Balfour Award winner

Grand Consul Peterson gave the annual "State of Sigma Chi" address at the opening meeting. The banquet address on the last day was given by Significant Sig and well-known motion picture actor Regis Toomey, Pittsburgh '22. Introduced at that Workshop was the 1956 International Balfour Award winner, Roger W. Staehle, Ohio State '56. He was first in his class in metallurgical engineering, and had a grade point average of 3.8 out of a possible 4.0.

The Grand Council, the body of Grand Officers and Executive Committee members that guided the Fraternity in the interim between the biennial Grand Chapters, held its annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on October 12, 1956. It voted to increase the size of *The Magazine* from a seven inch by nine-and-one-fourth inch page size to a more standardized eight-and-one-fourth inch by 11 inch page size, which took effect with the first issue of 1957. The frequency of the Fraternity journal was also increased from four to five per year, a schedule that continued only through 1958.



The Fraternity suffered a great loss on November 16, 1956, when John Alden Towers, Missouri-Columbia '16, died of lung cancer. Professionally, he and the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, firm he headed were known for leadership in the fields of reinsurance and pension programs. The Significant Sig also was a pioneer in the organization of the Sigma Chi Foundation in the late 1930s, and later served as its president and chairman. He did more for that worthwhile project than any other person at the time. His generosity and skill in guiding the destiny of the Foundation is remembered as his greatest monument. He also left a generous bequest from his estate to the Foundation.



John A. Towers

## **PSI PSI CHAPTER AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY INACTIVE**

At its January 11-12, 1957, meeting, the Executive Committee suspended the charter of Psi Psi Chapter at Syracuse University, New York. The size of the chapter had dwindled to less than a dozen members, few of whom demonstrated any interest in the General Fraternity or the upholding of its reputation. This caused local alumni leaders and advisors to recommend that the chapter be closed. Contributing to the atmosphere were pressures on the campus, similar to those on other campuses in the area, advocating complete local autonomy for fraternities. Although the university administration had not officially embraced that position, campus fraternities were being encouraged to not be bound by any regulations from off-campus sources. This position was not possible under the laws of Sigma Chi and most other Greek-letter groups at that time. The chapter was closed with the hope that it could be reactivated in the future, which it was in 1963.

Early in 1957, the Sigma Chi Foundation announced publication of a special career guidance book for undergraduate brothers, "The Right Start." Written by Grand Historian Robert M. Collett, the book offered tips on achieving success in college and in a career.

The oldest of the Fraternity's annual province or area conferences, Indiana State Day, celebrated its 75th anniversary in March of 1957 at an event sponsored by the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter.



Alpha Zeta Chapter's 75th anniversary banquet, in the ballroom of Beloit College's new student union.

## 75th ANNIVERSARY OF ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER

More than 100 Sigs and guests converged on the Beloit College campus May 4 and 5, 1957, to officially celebrate the Alpha Zeta Chapter's 75th anniversary. The event attracted alumni from all but 18 of the 59 classes dating back to 1898, some coming from as far away as Massachusetts and New Mexico. The celebrating brothers attended two special chapel programs, helped dedicate a \$100,000 addition to the chapter house, danced at the anniversary ball, feasted at two banquets, and still found time for renewing friendships and fellowship. The alumni also were able to inspect the new house addition, which included spacious lounge areas, a library and study room, recreational facilities, sun deck, dining room, housemother quarters, and housing facilities for 40 men. Much of the entire house had been redecorated and refurnished to match the tone of the new wing.

Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson led a group of General Fraternity officers participating, and joined two other noted brothers who spoke to the group. Kenneth G. Crawford, Beloit '24, *Newsweek* magazine's senior editor for national affairs, and Dr. Franklyn B. Snyder, Beloit '05, president emeritus of Northwestern University, addressed the alumni, undergraduates, college officials and guests. The festivities also included the presentation of the outdoors literature library of Bob Becker, Beloit '12, to the college. Becker had recently retired as outdoors editor of *The Chicago Tribune*.

The year 1957 also marked the dedication of new chapter houses for Alpha Iota Chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University and Delta Nu Chapter at Wake Forest University.

Joining the Headquarters staff early in the summer of 1957 were Assistant Executive Secretary William L. Denton, San Diego State '57, and Assistant Editor Fred F. Yoder, Ohio '57, who embarked on what was to become a more than 30-year tenure on the Headquarters staff.



Toronto Sigs stopped at nothing to welcome their brothers.

### **THE 51st GRAND CHAPTER, JUNE 25-28, 1957, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA**

John W. Graham, Q.C., Toronto '33, general chairman of the 1957 Grand Chapter, reflecting on preparations for the first Fraternity-wide event held in Canada, recalled:

The power of the undergraduate may sometimes be underestimated, but it will never be by me because Ted Rogers (Toronto '56) and his associates articulated three ambitions: one was to have a Grand Chapter in Canada, the second was to install a chapter at the University of Western Ontario, and the third was to build a proper chapter house for Beta Omega at the University of Toronto. And this group of four or five young men all attended the Centennial Grand Chapter in Cincinnati in 1955, and I really think it was this that inspired them. And I recall them coming back and telling me about this, but my feeling at that time was that these were laudable ambitions but obviously none of them was capable of achievement.



An efficient crew of volunteers registered Sigs and their guests.

The next thing I knew was that Ted came home from a trip to Chicago and telephoned me and said, "Congratulations." I said, "on what?" And he said, "You have won the Grand Chapter for next year and it was done on the basis that you would be General Chairman and would supervise it." This was the first I had heard of it. I had never attended a Grand Chapter in my life. I had no idea what it was all about, but there was no point in disappointing the young men and we therefore accepted it, commenced organization and we went on from there."<sup>15</sup>

It is interesting to note that each of the three ambitions of Edward S. "Ted" Rogers was achieved within a few years. The Beta Omega Chapter house was built and dedicated in 1959, and the first Canadian Grand Chapter took place in 1957 along with the Installation of Epsilon Omicron Chapter at the University of Western Ontario. Some 20 years later Rogers was recognized with the Significant Sig Award.

The 1957 Grand Chapter was the first Sigma Chi convention held outside of the United States. All the business sessions were well attended, and nearly 700 Sigs participated in the various events. No changes were made in the Constitution or Ritual, which in itself was notable. The business sessions were capably presided over by Grand Consul Peterson. At the opening business session, Grand Tribune Robert D. Workman gave the invocation. The Hon. Bryan L. Cathcart, Ontario's minister of travel and publicity; Dean R. R. McLaughlin, Toronto '22, of the University of Toronto; and Chairman Graham welcomed the members to Toronto and Canada.



Above, Sigs enjoyed the traditional Grand Chapter Stag Show, while the ladies were treated to a fashion show, below.





Robert C. Travis  
1957 International  
Balfour Award winner

Top attraction of the evening was the traditional Literary Exercises. Grand Historian Robert M. Collett, the Grand Chapter Orator, gave what many listeners regarded as the least traditional and lengthy, most entertaining and interesting oration in the Fraternity's 102-year history. Also at the exercises, Robert C. Travis, Mississippi '57, received the 1957 International Balfour Award, presented by his province Grand Praetor, Norman C. Brewer Jr. Two oil paintings—one of Grand Consul Peterson and the other of the brother known as the "Father of Sigma Chi in Canada," Ralph Connable, Albion '90,—were presented to the Fraternity, the former to be displayed in the Memorial Headquarters, the latter loaned to the Beta Omega Chapter. The Peterson portrait was presented

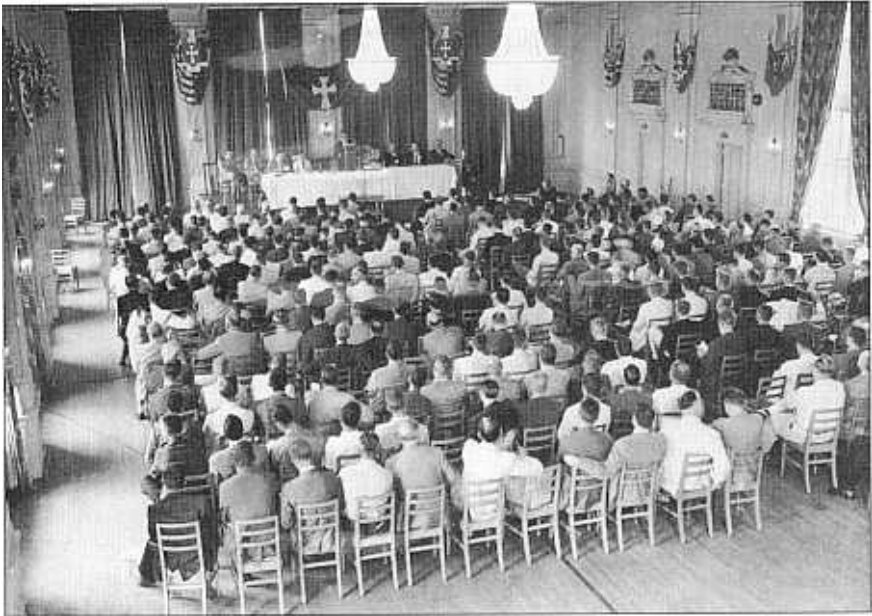
by James L. Beatty III, Indiana '54, on behalf of the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter and was unveiled by the Grand Consul's daughter, Mrs. Don Davidson. The Connable painting was presented by Order of Constantine member J. Beverly Milner, Toronto '25, for the Toronto Alumni Chapter and was unveiled by Alexander C. Turner, Toronto '35.

The first Canadian Grand Chapter also marked the origin of the Alumni Chapter Community Service award, which had been suggested to the Fraternity by the Chicago Alumni Chapter and past Grand Praetor Donald B. Ward. The first winner was the Honolulu Alumni Chapter. General Chairman John Graham was honored as the 1957 recipient of the Best Alumni Chapter Officer award.

The first evening featured separate programs for Sigs and the women. The men were treated to entertainment and fellowship at a stag show in the ballroom. The Sigmas and other lady guests enjoyed a fashion show at the posh Royal Canadian Yacht Club. They also met for the first time the three Sweetheart finalists, Suzanne Bowden of the University of Alabama, Maureen Cherry of the University of British Columbia, and Judy Johansen of Northwestern University. The Sigmas chose a new international president, Mrs. Phyllis LeClerg, of College Park, Maryland, wife of retiring Grand Praetor Dr. Erwin LeClerg, Colorado State '23.

An afternoon luncheon in the main ballroom featured remarks by toastmaster and Significant Sig Frank Kurtz, Southern California '35, a U.S. Air Force Colonel who was the most decorated World War II Air Force pilot. He entertained the crowd and introduced the main speaker, Significant Sig A.E. Harold Fair, Toronto '22, president of the Brown Paper Company. Fair's theme, "Science and the Future," illustrated scientific progress with frequent references to developments in his own field, wood cellulose chemistry.

The Grand Chapter delegates approved a the creation of a 25th Province, Ontario-Quebec, by removing those areas from the Eastern



Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson opened the first business session of the 51st Grand Chapter.

and Western New York Provinces. Brothers then adjourned to Toronto's Masonic Temple to witness a Ritual Exemplification conducted by the Leadership Training Board in conjunction with the installation of Epsilon Omicron Chapter at the University of Western Ontario. Significant Sig Dr. George Edward Hall, Toronto '29, president of the University of Western Ontario, was the chief installing officer. As the installation closed, an announcement was made that Beta Omega Chapter was beginning a fund drive to finance a new house, the first fraternity house on the campus to be built for that purpose and the first Sig chapter in Canada to build its own home.

Back at the King Edward Hotel, the Sigs prepared for the Sweetheart Ball that evening. Trans Canada Airlines had luxuriously whisked the three Sweetheart finalists to Toronto from their homes in British Columbia, Minnesota, and New York. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation was hard at work setting up its network lines into the King Edward's grand ballroom. Alumni struggling into their dinner jackets and shirts wondered why they didn't fit as well as they had at the 1955 Centennial Grand Chapter. Master of ceremonies Donald B. Ward, a former radio-television personality in Chicago, introduced each Sweetheart finalist as she was pushed into the ballroom in a floral cart by members of her sponsoring chapter. The Sweetheart judges, press agent Bev Barnett, Oklahoma State '34; cartoonist Milton Caniff, Ohio State '30; and motion picture actor Regis Toomey, had selected one to be the International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. With television cameras looking and radio microphones listening, Ward introduced David J. Walker,



Above, a date bureau assisted Sigs in arranging dates for the International Sweetheart Ball, shown below.





Toronto '28, a newly-elected member of the Canadian Parliament. The crowd pressed forward to hear the Beta Omega Sig announce the 1957 International Sweetheart. "The winner is . . . is . . . ah um . . . the new Sweetheart of Sigma Chi is . . . is . . . Miss . . . Miss Judy Johansen of Northwestern University!" The crowd cheered, the band played "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi," and Judy's fiancé, Ron Turner, Northwestern '57, was beside himself with joy. The band then played "The White Cross of Sigma Chi," a song written by C.A. "Bert" Fiske, Albion '90, and F. Dudleigh Vernor, co-composer of "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi."



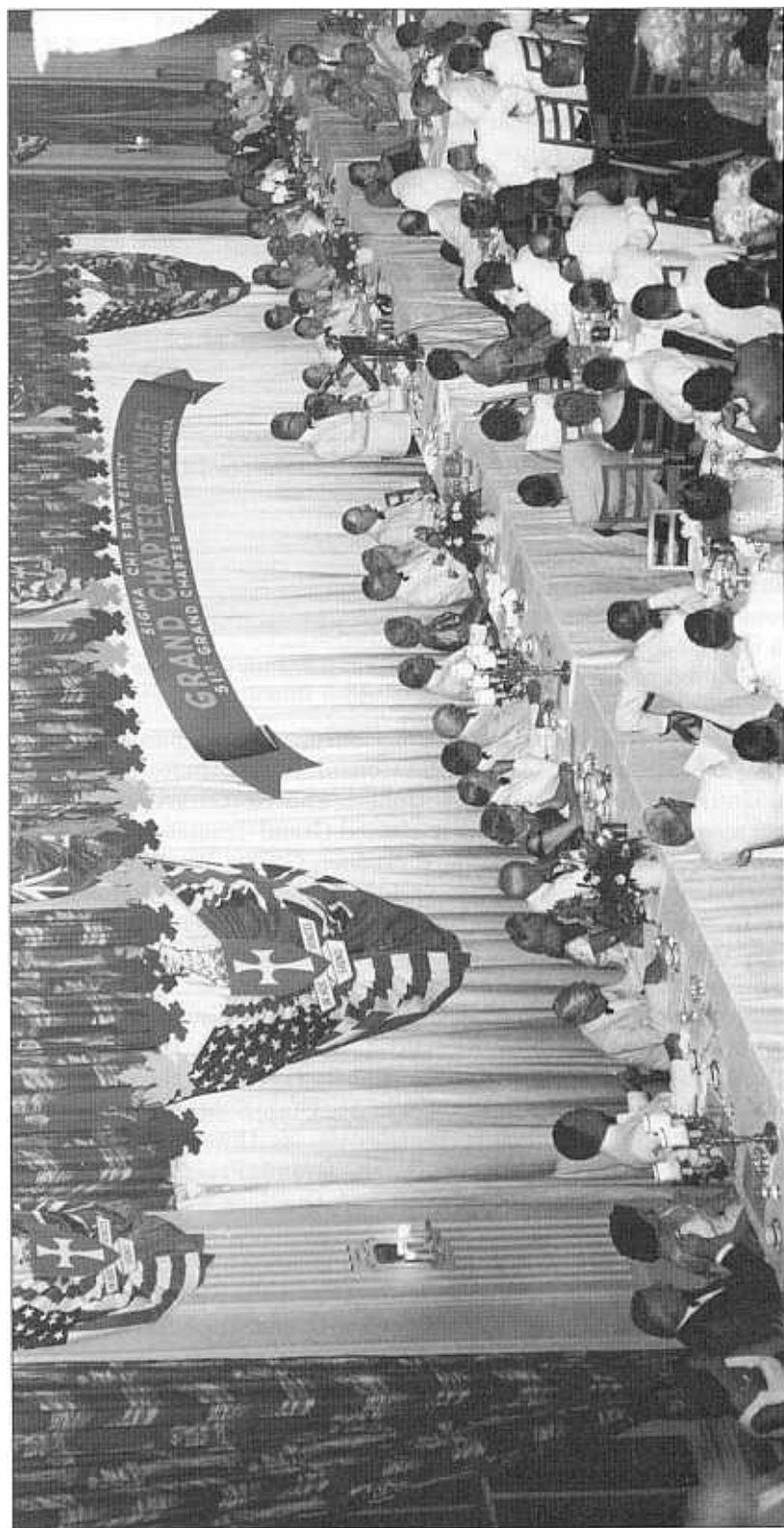
Judy Johansen  
1957 International Sweetheart

The convention elected as Grand Consul Edward S. Farrow, M.I.T. '20, who had been Grand Pro Consul, and Richard S. Doyle, George Washington '17, as Grand Pro Consul. Grand Quaestor Harry V. Wade, Grand Historian Robert M. Collett, and Grand Tribune Robert D. Workman were re-elected. Newly-elected Grand Trustees were Carl P. Clare, Idaho '27; and Judge Bolon B. Turner, George Washington '22.

Newly-elected Grand Praetors and their provinces were: Howard C. Barber Jr., Maine '45, Southern New England; C. Norman Halford, McGill '45, Ontario-Quebec; Barr S. Morris, Colgate '50, Eastern New York; Frederick S. DeMarr, Maryland '49, Eastern; E.C. Stothart Jr., Tennessee-Knoxville '35, North Carolina-South Carolina; Hugh L. Cottle, Auburn '34, Southeastern; Richard A. Cunningham, Pittsburgh '50, West Virginia-Western Pennsylvania; Robert H. Irvine, Beloit '24, Illinois-Wisconsin; Merrill K. Davis, Utah '36, Utah-Southern Idaho; and W. Edward Wilson, Washington (Seattle) '31, Northwestern.

Grand Trustee William P. Huffman, Grand Praetor Norman C. Brewer, and former Grand Praetor James J. Overlock were approved by the Grand Council to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee. Michigan Grand Praetor Al Gross was re-elected chairman of the "Praetorial College," the informal organization of the Grand Praetors, and Elton B. Hunt was elected chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

During the last luncheon, the program's master of ceremonies, Col. Cecil H. Davidson, Colorado State '34, a Significant Sig and director of the U.S. Army War College, introduced the featured speaker, Significant Sig and president of the University of Western Ontario, Dr. George Edward Hall, who spoke on the luncheon's theme, "Canada and the 20th Century."



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At the Grand Chapter banquet, Significant Sig Barry M. Goldwater, Arizona '32, U.S. Senator from Arizona, proved to be one of the most popular toastmasters in banquet history. The affable, young politician was introduced by banquet chairman Lawrence W. Skey, Toronto '34, with the following comment: "It is a pleasure to introduce such a young and vigorous Senator to this body; our Canadian Senators are noted more for longevity than virility."

With an easy, western informality, Senator Goldwater warmed the audience with a few capitol cloakroom stories and introduced the featured speaker, Significant Sig Donald C. Power, Denison & Ohio State '22, president of the General Telephone Corporation. He gave a thoughtful speech on academic unity, the necessity in a modern society for a high degree of professional specialization while developing the individual's ability to communicate intelligently with his contemporaries. He stressed the importance of the arts and sciences as a necessary part of a specialized or technical education. Also introduced was Elbert H. Alford, Illinois Wesleyan '86, the second-oldest living Sig. The 94-year-old brother received Life Membership number 10,000 for being the oldest Sig present at the convention. Also present were 11 brothers who had been Sigs for more than 50 years and two who had been initiated more than 70 years earlier.

New inductees into the Order of Constantine were Charles S. Caldwell, New Mexico '23; Carl P. Clare; Dr. Erwin L. LeClerc; Richard W. Sharp, Ray S. Tannehill, Penn State '23; Donald E. Walker; and Robert D. Workman.

Always of great interest at the banquet is the introduction of the Grand Consul-elect by the outgoing Grand Consul. Enthusiastic applause greeted Grand Consul Edward S. Farrow, a devoted Fraternity worker, as retiring Grand Consul Peterson pinned the Founder's Badge on his successor. The Fraternity's new leader closed the 51st Grand Chapter with a brief, humble acceptance speech in which he paid tribute to his predecessor as "one of the truly great Grand Consuls in Sigma Chi's history."

Assisting General Chairman Graham with the coordination of the first Grand Chapter in Canada were: Robert W. Davies, Toronto '40; Howard R. Douglas, Toronto '33; Edward S. "Ted" Rogers, and David H. Urquhart, Toronto '57; and a number of Toronto alumni who headed various committees.

## THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON OMICRON CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO, JUNE 27, 1957



Dr. George Edward  
Hall

In 1957, London, Ontario, was a city of 150,000 people and a commercial and industrial center of southwestern Ontario. The University of Western Ontario was providing an educational service for communities in the area totaling nearly two million in population. Located in the northern section of London, the campus comprised several hundred acres and featured impressive neo-gothic buildings of native limestone. Two rivers pass through the university campus. Western University, as it was originally known, received its charter from the legislature of the Province of Ontario in 1878, through the efforts of the Bishop of the Diocese of Huron of the Anglican Church. In 1923 its

name was changed to the University of Western Ontario. The first classes graduated in arts and medicine in 1883. When the student body had increased to such an extent that local finances could not possibly meet demands, the province assumed part of the load of current expenses. The Kingsmill property, about 260 acres, north of the City of London, was bought and the university erected buildings on that site in 1924. At the time of the founding of Epsilon Omicron Chapter, the president of the University was Dr. George Edward Hall, Canada's first Significant Sig.

In 1954 Chi Delta Sigma, the fraternity petitioning Sigma Chi, was the only local of the seven existing fraternities. Internationals having chapters there were: Alpha Kappa Kappa, Beta Sigma Rho, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Upsilon, Kappa Alpha Society and Zeta Psi. The three sororities were Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi.

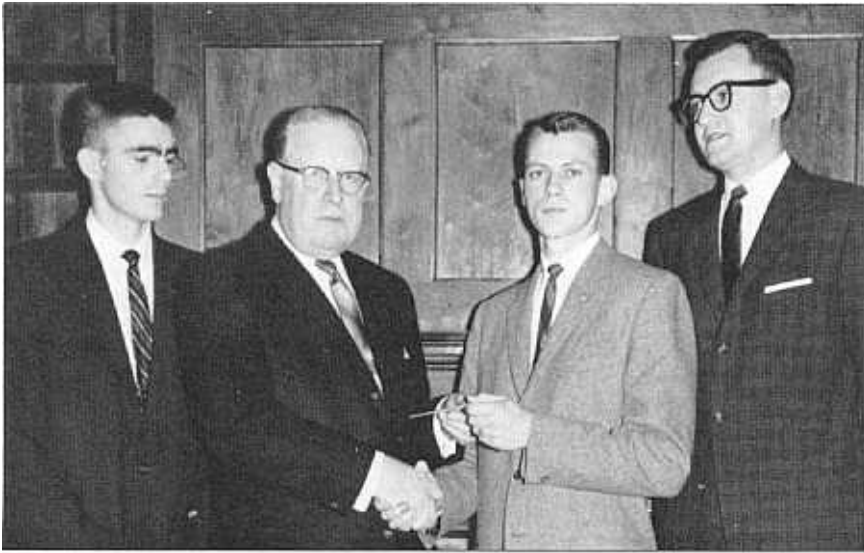
Chi Delta Sigma was formed in October 1954 by a group of students at the university with the backing of Robert C. Varah, Toronto & Western Ontario '57, who had associated with C. James Grimes and R. Thomas Merry. Varah had transferred to Western Ontario from the University of Toronto that fall. During rush week he noticed that a number of outstanding young men were not pledging or being pledged to the fraternities. After talking with these men, Bob persuaded them to form the Campus Men's Club, which immediately sought to become the seventh member of the Western Ontario community of men's fraternities.

Chi Delta Sigma received recognition as a local fraternity from the interfraternity council and university board of governors in November of 1955. This recognition was the culmination of a year-long struggle by



The University College, on the University of Western Ontario campus, housed arts and science classes.

the group of ambitious young men. During the first year, the group encountered opposition from many sources, but these setbacks served only to strengthen the determination of the charter members to achieve their goal. The members began to work for what had always been their primary objective—affiliation with Sigma Chi. That fall, the members rented a small house and held meetings and social events there. The house was acquired through local funds and money raised by Beta Omega Chapter at the University of Toronto. Throughout the academic year the brothers worked to strengthen the fraternity and to prepare for petitioning Sigma Chi. In the summer of 1956, the group rented a house that had sleeping accommodations for 10 and dining facilities for 20. The members worked many hours remodeling and repainting to make the house suitable for fraternity activities. Chi Delta Sigma took its place as a full member of the Western fraternity family. The members were active in all phases of student activities, holding prominent positions in student government, including the presidencies of the Arts and Science Council and the Music College Council. Others were active in the various student clubs and athletics. Several were varsity lettermen. The first two and a half years of existence were successful, and Chi Delta Sigma was regarded as one of the top fraternities on the campus. The first two years of operations resulted in a modest financial surplus. A building fund had been established with a target date of 1962 set for building a house. <sup>16</sup>



At the Epsilon Omicron Chapter Installation, House Corporation Chairman Charles E. Isard, second from left, handed a key to the chapter house to Consul John Freudman. At left is Don Thompson, who served as the group's first Consul. At right is Chapter Advisor Ted Frank.

On June 1, 1957, a favorable vote was received on the petition of Chi Delta Sigma Fraternity for admission to membership in Sigma Chi. The local fraternity had received active and unfailing support from the installing chapter, Beta Omega, and the Toronto Alumni Chapter. Many individual brothers also aided and encouraged the members of Chi Delta Sigma, in particular: Dr. Hall, chief installing officer; J. Beverly Milner, Toronto '25, who also fathered Gamma Rho Chapter at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia; John W. Graham; and Edward "Ted" Rogers, who coordinated the efforts of those anxious to have Chi Delta Sigma become a chapter of Sigma Chi. The installation ceremonies were held at the Toronto Masonic Temple, directed by Leadership Training Board member Howard H. Wetherell, assisted by Assistant Executive Secretaries Richard H. Bein and William Denton. The success and enthusiasm of the petitioning group and its sponsors was witnessed by the 1957 Grand Chapter delegates and Fraternity officers when the 30 charter members of Epsilon Omicron were initiated on the third day of the 51st Grand Chapter.<sup>17</sup>

### SIGS IN THE NEWS

William P. Rogers, Colgate '34, was named the U.S. Attorney General.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology President Dr. James R. Kil-

lian, Duke and M.I.T. '26, was named by U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower as his first Special Assistant for Science and Technology, and was assigned the task of guiding the development of the fledgling U.S. missile program.

The University of Pittsburgh dedicated its 41-story Cathedral of Learning, the world's tallest educational structure, to its President Dr. John C. Bowman, Iowa 1899.

James T. Blair Jr., Missouri-Columbia '23, became Governor of Missouri.

Carl L. Bausch, Syracuse '09, was named board chairman of the famed Bausch and Lomb optical company.

Bowden Wyatt, Tennessee-Knoxville '39, head football coach at his alma mater, was named college football's Coach of the Year by the Scripps Howard newspaper chain, a major media group of the time.

Accumulating first team All-American football honors for the mid-1950s years were Howard "Hopalong" Cassady at Ohio State University, Johnny Majors at University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Ron Kramer at University of Michigan, and Don Bosseler at University of Miami, Florida.

W.W. "Woody" Hayes, Denison '35, head football coach at Ohio State University, opened 1955 with a Rose Bowl win in Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day. His team had won the Big Ten Football championship the previous fall.

Tony Trabert, Cincinnati '52, who won the American men's single tennis championship in 1953, repeated in 1955. He had also helped bring back the Davis Cup to the United States from Australia. He became a professional tennis player in 1955 and participated in exhibition matches all over the U.S.

Three noted Sig educators were named college or university presidents, bringing the total of Sigma Chi college presidents and chancellors to 27. The three new presidents were Barnaby Keeney, North Carolina '36, at Brown University; J. Wayne Reitz, Colorado State '30, at the University of Florida; and Robert L.D. "Larry" Davidson, Dickinson '31, at Westminster College, Missouri.

Kenneth Zwiener, California '28, became president of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, the third largest bank in Chicago.

Significant Sig James G. Stahlman, Vanderbilt & Chicago '16, president and publisher of *The Nashville Banner*, announced that he had purchased all outstanding stock of that newspaper and had become its sole owner.

Pete Elliott, Michigan '47, took over as head football coach at the University of Nebraska. He was the youngest football coach in what was then known as the Big Seven Conference.

John Pont, Miami (Ohio) '52, was named head football coach at his alma mater.

## CHAPTER II—Notes and Comments

1. "Minutes of the 50th Grand Chapter of Sigma Chi," Headquarters Archives, p. 512a.

2. Texas Christian University special committee report.

3. The other seven selected fraternities were: Phi Delta Theta, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

4. Joseph J. Patterson, Oklahoma State '19, essay on Epsilon Mu Installation, Headquarters Archives, pp. 1-6. The long and loyal work of Donald E. Walker is of particular note in the history of Sigma Chi. A native born Oklahoman and an Episcopalian, Don was an enduring example of the "Spirit of Youth" during all 92 years of his life. Although he was long identified as the "mother" of Sigma Chis in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, his hospitality, brotherhood, and interests were continent-wide. Many thousands of Sigs of all ages experienced and were lastingly influenced by his kindness. Professionally, Don had a long and distinguished career in the petroleum industry, both domestic and foreign. He served as Grand Praetor of the Central Southwestern Province, Grand Trustee, and Grand Tribune. Upon his election to the office of Grand Tribune in 1983, at the age of 89, he was the oldest Sigma Chi ever elected to a Grand office. He was the one most responsible for the preservation of the original badge of Founder Daniel William Cooper, having arranged with the Cooper family to have the badge held in the possession of the Fraternity at the time of Founder Cooper's passing while Don was Consul at Beta Theta Chapter, University of Pittsburgh. Refer to *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Spring 1987 issue, for additional information regarding the record of service of Brother Walker. The history of Epsilon Mu Chapter and Sigma Chi would not be complete without mention of the long record of service of Elton B. Hunt, one of the most dominant custodians of the Governing Laws of Sigma Chi from the late 1940s until 1967. An attorney with his own practice, Hunt was a careful draftsman of petroleum leases, and his command of language made him ideally suited as a draftsman of Sigma Chi's laws.

5. *The Sigma Chi Bulletin*, March, 1955, p. 6.

6. G. Frederick Warn, Hanover '36, essay on Epsilon Nu Installation, Headquarters archives, pp. 1-5.

7. Ernest C. Pierson, Minnesota '55, undergraduate investigating officer for Epsilon Lambda, *The Sigma Chi Bulletin*, March 1955, pp. 10,11. Robert H. Sevey, Minnesota '54, a member of Omega Sigma Chi, transferred to the University of Minnesota for his final two years of college and created among the chapter there an interest in the petition at Ripon, resulting in Pierson's thorough report in *The Bulletin*.

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13. Cf. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, May 1956, pp. 4-27, for a more complete history of *The Magazine* and its editors leading up to 1956.

14. Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity held its first leadership school in 1935, and Kappa Alpha Order started its national workshop in 1946.



15. John W. Graham, Q.C., Toronto, Ontario, personal interview with Robert W. Davies, Q.C., at the 1979 Grand Chapter in Indianapolis, Indiana. Edward S. "Ted" Rogers is Brother Graham's stepson.

16. "A Petition to Sigma Chi Fraternity from Chi Delta Sigma Fraternity," petitioning brochure, Headquarters archives.

17. There had been three prime leaders in the Chi Delta Sigma fraternity. One of them, Charles H.B. Vaucrosson, was from Bermuda. A few months before the 1957 Grand Chapter, he was gracious enough to withdraw his name from the petition, realizing that his proposed Initiation would have meant rejection for the entire group because he was a member of the black race. He was initiated into the Sigma Chi Fraternity in 1978. In 1987 he received the Significant Sig medal for his outstanding career as an attorney and judge in Bermuda.

to John W. Farrow Jr., former Grand Consul, is the 39th Grand Consul of the Grand Lodge of the United States. He is a member of the Grand Lodge of the United States and the Grand Lodge of the United States. He is a member of the Grand Lodge of the United States and the Grand Lodge of the United States. He is a member of the Grand Lodge of the United States and the Grand Lodge of the United States.



Edward S. Farrow Jr.  
39th Grand Consul

# Chapter III

## Confronting Change

### 1957 to 1959

"Sigma Chi exists to promote the effective lives of our members. The Fraternity will continue to select members of the highest caliber. We adhere to the right of free association and shall strive to keep active every chapter in our ranks. Join with us in carrying high the White Cross of Sigma Chi."

*Grand Consul Edward S. Farrow, M.I.T. '20, at the 1957 Leadership Training Workshop.<sup>1</sup>*

**T**HE BIENNIAL PERIOD 1957-1959 was a time of continued progress in Sigma Chi. Grand Consul Edward S. Farrow, M.I.T. '20, served the first 17 months of his two-year term vigorously and in good health. Unfortunately, he was stricken with a serious illness in November 1958, and was unable to serve the final seven months of his term.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF EDWARD S. FARROW JR., 39th GRAND CONSUL

Edward S. Farrow was one of the most distinguished businessmen elected to the office of Grand Consul. It is likely that he was also the tallest, at 6 feet, 10 inches. Farrow was born in Georgetown, Delaware, on April 12, 1898. He attended Asbury Park High School in New Jersey. During World War I he served six months in the chemical warfare service as a technician in the phosgene manufacturing plants at Edgewood Arsenal in Edgewood, Maryland. He was also a cadet officer at the Field Artillery Officers' Training School at Camp Zachary Taylor in Kentucky. He received a bachelor of science degree in 1920 and a master's degree in chemical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1921. He was in the first group to take the postgraduate course in the School of Chemical Engineering.

Upon graduation he began working with the Eastman Kodak Company in 1921, in charge of the development of cellulose acetate safety film in the experimental department of the chemical plant. In the fall of 1922 he began the development of cellulose acetate manufacturing methods. He was appointed assistant superintendent of the chemical plant in 1926 and superintendent two years later. In 1930 he was made assistant general manager of Kodak Park Works, continuing in that capacity until 1934 when he was appointed assistant production manager at the Kodak headquarters. In 1941 he was elected assistant vice president and assistant general manager of the company. He was

elected vice president in 1945 and served in that position until retirement after his illness in 1958.

In his community Farrow served as president of the Rochester Civic Music Association, board member of Rochester Art Gallery, vice president of the Rochester Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and chairman of the finance committee for the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester. In addition he served as a member of the Corporation of M.I.T.

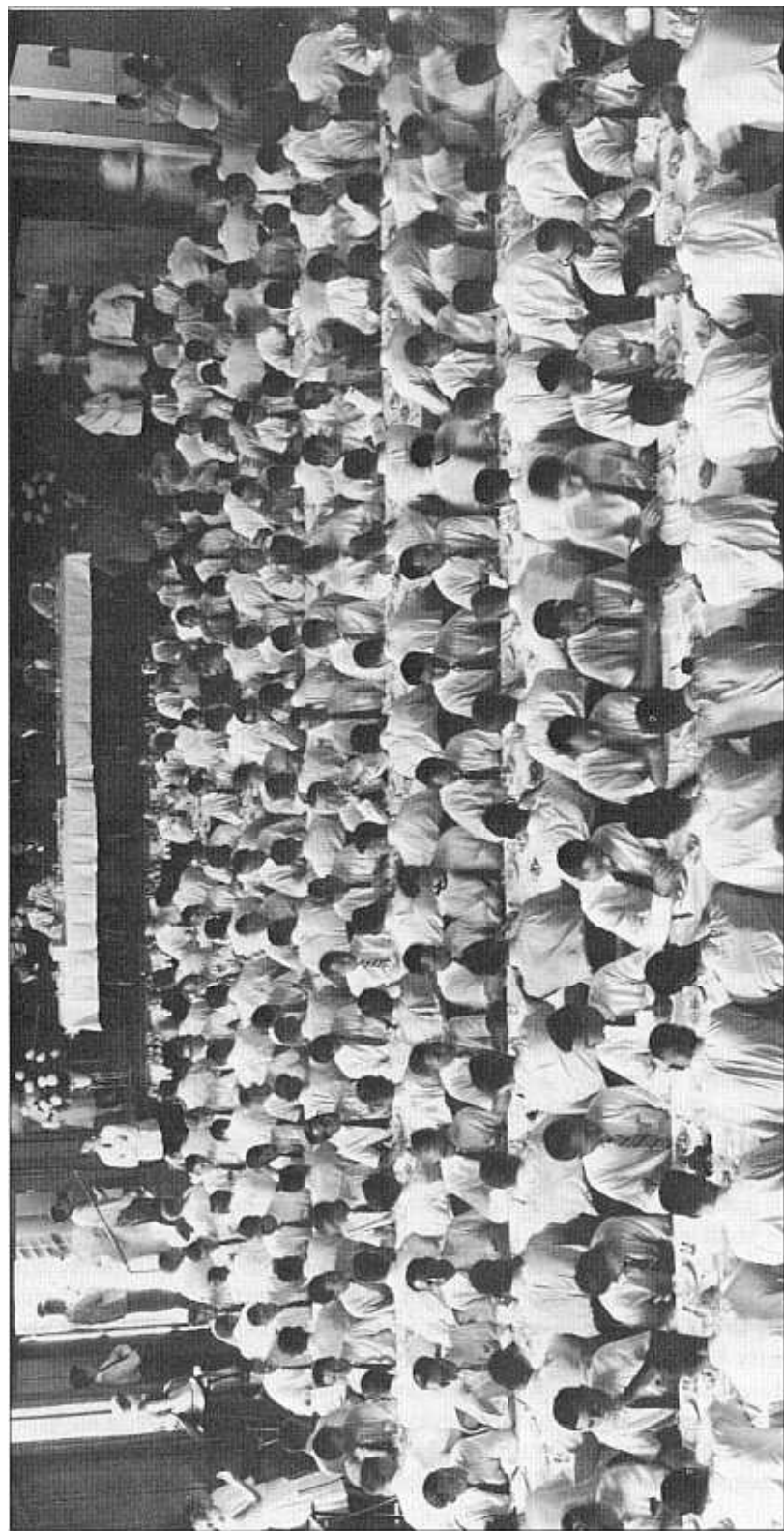
In Sigma Chi his involvement began with his Initiation into Alpha Theta Chapter in November 1916. For three years he served his chapter as Rush Chairman. During that period Alpha Theta did not lose a man to other fraternities. He attended his first Grand Chapter in the summer of 1931. He was chairman of the Rochester group that successfully promoted the chartering of Gamma Pi Chapter at the University of Rochester. From 1935-1939 he was Grand Praetor of the New York-Ontario-Quebec Province, and served as a Grand Trustee from 1939 until 1948. He was chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees for three years. He was also a member of the Sigma Chi Foundation Board of Governors, an officer of the Alpha Theta house corporation, and a founder of the Rochester Alumni Chapter. Brother Farrow was inducted into the Order of Constantine in 1955. His son, Edward W. Farrow, also was an initiate of Alpha Theta Chapter, class of 1953.

While in the midst of a vigorous business career, Farrow went about his duties as Grand Consul diligently, attending numerous chapter and province gatherings as well as presiding over the 1958 Grand Council meeting in Minneapolis and the various quarterly Executive Committee meetings. In November 1958, at the age of 60, he suffered a stroke which incapacitated him until his death on August 9, 1962. Following the illness of Grand Consul Farrow, Grand Pro Consul Richard S. Doyle assumed the duties of Acting Grand Consul for the remaining portion of the term of office. Grand Consul Farrow's illness was a very great tragedy to himself and his family. It must also be recognized that his illness was a very definite tragedy to Sigma Chi. One must ponder how much more this talented and devoted executive would have achieved for his Fraternity, both by completing his term as Grand Consul and then as a Past Grand Consul.

The early days of August 1957 featured the publication of the Fraternity's first rush brochure, and of a greatly-expanded, 288-page edition of *The Norman Shield* pledge manual, which was twice as large as the preceding editions.

## **TENTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP DePAUW UNIVERSITY - 1957**

A record-breaking total of 447 undergraduates from 121 of the 128 chapters attended the 1957 Leadership Training Workshop at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, August 24-28. The tenth Work-



The final banquet the 195' Workshop

shop set three new participation records, in total number of delegates, number of chapters represented, and percentage of chapters on hand.

The 1957 Workshop was the first conducted under Leadership Training Board Chairman Floyd R. Baker, whose 11-year service as L.T.B. chairman was the longest in Workshop history, at least through the 1988 Workshop. Baker opened the 1957 program by outlining its objectives and procedures. Grand Consul Farrow set the stage with his "State of Sigma Chi" address. After introducing the members of the Executive Committee—the first time most of the delegates had seen their General Fraternity officers face-to-face—Farrow stressed the broad base of Sigma Chi in its quantity, quality, and area of chapters. He pinpointed the frugality of its financial management and the need for ever-improving scholarship. He also commended the work of the Foundation and Fraternity publications. After heralding the growth of the Workshop over the years and lauding the labors of the Leadership Training Board and staff, the Grand Consul characterized some of the aspects of Fraternity life in meeting and facing social needs, building self-improvement, enjoying intimate association, and joining for a reciprocal life.

For the first time at Workshop, division programs for scholarship and Chapter Advisors were included, in addition to the traditional Consuls, Magisters, Quaestors and Underclass divisions. Newly-appointed to the Leadership Training Board was Donald K. Harkness, DePauw & Butler '42. Assistant Executive Secretary Richard H. Bein served as Workshop Administrator.<sup>2</sup>

## ETA CHAPTER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

On October 5, 1957, Eta Chapter at the University of Mississippi in Oxford celebrated its 100th birthday. At noon on that day, a buffet luncheon was served in the magnificent new chapter house, then about half completed. It had been hoped that the house would be completed and dedicated on that occasion, but delays had made that impossible. Alumni and friends of the chapter were given guided tours of the structure, and everyone was amazed at its spaciousness, convenience, and planning. It was clearly evident that beauty had been combined with utility, and that the brothers of Eta were going to have a home they, as well as their alumni, could be proud of for many years to come.

During halftime of the Ole' Miss football game that afternoon, the band saluted Sigma Chi by playing "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" and forming the Greek letters on the gridiron. This marked the first time any fraternity had been honored at a football game in that stadium.

More than 450 Sigs, wives and sweethearts attended the banquet that evening in University High gymnasium. Chancellor Dr. J.D. Williams welcomed everyone and told how Eta Chapter had been a helpful and integral part of the institution for many years. Grand Consul Far-



Grand Consul Farrow speaks at the Eta Chapter centennial celebration at the University of Mississippi.

row had traveled all the way from Rochester, New York, and gave a thought-provoking speech. Master of ceremonies was Robert Farley, Mississippi '19, dean of the university law school. Also on the program was the ranking Eta alumnus in the General Fraternity government, Grand Praetor and Executive Committee member Norman C. Brewer Jr.<sup>3</sup>

New chapter houses were dedicated in the late fall of 1957: Gamma Xi Chapter at the University of Wyoming in November, and Delta Tau Chapter at Westminster College, Missouri, in December.

The Sportsman of the Year Award was created in 1957. It originated as the Outstanding Athlete Award and was renamed the Outstanding Sportsman Award in 1960 to include coaches, managers and others active in the world of sports. The award was the idea of Past Grand Consul Lloyd G. Balfour, who also donated the large, permanent trophy to the Fraternity, on which the recipients' names are recorded. The award recognizes the most outstanding Sigma Chi in the field of amateur, collegiate or professional athletics. Its first recipient was Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop Dick Groat, Duke '53.

In February of 1958, the Executive Committee at its quarterly meeting reviewed the action of the administration of Bowling Green State University, Ohio, which had suspended the active status of Delta Kappa Chapter there because of a violation of the school's policies on the use of alcoholic beverages. A committee of alumni was appointed to guide the chapter in earning a return to good standing with the administration, which was achieved with the opening of the fall term 1958. The action against the chapter was instigated by university President Dr. Ralph McDonald, who, ironically, was eligible to become a Sigma Chi because

he was a member of the local group that became Delta Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Chi at North Carolina State University in 1943. Later that year Delta Kappa was restored to good standing and Dr. McDonald was initiated into Sigma Chi.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON PI CHAPTER, NORTHERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY, MARCH 30, 1958.**



Gunter Hall has served as the visual symbol of the University of Northern Colorado since it was built in 1933.

At the time of the founding of Epsilon Pi Chapter, Greeley, Colorado, was a city of 25,000, located 30 miles east of the Rocky Mountains. The origin of Northern Colorado University is closely connected with the development of the Union Colony inspired by Nathan C. Meeker. Horace Greeley, a prominent journalist and politician, encouraged Meeker to establish a colony in the Colorado territory. The first colonists arrived in the spring of 1870 and named their town in honor of Greeley. One of their early objectives was the development of education, and due to their efforts, Colorado State Normal School was established by the State Legislature in 1889. The cornerstone

for Cranford Hall was laid in June, 1890, and instruction began that fall. In 1911 the name was changed to Colorado State Teachers College; in 1935 it was changed to Colorado State College of Education; in 1957 to Colorado State College; and in 1970 it was changed to Northern Colorado University. At the time of the founding of Epsilon Pi, enrollment was 3,000 students, and the president of the college was Dr. William R. Ross, Colorado State '21.

The Delta Psi local fraternity was founded on February 4, 1903, by a group of men who felt a need for promotion of scholarship and fellowship among the students. On October 3, 1903, Delta Psi received the first official charter for a fraternity from the college. During its 54-year history, Delta Psi had a reputation of strong athletics, sound scholarship, and outstanding service to the school and community. The group was distinguished in each of these areas at the time of its petition for a Sigma Chi charter. In 1957 Delta Psi occupied a house at 1922 8th Avenue, which was owned by the college and had a sleeping capacity of 21 and dining capacity of 30. At that time the following fraternities were represented on



the campus: Acacia, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Xi, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. In 1949 the members of Delta Psi first started planning for their affiliation with a major fraternity. After their plans were interrupted by the Korean Conflict, the members revived their goal and made a unanimous decision to petition Sigma Chi. They chose Sigma Chi because of its ideals.<sup>4</sup>

Grand Trustee Floyd R. Baker, chairman of the Leadership Training Board, was chief installing officer at the Epsilon Pi Installation, where 39 undergraduate and alumni members of Delta Psi local fraternity became members of Sigma Chi on March 30, 1958. The Initiation ceremonies were conducted by members of Beta Tau Chapter at Colorado State University. Following the ceremonies, Sigma Chis and guests gathered in the College Faculty Club for the Installation banquet. Grand Praetor Merrill K. Davis, a Utah state senator, and Dr. Robert E. Bates, Indiana '32, Leadership Training Board member and the dean of students at Colorado State University, were guest speakers at the banquet. Active chapter representatives from the University of Colorado, Colorado State University, Colorado College, Uni-



Chief Installing Officer Floyd Baker, left, presented the charter to Epsilon Pi Consul Bernard Lanz.



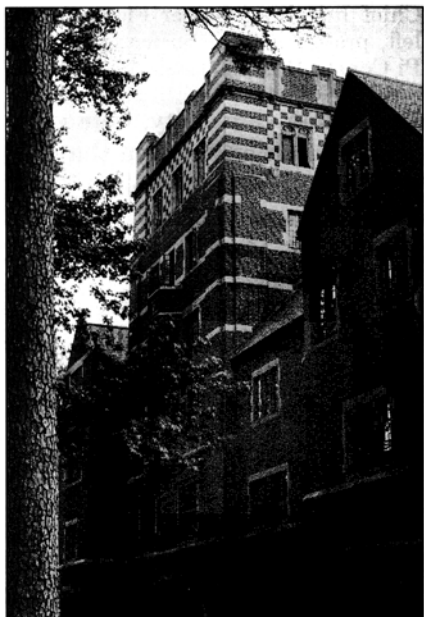
Some of the Epsilon Pi charter members.



Epsilon Pi Chapter Installing Officers.

versity of Wyoming, Denver University, and the University of Nebraska were also present.

### THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON RHO CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND, APRIL 12, 1958



One of the buildings on the University of Richmond campus.

Richmond, Virginia, the former capital of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War, was a city of 210,000 people in 1958. The college was founded as Virginia Baptist Seminary in 1832 "for the improvement of the ministry." It was chartered as Richmond College in 1840 to provide a college of liberal arts and sciences for gentlemen. At that time, literary as well as ministerial students were admitted. As the city grew, the need for a similar institution for women became apparent, and Westhampton College was established in 1914. These colleges along with the later-formed law, graduate, and business schools were coordinated under a university system in 1920. At the time of the Installation of

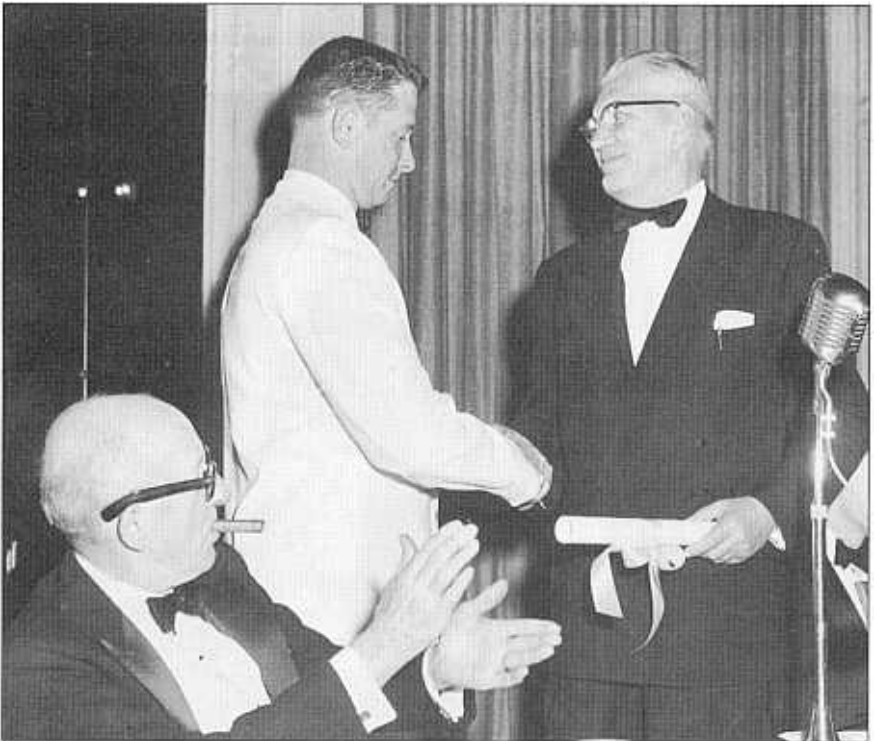
Epsilon Rho Chapter, enrollment was 1,982 students.

Sigma Chi first came to Richmond College in 1880, when on January 17 the original Alpha Beta Chapter was installed. Although the

chapter only lasted two years at Richmond, two of its initiates were outstanding citizens. James R. Branch, 1881, was a leading stock broker and social leader, and John H. Ingram, 1882, was a prominent attorney and judge.

After World War II, the Richmond Alumni Chapter showed interest in re-establishing a chapter at the university. The rapid growth of the university and the presence of fraternities such as Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma caused growing enthusiasm among the Sigma Chi alumni. In 1953, with the assistance and support of Marshall Mercer, Virginia '26; Perry Mullinax, Emory '23; Willis O. Jones, Kentucky '38; and E. Holcombe Palmer, Cornell & Colorado College '41; Grand Praetor Malcolm M. Christian set out to colonize a group to petition Sigma Chi.

In September 1955, Chi Sigma fraternity, a petitioning local, was organized at the university. Grand Praetor Christian and five Sigma Chis enrolled at Richmond were the nucleus. Brock Matthews, North Carolina '56; Lawrence T. Berry, Hampden-Sydney '56; Kendall P. Parker, Hampden-Sydney '57; Edmund M. Moore, Hampden-Sydney '56; and Thomas A. Underhill, Hampden-Sydney '57, made up the original group, which expanded to 20 active brothers and nine pledges. With



Richmond Consul Paul Anderson, standing at left, received the charter from Grand Consul Farrow, as banquet speaker Romain Hassrick looked on.

their mission firmly in mind, the Chi Sigma members set out to attract men of great potential. Its members and pledges left their mark on the university in politics, athletics, and almost every other endeavor on campus. The culmination of Chi Sigma's impact on campus politics came when five of the 16 elected class officers for the academic year 1957-58 were members of Chi Sigma.<sup>5</sup>

By 1958 Chi Sigma was the only local of the 12 fraternities in the interfraternity council. The group had placed high in intramural athletics and Greek Week Carnival, and was the first recipient of the Raymond B. Pinchbeck Award for scholarship improvement. The local was strongly supported by Past Grand Consul William B. "Daddy" Ricks, North Carolina 1889, who had been an active advocate of the chartering of a number of chapters, and who had visited the chapter and participated in its pledging activities. Past Grand Consul Peterson had also visited the group and indicated his support for the petition.

On February 3 a favorable vote was received on the petition of the fraternity for admission to membership in Sigma Chi. The success of the petitioning group culminated on April 12, 1958, when the members of Chi Sigma became the charter initiates of Epsilon Rho Chapter. The group was given the name Epsilon Rho because the name of the former chapter at Richmond, Alpha Beta, had been given to the chapter at the University of California-Berkeley in 1886.

Installation and Initiation ceremonies were conducted Saturday af-



Celebration at the Epsilon Rho Installation banquet.

ternoon at the Hotel Jefferson in Richmond, followed by a banquet and formal dance that evening. Grand Consul Farrow was the chief installing officer, and Grand Praetor Christian and members of Psi Chapter at the University of Virginia conducted the Initiation ceremonies, assisted by members from the Washington and Lee, Roanoke, and Hampden-Sydney undergraduate chapters, and the Richmond Alumni Chapter. Sigma Chi Foundation President Romain C. Hassrick delivered the banquet address. Dr. Charles J. Smith, Roanoke '01, provost of Roanoke College, was also present.<sup>6</sup>

### **ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER CELEBRATES 75th ANNIVERSARY**

Alpha Iota Chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University celebrated the 75th anniversary of its chartering with an array of festivities in Bloomington, Illinois, in May of 1958. Among the guests of honor were 95-year-old Elbert H. Alford, Illinois Wesleyan 1886, the only living member of the chapter's eight founders; 25-year housemother Mrs. William Bunton; and Mrs. Joseph C. Nate, the widow of the chapter's noted Past Grand Consul and author of its history, who traveled 1,000 miles from Denver for the occasion. Grand Consul Farrow led a delegation of Grand Officers who helped to celebrate the occasion, and awarded a Grand Consul's Citation to Bloomington Alumni Chapter president and the city's longtime "Mr. Sigma Chi," J. Stuart Wyatt, '15. A memorial service for deceased brothers, a Sweetheart ball, and a banquet highlighted the weekend activities.

### **ELEVENTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP, DePAUW UNIVERSITY - 1958**

The 1958 Workshop assembled at DePauw University under the auspices of the Leadership Training Board and host Xi Chapter. More than 585 members including undergraduate delegates, faculty, and staff met to discuss and demonstrate the inner-workings of Sigma Chi on August 22-27. In addition to attracting the greatest number of Sigs in history to a Workshop, the event also found the largest number of Chapter Advisors ever in attendance. Delta Sigma Chapter at the University of Rhode Island turned up with the largest delegation, 10 members, followed by Epsilon Nu at Texas Tech and Epsilon Xi from the University of Houston with eight each.



Carl C. Pitts  
1958 International  
Balfour Award winner

Early on Saturday morning, undergraduate delegates arrived in Greencastle. After registering in the Student Union Building, all gathered in the Speech Hall to participate in the opening convocation and to witness the presentation of the 1958 International Balfour Award to Carl C. Pitts, Colorado College '58, by Leadership Training Board Chairman Floyd Baker. Sunday morning included a Workshop worship service conducted by Rev. Robert L. Ducker, Florida State '53, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. That evening featured the traditional "State of Sigma Chi" address by Grand Pro Consul Richard S. Doyle, in the absence of Grand Consul Farrow.

Significant Sig Walter C. Berger, Iowa State '25, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Commodity Stabilization Service, delivered the main address at the Workshop banquet on the final day. Movie star and Significant Sig Regis Toomey was originally scheduled to deliver the banquet message but was unable to appear due to a pressing last-minute commitment. Grand Quaestor Harry Wade presented a well-received discussion on chapter housing, complete with detailed charts showing comparative costs for new and remodeled houses on a per-man basis and some of the possibilities for financing chapter housing. Orwill V.W. Hawkins, Bucknell '13, vice president of the Sigma Chi Foundation, told of the work by that body on behalf of bettering scholarship in the Fraternity and some of the future plans and prospects of the Foundation.

Although the 11th Leadership Training Workshop was Sigma Chi's



Delegates take time out from sessions at the 1958 Workshop.



Grand Trustee and Leadership Training Board Chairman Floyd Baker addresses the Workshop delegation. Also pictured, from left, are Peter Nimkoff, Donn B. Miller (behind Baker), Richard S. Doyle, John Wittich, William T. Bringham and Jack E. Pearson.

largest and most successful to date, it was marred by the death of two and injury of three members of the Delta Theta Chapter, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga delegation. Consul Earl D. Burden and Magister William M. Kellett were killed in an automobile accident near Madisonville, Kentucky, en route to Greencastle. Three other members of the chapter, Pro Consul William F. Beatty, Charles W. Foster, and Glenn Johnson, were seriously injured in the crash.<sup>7</sup>

This Workshop also marked the parting contribution of Assistant Executive Secretary and Workshop Administrator Richard H. Bein as a member of the Headquarters staff. He left the staff to enter law school at the University of California at Los Angeles.<sup>8</sup>

## LAMBDA CHAPTER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Lambda Chapter at Indiana University emerged from its first 100 years as the oldest chapter in continuous existence in the Fraternity. Two of its distinguished members, L.G. Balfour and J. Dwight Peterson, had served as Grand Consul. Four Significant Sigs and three Order of Constantine Sigs were Lambda initiates.

The centennial festivities got underway on September 5, 1958, with a stag smoker at the Van Orman Suburban Hotel in Bloomington, attended by 150 brothers. The Bloomington Sigs hosted the event in an atmosphere of decorative paddles, mugs, and humorous cartoons depicting chapter events of years gone by. University president Herman B. Wells addressed the Sigs at breakfast in the Indiana Union the next



Grand Consul Farrow spoke at the Lambda Chapter centennial celebration at the Indiana University. From left, university President Herman B. Wells, Lambda Board Chairman James L. Beatty Jr., toastmaster and Centennial Chairman D.C. Danielson, and Past Grand Consul L.G. Balfour.

morning, discussing the university's scholastic and physical expansion. A campus tour followed. Members of the university board of trustees and 190 guests were on hand for the noon luncheon in the Union building. Celebration chairman Donald C. "Danny" Danielson, '41 presented a gift from L.G. Balfour, a painting from the Hoosier Art Salon for the chapter house. That afternoon the Sigs convened in the University Little Theatre to witness an Initiation and hear a financial report by James L. Beatty Jr. '30, chapter board of directors president and Assistant Grand Quaestor of the Fraternity. The visiting brothers were also invited to attend the afternoon practice session of the Indiana football squad. The wives and sweethearts spent the afternoon at a reception, after which they joined the men at a reception for Fraternity officials.

A highlight of the centennial weekend, the banquet brought many Fraternity officials, Sigs and guests together in the Alumni Hall of the student union. Grand Consul Farrow, Past Grand Consuls Balfour and Peterson, Grand Pro Consul Doyle, Grand Quaestor Wade, Grand Historian Collett, Indiana Grand Praetor George Manson, and Executive Committee members William P. Huffman and Norman C. Brewer Jr., were all on hand for the affair, as well as university president Wells.

The banquet guests witnessed the presentation of a large birthday cake brought in by the new initiates, enjoyed musical selections by the chapter choir, and were greeted on behalf of the Fraternity by Grand Consul Farrow. Past Grand Consul Balfour delivered the centennial address. James Beatty then presented the centennial gift to president Wells. The gift, a sterling silver chain of office for the president, portrayed the official flower and leaves of the state of Indiana, the arbutus, with a 10-carat gold jewel and 42 separate panels upon which the names of future presidents of the school would be engraved. In providing the gift, Sigma Chi joined with Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi in a plan to present the university with the three symbols of the office of the





Pictured with a birthday cake presented by Lambda Chapter initiates are, from left, Thomas Graves Jr., Edwin L. Coke, Arthur L. Hershman and Billy E. Chambers.

president, the chain, the jewel, and the mace. Fred I. King, class of 1897, was honored as the oldest Lambda Sig in attendance. The banquet program concluded with a tribute to the chapter's centennial sweetheart, Claire Nelson.<sup>9</sup>

### **THE 1958 GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

Many facets of the Fraternity's extensive program of operations, from scholarship to chapter houses, came to the forefront as more than 60 Grand officers, committee members and Headquarters staff members convened October 9-11 at the Nicollet Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the annual meeting of the Grand Council.

The Executive Committee, the Foundation Board of Governors, the Board of Grand Trustees, the Grand Praetors, and the standing committees convened separately during the gathering. The Sigma Chi Corporation also met to affirm decisions of the Executive Committee and the

Grand Council. Following the invocation, Grand Consul Farrow opened the Grand Council proceedings by reading a letter from Past Grand Consul William B. "Daddy" Ricks, who was unable to be present. Grand Tribune Workman conducted a memorial service for Fraternity Grand officers and other devoted brothers who had recently entered the Chapter Eternal.<sup>10</sup>

Of particular note among the many reports presented to the Grand Council were those of the Standards Committee and the Committee on Changing Conditions and Chapter Problems. Grand Praetor Ray T. Blair Jr., vice chairman of the Standards Committee, speaking for Chairman William H. Carlisle Jr, reported that for two and one-half years the committee had studied customs, traditions, and policies regarding the possession and use of alcoholic beverages on campuses where Sigma Chi chapters were located. Committee members had visited nearly 80 Sigma Chi campuses, many alumni and active chapters, and had received letters from the attorneys general of all states. The committee presented a proposed Statute revision that continued the existing prohibition on the possession and/or use of intoxicating liquors in chapter houses and at chapter functions (the existing portion of the Statute), and added a provision that allowed alcoholic beverages if "permitted by the college or university" (the proposed addition). The Grand Council debated the question at great length, and then adopted a resolution to submit the proposed Statute change to the General Fraternity for a mail vote. The matter was addressed at the 1959 Grand Chapter in Kansas City.<sup>11</sup>

The report of the Committee on Changing Conditions and Chapter Problems was presented by its chairman, Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson. The subject of the report was the much-discussed membership selection question. Peterson announced the results of a survey conducted by the committee, which revealed that on 116 of the 130 campuses where Sigma Chi had chapters, no legislation existed in regard to removal of any membership limitations of race, creed or color. Activity towards definite action was reported from 10 chapters, and four chapters faced a definite deadline: University of Wisconsin and Dartmouth College, 1960; University of Colorado, 1962; Columbia University, 1964.

Chairman Peterson reviewed the situation in relation to other fraternities, and explained in detail the many facets the committee had considered. The Grand Council, after devoting extensive attention to the question, voted to accept the report of the committee. It was proposed that the matter would appear for further deliberation on the agenda of the 1959 Grand Chapter. During the course of the protracted discussion, both in the sessions of the committee as well as on the floor of the Grand Council, there had been a proposal presented to be forwarded to the 1959 Grand Chapter to eliminate the word "white" from the membership requirements in the Constitution. The proposal, which

was not accepted in committee or by the Grand Council, would have held the members of the Executive Committee (whose unanimous approval was already required for Initiation) "responsible for withholding approval of the Initiation of any person believed to be not personally acceptable as a brother to the entire membership of the Fraternity."<sup>12</sup>

The Executive Committee, during its quarterly meeting held in conjunction with the sessions of the Grand Council, authorized a proposal that the Fraternity join an interfraternity law suit along with Phi Delta Theta fraternity against firms that were manufacturing and marketing fraternity insignia without authorization from the respective fraternities, in order to protect the Fraternity's exclusive right to the use of its insignia. The committee also authorized a gift of up to \$1,000 to founding campus Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, for a chapel window in honor of the University's sesquicentennial celebration in 1959.

Joining the Headquarters staff as an Assistant Executive Secretary in January of 1959 was Robert E. Joseph Jr., Willamette '57.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON TAU CHAPTER, MURRAY STATE COLLEGE APRIL 25, 1959**

Murray State University, located in Murray, Kentucky, was founded in 1922 by an act of the state general assembly as a liberal arts and preprofessional, coeducational, state controlled institution. It was established as Murray State Normal School, and was later known as Murray State Normal School and Teachers College, Murray State Teachers College, Murray State College, and in 1966 it became Murray State University. At the time of the Installation of Epsilon Tau Chapter, enrollment was 2,588 and the college president was Dr. Ralph H. Woods. On September 15, 1973, Dr. Constantine W. Curris, Kentucky '62, became the sixth president of M.S.U., and was at that time the youngest president of a state college or university in Kentucky state history.

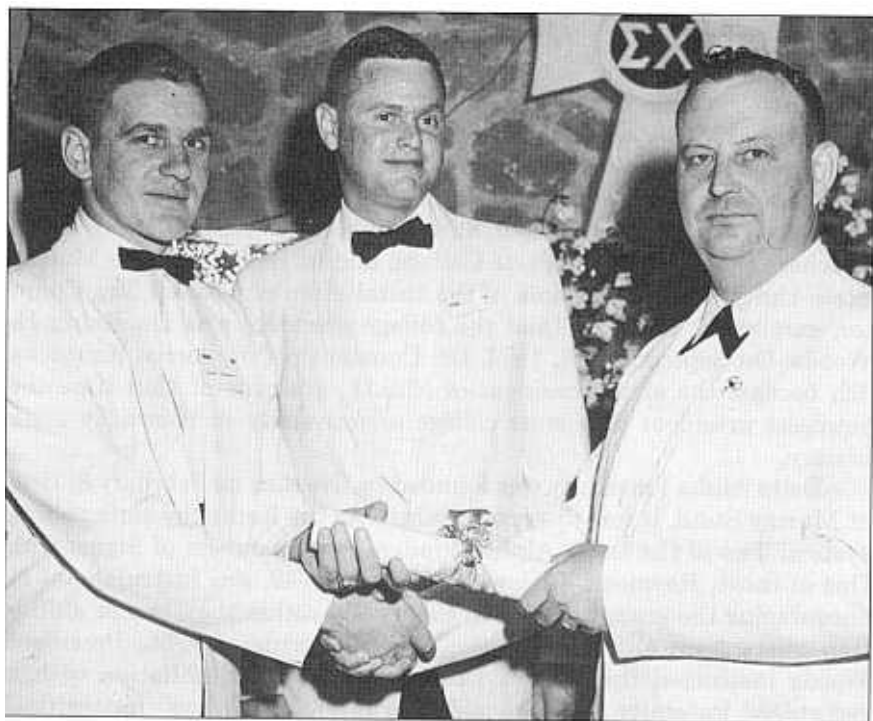
Delta Alpha Fraternity was founded by five men on February 3, 1948 at Murray State. It was the first fraternity in the Kentucky state college system. Two of the Delta Alpha founders were members of Sigma Chi. One of those, Raymond J. Hewitt, Vanderbilt '49, was instrumental in encouraging the group to petition Sigma Chi rather than accept affiliation offers from other fraternities. In the spring of 1958, President Woods instructed the men of Delta Alpha to seek affiliation with a recognized fraternity. After considering several "old line" fraternities, the group voted unanimously in April of 1958 to petition Sigma Chi for a charter.

Since its organization, Delta Alpha had played a leading role in

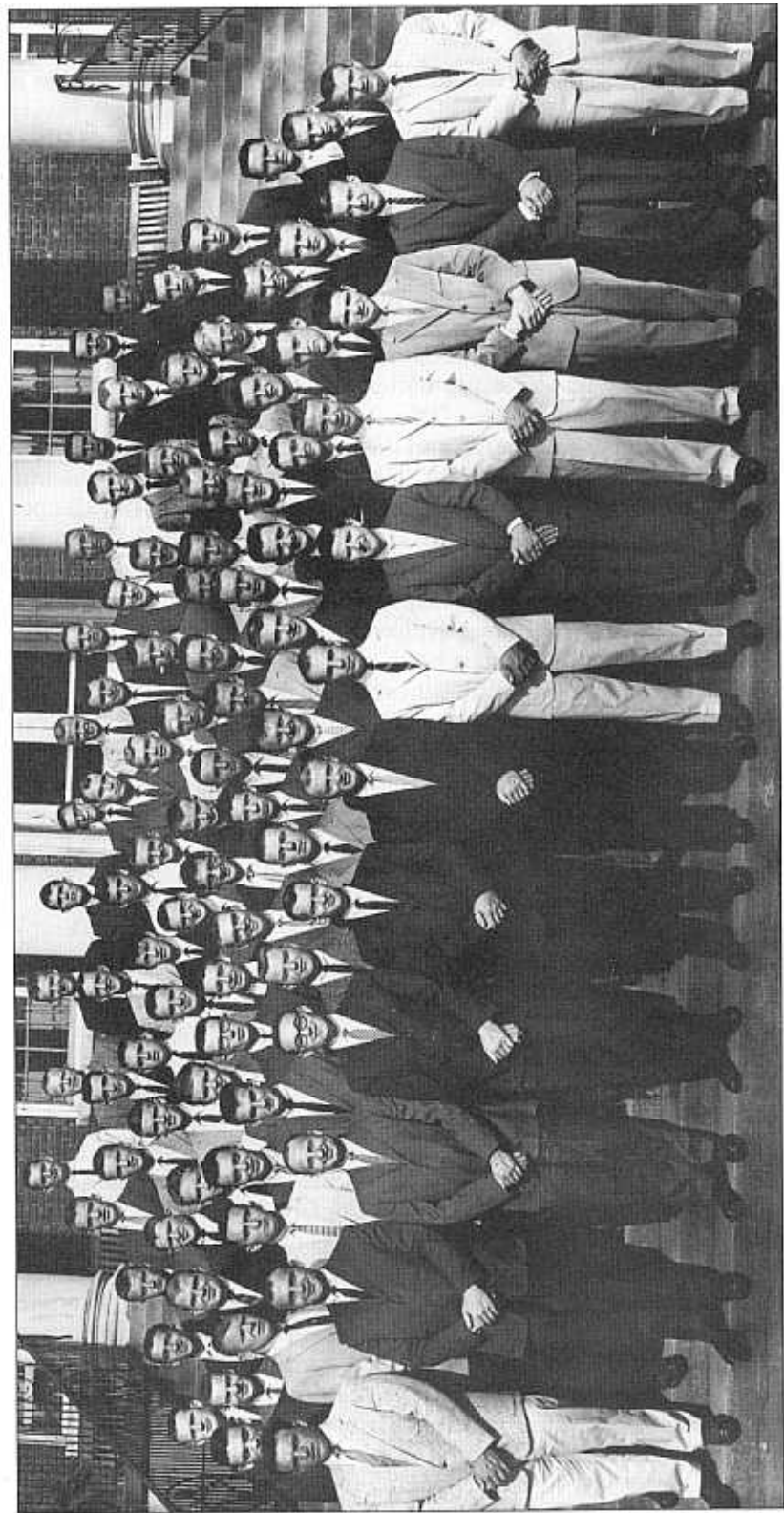


The Wrather West Kentucky Museum is the oldest building on the Murray State University campus.

student affairs on the campus. A stated purpose of the founders was to create closer unity between the various departments at Murray State, and they had made substantial progress toward the attainment of that



Murray State Consul Donnie G. Lawson, left, received the charter from Chief Installing Officer Norman C. Brewer, right, as Assistant Executive Secretary William L. Denton looked on.



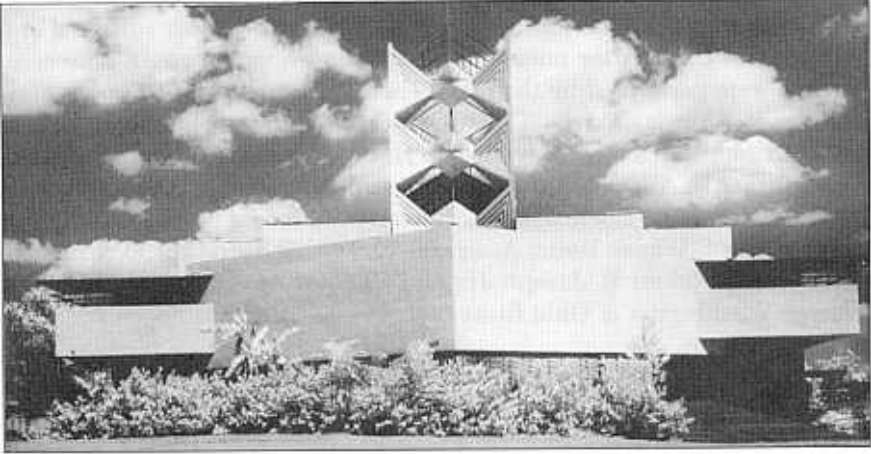
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goal. The fraternity had included in its membership students from all areas of study in the college. Many of its members had won coveted honors and held prominent positions of leadership and responsibility in student and campus affairs. In late 1958, the men presented their 11th annual production of "The Last Resort," a musical variety show. They also published the college's student directory for the sixth consecutive year, and each year since 1953 they had presented a \$100 scholarship to a worthy freshman. The men took pride in the accomplishments and service they had rendered to their college. They believed that the ultimate goal of all fraternal organizations should be that of making young men "more manly and creating better brotherhood forever. Above all else Delta Alpha stood for men."<sup>13</sup>

After a year of concentrated and determined work on the petitioning process, 88 undergraduates and 35 alumni of the Delta Alpha were initiated on April 25, 1959, as the charter members of Epsilon Tau Chapter. The ceremonies were held at Carr Health Building and the Fine Arts Recital Hall. In the evening, the new Sigs and their guests assembled at the Women's Club House in Murray for the Installation banquet. Dr. W. Everett Derryberry, Tennessee-Knoxville '28, president of Tennessee Polytechnical Institute, was the guest speaker. Also participating in the festivities were Chief Installing Officer and Executive Committee member Norman C. Brewer Jr.; A.E.S. William L. Denton; Assistant Grand Praetor of the Kentucky-Tennessee Province Tom J. Porter; Alumni Investigating Officer Dr. Roland H. Myers, Tennessee-Knoxville '35; and Dr. George H. Jones, Louisiana State '42, chairman of the Preferred List Committee.<sup>14</sup>

## **THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON SIGMA CHAPTER, FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE MAY 17, 1959**

Lakeland, Florida, which derives its name from the 13 lakes within its boundaries, had a population of about 45,000 at the time of the chartering of Epsilon Sigma Chapter. Florida Southern College was opened at Leesburg, Florida, by the Florida Methodist Conference in 1885, and was then known as Florida Conference College. The college remained at Leesburg until the end of the century. In 1921 the trustees selected Lakeland as its permanent site. Buildings were erected and Southern College opened on the Lakeland campus in 1922. The name was changed to Florida Southern College in 1935, and later became Florida Southern University. In 1936, Dr. Ludd M. Spivey, president of the college, envisioned a campus with architecture that reflected life of the 20th century. He was successful in encouraging architect Frank Lloyd Wright to undertake design of new buildings for the college. Dur-



Annie Pfeiffer Chapel, on the campus of Florida Southern University.

ing the following 20 years, seven buildings of his design were built, creating what Wright later called the “only truly American campus.”

At the time of the Epsilon Sigma Installation, there were 11 fraternities on the campus: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha, Lambda Chi Alpha, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma Rho, Phi Sigma Kappa, Theta Chi, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Tau Epsilon Phi. Sigma Chi Alpha local fraternity was founded on January 16, 1957, for the definite purpose of petitioning Sigma Chi for a charter. Four members of Sigma Chi were among the founders of the local: M.D. Smith Jr., Emory '58; W. Peter Lasher, Florida '57; Donald Tobin, Duke '57; and J.R. Parrott Jr., Emory '58. The group had been actively supported by the Daytona Beach Alumni Chapter. All of the petitioning group members were active participants in campus activities.

The members of Sigma Chi Alpha believed that Sigma Chi had something more than other fraternities, and were impressed with the Fraternity's articulation of its ideals. They saw in the members of Sigma Chi they knew a real striving to actually live up to the ideals. The fine reputation that the existing Florida chapters had built was a great motivation for the men of Sigma Chi Alpha to aspire to become Sigma Chis.<sup>15</sup>



Executive Committee member Gardner B. Allen, right, presented the charter to Florida Southern Consul Grant Townsend.

On May 17, 1959, the 43 men of Sigma Chi Alpha were initiated and installed as the charter members of Epsilon Sigma Chapter. The ceremonies were performed by the members of Gamma Theta Chapter, University of Florida, led by Consul Blair Culpepper. The Installation banquet was held at the New Florida Hotel. Executive Committee member Gardner B. Allen served as chief installing officer, assisted by Grand Praetor Marvin L. Ebelmesser; University of Florida president and Significant Sig J. Wayne Reitz; Assistant Executive Secretaries William L. Denton and Robert E. Joseph Jr.; and Chapter Advisor Harry Maddox, George Washington & Ohio State '48.

## **ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER COMMEMORATES 75th ANNIVERSARY**

Some 100 Sigs and guests gathered on a June 1959 weekend to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the chartering of Alpha Lambda Chapter at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Informal discussions included expressions of concern for the chapter's future in light of pressure from the university administration for changes in the membership requirements of the General Fraternity by the following year. However, spirits remained high, and the festivities featured an address by retired Milwaukee industrialist Edwin B. Bartlett, Wisconsin '05, and stirring tributes to longtime Chapter Advisor and Order of Constantine Sig Frank B. Thayer.

## **THE 52nd GRAND CHAPTER, JUNE 17-20, 1959 KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

Staged in 90-degree temperatures, the 1959 Grand Chapter confronted one of the most pressing and far-reaching problems in Fraternity history, and attracted close to 700 delegates, Grand Officers, members, and guests to Kansas City's Muehlebach Hotel on June 17-20.

Hosted by the Kansas City Alumni Chapter, the biennial meeting resulted in action on several matters of important business, featured many enjoyable social events, and heaped honors upon a number of worthy members and chapters of the Fraternity.

In the all-important Grand Chapter business sessions, delegates voted unanimously to maintain the existing membership requirements, which included the provision that all men proposed for membership must be white. Another proposal was presented to remove that requirement from the Constitution and to require each member of the Executive Committee (whose approval of each proposed initiate was required) "to withhold approval of any person believed to not be personally acceptable to the entire membership of the Fraternity." Two votes were taken on the proposal to remove the word "white" from

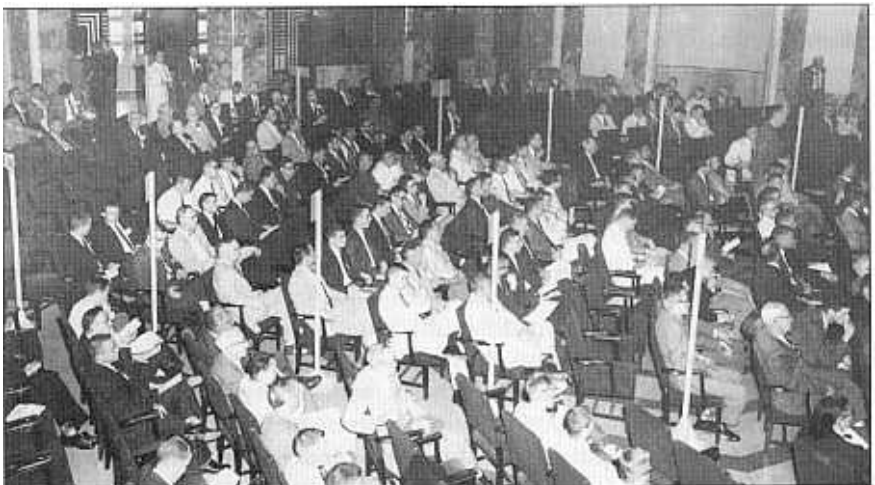




Among the Past Grand Consuls at the 1959 Grand Chapter were, from left, J. Dwight Peterson, L.G. Balfour, Charles Hough, Stanley N. Barnes and Sam Bullock.

the Constitution. On the first, 54 percent of the delegates voted in favor, a number 21 percent short of the three-fourths majority necessary for adoption. On the second vote, which called for the amendment to be in effect only until July 1, 1962, or the 53rd Grand Chapter, the vote in favor was 58 percent, with three-fourths needed for approval.

Delegates voted in favor of a five dollar increase in the General Fraternity initiation fee, and approved an amendment that revised the Fraternity rules prohibiting use or possession of intoxicating liquors in chapter houses and at chapter functions. The new provision allowed the



A business session at the 1959 Grand Chapter.

use or possession of alcoholic beverages at chapter houses or functions "if permitted by the college or university and local laws," but gave the Executive Committee authority to prohibit intoxicating liquors in any chapter house and at any chapter functions where it was in the best interests of the Fraternity.

Grand Pro Consul Richard S. Doyle was elected 40th Grand Consul. Doyle had served as acting Grand Consul since November of 1958 and at the Grand Chapter, in the absence of Grand Consul Edward S. Farrow, who had been incapacitated by his serious illness. Delegates also elected Grand Trustee and Executive Committee member William P. Huffman, of Dayton, Ohio, Grand Pro Consul. Grand Quaestor Harry Wade, Grand Tribune Robert Workman, and Grand Historian Robert Collett were re-elected. Newly-elected Grand Trustees were Norman C. Brewer Jr.; R. Kirk Moyer, Gettysburg '27; L.R. "Jack" Gardner, Washington (Seattle) '23; and C. Virgil Martin, Illinois Wesleyan '32. Newly-elected to the Executive Committee were Grand Trustee Robert C. Garrison, Alabama '25, and Grand Praetor George D. Manson, Wabash '23.

The convention delegates also voted to create two additional provinces, for a total of 27, by dividing two of the existing, larger provinces. The Western Province was split into the Northern California-Nevada Province and Southern California-Arizona Province, while the Missouri Valley Province was divided to make the Missouri Province and the Kansas-Nebraska Province.

The newly elected Grand Praetors were: William H. Carlisle Jr., Georgia Tech '27 & M.I.T. '28, Southern New England; Wyatt French, Washington & Lee '53, Virginia; Frederick K. Cox, Case Western Reserve '36, Ohio; Arthur F. Peine, Illinois Wesleyan '11, Kansas-Nebraska; Dale L. Greenlee, Willamette '57, Northern California-Nevada; Thomas J. Porter III, Kentucky '56, Kentucky-Tennessee; Dr. George H. Jones Jr., Louisiana State '42, Southern; John W. Cooper Jr., Missouri-Columbia '47, Missouri; and John W. Graham, Toronto '33, Ontario-Quebec.

Before the Grand Chapter festivities got underway, months of planning and preparation had been carried on by Kansas City committees. All told, close to 700 delegates, alternates, and Grand Officers, Kansas City area Sigs, wives, and guests were on hand. A total of 125 of the 132 undergraduate chapters and 85 alumni chapters were represented. The largest delegations of chapter members came from Xi Xi at the University of Missouri—Columbia, 62 in all, many from the Kansas City area; Alpha Xi, Kansas, 32; and Alpha Lambda, Wisconsin, 20. Alpha Lambda was one of the four chapters whose future was in jeopardy because of the existing membership requirements.

For the first scheduled event of the Grand Chapter, the many Sigs boarded busses for a trip to Kansas City's outlying, rustically-furnished Saddle and Sirloin Club. Supper, hillbilly entertainment, and foamy

refreshments were the order of the evening for the delegates. For several days before the Grand Chapter, and throughout the proceedings, meeting rooms of the Muehlebach were filled with sessions of the many Fraternity committees. Interest in the deliberations of the vital Standards for Membership Committee reached such proportions that, at one meeting, a longtime alumni member of the committee found the meeting room so crowded that he was unable to get into the gathering of his own committee.

The Grand Chapter business sessions were opened Thursday in the Little Theater of the spacious Municipal Auditorium with welcomes from Bob Beddingfield, Ohio State '49, president of the Kansas City Alumni Chapter; General Chairman Jack Wheeler, Missouri-Columbia '35; and City Councilman William R. Royster, Missouri-Columbia '39, who presented the designation of "honorary citizen" upon Acting Grand Consul Doyle and the conventioning Sigs. Grand Pro Consul Doyle was named Consul of the Grand Chapter proceedings; Past Grand Consul Stanley N. Barnes, Pro Consul; and Merrill K. Davis, Utah-Southern Idaho Grand Praetor, Parliamentarian. A resolution of extreme regret and sympathy at the absence and illness of Grand Consul Farrow was adopted unanimously, and a telegram of that expression was sent to the Farrow family in Rochester, New York.

Before the Friday vote on the much-discussed membership standards proposal, committee chairman and Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson presented the group's report, climaxing two years of concerted study and effort by the committee. An equal number of speakers for each side of the proposal addressed the delegates. The situation of immediate concern, the September 1960 deadline for removal of racial membership specifications or forfeiture of national ties by Sigma Chi chapters at the University of Wisconsin and Dartmouth College, was ably presented by James Huber, Wisconsin '60, a former Alpha Lambda Chapter Consul and IFC president, who would become one of the 1960 International Balfour Award recipients. As a result of the Grand Chapter action that continued the existing requirements for membership, and in accordance with an earlier vote of their chapter, the delegates from Gamma Mu Chapter at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, announced that that chapter was returning its charter and reverting to local status, effective with the opening of school that fall.

It was moved and approved that the Committee on Membership Standards be continued as a standing committee of the Fraternity to devote continued study and thought to the question. Grand Consul Doyle subsequently appointed Significant Sig L. Brooks Hays, Arkansas & George Washington '22, an attorney and former U.S. Congressman from Arkansas, as the new chairman of that committee to continue the work of retiring chairman Peterson, who felt that his many commitments would not enable him to remain as chairman.



Jon M. Huntsman  
1959 International  
Balfour Award winner

Eastern Province Grand Praetor Fred DeMarr then introduced the 1959 International Balfour Award winner, Jon Meade Huntsman, Pennsylvania '59. In accepting the prestigious award, Huntsman expressed his conviction that "I accept this award in the knowledge of the responsibility it perpetuates throughout our present Sigma Chis and Sigma Chis to come, generation after generation." As the evening approached, workers set up umbrella-tables, the men changed into their white dinner jackets, and a striking array of dates, sweethearts, and wives prepared for the Sweetheart Ball and the crowning of the 1959 Sweetheart of Sigma Chi and her court, an event pictured in numerous daily newspapers across the continent the next day. The

International Sweetheart selection process had been revised to provide that, after the selection of three finalists by a committee of prominent Sig alumni, the International Sweetheart would be determined by vote of the undergraduate chapter delegates at Grand Chapter.



Laurie Mills  
1959 International Sweetheart

Three Significant Sigs, Missouri Governor James T. Blair; Ohio State football coach W.W. "Woody" Hayes; and radio-TV personality Don Wilson, Colorado '23, were the judges who had cheerfully named the three finalists. The anxious crowd settled into the Grand Ballroom to await the announcement of the "girl of their dreams." The three finalists were Bobbye Harris of Memphis State University, Laurie Mills of the University of Southern California, and Pat Nelson of the University of Colorado. Although the big moment was delayed because several delegates had surprisingly

neglected to vote, the three patient Sweetheart candidates were escorted past admiring couples to the front of the room. The 1959 International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi was Laurie Mills, a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Other principal speakers during the Grand Chapter were Westminster College president Dr. Robert L.D. Davidson, Missouri Governor James Blair, and Past Grand Consul Stanley Barnes. Portraits were presented of four Past Grand Consuls for permanent display at the

Headquarters by members of their hometown alumni groups: Past Grand Consul Daniel Laurence, of Cincinnati; Past Grand Consul John Neal Campbell, of Chicago; Past Grand Consul Ralph Potter, of Bloomington, Illinois; and Past Grand Consul L.G. Balfour, of Attleboro, Massachusetts.

The Order of Constantine inducted its traditional quota of seven new members: Frank W. Chappell, Vanderbilt '03; Powell M. Rhea, Arkansas '10; George D. Manson, Wabash '23; Ben F. Duvall, Illinois '24; Sherman S. Senne, Washington (St. Louis) '25; Jack O. Wheeler; and Floyd R. Baker.

At the Grand Chapter banquet, Grand Historian and toastmaster Robert Collett jested and rhymed his way through a number of down-to-earth, light-hearted observations and self-made verses on the events of the Grand Chapter. He introduced the new international president of the Sigmas, Mrs. Harold V. Sturdevant, of Toledo, Ohio, wife of Harold Sturdevant, Colorado State '23, who was for many years Chapter Advisor of Delta Kappa Chapter at Bowling Green State University.

Though marked by intense activity, and the concern and strong feeling over a most vital matter of business, the spirit of fellowship and unity dominated the proceedings and instilled renewed impetus into the progress of Sigma Chi for the coming two years.<sup>16</sup>

## THE WITHDRAWAL OF GAMMA MU CHAPTER

The active relationship of Gamma Mu Chapter, Wesleyan University, Connecticut, with the General Fraternity officially ceased at the Executive Committee meeting immediately following the Grand Chapter on June 21, 1959. Chartered in 1928, Gamma Mu had initiated 634 men. According to Consul Ned Churchill's letter of April 8 to Executive Secretary William T. Bringham:

The Gamma Mu Chapter of Sigma Chi, after considerable deliberation, has found that if it is required by provisions in the national Fraternity's Constitution to discriminate in membership selection, it cannot exist as a meaningful part of the national organization. In light of this, the chapter has decided to work as diligently as possible within the structure of Sigma Chi to remove completely the discriminatory clause which appears in the national constitution. However, if no change of this nature is effected at the General Fraternity meeting this June, Gamma Mu will sever its ties with the Fraternity and assume a local status immediately upon return from the summer vacation. Our chapter's decision in this issue was based on the conviction that the local chapter should follow its own standards with respect to its membership selection.

The Committee met with Jim Baerwaldt and Morey McDaniel, representatives of Gamma Mu, to discuss the withdrawal of the chapter from the Fraternity. McDaniel said that due to pressure of the faculty-administration at Wesleyan on the matter of restrictive clauses, withdrawal was inevitable. At the same time, he asked the Executive Committee to establish a method for the Fraternity to continue a rela-



The Gamma Mu Chapter house at Wesleyan University, Connecticut.

tionship with all chapters that withdrew or were expelled because of a controversy over membership selection. It was also requested that the General Fraternity provide a method of withdrawal for those chapters that considered resigning from the General Fraternity on the basis of a moral issue.<sup>17</sup>

Because the Grand Chapter did not change the Fraternity membership requirements, the Executive Committee declared the Gamma Mu charter inactive. At the same meeting, due to the grave situations among many chapters, the committee authorized the appointment of a committee to raise a fund to protect the interests of the Fraternity in the threatened chapters. The proceeds of the fund were targeted for making public relations material available to explain what Sigma Chi and other fraternities were doing, and for the visitation of chapters in question, informing them of the measures that had already been taken regarding standards for membership.<sup>18</sup>

## SIGS IN THE NEWS

Significant Sig cartoonist Milton Caniff, Ohio State '30, was honored by the U.S. Air Force with its Exceptional Service Award and a special day in his honor in Washington, D.C., for his support of the Air Force and the defense effort in his "Terry and the Pirates" and "Steve Canyon" comic strips.

Blind golfer Charlie Boswell, Alabama '40, won the national blind golfers' championship for the ninth time.

Chicago White Sox pitcher Bob Keegan, Bucknell '44, hurled a no-hit game in August 1957.

In the pre-Super Bowl days of 1957, the Detroit Lions won the national professional football championship with the help of six Sigs who were assistant coaches and players with the team's president, Edwin J. Anderson, Beloit '26, at the helm.

Elvis J. Stahr, Kentucky '36, became president of West Virginia University at the age of 42, the youngest in its history.

Chalmers "Bump" Elliott, Purdue & Michigan '47, was appointed head football coach at the University of Michigan.

Joe Gordon, Oregon '36, was named manager of the Cleveland Indians professional baseball team at the age of 43.

The U.S. tennis team brought the coveted Davis Cup back to America from Australia under the leadership of team captain Perry T. Jones, Stanford '15.

As Alaska became the 49th state of the United States in January 1959, Ralph J. Rivers, Washington (Seattle) '27, became its first member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Martin S. Hayden, Michigan '33, became editor of *The Detroit News*, the largest newspaper in the fourth largest U.S. city at that time.

U.S. District Judge George Boldt, Montana '25, received nationwide acclaim for his conduct as presiding judge at the widely-publicized tax evasion trial of Teamsters Union boss Dave Beck.

Dr. David Lockmiller, North Carolina State '27, was appointed president of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Herbert A. Adamson, Utah State '57, graduated as the top officer in the U.S. Air Force Academy's first-ever graduating class in June 1959.

## CHAPTER III—Notes and Comments

1. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, November 1957, pp. 4, 6. The quotations are from Brother Farrow's "State of Sigma Chi" address to the 1957 Leadership Training Workshop.

2. *Ibid.*, pp. 6, 7.

3. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, February 1958, p. 44.

4. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, December 1958, pp. 43, 44.

5. "Installation of Epsilon Rho of Sigma Chi Fraternity," Installation brochure, p. 2, Headquarters archives.

6. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, December 1958, p. 44.

7. That tragic accident marked the only time in the history of the Workshop that any brother was killed or seriously injured while traveling to or from the Workshop by automobile, as of the 1988 Workshop. This is a fortunate statistic considering the hundreds of thousands of miles the thousands of brothers have driven to and from 41 Workshops.

8. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, October 1958, pp. 10-12, 15.
9. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, December 1958, pp. 5-7.
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12. *Ibid.*, p. 18.
13. "The Delta Alpha Fraternity of Murray State College Petitions The Sigma Chi Fraternity," petitioning brochure, Headquarters archives.
14. "Epsilon Tau Chapter Installed at Murray State College," by Sam Rynearson, Murray State '61, Headquarters archives.
15. "Sigma Chi Alpha of Florida Southern College Petitioning Sigma Chi Fraternity," petitioning brochure, Headquarters archives.
16. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, September 1959, pp. 27-30, 32-35.
17. *The Sigma Chi Bulletin*, Summer 1959, p. 23.
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Figure 1. The  
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Richard Doyle  
40th Grand Consul

# Chapter IV

## The Gathering Storm

### 1959 to 1961

“For the first time, fraternities generally are finding themselves subject to criticism. We are all aware of the problem respecting standards of membership. Sigma Chi Fraternity is a close fraternal organization entitled to exercise its fundamental American right to select its members in accordance with its own high standards, which right is not to be confused with civil rights under the federal Constitution.”

*Acting Grand Consul Richard S. Doyle, from his “State of Sigma Chi” address at the 1959 Grand Chapter.<sup>1</sup>*

**D**URING this biennial period, the Fraternity progressed in every area of operation, while the problems relating to membership selection became an overriding issue.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF RICHARD S. DOYLE, 40th GRAND CONSUL

The illness of Grand Consul Farrow made necessary the early recourse to the leadership abilities of then-Grand Pro Consul Richard S. Doyle, whose stature as a successful attorney in Washington, D.C., enabled him to fulfill his responsibilities on every occasion. His experience as Acting Grand Consul fully prepared him for his term as 40th Grand Consul.

Richard S. Doyle was born in Woodstock, New Hampshire, on January 8, 1889. He received a bachelor of laws degree from George Washington University in 1913 and a master of laws degree from Georgetown University Law School in 1914. He continued study at George Washington from 1914 to 1917 while serving as a law clerk in the Bureau of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department. In 1917 he was commissioned second lieutenant in the United States Army Coast Artillery and continued service as a first lieutenant in France until the end of World War I. Following the war, he became chief of the rules and regulations division of the Income Tax Unit at the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and special attorney in the general counsel's office of the bureau. He entered private practice in Washington, D.C., in 1920, specializing in federal tax law, and continued in private practice until his death on August 23, 1966.

Brother Doyle was a member of several bar associations, including the American and Federal Bar Associations. He served President Eisenhower as a member of the President's Conference on Administrative Procedure during 1953-1954. He was a 32nd degree Mason. He served as

Grand Praetor of the Eastern Province; Grand Trustee; secretary, president, and chairman of the Robert Farnham Memorial Association Board of Trustees (house corporation of Epsilon Chapter, George Washington University); co-chairman of the 1952 Washington, D.C., Grand Chapter; one of the founders and later president and chairman of the Sigma Chi Foundation; Executive Committee member; and Grand Pro Consul. His son, Dr. Samuel C. Doyle, was a 1947 initiate of Eta Eta Chapter, Dartmouth College, which surrendered its charter in 1960, ironically during his father's term as Grand Consul.

## **TWELFTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP, DePAUW UNIVERSITY - 1959**

A total of 400 members joined forces for lectures, discussions and meetings at the 1959 Leadership Training Workshop at DePauw University, August 22-25. Of the 131 undergraduate chapters, 120 were represented. Delegate and Chapter Advisor attendance was somewhat less than the previous years, due largely to the fact that some potential Workshop delegates had attended the Grand Chapter earlier that summer. The events were scheduled over a period of four days instead of the four-and-one-half of the previous years.

On the final evening of the program, Significant Sig Brooks Hays, Arkansas & George Washington '22, former U.S. Congressman, author and lawyer, delivered the main banquet address to the delegates and dignitaries. Grand Trustee and Order of Constantine Sig Floyd Baker continued as chairman of the Leadership Training Board, which welcomed as new members Richard H. Bein, Peter Nimkoff, Florida State '55, and Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, Michigan '43. A.E.S. William Denton served as Workshop Administrator.

The entire membership of the Executive Committee was on hand for the opening of the Workshop, and met in nearby Indianapolis during the second day of the proceedings. Grand Consul Doyle was present throughout the four-day program; his stay in Greencastle marked the first time that a Grand Consul had been in attendance for the entire Workshop.

Registration figures later revealed that the eight brothers from Chi Chapter, Hanover College, made up the largest chapter delegation, and that the Consuls division claimed the most participants, 97, followed by the Magisters with 95. Following a round of Sig songs led by chorus director John Iverson, Washington (Seattle) '59, at the opening, delegates were welcomed to the Workshop by chairman Floyd Baker. He created such an impact with his opening remarks that, as he thanked Brother Denton for his efforts, the wooden White Cross mounted on the curtain behind him went crashing to the floor. Brother Baker remarked after the program, "When that happened, I thought someone was throwing things at me."

The opening convocation featured the introduction of the Grand Officers, Executive Committee, Leadership Training Board, and Headquarters staff members, and the traditional "State of Sigma Chi" message by Grand Consul Doyle. In reviewing the state of the Fraternity, he noted the important success and progress of the Workshop, and the Sigma Chi Foundation and Fraternity scholarship program. He focused attention on the high standing of Sigma Chi in the present day, and assured the audience that the Fraternity would continue to grow in stature and worth.

On Sunday morning, the Rev. Robert L. Ducker, a member of the Magisters faculty, conducted worship services. Delegates were treated to a trio of lectures on the third night of the program, delivered by three long-time officials of the Fraternity. Dean Malcolm Musser, Bucknell '18, chairman of the Sigma Chi Scholarship Committee, presented a report on the work and effects of the Sigma Chi Foundation; Grand Quaestor Harry Wade passed on to the delegates a number of tips on chapter house building; and Grand Historian Bob Collett reviewed alumni relations and chapter publications.



Grand Quaestor Harry Wade discussed chapter housing at the 1959 Workshop.

The final evening found the perspiring Sigs surrounding food-filled tables and then experiencing an absorbing program at the banquet in the Student Union ballroom. Grand Consul Doyle introduced his long-time friend Brooks Hays, the guest speaker for the banquet. The former U.S. Congressman served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Arkansas for 16 years. A member of Phi Beta Kappa and for many years a leader in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, he was appointed by the Grand Consul to chair the Standards for Member-

ship Committee. Welcomed by a standing ovation, Hays opened his remarks with a number of folksy and humorous anecdotes. He characterized some of the points of his "philosophy of moderation," and told his listeners that "it is difficult and necessary to find national unity in peace." In summing up his message, he called attention to the significant Biblical text that urges, "Let your moderation be known in all things."<sup>2</sup>



The continent-wide scope of Sigma Chi was portrayed at the 1959 Workshop as Grand Consul Doyle described the historic Grand Consul's badge to Consuls from Miami, Fla.; the oldest chapter at Miami, Ohio; Toronto, Canada; and the youngest chapter at Florida Southern, along with Workshop faculty member Marvin D. "Swede" Johnson, of Arizona, standing.

The Workshop closed as the delegates occupied the nearby university gymnasium for the Ritual Exemplification, which was performed by a group of volunteer brothers from a number of chapters.

During a portion of the Workshop, the Executive Committee assembled at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel in Indianapolis for its quarterly meeting. In addition to numerous items of routine business, the committee reviewed the filing of a previously-authorized lawsuit against the J.A. Buchroeder Company for infringement of certain

trademarks owned by the Sigma Chi Corporation, particularly relating to the production of jewelry. The Fraternity initially joined Phi Delta Theta in the legal action to protect the right to select an official jeweler. At the time the lawsuit was filed, Fraternity officials were optimistic for a favorable court decision. However, the lawsuit dragged on at great expense until April 1968, when it was settled out of court. The Fraternity was not successful in gaining the decision it had hoped for in filing the suit.

Following Workshop, the sad news arrived that Mrs. Joseph C. Nate, widow of the Past Grand Consul and Fraternity historian, had passed away on August 20 at the age of 89.

## CENTENNIALS AT XI AND OMICRON CHAPTERS

Grand Trustee Frank M. Moore, DePauw '28, presented the major address at the Xi Chapter Centennial at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, in October 1959. The anniversary fete, which attracted 300 Sigs and their families, was doubly significant in that the chapter also dedicated its new house the same weekend. DePauw President Dr. Russell Humbert and Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson were the ranking officials present to help the Xi Sigs celebrate the event chaired by James K. Baker, DePauw '53.



Omicron Sigs at Dickinson promoted their centennial celebration.

It was centennial time in November 1959 for the first Sigma Chi chapter east of the Alleghenies, Omicron Chapter at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The Fraternity's ninth oldest chapter, and third oldest in continuous existence, rolled out the welcome mat and a many-featured program. More than 250 chapter actives and

alumni and their families and guests turned out to share the birthday cake. The chapter in turn bestowed a number of remembrances and honors upon a legion of its faithful members who had carried it to its worthy status over the years. Chairman John C. Arndt and his committee planned a banquet at the Allenberry Hotel. Grand Historian Robert M. Collett, who had journeyed from Wilmington, Ohio, to be the principal speaker, reviewed the history of the Fraternity.

Grand Consul Doyle headed the list of guests and banquet participants, which included Dr. Gilbert Malcolm, Dickinson College president; Dr. George Shuman Jr., vice president; toastmaster J. Milton Davidson '33; Consul Robert D. Richardson, '60, who presided at an Initiation held during the weekend; and Dr. Robert L.D. Davidson, '31, president of Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri. A significant moment on the banquet program was the announcement and presentation of "Mr. Omicron Centennial Sig," who had been selected by vote of alumni and actives present. Order of Constantine Sig and former Grand Praetor Glenn E. Todd, '12, was named "Mr. Omicron Centennial Sig No. 1," and Chapter Advisor Les Etter, "Mr. Omicron Centennial Sig No. 2." Twenty one long-time members of Omicron and Sigma Chi received Semi-Century Sig awards.

The ceremonies brought many recollections for the Omicron Sigs, who were reminded of the chapter's colorful past by a number of exhibits on display. A century-old oil painting of the Sigma Chi badge, done in 1860 by Miss Laura Gehr, was seen on the chapter house wall, where it was displayed for many years. The badge and stick pin of Dr. John Goucher, '68, who was president of the Baltimore college that now bears his name, was loaned by the library for exhibition. Many senior members of the chapter recalled having heard the story of how the chaptermates traveled in a group in 1863 to hear President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.<sup>3</sup>

That fall, several hundred miles to the north, active and alumni Sigs of Gamma Omicron Chapter at Colgate University, New York, were celebrating and dedicating a new chapter house made possible by nearly \$120,000 in alumni contributions. Chapter members used a unique telephone campaign to seek donations from their alumni.

Also that fall the mortgage on the Memorial Headquarters building on the Evanston, Illinois, lakefront was paid off and the alumni fundraising campaign successfully concluded. Joining the staff that November as an Assistant Executive Secretary was Murray K. McComas, Pennsylvania '58.

The first issue of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* of 1960 included for the first time the current edition of *The Sigma Chi Bulletin*, which was previously a separate publication. Postal regulations and increased printing costs made it more efficient to publish them together.



**THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON UPSILON  
CHAPTER,  
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY,  
FEBRUARY 13, 1960**

Tempe, Arizona, home of Arizona State University since 1885, was a small community of 16,000 residents at the time of the chartering of Epsilon Upsilon Chapter in 1960. At that time it was believed that Tempe would soon be considered a part of the Phoenix metropolitan area, then nine miles to the east. The school was established by the state legislative assembly in 1885, and instruction began the following year. It began with a faculty of one—its first president, Hiram Bradford Farmer. Its single building had wide verandas on all sides and many hitching posts, because nearly all of the students came from nearby farms and rode horses to school.



Arizona State University's Gammage Center for the Performing Arts was designed by renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

The establishment of the college at Tempe as well as the University of Arizona at Tucson were authorized by the state legislature at the same time. However, the eager people of Tempe got their school off to a good start within a few months, while the university at Tucson was not organized until five years later. The institution has had nine names: Arizona Territorial Normal School; Arizona Normal School; The Normal School of Arizona; Tempe Normal School of Arizona; State Normal School of Tempe, Arizona; Tempe State Teachers College; Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe; Arizona State College at Tempe; and Arizona State University. In 1960 enrollment was 12,000, and there were 18 men's fraternities on the campus.

The local fraternity Sigma Chi Sigma was founded on September 28, 1957, for the purpose of petitioning Sigma Chi for a charter. The

founders of the local were: Robert Boyle, New Mexico '57; James Stevens, Arizona '58; Joseph Ledwidge, Montana '58; and Stephen Simmons, Utah State '57. In the fall of 1958, a fifth Sigma Chi transferred to Arizona State and became a great help in guiding the group toward its ultimate goal. The group received support and guidance from the Phoenix Alumni Chapter, and particularly Dr. Roy C. Rice, Wesleyan & New Mexico '31, who was director of summer sessions and extension for A.S.U., and served as Faculty Advisor to Sigma Chi Sigma.

The local experienced rapid growth from the start and became a popular and respected fraternity on the campus. The chapter achieved its strong position on campus through hard work and a spirit of genuine brotherhood that prevailed throughout its history. Sigma Chi Sigma was ranked first in intramural standings and third in membership (62), and was among the leaders in social activities. In the second year of its existence the group acquired the old Governor's mansion as its chapter house, and began an extensive remodeling project.



The Epsilon Upsilon Chapter Installation banquet.

The initiation ceremonies for Epsilon Upsilon Chapter were held at the chapter house and the Caravan Inn in Phoenix on February 12 and 13, 1960. Fifty charter members were initiated. The Installation banquet concluded at the Safari Hotel in Scottsdale. One of the highlights of Sigma Chi's entrance into Arizona State was the banquet address delivered by U.S. Senator from Arizona and Significant Sig Barry M. Goldwater. Senator Goldwater noted the significance of a second Sig chapter in the state, and said, "Sigma Chi has given me much happiness and value over the years; but most important, it has given me friendship."

Grand Pro Consul William P. Huffman served as chief installing officer, assisted by Grand Tribune Robert D. Workman; Grand Trustees Bolon B. Turner, Craig Nason, and L.R. Gardner; Southern California-

Arizona Province Grand Praetor Edwin C. Fisher; Joseph A. Ledwidge, a Montana Sig who transferred to A.S.U. and served as first Consul of the chapter; and Assistant Executive Secretaries Robert Joseph and Murray K. McComas. Grand Pro Consul Huffman presented the charter to Consul Bill Bromiley. Marshall C. Christy, a past president of the Phoenix Alumni Chapter, presented Bromiley a Consul's Badge worn by Christy's father, who had aided in entrance of Beta Phi Chapter at the University of Arizona in 1921. The installation team was made up of members of Beta Phi, which was also appointed advisory chapter to Epsilon Upsilon.<sup>4</sup>

### **THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON PHI CHAPTER, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE COLLEGE, APRIL 10, 1960**

At the time of the founding of Epsilon Phi Chapter, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, was a growing city of approximately 30,000, located on the Mississippi River. It is one of the oldest cities in Missouri, established by Don Louis Lorimer in 1793. The college was chartered as Missouri Normal School, Third District, and instruction was first offered in 1873. The name was changed to Missouri State Teachers College in 1919, Southeast Missouri State College in 1956, and Southeast Missouri State University in 1972. The school was established for the purpose of training teachers for the grade schools and high schools of Missouri. The school has never forsaken the purpose of its founding, but continues to serve its constituency by offering courses in arts and sciences for students desiring general and pre-professional education. The original college was housed in one building overlooking the Mississippi River. This ornate building, decorated with towers and minarets, caught the eye of Mark Twain on his adventures on the river and was commented upon by him in his "Life on the Mississippi." The building was lost by fire in 1902. In 1960 enrollment totaled 2,246 students. Four other fraternities existed at the time of the Installation: Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Tau Gamma, and Tau Kappa Epsilon.



Academic Hall, on the campus of Southeast Missouri State College.

During the years 1891 and 1892, 12 students at the Cape Normal School organized a society dedicated to encouraging literary efforts, especially in the form of debate and oratory, among its members. Since it was the custom in those days to name such a society in honor of an outstanding orator, these students selected Thomas Hart Benton, a fa-

mous Missourian who had served in the state legislature and the U.S. Congress. These men adopted a motto, "Once a Benton, always a Benton," and chose purple and gold as their colors.<sup>5</sup>

The Benton Society was the oldest men's fraternity on the campus. In 1960 the alumni of the society totaled nearly 2,000. The large number of Cape Girardeau businessmen and civic leaders who were alumni of the group gave much support for the Bentons. Prominent Missourians who were members of the Benton Society include: former Governor Sam A. Baker, James Fullbright, Rush Limbaugh Sr., former U.S. Representative Orville Zimmerman, former Senator Albert Spradling Jr., and past representative A.C. Magill. There had been many Bentons in important positions in the U.S., including an undersecretary in a past Presidential cabinet, a member of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C., a dean of the University of Tennessee, and many outstanding lawyers, educators, scientists, and businessmen. A Benton worked on the development of the atomic bomb. The alumni had given the undergraduate chapter a great amount of support through the years, making it possible to purchase the Benton House in 1958 at 1030 Broadway, directly in front of the college stadium and field house.

The Benton Society was not content to rest on the merits of its alumni. The society continually promoted leadership among its members, who always held positions of campus leadership and responsibility. At the time of the Installation, the student body president was a member of the group. For the previous several years, the Bentons had held more seats on the student council than any other fraternity. The editor, business manager, sports editor and Greek editor of the college



The Epsilon Phi Chapter Installation banquet.

annual were all Bentons. Several members wore the black and crimson letter symbolizing varsity athletics. The society also had held the traveling trophy presented each year to the social organization with the highest scholastic average. The Benton brotherhood was a close, congenial group of college men who had the ability and desire to provide a spirit that could be called fraternal.<sup>6</sup>

The Installation of Epsilon Phi Chapter began at the chapter house on the evening of April 9, 1960. The Initiation ceremonies at the Student Union Building were performed for the 71 charter initiates by the members of Tau Tau Chapter, Washington University, and several members of Delta Tau Chapter at Westminster College. Missouri Governor James T. Blair Jr., Missouri-Columbia '23, the guest speaker at the banquet, commented:

"As one whose recent efforts have been concentrated in public office and politics, I can say that this chapter's history constitutes a strong platform and a good record. Having been associated with the insurance business, I also say that your remarkable achievements and this great moment of today write one of the most stable and reliable policies of insurance for future security and well-being."

Grand Trustee Norman C. Brewer Jr., was chief installing officer, assisted by Grand Consul Doyle; Grand Historian Robert Collett; Missouri Province Grand Praetor Jack Cooper; Executive Secretary William T. Bringham Sr.; Past Grand Praetors Fred Armstrong and Sherman Senne, both Order of Constantine Sigs; Chapter Advisor Jack Chapin, Washington (St. Louis) '23; A.E.S. Murray McComas, who coordinated the installation and initiation events; and Assistant Editor Fred F. Yoder.

Among the many interesting and significant moments of the Installation banquet were: the presentation of a plaque to the chapter to annually recognize its outstanding student, by Robert D. Evans, president of the St. Louis Alumni Chapter; the laugh-provoking toastmastering Carl Weber, Washington (St. Louis) '30; the presentation of the charter by Chief Installing Officer Brewer to Consul Jim Robison; and the greetings of college President Dr. Mark F. Scully, who congratulated the chapter members and urged them never to lose sight of the fact that "to this campus, and to Southeastern Missouri, you are Sigma Chi." Dr. Scully's son John was among the charter initiates of the new chapter.<sup>7</sup>



Southeast Missouri Consul James Robison, left, received the charter from Chief Installing Officer Norman C. Brewer.

## THE LOSS OF ETA ETA CHAPTER

The installations of Epsilon Upsilon and Epsilon Phi chapters were followed closely by the unfortunate demise of Eta Eta Chapter at Dartmouth College. In December 1959, conferences were held between various college officials at Dartmouth and Grand Consul Doyle. Several years earlier the college issued a rule that said campus fraternities would refrain from discrimination in their membership selection procedures. The deadline for compliance to this rule had been extended over a period of six years for Eta Eta Chapter. Dartmouth President John S. Dickey indicated to Grand Consul Doyle that he would not grant any further extension of time for negotiations or further consideration to Sigma Chi. He also indicated that he would not tolerate any practice of discrimination through the use of secret agreements.

President Dickey insisted that each fraternity chapter on the campus be given absolute freedom to choose its own members, free of any control from its national or international organization. That stance, generally known as a demand for "local autonomy," was being discussed on a number of campuses, primarily in the northeastern U.S., in an effort to end racial discrimination. President Dickey took the position that Dartmouth was in the business of education for all students, without discrimination, and that all students should be treated alike.<sup>8</sup>



The Eta Eta Chapter House, Dartmouth College.

On May 3, 1960, the members of the Executive Committee were advised that Eta Eta Chapter was forced to surrender its charter as of May 1, 1960, or otherwise lose rushing and other privileges.<sup>9</sup> Installed in

1893 as the second chapter in the New England area, Eta Eta had initiated 1,230 brothers during its 67-year history.

At the May 20 meeting of the Executive Committee, Executive Secretary Bringham was directed to take possession of the chapter's charter and Sigma Chi paraphernalia. This action by the college, chapter, and General Fraternity was made necessary because of the membership section of the Constitution, which restricted membership to "white" men only. This provision was taken out of the Constitution at the 1961 Grand Chapter, although a number of provisions were then added that extended the control of General Fraternity officers over the selection of prospective initiates in every chapter.

Joining the Headquarters staff as an Assistant Executive Secretary in the summer of 1960 was Arnie I. Prentice, Washington (Seattle) '59.

### **THIRTEENTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP, BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY - 1960**

"Take our minds and think with them;  
Take our lips and speak with them;  
Take our hearts and set them on fire."

After Grand Praetor and Leadership Training Board member Bill Carlisle had spoken the above appeal to the Almighty at the opening faculty dinner of the 1960 Leadership Training Workshop, Sigma Chi's significant and successful training session for chapter leaders came to life once again. Held August 24-27 at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, the event attracted a near-record 461 delegates from 128 of the 132 undergraduate chapters. The largest chapter delegation was from Delta Sigma at the University of Rhode Island, with 12. The Workshop was planned and conducted under the direction of the Leadership Training Board. Headquarters staff member Robert Joseph was Workshop Administrator.

The meeting at Bowling Green marked the return of Sigma Chi to the site of the founding sessions of the Workshop; the 1947 (first), 1948 and 1949 meetings were held there. The delegates and faculty members arrived at a modern campus that featured extensive air conditioning, which was not common in college buildings. The president of the university was Dr. Ralph McDonald, North Carolina State '25.

An innovation in the workshop, the first Workshop keynote address,



West Virginia University President Elvis J. Stahr was the 1960 Workshop keynote speaker.

was delivered by Elvis J. Stahr, Kentucky '36, president of West Virginia University, a Rhodes Scholar, university law dean, and the 1936 International Balfour Award winner. Speaking in a down-to-earth and often humorous manner, Stahr said, "The simple truth is that there is no substitute for knowledge, for hard work, and for integrity. If you leave out any of these three, you will fail."

The next evening's speaker, Significant Sig W.W. "Woody" Hayes, head football coach at Ohio State University, was delayed by a flat tire along the highway from downstate Columbus. Once he arrived, Hayes captured the young audience non-stop for nearly an hour with a delivery as speedy as his fastest halfback and as fun-filled as a winning season. He then talked with groups of delegates before getting back in his car for the two-hour, late-evening drive back to his home. The coach stressed the role that the chapter can play in inspiring and developing good scholarship among members. He emphasized the far-reaching importance of providing individual assistance, not allowing mistakes to become habitized, and seeking out pledges who really desire to get an education. The delegates and faculty responded with a spirited standing ovation.

Grand Consul Doyle presented the traditional "State of Sigma Chi" address. The Grand Consul informed the delegates about the present status of Sigma Chi in a number of areas, and developed the member-



James O. Huber, left, and Shelby Milburn Price, right, received the 1960 International Balfour Award from Grand Consul Doyle.



ship standards question in detail. He concluded his message by answering several questions from the floor.

One of the most significant and unprecedented events of the Workshop program was the presentation of the International Balfour Award for 1960 to two outstanding undergraduates: James O. Huber, Wisconsin '60, and Shelby Milburn Price, Mississippi '60. It was the first time in the first 31 years that the Fraternity's top undergraduate award was presented to more than one brother and, symbolically, was shared by both a northern and a southern brother.

The final banquet was chaired by Leadership Training Board member Chuck Thatcher, who introduced his way through the evening lineup. After the banquet began, a message arrived that the airline flight carrying main speaker Past Grand Consul Stanley Barnes was late. Nothing, least of all an airline, could keep a Sig and federal judge such as Past Grand Consul Barnes away from a Sig gathering, however. He rented a car in Detroit, some 80 miles away, hastened his way through the rush hour traffic of Detroit and Toledo, and strolled purposefully into the banquet hall just in time to enjoy a cup of coffee before making the speech he traveled more than 2,000 miles to present. In his banquet address, Past Grand Consul Barnes noted that young men, both those who are offenders and those who are not, seek the approbation of their fellows, and stated:

"One of the ways he can satisfy this desire is by belonging to a group. Which one, high or low, all too often doesn't matter. The individual identified with a group seldom will commit any act which will endanger his standing within that group. Sigma Chi demands more of its members than other groups, and two of the more priceless ingredients which your Fraternity demands of you, particularly those of you here tonight, are ambitious purposes and a deep sense of personal responsibility. If we have no purpose, we have no guide. If we have no ambitious purposes, we have no adequate guide."

The proficient and versatile Workshop faculty included nine university deans, five other university administrators and professors, three federal and state government officials, numerous business executives, three lawyers, five military officers, two certified public accountants, two clergymen, two technical administrators, and twelve graduate students. This group was a working example of the "Spirit of Sigma Chi."<sup>10</sup>

## THE 1960 GRAND COUNCIL MEETING DALLAS, TEXAS

The 1960 meeting of the Grand Council was the first General Fraternity event held in the state of Texas. The gathering of Sigma Chi Grand Officers, leaders and major committees took place at the Sheraton Hotel in Dallas, Texas, on October 13-15. More than 80 of the Fraternity's officers, committee members, Headquarters staff members, and their wives were hosted by the Dallas Alumni Chapter.

The membership selection question was discussed in detail by the Standards for Membership committee and the Grand Council. The Grand Council approved statutory provisions that gave alumni members a vote on the pledging of men to their chapters and provided a required pledging ceremony. The members also adopted a resolution condemning all acts of hazing or ridicule of pledges, and approved plans combining the separate pledging and initiation approval forms into one consolidated form. A statutory amendment that changed the undergraduate chapter officer title of Associate Editor to Chapter Editor was also approved.

The Grand Praetors selected Western New York province Grand Praetor Henry Zimmerman as the "dean" of the informally-titled "Praetorial College." The Sigma Chi Foundation Board of Governors also announced that its treasurer, Ray S. Tannehill, was stepping down, and that Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson would be his successor. A highlight of the meeting was a banquet address by Chester H. Lauck, Arkansas '26, a Continental Oil Company executive, who had created and performed the role of "Lum" on the long-running "Lum 'n' Abner" radio program.<sup>11</sup>

In October the Headquarters staff welcomed another new Assistant Executive Secretary, George L. Hooper, Kansas State '60.

## PSI CHAPTER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Psi Chapter at the University of Virginia, celebrated the centennial of its chartering on November 4 and 5, 1960. The seventh Sigma Chi chapter to pass gloriously into its second century, Psi produced the inspired and revered Harry St. John Dixon, 1861, who went on to establish the historic Constantine Chapter with a group of comrades-in-arms during the U.S. Civil War. Sigma Chi was originally chartered at Virginia as Rho Chapter, prior to the outbreak of hostilities in the 1860s. Following the conflict, the designation of Rho was given to the new chapter at Butler University. Gamma Chapter, acting as parent chapter, passed the name of Gamma to the re-organized chapter at Virginia. Finally at the Sixth Grand Chapter in 1866, the name Psi was conferred to the chapter at Charlottesville.

The century-old chapter initiated its celebration with a party at the Constantine Chapter Memorial House, attracting old alumni and new pledges, General Fraternity officers and university officials, parents, and rushees for the grand reunion. Other events included a buffet luncheon for more than 150 guests, a cocktail party and highlighting the weekend, a reception, banquet and dance at the Fry Springs Beach Club. In the forefront of the Fraternity dignitaries were Grand Consul Doyle and Past Grand Consul William B. "Daddy" Ricks. Consul Loran Smith, '60, introduced Grand Historian Robert M. Collett, who spoke about the

history of the Fraternity. Members of the chapter staged a portrayal of the founding of the Constantine Chapter.<sup>12</sup>



Daniel Laurence



Sam Bullock

Two Past Grand Consuls entered the Chapter Eternal during the early months of 1961. Daniel Laurence, the 26th Grand Consul, 1931-33, passed away January 3 at the age of 87. Sam C. Bullock, the 35th Grand Consul, 1948-49, died February 22 at the age of 65.

### **THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON CHI CHAPTER, LAMAR STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, FEBRUARY 11, 1961**

### **THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON PSI CHAPTER, SAM HOUSTON STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, FEBRUARY 11, 1961**

Two undergraduate chapters, Epsilon Chi and Epsilon Psi, were installed into Sigma Chi at exactly the same time, as both groups were initiated and received their charters at ceremonies in Houston, Texas, in February, 1961, a historical first in Sigma Chi. Both campuses are located about 75 miles from Houston.

At the time of the founding of Epsilon Chi Chapter, the city of Beaumont, Texas, was populated by 120,000 people, within a metropolitan area of 300,000. The college was chartered as a state institution, originally under the name South Park Junior College, and the first instruction was offered in 1923. The name was changed to Lamar College in 1932, and to Lamar Union Junior College in 1940. It became a four-year college and the name changed to Lamar State College of Technol-



The Mary and John Gray Library, on the campus of Lamar State College.

ogy in 1951, and in 1971 it became known as Lamar University. In 1960 enrollment was approximately 6,000 students. There were five fraternities on the campus in addition to the petitioning group Kappa Phi, including: Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha Order, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

In October 1956 a new fraternity was organized on the Lamar campus for the purpose of affiliating with a major college fraternity. The new group took the name Kappa Phi and was recognized by the college in the spring of 1957. The group then pledged 18 men, which was the largest class among the fraternities. During the following two years the men of Kappa Phi assumed an active and exemplary role among their peers in intramurals, scholastics, and student government. Ernest Frank, Texas-Austin '62; Jim Bennet, Texas-Austin '62; and William Killebrew, Texas-Austin '61 transferred from Alpha Nu Chapter and were active members of Kappa Phi. The chapter was also actively supported by the Sabine-Neches Alumni Chapter.

Initiation preliminaries for the Lamar group were held February 10, 1961, at the Kappa Phi house. Two Assistant Executive Secretaries, Murray McComas, who coordinated the entire dual installation, and Arnie Prentice, conducted the Indoctrination activities for the group at Lamar.

Sam Houston Normal Institute, the first institution in Texas dedicated to the training of teachers, was established by action of the 16th

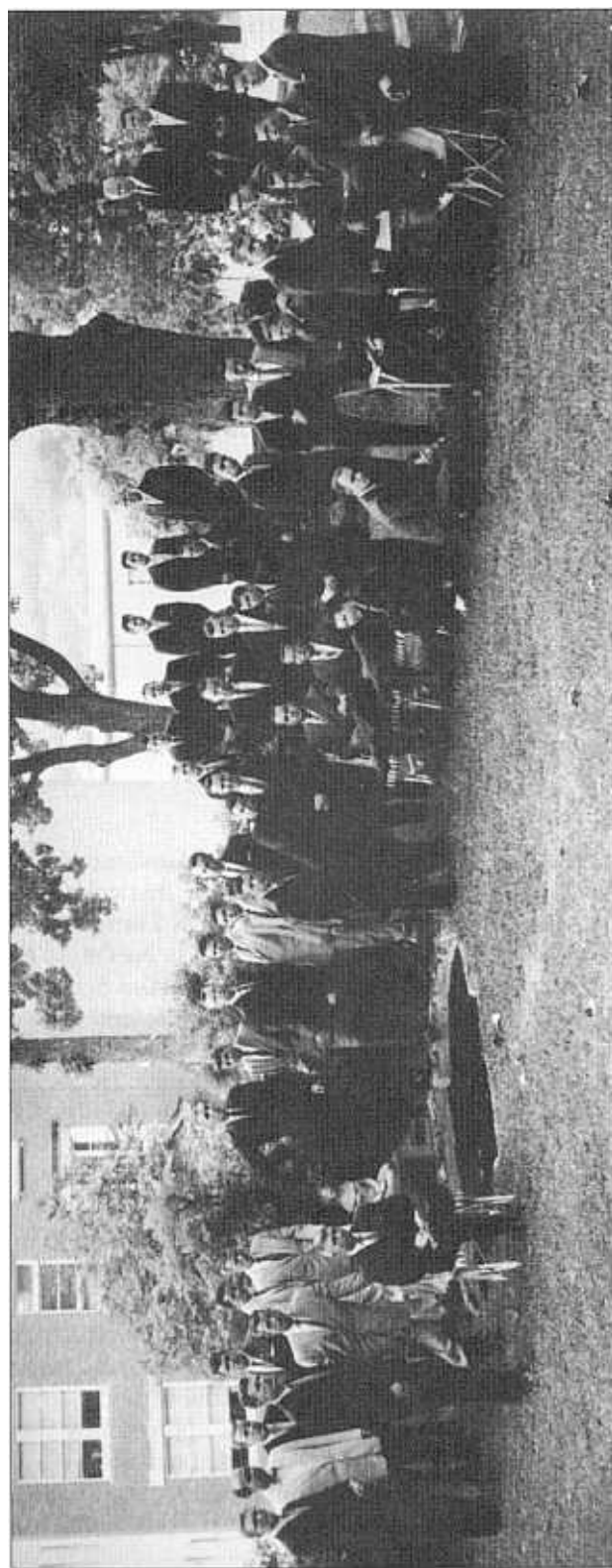


This statue of Sam Houston was unveiled in front of the Austin Building on the campus of Sam Houston State University at the school's centennial celebration in 1979.

Texas legislature and the authorization of Governor Oran Milo Roberts on April 21, 1879. On October 10, 1879, the institution opened its doors for instruction. The college and the city of Huntsville are located between Houston and Dallas in East Texas. It became a four-year college in 1918. The name was changed to Sam Houston State Teachers College in 1923, Sam Houston State College in 1965, and Sam Houston State University in 1969. In 1960 there were several local fraternities on the campus and three recognized major fraternities: Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Alpha. At that time enrollment at the college was 4,006 students.

The Caballero men's fraternity was established during the fall semester of 1949 by a group of men then living at Mrs. Young's Rooming House, located on Avenue K in Huntsville. At that time there was no student union building, and facilities for social activities were sharply limited. There were only two other established social clubs on the campus at that time, and they had a limited membership. Therefore, it was decided by the men at Mrs. Young's to form a new fraternity; one that would work for the good of the entire student body.

At mid-term of 1949, the group was approved by the student council, and pledging was extended to include boys not living in the rooming house. Since that first official rushing period, the progress of the Caballeros was steady and marked. The group's name, Caballero, was based



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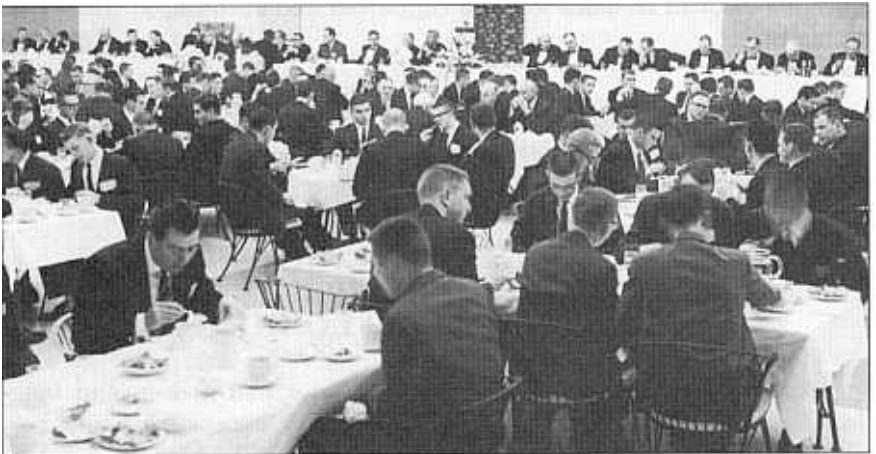
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on the word's meaning and the Spanish heritage of Texas: "Spanish, gentlemen, cavalier, knight." The group initiated 256 members in its history, had its own well-recognized alumni association, and made great strides during its 10-year existence in dedicated efforts toward fellowship and service.

The preliminaries of the Initiation into Sigma Chi for the Sam Houston group were held on the evening of February 10, 1961, at the Caballero fraternity chapter house in Huntsville. Assistant Editor Fred F. Yoder and Assistant Executive Secretary George L. Hooper conducted the Indoctrination week and preliminaries of the Initiation on the Huntsville campus. Following the preliminaries, the men from the two campuses were transported from both Beaumont and Huntsville on busses to the Shamrock Hilton Hotel for the Installation ceremonies. The members of Epsilon Xi Chapter from the University of Houston under the leadership of Consul Laurie Daniels and Doug Shaver performed the Initiation. Other province chapters assisted with the ceremonies by providing manpower and equipment. Senior alumnus Edward F. Baldwin was recorded as the first of 44 charter initiates of Epsilon Chi. William H. Stinson, the alumnus most instrumental in bringing the Epsilon Psi group into the Fraternity, was recorded as the first of the 76 charter initiates.

The Fraternity Executive Committee also held its regular quarterly meeting at the hotel that weekend, and the members were on hand to add further prominence to the occasion.

The Kopper Kettle Room of the Ada Petroleum Center, modern headquarters of the firm of Kenneth S. Adams Jr., Kansas '44, accom-



The joint Epsilon Chi-Epsilon Psi Installation banquet.

modated the banquet where the newly-initiated Sigs were honored. Past Grand Consul William B. "Daddy" Ricks, long-time booster of deserving new chapters and chief installing officer emeritus, was unable to be present. Chief installing officers were Grand Consul Doyle for Epsilon Chi and Executive Committee member Robert C. Garrison, Alabama '25, who had been alumni investigating officer for both groups, for Epsilon Psi.

Toastmaster Chet Lauck jested his way through the program. Grand Consul Doyle presented the Epsilon Chi charter to Consul Jack Cock-erham, who responded, "To say thanks is not enough. Our true gratitude will be expressed when you come back to visit us and see us first on the campus." Epsilon Psi Consul Richard Schwarz, upon accepting the charter, expressed the new initiates' "great feeling of accomplishment," coupled with its realization that "like a cog in a gear, we are a part of the greater part, and will always attempt to do our part."

Grand Praetor Donald E. Walker, fondly referred to as the "mobile housemother" of the Fraternity's largest province, presented gavels to the Consul of each chapter. The Sabine-Neches Alumni favored Epsilon Chi Chapter with a bronze Sigma Chi doorplate. The banquet speaker, Houston attorney Wright F. Morrow, was the first assistant attorney general of Texas, past state Democratic chairman and national committeeman, and a delegate to a number of national conventions. The white-haired speaker heralded the dual installation as a "significant occasion," and noted the related leadership qualities of the two men for whom the institutions were named, president of the Texas Republic Mirabeau Lamar, and governor and army commander Sam Houston.

The opening chapters in the history of each of the two new Sigma Chi chapters were in true Texas style, big ones, as the new brothers of both plunged into the Sigma Chi world with a sincerely-expressed feeling of gratitude to the chapters and officers who made it possible. They were determined to make all who supported and encouraged them glad they did.<sup>13</sup>

Joining the Headquarters staff as Assistant Executive Secretaries in 1961 were Richard Schisler, Miami (Ohio) '61, and Robert E. Long, Miami (Ohio) '60.

### **THE 53rd GRAND CHAPTER, JUNE 27-30, 1961, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**

Actions taken at the 1961 Grand Chapter had a deep and long-lasting impact on the operation of the Fraternity, especially in membership selection procedures for the next nine years. The biennial meeting was also enjoyable in many ways, as a total of 639 undergraduate and



alumni Sigs, wives and guests participated in the 53rd Grand Chapter at the Deauville Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida.



The 1961 "Grand Chapter House" was the Deauville Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla.

Delegates elected Grand Pro Consul William P. Huffman, the 41st Grand Consul of Sigma Chi, former Grand Quaestor Harry V. Wade as Grand Pro Consul, and Executive Committee member, Grand Trustee and Leadership Training Board Chairman Floyd R. Baker as Grand Quaestor. Grand Tribune Robert D. Workman and Grand Historian Robert M. Collett were re-elected.

Added to the eight-member Executive Committee were: Utah-Southern Idaho Grand Praetor Merrill K. Davis, as representative elected by the Grand Praetors; former Virginia Grand Praetor Malcolm Christian, as at-large member; and Robert C. Garrison, re-elected by the Grand Trustees. Ten brothers were elected as new Grand Praetors: Dr. Erwin L. LeClerg, Colorado State '24, Eastern; Kenneth A. Newman, Albion

'43, Michigan; Gerald J. Bieber, Lehigh '48, Illinois-Wisconsin; Thomas O. Scheer, Nebraska '49, Kansas-Nebraska; Robert W. Vincent, Oklahoma State '41, Oklahoma-Arkansas; Robert S. Travis, Texas-Austin '56, Texas; Orland W. Ward, Montana State '30, Rocky Mountain; Dr. Harm H. Schlomer, Washington State '33, Montana-Northern Idaho-Eastern Washington; Edwin C. Fisher, Illinois '28, Western; and Robert W. Davies, Toronto '33, Ontario-Quebec. John W. Graham, Q.C., was elected to a Grand Trustee position.

Henry M. Schleinitz, M.I.T. '61, of the Northern New England-Nova Scotia Province, received the 1961 International Balfour Award. The undergraduate delegates selected blonde, blue-eyed Carolee Ream, Sweetheart of Alpha Upsilon Chapter at the University of Southern California, as the 1961 International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi, the second consecutive time that "the girl of our dreams" had been a U.S.C. student.

In the business sessions, the delegates rejected a statutory proposal requiring undergraduate chapter Consuls, Pro Consuls, and Quaestors to serve one-year terms of office. The body approved a Governing Laws proposal changing the dimensions of the Fraternity flag from a length of

twice the width, to one-and-one-half times the width, to effect uniformity to other flags, and economy of production.

The Executive Committee established two new provinces and combined two others. The 11-chapter Central Southwestern Province became the Texas and the Oklahoma-Arkansas Provinces, and the former Northern New England-Nova Scotia and Southern New England Provinces were combined into a five-chapter New England-Nova Scotia Province.

The first Grand Chapter held in the southeastern United States began with early business meetings of the Executive Committee, the Grand Trustees, the Grand Praetors, and the Standards for Membership committee. The committees included undergraduate and alumni chapter delegates as assigned members for the Grand Chapter. Early business sessions were also held by the Constitution and Statutes, Ritual, Alumni Activities, Chapter Housing, Credentials, Scholarship, Undergraduate Chapter Finances, Rushing and Pledging, Publications, Preferred List and Province Boundaries, and Organization and Procedure committees, and the Order of Constantine. The Nominating and Resolutions committees and the Sigma Chi Foundation Board of Governors also met during the gathering.

The Deauville Hotel, with lobby appropriately furnished in blue and gold, swelled to capacity with Sigs on Monday and Tuesday. Registration formalities provided delegates and guests with everything from much-needed suntan lotion to orange juice. The Florida area Sigs conducted a date bureau to assist visiting Sigs in arranging female companionship for the forthcoming Sweetheart Ball, which attracted more than a little interest from undergraduate brothers. Delegates were welcomed by Grand Chapter General Chairman and Florida Grand Praetor Marvin L. Ebelmesser, Dr. Thurston Adams, Columbia '28, director of student activities at the neighboring University of Miami; and Dr. Jay F.W. Pearson, Miami (Fla.) '22, president of the University of Miami. Past Grand Consuls L.G. Balfour, Charles F. Hough, Patrick J. Hurley, John Neal Campbell, Stanley N. Barnes, and J. Dwight Peterson were introduced.

The first day was brightened with the arrival of the three Sweetheart finalists: Carolee Ream, of the University of Southern California; Barbara Ann Williams, Sweetheart of Delta Mu Chapter at Southern Methodist; and Karen Kimzey, Sweetheart of Beta Upsilon Chapter at Washington State University. The three had been selected from among sweethearts nominated by their chapters by three judges, cartoonist Milton Caniff, and Don Wilson, prominent radio and television an-



Henry M. Schleinitz  
1961 International  
Balfour Award winner

nouncer, both Significant Sigs; and U.S. Congressman William C. Cramer, North Carolina '44, of St. Petersburg, Florida.

The first social event on the program was the Stag Party. Two talented Sig vocal groups contributed their musical talents at the party: "The Gentrys," five Sigs from Upsilon Upsilon Chapter at the University of Washington, and "The Wanderers Three," from Epsilon Xi Chapter at the University of Houston. Significant Sig Caniff, making his first Grand Chapter appearance since the 1955 Centennial, stirred the Sigs to frequent rounds of applause with his colorful and imaginative chalk talk using many of his comic strip characters from "Miss Lace" and "Steve Canyon."



Carolee Ream  
1961 International Sweetheart

A real hot seat at the Grand Chapters of this period was the position of chairman of the Credentials committee, occupied by John W. Graham. With the burning membership selection issues present and votes being carefully counted pro and con, there was clamoring for the certification of delegates by those on both sides of the issue.

The widely-debated subject of membership selection came to the floor of the Grand Chapter Wednesday afternoon, June 28, with the report by committee chairman and Grand Trustee Bolon B. Turner. The Standards for Membership committee met extensively during the opening days of the Grand Chapter and heard reports and discussion on the matter, proposals presented for consideration by various members and groups of the Fraternity, and comments by undergraduate and alumni Sigs. The committee recognized the fact that nine undergraduate chapters were faced with campus mandated deadlines for removal of restrictive membership clauses. These mandates were scheduled to take effect before the 1963 Grand Chapter. Five other chapters faced 1964 deadlines, and a dozen more faced high-level opposition and regulations.

The committee unanimously recommended a proposal to remove the word "white" from the Fraternity Constitution. Chairman Turner moved for its adoption and it was seconded by Past Grand Consul Stanley Barnes; James Huber, Wisconsin '60, the 1960 Co-International Balfour Award winner and a representative of one of the nine chapters under campus mandate for removal of such clauses; and Charles Yeldell, delegate of Iota Iota Chapter at the University of Alabama. A

summation of the feelings prevalent among many was presented by Brother Huber:

"After nearly a decade of struggling with this problem, segments of the two opposing forces have finally met and agreed. Brothers, I submit to you that this is a true manifestation of our Sigma Chi brotherhood."

After discussion by both sides on the floor, a standing vote of delegates resulted in 94 percent approval for the committee's recommendation. The action prevented the automatic prospect of the loss of several charters in the near future.

The 1961 Grand Chapter was successful in eliminating the requirement that all men pledged and initiated into Sigma Chi must be "white," thereby permitting at least the short-term survival of several chapters. However, the Grand Chapter complicated and prolonged the problem by some of its other actions. By no means did the removal of the word "white" from the laws mean that active chapters were likely to be able to initiate non-white members.

As part of the package that led to the overwhelming vote to remove the word "white" from the laws, the Grand Chapter adopted provisions that gave the 65-member Grand Council the power to disapprove any man proposed by any chapter. The Grand Council included the Grand Officers, Past Grand Consuls, Grand Praetors and Grand Trustees. The provision also included:

"The bonds of our fellowship require that every member be welcomed personally as a brother in all chapters and regions of the fraternity.

"Every chapter owes a duty to every other chapter, to the whole Fraternity and to any man considered for membership, for as long as it continues to hold a charter in Sigma Chi, to refrain from proposing for membership to our fellowship any person who for any reason is likely to be considered personally unacceptable as a brother by any chapter or any member anywhere."

In addition, the provisions increased the voting requirement on membership issues from 75 percent of Grand Chapter delegates to 90 percent, and specified that any changes could only be made at a regularly-scheduled, biennial Grand Chapter, and not by mail or any special session in the interim.

There were those who believed that elimination of the word "white" from the Constitution would solve the membership question. The various issues of membership selection that were first debated at the 1952 Grand Chapter continued to be volatile and overriding until a full 10 years after the 1961 Grand Chapter. In 1961, however, few members, if any, believed that the issue would be so protracted. The historic Grand Chapter business session concluded with the singing of "A Sig I Am," in an expression of unity and relief.

The convention also included the Literary Exercises dinner, with Significant Sig and Assistant Secretary of State L. Brooks Hays as toastmaster. The program opened with the traditional Founders' Day Ceremony, conducted by Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson and

Significant Sig Milton Caniff. M. Dean Davis, delegate of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter, made the formal presentation of the portrait of Grand Consul Doyle to the Fraternity and Foundation as the gift of the chapter.

The banquet rose in applause to honor the brother present who had worn the White Cross for the longest time, Charles Keener, Illinois 1899, a Sig for 65 years, and the Sigs who had traveled the farthest to the convention, Eugene Woodruff and Wayne Ferrey, of Delta Omicron Chapter at the University of British Columbia.

Henry M. Schleinitz humbly accepted the International Balfour Award, stating, "This is a great moment in my life, exceeded only by the time when the White Cross was placed upon me. Sigma Chi has given me favor and distinction in four years; I only hope that I may be able to repay it in future years."

Significant Sig Dr. J. Wayne Reitz, president of the University of Florida and a member of the Fraternity Scholarship Committee, was the principal speaker at the Literary Exercises dinner. He based his impressive remarks on the revered essay "My Badge," by W. Henry McLean, DePauw '10. Dr. Reitz commented:

"Today the world is looking with critical eyes on the Fraternity system. It is essential that fraternities keep their houses in order by reaffirming through positive action the ideals of their Founders. Sigma Chi has a tradition of men who exercised Friendship, Justice, and Learning. The young Sig of today is living in reflected glory; the challenge is for him to add luster to that ray. The rough question is, 'Are fraternities going to survive in this world?' As a university head, I say that they are, but only if they continuously carry out unselfish service. May we see to it that our Fraternity reflects all of its ideals always unselfishly to mankind."

Patrick J. Hurley, a former Secretary of War and American Ambassador, who headed the Fraternity as Grand Consul in 1946-48, spoke briefly to the crowd. His impressive manner of delivery was seldom heard in that or later years.

The final Grand Chapter business session concluded as the new Grand Consul, William P. Huffman, was officially installed and pinned with the badge of Founder Daniel William Cooper. With the brevity and meaning for which he was well-known, he noted, "It has been my good fortune to have served the Fraternity for more than 40 years. I consider this a real privilege, and am going to endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability."

The final banquet featured as toastmaster the well-known Significant Sig and U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater, who appeared unusually relaxed and ready for an enjoyable evening despite the fact that he had arrived in Miami less than an hour before the banquet began, thanks to a four-hour late flight. He had been whisked across the city by police escort and was besieged by newspaper and television reporters for interviews and photographs. Significant Sig Goldwater was welcomed with warm applause and a standing ovation. Past Grand Consul Richard

Doyle, then presented his successor, Bill Huffman, to the banquet audience with the words:

"This organization works as a team, and we would not have gotten anywhere had it not been for the fact that we've had a good team. Brother Huffman, you not only have the support of the members of the team, but of all brothers and chapters. Carry on, Bill, and good luck."

After a special serenade of "Hooray for Bill" by the delegates from the new Grand Consul's chapters, Mu at Denison and the Dayton Alumni, delegate Ferris Myers, Indiana '16, presented the new Grand Consul with a special gavel that had been produced from wood from the floor supports of the room where the Fraternity was founded.

The Order of Constantine inducted its newest members, the traditional number of seven, who were: Dr. Robert L.D. Davidson; Dr. Marvin Ebelmesser; Robert C. Garrison; Dr. Fritz Hurd, Gettysburg & Minnesota '23; Frank M. Moore; James J. Overlock; and Harry V. Wade.



International Sigmas members welcomed female Grand Chapter attendees.

The banquet's principal speaker was Secretary of the Army and new Significant Sig Elvis Stahr, who had been Grand Chapter Orator in previous years and was the Fraternity's 1936 Balfour Award winner. Senator Goldwater, a stalwart of the opposite political party of Secretary Stahr, commented in introducing the speaker that, "We of the opposing party are extremely happy with the appointment of this man (as Army Secretary), and feel perfectly confident that he is conducting our affairs to the highest good of the nation." After thanking Goldwater for the introduction, Stahr said that he had attended the Grand Chapter in 1935 when the Significant Sig Award was first presented, and that "little did I dream that I would one day receive it." He urged the undergraduate Sigs in attendance, "among whom tonight there are probably future Significant Sigs," to make the most of their years on the campus. Stahr said:

"Our nation needs not only a large body of adequately educated citizens, but a substantial number with an exceptionally high level of education attainment. The ultimate destiny of the world will not be decided by bombs, but by brains. I am confident that when the progress of the next 25 years is recounted, the wholesome influence of the White Cross will be more evident than ever before in the moral and material upbuilding of this great land of ours."

Although the banquet marked the formal end of the monumental 53rd Grand Chapter, Fraternity business continued into the following day with meetings of the Grand Council, the Executive Committee, and the Foundation Board of Governors. The Grand Chapter's efficient planning allowed delegates and guests the opportunity to enjoy boat trips on Biscayne Bay, tours to the Miami Seaquarium and the Villa Vizcaya Art Museum (the former home of James Deering, Northwestern 1880), and a free plane ride over the city, compliments of Eastern Airlines.<sup>14</sup>

## SIGS IN THE NEWS

In Canada, the Hon. David J. Walker, Toronto '28, was appointed to the Cabinet post of Minister of Public Works.

Minneapolis surgeon Dr. Richard A. DeWall, Minnesota '48, who had developed a simplified heart-lung machine crucial to heart surgery, was named one of "America's 10 Outstanding Young Men" by the U.S. Jaycees, which at that time was a major national honor for men under 35 years of age.

The 1960 merger of two major companies with Sigs as chief executives—General Telephone and Sylvania Electric Products—created one company with those Sigs as the top two executives. Board chairman of the new General Telephone and Electronics Corporation was Donald Power, Denison & Ohio State '22. President of the new firm was Don G. Mitchell, Florida '27.

Dr. Fred C. Cole, Louisiana State '32, was named President of Washington and Lee University.

Carleton Mitchell Jr., Miami (Ohio) '34, achieved the unprecedented feat of winning the noted Newport to Bermuda yacht race for the third straight year, his latest in a series of yachting championships.

Four Sigs participated in the 1960 Olympic Games. Swimmer Jeff Farrell, Oklahoma '58, anchored two gold medal winning relay teams, while diver Sam Hall, Ohio State '59, captured a silver medal. Distance runners Bill Dellinger, Oregon '56, and Dyrol Burleson, Oregon '62, finished fourth and sixth in their events. In May of 1961, Burleson set the American record for the mile run, at 3:57.6.

Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop Dick Groat, Duke '53, was named the Most Valuable Player in the National League for the 1960 season.

Frederick W. Ford, West Virginia '30, was named chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

Significant Sig and former U.S. Congressman L. Brooks Hays was sworn in as Special Assistant to U.S. President John F. Kennedy.

Arthur C. Allyn Jr., Dartmouth '35, became president and major owner of the Chicago White Sox professional baseball team.

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William P. Huffman  
41st Grand Consul

# Chapter V

## Gains and Losses

### 1961 to 1963

“Too often, I am afraid, we tend to take too much of what is assuring and what is worthwhile in our Fraternity for granted. The progress we have made over the years, however, does not entitle us to smugness, self-satisfaction, or laurel sitting. We now face the challenge of some thought-provoking debate and decision on matters of great importance in, by and for the Fraternity. We must act based on facts and realities, not on presumptions and suspicions. By so doing, we will be insuring the promise for a significant and successful future, for the good of the Order, that our Order will be good.”

*Grand Consul William P. Huffman, at the 1963 Grand Chapter.<sup>1</sup>*

**T**HE FRATERNITY entered this biennium under the steady and unassuming leadership of Grand Consul William P. Huffman. The Fraternity was fortunate to have him at the helm during this period of moderate growth and the initial testing of the newly-adopted membership selection procedures.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF WILLIAM P. HUFFMAN, 41st GRAND CONSUL

William P. Huffman was born on June 26, 1890 at Dayton, Ohio. The son of Torrence Huffman, Lafayette 1878, he also had three cousins who were members of Sigma Chi. In his youth Bill became friends with the famous Wright brothers, the pioneering aircraft inventors, and personally witnessed several of their earliest airplane flights, which took place on his family's farmland.

“When I went to school at Denison, it was my first time away from home, and I was a pretty shy kid,” Bill recalled in a conversation in 1973. “The boys at the Sig house kind of took me under their wing.”

In those days, pledges unfortunately experienced some rough stuff while proving themselves “worthy” of Initiation. Grand Consuls of that time also did not tolerate the serious hazing that was going on. Sigma Chi's second Grand Consul, J. Howard Ferris, Denison 1876, attended Huffman's Initiation and came to the rescue during one pre-Initiation event. Of the formal ceremonies, however, Huffman said, “I have always had a high regard for what the Ritual teaches you. Sigma Chi has always meant a lot to me.”

Brother Huffman went on to serve Mu Chapter as editor, house manager, steward and Consul. As editor, he submitted chapter reports for four consecutive issues of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* in 1908 and 1909. After graduating from Denison he continued to serve Mu as secretary and treasurer of its alumni association from 1920 to 1930.

His 43 years of non-stop service in Fraternity leadership positions originated in 1934 when he became Grand Praetor of the Ohio Province, serving until 1939. He was a Grand Trustee in 1940-1959, including service as chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees from 1950 until 1955. During that time he was chief installing officer at the 1947 installation of Delta Kappa Chapter, Bowling Green State University, and was active in the entrance of Delta Pi Chapter at Ohio University in 1949.

When the Order of Constantine was originated in 1948, Huffman was honored as one of its charter members.

Leading up to the Centennial Grand Chapter in Cincinnati, Huffman was one of several Sigs actively discussed as a candidate for the office of Grand Consul. Because he was also serving as chairman of the board of trustees of his alma mater and of Sigma Chi, he modestly asked that his name not be considered. His close friend, J. Dwight Peterson, was elected Grand Consul at that Grand Chapter.

The Fraternity Grand Trustees, however, elected Huffman as their representative to the Executive Committee, on which he served in various positions until 1965. When the Executive Committee held its quarterly meetings at the General Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, Huffman consistently preferred to walk, rather than ride, the one-and-one-half miles from the nearby hotel to the lakefront mansion where the Headquarters was then housed.

He was elected Grand Pro Consul in 1959. In 1961 he became the 41st Grand Consul. During his two-year term, the Fraternity sold the lakefront Headquarters to the city of Evanston. Huffman also oversaw the study of a new site and the purchase of the land for the new Headquarters in Evanston.

Following his term as Grand Consul, Bill served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Sigma Chi Foundation from 1965 to 1977, and as a Governor Emeritus until his death in late 1984. He attended 27 Grand Chapters, perhaps more than any other Sig. As an undergraduate delegate to the 1909 Grand Chapter, he met Founders Daniel William Cooper and Benjamin Piatt Runkle.

Bill was a life-long bachelor until his marriage at the age of 79. His wife had been the wife of Harold Kier, Denison '16, who passed away in 1968. Kier and his son constructed the large wooden Sigma Chi Badge that has topped the fireplace mantel at the General Headquarters for many years.

Although he originally wanted to attend Cornell University or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bill was influenced to enroll at

Denison, where he began another lifelong relationship. He was a generous contributor to his alma mater and became the third generation in his family to serve on its board of trustees. He joined the board in 1939 and served as its chairman from 1950 to 1960. Denison honored Bill, his father and grandfather by naming a campus residence hall after them—Huffman Hall—which students fondly referred to as “the Huffman Hilton.” He also completely funded the building of a combined campus and community center. He headed several of the university’s major fund raising campaigns.

He continued his family tradition of civic and business leadership in his longtime hometown of Dayton. He began his professional career in 1912 as an accountant for the original Delco organization. Later he became an officer of the Buckeye Iron & Brass Company, a manufacturer of valves for petroleum handling equipment. He served as its president from 1937 to 1965, when at age 75 he sold the firm. He was president of State Fidelity Savings and Loan in 1950-64. He also was a director of Dayton Power & Light, the City Transit Co., Midwest Securities Investments, Miami Valley Hospital, and the Family and Children’s Service Association. He devoted considerable time and support as an elder and trustee to his church, Westminster Presbyterian. He received the Significant Sig Award in 1965.

His most tangible gift to Sigma Chi was the contribution of the Oxford, Ohio, building where the Fraternity was founded in 1855. Upon learning that the building was on the market, he purchased it for \$125,000 and gave it to the Sigma Chi Foundation, thereby preserving it for the Fraternity. He presented the founding site deed at the 1973 Grand Chapter, amid the overwhelming gratitude of the Sig delegates and guests. It is interesting to note that Brother Huffman would have preferred this historical gift to be anonymous. Rental income from the property finances the Sigma Chi Foundation Huffman Scholars-In-Residence program at Miami University. The program annually brings educators and scholars to the Oxford, Ohio campus for interaction with students and faculty. Through 1988, more than \$200,000 had been devoted to that program.

During his term as Grand Consul, he attended more than 39 Sigma Chi events. On several occasions he courageously attempted to preserve chapters that fell victim to some of the restrictive membership selection procedures existing in Sigma Chi. While colleges and universities continued to focus attention on the membership selection process, Grand Consul Huffman issued certifications that said the Fraternity Governing Laws did not include any membership requirements that specified exclusion of any individual on account of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, or national origin.<sup>2</sup>

The tall, soft-spoken leader, who rarely was seen wearing anything other than a business suit and tie, was one of the most unassuming, generous, yet modest men ever to wear the White Cross.<sup>3</sup>

## **FOURTEENTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP, BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY - 1961**

For the first time in Sigma Chi history, each of the 134 undergraduate chapters was represented at the 1961 Leadership Training Workshop. A record-setting 587 Sigma Chis attended the event in Bowling Green, Ohio, August 23-26. This was particularly noteworthy in a Grand Chapter year, when Workshop attendance tended to be lower. The previous top attendance had been 585 at DePauw University in 1958. The 100-percent chapter turnout was all the more remarkable considering the coast-to-coast scope of the Fraternity and the fact that the vast majority of undergraduates drove to Workshop.



Delegates at the 1961 Workshop.

Significant Sig Dr. J. Wayne Reitz, president of the University of Florida, delivered the keynote address. Grand Consul Huffman, in his first presentation since being elected, gave the annual "State of Sigma Chi" address. At the final banquet, Ohio Supreme Court Judge James F. Bell, DePauw '36, thoroughly enveloped the audience on the subject of behavior.

Leadership Training Board Chairman Floyd R. Baker, who was also Grand Quaestor and an Executive Committee member, welcomed a new appointee to the board, Dale L. Greenlee, Willamette '57. Senior Assistant Executive Secretary Murray K. McComas was Workshop administrator.

In a new program developed by the Executive Committee and the Leadership Training Board, several members of local fraterni-

ties—potential future petitioning groups for Sigma Chi chapters—attended certain sessions of the Workshop to observe, meet delegates and gain ideas in order to strengthen their own operations. The program quickly acquired the nickname “the MOLFAW program”—Members Of Local Fraternities At Workshop. Local groups represented were: Sigma Delta of Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana; Xi Omega of Kansas State College, Pittsburg, Kansas; and the Mystic 13 of Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, Kentucky. Only the first two groups were successful in becoming Sigma Chi chapters. The reception and interest extended these visitors was reflected in the comment of one local delegate, who noted, “The general attitude and reception by the Sigs to me was warm and cordial; they went out of their way to speak with us, answer questions, and ask about our local group.”

A special guest at the Workshop, who was participating in his first General Fraternity event in a number of years, was W. Henry McLean, DePauw '10, author of the revered essay “My Badge.” A former Grand Tribune and a member of the Order of Constantine, McLean traveled from California to speak informally with delegates about the Fraternity heritage and the Ritual.

During the official opening of the 1961 Workshop, Chairman Baker and Delta Kappa Consul Lyn Yackee, '62, welcomed the delegates to the Bowling Green campus. Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, North Carolina State '25, attended the opening, which was one of his last official engagements before retiring as president of Bowling Green State University.

In his keynote address, Dr. Reitz reminded delegates that their mission and priorities were to support the aims and purposes of higher education and the institutions of which they are a part, to support and protect the fraternity system itself, and to enhance and improve their Fraternity and their own chapter. Dr. Reitz said:

“We must encourage and stimulate an atmosphere for learning and scholastic achievement. Our Fraternity is and must be a place where honor and integrity flourish. The world cries out for men who will assume responsibility; we can help our chapter members and pledges develop this sense of responsibility.”

Dr. Reitz cautioned the delegates that Fraternity members must not allow themselves to become self-centered, self-satisfied, or content with the commonplace, or fail to foster the historic mission of the fraternity system.

At the next evening program, Fraternity Scholarship Chairman Dr. Malcolm Musser outlined the programs and emphasis of the Sigma Chi Foundation and the Fraternity scholarship program, concluding with an inspiring recitation of Brother McLean's “My Badge.”

Speaking about the unity and inspiration of the Fraternity, Grand Trustee Norman Brewer said:

“We are here at the Workshop to guarantee that Sigma Chi maintains first place in the Greek letter world, to insure that our leadership from active chapter on up will be the finest, noblest, and best. Our late and beloved Past Grand

Consul Hamilton Douglas used to say that 'Sigma Chi is first; there is no second; there is no third; but we do admit that there are a few tied somewhere around fourth.' If Sigma Chi is ever not first, it will be because you as undergraduates and we as alumni have not gotten together and pulled together for the good of Sigma Chi. There is no north, no south, no east and no west in Sigma Chi, as there is no place in Sigma Chi for sectionalism. This is one thing that makes our Fraternity great, one brotherhood."

To conclude the evening, Executive Committee member and Grand Praetor Merrill K. Davis outlined the new legislation regarding standards for membership, which were adopted at the previous Grand Chapter. He and other Executive Committee members answered delegates' questions concerning the new Fraternity policies and procedures.

The Friday evening program featured Miami University head football coach and former Alpha Chapter Advisor John Pont, Miami (Ohio) '52, who spoke about the necessity for strong academic achievement, intelligent selection of prospective members, and responsible conduct. The coach, in the midst of pre-season practice activities, then drove back to Oxford the same night.

With a standing ovation, delegates welcomed Grand Consul Huffman, who said, "Whether a man is Grand Consul, an alumnus, or an undergraduate, it is always heartwarming and enjoyable to associate with Sigs from across the continent, and that is certainly the case this evening at this Workshop, which represents one of the finest hours of Sigma Chi."

Regarding the membership selection legislation enacted at the 1961 Grand Chapter, Huffman said:

"We were able to arrive agreeably at conclusions, remain strong, and even more firmly united. We will continue to select our future members on the same lasting measurements which led to each of us being here tonight, and which blessed us with predecessors worthy and able and ambitious enough to build for us a Fraternity as strong as it is today. To accomplish the greatest amount of goodwill calls for the cooperation of all of us; active chapters, alumni chapters, Chapter Advisors, Grand Praetors, Headquarters staff, and all Grand Officers."

The final evening was exceptionally busy and rewarding, right up through the distribution of chapter travel checks. After several lectures and Ritual rehearsals that day, Ritual Director Tom Bottone was also tapped as banquet toastmaster. The banquet program and head table gallery were well-lighted thanks to Henry McLean's movie camera, which recorded much of the scene on film.

A perennial highlight of Workshop banquets was the "Thatcher Quartet," a group so promising at the 1961 Workshop it became a quartet of five brothers. Assembled under the direction of Leadership Training Board member Chuck Thatcher, the singing group featured the talents of Jim Traxler, Ohio Wesleyan '62; Tom Cleveland, Mississippi '64; Jim Corrough, Iowa State '62; and Ron Young, Tulsa '62.

The banquet message, "Behave Yourself," by the Hon. James F. Bell, had become as well known in Ohio as Lincoln's Gettysburg Ad-



dress. An affable and entertaining justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, a former F.B.I. agent and Common Pleas Judge of Madison County, Ohio, Judge Bell drove home his subject through the combined magic of humor and pointed phrases, as he had done at the 1961 Ohio Province Sigma Chi Day. "The need now," he emphasized, "is for virtuous thinking, virtuous leading, virtuous doing and virtuous living."

The Ritual Exemplification provided further impact to Judge Bell's affirmations. Assisting in the direction of the exemplification were Thomas L. Turk, DePauw '58, and Tom Knoll, Cornell & Miami (Ohio) '62.<sup>4</sup>

Undergraduate and alumni brothers of two chapters proudly dedicated new chapters houses during December of 1961. The Alpha Psi Chapter house at Vanderbilt University was dedicated December 8, and the new Rho Chapter house at Butler University was dedicated December 10, replacing the house that was destroyed in a November 1955 explosion.

## 1961 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

On May 20, 1962, the 1961 Membership Directory, the first such publication since 1949, was issued as what was intended to be a "perpetual" publication. It was published in three volumes, one an alphabetical listing of initiates' names, another by chapter and graduation year, and another by place of residence. It featured a binding that allowed for its pages to be replaced with updated ones as members' addresses changed and new members joined. Some pages were updated and circulated for a short time, but purchasers found that inserting the pages was a more difficult and unwieldy process than they expected. It became impossible to update the directory after the company that coordinated the process went out of business because computerization was beginning to take over the member record-keeping process. The 1961 Directory was one of the most ambitious publications projects in Fraternity history.

## COLGATE INITIATION CAUSES CHARTER REVOCATION

A controversial Initiation performed by Gamma Omicron Chapter at Colgate University on April 15, 1962, caused the revocation of its charter and the disaffiliation with the Fraternity for nine years.

Provisions added to the Governing Laws in 1961, when the "white clause" was removed, allowed any one of the 65 Grand Officers to deny approval for Initiation to any man proposed by any chapter. Chapters sent in detailed forms on every pledge they wanted to initiate. From these forms, lists were compiled and then circulated to each Grand Offi-

cer. A chapter could not proceed with the Initiation until it had received written approval back from the General Fraternity.

In the spring of 1962, Gamma Omicron planned to initiate 25 men, but approval was denied for two pledges who were Jewish. Other Jewish men had been approved for Initiation in several other chapters before and shortly after this instance. After the chapter was informed of the disapproval, the members decided after much debate to proceed with the Initiation of the entire pledge class. University regulations stated that an off-campus authority could not control the initiation of members of chapters on the campus. Several Gamma Omicron alumni advisors supported the chapter decision.

Most of the eight member Executive Committee took the position that, by conducting the Initiation under those circumstances, the chapter had automatically revoked its own charter, having committed a violation of the Governing Laws, which included a provision dictating automatic charter revocation in such instances. The whole situation left many people with a negative impression of the Fraternity.

The matter, a subject of extensive debate, dismay and uncertainty among many brothers in the northeast and many Grand Council members, was the main agenda item at the August 25, 1962, Executive Committee meeting in Evanston. John Scovil, Colgate '47, an assistant dean of the university, Grand Praetor Barr Morris, Colgate '50, and Gamma Omicron Magister Roger Parson, '63, presented the chapter's case to the committee, stating the chapter's strong desire to remain in the Fraternity and to refrain from future violations.

However, the Executive Committee unanimously adopted a resolution that recognized the revocation of the charter, invalidated the initiation of the men not approved, and "severely admonished" the brothers who had participated in the ceremonies. The resolution encouraged the former chapter to petition the Fraternity for reinstatement. The revocation was postponed immediately when Grand Consul Huffman, with the concurrence of three-fourths of the members of the Executive Committee, issued a ruling that restored the Gamma Omicron charter. He felt the chapter was entitled to an explanation as to why two men the chapter felt were among its best pledges had been turned down. "I could sympathize with them in this position," Grand Consul Huffman stated, "but the rules then in effect prevented me from disclosing who had disapproved, or the reason for the disapproval."

Grand Consul Huffman restored the charter because of the "feeling that the overall good, unity and standing of our Order from coast-to-coast would best be served by so doing. At the same time, I placed the chapter under strict probation for one year from August 29, 1962."<sup>5</sup>

The controversy concerning the Colgate situation was the subject of prolonged debate at the annual Grand Council meeting on October 12-13, 1962, in San Francisco, California. Several Grand Council members offered a resolution that stated Grand Consul Huffman's August ruling

"is void and of no force and effect," that "the finding of the Executive Committee recognizing the mandatory revocation of the Gamma Omicron charter be approved by the Grand Council," and that all steps be taken to enforce the revocation. The resolution was defeated by a vote of 17 to 25.<sup>6</sup> Grand Consul Huffman had indicated privately that had the resolution passed, he would have felt compelled to resign from office.

On April 10, 1963, the Executive Committee at its meeting in Evanston reaffirmed the Gamma Omicron charter revocation, with Grand Consul Huffman voting in the negative. The April 1963 resolution recognizing the charter revocation stated in part that:

"... the Grand Consul and a majority of the members of the Executive Committee had acted in the best interests of the Fraternity in setting aside that revocation in August, 1962. We were led to believe the recalcitrant chapter was penitent and would make every effort to improve itself in the various unsatisfactory conditions contained in an official report to this committee by an Assistant Executive Secretary but, on the contrary, the chapter has not measured up to their expectations."<sup>7</sup>

The controversy promised to remain in the limelight, however, with the 1963 Grand Chapter less than three months away.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF EPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER, BALL STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, JUNE 17, 1962**

At the time of the founding of Epsilon Omega Chapter, Muncie, Indiana, was a city of approximately 70,000 people. The university was established as a public institution in 1898 as Eastern Indiana Normal University. The school name was changed to Palmer University in 1902, to Indiana Normal School in 1905, to Muncie Normal Institute in 1912, to Indiana State Normal School Eastern Division in 1918, to Ball State Teachers College in 1920, and to Ball State University in 1965. The university is named after the five Ball brothers of Ball Mason Jar fame, who made a substantial contribution to the school after World War I. The 1962 enrollment was 8,100 students.

The local fraternity Sigma Delta was conceived on February 14, 1959, by William Odell, Denison '59, a Ball State student, and Philip Stoufer, Denison '57, a member of the Muncie Alumni Chapter.

After interviewing men on campus, the founders met with 17 students in early April 1959 with the intention of eventually affiliating with Sigma Chi. The group selected "Pioneer Club" as its name. On May 29, 1959, the interfraternity council officially recognized the group of 29 men who chose the Greek letters Sigma Delta as the name of the new fraternity. Because five men chose not to remain with Sigma Delta, the group returned to campus in September with 24 members. Sigma Delta



The Administration Building was the first on the campus of Ball State Teachers College.

members also returned to a new fraternity house purchased during the summer by Muncie area Sigma Chi alumni.

The property extended more than 600 feet in length and had ideal space for future parking facilities and additions. The members worked on the house day and night during those first few hectic months, renovating it to fit the needs of a growing fraternity. In early October 1959, new furniture was placed in the house, and on that same weekend Mrs. Pearl Andrews was selected as the Sigma Delta housemother.

Sigma Delta took its first pledge class in the fall of 1959. The class of 12 men was the third largest among the nine social fraternities on campus. In February of the following year, Sigma Delta took 14 pledges. In the fall of 1960, the fraternity pledged eight new members. In February of 1961, the group accepted 28 pledges. In two years Sigma Delta twice won the I.F.C. trophy presented annually to the fraternity with the highest scholastic average. Each time, their grade point average was far above the all-men's and all-campus averages.<sup>8</sup>

The local was assisted by Walter Stanley, Illinois & Pennsylvania '17; Robert Kershaw, Butler & Michigan State '41, the Muncie Alumni Chapter president and director of the Ball State Student Center; James Heichelbach, DePauw '36, Sigma Delta house corporation treasurer; and George Manson Sr., Grand Praetor of the Indiana Province.

In 1962 the existing fraternities at Ball State were Delta Chi, Kappa Sigma Kappa, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Sigma Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Tau Gamma, Theta Chi, and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Following the approval of the charter petition, the indoctrination program was conducted by Assistant Executive Secretaries George L. Hooper and Robert E. Long and Assistant Editor Fred F. Yoder. The June program included evening lectures and discussions, an interdenominational church service, several campus and community service projects, and an all-day workshop. The fact that classes had ended for the academic year allowed for a more comprehensive schedule of activi-

ties and events to lead into the installation. The Headquarters staff experimented with several new indoctrination week events and discussion group techniques.

The installation marked the chartering of the first undergraduate chapter in the state and province of Indiana in 82 years. Epsilon Omega became the Fraternity's 135th chapter, the only one installed during Grand Consul Huffman's two-year term.

Seventy-three men were initiated, beginning with ceremonies at the Sigma Delta house on the evening of June 16, followed by the final ceremonies on June 17 at Wagoner Hall and the Student Center Ballroom. Members of Rho Chapter at Butler University conducted the initiation, led by past Consuls David D. Cass, '60, and C.L. "Bud" Gremel, '62, and members of other Indiana Province chapters. An estimated 350 Sigma Chis, parents, friends and guests from 10 states attended the installation banquet in the Ball State Student Center. Radio, television, the Associated Press and local newspapers reported the event. Grand Pro Consul Harry V. Wade was chief installing officer. Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson introduced the Ball State officials, including President Dr. John R. Emens, Vice President and Treasurer Dr. J.C. Wagner, and Dean of Men Dr. Kenneth Collier. President Emens said:

"This is indeed a 'red letter day' for Ball State. Sigma Chi has brought distinguished guests to our campus. We know that education is the sum total of the experiences a student has on or about the campus, and part of the education of a man comes through fraternity services. Sigma Chi has provided a unique service to Ball State and the community this week through the various work projects. We certainly welcome the new Sigma Chi chapter here."

Grand Consul Huffman presented citations to Muncie alumni Walter Stanley and Chapter Advisor Robert Kershaw. Toastmaster Peterson introduced the principal speaker, U.S. Senator and Significant Sig Barry Goldwater, who was happy to return to his wife's longtime hometown. Goldwater, who mentioned politics only once during the 25-minute address, said:

"This is an occasion I've been looking forward to for a long time. Never in my life have I seen such a determined group of young men—determined in selecting the best fraternity in the country. Thanks are in order to the Sigma Chi alumni chapter in Muncie for their helping this determined group. Occasions such as these are a great challenge. It gives us time to think: 'Just what is a fraternity?' First of all, you join for friendship, that undescrivable feeling of warmth that goes with the grip; a feeling of understanding. As you grow up, try to direct your attentions to correcting the problems in your own human nature. Remember, you are not only being a good Sigma Chi, but most important, you are becoming a good Christian citizen of this world."

After a telegram from Significant Sig and Indiana University President Elvis J. Stahr was read, Goldwater remarked, "Stahr is one of the few members of the 'New Frontier' we are not anxious to lose, but at least we can congratulate Indiana for choosing him to head I.U."



Consul Sherman Kantzer received the Epsilon Omega Charter from Grand Pro Consul Harry V. Wade, left, as U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater looked on.

Grand Praetor George D. Manson officially welcomed the new Epsilon Omega Chapter to the Indiana Province. Challenging the new Sigma Chis, Grand Pro Consul Wade asked the initiates to come forward to the speakers' table. "Sigma Delta is singularly honored today. It has been 82 years since a new chapter has been installed in the Indiana Province; it is not easy to get a Sigma Chi charter," he told them. The Grand Pro Consul presented the charter to Consul Sherman Kantzer, '63, who expressed appreciation to the Muncie alumni for their continuous interest and support, to the founders of Sigma Delta for their vision in establishing the fraternity, and to Rho Chapter for conducting the impressive initiation. Kantzer presented Rho Chapter with an inscribed dinner bell for the chapter house.

Muncie Mayor H. Arthur Tuhey said, "The men of Sigma Chi have helped the community, Ball State and themselves. These men changed the traditional 'Hell' week to 'Help' week." The mayor presented Consul Kantzer a plaque from the city in appreciation for the community service work done by the group during Indoctrination week. Gifts to the chapter included a drawing of comic strip character "Steve Canyon" by Significant Sig Milton Caniff. J. Kirby Overman, Florida Southern & Ball State '62, who had been Magister for the group, was also recognized.

Executive Secretary William T. Bringham Sr. added a lighter touch to the proceedings by presenting a "JFK Coloring Book" to Republican Senator Goldwater from the Headquarters staff, in tribute to the Sena-

tor's sense of humor and his bi-partisan friendship with President Kennedy.

In concluding the festivities, Past Grand Consul Peterson offered a challenge to the new chapter members. "The White Cross is established firmly on the Ball State campus. Keep it brilliant, unblemished and shining brightly."<sup>9</sup>

Joining the Headquarters staff as Assistant Executive Secretaries in the summer of 1962 were Robert F. Wright, San Jose State '60, and Arthur "Nip" Landry, Northern Colorado '62. New appointees to the Leadership Training Board in 1962 were Edwin C. Fisher, Illinois '28, and Leon W. Parma, San Diego State '50.

### **THE FIFTEENTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP, CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY - 1962**

The first Leadership Training Workshop at a campus without a Sigma Chi chapter attracted a record 540 chapter leaders from 132 of 135 undergraduate chapters. Bolstering the record-setting pace was the complete Workshop population of 653, including faculty, staff, guests and advisors, also a new record in Sigma Chi annals.

Culver Military Academy, on the shores of scenic Lake Maxinkuckee near the northern Indiana town of Culver, hosted the event on August 26-29, 1962. Unusual for a workshop, the rustic setting adjacent to the campus nearly caused some early arriving delegates to turn back. Some empty cabins of the academy's woodcraft summer school may have given them the idea that the Workshop was really a huge, open-air camp.

At the opening convocation in the awesome, air conditioned Eppley Auditorium, Dean of Education Ernest B. Benson greeted the delegates on behalf of the academy. The keynote address was delivered by Memphis State University President Dr. Cecil C. Humphreys, Tennessee-Knoxville '36, who reminded the delegates that "social fraternities are now called upon to exercise an increasing role of leadership." He noted:

"All of you will not be senators or governors or presidents, but there is always need for good leadership on all levels: on local school boards as well as state and federal bureaus, in local government as well as in the White House, in campus chapters as well as Fraternity wide. The reward of leadership is the opportunity for greater service."

Relating his comments to the elements of the Jordan Standard, Dr. Humphreys cited ambition and a Biblical passage from Ecclesiastes that urges, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

In a presentation on the General Fraternity, Grand Pro Consul Harry Wade tore down the wall that sometimes prevented communica-

tion between alumni and undergraduates. Utah Grand Praetor Merrill K. Davis introduced the 1962 International Balfour Award winner, All-American football player, and Fraternity leader, Merlin J. Olsen, who had just signed with the Los Angeles Rams. He took a brief respite from pre-season training camp to travel to Indiana to receive the award. He was rewarded with a rousing, standing ovation by his brothers, after which he replied, "Never have I felt so humble and so honored as I do tonight. Never is a man so honored as when he is honored by his friends and brothers. Sigma Chi has been a guiding hand in my life, and I know it will continue to be."



Merlin J. Olsen  
1962 International  
Balfour Award winner

Following the evening convocation, the Grand Officers and guest speakers lined up to shake the hands of several hundred delegates in one of the Workshop traditions of the time, the Grand Officer receiving line.

Workshop Administrator and Assistant Executive Secretary Arnie I. Prentice kept the Workshop program running smoothly in his last duty as a Headquarters staff member. Following Workshop, he was appointed to the Leadership Training Board. After the first Workshop in 1947, the Workshop administrator had been a different senior Headquarters staff member each year. With the Workshop becoming larger and more complex, the L.T.B. decided to instill more continuity and longevity into the position.

Assistant Editor and Public Relations Administrator Fred F. Yoder, a five year staff member, was Workshop administrator from late 1962 until 1976.

A new subject of emphasis on the Workshop agenda took form in a presentation by L.T.B. member Dale Greenlee, who spoke to the delegates on "How To Get The Job Done," advising them on techniques for dealing with the often under emphasized problem of successfully selling ideas and programs obtained at Workshop to their chapter. Grand Consul Huffman and other Grand Officers met frequently with undergraduate delegations with specific interests and problems.

Another innovative program of the 1962 Workshop was the scheduling of "bonus seminars." In a departure from the structured, all-day sessions with mandatory attendance, participation in the evening sessions was optional. The seminars generally involved subjects not covered in division sessions, including interfraternity council ideas, Derby Days, and dealing with apathy.

In his principal message, Grand Consul Huffman reminded the chapter leaders that:

"Here on this beautiful campus in Indiana, the course of Sigma Chi for the coming year, and for the crucial years ahead, will be set. In large measure, you



are the ones who will set it. The fact that there is work yet to be done and leadership yet to be given must be our challenge for the coming months and years. If, here at the Workshop and in your chapter, you have worked and trained for leadership, and if you meet the difficult challenges ahead, Sigma Chi will, thanks to you and your brothers, enjoy extensive amounts of the honor and honest respect George Ade referred to in his Sigma Chi Creed."

The 1962 Workshop also was the first showcase for some new programs and initiatives in the field of fraternity public relations. The Executive Committee earlier in the year appointed Assistant Editor Fred Yoder to additional duties of public relations administrator. The committee also approved his suggestion that a program of awards be adopted to annually honor the most outstanding undergraduate chapter public relations and public service programs. During the Workshop, Yoder presented the first of those awards to 11 chapters and explained another public relations project related to Workshop, the completion of news releases sent to hometown media announcing the delegate's Workshop participation. The awards program honored Beta Sigma Chapter, University of Tennessee, for having the most outstanding public relations program.

The new public relations agenda was rounded out with a Workshop presentation by Chicago public relations executive Donald W. Young, Iowa State '52. "Someone has said that the future is now, because the future will be determined largely by what we do now," Young said. After viewing a slide presentation that outlined public relations methods, delegates departed with copies of the new Public Relations Manual.

During the final evening of Workshop, delegates dressed up in coat and tie, for the first time in four days, for the final banquet. Workshop Ritual Director Tom Bottone, also the banquet toastmaster, was lurking out of sight until Workshop Administrator Prentice completed his introduction. Bottone then appeared at the back of the mess hall, propelled on a serving cart toward the head table by four garishly costumed and self-appointed members of the Workshop "Pygmy Club" chapter delegation: faculty members Tom Whitaker, Bob Battaglia, Dick Schisler, and Fred Yoder.

Then the music faculty took over, beginning with the annual appearance of the Workshop chorus directed by John Iverson, Washington (Seattle) '59, and made up of volunteer brothers who had rehearsed during the few hours of free time. Their performance was followed by L.T.B. member Chuck Thatcher's barbershop quartet, which included Tom Cleveland, Jim Corrough and Don Woodside, Wake Forest '64.

The 1962 Workshop also marked the origin of the presentation of a Grand Consul's Citation to Workshop faculty members who had served for seven years or more, a custom followed in subsequent Workshops. Banquet speaker Chester H. Lauck, Arkansas '26, a Significant Sig who for many years had played the role of "Lum" in the popular, "Lum 'n Abner" radio series, commented on subjects ranging from the foibles of



The 1962 Workshop quartet led by Chuck Thatcher, left, included undergraduates Tom Cleveland, Jim Corrough, and Don Woodside.

his native “piney woods” Arkansas to the challenges of present-day life. “Guard zealously the precious heritage of the four freedoms bequeathed to you by your preceding generations. These freedoms won by our forefathers must be re-won constantly by you. Seek opportunity, not security. Be the master of your own soul, the director of your own fate, to dream, to build, to fail, or to succeed,” Lauck said.

Directed for the eighth time by Tom Bottone, the Ritual Exemplification created an impressive and unifying ending to the 1962 Workshop.<sup>10</sup>

Late in 1962 the Sigma Chi Foundation announced a new program of cash awards for scholastic achievement by undergraduate chapters. Chapters that met certain criteria and achieved an overall average of 7.5 percent above their all-men’s average received \$150 for educational purposes or incentives.

## 1962 GRAND COUNCIL MEETING SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

In addition to the attention devoted to the Colgate chapter situation, the Grand Council elected five Grand Officers, formulated and acted upon committee recommendations, and considered proposals for Statutory amendments and other business matters at its annual meeting October 11-13, 1962 at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco, California.

Grand Trustee Norman C. Brewer Jr. was elected to a two-year Executive Committee term, and Gardner B. Allen was elected to complete Brother Brewer's unexpired term as a Grand Trustee. Three Grand Praetors appointed by the Grand Consul to fill vacancies through resignations were elected to those offices: Roy M. Teel, Oklahoma State '33, Oklahoma-Arkansas Province; Harry L. Hallock, Michigan '40, Michigan Province; and Murray K. McComas, Pennsylvania '58, West Virginia-Western Pennsylvania Province.

The Grand Council approved several recommendations of the Ritual Committee for minor refinements and revisions in the Ritual to be submitted to a vote of the undergraduate chapters. The group also acted upon many routine Statutory proposals, deferring action on several until the 1963 Grand Chapter.

Sigs and guests from the Bay Area joined the Grand Council members and wives for a banquet at the St. Francis Hotel. Grand Consul Huffman greeted the audience on behalf of the Grand Council. A portrait of the late Past Grand Consul Samuel C. Bullock was presented to the Fraternity by Fred H. Heitzhausen, Nebraska & Oregon '17, and Grand Trustee Craig Nason on behalf of the Portland, Oregon, and Los Angeles alumni chapters.

Principal speaker at the banquet was Past Grand Consul and U.S. Circuit Court Judge Stanley N. Barnes, who pointed out that "we cannot live in our Fraternity alone. We live in a world which sometimes gives us concern. Why," the judge asked, "do we lay awake nights wondering where our country is going?" He noted the crime rate had grown five times faster than the population, that the recent Alcatraz prison escapees became heroes in many minds, that a prominent educational doctrine "sends students all proceeding toward adulthood in the lock-step of togetherness," and that, to many, "there are no 'lazy burns' anymore, only underprivileged or depressed." He continued:

"Our people can save themselves if they will accept the responsibilities of citizenship. And there is genius in the Founding of Sigma Chi in its teaching of the importance of a high sense of personal responsibility. If each of us would care, very much, we could each light one small candle; we could do our small part."<sup>11</sup>

Dedication ceremonies for new houses highlighted the agendas of

three chapters during the fall of 1962: Epsilon Upsilon, Arizona State, on October 14; Beta Zeta, North Dakota, on October 20; and Gamma at Ohio Wesleyan, on November 3.

A pre-dawn fire destroyed the 100 year old chapter house of Alpha Alpha Chapter at Hobart College, New York, in late 1962. Damage was estimated at \$100,000, but no members were seriously injured.

The Fraternity bid sorrowful farewells during 1962 to four eminent members, including two Past Grand Consuls. The oldest living member, Elbert H. Alford, Illinois Wesleyan 1886, passed away on January 29, 10 days after his 99th birthday. Longtime Chief Ritualist W. Henry McLean, author of the essay "My Badge," died June 15 at the age of 78, less than one year after he had been a special guest at the 1961 Workshop.



W. Henry McLean



John Neal Campbell



Rush H. Kress

Past Grand Consul Edward S. Farrow passed away on August 9 at age 64, having never recovered from the disabling illness he suffered in November 1958 during his term as Grand Consul. Past Grand Consul John Neal Campbell, Vanderbilt '14, died on November 3 at age 69. He had served as the 36th Grand Consul from 1949 to 1952.

A noted benefactor and leader of the Sigma Chi Foundation, Kappa Chapter and Bucknell University, Significant Sig Rush H. Kress, Bucknell 1900, died March 23, 1963, in New York City, at the age of 95. He was one of the original directors of the Sigma Chi Foundation. He generously supported a successful campaign for the construction of a new house at Bucknell, and he created a unique plan for amortization of the house over the life of each Kappa Chapter member. He served as president of the board of trustees and the athletic association of his alma mater. Since 1955 he had been chairman of the S.H. Kress Foundation, which presented gifts of art work estimated at more than one hundred million dollars, including a 20-year, \$50-million project of donating

paintings and art treasures to nearly 20 museums throughout the United States.

## **‘DADDY’ RICKS ENTERS CHAPTER ETERNAL**

A very well known and beloved Past Grand Consul, Dr. William B. “Daddy” Ricks, North Carolina & Vanderbilt 1894, died in Nashville, Tennessee, April 12, 1963. He had celebrated his 97th birthday on April 3. With his passing came the end of an era. In Shakespeare’s words, “We shall not look upon his like again.” From the time he was initiated at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, until his death, Sigma Chi was a big part of his life. More than once he had the opportunity to become a bishop in the Methodist Church, but he always declined saying, “I can do more among my boys.” His two great loves were the Sigma Chi Fraternity and the Methodist Church. For nearly three quarters of a century he wore the White Cross in a manner the Seven Founders would have commended. When the Order of Constantine was founded in 1948, there was no doubt that he should be its first president. Brother Ricks’ activities in the Fraternity were astounding. He was a major influence in the founding of more than 40 active chapters, and he was known as “The Father of Sigma Chi in the South.” He was firmly convinced that “no fraternity has expanded more wisely or efficiently than had Sigma Chi.” In his various positions, Grand Consul, Grand Tribune, Grand Trustee and Grand Praetor, he visited every chapter except Dalhousie, in Nova Scotia; only a heavy snowstorm prevented him from visiting there. He also visited numerous alumni chapters.



William B. Ricks

Alumni and undergraduates of Mu Mu Chapter at West Virginia University dedicated a new chapter house on April 27, 1963.

Appointed an Assistant Executive Secretary on the Headquarters staff starting the summer of 1963 was Robert C. Newell Jr., Tulsa, '62.

## THE 54th GRAND CHAPTER JUNE 26-29, 1963 HOUSTON, TEXAS

Marked by unseasonably cool weather for Houston in the summertime, the 54th edition of the Fraternity's international convention was a memorable Grand Chapter. The Shamrock Hilton Hotel, built by oil tycoon Glen McCarthy shortly after World War II, was the base of operations for the 108th birthday celebration of the Fraternity. For four days 571 Sigs, wives, and family members participated in all or part of the proceedings.

Members of the Executive Committee, Grand Trustees, and Grand Praetors gathered for the usual preliminary sessions. The meetings recessed late in the afternoon for a Texas style reception in the hotel annex. Food, refreshments and entertainment combined for three hours of good fellowship.



The 1963 Grand Chapter was held at the Shamrock Hilton in Houston, Texas.

The first full day of the Grand Chapter began with committee meetings and continued with the first business session. Following the invocation, Grand Chapter General Chairman William J. Knight, Arkansas '20, and Houston Alumni Chapter President Hurley G. Hust, Michigan & Arkansas '21, welcomed the Sigs and guests to the city.

After the Grand Officer and committee reports, the first significant action was the nearly unanimous reinstatement of Psi Psi Chapter at Syracuse University. The Psi Psi charter had been suspended in 1956. In 1959 a new group, Sigma Chi Psi, formed to eventually petition Sigma Chi.

During the session, delegates expressed concern about the growth of the Fraternity and what some members viewed as Sigma Chi's forthcoming "population explosion."

The Fraternity's unique "twin chapter," Beta Eta, chartered at two adjacent universities in Cleveland, Ohio, was divided into two. Since its founding in 1909, Beta Eta Chapter had drawn its membership from Case Institute of Technology and Western Reserve University. Developments in campus housing and expansion made the situation impractical and a severe hardship on the members. Beta Eta was continued as the chapter for members attending Case Tech, and an additional chap-

ter was created, Beta Alpha, for those members enrolled at Western Reserve. The Beta Eta members remained in the existing chapter house until they could move into planned new quarters to be built by the university, while Beta Alpha members were expected to rent a house until permanent facilities could be arranged.<sup>12</sup>



The three International Sweetheart finalists helped the Houston Alumni Chapter welcome delegates and guests to the 41st Grand Chapter. From left: Mary Jane Walker, Karen Ann Kyson and Beverly Ann Hodgkinson.

Delegates approved the charter petition of 34 year-old Phi Sigma Phi fraternity at General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan. Another petition from a local group at C.W. Post College, Long Island, N.Y., was not approved. Also announced was the approval by mail vote of the charter petition of Alpha Chi Alpha fraternity at East Texas State College in Commerce, Texas.

The Grand Chapter approved several amendments to the Constitution and Statutes. The membership of the Executive Committee was increased from eight to nine members, the additional member to be selected from among the past 10 International Balfour Award recipients. Merlin Olsen, the 1962 winner, was the first to serve on the committee. The delegates also authorized the Executive Committee to establish lower annual dues for alumni, to permit adoption of a package plan to

encourage and enable more recent graduates to support the Fraternity through alumni dues.

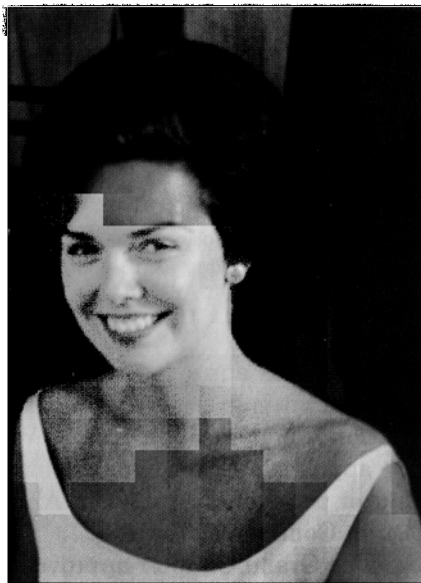


Daniel A. Carrell  
1963 International  
Balfour Award winner

Perhaps the most emotional matter at the Grand Chapter was the much-discussed Initiation at Gamma Omicron Chapter at Colgate University and the subsequent revocation of its charter. Grand Consul Huffman had appointed a special committee to review the situation. Chaired by Past Grand Consul Charles Hough and made up of selected Grand Officers, the committee reported that the provisions of the Constitution caused the charter to be revoked at the time of the contested Initiation. Grand Consul Huffman earlier informed the special committee that he had withdrawn his previous ruling reinstating the charter. The committee then urged the Grand Chapter to adopt a resolution that called for the charter to be restored,

a petition for a mail vote be processed as soon as possible, and that the two pledges whose Initiations had not been approved be included as members of the petitioning group. The motion to adopt the resolution was approved.

Significant Sig Wright F. Morrow presided over the Literary Exercise Dinner on Thursday night. The 1963 International Balfour Award was presented to Daniel A. Carrell, Davidson '63, by Carolina Province Grand Praetor E.C. Stothart Jr. Portraits of Past Grand Consuls Edward S. Farrow and William P. Huffman were given to the Fraternity by undergraduates and alumni of their chapters. Dr. Roy B. McKnight, president of the Order of Constantine, honored its new members. Inducted in person were William H. Carlisle Jr.; Malcolm M. Christian; William J. Knight, Arkansas '20; J. Beverly Milner, Toronto '25; and Henry S. Stout, Denison '15. Also named but not present at the Grand Chapter were Eugene J. Kelly, Montana '23, and Henry A. "Bud" Pente, Beloit '31. The evening concluded with an address by U.S. Cir-



Mary Jane Walker  
1963 International Sweetheart



cuit Court Judge and new Significant Sig John R. Brown, Nebraska '30, of Houston, Texas.

On Friday, undergraduate delegates voted for one of three finalists for International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi, Beverly Ann Hodgkinson, a Kappa Alpha Theta from the University of Pittsburgh; Karen Ann Kyson, a Delta Delta Delta from U.C.L.A.; and Mary Jane Walker, a Chi Omega from Michigan State University. After problems with the first ballot, the delegates voted again. At the Sweetheart Ball that evening, new Significant Sig Kenneth S. "Bud" Adams, Kansas '44, a Houston oil executive, crowned Mary Jane Walker as the band played the famous song.

At the Saturday business session, the Nominating Committee proposed the following slate: Harry V. Wade for Grand Consul, Grand Trustee Bolon B. Turner for Grand Pro Consul, and Grand Quaestor Floyd Baker, Grand Historian Robert Collett, and Grand Tribune Robert Workman to be re-elected. Grand Trustee Norman C. Brewer Jr. was nominated for the office of Grand Pro Consul. The two Grand Pro Consul candidates were asked to make campaign speeches, but both declined. The delegates unanimously elected Harry Wade the 42nd Grand Consul. By a narrow margin, Judge Turner was chosen Grand Pro Consul. The other three Grand Officers were re-elected.

Another contest developed in the election to fill five seats on the Board of Grand Trustees. The Nominating Committee endorsed William T. Cameron, Illinois '29; Robert C. Garrison, Alabama '25 (for re-election); Dr. Fritz D. Hurd, Gettysburg & Minnesota '23; Craig Nason, Southern California '26 (for re-election); and Sherman S. Senne, Washington (St. Louis) '25. Nominations were made from the floor for Gilbert T. Jerome, Michigan '24, and retiring Grand Praetor W. Edward Wilson Jr., Washington (Seattle) '31. Brothers Cameron, Jerome, Nason, Senne and Wilson were elected.

New Grand Praetors were Peyton Shaner, Roanoke '49, Virginia; Charles C. Ford, Iowa State '34, Southeastern; Edward M. King, Bradley '54, Illinois-Wisconsin; Ross G. Wilder, Texas-Austin '54, Texas; Charles A. Cissell, Murray State '56, Kentucky-Tennessee; Emory C. Walker, Denver '59, Rocky Mountain; Robert E. Joseph Jr., Willamette '57, Northwestern; and Arne S. Lindgren, Southern California '54, Western.

It was announced that it was necessary for the Fraternity to sell its lakefront Headquarters property to the City of Evanston. The price of \$265,000 gave the city three and one-third acres of prime land and 300 feet of beach to connect parks bordering the property. The agreement allowed the Fraternity to have exclusive use of the buildings and land, except for the beach and access to it, for up to two years after a contract was signed.

The Grand Chapter final banquet opened with the customary toast to the Queen and to the President of the U.S., in tribute to the Frater-

nity's international character. Leading the banquet was Chester H. Lauck, a Significant Sig and toastmaster at many Sigma Chi functions. After the introduction of Grand Consul-elect Wade, an address by outgoing Grand Consul Huffman, Significant Sig Awards were presented. The International Sigmas' new president, Mrs. Berta Hunt, was introduced by the outgoing president, Mrs. Jean Gardner. Musical selections by the Grand Chapter chorus preceded the featured speaker of the evening, Significant Sig and Assistant to the President of the United States Brooks Hays.<sup>13</sup>

## SIGS IN THE NEWS

In 1963, 16 members of Sigma Chi were also members of the U.S. Congress, the largest delegation of any Greek-letter social fraternity.

John W. Young, Georgia Tech '52, was one of nine men appointed as a U.S. astronaut by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Significant Sig Stuart Saunders, Roanoke '30, who was president of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, was named president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, then the largest in the U.S.

Chicago Bears tight end Mike Ditka, Pitt '61, was named Rookie of the Year for 1961 in the National Football League.

Significant Sig Elvis J. Stahr Jr. was appointed president of Indiana University.

Arthur C. Allyn Jr., Dartmouth '35, became president and major owner of the Chicago White Sox baseball team.

## CHAPTER V—Notes and Comments

1. Minutes of the 1963 Grand Chapter, pp. 30-41, Headquarters archives.

2. The Fraternity's prescribed membership selection procedures, most of them adopted at the 1961 Grand Chapter, did permit individual Grand Officers to discriminate, however.

3. Cf. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Spring 1985, pp. 29-33, for a detailed account of Brother Huffman's life.

4. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, December 1961, pp. 18-24.

5. Grand Consul's memorandum, Colgate Chapter files, Headquarters archives. The former chapter was finally re-installed in 1971. For details, see Chapters VI and X.

6. Minutes of the 1962 Grand Council meeting, Appendix V, Headquarters archives.

7. Minutes of the April 1963 Executive Committee meeting, Headquarters archives.

8. "Sigma Delta Petitions Sigma Chi," petitioning brochure, pp. 2, 3, Headquarters archives.

9. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Fall 1962, pp. 8-10.

10. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Winter 1962, pp. 22-27.
11. *Ibid.*, pp. 38-39.
12. The planned Greek housing at Case never materialized, and the group continued to live in the house it occupied before the chapter was divided into two separate chapters.
13. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Fall 1963, pp. 5-8, 10, 13, 14, 17.



Harry V. Wade Sr.  
42nd Grand Consul

# Chapter VI

## An Explosion of Publicity

### 1963 to 1965

“Let’s have ‘M-M-M’ here in the Sigma Chi Fraternity and let it stand for ‘Don’t Monkey with the Membership Machinery.’ I think it has been made crystal clear to every delegate here that this Fraternity is not about to make very many changes in the methods of the selection of membership. If there is any question as to whether you are complying with the membership requirements of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, for heaven’s sake, call me, call collect, call me any hour of the night, but keep yourselves out of trouble, because we are not going to fool around with the Constitution and Statutes of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. They are available to any member, they mean exactly what they say, and we are not going to monkey around with them, we are going to live up to them. Let me tell you right now that I have no intention of being any party to any violation in any shape, form, or description of either the Constitution or the bylaws of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. And do you fellows understand it, because that is it!”

*Harry V. Wade at the 1963 Grand Chapter, immediately following his installation as 42nd Grand Consul.<sup>1</sup>*

**A** GROWING controversy regarding membership selection marked the two-year administration of Grand Consul Harry Wade. Although a portion of the Constitutional membership selection requirements had been changed in 1961, members’ attitudes toward the subject became even more polarized. For the first time, these difficulties were widely known by people inside and outside the Fraternity.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF HARRY V. WADE, 42nd GRAND CONSUL

Having served in numerous business, civic and Sigma Chi positions, Harry Wade was well prepared to serve as Grand Consul. His qualifications, however, were no match for the unsinkable determination he used to execute the duties of Grand Consul in the forthright and forceful manner he believed appropriate. As a result, he was worshipped by some and scorned by others. Some of his opponents were compelled to say that they had never known anyone they totally disagreed with and still respected as much as Harry Wade.

He resisted and vehemently opposed all of those inside and outside Sigma Chi who questioned the restrictive membership selection procedures practiced before, during, and after his term as Grand Consul. For

some, his unbounded and overbearing defense of the Fraternity's membership selection standards and procedures caused his opposition to become more determined, while others cowered when he confronted them. He never missed an opportunity to address the membership selection issue when speaking or corresponding. He was long remembered for the volumes of letters on the subject to various concerned parties. His memos and letters left no doubt as to their origin because they were reproduced on an office machine, fairly popular at the time, which duplicated everything in purple.

His direct and often terse assault on college and university officials who confronted the Fraternity regarding the membership selection issue left a huge wake for his successors to attempt to negotiate.

Harry V. Wade was born on April 8, 1902, in Lafayette, Indiana, where he spent his early childhood before moving to Indianapolis. Later in life, he expressed his thoughts on how he became a Sigma Chi:

"George Ade and John McCutcheon (noted playwright and cartoonist, respectively) had been card-carrying Sigma Chis at Lafayette, (Indiana). The Sigma Chi Fraternity has made more of an impact on the townspeople in Lafayette than any other college fraternity. From the time that I was knee high to a pup, I knew of Sigma Chi, and I had a good friend in high school whose brother was a member of Sigma Chi at Wabash. My friend had been pledged before he was a senior in high school and wore his pledge pin all during high school. I was invited to a Sigma Chi rush party in May before I matriculated into Wabash College, and the boys were blind enough or stupid enough to pledge me, and that's how I happened to get in."<sup>2</sup>

He entered Wabash College in 1921 and was initiated alone by Delta Chi Chapter at the Indiana State Day Banquet. After two years at Wabash, Wade transferred to Cornell University and affiliated at Alpha Phi Chapter. He graduated in 1927 with a degree in architecture and worked for five years in New York City at the firm that designed the Empire State Building, 500 Fifth Avenue, the Bankers Trust Building, the General Motors Building, and several others.

Wade returned to Indianapolis and entered the insurance business with his father. He was long associated with the Standard Life Insurance Company of Indiana, serving as its president and chairman of the board. He served as a director or officer of numerous civic, charitable, and community organizations.

In Sigma Chi, Harry served as president of the Cornell and Wabash house corporations and the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter. He assisted chapters at Hanover College, Butler University and Indiana University in securing financing for the construction of chapter housing. Elected Grand Quaestor at the 1955 Centennial Grand Chapter, he significantly improved the General Fraternity financial situation. Under his leadership the mortgage on the Headquarters building was retired years ahead of schedule. Once he was satisfied that the Fraternity was operating well financially, Wade turned his attention to undergraduate chapter housing. During his term, more than 50 chapters moved into new houses or improved existing ones. He supported expansion of the General Head-

quarters staff, the chapter visitation program, and the Leadership Training Workshop. At the 1961 Grand Chapter he was elected Grand Pro Consul and inducted into the Order of Constantine, and two years later he became Grand Consul.

While international president, he often introduced himself as the "Grand Mogunkus." On numerous occasions he fondly referred to his mythical, all-purpose favorite chapter at "Puckyhuddle College." This chapter became a recurring example of whatever point, from housing to horseplay, needed explanation at the moment.

Commenting on the office of Grand Consul he said:

"It's a hot spot. It's a place of honor and I am very deeply grateful to the Sigma Chi Fraternity for having elected me to it, but it's not a particularly desirable job. Only the good Lord can help you as Grand Consul. Sometimes He does, sometimes He doesn't. It's a hard job, with very pleasant situations involved. But life as Grand Consul would be hell on earth."<sup>3</sup>

As a member of the Sigma Chi Foundation Board of Governors from 1963 until he was elected a Governor Emeritus in 1977, he was instrumental in guiding the design and building of the Headquarters building in 1965 and the addition of the new wing in 1979.

During his service in the Fraternity's top offices, Wade also created the Graduation Goal Award sponsored by the Sigma Chi Foundation. Offered to every school with a Sigma Chi chapter, the award was designed to be presented annually to the Greek-letter social fraternity on each campus that graduated the highest percentage of its original freshman class. Within a few years, 109 schools had accepted the award, although some of them did not follow up with the administrative effort necessary to determine the annual recipients. In July of 1963, he originated *The Sigma Chi News*, a newsletter for chapters and Grand Officers that announced news between issues of *The Magazine*.

Wade was instrumental in getting the Executive Committee to create a method of dealing with chronically weak or derelict undergraduate chapters. It set forth various stages of probation leading to a chapter being directed to "show cause" why its charter should not be suspended. He also led the Executive Committee to set up a more involved program for assisting alumni associations and chapters.

He and his wife Agnes Lester, a Kappa Kappa Gamma at Cornell, had three children: Elizabeth, Harry and Douglas. Both sons were initiated into Sigma Chi at Lambda Chapter, Indiana University.<sup>4</sup>



Gen. Patrick J. Hurley  
Past Grand Consul

Patrick J. Hurley, who had served as Grand Consul in 1946-1948, passed to the Chapter Eternal on July 30, 1963, at his home in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He was 80 years old. He had been

secretary of war under President Herbert Hoover, a U.S. ambassador to China under President Franklin Roosevelt, and minister or envoy to several other nations.

## SIXTEENTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE - 1963

Another record attendance—666 Sigma Chis and guests—met in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the University of Tennessee, August 23-26 for the 1963 Leadership Training Workshop. The annual session was the first ever held outside of Ohio or Indiana. A total of 517 delegates representing 130 of 135 undergraduate chapters helped set the new mark.

After most of the delegates checked into New Melrose Hall—then the largest college dormitory in the southern United States—brothers and guests gathered for the opening convocation. Following several welcomes from university officials, Knoxville Mayor John Duncan presented Grand Consul Wade a key to the city.



1963 Workshop delegates are checked into their dorm rooms.

For the first time, the International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi attended Workshop. Host chapter Sigs had arranged for a local department store to provide funds so that Mary Jane Walker, of Michigan State University, was able to attend. A color photo taken of her in front of the Beta Sigma Chapter house appeared on the cover of *Parade* magazine Sunday supplement and publicized the Workshop in newspapers all across the continent.

George H. Cate Jr., Vanderbilt '49, delivered the keynote address. An attorney and vice mayor of Nashville, Tennessee, Cate was the 1949 International Balfour Award winner and a former member of the Leadership Training Board. He challenged the chapter leaders to meet the



responsibilities, goals and requirements of leadership on campus and in the community. A Grand Officers' reception was followed by province meetings.

At the Saturday evening convocation, Scholarship Chairman Dr. Malcolm Musser gave his annual Workshop address about the programs and purposes of the Sigma Chi Foundation. An increased emphasis on undergraduate involvement brought forward delegate John C. Doub, Cornell '65, to introduce one of his chapter's most noted alumni, Grand Consul Wade, for the "State of Sigma Chi" message.



Delegates inspected various displays at the 1963 Workshop.

For the second year, two evenings of the Workshop program included the "bonus seminars," a series of informal, optional discussions on subjects requested by delegates and faculty. Subjects discussed included alumni relations, chapter publications, Derby Day (featuring films from the host Beta Sigma and Gamma Theta, Florida chapters), Fraternity singing, university relations, Ritual performance, and pledge discipline vs. hazing. Several Sigma Chi movies from earlier years were shown, as well as a rushing film produced by Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. Sunday morning began with the customary Workshop worship service conducted by Rear Admiral Robert D. Workman, Grand Tribune, assisted by the Workshop chorus.

Final items on the program were the banquet and the Ritual Exemplification. At the banquet Past Grand Consul William P. Huffman,

representing Grand Consul Wade, bestowed a Grand Consul's Citation for long service to the Fraternity and the Workshop to Grand Trustee and former Leadership Training Board Chairman Gardner B. Allen, who had been a major influence in the leadership training program from its beginning. Following a performance by the barbershop quartet led by Chuck Thatcher, Workshop Chorus Director John Iverson conducted his group in an impressive musical presentation, displaying the results of considerable after-hours and free-time practicing.

A former Chicago television executive turned clergyman, the Rev. Donald B. Ward, Northwestern '42, president of Yankton College, South Dakota, was the banquet speaker. "I am convinced," he remarked, "that no small part of America's greatness lies in its ability to laugh at itself, at hard times, at its own affluence, at pomposity to find the light side at every difficult situation." Ward then put forward certain questions, identifying them as "probably the only exam that all of us flunk together, as there are no obviously correct answers."

"What are you going to do about motivation? What are you going to do about creativity? What are you going to do about morality? What are you going to do about religion? These are the kind of questions that can be asked over and over again from this day forward, till death us do part. I hope all of you live to ripe old ages, but when that day comes when you no longer ask questions such as these, you begin the process of dying. As Sigma Chis we are supposed to be men on the ball. We've got to be careful about that deep source within us that makes us strong men in a society where great strength is needed. That deep source is character. Let's keep asking these important questions of ourselves."

The traditional and inspiring close of the Workshop, the Ritual Exemplification, was directed for the eighth year by Tom Bottone, assisted by Tom Turk. Coordinating the Workshop for the university was Allan Thurman, Tennessee-Knoxville '59, U.T.'s assistant director of conferences and institutes. Coordinator and former Beta Sigma Consul Jim Hall, '63, was very active in organizing the efforts of the host chapter brothers.<sup>5</sup>

Without fanfare or installation ceremonies, the newly-established Beta Alpha Chapter of Sigma Chi officially began its operation on the campus of Western Reserve University in the fall of 1963.<sup>6</sup>

The more detailed procedure for approval of men proposed for Initiation was creating a blizzard of paperwork and myriad procedures for Grand Officers and undergraduate chapter officers. Beginning in the fall of 1963, and continuing over the following several years, a few undergraduate chapters were discovered to have initiated men illegally. None of the men had been disapproved nor were the chapters defiant. The undergraduate officers proceeded before all requisite approvals were in place. Because the chapters had committed acts that automatically revoked their charters, the Executive Committee felt it had to enforce the letter of the law. Each chapter was required to temporarily turn in its

charter and re-petition; all were quickly voted back in without being publicly identified as having been in any difficulty. The fact that several chapters innocent of any major infraction were required to re-petition was indicative of the Executive Committee's obsession with procedure and administrative detail.

It was a proud moment for undergraduates and alumni of Gamma Psi Chapter at Michigan State University on November 3 when they dedicated a new chapter house named in honor of longtime Chapter Advisor Elton B. Hill, Michigan State '15, and his wife Irene.

Also late in 1963, William J. Wade, Illinois Wesleyan & George Washington '30, was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Grand Trustees. Grand Consul Wade named two new members of the Leadership Training Board, James F. Bash, Butler & Indiana '49, and Thomas F. Bell, Mississippi State '35.

### **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA THETA CHAPTER GENERAL MOTORS INSTITUTE NOVEMBER 10, 1963**

At the time of the Zeta Theta Chapter Installation, Flint, Michigan, had a population of 98,000. The school was established in 1919 as an educational program of the Industrial Fellowship League. The name was changed to School of Automotive Trades in 1920, Flint Institute of Technology in 1923, General Motors Institute of Technology in 1926, and General Motors Institute in 1932. In 1982, formal affiliation with General Motors Corporation was terminated, and the institution was renamed GMI Engineering and Management Institution.

In 1919, Albert Sobey instituted a night school for employees of Flint area industries, sponsored by the Industrial Fellowship League of Flint. By 1924, enrollment increased to more than 600 and four-year cooperative programs in engineering and management were initiated. In 1926, General Motors agreed to underwrite the school and extend services to all units of the corporation. In 1945, the requirement of an undergraduate fifth-year thesis was added, and the regents approved awarding of degrees.

The 1963 enrollment at GMI was 2,032, all men. There were 11 fraternities on the campus, including four international fraternities. The local fraternity Sigma Phi was founded in 1928 through the efforts of Milton C. Knox, who became its first president. On August 28, 1929, the fraternity was incorporated under the laws of Michigan and was renamed Phi Sigma Phi.

Under the leadership of its charter members, Edward Cehan, Lynn Coon, Julian Driskell, Nils Fransden, Francis Horton, Milton Knox, Glen McCollum, George Mayer, N. Smith Nielson, and Gordon Mel-drum, Phi Sigma Phi was established upon principles and goals that



The General Motors Institute Academic Building, in foreground.

provided continuous improvement of the fraternity and its members. The fraternity was guided by “the principles of nobility, sincerity of purpose, honor, brotherhood, scholarship, fidelity, and perpetuation of Phi Sigma Phi as a fraternal organization at General Motors Institute.”<sup>7</sup> Phi Sigma Phi assumed a prominent position among the campus fraternities by establishing leadership in scholarship, athletics, community service, and social activities. The Phi Sigs held positions in the student government, the interfraternity council, the social, athletic and activities councils, and the honor societies.

The fraternity owned several houses prior to the acquisition in December 1958 of its present home, an English tudor style house with nearly 10 acres of wooded land along the Flint River in nearby Flushing. The group immediately built an addition to the rear of the house to increase capacity to 52 men. The assessed value of the home and property was approximately \$100,000 in 1962.

The success of Phi Sigma Phi could be attributed to several factors inherent in the atmosphere of the institute. Rigorous schedules of 25 credit hours per semester and more than 30 class hours per week, combined with the responsibility for technical projects during work periods at the plant, developed a very mature and responsible individual. Students attended classes on campus for a six-week period, each concluding with a week of final exams followed by six weeks of off-campus work in a General Motors plant or office. This schedule continued for 11 months of the year, with virtually the entire student body alternately coming or going every six weeks.

This schedule, with recurring turnover in students, could have been a nightmare in the maintenance of chapter continuity. The chapter business was coordinated between two sections, known as "A" and "B." The Consul of one of the two sections was named overall Consul of the group. Often the two sets of officers would meet together during the changeover weekends. Continuity was also aided by the year-round students whose cooperative plant was in Flint.

The members of Phi Sigma Phi petitioned Sigma Chi for a charter on March 28, 1963. After the petition was approved, an installation team from Headquarters conducted the indoctrination week activities, which accommodated the dual six-week academic terms. Two separate indoctrination weeks were conducted for each of the two sections during a "turnover" weekend between terms. It was not possible for either week to be scheduled just before the final ceremonies on Sunday, November 12, when the installation banquet and first formal meeting of Zeta Theta Chapter were held. Grand Trustee Gilbert Jerome was chief installing officer. Brothers of Alpha Pi Chapter at Albion College performed the Ritual, with assistance from brothers of Gamma Psi, Michigan State, Theta Theta, Michigan, and alumni from Detroit, Lansing, Flint, and Kalamazoo. Michigan State Co-Chapter Advisor Thomas L. Turk and Gamma Psi Magister Bob Beguelin, '65, directed the Initiation, bringing 69 charter members into the Fraternity.



Grand Trustee Gilbert Jerome, left, presented the Zeta Theta Charter to Consul Barry Van Vleck.

On Sunday morning, the group journeyed to the Pick-Durant Hotel in Flint for the installation and Initiation ceremonies. Grand Consul Wade swore in the officers of the new chapter and presented the Zeta Theta charter. About 125 brothers attended the banquet in the hotel ballroom, where toastmaster and Michigan Province Grand Praetor Harry L. Hallock oversaw the charter presentation to Consul Barry Van Vleck. Past Grand Consul L.G. Balfour gave the new chapter a guest book and plaque, as was his custom with each new chapter.

Three of the alumni initiates who were members of the local Phi Sigma Phi as students, were top executives of the General Motors Corporation. Elliot M. "Pete" Estes, '38, was general manager of General Motors' Pontiac division and later rose to the helm of the entire corporation. He was a "reverse legacy," because his son Edward had earlier been initiated into Beta Phi Chapter, University of Arizona.<sup>8</sup>

### **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA ETA CHAPTER EAST TEXAS STATE COLLEGE NOVEMBER 24, 1962**

Commerce, Texas was a community of approximately 6,800 when Zeta Eta Chapter was installed. The school was established in July of 1889 as East Texas Normal College in Cooper, Texas. The doors were first opened on September 2, 1889, and a handful of students made up the student body. Professor William Leonidas Mayo, who established the school, and his wife Etta Booth were the first faculty. Fire destroyed the wooden building in 1894, so Mayo moved the college to Commerce, where it opened in September of 1894 in a brick business building downtown.



The campus of East Texas State College.

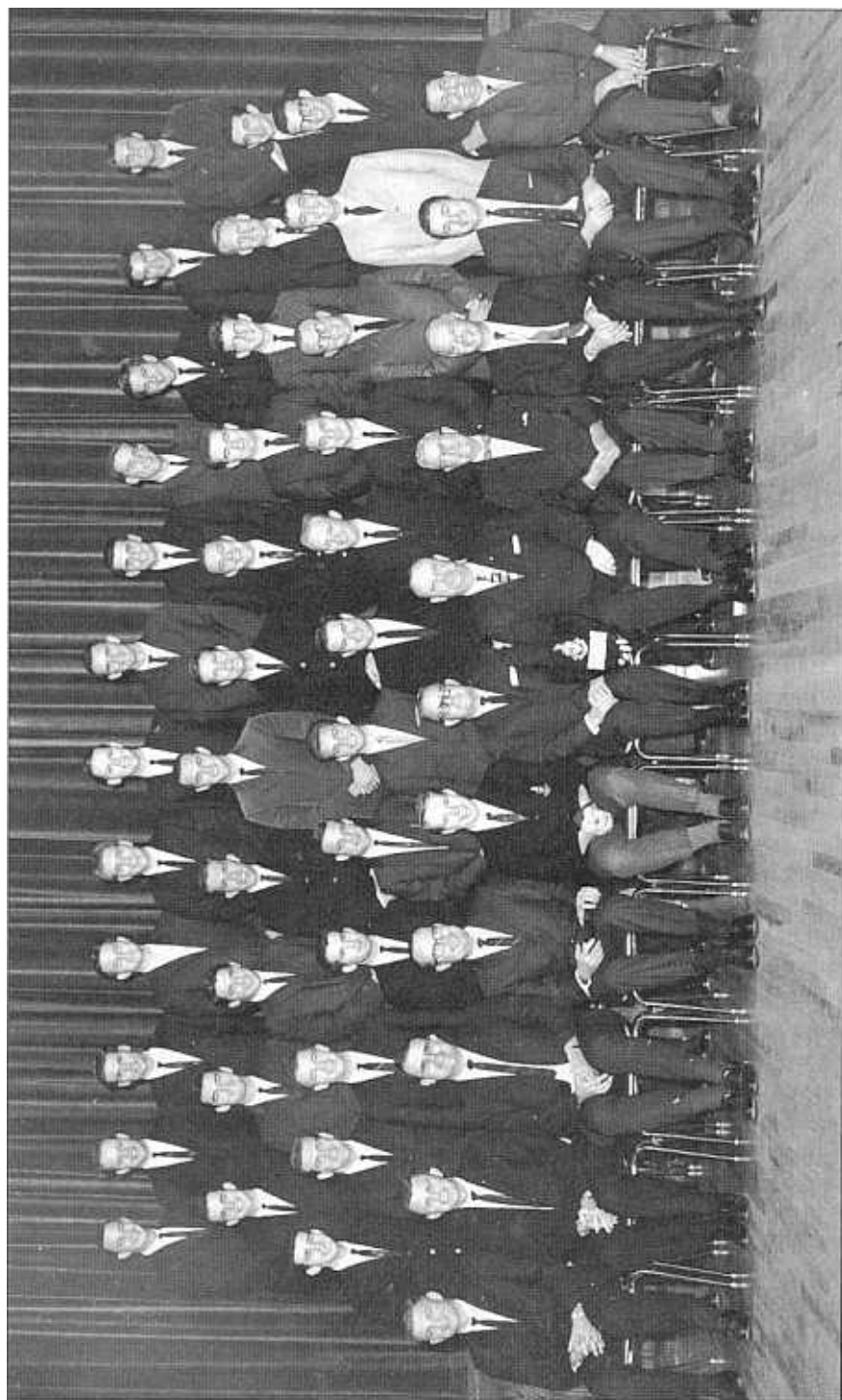
By 1910, "Mayo's College" ran into financial problems, as did other private institutions of the time. They turned to the state for support, and on March 14, 1917, the Texas legislature changed the name to East Texas State Normal College. Six years later the name was changed once again to East Texas State Teachers College. A graduate program was added that involved more than 3,000 students by the 1960s. In 1957 the word "Teachers" was dropped from the name. University status was granted by the state legislature in 1965.

In the fall of 1960 a group of men organized a new social club on the campus. They felt that the new club was needed because only 10 percent of the male student body was affiliated with a social organization. They believed that a desire for excellence, fellowship and *esprit de corps* were not present in existing groups. After several meetings they had attracted more than 60 men. The members organized committees, chose a name for the club, wrote a constitution and bylaws, designed an emblem, and investigated procedures for gaining acceptance by the interfraternity council. The group chose the name Alpha Chi Alpha, meaning "the beginning and the beginning." After overcoming some resistance from the existing fraternities, Alpha Chi Alpha was admitted to the interfraternity council in March 1961. Immediately following recognition, the local fraternity began investigating affiliation with a national or international fraternity. They observed fraternities on many campuses and found in every case that Sigma Chi was outstanding. The members voted unanimously to seek a Sigma Chi charter.<sup>9</sup>

Alpha Chi Alpha won championships in all major sports and captured second place in the annual "Sing and Wild Mare Milking Contest" in the Western Week Rodeo. Many of the Alpha Chi Alphas gained distinction by holding student offices, including president of the student body.

Sigma Chi accepted the group's charter petition in February 1963. After the indoctrination week, during which members of the local performed several service projects, the preliminaries of the Initiation were held at the new chapter house. The Initiation ceremonies and installation banquet took place at the Memorial Student Center on Sunday, November 24.

Thirty-three undergraduate and nine alumni members became charter initiates of Zeta Eta two years and nine months after the founding of the local. Executive Committee member and Investigating Officer Norman C. Brewer Jr. was chief installing officer. Members of Epsilon Psi Chapter at Sam Houston State College conducted the Initiation. At the banquet, newly-initiated Chapter Advisor James W. Byrd was toastmaster and Southern Methodist University Alumni Association Executive Secretary George Bushong, Southern Methodist '33, gave the main address. Consul Harry Haggard accepted the Zeta Eta charter from Chief Installing Officer Brewer.<sup>10</sup>

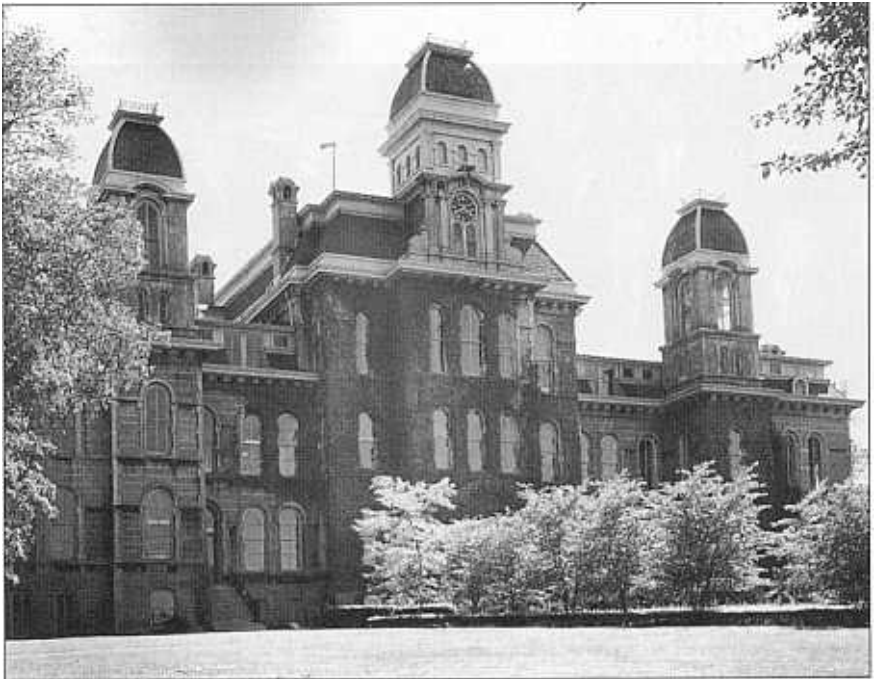


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## PSI PSI RETURNS

A proud tradition returned to Sigma Chi and to Syracuse University on December 8, 1963, when Psi Psi Chapter was re-installed after a seven-year absence. Twenty-three undergraduates and seven alumni of Sigma Chi Psi, a local fraternity founded at Syracuse in 1959, were initiated into Sigma Chi in ceremonies at the University Regent Theater. Brothers from Alpha Phi Chapter, Cornell; Gamma Pi, Rochester; Alpha Alpha, Hobart; and recently installed Zeta Theta, General Motors Institute, conducted the Initiation.



Completed in 1871, the Hall of Languages is the oldest building on the campus of Syracuse University.

"This is a proud day for Sigma Chi and Sigma Chi Psi," said Syracuse University Chancellor William P. Tolley at the installation banquet, "but most of all it is a proud day for Syracuse University."

The ceremony and banquet concluded a busy week for the brothers of Sigma Chi Psi, who had been pledged to Sigma Chi in October. They returned from Thanksgiving vacation on December 1 to take the General Fraternity pledge examination. Evenings during the week were spent in sessions with Headquarters staff members.

Grand Consul Wade was one of the main speakers at the banquet,

along with Significant Sig Carl Bausch, Syracuse '09, university trustee and head of Bausch and Lomb Optical Company. Executive Committee member James J. Overlock was chief installing officer. Grand Consul's Citations were awarded to several Psi Psi alumni involved in the re-installation of the chapter. They were: John E. Shaffer, '45; Francis R. Conlon, '47; Irving C. Harney, '26; Robert Conine, '51; and Roger Kahn, '58. Citations also went to Rev. Robert C. Ayers, Roanoke '47, faculty advisor to Sigma Chi Psi; Edmund Jeschke, Bucknell '53; Grand Praetor Barr S. Morris; Douglas Graham, Rochester '59; William Hilsdorf, Syracuse '58; Byron Fellows, Union '60; Jan Studevant, Syracuse '58; Frank Porto, Syracuse '59; and Thomas K. Creal III, Dartmouth '60, the new Psi Psi Chapter Advisor. The latter six founded Sigma Chi Psi.



At the Syracuse Initiation Banquet: standing from left, Earle Clifford, former Dean of men; Robert Conine, Syracuse '51; James McMurray, S.U. fraternity administrator; Edmund Jeschke, Bucknell '53, president of the Syracuse Alumni Chapter; Irving C. Harney, Syracuse '26; Rev. Robert C. Ayers, Roanoke '47; Jim Carlton, Dean of men; and Bob Burns. Seated from left are Barr S. Morris; James J. Overlock; Significant Sig Carl L. Bausch, Syracuse '09; William P. Tolley, University Chancellor; Mrs. Dotty Grover Gabor, the 1950 International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi; and Grand Consul Harry V. Wade.

Brother Overlock presented Consul Bob Burns the new Psi Psi charter, recognizing five years of work by Sigma Chi Psi and the local Syracuse Sigma Chi alumni. A special guest at the banquet was Mrs. Dotty Grover Gabor, who in 1949 was Psi Psi's Sweetheart and in 1950 became the International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi.

On a campus with 29 other fraternities, Sigma Chi Psi advanced

from a fledgling organization to one that received a Tolley Cup Citation in 1961, ranking it among the top six Greek chapters at Syracuse.<sup>11</sup>

Urged by a vote at the 1963 Grand Chapter, the suspended Gamma Omicron Chapter at Colgate University re-petitioned for its charter late in 1963. The vote, which extended over a 60-day period into February 1964, was unfavorable. The group continued as a local fraternity until its re-installation in 1971.

## **PETERSON SIGNIFICANT CHAPTER AWARD CREATED**

The Peterson Significant Chapter Award, first presented for the 1963-64 academic year, was conceived by Grand Consul Harry V. Wade as an annual honor to undergraduate chapters whose performance met or exceeded specified standards in all areas of chapter operations. Endowment for the award certificates and plaques was provided by Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson. "With my ideas and Peterson's money we got it going," Wade said.

Rather than being a "best chapter" or even a "top 10" chapter award, the Peterson Award was structured so that it could be achieved by any chapter, or even every chapter, if they met the criteria in all areas. The true challenge was for each chapter to operate at acceptable to excellent levels in all major areas of fraternity chapter endeavor, not just to stand out in a few. The criteria have changed little since its inception. According to the original application form, chapters qualified for the award by meeting criteria in 10 different categories: scholarship, persistency in graduation, finances, housing, citizenship, campus activities and campus leadership, public (campus & community) relations, faculty relations, alumni relations, and fraternal activities (pledging, Initiation, use of Ritual).

The influence the Peterson Significant Chapter Award has had upon the Fraternity is enduring. Undergraduates have worked diligently for the award and what it stands for. The number of chapters devoting an extensive amount of time and effort necessary to apply for the award has increased every year. The requirements in each category have developed into minimum standards of chapter operation. It has become a major emphasis of the annual Leadership Training Workshop, the chapter visitation program, and the examining of local groups petitioning to receive charters. The creation of this award has truly had a positive, long-term impact on undergraduate chapter achievements and goals.

Executive Secretary William T. Bringham Sr. was elected to a one-year term as president of the College Fraternity Secretaries Association, the interfraternal organization comprised of fraternity headquarters staff executives.<sup>12</sup>

Assistant Executive Secretaries hired in the summer of 1964 were Robert E. McDonald, Denver '63, and William W. Haman, Cincinnati '64.

## **1964 GRAND COUNCIL MEETING EVANSTON, ILLINOIS**

The Grand Council gathered for its annual meeting August 24-26, 1964, in Evanston, Illinois. Several new Grand Officers were elected, most of them to positions vacated by brothers unable to complete their terms of office. Newly elected Grand Praetors were Edward D. Kostic, Miami (Ohio) '46, Southern Ohio; Robert S. Hudgens, Emory '23, Virginia; David R. Finch, San Jose '55, Northern California-Nevada; and Dr. Jerry Wulk, Wisconsin '46, Southern California-Arizona. Newly-elected Grand Trustees were Chester H. Lauck, Arkansas '26; and Wingate Lucas, Oklahoma State & Texas-Austin '33. Charles M. Thatcher, was elected to an at-large seat on the Executive Committee.

The Grand Council approved the purchase of property at 1714 Hinman Avenue in Evanston, for the construction of the new Headquarters building, upon a Headquarters Site Committee recommendation. An old, single-family home on the property was slated for demolition.

At the urging of Past Grand Consul Stanley N. Barnes, the group passed a resolution that recommended the charter of former Gamma Omicron Chapter at Colgate be restored, and that a petition from the former chapter be processed as soon as possible.

## **SEVENTEENTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP BALL STATE COLLEGE - 1964**

The 1964 Leadership Training Workshop continued the record-breaking tradition, as 595 undergraduate delegates traveled to Muncie, Indiana, and the Ball State College campus, August 28-31. The 756 individuals, including speakers, discussion leaders, guests and staff, totaled 100 more than any previous Workshop. The annual event was marked by an "even more serious attitude by delegates than in years past," to restate a recurring comment of a number of Workshop faculty members. The 1964 Workshop featured an expanded one-day program devoted solely to rushing. For the first time, the Sigma Chi Foundation message was delivered by undergraduate delegates.

The record turnout nearly necessitated a call for sleeping bags when the delegates and alumni filled 700 of the 704 available dorm beds. A water main break on registration day left one-fourth of the Workshop attendees without cold water for 36 hours, denying them use of several rather essential plumbing fixtures. Nonetheless, the Sigma Chi spirit was ever present throughout the four-day event.



Delegates of the 1964 Workshop at a convocation.

Ball State Conference Director William Odell, Denison & Ball State '60, scoured the campus and checked last minute details after many months of preparation, while Brother Robert Kershaw, director of the campus student center, opened his modern facility to the arriving Sigs. Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder guided his Headquarters staff associates in accommodating the delegates and faculty.

At the opening, Ball State President Dr. John R. Emens and Muncie Mayor John Hampton welcomed the Sigs to the campus and city. Southeastern Province Grand Praetor Charles C. Ford announced the recipient of the 1964 International Balfour Award, William W. George, of Beta Psi Chapter at Georgia Tech. Gamma Kappa Chapter delegate Kent Hansen, Utah State '66, introduced Los Angeles Rams pro football star and 1962 International Balfour Award winner Merlin Olsen, who gave the Workshop keynote address. Recalling that he had humbly and unexpectedly stood before a similar gathering to accept the award two years earlier, Olsen urged the delegates to use the Workshop experience to better themselves and their chapters. He also emphasized the importance of doing well academically.



William W. George  
1964 International  
Balfour Award winner

Delta Chi Chapter Consul Steve Crist, Wabash '65, introduced his chapter's most prominent alumnus, Grand Consul Harry Wade, who in his annual "State of Sigma Chi" message reviewed the Fraternity's progress through the new Planning Committee, creation of *The Sigma Chi News*, the Graduation Goal Award, and the Peterson Significant Chapter Award.

The "bonus seminar" sessions were again held as optional events for delegates on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Even at the end of a 12-hour day more than 60 percent of the delegates elected to attend at least one seminar. On Saturday night the host Epsilon Omega Chapter chorus gave an impromptu performance in the Student Center snack bar, ending with a sung and spoken rendition of "My Badge."

The First Presbyterian Church of Muncie was the site of the Sunday worship service. The division programs concluded Monday afternoon as discussion leaders summarized three days of subjects, questions and conclusions, and delegates added their compliments, suggestions and criticisms through the evaluation forms.

At the final banquet, 750 Sigs joined in the Fraternity grace and sat down to dinner together before returning to their homes and chapters in 46 states and five Canadian provinces. The principal speaker of the evening, Significant Sig Elvis J. Stahr, promoted a renewed effort in scholarship, character and service, and congratulated the delegates on their success as Sigma Chis, chapter leaders and Workshop participants. The crowd then walked across campus to the First Presbyterian Church for the staging of the Ritual Exemplification. Directed by Tom Bottone and Tom Turk, the Workshop Ritual team brought forward its inspiring efforts after three days and nights of practice and preparation. A number of Sigs headed home via Oxford, Ohio, to visit the Fraternity founding site and Alpha Chapter at Miami University.<sup>13</sup>

In the fall of 1964 the Fraternity dedicated a new monument at the gravesite of Constantine Chapter founder Harry St. John Dixon at Fresno, California. The gravesite was previously marked by a small stone, and the area at Mountain View Cemetery had become neglected and covered with weeds. The establishment of Epsilon Eta Chapter at Fresno State College in 1952 had kindled interest in raising funds for a more suitable memorial. The Order of Constantine took the lead in a fund raising campaign chaired by Craig Nason. Brother Dixon had moved to California following his graduation from the University of Virginia and spent the remainder of his life practicing law in his adopted state. He died in August 1899.

## NU NU CHAPTER RESIGNS

Chartered in 1894, Nu Nu Chapter at Columbia University surrendered its charter to the Fraternity on October 2, 1964, primarily because the Fraternity membership selection procedures were in conflict with

university policies. In addition, the situation was complicated by a lack of communication between the chapter members, the local and chapter alumni, and the General Fraternity.<sup>14</sup>

The president of Columbia University stated that no fraternity chapter would be permitted to function at the university unless its general officer certified that the chapter had "complete autonomy to pledge and initiate any person whom it deems worthy."<sup>15</sup> Nu Nu did not have local autonomy because all Sigma Chi pledges were subject to approval



## Sigma Chi Fraternity

Nu Nu Chapter  
October 2, 1964

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Grand Consul Harry V. Wade  
c/o The Executive Committee  
of the Sigma Chi Fraternity  
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Dear Grand Consul Wade,

It is with deep regret that we, the brothers of Nu Nu, must announce our chapter's resignation from the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Our resignation represents the course of action consistent with the best interests of the Fraternity, Columbia University, and our own Chapter.

Our ritualistic manual and charter will be surrendered to our Chapter's faculty advisor, Professor Frank H. Lee, who will in turn tender them to the proper representative of the Fraternity.

We of the Nu Nu Chapter are deeply appreciative of the efforts of you and the others concerned in our behalf, and shall look forward to the day when Nu Nu will again be an outstanding example of fraternity participation on the Columbia campus.

In Hoc,

*Michael Newell*

Michael Newell  
Consul

*Kevin Hara*

Kevin Hara  
Pro Consul

*J. Owen Zurhellen III*

Owen Zurhellen  
Quaestor

*Brian Wangsgard*

Brian Wangsgard  
Annotator

This letter of chapter resignation was sent by the Nu Nu Chapter at Columbia University to Grand Consul Harry V. Wade on October 2, 1964.

by all members of the Grand Council, and the Statutes required the chapters "to refrain from proposing for admission to our fellowship any person who for any reason is likely to be considered personally unacceptable as a brother by any chapter or any member anywhere." Therefore, Grand Consul Wade could not give the required certification. Had the chapter attempted to continue in Sigma Chi, it would have been forced to operate clandestinely. The members of Nu Nu understandably felt they had no reasonable alternative but to sever their relationship with Sigma Chi.<sup>16</sup>

The loss of Nu Nu chapter added visibility to the emergence of another overriding issue in the membership selection controversy; an insistence or strong emphasis on local autonomy for fraternity chapters by some university administrations. The administrators called for complete freedom from any off-campus authority, particularly in membership selection. The situation at Columbia and, in part, at Colgate University and Gamma Omicron chapter two years earlier, made clear that university leaders were attempting to remove membership barriers to minority students. The need to confront the issue of local autonomy, directly or indirectly, remained on the agenda of Sigma Chi and other Greek-letter organizations.<sup>17</sup>

## **GOLDWATER BECOMES U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**

Significant Sig Barry M. Goldwater, a U.S. senator from Arizona, won the Republican nomination for President at the party's convention in San Francisco in June 1964. For several months prior to the convention, he had been a front-runner in many state primaries. A victory in the all-important California primary practically assured his nomination. As his campaign unfolded, he was greeted frequently along the campaign trail by delegations of banner-waving brothers from nearby chapters, and several times he stopped to talk with them. As was to be expected, there were also a number of "Sigs for Goldwater" and even "Greeks for Goldwater" groups that sprang up and remained active throughout the campaign.

In the Presidential election in November of 1964, Goldwater lost to Lyndon Johnson in a landslide, 44 states to six. Ironically, a Harris Poll just before the election predicted the landslide for President Johnson but showed a clear majority of voters agreed with many of the central premises of Goldwater's campaign.<sup>18</sup>

Three chapters dedicated houses during the fall of 1964. Epsilon Rho Chapter, University of Richmond, dedicated a new lodge on October 23. Alpha Lambda Chapter, University of Wisconsin, celebrated the opening of its new house on November 14, dedicating it to its longtime advisor, Frank B. Thayer, Iowa '12. Gamma Theta Chapter, University of Florida, dedicated a new house on November 28.





When 1964 U.S. Presidential candidate Barry Goldwater, second from left, visited Knott's Berry Farm in California for a campaign reception, he was greeted by this all-Sig committee. From left are Thomas W. Youmans, Kansas '32; Significant Sig John Wayne, Southern California '29; Frank J. Duffy, Ohio '52; and Dr. Samuel Camarata, Pittsburgh '40.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA IOTA CHAPTER KANSAS STATE COLLEGE DECEMBER 13, 1964**

At the time of the Zeta Iota Chapter Installation, the population of Pittsburg, Kansas, was approximately 24,000. The Kansas State College of Pittsburg began in 1903 as the Auxiliary Manual Training Normal School under the direction of the State Normal School at Emporia, Kansas. At that time its primary purpose was to train teachers in manual training, domestic science and domestic art. During the first decade of the school's existence the course offerings were similar to those of the other normal schools, with special emphasis on industrial arts and home economics. In 1913, the school became independent of the Normal School of Emporia, the first degree class was graduated, and the school changed from a normal school to a college. Industrial arts continued to be a primary interest, but all departments were strengthened and higher qualifications were set for the faculty. In 1923, the State Manual Training Normal School became the Kansas State Teachers College.



The Administration Building of Kansas State College of Pittsburg.

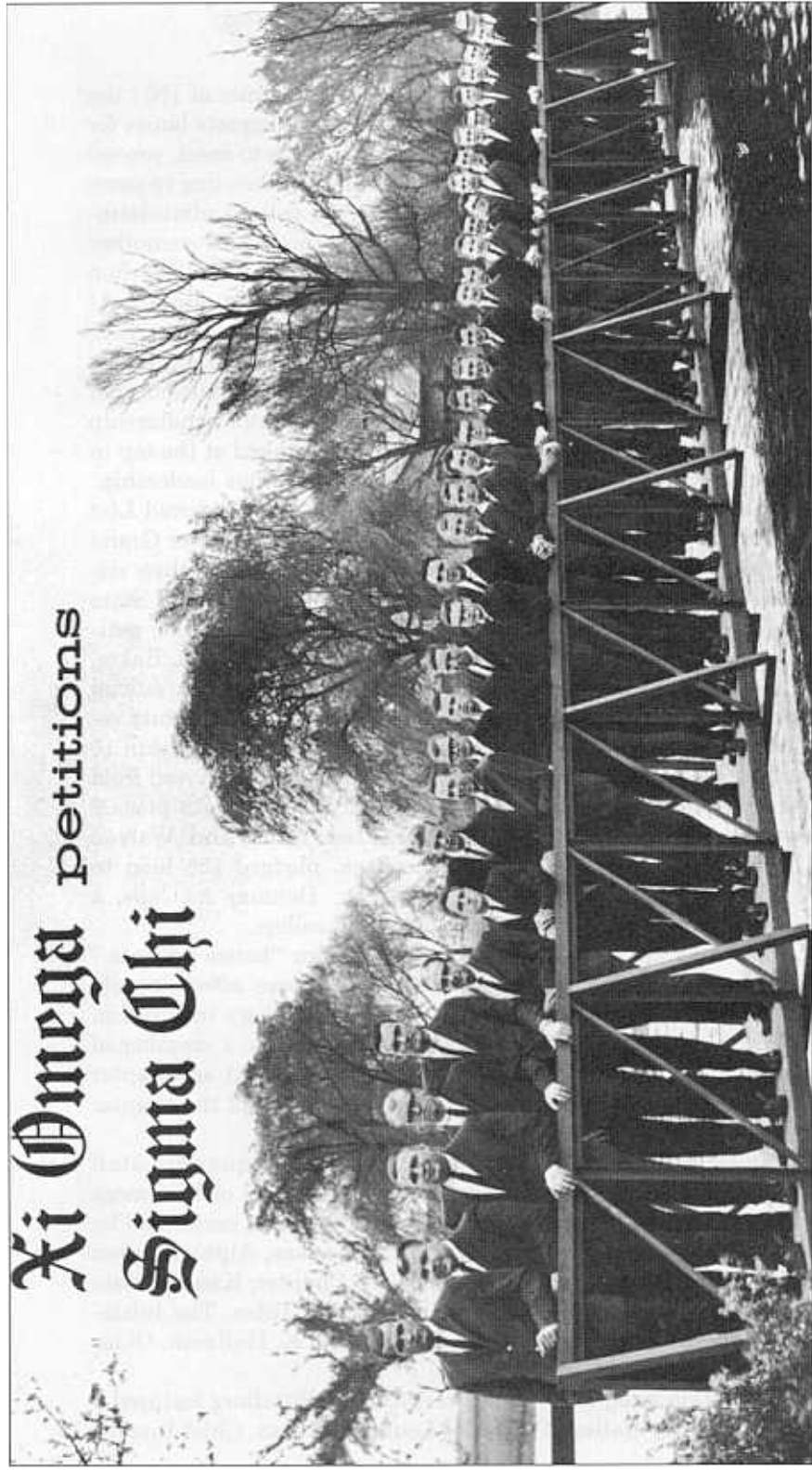
The college became more diversified after an increasing number of students demanded a broader range of subjects for professions other than teaching. It also served a wide geographical area because the nearest universities were more than 100 miles away. In 1959 the state legislature recognized the change in the institution's nature and renamed it Kansas State College of Pittsburg.

The board of regents authorized the college to grant the master of science degree in 1929. Thirty years later, the board authorized master of arts degrees in English, history, and mathematics, and a specialist in the education degree. In 1964 the college had 4,125 students and 275 faculty members. The name was changed to Pittsburg State University in 1977.

Xi Omega fraternity was formed in the fall of 1960 by a group of 14 men, mostly upperclassmen, with the specific goal of petitioning Sigma Chi for affiliation as an undergraduate chapter. On October 27, 1960, the founders signed the local charter and began the task of building a fraternity that would fulfill the demands and further the goals they held to be essential. One of the primary influences in the early days of the fraternity was Patrick H. Poole, Tulsa '54, assistant dean of men and a graduate student at Kansas State College. He served as Xi Omega's first president and was responsible for many of the early steps taken toward affiliation with Sigma Chi. The group soon developed a constitution, ritual, crest, songs, and the many other facets normally found in a complete fraternity.<sup>19</sup>

With little to offer other than hard work and a distant but inspiring goal, Xi Omega pledged 12 men in the first week of the spring semester of 1961. The pledges were instructed and indoctrinated primarily

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through the use of *The Norman Shield*. During the summer of 1961 the fraternity was fortunate enough to be able to lease an adequate house for the forthcoming school term. The house offered a place to meet, proved invaluable in the pledge training program, and afforded housing to some of the members. Due to limited space and funds, the college administration permitted Xi Omega to operate their house without a housemother at that time. This first house was leased until the summer of 1963 when the group purchased a house directly across from the main campus. At the same time the House Association of the Xi Omega Fraternity, Inc., was formed to take title to the new house and perform the functions necessary for proper operation and maintenance. The first housemother was Mrs. Mary Buck. The group boasted the best overall scholarship record of any fraternity on the campus, consistently ranked at the top in athletic programs, and compiled a strong record in campus leadership.

Kansas State College was placed on the Sigma Chi Preferred List following a visit by Arthur Peine, Illinois Wesleyan '11, a former Grand Praetor of the Kansas-Nebraska Province. The local members then visited Sigma Chi chapters at the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, University of Nebraska, and University of Tulsa. The petition was formally submitted in the spring of 1963, and Floyd R. Baker, Grand Quaestor and Executive Committee member, made an official investigating visit in February 1964. On November 14 the fraternity received a telegram announcing its acceptance into Sigma Chi. Within 10 minutes after the telegram arrived, the Xi Omega pin was removed from the house and the Norman Shield was promptly hoisted into place.<sup>20</sup> One week later Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder and Warren Woelfel, Chicago '31, a professor at the college, pledged the men to Sigma Chi. Included in that first class was Dr. Denmar A. Cope, a faculty advisor and dean of administration at the college.

The group was also fortunate in having its own "house parents," Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Rourke. "Mrs. O.," as she was affectionately known, was Dr. Cope's secretary. The O'Rourkes were very involved in the growth and aspirations of Xi Omega, and he became a member of the local and a Zeta Iota charter member. He also served as Chapter Advisor at one time, and they both were very supportive of the chapter until their deaths in the 1980s.

The indoctrination week was conducted by Headquarters staff members Fred Yoder and Bob McDonald. Sixty members of Xi Omega became charter initiates of Zeta Iota when the Ritual was performed by brothers from Alpha Xi Chapter, University of Kansas; Alpha Epsilon Chapter, University of Nebraska; Delta Upsilon Chapter, Kansas State University; and Delta Omega Chapter, University of Tulsa. The Initiation was directed by Workshop faculty member Sam K. Hallman, Oklahoma '63.

The installation banquet at the Hotel Besse in Pittsburg featured a welcoming address by College President Leonard H. Axe. Chief Install-

ing Officer Elton B. Hunt presented the charter to Consul John Bumgarner, '66. The formal program was followed by a chorus of Sigma Chi songs by the newly-initiated brothers and the introduction of a new song specially written by members of Zeta Iota.

On February 7, 1965, members of Beta Iota Chapter, University of Oregon, dedicated a new house.

In May, construction began on the new Headquarters building at 1714 Hinman Avenue in Evanston, Illinois.

The American Alumni Council, a national group involving alumni organizations of a number of colleges, universities and fraternal groups, awarded an Honor Citation to the Sigma Chi Foundation for the Graduation Goal Award it sponsored each year. It was one of only five awards presented for such programs by the A.A.C. that June.

## ALPHA OMEGA CHARTER SUSPENDED

In late winter 1965, unverified but recurring information was making the rounds of the inner circles of the Fraternity that a rebellious attitude was growing in the ranks of Alpha Omega Chapter at Stanford University. Fraternity officers had heard that the chapter might attempt to pledge a black student, with or without approval from the Fraternity but with support from the university administration. Those initial rumblings soon resulted in the largest, most divisive controversy in the Fraternity in years and a major explosion of negative publicity.

Several alumni who were asked to check out the situation from various angles reported back with conflicting information on the chapter's attitudes and intentions. However, there was ample evidence of a negative attitude in the chapter toward the Fraternity-at-large, with a resultant downturn in Alpha Omega's adherence to some standards of chapter operation.

On April 7, 1965, the Executive Committee suspended the charter of Alpha Omega. The action was agreed upon by committee members via telephone a few days after the Executive Committee meeting on April 2 and 3. The situation had been discussed at the meeting without any firm evidence or final conclusion.

The suspension was a most difficult illustration of the radically different opinions regarding membership selection. The destructive nature of the situation that later developed was fortunately without parallel in the history of the Fraternity. This incident and the publicity that followed had a significant impact upon the Fraternity and its handling of membership selection issues in the future. The suspension is explained in a letter, dated April 12, 1965, from Grand Consul Wade to the undergraduate and alumni chapters:

"I regret to announce that the Executive Committee, upon my recommendation, suspended the charter of our Alpha Omega Chapter. This chapter, for

many years, has been contemptuous of the Fraternity and its ritual and forms of fraternal procedure. Likewise, they have exhibited a superior and supercilious attitude toward the other Sigma Chi chapters in their area . . . Furthermore, a member or members said that it made no difference to the chapter if Sigma Chi was eliminated from every college campus on the West Coast . . . Under the circumstances, the Grand Consul and the Executive Committee could no longer condone their juvenile attitude and we thought that an enforced vacation from the Fraternity would do them a considerable amount of good and might awaken them to the so-called facts of life. It is too bad that the Fraternity has had to take this step because the chapter is an old and previously honored one, has contributed many loyal and prominent alumni to the fraternity and has been in existence almost 75 years, but despite frequent admonitions and warnings, the active chapter at Stanford has chosen to follow its own dictates rather than the laws and ritual of the Sigma Chi Fraternity."<sup>21</sup>

To complicate matters, on April 3, 1965, four days before the charter was officially suspended, the men of Alpha Omega Chapter extended a bid to a black student, who accepted it. Various Fraternity records indicate that the charter suspension occurred prior to the pledging. This was not the case. This student's association with Alpha Omega did not continue past the time of the one-year charter suspension, and he was never initiated into Sigma Chi.<sup>22</sup>

Unknown to Sigma Chi officials at the time, individuals in the Stanford University administration, in cooperation with some officers of the suspended Stanford chapter, were busy sending out letters to officials of other universities with Sigma Chi chapters. The letters strongly questioned the Fraternity's membership selection procedures and its chapters' lack of autonomy in such matters.

The major item on the agenda of the 1965 Grand Chapter, due to convene in about two months, was taking form.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA KAPPA CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA BARBARA APRIL 11, 1965**

Santa Barbara, California, was a city of more than 110,000 people at the time of the installation of Zeta Kappa Chapter. The University of California at Santa Barbara is one of the few American universities to be transformed from a small, locally-owned private school into a major research university and partner in a most distinguished system of public higher education. It was established in 1891 as Anna S.C. Blake Manual Training School. The following year it was bought by the city and renamed Santa Barbara Manual Training Normal School. A teacher training program was added in 1906. It was taken over by the state in 1909, becoming the first in the United States to be devoted solely to the training of teachers in the manual arts and home economics. It became Santa Barbara Normal School in 1919 and adopted the name Santa Barbara State Teachers College and offered instruction at

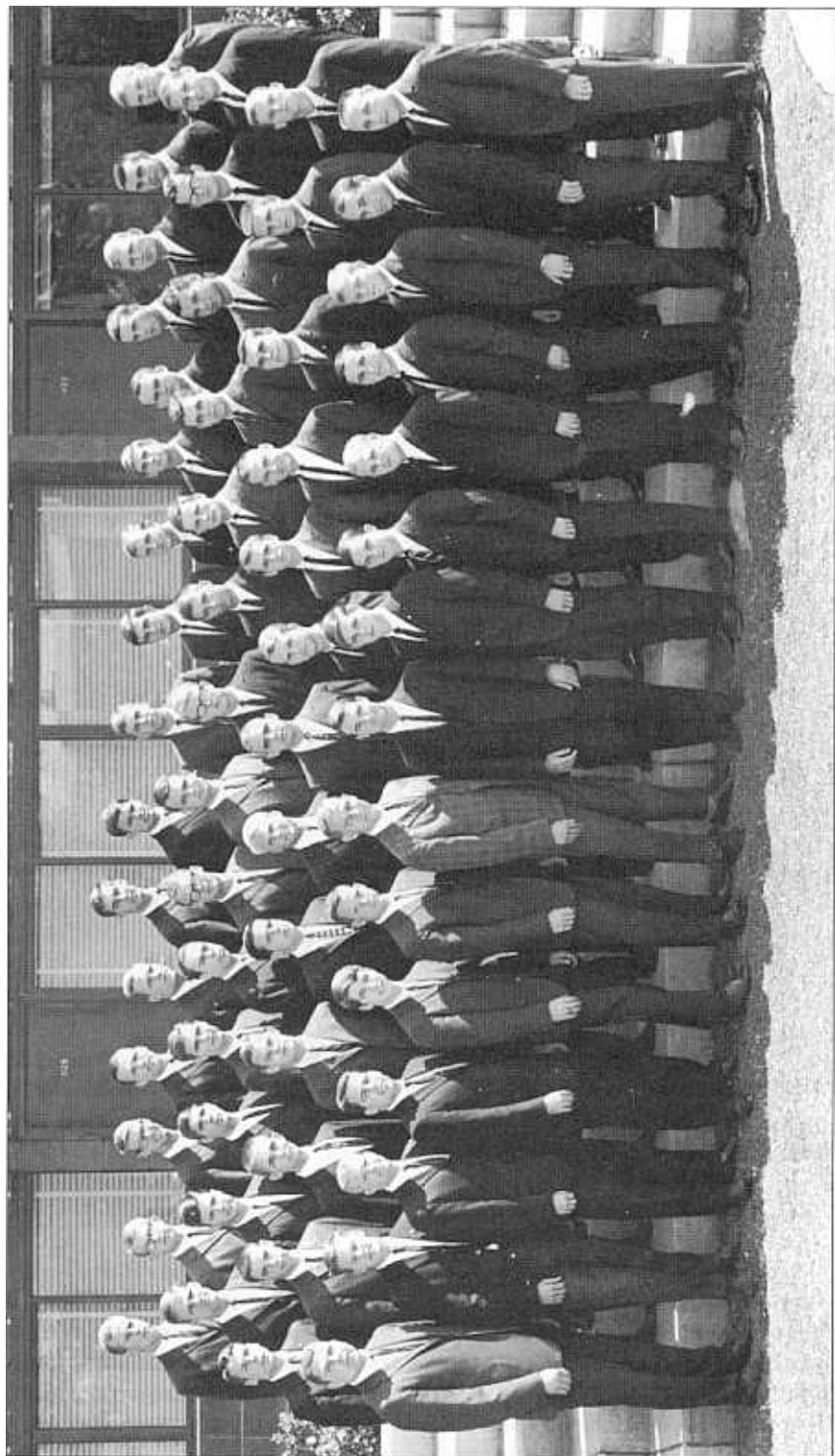
college level in 1921. The school granted its first baccalaureate degree in 1927. By 1935 nearly 50 percent of the graduates earned degrees in non-teaching fields. That year the name was changed to Santa Barbara State College.

In 1944, with the encouragement of community leaders headed by Thomas M. Storke, the college was incorporated into the University of California system as its seventh campus, the first new campus in the system in a quarter of a century. Its first mission as a U.C. campus was simple: to serve as a high quality undergraduate liberal arts college within the multi-campus University of California system. However, Santa Barbara's 40-year-old, 14-acre campus on the Riviera near the Old Mission was too small. In 1948, the university acquired the present 408-acre Main Campus, an abandoned World War II Marine air station.



Storke Tower, left, and the University Center of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

In the fall of 1954, the faculty, staff and 1,725 students moved into two new, permanent buildings and 75 renovated military structures at Goleta Point. The new campus home was absent of landscaping except for a few rows of towering eucalyptus trees. Subsequent land purchases enlarged the campus to 815 acres. Plans for new academic programs were formalized in 1958 by the university regents when the campus was designated as a "general campus," expanding its responsibility to pro-



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vide graduate programs, including the doctoral degree. The first chancellor was appointed that same year.

At the time of the founding of Zeta Kappa Chapter, the following fraternities were represented on the campus: Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and three petitioning groups.

In the fall of 1961, several men in one of the campus dormitories voiced their displeasure with rush and the nature of the existing fraternities. Consequently they began to speculate about the establishment of a new fraternity with a new purpose and more tangible goals. The first step was to locate a fraternity alumni organization that would be willing to start a chapter on the campus. Fortunately, the Santa Barbara Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi was thinking along similar lines. Chet Holcombe, Rochester & Syracuse '37, president of the alumni chapter, said, "We could see the future ingredients of a strong fraternity at U.C.S.B." The alumni chapter gave its wholehearted support to the seven men of the local fraternity.

Acting on advice from the Sig alumni, the group waited until spring of 1962 to rush. At that time, the group took five pledges, two of whom eventually gained active status. During the summer of 1962, the alumni formed a house corporation and obtained a two-year lease on a 16-man apartment building in the adjoining campus community of Isla Vista. It was the first house on fraternity row. The group was excited about the house not only for its value as a rush asset, but also because it was surrounded by two off-campus women's residences.

On the first day of rush that next fall, two Sigma Chis, Chet Moore, Washington St. Louis '64, and "Buddy" McQueen, Miami Florida '64, expressed a desire to affiliate with the struggling fraternity and to do what they could to build it into a strong group. Moore took over as Consul that spring, and McQueen became Chi Sigma's first Magister.

With two Sigma Chis, an army of alumni and seven enthusiastic founders, Chi Sigma pledged 20 men. During the fall semester, the fraternity embarked upon the rough road to campus acceptance. As a small group, it was difficult for them to assimilate into the Greek community. The first attempt at building a float for the homecoming parade ended with a moral victory if not the sweepstakes trophy. By the fall of 1963, Chi Sigma gained the respect of the Greek community, the alumni chapter, and the administration. At a Chi Sigma rush preference dinner, guest speaker U.C.S.B. Chancellor Vernon I. Cheadle said, "I am glad to see that there is finally a fraternity at U.C.S.B."<sup>23</sup>

Three weeks into the spring semester, on February 27, 1965, Chi Sigma received notification that it was to be installed on April 11, as the Zeta Kappa Chapter of Sigma Chi. On March 7, 1965, Jack Nerdrum, Arizona '56, Santa Barbara Alumni Chapter president, and Ed Blackwell, Texas Austin & California Los Angeles '55, placed pledge buttons on the men.



Grand Trustee Craig Nason, left, presents charter to Consul Dennis Parmer at the University of California, Santa Barbara, as Significant Sig Regis Toomey, second from left, and Santa Barbara Alumni Chapter President Jack Nerdrum look on.

The indoctrination week and installation was managed by Headquarters staff members Fred Yoder, Arthur "Nip" Landry, and Bill Haman. The week included two days of work on Zeta Kappa's service project, Hillside House for children with cerebral palsy. The Initiation ceremonies at the Carrillo Auditorium were directed by Tom Bottone. Brothers from San Diego State, U.C.L.A., and the University of Southern California performed the ceremonies for the 62 charter initiates. Later in the day the first formal chapter meeting and the installation banquet were held at the Miramar Hotel. The long-awaited Sigma Chi charter was presented to Consul Dennis Parmer, '66, by Chief Installing Officer Craig Nason. Significant Sig Regis Toomey, a well-known movie actor in the 1940s and '50s, and Executive Committee member Merlin Olsen, the 1962 International Balfour Award recipient, gave banquet addresses.<sup>24</sup>

## STANFORD SUSPENSION FELT IN COLORADO

During the spring of 1965, the shock waves from the Stanford chapter suspension continued to build. On May 29, 1965, the University of Colorado Board of Regents adopted a resolution placing the Beta Mu Chapter on the C.U. campus on probation, with loss of rushing and

pledging privileges "until it can fully comply with the University policy resolution of March 19, 1956." The 1956 resolution said:

"There shall be no distinction or classification of students at the University of Colorado made on account of race, color or religion; and further; that after September 1, 1962, the University shall place on probation any fraternity, social organization or other student group that is compelled by its constitution, rituals or government to deny membership to any person because of race, color or religion."<sup>25</sup>

As a campus organization, Beta Mu Chapter was required to file a certificate of compliance with the resolution. On April 17, 1965, at a meeting of regents, one of the board members had stated that after reading the newspaper accounts concerning the suspension of the Sigma Chi chapter at Stanford University, he doubted the accuracy of the certificate filed by Beta Mu. The regents passed a resolution that requested the "national officers" of the Sigma Chi Fraternity to supply the board with evidence that would show that the suspension of Alpha Omega Chapter at Stanford was "in no way connected with the pledging of a Negro student by the chapter." Grand Consul Wade sent copies of some of his correspondence to the regents for the May meeting at which a handful of Beta Mu members were present.<sup>26</sup>

As the Grand Chapter approached and the regular school year ended, Beta Mu Chapter faced an uncertain future.

Joining the Headquarters staff as Assistant Executive Secretaries early in the summer of 1965 were Richard A. Mayoh, Rhode Island '64, and Steven A. Jensen, Utah State '65.

## **THE 55th GRAND CHAPTER DENVER, COLORADO JUNE 16-19, 1965**

"This was the Grand Chapter that was hit by tornadoes, confined by floods, badgered by the press, a huge success," announced the headline of the 1965 Grand Chapter article in *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*. Despite the weather and a delegation of persistent news reporters interested in how the Fraternity would address the situation at Stanford, the event came together on schedule at the Hilton Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

Like the storm of negative publicity that was increasingly being brought upon the Fraternity as a result of the Stanford suspension, the weather that hit the Denver area just as the Grand Chapter began was intense and dramatic. Heavy rains led to tornadoes and widespread flooding that knocked out a nearby power station. Much of the city, including the host hotel, was without electrical power and water pressure for more than a day. Those staying in rooms on the upper floors of the tall hotel found life difficult with no elevators or water.

In one of many actions during the business sessions, Gamma Epsilon Chapter at Whitman College had proposed a Constitutional amendment that would have freed an undergraduate chapter from the Fraternity's major membership selection regulations if such freedom was required by its university. After much debate, the proposal was defeated by a vote of 122 to 51. Delegates unanimously adopted a resolution of support and assistance to Beta Mu Chapter at nearby University of Colorado, which had been suspended from its campus recognition by the university board of regents.

About one dozen media representatives were on hand at the Grand Chapter, attempting to cover the debate concerning the Alpha Omega Chapter suspension. The media had been alerted to the Stanford controversy by some individuals at Stanford, both members and non-members. The story took on local appeal after the University of Colorado Board of Regents took action against Beta Mu Chapter due to the regents' interpretation of the events at Stanford. Grand Chapter business sessions were closed to the press and to all non-members, however.

A special committee chaired by James L. Beattey Jr., Indiana '30, met with members representing both sides involved in the situation concerning the suspended Stanford chapter and reported to the delegates that the action of the Executive Committee was correct and not based on any grounds of racial discrimination, as had been claimed by the chapter and in some press reports. The committee recommended that the Grand Chapter confirm the Executive Committee's action of suspending the chapter for one year. The full details of the Alpha Omega charter suspension were not generally known by most of the special committee members or the Grand Chapter delegates.



Joel Cunningham  
1965 International  
Balfour Award winner

Stanford chapter representatives Frank Olrich, '65, and Richard P. Forster, '65, appealed to the delegates for re-instatement of the charter. After prolonged debate on the floor, the Grand Chapter voted to sustain the special committee report and the Executive Committee action suspending the charter, by a vote of 129 to 36.

At the awards luncheon, Significant Sig Chester H. Lauck, entertained the crowd with one of his famous "back home" stories of "Lum 'n Abner" days. The 1965 International Balfour Award went to the Kentucky-Tennessee Province nominee, Joel L. Cunningham, Tennessee-Chattanooga '65.

Sigs and Sweethearts at the Denver Grand Chapter were treated to a truly special event: the participation of the composer of "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" song, F. Dudleigh Vernor.

The three Sweetheart finalists were favored with Brother Vernor's rendition of the song on the piano. It was his last at a Sigma Chi event. The undergraduate delegates selected Mary Jo Brazelton, of the University of Alabama, as International Sweetheart. The other finalists were Penny Earl, Ohio University, and Mary June Mundy, Hanover College. Merlin Olsen, one of the three alumni judges for the Sweetheart contest, was on hand as master of ceremonies for the Sweetheart Ball.

The Grand Chapter elected Bolon B. Turner as the 43rd Grand Consul. The other Grand Officers elected were Floyd Baker, Grand Pro Consul, and Edwin Fisher, Grand Quaestor. Grand Tribune Robert Workman and Grand Historian Robert Collett were re-elected. Newly-elected to a Grand Trustee post was Malcolm M. Christian.

New Grand Praetors were: William C. O'Kelley, Emory '51, Southeastern; Evan B. Brewster, Ohio Wesleyan '52, Northern Ohio; Robert E. Long, Miami (Ohio) '60, Indiana; C.E. Wann, Hobart '41, Northern Texas; Ross G. Wilder, Texas-Austin '54, Southern Texas; and C.A. Morehead, Miami, Florida '59, Florida.

The closing moments of the business sessions resulted in a rather far-reaching and important development that had not been expected by the top leaders of the Fraternity. One of the last items of business was the usually routine resolutions that often commended retiring officers and thanked the hosts. The delegate from Gamma Pi Chapter, University of Rochester, after quietly consulting with some undergraduate and alumni delegates, proposed a resolution to delete certain items from the pledge report form that had to be submitted on every proposed pledge. It was proposed to delete the required photo, mention of race, religion, and family national descent. After some discussion as to whether the proposal constituted a recommendation or a mandate, it passed by a vote of 90 to 72 in the form of a mandate, which forced the removal of the items from the pledge form.<sup>27</sup>

Due to the widespread interest created by the Alpha Omega charter suspension, the Fraternity prepared a statement that was read to reporters by the newly-elected Grand Consul Bolon B. Turner at a press conference following the last business session. In part, the statement read:



Mary Jo Brazelton  
1965 International Sweetheart

"Much has been written and published relative to the suspension of the Sigma Chi Chapter at Stanford. The facts are that the chapter was suspended for a period of one year pursuant to the bylaws of the Fraternity for but one reason: a continued disregard of and actual opposition to the ritual requirements of the Fraternity. No issue as to membership or pledging to future membership was involved. The suspension was automatically subject to review by the biennial convention just concluded. The action of the Executive Committee has been reviewed, and after full hearing and consideration this suspension has been affirmed by vote of the delegates, both undergraduate and alumni."<sup>28</sup>

The portion of the statement claiming "No issue as to membership or pledging to future membership was involved" was categorically incorrect. The media was also notified of the appointment of a commission to find and recommend procedures whereby undergraduate chapters could continue to exist under mutually satisfactory relations at colleges and universities. Half of the commission members were to be undergraduates or recent graduates and the other half alumni.

A two-part thank you awaited retiring Grand Consul Wade at the Grand Chapter Banquet: an oil portrait from the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter for the Headquarters and a handcarved wooden replica of the Badge from the Denver alumni. The first chapters ever to receive the Peterson Significant Chapter Award, for the 1963-64 academic year, were Xi, DePauw University; Alpha Theta, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Epsilon Psi, Sam Houston State College.<sup>29</sup>

Significant Sig Brooks Hays delivered an entertaining message as the featured speaker at the banquet, while Significant Sig Don Wilson,



Some of the charter members of the Golden Anniversary Club were honored at the 1965 Grand Chapter. The group was formed to include Sigs who had been members for at least 50 years and who would contribute to the Foundation one dollar for each year they had worn the White Cross.

Colorado '23, announcer on the popular Jack Benny program, acted as the master of ceremonies. The International Sigmas chose Mrs. Gladys Thompson, of Los Angeles, as their new president.

At a special breakfast meeting of the Sigma Chi Foundation Board of Governors on the last day of Grand Chapter, the Foundation honored some of the charter members of a unique organization known as the Golden Anniversary Club. Founder of the club, Ferris C. Myers, Indiana '16, had approached the Foundation officers in 1964 with the idea of forming a group of Sigs who had been members for at least 50 years and who would contribute to the Foundation at least one dollar for each year they had worn the White Cross.

New inductees into the Order of Constantine for 1965 were: John W. Graham, Q.C.; Orwill V.W. Hawkins, Bucknell '13; Fred H. Heitzhausen, Nebraska & Oregon '17; Jay E. Minton, Missouri-Columbia '17; Dr. Malcolm E. Musser; Edward C. Stothart; and Henry A. Zimmerman.

The 55th Grand Chapter was planned and arranged by the Denver Grand Chapter Committee and its general chairman, Arthur B. Slack, Colorado College '17. Vice chairmen were Floyd Baker and former Executive Secretary J. Russell Easton, Iowa '23.<sup>30</sup>

At its meeting the day after the adjournment of Grand Chapter, the Executive Committee adopted undergraduate scholarship regulations authorized in general by the Grand Chapter. The regulations provided that an undergraduate whose academic average was below that required for graduation for two consecutive terms would lose the right of participation in chapter social and other events and meetings, and a pledge would be depleted.<sup>31</sup>

## SIGS IN THE NEWS

Louis B. Lundborg, Stanford '27, was named chairman of the Bank of America, then the world's largest.

M.J. Rathbone, Lehigh '21, retired as chairman of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, then the world's largest petroleum enterprise and one of the largest industrial firms in the United States.

Astronaut John Young orbited the earth three times in the Gemini spacecraft, one of the earliest U.S. manned space flights.

Hugh F. Owens, Illinois & Oklahoma '31, was named a commissioner of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Pete Elliott, Michigan '47, head football coach at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, led his team to victory in the 1964 Rose Bowl.

John Pont, Miami (Ohio) '52, was appointed head football coach at Indiana University.

Naval Commander Frank C. Fogarty, Montana '46, was serving as

commanding officer of the U.S.S. Nautilus, the world's first atomic powered vessel.

After winning two straight American Football League championships as head coach of the Buffalo Bills, Lou Saban, Indiana '44, became head coach at the University of Maryland.

## Chapter VI Notes and Comments

1. 1963 Grand Chapter transcript, pp. 393, 395, Headquarters archives. Wade's reference to "M-M-M" was to billboards that advertised the Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co., later known as 3M Corporation.

2. Harry V. Wade, Indianapolis, Indiana, personal interview with David A. Prichard, Illinois '75, on October 22, 1978, at the Woodstock Country Club in Indianapolis.

3. Ibid.

4. Cf. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Fall 1979, for more details about the life of Harry V. Wade.

5. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Winter 1963, pp. 17-22.

6. As outlined in chapter V, Beta Alpha was created by dividing the unique Beta Eta Chapter chartered at both Western Reserve University and neighboring Case Technical Institute.

7. "Phi Sigma Phi Petitions Sigma Chi," petitioning brochure, pp. 1-7, Headquarters archives, chapter files.

8. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Spring 1964, pp. 7, 8.

9. "Alpha Chi Alpha of East Texas State College Petitions Sigma Chi Fraternity," petitioning brochure, Headquarters archives, chapter files.

10. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Spring 1964, p. 8.

11. Ibid., p. 9.

12. The College Fraternity Secretaries Association was later renamed Fraternity Executives Association (FEA).

13. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Winter 1964, pp. 21-26.

14. Visitation Report on Nu Nu Chapter, Columbia University, New York, New York, September 25-27, 1963, Arthur A. Landry, Assistant Executive Secretary, Headquarters archives, chapter files. The report of Brother Landry and other correspondence document the lack of positive communication.

15. "Declaration of Nondiscriminatory Practices" and attached cover letter from Columbia University President Dr. Grayson Kirk, dated July 6, 1964, Headquarters archives, chapter files.

16. Letter from the officers of Nu Nu Chapter of Sigma Chi to Grand Consul Harry Wade, dated October 2, 1964, Headquarters archives, chapter files.

17. The former chapter continued to operate as Nu Sigma Chi local fraternity until it was re-installed in 1984 after successfully petitioning in 1983.

18. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Winter 1964, p. 5. Goldwater's defeat left Grover Cleveland, Michigan 1893, as the only Sigma Chi to ever occupy the White House. Because Cleveland, the last official honorary initiate of Sigma Chi, was initiated after he became president for a second term, Brother Goldwater held the distinction of having been the only Sig to be the Presidential nominee of one of the major political parties, as of 1988. See also *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Fall 1964, pp. 4-16, 51-54, for a description of Brother Goldwater and his campaign.

19. "Xi Omega Petitions Sigma Chi," petitioning brochure, pp. 4-6.



20. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Spring 1965, pp. 15, 16, by Jack Zayac, Pittsburg State '65.

21. Letter to the Active and Alumni Chapters and Associations of Sigma Chi, Harry V. Wade, Indianapolis, dated April 12, 1965, Headquarters archives, chapter files.

22. "Alpha Omega Correspondence, Oct. 15, 1962 - May 20, 1965," Headquarters archives, chapter files.

23. "Chi Sigma, University of California Santa Barbara Petitions Sigma Chi," petitioning brochure, pp. 4-6, Headquarters archives, chapter files.

24. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Summer 1965, p. 26, by Norm Poppen, California—Santa Barbara '67.

25. The 1956 resolution was stated in memorandum opinion and order from *Sigma Chi Fraternity v. The Regents of the University of Colorado*, August 31, 1966, Civil Action No. 9525, in U.S. District Court of Colorado.

26. According to the court memorandum opinion and order from *Sigma Chi Fraternity v. The Regents of the University of Colorado*, the small group of Beta Mu Chapter members present at the May 1965 regents meeting were instructed by the "national officers" not to speak. This silence by the undergraduates was significant because the regents used it in court to successfully defend the Fraternity's charge of "denial of due process." See chapter VII for an account of the court case.

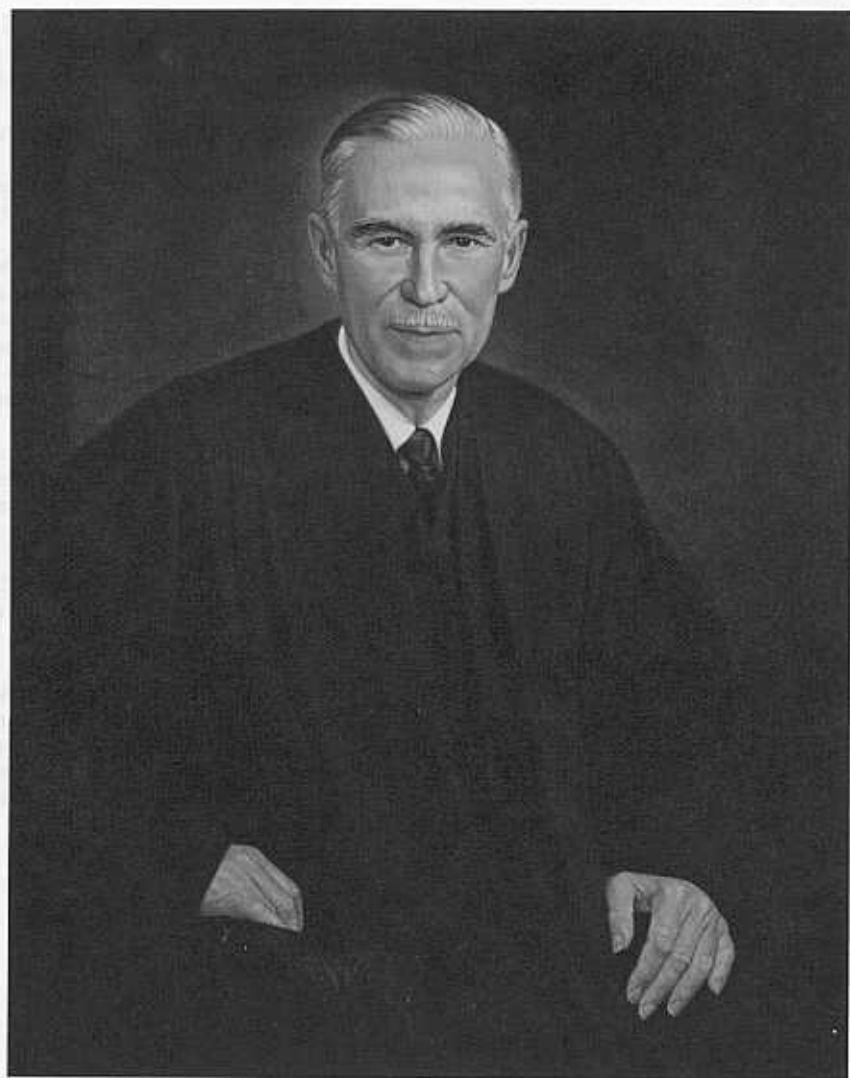
27. Although the Fraternity removed the required photo and designation of race and religion from the pledge form, a few Grand Council members continued to insist upon receiving this information from Grand Praetors, concerning men proposed by chapters in each Praetor's province.

28. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Summer 1965, pp. 20-21.

29. Because the Peterson Award applications were not due until the fall after the academic year covered by the award, making the presentations in a suitably-noticeable fashion was not possible until the following year.

30. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Summer 1965, pp. 10-23.

31. These scholarship regulations were not made a part of the Governing Laws when first adopted. They proved to be difficult to enforce or, in some cases, difficult to interpret, because many schools adopted less structured grading systems such as "pass-fail" courses or declined to reveal student grades to what they viewed as "off-campus" entities. When the Governing Laws were substantially streamlined in 1975, these regulations were not included.



Bolon B. Turner  
43rd Grand Consul

# Chapter VII

## Weathering the Storm

### 1965 to 1967

“Being old-fashioned and perhaps having outlived my usefulness, I will say, on penalty of being thought a reactionary right winger, that I am an American. I believe in the United States, I believe in the flag. Being a Christian, I confess I am one. So it is with our Fraternity. Our Fraternity has had 112 years of great history. It has enriched the lives of countless men. Untold men have loved it. I don’t want to be told how bad it is, because to me it is wonderful and glorious. I don’t want to be told I am a scoundrel if I don’t want to take everyone into it. I think its ideals are desperately needed in the lives of young people today.”

*Bolon B. Turner during the 1967 Grand Chapter, at the conclusion of his term as Grand Consul.<sup>1</sup>*

**T**HE PREVIOUS administration left the Fraternity in the most difficult situation in its history, internally and externally. The Fraternity was fortunate to be led during this controversial period by Hon. Bolon B. Turner. His long, detailed letters in response to the many aggressive inquiries about Fraternity membership selection issues subtly dampened many contentious situations. Three undergraduate chapters were lost as a direct result of the Fraternity’s restrictive membership selection procedures, while eight new chapters were installed. Sigma Chi moved into a new Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, the first to be built by the Fraternity.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF BOLON B. TURNER, 43rd GRAND CONSUL

Bolon B. Turner became Grand Consul after more than fifty years of faithful interest as an alumnus. Having held the positions of Grand Historian, Grand Tribune, and Grand Pro Consul, he was in close touch with every challenge of Fraternity administration. The success of the new administration was assured.

Turner was born in Pulaski County, Arkansas, on March 13, 1897. He was educated in the public schools of Pulaski County and Little Rock, the University of Arkansas, and George Washington University, receiving the degrees of A.B., L.L.B., and L.L.M.

He became a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, United States Army, in World War I. He served as a clerk of the Income Tax Unit of the Bureau



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of Internal Revenue from 1920 until 1922, and of the Rules and Regulations Unit of the Bureau from then until May of 1923. He was responsible for preparing opinions and interpreting income tax law in response to inquiries from the Bureau and the public. In 1923 he was engaged by the Department of the Treasury to help in the preparation of the Revenue Act of 1924 by making a study of problems and procedures in the Bureau, continuing work on the bill during consideration by the House and Senate, and drafting regulations under the act following passage. One of the outstanding administrative changes made by the Revenue Act of 1924 was the creation of the United States Board of Tax Appeals, which was organized by Charles D. Hamel, North Dakota '03.

In 1924 Turner was employed as an attorney by the United States Board of Tax Appeals, assisting in its organization. He later became a member of the law firm of Gates and Turner, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was associated in the practice of law with Mr. David A. Gates, former Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the United States, and later Commissioner of Revenue for the State of Arkansas.

During 1929 he organized the Income Tax Department of the State of Arkansas. From early 1928 until early 1933, he was a member of the law firm Hays and Turner, specializing in Federal and State tax matters in partnership with Brother L. Brooks Hays, who later compiled a distinguished record as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. He then served as an attorney in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, after which he was appointed a Judge of the Tax Court of the United States, then known as the United States Board of Tax Appeals. He served as Chief Judge from 1945 to 1949. He served the Tax Court on a semi-retired status from 1962 until well into the 1980s. He was a member of the Arkansas, American, and District of Columbia Bar Associations. He also was admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States and the United States Court of Claims.<sup>2</sup>

Judge Turner had labored long and hard in the Sigma Chi vineyard. The onetime Epsilon Chapter Consul and Quaestor was a delegate at almost every Grand Chapter from 1923 until 1979. As an attorney his professional talents were called upon repeatedly as a member of the Constitution and Statutes Committee, beginning at the 1927 Grand Chapter in Louisville, Kentucky. He played a major role in the fund raising and dedication of the monuments at the graves of the Seven Founders.

In 1935 he was elected to his first General Fraternity office, having earlier been appointed Grand Praetor of what became known as the Eastern Province. He served in that capacity for two years. He was elected Grand Historian in 1949, an office he held until 1955, when he urged the nominating committee at the Centennial Grand Chapter to endorse Robert M. Collett for the office.

He subsequently was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees, on which he served until his election as Grand Pro Consul by the Houston Grand Chapter in 1963. Two years later at the Denver Grand Chapter, he was unanimously elected Sigma Chi's 43rd Grand Consul, which automatically made him chairman of the Fraternity Executive Committee and ex officio president of the Sigma Chi Corporation. He also was a member of the Board of Governors of the Sigma Chi Foundation for many years.

Other highlights of his Sigma Chi career include selection as a charter member of the Order of Constantine in 1948, initiation of the project that led to the publication of "The Centennial History of Sigma Chi," which was distributed free to registrants at the 1955 Centennial Grand Chapter, and distinguished service as chairman of the vital committee on Standards for Membership from 1960 to 1963. Life Member Turner had several Sigma Chis in his family: John F. Wells, Arkansas '25, his brother-in-law, and cousins Worthy O. Turner and John G. Turner, both George Washington '38.<sup>3</sup>

In contrast to his outspoken predecessor, Harry Wade, Bolon Turner created a far more reserved and methodical demeanor for the Fraternity and for the office of Grand Consul. Following the suspension of Alpha Omega Chapter at Stanford, the Fraternity was under public scrutiny by educators and the press. Turner recalled: "I could have wished that my predecessor hadn't written some letters that he had when he was Grand Consul. Harry was a demon letter writer, very articulate, and I inherited the Stanford situation from him. The press was there in droves waiting."<sup>4</sup> At the end of his term, Turner said:

"Although apparently small (in number), there are some deans and faculty groups who, beyond doubt, are working in concert against Sigma Chi as the special target; at least that is the conclusion to be drawn from their newspaper campaigns. They are also undertaking by such tactics to force the deans in other schools where we have chapters into action against us. They are in unison, that small circle, deliberately working to put the pressures on schools which have no quarrel, no criticism of Sigma Chi's practices and operations, to try to pull them into line against us. And my message here and in closing my term as Grand Consul is my hope and prayer that we weather through this storm."<sup>5</sup>

The demanding inquiries of the press and letters from campus administrators regarding the membership issue were met with his methodical, often voluminous replies that in no small way succeeded in deferring, and sometimes diffusing much controversy. Brother Turner consumed nearly his entire term of office by writing letters and holding the line for Sigma Chi.

He was supportive of his Epsilon Chapter at George Washington, and was a member and president of the Order of Constantine. He was known for lengthy dissertations in reports, and the humorous "down home" stories he used to make a point.

## **FRATERNITY FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST COLORADO REGENTS**

On August 24, 1965, the Executive Committee authorized Denver attorney Fred Winner to begin legal proceedings on behalf of the Fraternity against the regents of the University of Colorado. The lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court in Denver, was the first by a fraternity against a university to protect its rights on campus.

The suit contended that the regents took inappropriate action against the Beta Mu Chapter because of what they believed had happened on another campus, that the chapter was denied due process of law, and that the fraternity's rights as a private association had been violated. The regents had acted against the Colorado chapter as a result of the suspension of Alpha Omega Chapter at Stanford University.

## **EIGHTEENTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP BALL STATE UNIVERSITY - 1965**

The 1965 Leadership Training Workshop, held August 27-30, on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, was notable for a re-emphasis of the Ritual, an expanded emphasis on rushing, and informal group singing. The total Workshop attendance was 680.

Much of the Ritual program was led by Illinois-Wisconsin Grand Praetor Edward M. King, and Leadership Training Board and Executive Committee member Dr. Charles M. Thatcher. Emphasizing that the Ritual is often a secret to the members, and that the Initiation is much more than a ceremony for creating new members, the Workshop discussed the key elements of the heart of the Fraternity. The Underclass Division program was devoted to rushing, more than in previous years, pointing toward the immediate goal that most chapters actively pursue upon returning home.

The Workshop benefited from the expertise of two Sigma Chis in the forefront of the Ball State staff: Conference Director William H. Odell, Denison & Ball State '60, and Student Center Director Robert F. Kershaw, Butler & Michigan State '41. The keynote message was presented by 1951 Balfour Award winner Donn B. Miller, Ohio Wesleyan '51, a Los Angeles attorney who was active on the Leadership Training Board in the Workshop's formative years.

On Saturday evening members of the Workshop chapter gathered for a formal chapter meeting exemplification, led by Grand Praetor Murray K. McComas, acting Consul Arnie Brodie, Colorado State '65, and host Indiana Grand Praetor Robert E. Long. The annual message on the work of the Sigma Chi Foundation and its support of the Workshop was presented by two undergraduate chapter officers, J. Mike Bausch, Western Ontario '66, and Bruce Newell, Illinois '66, both associate members



A Consuls discussion group at the 1965 Workshop.

of the Magisters faculty. Workshop associate faculty members were part of an experimental program to involve undergraduate and recent graduates as new members of the Workshop faculty.

A special morning worship service for the visiting Sigs by neighboring First Presbyterian Church proved to be an inspiring highlight of the program. The Minister, Dr. L.W. Gishler, made the delegates feel welcome and enlightened with a special message related to leadership and conduct. He designated the Sigma Chi offering for one of the church mission programs. Sunday evening, Grand Consul Bolon B. Turner spoke to delegates on the state of Sigma Chi and their responsibilities in the Fraternity.

The main speaker at the final banquet, Past Grand Consul Harry Wade, cut short his remarks to assure that the banquet would end on time. He delivered a brief but inspiring message, urging the delegates to "pump their red, life-blood into Sigma Chi and the operation of their chapters in the coming year." Delegates then moved to the John R. Emens Auditorium for the Ritual exemplification directed by Tom Bottono and Tom Turk. The exemplary performance was enhanced by the mutual renewing of obligations of the entire Workshop membership.<sup>6</sup>

## **INSTALLATION OF ZETA LAMBDA CHAPTER KENT STATE UNIVERSITY SEPTEMBER 26, 1965**

At the time of the Installation of Zeta Lambda Chapter, the population of Kent, Ohio, was approximately 25,000. On May 19, 1910, Ohio Governor Judson Harmon signed into law a bill creating a normal school in northeastern Ohio. Founded on an 85-acre farm tract donated to the state as a campus site by William Stuart Kent, the school evolved into what is today Kent State University. In 1911 legislative appropriations made possible the construction of two buildings on the Kent campus, an administration building and a residence hall for women. Governor Harmon then appointed a board of trustees who selected Dr.



John Edward McGilvrey as the school's first president. Dr. McGilvrey, determined to begin the preparation of teachers at once, did not wait for completion of the buildings. Instead he quickly embarked upon a plan to "take the school to the students."

By 1912, four instructors had been hired, a catalog was distributed, and 29 classes had been organized with 849 students enrolled. The college initially offered a two-year course for elementary teachers. The original intent, however, as stated in the first catalog, was to make Kent a four-year institution for the training of high school instructors and administrators as well as elementary teachers. In 1915 the board of trustees agreed to change the name of the school to Kent State Normal College. The following month, the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education was conferred upon 10 candidates. Twenty years of building and recruiting followed. Finally, in 1935 Governor Martin L. Davey signed the bill that changed Kent State Normal College into Kent State University, authorized the establishment of a graduate program leading to the Master of Arts degree and created the College of Business Administration. With the securing of university status came considerable change. The quarter system was re-established after nine years of semesters, and the teaching of the arts was becoming more predominant.

At the time of the installation of Zeta Lambda Chapter, enrollment at the university was 11,440. Major fraternities began establishing chapters following 1948. In 1965 nineteen fraternities were active on the campus.

In the midst of growth, tragedy occurred at Kent State on May 4, 1970. Four students were shot on the campus by U.S. National Guard troops during a Vietnam war protest. As a memorial to the students who lost their lives, the Center for Peaceful Change was established in May of 1971. The Center provides a program of study, research, and service activities, focusing on the dynamics of change in human systems.<sup>7</sup>

The local fraternity Chi Sigma was founded during February of 1962, through the combined efforts of the Akron Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi, Ohio Grand Praetor Fred Cox, various Sig University faculty members, and four interested undergraduate men. Under the guidance of William Weidner, Bowling Green '49, and Dr. Donald Baker, Bowling Green & Ohio State '54, this small group built the foundation



Kent State University Library.

of the local fraternity, which was established on the principles of scholarship, loyalty to God and country, integrity, and brotherhood among men. From this humble beginning, Chi Sigma grew in size and stature until it had a membership of 57 men, and was rated as one of the top fraternities on campus. From its establishment, the group was a leader in scholarship among the 18 fraternities at Kent. For two years the group won the annual I.F.C. Scholarship Trophy. To instill the need for scholarship among the fraternity pledge classes on campus, Chi Sigma sponsored a rotating scholarship trophy that was presented to the pledge class earning the highest grade point average at the end of every quarter.

The Chi Sigma house was leased and operated by the Chi Sigma House Corporation, composed of members of the Akron Alumni Chapter and the chapter president. Twenty-three men lived in their first home, and many ate their meals there. Grand Praetor Cox circulated information to support the efforts of Chi Sigma, which provided early and unanimous support of the petitioning group by chapters in the province. Past Grand Trustee Paul H. Kaufman made the official investigation visit in March 1965, and the chartering process moved quickly thereafter.

When voting on the petition closed, classes had ended for the Spring quarter, but a few members attending summer school received a telegram informing them of their acceptance. In the next few days these men were deluged with phone calls from other Chi Sigmas wanting to know the outcome of the vote. The group had to wait out the summer for the installation week to begin.

On September 18, Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder and Assistant Executive Secretaries Richard Mayoh and Steve Jensen conducted the official pledging ceremonies and guided the group through the inspiration week. They were assisted in the installation ceremonies by the Delta Kappa Chapter, Bowling Green University, and other Sigs from



The Zeta Lambda Installation banquet at Kent State.

Beta Eta Chapter, Case Tech; Beta Alpha Chapter, Western Reserve; and chapters of the Southern Ohio Province.

On September 26, the ceremonies culminated with a dinner in honor of the 42 charter members in the banquet room of the Student Union. The banquet was emceed by Northern Ohio Province Grand Praetor Evan Brewster. Highlights of the banquet included an address by Ohio Supreme Court Justice James F. Bell, DePauw '36; remarks by University President Robert I. White and Akron Alumni President Robert E. Benson, Miami (Ohio) '48; and presentation of the charter by Chief Installing Officer and Foundation Board of Governors member W.B. "Bish" McIntosh, Penn '16, to Consul William L. Sargeant.

The formal program was followed by a medley of Sigma Chi songs from the brothers of Zeta Lambda. As a finale, the entire brotherhood present joined in the singing of "Then Here's to Our Fraternity."<sup>8</sup>



Chief Installing Officer and Foundation Board member W.B. "Bish" McIntosh presented the Zeta Lambda charter to Consul William L. Sargeant.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA MU CHAPTER WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE DECEMBER 11, 1965**

At the time of the Installation of Zeta Mu Chapter, the population of Bowling Green, Kentucky, was approximately 32,000. The college was established as Western Kentucky State Normal School in 1906, although its origins date to the organization of Glasgow Normal School in 1875. The Pleasant J. Potter College for Young Ladies, which opened in 1889 with a liberal arts and business curriculum, became a part of Western Kentucky Normal School in 1909. The name was changed to Western Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College in 1922, and the first baccalaureate degree was issued in 1924. Ogden College, founded in 1877 as a predominantly liberal arts college for men, became a part of Western Kentucky in 1928. The name was again changed to Western Kentucky State Teachers College in 1930, to Western Kentucky State College in 1948, and to Western Kentucky University in 1966.



Cherry Hall, a landmark of the Western Kentucky State College campus.

Enrollment in 1965 was 3,959 men and 2,846 women. There were eleven fraternities and six sororities organized by that time. The local fraternity Sigma Phi Alpha was founded in 1958 and immediately assumed an active role in campus leadership. Members of the group served as president of the junior and senior classes, and the interfrater-

nity council. At the time of the installation, alumni members of the local numbered more than 120.

Zeta Mu Chapter officially received its charter at 10:34 p.m., December 11, 1965. This one moment represented the combined efforts of 146 men working together for seven and a half years. This dream originated with four men who felt the existing organizations lacked some of the principles that they felt should characterize a fraternity. They organized the local, Sigma Phi Alpha, incorporating the specific purpose of affiliation with a "national" fraternity. Twenty-one men signed the local group charter on March 17, 1958. The original group grew to 55 by the time Zeta Mu was chartered.

The men constantly pursued an active role on campus and established an enviable record among the campus fraternities. In March of 1964, the local received word that it had been given permission to petition Sigma Chi. That summer, delegates were sent to the Leadership Training Workshop. After attending the Workshop, the group was granted permission to use "The Norman Shield" in pledge training.

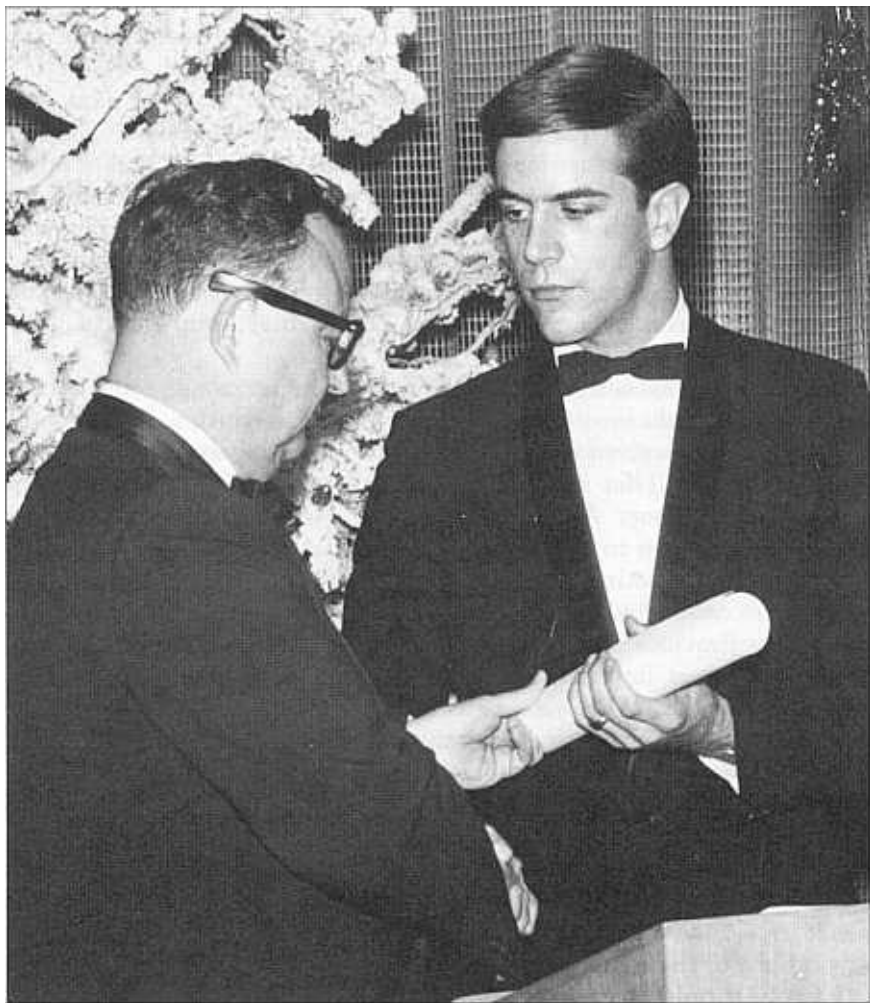
Numerous meetings were held with Sigma Chis in the area, and visits were conducted to the undergraduate chapters in the Kentucky-Tennessee Province. In addition, many visits were made by Sigma Chis. One of the most important visits was made by Executive Committee member Norman C. Brewer Jr., who became chief installing officer for the group. John D. Peterson, Indiana '55, son of Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, made the official investigation at the Western campus. After the visit, with the assistance of Grand Praetor Charles A. Cissell, the petitioning process moved rapidly.

With the call for a vote in the spring, informational brochures were mailed to undergraduate and alumni chapters. Just one week before school was out for the summer, news was received that the vote was favorable and the installation would be in the fall.

On September 16, Assistant Executive Secretary Bill Haman and Grand Praetor Cissell conducted the official pledging ceremony. Included in the initial pledging class were Assistant to the Dean of Students Jack Sagabiel, and Dr. Carl Kreisler, head of the secondary education department at the college, who were alumni members of the local. Bill Haman, Bob McDonald, and Steve Jensen of the Headquarters Staff conducted the Indoctrination Week.

The Installation banquet was held at the Bowling Green Country Club. Highlights of the banquet included addresses by Dean of Students Charles Keown, Grand Consul Bolon B. Turner, Norman C. Brewer, George H. Cate Jr., Vice Mayor of Nashville, and the 1949 International Balfour Award winner. Zeta Mu Consul Rick McLallen presented Judge Brewer with a Kentucky Colonel certificate, for his outstanding work for Sigma Chi in Kentucky.

The installation Ritual was conducted by Sigs from Epsilon Tau, Murray State; Lambda Lambda, Kentucky; Zeta Zeta, Centre; Alpha



Chief Installing Officer and Executive Committee member Norman C. Brewer Jr. presented Zeta Mu charter to Consul Rick McLallen.

Psi, Vanderbilt; Beta Sigma, Tennessee; Delta Theta, Chattanooga, and alumni from the Bowling Green area.<sup>9</sup>

## THE LOSS OF BETA NU CHAPTER

As early as 1954 the administration of Brown University, under the leadership of President Barnaby Keeney, North Carolina '36, had taken a strong stand against restrictive membership clauses in student organization constitutions. The university construed various provisions of the Sigma Chi Constitution and Statutes as permitting wrongful discriminatory practices.

On October 15, 1965, the university gave the Beta Nu Chapter of Sigma Chi until January 29, 1966, to make the necessary changes that would make it a local fraternity on the Brown campus. One last pledge class was initiated, and on December 14, 1965, by unanimous vote the chapter returned its charter to the General Fraternity. Action by the university against the chapter had been complicated and accelerated by the Fraternity suspension of Alpha Omega Chapter at Stanford University in April of 1965.

The men organized themselves into a local fraternity under the name Swyndlestock. The new fraternity was remarkable in its organization, having fully developed fundamentals, symbolism and ideals. The chapter had parted from the Fraternity having no small measure of loyalty to the ideals of Sigma Chi. The high character of Swyndlestock is a worthy tribute to the men who founded it, as well as a clear indication of the dark tragedy that their separation was to Sigma Chi.<sup>10</sup> In April, 1973, the charter of Beta Nu Chapter was returned to active status.

### **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA NU CHAPTER WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY JANUARY 16, 1966**

At the time of the founding of Zeta Nu Chapter, Kalamazoo, Michigan, was a city of about 200,000 people. The college was established as Western State Normal School in 1903, offering two years of teacher training to an initial enrollment of 107. Instruction began in 1904, and the first four-year bachelors degrees were conferred in 1918. The name was changed to Western State Teachers College in 1927, to Western Michigan College of Education in 1941, to Western Michigan College in 1955, and to Western Michigan University in 1957. The first graduate courses were offered in 1939.

At the time of the founding of Zeta Nu Chapter, there were 16 fraternities at the university. In the latter part of May of 1962, a group of men met with the common purpose and interest of founding a social fraternity, with the goal of becoming recognized by an international fraternity. Most of the local founders—Wayne Dudek, Jim Piotter, George Iler, Wyatt Neil, Jerry Gephart and Harry Ernzer—were residents of Bigelow Hall. The name Sigma Delta was adopted by the group, and a committee was selected to draft a constitution during the summer recess of 1962. The founders of Sigma Delta saw the need for a new fraternity at Western that emphasized the betterment of the individual and contribution to the university and the community. Sigma Delta met during September of 1962 and elected its first officers: President Denny Reno, Vice President Vic Bella, Secretary Wyatt Neil, and Treasurer Harry Ernzer. Soon after organizing the group, the men began a close investigation of major fraternities. The unanimous choice was Sigma Chi.



The Administration Building at Western Michigan.

They made contact with the Kalamazoo Alumni Chapter to determine the course of action for affiliation. Only after the local had proved itself did the alumni offer their unreserved support.

Early on the group sought the assistance of Edward L. Ihling, Northwestern '48, who became a tireless worker in coordinating the petition for a charter and in loyal service as the Chapter Advisor over a period of many years. He also served as president of the Kalamazoo Alumni Chapter and received the outstanding Chapter Advisor Award in 1974. President of Ihling Bros.-Everard Co., the official manufacturer of Sigma Chi regalia since 1909, he was named a Significant Sig in 1983.

In the fall of 1963, new impetus was added when Paul H. Todd, Michigan & Georgia Tech '02, a distinguished citizen of Kalamazoo, provided the men with an opportunity to move into an ideal fraternity house. Many hours of hard work were needed to transform a former hospital into comfortable quarters, but the Sigma Delta house was the envy of every fraternity on campus. Having more than 40 rooms, a separate guest house, and 40 acres of land rapidly brought attention to the new local.

The accomplishments of Sigma Delta were notable in every phase of campus life. Sincerely pursuing the goals of service and dedication, the men created a proud past and a bright future. Sigma Delta claimed more campus leaders among its members than any other organization at Western. At an early date the men created all of the essentials of a college fraternity for their group, including ritual, ceremonies, and insignia.

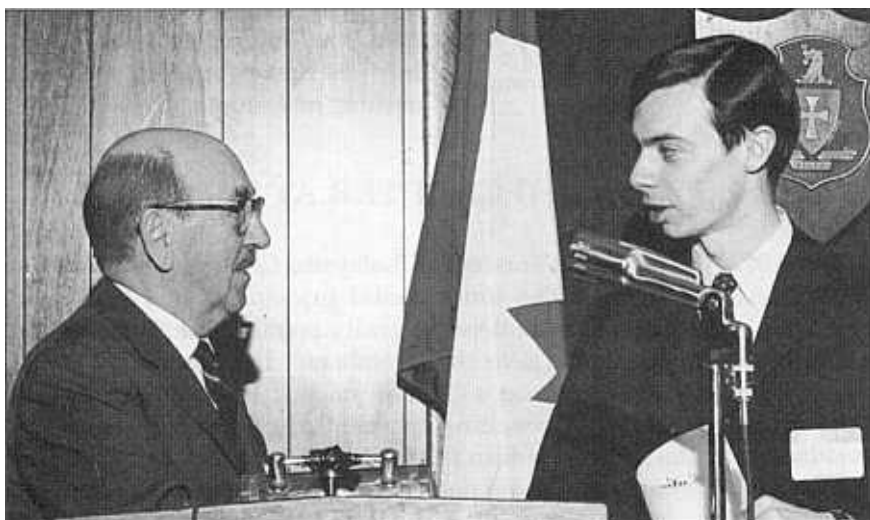
Having 35 men, Sigma Delta was officially recognized by the interfraternity council on October 25, 1962. The Student Activities Commit-



tee gave Sigma Delta final approval on November 11, 1962. Sigma Delta held its first rush in the spring semester of 1963.

The young, local fraternity's goal demanded three and a half years of hard and rewarding work. The brothers were the prime organizers of the 1964 and 1965 Miss Western Michigan University Pageants, the latter of which selected the eventual winner of the Miss Michigan Pageant. The 1965 Homecoming festivities were in large part developed and coordinated by Sigma Deltas. Members held numerous student offices, including president of the University Student Center Board. Scholastic distinction was evident in the fall of 1965 when they won trophies for highest active and highest overall fraternity grade point average. Sports also had enthusiastic participation. Sigma Delta grew in size to 64 members, and its association with Sigma Chi grew. Visitations by Michigan Province Grand Praetor Harry L. Hallock and by Assistant Executive Secretary Robert F. Wright were made to Kalamazoo on several occasions during the 1963-64 school year. Similar visits were made by Detroit and Lansing Alumni Chapters. All Michigan active Sigma Chi chapters were visited by brothers of Sigma Delta.

Following a favorable vote by the undergraduate and alumni chapters, on November 20, 1965, Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder visited Sigma Delta, met with officials of Western, and conducted a pledging ceremony. During and after the Christmas holidays the men concentrated on study of "The Norman Shield" in preparation for the pledge examination. Yoder and Assistant Executive Secretaries Dick Mayoh



Grand Trustee and Chief Installing Officer Gilbert T. Jerome presented the Zeta Nu charter to Consul Ken Bracken.

and Bill Haman arrived in Kalamazoo January 9 to give the pledge exam and begin the activities of Indoctrination Week. The final ceremonies of Initiation were held on January 15 and 16, 1965, with Gamma Psi Chapter, Michigan State University, acting as the installing chapter. Assisting them were brothers from Theta Theta Chapter, Michigan; Alpha Pi Chapter, Albion; and Zeta Theta Chapter, General Motors Institute.

The Installation banquet was held at the Harris Motor Inn in Kalamazoo. The occasion was presided over by Chief Installing Officer and Grand Trustee Gilbert T. Jerome, who presented the Zeta Nu Charter to Consul Ken Bracken. Master of ceremonies duties were carried out by Grand Praetor Harry Hallock. Grand Consul Bolon B. Turner, from Washington, D.C., charged the new chapter to bring honor to the name of Sigma Chi.



Michigan head football coach Chalmers "Bump" Elliot gave the main address at the Western Michigan Installation.

Chalmers "Bump" Elliot, Purdue and Michigan '41, head football coach of the University of Michigan, gave the installation address. Dr. James W. Miller, President of Western Michigan University, addressed the gathering, which included numerous deans and their assistants, as well as presidents of the interfraternity and panhellenic councils. Grand Consul's Citations were awarded to Ed Ihling, Paul Todd, Jack Cooper, Baker Alexander, Robert Garfield, and John Coombs. Zeta Nu held its first chapter meeting the evening of January 16, 1966.<sup>11</sup>

## THE LOSS OF PHI CHAPTER AT LAFAYETTE

In 1962, the Board of Trustees of Lafayette College had adopted a resolution that stated: "The fundamental principle which the Board supports is that Lafayette College fraternity members shall have complete freedom of choice in selecting members." During the 1965-1966 academic year there had been a certain amount of frustration by the men of Phi Chapter in reconciling the existing membership selection regulations of the Fraternity with the Board of Trustees resolution. The Fraternity policy at the time did not allow complete freedom in selecting members.

In late winter of 1965, there had been a misunderstanding between the chapter and the General Fraternity regarding the approval of a

pledge for initiation. At that time, approval of each chapter's proposed initiate was subject to the blessing of the entire Grand Council. Approval of one pledge at Lafayette was withheld because he was "not personally acceptable to all brothers and chapters." The denial came from one member of the Grand Council, who gave "social acceptability" as his reason.<sup>12</sup> The individual in question was a sophomore biology major who was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, of Korean descent. The Phi men were surprised by the disapproval because many men of Asian ancestry had been initiated.

The Lafayette Board of Trustees became aware of the incident and threatened to bar Sigma Chi from campus if the man was not initiated. The chapter sent a newsletter to each of the undergraduate chapters informing them of the situation, in the hope that possibly other chapters would sympathize with their situation and exert some pressure within the Fraternity to prompt changes.<sup>13</sup>

The alumni and undergraduates of Phi believed that the best solution would be the withdrawal of the chapter from affiliation with the General Fraternity. The alumni supported the undergraduates in their desire to continue as a local organization, Sigma Phi Chi. On February 15, 1966 Consul Anthony Savitsky, Lafayette '67, sent a letter to the General Fraternity advising of the voluntary surrender of the charter because of differences with the Grand Council. His letter stated in part:

Phi Chapter and its alumni have deeply cherished their affiliation with the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and we greatly regret that we must take this action after almost one hundred years of loyal association. Had the circumstances leading to this action permitted, we would have preferred to continue our efforts to solve our differences from within the Fraternity. If these differences are subsequently eliminated by future action of the Grand Council, we would sincerely welcome the return of our charter and renewal of our kinship with the Sigma Chi Fraternity.<sup>14</sup>

The charter was declared inactive at the January 21, 1967, meeting of the Executive Committee. If Phi had continued just a few more months, until May 17, 1967, it would have celebrated its 100th anniversary. Sigma Chi returned to Lafayette College on April 24, 1982.

### **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA XI CHAPTER SAN FERNANDO VALLEY STATE COLLEGE APRIL 3, 1966**

Northridge, California, in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, had a surrounding population of approximately 1.75 million at the time of the installation of Zeta Xi Chapter. The college was established as San Fernando Valley Campus of Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences in 1956. The first four-year degrees were offered in 1957, and it was chartered as a separate institution under the name San Fernando State College in 1958. In 1972 the name was changed to Califor-



The Administration Building of San Fernando Valley State College.

nia State University, Northridge. At the time of the installation, fraternal organizations on campus included chapters or colonies of Delta Upsilon, Zeta Beta Tau, and Phi Sigma Kappa. In addition, there were seven sororities.

The history of the brotherhood of Beta Sigma Pi began when a group of five men met in September of 1958 in the temporary cafeteria at the new college and laid the foundation on which a new local fraternity would be built. Four of the five founders had previously attended Los Angeles Valley Junior College, but their backgrounds exhibited a distinct variety of interests.

The four were members of rival Greek organizations competing actively in student government at L.A. Valley. The fifth member of the group, Al Soss, was a transfer student from Santa Barbara City College. The former L.A. Valley rivals were Ross Figgins, Mike Traxler, Jerry Lynch and Tom Rogers. Figgins was men students' president at L.A. Valley, while Traxler was student body president. As president of the Ski Club, Lynch became acquainted with Rogers, a former ski instructor, yell leader and veteran of the Korean conflict. Soss was a varsity football player at the University of California at Santa Barbara, and had also studied at U.C.L.A. and Occidental College. That fall, Figgins, Traxler and Lynch registered for fraternity rush, but Soss and Rogers were indifferent to the young Greek organizations. Soss and Rogers were soon joined by the other three in their indifference to fraternal life. After attending rush functions of the two existing fraternities, both chartered in the spring of 1957, Figgins, Traxler and Lynch agreed that those groups lacked organization, goals, and close brotherhood.

Soss joined the foursome as they began to discuss the situation. When all five met for the first time they initially discussed the fraternal situation with the idea that they would all pledge the same group and reorganize it to match their goals and ideals. After further deliberation the concept of starting a new fraternity seemed appealing. The group

gained official recognition from the college, developed a constitution, ritual, and pledge manual, and designed a badge and coat of arms. In late spring of 1963, the group obtained the lease to a two-story house on property condemned for future expansion of the college. It was the first on-campus fraternity house. The brotherhood remained there for nearly two years before finding new quarters.

Even before the matter was voted on in early 1962, individual members believed that Sigma Chi was the fraternity to be affiliated with. The ideals and standards of Beta Sigma Pi met those of Sigma Chi. During the 1962-63 academic year, Beta Sigma Pi was fortunate to gain the assistance of David Erwin, Cal.-Los Angeles '62, who became faculty advisor, and Tom Tucker, Arizona State & Cal.-Los Angeles '61, a student at San Fernando Valley State. Beta Sigma Pi later was advised by Professor J.F. McRaith, Iowa '40. The group also gained invaluable support from the San Fernando Valley Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi, which was formed in 1963 with the aid of David Erwin and Ken Graves, a past president of Beta Sigma Pi.

By the time of the Installation, more than 200 men had been initiated in Beta Sigma Pi. The group occupied a house with seven bedrooms; living, dining and study rooms; a swimming pool; cabana; and a large kitchen. The house had slept eighteen men, with additional sleeping facilities for pledges. The members boasted many individual honors, including virtually every student government post, from student body president to intramural sports championships, intercollegiate athletic honors and the highest overall scholastic average among the eight fraternities on campus.

On February 5, 1966, the group was officially notified that their petition had been acted on favorably. On February 20 the brothers were formally pledged to Sigma Chi. Initiation week began on March 28, and concluded with ceremonies at the Northridge chapter house and Glendale Masonic Temple.

On the evening of April 3, a crowd of 300 jammed the banquet room of the Nob Hill Restaurant in Panorama City to attend the Installation banquet of the 140th chapter of Sigma Chi. The new initiates were treated to an inspiring event attended by Significant Sigs, Sigma Chi officers, local Sigma Chis, parents and friends of the initiates. Significant Sig Don Wilson, Colorado '23, longtime announcer and sidekick of Jack Benny of radio and television fame, was master of ceremonies. Among the guest speakers was the chief installing officer, Order of Constantine Sig Craig Nason. Past Grand Consul Stanley N. Barnes spoke about the ideals and responsibilities of being a Sigma Chi.

Other special guests and speakers were: Grand Trustee L.R. Gardner; Grand Praetor of the Southern California-Arizona Province, Dr. Jerry Wulk; Grand Praetor of the Northwestern Province, Robert E. Joseph Jr.; Order of Constantine Sig Sedley Peck; Significant Sig Regis Toomey; Executive Secretary William T. Bringham; Dean of Students



Grand Trustee Craig Nason presented the Zeta Xi charter to Consul Jim Hoxworth as Past Grand Consul Stanley N. Barnes, left, and Significant Sig Don Wilson applaud.

John T. Palmer; Faculty Advisor Dr. James F. McRaith; Ritual Director Thomas L. Bottone; Leadership Training Administrator Fred Yoder; Chapter Advisor Gary Johnson; and the San Fernando Valley Alumni Chapter President, Ted Hollander.

The charter was presented to Jim Hoxworth by his longtime friend, Chief Installing Officer Nason. The Banquet ended with the singing of "The Cross Song" by the brothers of Zeta Xi Chapter.<sup>15</sup>

## ALPHA OMEGA REINSTATED, SUSPENDED

After suspending the Alpha Omega Chapter at Stanford University for one year, in April of 1965, the Executive Committee at its April 1966 meeting, reinstated the chapter. On November 10, 1966, Brock Gowdy, Stanford '67, Consul of Alpha Omega Chapter, announced at an alumni meeting in Los Angeles, "(Members of Alpha Omega) feel that we must disaffiliate ourselves from Sigma Chi Fraternity." In a lengthy statement, which representatives of the chapter also released to the news media, he said that "the National's current membership policies have continued to be our major area of conflict with Sigma Chi."<sup>16</sup>

The Executive Committee, at its subsequent meeting on January 21, 1967, revoked the Alpha Omega charter. The crisis, together with the surrounding publicity, caused problems for many undergraduate chapters and effectively made the membership question the overriding problem for the Fraternity until its resolution in 1970.

## FRATERNITY MOVES TO NEW HEADQUARTERS

On June 23, 1966, the Fraternity Headquarters moved from the mansion at 2603 Sheridan Road in Evanston, Illinois, to a new, 10,000 square foot building at 1714 Hinman Avenue in Evanston. The new structure was the first Headquarters building built by the Fraternity. Owned by the Sigma Chi Foundation, the new building and land was exempt from property taxes.

## COLORADO LAWSUIT ENDS UNFAVORABLY

On August 31, 1966, the U.S. District Court in Denver issued a ruling on the lawsuit brought by the Fraternity against the regents of the University of Colorado. The Fraternity was defeated on all contentions in the suit. The three-judge court found that the regents did have the authority to impose regulations upon students and student organizations. The court opinion cited cases where college officials abolished fraternities entirely. The university-imposed probation on Beta Mu Chapter at the Colorado campus resulted in a decrease from 60 members in the spring of 1965 to less than 30 by the fall of 1966. Beta Mu managed to continue as a chapter of Sigma Chi until 1971, when declining membership and other problems forced it to become inactive until 1981.

## CHANGES IN FRATERNITY LEADERSHIP

After serving as Grand Tribune for an unprecedented 18 years, Rear Admiral Robert D. Workman resigned from the office in July of 1966. He was U.S. Navy Chief of Chaplains, a member of the Order of Constantine and a Significant Sig. The Rev. Logan Bruce, Duke '50, was appointed as his successor.

New members of the General Headquarters staff during the summer of 1966 were Assistant Executive Secretary Michael D. Sermersheim, San Diego State '65, and Alumni Administrator Henry Zimmerman, also Grand Praetor of the Western New York Province, who conducted his duties from his Geneva, N.Y. home.

Newly-appointed to the Leadership Training Board were Marvin D. "Swede" Johnson, Arizona '50, and Edward M. King.

On August 23, 1966, 40th Grand Consul and longtime Sigma Chi Foundation officer Richard S. Doyle, passed into the Chapter Eternal after more than 45 years of service to the Fraternity.



Richard S. Doyle  
Past Grand Consul

## NINETEENTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY - 1966



A discussion group at the 1966 Workshop.

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Ten Leadership Training Board members, headed by Chairman and Grand Pro Consul Floyd R. Baker, directed the efforts of 62 faculty members. Headquarters staff members, coordinated by Leadership Training Administrator Fred Yoder, supervised Workshop administrative and personnel details, aided by host chapter Beta Tau.



Mealtime at the 1966 Workshop.

Morgan, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the university.

Bill Neher, Butler '66, Indiana Province Award winner, was honored with the 1966 International Balfour Award. He and his new bride changed their honeymoon plans so he could attend Workshop for the presentation and work with the Consuls faculty. The 1959 International Balfour Award winner, Jon M. Huntsman, vice president of Olson Brothers food processing company in Los Angeles, delivered the keynote message.

Executive Committee member Norman C. Brewer Jr. and Grand Tribune Logan Bruce led delegates in a memorial service in memory of

The first Workshop held west of the Mississippi River, the 1966 Workshop set new attendance records when a total of 763 Sigma Chis and guests made the trip to Fort Collins, Colorado. Innovations included the Workshop daily newsletter, and the Ritual Exemption being performed on the opening night rather than at the

The Workshop program emphasized the Ritual and Initiation as the beginning of a lifelong college and alumni experience and a set of values for life. Leadership Training Board member and Bradley University Dean of Men, Brother Edward M. King, presented a lecture on the Ritual.

Colorado State University was represented by Dean of Students Burns B. Crookston, a past member of the Leadership Training Board. Conference Director James L. McIver, and Richard G. Siever, Assistant to President William



Past Grand Consul Richard S. Doyle. Grand Consul Turner delivered a "State of Sigma Chi" message and a new Statement of Principle. Division programs were recessed on Sunday morning for worship services at nearby churches.

At the Workshop banquet, toastmaster and co-ritual director Tom Bottone introduced former Assistant Executive Secretary Arthur "Nip" Landry, a graduate assistant to the Dean of Students at C.S.U. Leadership Training Board and Executive Committee member Chuck Thatcher performed with the Workshop quartet. Past Grand Consul William P. Huffman, Past Grand Tribune Robert D. Workman, and former Leadership Training Board member Donald K. Harkness were recognized with Grand Consul's Citations.



William W. Neher  
1966 International  
Balfour Award winner

Magisters faculty member John Iverson introduced his former employer and counselor, U.S. District Judge and Past Grand Trustee George H. Boldt, Montana '25, of Tacoma, Washington. Judge Boldt, who only hired Sigma Chis as law clerks, stressed loyalty to the Fraternity, its strong meaning to him, and values younger members could derive from it. He emphasized the strength that may be obtained from devoted emphasis on Fraternity obligations. The more than 700 Sigs joined in closing the banquet by singing "Then Here's To Our Fraternity."<sup>17</sup>

## THE 1966 GRAND COUNCIL MEETING CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Not since 1956 had the Fraternity held a Grand Council session within the city limits of Chicago. The meeting was at the Windy City's famous old downtown hotel, the Palmer House, October 27-29. The meeting opened with a day and evening of committee meetings on Constitution and Statutes, Scholarship, Preferred List, Chapter Finances, Publicity, Chapter Advisors, Alumni Activities, Chapter Housing, Ritual, Publications, Dues and Fees, Relations with Institutions, Rushing and Pledging, Museum and Library, and Business and Budget. The meeting approved recommendations or motions to retain legal counsel advice on legal matters; explain dues and fees proposals to chapters; more frequently issue *The Sigma Chi News*; increase the publications staff; enforce use of the Ritual during chapter meetings; and hire a public relations Headquarters staff member.

One of the last acts of the session was election of officers. The Rev. Logan L. Bruce was elected Grand Tribune to succeed Robert D. Work-

man, who resigned for reasons of health. Norman C. Brewer Jr. and Chuck Thatcher were re-elected members-at-large of the Executive Committee.<sup>18</sup>

## **DEDICATION OF THE GENERAL FRATERNITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING**

A sunny and cheerful, Sunday, October 30, 1966, radiated warmth and enthusiasm on the more than 300 Sigma Chis and guests who took part in dedicating the new General Fraternity and Sigma Chi Foundation Headquarters building. It was the last activity of the Grand Council meeting weekend. Although an open house was scheduled for noon, a full hour before the formal ceremony, dozens of individuals were touring the building.

Executive Secretary William T. Bringham welcomed the crowd arranged on the front lawn. Special recognition was given to Sigma Chi Fraternity and Foundation officials and officers of other fraternities and sororities. Following the invocation by Reverend Don A. Cooke, Emory '22, Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson was introduced as chairman-elect of the Sigma Chi Foundation and master of ceremonies. He had been selected three days earlier to succeed Past Grand Consul Richard S. Doyle, who had just passed to the Chapter Eternal.

Past Grand Consul Charles F. Hough, chairman of the Headquarters Site Committee, outlined the history of the sale of the Sheridan Road Headquarters property. He related how the City of Evanston wanted a larger public beach on Lake Michigan. Early in 1963 the city announced its intention to initiate condemnation proceedings on the beach, forcing the Fraternity to take another look at its Headquarters situation. A costly and lengthy court fight could have delayed condemnation for a number of years, with negative public reaction. The Executive Committee weighed alternatives and decided that recreational use public land on three sides of the Headquarters would not be conducive to effective operation.

The Fraternity countered the city's suit with an offer to sell the entire property. Sigma Chi sold the property to the city for \$265,000, reserving exclusive use of all but the beach for two years from the date the contract was signed, December 30, 1963. The Fraternity had two years to decide where its new offices would be located, what facilities would be needed, and who would do the job.

In 1963, Grand Consul Harry V. Wade appointed a Headquarters Site Committee to consider possible locations and report its recommendation to the 1964 Grand Council meeting. Drawing on widely varied talents, offices in the Fraternity, and geographical distribution, the Grand Consul named Past Grand Consul Hough as chairman of the special committee. Also serving on the committee were: Past Grand Consul Stanley N. Barnes, a Federal Judge in Los Angeles; Executive



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Committee member Norman C. Brewer, a Mississippi attorney; Grand Trustee William T. Cameron, a Chicago banker; former Grand Praetor and Executive Committee member Malcolm Christian, a Richmond, Virginia, lawyer; Grand Praetor Robert W. Davies, Q.C., a Toronto attorney; Past Grand Consul Richard S. Doyle, a Washington, D.C., lawyer; Grand Trustee Gilbert Jerome, a Detroit civil engineer; Grand Trustee Chairman Frank M. Moore, an Indianapolis insurance executive; Balfour Award Winner and Executive Committee member Merlin J. Olsen, a Los Angeles Rams pro football player; and Grand Praetor Henry A. Zimmerman, a Geneva, New York, college official and Dean of the Praetorial College. Ex-Officio members of the committee were Grand Consul Wade; Grand Quaestor Floyd R. Baker, and Executive Secretary William T. Bringham Sr.

The committee carefully studied proposals from the cities and towns of Oxford, Dayton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis, Evansville, West Lafayette, and Richmond, Indiana; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Memphis and Chattanooga, Tennessee; Denver, Colorado; Washington, D.C.; Kansas City, Missouri; Champaign and Bloomington, Illinois, and Evanston, Oakbrook, and other locations in the metropolitan Chicago area. Alumni from several of the locations were emphatic in their desire to have the Headquarters located in their community, and they went to great lengths in their attempts to persuade the members of the committee. Consideration of mail service, transportation, availability of supplies and services, proximity to the center of population, retention of the existing staff, building and operating costs, and a college environment where Sigma Chi has a chapter, led the committee to unanimously recommend locating in the Chicago area. A subcommittee was appointed to find a site for consideration, including Chairman Hough, Baker, Cameron, Jerome, Wade, Bringham, and former Executive Committee member James J. Overlock of Glenview, Illinois.

In August 1964, the Grand Council unanimously endorsed purchase of the Dr. Fred E. Willis property at 1714 Hinman, and demolition of the 70-year-old Victorian residence. The committee received advice from Illinois Circuit Court Judge William V. "Billy" Brothers, Northwestern '06, and Grand Trustee and Significant Sig C. Virgil Martin, Illinois Wesleyan '32, president of Carson, Pirie, Scott and Company.

By early 1965, final plans for the new Headquarters building were approved, a zoning variance was obtained, and a building permit was issued. A Chicago architectural firm, Mittelbush and Tourtelot, was retained to design and supervise construction of the new building. On the recommendation of the Building Committee, the Executive Committee accepted the low bid of Pepper Construction Company of Chicago, led by Richard S. Pepper, Northwestern '53. Ground was broken at the end of May, and soon 1714 Hinman Avenue was alive with construction for the following 13 months.



The dedication ceremony for the new General Headquarters Building, October 30, 1966.

Continuing the Dedication program, Chairman Peterson introduced Veit Gentry, Chicago '11, who donated assets of his former Omicron Omicron Chapter to sustain the Headquarters museum. Past Grand Consul Harry V. Wade gave tribute to the architects for their design and supervision, to Pepper Construction Company and Superintendent Anderson for workmanship, and to Paul W. Bischoff, Illinois & DePauw '44, of Carson, Pirie, Scott, and Co., for the interior design. The building was dedicated to the undergraduate chapters, scholarly aims, alumni, interfraternity, the Sigma Chi Foundation, and to God.<sup>19</sup>

Another building dedication took place in Lawrence, Kansas, on November 5, 1966, as some 400 alumni and active Sigs and guests of Alpha Xi Chapter, University of Kansas, dedicated their remodeled and expanded chapter house, the result of a \$365,000 construction project.

In January 1967, Hon. William V. Brothers, Northwestern '06, who had served as Grand Quaestor, Grand Annotator, Grand Trustee and on the Executive Committee, passed away. He had served for 43 years on the bench of the Cook County (Chicago area) Circuit Court, and popularized "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi," at Northwestern University, after its debut at Albion College in 1911.

New England-Nova Scotia Grand Praetor and Leadership Training Board member William H. Carlisle Jr., Georgia Tech & M.I.T. '27, died

on January 23, 1967. He was Dean of the Praetorial College, and chairman of the Underclass division of Workshop. His spirit of brotherhood led the Leadership Training Board to create the Outstanding Workshop Faculty Member Award in his honor, in 1967. It is presented to the Workshop faculty member best representing Brother Carlisle's spirit and brotherhood.

### **INSTALLATION OF ZETA OMICRON CHAPTER NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY FEBRUARY 19, 1967**

At the time of the Installation of Zeta Omicron Chapter, the population of Flagstaff, Arizona, was approximately 26,000. In 1899, the first steps were taken to organize a territorial normal school at Flagstaff, Arizona. The first school term began September 11, 1899, with an enrollment of 23 students, and the first class graduated in 1901. In 1925, the college began granting the Bachelor of Education degree, and the name was changed to Northern Arizona State Teachers College. In 1928, the name was changed to Arizona State Teachers College at Flagstaff. The first Master of Arts degree was offered in 1937.

The name was changed to Arizona State College at Flagstaff, and the legislature placed all three state institutions of higher learning under the control of the board of regents of the universities and state colleges of Arizona in 1945. In 1964, university status was approved effective 1966, changing the name to Northern Arizona University. The university then included four colleges and two schools, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, College of Business Administration, College of Creative Arts, School of Forestry and School of Applied Science and Technology. During the period 1955 to 1964 enrollment increased more than 408 percent. In 1966, there were approximately 5,000 students enrolled.<sup>20</sup> At the time of the Installation, the following fraternities were established at the college: Sigma Nu, Phi Kappa Theta, Delta Chi, Sigma Pi, Delta Sigma Phi, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. The sororities included Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Delta Delta and Gamma Phi Beta.

The local fraternity Sigma Chi Omega was founded at Arizona State College in the spring of 1962 by three students who were not satisfied with the existing fraternities. One of the three, a member of Omega Chapter at Northwestern University, led the group toward affiliation with Sigma Chi. They grew to more than seventy men in four years and were leaders of the Greek organizations, excelling in academics, athletics, and community service. The sixteen-man chapter house was located at 314 West Cherry. Their petition for a charter in Sigma Chi was dedicated to Dr. George Yard, Arizona '53, who devoted loyal assistance to the chapter over a period of several years.

The Installation was highlighted by distinguished speakers, presen-



Old Main, on the campus of Northern Arizona University.

tation of awards, and singing. It was the third chapter in three years chartered in the Southern California-Arizona Province. Representing the General Fraternity were Grand Consul Bolon B. Turner, Grand Praetor Dr. Jerry Wulk, Grand Trustee L.R. "Jack" Gardner, Ritual Director Thomas Bottone, and Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder.

Messages were also heard from toastmaster George W. Sprinkle, Chapter Advisor Dr. George Yard, Marvin D. "Swede" Johnson, and Dean of Students William Munns. The Zeta Omicron charter was presented to Consul Richard T. Faux. Chapter Tribune William Southwell received a trophy and plaque as the senior who best exemplified "The Jordan Standard." Grand Consul's Citations went to Dr. George Yard, Arizona '53; James W. Fox, Arizona '61; and Arthur Schilling, Northern Arizona '65 for their contributions to the founding of Zeta Omicron.<sup>21</sup>

### **INSTALLATION OF ZETA PI CHAPTER TEXAS COLLEGE OF ARTS & INDUSTRIES MARCH 19, 1967**

Texas College of Arts and Industries in Kingsville, Texas, is a state-supported, coeducational college that serves the citrus region of the Rio Grande Valley. At the time of the Installation, Kingsville, the county seat of Kleberg County, was a rapidly growing city of approximately

30,000. It is situated 160 miles southeast of San Antonio and 40 miles southwest of Corpus Christi. The state provided for the creation and establishment of a coeducational South Texas Normal School in 1917, and selected Kingsville as the site.



J.R. Manning Hall is the oldest building on the Texas A & I University campus.

Delayed by World War I, the institution was established as South Texas School. It became a functioning institution in June of 1925. In 1929 the name was changed to Texas College of Arts and Industries, with enlarged purpose and scope. In 1967 the name was again changed to Texas A & I University. In 1947 the college was reorganized into seven divisions: agriculture, arts, sciences, business administration, engineering, teacher education, and graduate studies.<sup>22</sup> At the time of the Installation there were four fraternities on the campus in addition to the Sigma Chi petitioning group, including: Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, and Kappa Sigma. The sororities were Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Four men resigned membership in a local fraternity in order to establish a new group on the Texas A & I campus. These men, Gerald Jurica, Pete Zanca, Pete Mireur and Jerry Kunkle, along with six others, Ben Foster, David Sheley, Sam Henderson, Bob Mills, Bill Jackson, and Bill Hemes, established Sigma Rho Fraternity.

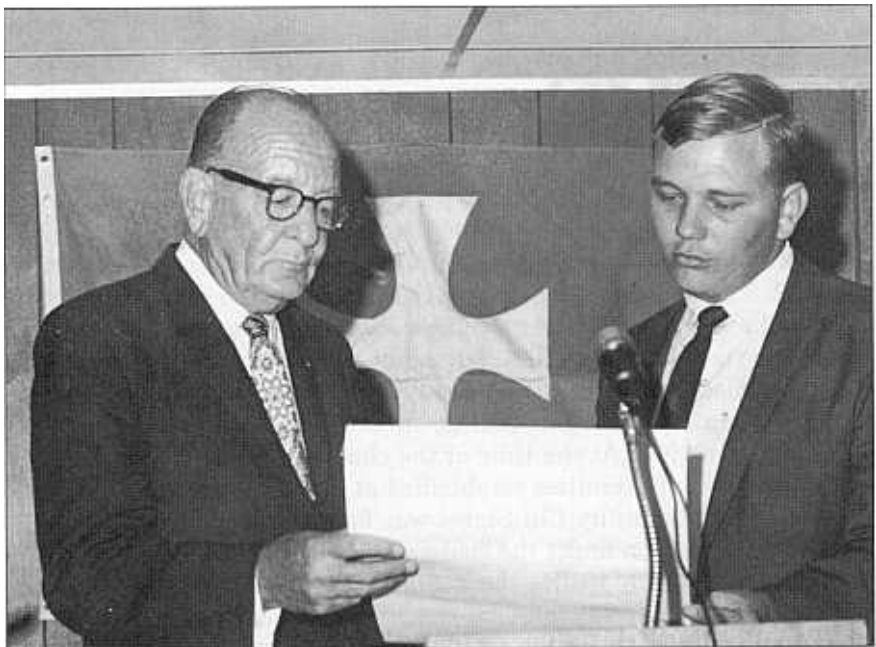
Sigma Rho strived to fulfill three goals of "Divided Responsibility and Equal Participation." These goals, as stated in the preamble of the Sigma Rho Constitution, were "Brotherhood, Social Activity, and Scholarship." In the spring of 1963 the group was put on probation for one semester due to public outcry against the college for a final "walk" given to the members of the second pledge class. This probation was a



blow to the group because they were not allowed to have any social functions, or participate in campus activities. Though they were allowed only one meeting per week, the probation period brought the men closer together. As a result, the fraternity rose to the challenge.

A Sigma Chi family living in Kingsville was a tower of strength to the petitioning group. These brothers were N.M. Harrel Sr., Arkansas '13, and his two Sigma Chi sons, N.M. Harrel Jr., Texas-Austin '47, and John N. Harrel, Texas-Austin '49. They were helpful to the petitioning group in formulating its plans and actively presenting a petition to the General Fraternity. Sigma Chi's second-southernmost chapter was established March 18 and 19, 1967, with the Installation of Zeta Pi Chapter on the borders of the world's largest cattle ranch, King Ranch, operated by several Sigma Chi alumni including Significant Sig Robert Kleberg, Wisconsin '18. Led by Grand Consul Bolon B. Turner; Chief Installing Officer and former Grand Praetor Hurley G. Hust, and Executive Committee member and Investigating Officer Norman C. Brewer Jr., Zeta Pi became Sigma Chi's 142nd active chapter as 50 charter members were initiated.

Headed by Consul Benny Nemec, the group began a week of preparation with the General Fraternity pledge exam. The Headquarters installation team included Assistant Executive Secretaries Richard Mayoh and Robert White, and Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder.



Past Grand Praetor Hurley B. Hust presented the Zeta Pi charter to Consul Benny Nemec.

Preliminary portions of the Initiation were held on the evening of Saturday, March 18, at the Campfire Girls lodge house, Kleberg County, Texas. The final Initiation ceremonies were held at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall on Military Highway. Epsilon Xi Chapter at the University of Houston was the installing chapter, assisted by Epsilon Psi, Sam Houston State College; Alpha Nu, University of Texas-Austin; and Epsilon Chi, Lamar Tech.

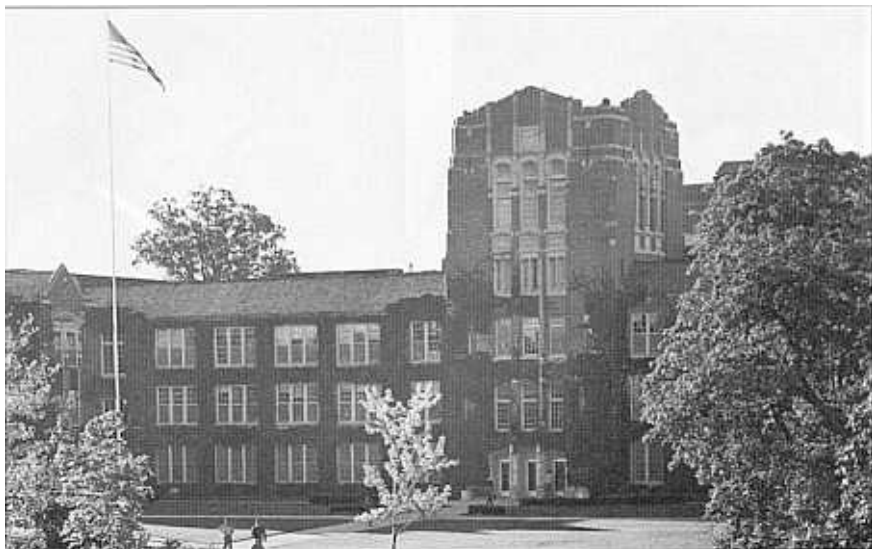
South Texas Grand Praetor Milton K. Jackson was banquet toastmaster at the Kingsville Elks Lodge. Chief Installing Officer Hust presented the charter to Consul Nemec. The banquet featured welcomes by officials of the college, recognition of the province Ritual team by director Tom Bottone, and the Installation address by Executive Committee member Norman C. Brewer Jr. Featured in the proceedings were introductions of Kingsville Mayor Dr. J.A. Stocketon, Tulane '44, and Robert R. Shelton, Texas '58, of the King Ranch, and presentation of Grand Consul's Citations. The untiring loyalty of Nick M. Harrel Sr. was honored with presentations of a Semi-Century Sig Award and a Grand Consul's Citation.

On behalf of the Headquarters staff, recognition was given to Consul Nemec with the Jordan Award, and new initiate Dean Eddleblute with the best pledge award. The chapter received an Installation plaque and guest book compliments of Past Grand Consul L.G. Balfour. Members of the Houston and Corpus Christi Alumni Chapters assisted in the installation.<sup>23</sup>

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA RHO CHAPTER CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY APRIL 21, 1967**

Central Michigan University, a fully accredited state university, had a full-time enrollment of 9,400 students in 1967. The college was chartered as Central Michigan Normal School and Business Institute in 1892. The name was changed to Central Michigan Normal School in 1895. The first instruction at college level was given in 1903, and the first four-year degree in 1918. The name was changed to Central State Teachers College in 1927, to Central Michigan College of Education in 1940, to Central Michigan College in 1955, and to Central Michigan University in 1959. At the time of the chartering of Zeta Rho Chapter, there were nine fraternities established at the college.

The local fraternity Chi Sigma was founded on April 9, 1964, by a group of twelve men under the leadership of Paul Parets. They formed a brotherhood to fully realize the potential of life. Chi Sigma was recognized by the university and by the interfraternity council as a fully functioning fraternity on the campus. From the beginning, they decided that their goal was to obtain a charter from Sigma Chi. Only the high ideals, goals, spirit, and traditions of Sigma Chi were deemed worthy of



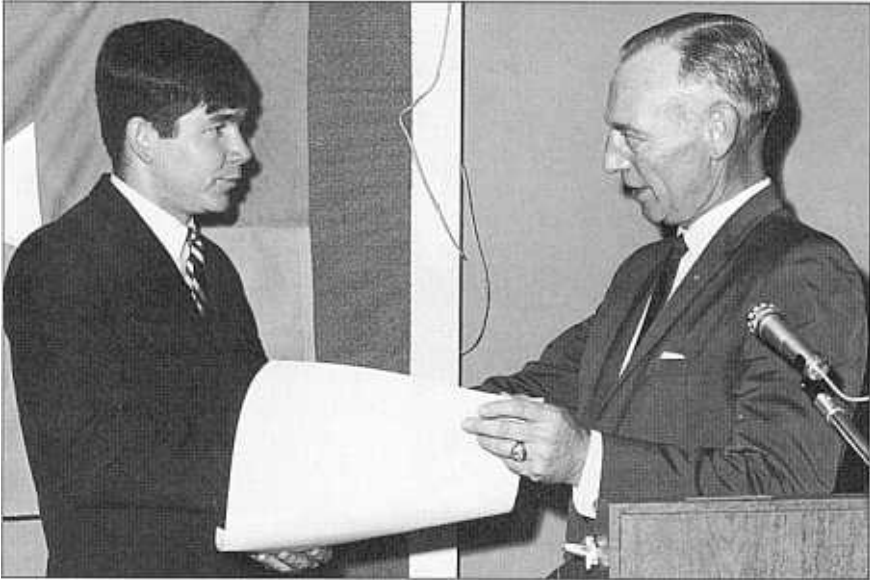
Warriner Hall, on the campus of Central Michigan University.

their loyalty and allegiance; they were determined that they would settle for nothing less. They chose Dr. William Butt, Michigan State '40, and Dr. Donald Kilbourn, Michigan State '41, as faculty advisors.<sup>24</sup> Despite having to operate without benefit of a chapter house, Chi Sigma became a close-knit and mutually supportive brotherhood, with diverse membership.<sup>25</sup>

A long nurtured dream came true for the group on Sunday, April 21, when 61 undergraduates and 16 alumni were initiated as charter members of Zeta Rho Chapter. The Initiation ceremonies held at the Chieftan Hotel in Mt. Pleasant culminated the Indoctrination Week directed by Assistant Executive Secretaries Dick Mayoh and Mike Sermersheim, and Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder. Part of the ceremonies took place at a hunting camp near Clare, Michigan, owned by Judge Alex Strange, Michigan State '49. Zeta Theta Chapter, General Motors Institute, was the installing chapter.

The Installation banquet took place at the Embers restaurant in Mt. Pleasant. Representing the Grand Officers and Executive Committee at the banquet was Grand Trustee John W. Graham, Q.C., investigating officer for the group. He presented nine of the founding brothers with Grand Consul's Citations. The guest speaker was Bradley University Dean of Men and Illinois Grand Praetor Edward M. King. Michigan Grand Praetor Harry M. Hallock praised the group's fine work as he traced its short history and presented Consul Jeffrey Nemens with the Zeta Rho charter.

Toastmaster Dick Taylor, Ohio '58, read congratulatory letters from Significant Sigs and Sigma Chi notables, including John Wayne, Grand



Michigan Province Grand Praetor Harry L. Hallock presents Zeta Rho charter to Consul Jeff Nemens.

Consul Bolon B. Turner, Grand Tribune Logan L. Bruce, and Significant Sig Barry Goldwater. Central Michigan University administrative and staff guests included President Dr. Judson W. Foust, Dean of Students Dr. C. Milton Pike, and IFC Advisor and Student Personnel Officer Glen Starnier. President Foust congratulated Zeta Rho on its accomplishments and spoke about his fraternity, Sigma Nu, and Sigma Chi. Concerning the basic differences, Dr. Foust quipped, "We've got a star to follow and you have a cross to bear." Dr. William G. Butt, Michigan State '40, associate professor of English and advisor to Chi Sigma from its inception, was presented with a Sigma Chi Life Membership by the new chapter.

The first chapter meeting was held at the home of Dr. Donald Bertsch, Michigan State '57, of the Student Personnel Office at CMU. He remarked that it is customary to christen new ships with the finest of champagnes, and in like manner, he christened his new home with the presence of the finest of men.<sup>26</sup>

### **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA SIGMA CHAPTER EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY MAY 14, 1967**

At the time of the Installation of Zeta Sigma Chapter, Portales, New Mexico, was a city with a metropolitan population of approximately 144,000. Eastern New Mexico University began as Eastern New

Mexico Normal School in 1927, although in name only. In 1928 the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce acquired 43 acres of land for the future campus. The school was established to serve more than 40 percent of the high school graduates in the state of New Mexico located in the eastern portion of the state.



The Administration Building, on the campus of Eastern New Mexico University.

In 1929 the state legislature appropriated \$62,000 for the construction of the first building. Less than half of the building was completed by 1931, and when finished it was empty for three years due to economic fortunes of the Great Depression. Later the school was opened for a six-week summer session under the direction of president Dr. Donald W. McKay, and Dr. Floyd D. Golden, the first Academic Dean. Eastern started operations as a two-year junior college. One hundred forty-five students enrolled, with tuition and fees of eight dollars.

Before World War II, there were only four permanent buildings, and enrollment was 826. By 1940, a four-year curriculum was offered and the name was changed to Eastern New Mexico College. In 1949 the name was changed to Eastern New Mexico University.<sup>27</sup>

On April 22, 1963, seven members walked out of a local social club as a result of a dispute concerning affiliation. Later that evening, they met and decided to form a social fraternity with the goal of becoming a chapter of Sigma Chi. Further discussion that evening lead to selection

of the name Alpha Alpha Chi. Twenty new members were added, bringing the total to 27. On May 7, 1963 a constitution was approved. Due to the limited time until summer recess, Alpha Alpha Chi was inactive until the following year. Eighteen members returned in the fall of 1963. On March 5, 1965, the active members challenged the pledge class to a marathon softball game which lasted 28 hours and 19 minutes. The pledges won, and the event received nation wide coverage by both wire services. The chapter had an exemplary record of accomplishments in academics, campus, community service and athletics.<sup>28</sup>

On May 14, 1967, fifty-one years after Sigma Chi first entered the "Land of Enchantment," with Beta Xi Chapter at the University of New Mexico, Zeta Sigma became the second chapter to be chartered in New Mexico.

The Installation ceremony ended a week in which the new brothers did some deep thinking about themselves, their chapter, and Sigma Chi. With the help of Assistant Executive Secretaries Steve Jensen, Bob White and Mike Sermersheim, and brothers of the installing chapter, Beta Xi, the new chapter was chartered. At the Installation banquet, Ritual Director Tom Bottone was toastmaster, and remarks were made by the chief installing officer, Grand Pro Consul Floyd R. Baker, and Grand Praetor Emory C. Walker. Messages were also heard from the main speaker, former Governor John F. Simms Jr., New Mexico '37, a Significant Sig; Consul Nick Anderson; and Chapter Advisor James Compton. The Zeta Sigma charter was presented to Consul Nick Anderson, along with a charter plaque, an engraved gavel, and a guest book from Past Grand Consul L.G. Balfour.

Senior Peter Lyall received a trophy and the Jordan Award as the senior who best exemplified The Jordan Standard. The outstanding pledge award went to Richard Howell. The local alumni were singled out for their guidance and contributions to the founding of Zeta Sigma Chapter. The memorable event ended with all singing "The Cross Song," and "Then Here's To Our Fraternity."<sup>29</sup>

New members of the Headquarters staff in 1967 were Assistant Executive Secretaries Robert S. White, San Diego State '65, and Howard Cowgill, Memphis State '65.

## **THE 56TH GRAND CHAPTER JUNE 19 - 21, 1967 MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**

Just prior to the Grand Chapter, on June 18, 1967, the General Fraternity Executive Committee met to transact routine business. Recognizing the continuing problems with membership selection and approval of initiations by the Grand Council, the Executive Committee adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the conditions affecting the internal operations of an undergraduate chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity are fully set forth in the Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternity and there are no concealed stipulations supplementing same;

And whereas the Fraternity has no desire to maintain a chapter at any college or university where the aforementioned conditions are unacceptable;

Now, therefore be it resolved that when the Fraternity has reason to believe that an institution no longer approves of the internal operations of the Fraternity, it shall be the general policy of the Fraternity to request from the college or university a clear statement regarding the chapter's continued acceptability on the campus, under the conditions as set forth in the Constitution and Statutes.

Be it further resolved that, upon receipt of a negative reply to such request, the local chapter and its alumni will be informed of the situation, and that the Sigma Chi Fraternity will then subsequently notify the chief officers of the college or university that the Sigma Chi Fraternity is regrettably withdrawing from their campus.

Be it further resolved that, coincident with such notification, where the situation so warrants, the Sigma Chi Fraternity will advise the undergraduate chapter and its alumni that, if arrangements can be made for its continuance as a chapter of the Fraternity, although unrecognized by the institution, it will receive the full support of the Fraternity to continue its operation as an undergraduate chapter of the Fraternity.



Miami Beach, Florida, the site of the 1967 Grand Chapter.

The 1967 Grand Chapter opened with pounding of Judge Bolon B. Turner's gavel and adjourned after Floyd R. Baker's unopposed election

and installation as Grand Consul. Official registration totaled 451, including 235 undergraduates, 151 alumni, and 65 wives. A tradition of status quo governed the business session and committee meetings, as proponents of major constitutional change went down to defeat in every instance except a dues and fees proposal.



The luxurious lobby of the Eden Roc Hotel, the 1967 Grand Chapter site.



Daniel Kleman  
1967 International  
Balfour Award winner

Dan Kleman, Consul of the Peterson Award-winning Delta Kappa Chapter at Bowling Green State University, was recognized as the 1967 International Balfour Award winner. Legislation was adopted that doubled the amount of the Pledge Fee from five dollars to ten dollars, raised the Initiation Fee from \$30 to \$35, and doubled undergraduate semi-annual dues from the previous amount of five dollars to ten dollars. These increases, while providing the Fraternity with needed income, brought Sigma Chi dues and fees into line with other fraternities. A benefit of the Grand Chapter action was a two-year extension beyond graduation of a subscription to *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* at no additional cost.

Recipients of the Order of Constantine award were: Bruce Baird,



Tulane '42; Harry L. Hallock, Michigan '40; L. Mead Hammond, George Washington '25; Bennett S. Martin, Nebraska '25; William W. Parish, Tennessee '42; Dr. Harm H. Schlomer, Washington State '33; and (in absentia) Dr. Henri Stegemeier, Butler '32.

On the second day there was an organized debate and roll call vote on a proposal to delete the requirement for unanimous approval of pledging in each undergraduate chapter. The proposal to eliminate this clause from the membership section of the Constitution was defeated.

With more than 200 Miami coeds in attendance as guests and dates, the Sweetheart Ball occupied the limelight. After radio personality Chet Lauck, former Congressman Brooks Hays, and Judge Bolon Turner told jokes, presented the sweethearts, and announced the winner, dancing began. Except for one write-in vote for Past Grand Consul Harry V. Wade, the Sweetheart contest reflected an age-old Fraternity tradition: "The blue of her eyes and the gold of her hair" were doubtless factors in the selection of Suzi Harrison, a Kappa Alpha Theta from Indiana University, as International Sweetheart. But amidst the merrymaking throughout the hotel, several Sigs discussed the next day's elections.



Suzi Harrison  
1967 International Sweetheart

On Wednesday, Grand Quaestor Edwin C. Fisher and Grand Historian Robert M. Collett were re-elected without opposition, but the Nominating Committee's choices for Grand Tribune, the incumbent Logan L. Bruce, and for Grand Pro Consul, Grand Trustee John Graham, were defeated by nominees from the floor, Gardner B. Allen and Norman C. Brewer Jr., respectively. The creation of new provinces added half a dozen new Grand Praetors to the Sigma Chi hierarchy, for a total of 35.

Newly-elected Grand Trustees were: Merrill K. Davis, Utah '36; Dr. Marvin L. Ebelmesser, DePauw '22; and Donald E. Walker, Oklahoma & Pittsburgh '15. Newly-elected Grand Praetors were: Joseph O. Mowry Jr., Roanoke '40, Northern New England; Wyatt French, Washington & Lee '53, Virginia; Herbert E. Drake Jr., Auburn '41, Southeastern; Robert E. Benson, Miami (Ohio) '48, Northern Ohio; G. David Manson, DePauw '50, Indiana; Edward M. King, Bradley '54, Illinois; James O. Huber, Wisconsin '60, Wisconsin; Jere Woltz, North Carolina '56, Carolinas; Sidney Sweet, Nebraska '54, Iowa-Nebraska; Milton K. Jackson, Texas-Austin '49, Southern Texas; Earl B. McClanahan, Tennessee '44, Tennessee; Charles A. Cissell, Murray State '56, Kentucky; Arthur

"Nip" Landry, Northern Colorado '62, Northern Colorado-Wyoming; Keith B. Sorensen, Utah & Southern California '62, Utah-Southern Idaho; Richard C. Picatti, Washington State '61, Montana-Northern Idaho-Eastern Washington; Robert E. Joseph Jr., Willamette '57, Oregon; Capt. Oren Phipps, Iowa State '60, Western Washington-British Columbia; Gary Noss, New Mexico '56, Arizona-New Mexico; and Dr. Jerry Wulk, Wisconsin '46, Southern California.

Past Grand Consul William P. Huffman was named president of the Sigma Chi Foundation; Carl P. Clare was elected treasurer; and Past Grand Consul Harry V. Wade became assistant treasurer.

Toastmaster and Significant Sig L. Brooks Hays guided the program at the Grand Chapter Banquet. The final evening was highlighted by the presentation of Grand Consul Baker, other new officers, and the newly selected Significant Sigs. The roster of Miami-area Sigs and their ladies who worked through months of preparations for the convention was led by general chairman James H. Peck II, Vanderbilt '54.<sup>30</sup>

## SIGS IN THE NEWS

Stanley K. Hathaway, Wyoming '46, was elected Governor of Wyoming.

Bobby Winkles, Illinois Wesleyan '52, coached the Arizona State University baseball team to the N.C.A.A. College World Series Championship for 1965, and was named Coach of the Year by the baseball coaches association.

Two Sigs became president of major insurance companies: Clyde F. Gay, Arkansas '22, at John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., and Gordon E. Crosby Jr., Missouri Columbia '42, at United States Life Insurance Co.

Jim Palmer, Arizona State '67, was the youngest player to pitch a shutout in the World Series. His Baltimore Orioles team defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1966 World Series.

General Dwight Beach, Michigan '30, one of only 13 four star generals on active duty, assumed command of U.S. Army forces in the Pacific, the largest single army command in the free world.

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Floyd R. Baker  
44th Grand Consul

# Chapter VIII

## Struggling for Solutions

### 1967 to 1969

"I have preached that Sigma Chi must be on the offensive at all times. Let's not be on the defensive. Our chapters must start standing on their own two feet. I believe that they should set and preserve their own standards, policies, and rules. The chapters should decide their own policy and not be dictated by the university or college. I strongly urge our chapters to take the leadership and try to strengthen the IFC's, or get out of them. It bothered me a great deal in my travels where certain deans and certain presidents have given our chapters the impression that if they don't do this and they don't do that, that they will pull their charter. I have tried to tell each chapter where I've been that there is only one body that can pull their charter and that's the Sigma Chi Fraternity. If you have recognition on your campus, Sigma Chi will stand behind you."

*Floyd R. Baker, 44th Grand Consul, during the 1969 Grand Chapter, at the end of his administration.<sup>1</sup>*

**W**HILE Fraternity leaders searched for solutions to the problems surrounding the membership selection procedures, the Fraternity struggled through two more years of division over this issue. As the two-year period closed, the 1969 Grand Chapter passed a resolution urging investigation into how the Fraternity might be divided into "separate organizations." Although this never happened, it illustrated the desperation felt by those caught up in the membership question.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF FLOYD R. BAKER, 44th GRAND CONSUL

Floyd R. Baker, Nebraska '37, fit several lifetimes of service to the Fraternity in the decades following his graduation. Those who knew him at the University of Nebraska in the difficult years of the mid-1930s were not surprised, for the die of leadership was cast then. As an undergraduate, Brother Baker served as social chairman, Rush Chairman, Quaestor, and finally, Consul. His campus energies were not confined to the chapter house, however, as a busy extracurricular life led to his election as president of the senior class. Prior to graduation, he was named the Balfour Award winner for his Province, the highest undergraduate award in the Fraternity at that level.

Upon graduation, he took interest in alumni activities as a member of the Omaha Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi, soon becoming its presi-

dent. Following service in the U. S. Army in World War II and retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, he entered the soft drink business and became active in the Denver Alumni Chapter which, in due course, elected him president. He also served as an advisor to Beta Mu Chapter at the University of Colorado in nearby Boulder. In 1948, just 11 years after graduation, he entered the General Fraternity leadership as one of the early developers of the Leadership Training Workshop. He served as Grand Praetor of the Rocky Mountain Province from 1948 until 1955, when he was elected to the position of Grand Trustee.

He served for several years on the faculty of the Leadership Training Workshop, becoming chairman of the Quaestors division and a member of the Leadership Training Board. In 1957 he was appointed chairman of the Leadership Training Board, a position he occupied until 1967.

Floyd was selected as a member of the Order of Constantine in 1961. A member of the Fraternity Executive Committee from 1960 until 1971, he left the Board of Grand Trustees in 1961 to become Grand Quaestor. Four years later he was elected Grand Pro Consul and, finally, to the Fraternity's highest office in June 1967.

Professionally, Brother Baker wearied of the soft drink business by 1949 and took over as general manager of the Western Engraving Company in Denver. He candidly admitted that although he was inexperienced in the field when he started, he was anxious to learn because he saw great promise in it and its sister business, the Western Balfour Company, distributor of L.G. Balfour products in the 19 states west of the Mississippi. It became the second largest firm in its field in the West.

The hallmark of his term of office as Grand Consul was his visitation to every one of the 148 undergraduate chapters and to many of its 187 alumni chapters. His initiation of the Wallace Village service project allowed Sigma Chi to show its philanthropic nature for years to come. His incomparable record of visitation to the chapters and his record of service to the Leadership Training Board are a testament to the emphasis and priority he gave to the brothers in college, and the undergraduate programs in Sigma Chi. In his report to the meeting of the Grand Council in 1968, Grand Consul Baker said: "This is an undergraduate Fraternity. If we don't keep these young men with us, where they respect us and trust us, we could have a lot of problems. Get to know them, understand what they are thinking."<sup>2</sup>

Floyd Baker's long record of service in Sigma Chi gave the Fraternity a leader who was able, enthusiastic, and well qualified.

## THE WALLACE VILLAGE FOR CHILDREN

The beneficial relationship between the Sigma Chi Fraternity and the Wallace Village for Children was first announced at the 1967 Grand Chapter and officially launched at the Leadership Training Workshop

in Lawrence, Kansas that August. Although major women's social fraternities actively pursued philanthropic work for many years, men's fraternities had at the time attempted only a few, short-lived projects. Sigma Chi's program for the Wallace Village was the first major service project focused on a specific beneficiary ever adopted and continued by a men's college social fraternity. Grand Consul Floyd Baker both suggested the program, and then saw to it that it was launched.

Initially, Past Grand Consul Harry V. Wade guided the Wallace Village program. In writing to the chapters, he encouraged them to organize "Wallace WING-DINGS," virtually any type of social project, dance or activity to raise funds for the project. The first official donation to the Sigma Chi Village Fund was from Beta Zeta Chapter at the University of North Dakota. The Wallace Village for Children was founded in 1943 by Cleo S. Wallace, who first operated it at her home in Denver. As it grew and acquired its own campus in the Denver suburb of Broomfield, Mrs. Wallace served for many years as executive director. Following retirement in 1974, she assisted the Village as an advisor for fund raising. Her exemplary life in service to individuals in need ended on August 26, 1985.



Cleo S. Wallace

The Wallace Village was the first center of its kind to be licensed by the State Health Department. At that time, it was also one of the few establishments in the U.S. to deal with the often-overlooked problem of minimal brain damage and resultant problem behavior in children. The Village, which in later years broadened its programs, provided individual academic, social, and extension therapies for children. In all other areas the children were believed to have normal or above normal intellectual potential. In most cases it was hoped that the child would be returned to a regular classroom situation or to vocational placement within three to five years.

On August 13, 1976, Sigma Chi and the Wallace Village celebrated several years of effort in social service with dedication of the Sigma Chi Gymnasium. The chapters raised nearly \$180,000 for the project in the preceding nine years. The Gym is the largest of the Village's Physical Activities facilities, serving the children's instructional and recreational needs.

Adoption of the Wallace Village as the first officially recognized service project in the Fraternity was designed to enhance, not replace, local chapter public relations efforts. In the many years following 1967, work for the Wallace Village served as a catalyst to a greater consciousness of interest by the brothers in social service.<sup>3</sup>

## **TWENTIETH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS - 1967**

The 1967 Leadership Training Workshop was dedicated to the late William H. Carlisle Jr., Grand Praetor and longtime Leadership Training Board member, who had passed away in January of 1967. The total Workshop attendance was 714, including undergraduate delegates, faculty, guests, hosts, and staff. Of the 144 active chapters at the time, 139 were represented by 561 undergraduate delegates. The attendance was not a record, which tended to be the case in Grand Chapter years.

The first event on the program was the opening night Ritual Exemplification, under the direction of veteran Ritual Directors Tom Bottone and Tom Turk. Grand Consul and Leadership Training Board Chairman Floyd R. Baker and University Vice Chancellor Raymond Nichols, Kansas '26, welcomed the delegates. A brief remembrance and dedication to Bill Carlisle was conducted. Chorus Director Jim Mollema, Central Michigan '68, and L.T.B. member and Grand pianist-organist Tom Bell led the delegates in Sig songs.

Delegates from chapters winning Significant Chapter, scholarship, and public relations awards, along with members of the Ritual Team and Chorus, were identified with ribbons, an innovation of the 1967 Workshop. Division programs set out on their three-day journey August 24, originating with a "Ritual Reemphasis" discussion by Grand Praetor and L.T.B. member Ed King. The premiere of the Fraternity-Foundation sound filmstrip about Fraternity, Foundation, chapter, and Headquarters activities, which had been in production for some time, was announced, and was made available for use by chapters. Bonus seminars on subjects from "grappling with apathy" to "parliamentary procedure," which were not covered in the more structured daytime programs but requested by delegates, attracted many brothers for optional, informal discussions. On the second day of division programs, delegates enjoyed a brotherhood barbecue at Potters' Lake at the foot of the campus, with the melodic strains of "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" ringing down from the heights of the campus carillon.

The following evening, Grand Consul Baker reported on the State of the Fraternity, after introducing his Sweetheart, Mrs. Betty Baker. He urged more communication and cooperation between undergraduate Sigs and chapters and Fraternity alumni, commended the chapters for their role and progress in Sigma Chi, and assured all brothers that





Delegates being registered at the 1967 Workshop.

everything humanly possible would be done to prevent the loss of any chapter during his administration.

He urged unity and cooperation in the Fraternity, emphasizing the significance of the Fraternity's new public service project, the Wallace Village for Children. He emphasized the need for all Sigs and chapters to work diligently for the success of the Fraternity and received an overwhelming response from the delegates. The significance of the Wallace Village for Children was displayed as Mrs. Cleo Wallace, executive director and founder, was introduced. The project came to life on the Workshop stage as five-year-old Stevie King and six-year-old Doug Orton greeted and stirred the delegates with a soft spoken but earnest, "Hi, Sigma Chi." The warmth and devotion of Mrs. Wallace and the



1967 Workshop delegates informally discussed Sigma Chi topics.

valuable work of the Village was more clearly understood by all Sigs present.

The Workshop final banquet was held the evening of August 26. Toastmaster Tom Bottone began his traditional head-table heresy by insulting every Sig in sight. The changing of the guard in the chairmanship of the L.T.B. was accomplished as newly-designated Chairman Ed Fisher, past Vice Chairman and Quaestors and Chapter Advisors leader, presented the members of the board, each of whom introduced their faculty. Scholarship leader Chuck Thatcher was introduced as the new vice chairman. The undergraduate and alumni members of host Alpha Xi Chapter were recognized for their assistance with the Workshop.

Special Grand Consul's Citations for William H. Carlisle, memorializing his Workshop contributions, were presented to the Consuls of his two chapters, Alpha Theta, M.I.T. and Beta Psi, Georgia Tech. A highlight of the Workshop was reached when Grand Tribune and past



The 1967 Workshop Chorus, directed by Jim Mollema, Central Michigan '68.

L.T.B. Chairman Gardner Allen described and then presented the first annual William H. Carlisle Outstanding Workshop Faculty Member Award. The new award, given to the faculty member who most exemplified the Workshop spirit of Bill Carlisle, was presented to Quaestors faculty member S. Jack McDuff, Arizona '51. He received a special certificate, and a permanent plaque was presented for display at the Headquarters.

It was difficult to record the contributions to the Workshop of its retiring chairman, Grand Consul Floyd Baker. Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder explained that the memento for Chairman Baker was purchased six Workshops earlier when he first considered stepping down as chairman. It was just one year short of earning its own citation for seven years of Workshop attendance. It had been brought to each Workshop then returned untendered when Baker continued another year. The three-tiered pipe rack was presented to Grand Consul Baker from the board in recognition of his service as chairman, with each previous year duly engraved and then crossed out in remembrance of the many anticipated presentations. Brother Baker's eleven-year term on the Leadership Training Board was the longest of any.

The Workshop ended with the reading of "I am Sigma Chi," written by Magisters faculty member Jim Joanos, Florida State '56, and the singing of "Then Here's to Our Fraternity."<sup>4</sup>

Undergraduate and alumni Sigs of Beta Sigma Chapter, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, dedicated their new chapter house on the new fraternity row on October 14, 1967. Grand Pro Consul Norman C. Brewer Jr. delivered the main address as the chapter also celebrated its 50th anniversary.

## **THE LOSS OF GAMMA EPSILON CHAPTER WHITMAN COLLEGE**

In December of 1967, the charter of Gamma Epsilon Chapter at Whitman College became inactive. The General Fraternity membership selection procedures were in conflict with the chapter interest in pledging and initiating men they chose to have as members. The chapter relationship with the Fraternity was unfortunately strained by a member of the Grand Council, who withheld approval of a Gamma Epsilon pledge who was of Asian descent. The problem was complicated by a lack of communication between chapter members, their alumni, and the General Fraternity. After the General Fraternity revised its membership selection procedures, the charter of Gamma Epsilon was restored to active status in 1970.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA TAU CHAPTER FORT HAYS STATE COLLEGE DECEMBER 10, 1967**



Picken Hall, the first building constructed on the campus of Fort Hays, Kansas State College.

At the time of the Installation of Zeta Tau Chapter the population of Hays, Kansas, was approximately 12,000. Fort Hays State University is a liberal and applied arts institution established and maintained by the state to serve the people of Kansas.

The university was established to satisfy a need by the early settlers for educational facilities in the new region. Martin Allen, a horticulturist who came to Hays in 1873, and other Hays residents, conceived the idea of using the Fort Hays Military Reservation land, about to be abandoned by the government, for

experimental and educational purposes. The fort was abandoned in 1889. From that time until 1900, the proposal for its use was repeatedly presented to Congress by far-seeing residents of the area. In 1900 the federal government enacted legislation granting the land to the state of Kansas for a state college, an agricultural experimental station, and a state park. In 1901, the Kansas legislature accepted the grant.

On June 23, 1902, the university opened with 34 students, two faculty members, and 19 courses. For two years, sessions were held in two

old buildings on the fort grounds. In 1904 the first stone building was completed on the flats adjacent to Hays, and the young institution was moved to its present location.

The University had several name changes. In 1914 the Hays Normal was made independent of the Emporia Normal School, and its name became Fort Hays Kansas State Normal School. In 1923 the name was changed to Kansas State Teachers College of Hays. The right to confer liberal arts degrees was approved by the Board of Regents early in 1931, and the legislation authorized the change to Fort Hays Kansas State College. In 1977 the name was changed to Fort Hays State University.

The possibility of adding a strong, academic-oriented organization on the Fort Hays campus became a reality when several young men, independents and former members of the Kansas Alpha chapter of Kappa Sigma Kappa, formed Prometheans. They resigned from Kappa Sigma Kappa when they affiliated with Sigma Chi. The group set out to enhance the moral, social, and scholastic obligations of its membership and formation of a first class social fraternity on the Fort Hays State campus. The founders made known their ideas and gradually recruited men who measured up to their qualifications. In their membership were several campus leaders and influential students who had preferred to remain independent. In the fall of 1962 membership increased to 30 men.

Correspondence and visits to Sigma Chi chapters at Kansas State University and University of Kansas kindled their interest in the Fraternity. The group also corresponded with Dr. George H. Jones, Louisiana State '42, Grand Praetor of the Southern Province and chairman of the Preferred List Committee, and Thomas O. Sheer, Nebraska '49, Grand Praetor of the Nebraska-Kansas Province.

After careful consideration the group began working toward affiliation with Sigma Chi. They began the arduous task of building a fraternity that would fulfill the demands and further the goals they held to be essential in a growing and progressive organization. A constitution was written and adopted in accordance with the high standards necessary for consideration by Sigma Chi. After the constitution the Prometheans developed a ritual, crest, and other essentials necessary for a complete fraternity.

In the fall of 1963 the men were fortunate to lease their initial chapter house at 506 Pine Street. It was a place to meet, proved invaluable to the pledge training program, and offered housing to some of the members. The group pursued an active role on campus and established an enviable record, second to none.

On December 10, 1967, a five-year goal was reached when 46 men became charter initiates of Zeta Tau Chapter after an inspiring Initiation ceremony performed by Delta Upsilon Chapter at Kansas State University, Alpha Xi at University of Kansas, and Alpha Epsilon at the University of Nebraska. Guided by Headquarters staff members Bob



Fort Hays, Kansas State College Sigs Jim Oden, left, and Charles Eubank placed a Sigma Chi banner on the front of their chapter house.

White, Howard Cowgill and Fred Yoder, the group made discoveries about Sigma Chi and about themselves during the Indoctrination Week.

The initiation activities concluded with the Installation banquet at the Holiday Inn, hosted by Clayton Flood, Kansas '33, of Hays. Highlights of the banquet included a welcome to the college by Dr. Richard Burnett, assistant to the president, and an installation message by the chief installing officer, Grand Consul Floyd Baker.

The charter for the Fraternity's 144th active chapter, and Consul's Badge were presented to Consul Dave Aday by Grand Consul Baker. Special presentations were made to Aday, who received the Jordan Award, and Sid Stranathan, who captured the outstanding pledge award. Also participating as installing officers were Southern Colorado Grand Praetor Emory C. Walker Jr. of Denver, investigating officer; former Assistant Executive Secretary Steven A. Jensen, of Denver; and Wichita Alumni Chapter President Evan Lassen. A special moment of the banquet came with the presentation of a Sweetheart Badge to the housemother, Mrs. Nina Stuart. Hays alumnus Calvin Markwell, Kansas '50, a sponsor of the group as a local fraternity, offered remarks on behalf of the Hays alumni. All brothers, old and new, joined in singing "Then Here's to Our Fraternity," to close the banquet.<sup>5</sup>



Fort Hays, Kansas State College initiation candidates Robert Sears, left, and Mike Schmidt watched as Sigma Chi Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder admired wooden crosses built as pledge projects.



At the Fort Hays, Kansas State installation head table, from left, were Consul Dave Aday, Housemother Nina Stuart, Fort Hays Assistant to the President Dr. Richard Burnett, Grand Consul Floyd Baker, Toastmaster Clayton Flood, and Kansas State University Consul John Mitcha.

## ALPHA BETA CHARTER REVOKED

Late in 1967, Grand Consul Floyd Baker and his wife Betty visited Alpha Beta Chapter at the University of California at Berkeley, carrying out his agenda of visiting every undergraduate chapter during his term. During that visit, some members of the chapter were aggressive and arrogant in addressing the membership selection dilemma and in questioning Grand Consul Baker about it. After the visit, Grand Consul Baker said that he and his wife were treated rudely by some of the Alpha Beta members.

On January 6, 1968, the charter of Alpha Beta Chapter was revoked by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee. The committee decided that the Berkeley campus was not a suitable location for a new chapter of Sigma Chi, and therefore the campus no longer provided the proper environment for continuing an existing chapter. Following the revocation there was a measure of regret expressed by Grand Consul Baker and others regarding the loss of Alpha Beta.<sup>6</sup>

The Grand Praetor of the Northern California Province at the time, S. Jack McDuff, later recalled: "Floyd (Baker) and the Executive Committee did permit me to hold an initiation about two weeks later for the pledge class that was going to go through, and we did that. And that was the close of that chapter. They were my boys and it was my chapter." McDuff believed that the decision for revocation was an over reaction.<sup>7</sup>

The Alpha Beta charter was reactivated under better circumstances, on February 19, 1972.

Longtime Sigma Chi Foundation President Romain C. Hassrick, Bucknell '06, entered the Chapter Eternal on January 7, 1968.

## THE MU CHAPTER CENTENNIAL

On March 2, 1968, Mu Chapter at Denison University reached the century mark and celebrated the event in grand style. Some 400 of its sons, their wives, children, and sweethearts, returned to Granville, Ohio, to commemorate the occasion. The Centennial Committee was co-chaired by George Norton, Denison '35, and Richard Harman, Denison '35. Bob Roach of Gamma Chapter, Ohio Wesleyan, clattered up the hill on horseback, dressed appropriately, reenacting the delivering of the charter. Harold Beckwith, Consul of Mu Chapter, received the charter.

The birthday was celebrated at Slayter Hall, which was filled to capacity. Mu Alumni Association President John Wright, and Consul Beckwith welcomed the celebrants. Denison President Dr. Blair Knapp, paid tribute to Mu's contributions over the years. Grand Consul Floyd Baker said that if all Sigma Chi chapters were as good as Mu his job would be easier and the Fraternity would be more outstanding. The celebration adjourned to Huffman Hall, named for Past Grand Consul



William P. Huffman, for the banquet, as a blizzard covered the town in white. Grand Historian Robert M. Collett, Denison '15, wrote and published a history of Mu Chapter for the occasion.<sup>8</sup>

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA UPSILON CHAPTER THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY APRIL 21, 1968**

At the time of the Installation of Zeta Upsilon Chapter the population of Williamsburg, Virginia, was approximately 9,000. The College of William and Mary was chartered in 1693, the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. The college was founded as early as 1619 at Henrico near Richmond, Virginia, by Jamestown settlers. Construction was terminated in 1622 due to an Indian raid. The earlier work in Henrico in 1619 ended in 1693 with the chartering of the college.



The Sir Christopher Wren Building, built in 1695, is the oldest academic building in continuous use in the United States.

At first the College consisted of three buildings: the President's House, the Brafferton, and the Sir Christopher Wren Building. This national landmark was named for the famed British architect and housed the entire college for many years. Built in 1695, it stands today as the oldest academic structure in the United States. The College of William and Mary was begun by the English Crown and the Church of England primarily as a school for future clergy. During the American Revolution the college housed American and French armies during the Yorktown campaign of 1781.

The college has achieved many firsts and has many famous alumni. Phi Beta Kappa, the first Greek letter fraternity, was founded at William and Mary in 1776. The first honor system in the U.S. was instituted at the college in 1779, and in that year the first school of law was established, influenced by Thomas Jefferson. Among the famous alumni and administrators of the College were U.S. patriots: Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, James Monroe, Peyton Randolph, Richard Bland, John Marshall, and Benjamin Harrison. Washington, though never an undergraduate, received his surveying degree from the college, and was its first American Chancellor from 1789 until his death.

During the Civil War, the college was used first by the Confederate Army and later by the Union Army. In 1862 Union troops set the Wren Building on fire. The campus was an example of the ruin caused by the Civil War. Completely gutted by fire, it was forced to close its doors in 1881 because of a lack of funds. William and Mary was kept alive by President Benjamin Ewell, who rang the Wren Bell to open every session. A few students attended classes in hopes that the institution would again open for full instruction. In 1888 a \$10,000 state grant enabled the school to officially re-open. The institution was influenced by the Episcopal Church in its early years. However, the state assumed control in 1906 and created a Board of Visitors appointed by the Governor. Women were admitted in 1918.

Keplar Society was conceived May 21, 1962, when four William and Mary undergraduates - Walter Vinyard, Blake Newton, Marshall Dawson and Ron Alvarez - met to organize a new fraternal society. Original plans called for a "heterogeneous coalition of undergraduate men" to be chosen "from all walks of campus life." The purpose of the group was to give the men a chance to broaden their academic, athletic, spiritual, and social horizons. The group planned affiliation with a major fraternity with ideals similar to those of the Keplar Society. The purpose of the Keplar Society, as approved by the College Administration, was in part:

"We, a group of male independents at the College of William and Mary, have joined together in an united group in an effort to offer an esprit nouveau on the Williamsburg campus. We have dedicated our society Keplar, in honor of a thirteenth century, semi-fictional character of England; and we recognize the following ideals as essential in its function: Religious, Intellectual, Service, Social, and Athletic. All these things we feel to be necessary for our progression."

Earlier the group had been known as the Goats and Zeta Beta. The name Keplar, suggested by member Bucky Riegleman, in English legend was a highwayman who stole from the poor and gave to the rich. During the 1962-63 school year, Keplar was officially recognized by the administration. Regular weekly meetings began and a constitution was developed. The desire to affiliate with the Sigma Chi satisfied one of the original aims, to affiliate with the fraternity with ideals similar to those of Keplar.

Following a favorable vote on the charter petition, preparations were

made for installation of the group as Zeta Upsilon Chapter. Leadership Training Administrator Fred Yoder led the Initiation and Ritual teams, assisted by Robert S. White and Hank V. Martinson. During the pre-Initiation week, the men painted a white picket fence around the sorority court area.

The Great Hall of historic Sir Christopher Wren Building was the site of the Installation of Zeta Upsilon and the Initiation of its charter members on April 21, 1968. Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker, Grand Pro Consul and Chief Installing Officer Norman C. Brewer, Grand Quaestor Edwin C. Fisher, and Executive Secretary William T. Bringham led the contingent of current and past Fraternity officials, 46 undergraduates and six alumni. All members of Keplar Society were initiated as charter members. Epsilon Rho Chapter, University of Richmond was the installing chapter for Zeta Upsilon, one of twelve fraternities at William and Mary. At the installation banquet, William and Mary President Dr. Davis Y. Paschall, a member of Kappa Alpha Order, welcomed Sigma Chi and expressed his interest in the leadership provided by fraternities. Guests at the banquet included representatives from all province chapters, Past Grand Consuls William P. Huffman and Bolon B. Turner, Executive Committee member Charles M. Thatcher, Kentucky Grand Praetor Charles A. Cissell, Epsilon Chapter Advisor George L. Hooper, Order of Constantine member Dr. George C. Ruhle, Washington, D.C. Alumni President Jack Batham, and Richmond Alumni President Dr. Gordon Prior.

Virginia Grand Praetor Wyatt B. French welcomed the new chapter to the roll of Sigma Chi chapters on behalf of the Virginia Province. Grand Pro Consul Brewer welcomed the new Sigs, formally completing the affiliation he helped start as investigating officer. He praised their determination and charged them to guard the principles of the Fraternity. He also noted dryly that "although Sigma Chi is only 113 years old, there are 145 chapters; William and Mary is 275 years old, but there is still just one of it."

Toastmaster Dr. James P. Whyte, Bucknell '43, professor of law at the College, read congratulatory telegrams from Significant Sigs Barry Goldwater, Milton Caniff, John Wayne, and Stuart Saunders. Presented at the banquet were the Isaac M. Jordan Award to outgoing Consul Lynwood M. Dent Jr., Outstanding Pledge to Gordon N. Kellett III, and Grand Consul's Citations to Virginia Grand Praetor Wyatt French and Zeta Upsilon Chapter Advisor Dr. Edward M. Riley, Washington & Lee '31, Director of Research for Colonial Williamsburg.<sup>9</sup>

Joining the Headquarters staff as Assistant Executive Secretaries in the spring and summer of 1968 were Hank Martinson, Arizona State '68; Jeff Nemens, Central Michigan '68; Wayne Spiekerman, Puget Sound '68; and R. Stephen Heinrichs, California State-Fresno '68.

Four new members were named to the Leadership Training Board:

Keith B. Sorensen, Utah & Southern California '62; S. Jack McDuff, Arizona '51; Richard M. Salisbury, Maine '59; and Louis C. Rice, Denison '54.



Keith B. Sorensen, center, discussed Sigma Chi with delegates at the 1968 Workshop.

Past Executive Secretary and chief administrative officer at the Sigma Chi Headquarters from 1937 until 1952, J. Russell Easton, Iowa State & Iowa '23, passed to the Chapter Eternal on August 23, 1968, at the age of 68.

## TWENTY-FIRST LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE-KNOXVILLE - 1968



Edwin C. Fisher  
Leadership Training  
Board Chairman

The 1968 Leadership Training Workshop attracted a total of 940 Sigs and guests. Of the total 744 were undergraduate delegates, a Sigma Chi record for the Workshop. This attendance record stood until the 1984 Workshop. An increase of more than 175 from the previous record continued Sigma Chi's mark of maintaining the largest Greek-letter leadership training program. At least two-thirds of each delegate's program involvement was spent in small group sessions of from five to 25 brothers. The Workshop featured a theme, "The Search for Significance," derived from emphasis on the Peterson Significant Chapter award, and the goal of seeking individual and group improvement. Each undergraduate delegation met with

a Workshop faculty member for review of progress related to Headquarters staff visitation.

The program opened as delegates entered Scottish Rite Temple near campus, where Grand Consul Baker presented the welcoming message, and the Ritual exemplification was performed. The Consuls, Quaestors, Magisters, Underclass, Scholarship and Grand Praetors-Chapter Advisors division programs began on Saturday morning, August 24, with a Ritual presentation led by Grand Praetor Edward M. King. The chapter meeting and awards convocation featured presentation of the International Balfour Award, Public Relations Citations, and a program about the Wallace Village, the Sigma Chi service project. The 1968 International Balfour Award was presented to Bruce Montgomerie, DePauw '68. Epsilon Pi Chapter, Colorado State College, for the fourth consecutive year received the best chapter public relations program award. The evening continued with bonus seminars on informal subjects of special delegate interest, and recreational activities at the Aquatic Center. Sunday morning an interdenominational Workshop Worship service was led by Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen and the Workshop chorus. Local fraternities program faculty member Tom Swears, Central Michigan '68, delivered a fraternity-related message.

The 1968 Workshop closed with the final banquet, emceed by Ritual Director Tom Bottone and completing the theme "The Search for Significance." Scholarship faculty member John R. Burton, of Huntsville, Texas, received the William H. Carlisle Outstanding Faculty Member Award, presented by the previous recipient, S. Jack McDuff.

The significance of the Workshop program in developing leadership for the Fraternity is demonstrated by a review of the roster of the 1968 Leadership Training Board. Six of the ten members later became Grand Consul of the Fraternity: Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, James F. Bash, S. Jack McDuff, Dr. Marvin D. "Swede" Johnson, Keith B. Sorensen, and Thomas F. Bell. Workshop administrative and program details were coordinated by Leadership Training Administrator Fred Yoder, assisted by other Headquarters staff mem-



Indiana Grand Praetor G. David Manson presented the International Balfour Award to Bruce M. Montgomerie at the 1968 Workshop.



Thomas L. Bottone

bers and University Associate Conference Director F. Allan Thurman, Tennessee-Knoxville '59.<sup>10</sup>

## **THE 1968 GRAND COUNCIL MEETING DENVER, COLORADO**

The 1968 meeting of the Grand Council, September 27 and 28, at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, Colorado, was routine in every respect. Until the mid 1970s, Grand Council meetings consisted of the usual Grand Officer and committee reports, with little significant legislation proposed.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA PHI CHAPTER NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY DECEMBER 15, 1968**

At the time of the Installation of Zeta Phi Chapter the population of Las Cruces, New Mexico, was approximately 37,000. Founded in 1888



**Hadley Hall Administration Building on the New Mexico State Campus.**

as Las Cruces College, the university was established the following year as a land-grant college by an act of the Legislative Assembly of New Mexico in accordance with provisions of the Morrill Act. As New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, the institution grew, fulfilling its purpose as a center of learning in the broadest possible service to the state and nation. The growth and maturity of the institution was formally recognized in 1960 when the constitution of New Mexico was amended changing the name to New Mexico State University. A pioneer in realizing the value of community colleges, the university established three branch campuses at Carlsbad, Alamogordo and Farmington.

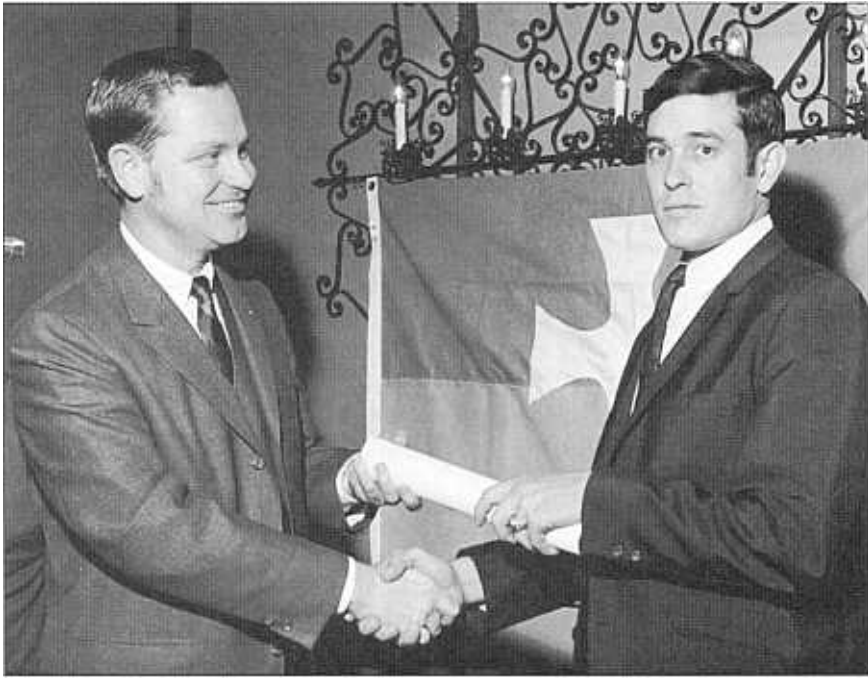


Charter members of Zeta Phi Chapter at New Mexico State.

At the time of the Installation of Zeta Phi Chapter, three sororities had been established: Chi Omega, Delta Zeta and Zeta Tau Alpha. Seven fraternities were active on campus, including Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Tau, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Theta Chi.

The local fraternity Sigma Rho was founded by men who were not satisfied with the existing fraternities on campus. In *The Jordan Standard* they found reinforcement for their fraternal goals. From its inception in February of 1966, Sigma Rho worked toward affiliation with Sigma Chi. During the time of its existence, Sigma Rho progressed with honors and achievements in many fields of endeavor. Formal application for a charter in Sigma Chi was made by the group during the summer of 1968, and the approval of the petition was confirmed in a telegram on November 2. The men were then formally pledged to Sigma Chi.

Initiation began on December 14, 1968 following a week of training from Headquarters staff members Fred F. Yoder, Jeffrey G. Nemens, and Arthur G. Wahlberg. Preliminaries of the Initiation were held at the Sigma Rho House at 1145 Monte Vista in Las Cruces. The chief installing officer was Grand Quaestor and Leadership Training Board Chairman Edwin C. Fisher. Beta Phi Chapter, University of Arizona, was the installing chapter, assisted by members of chapters in the Arizona-New Mexico Province. The Installation banquet was held at the Mission Inn. First Consul of the new chapter was Ralph W. Cortese.<sup>11</sup>



Arizona-New Mexico Grand Praetor Gary Noss, left, presents Sigma Chi charter to Zeta Phi Consul Ralph Cortese.



Charles F. Hough  
Past Grand Consul

Past Grand Consul Charles F. Hough, Illinois '15, entered the Chapter Eternal on December 18, 1968, at the age of 75. He served the Fraternity in many capacities and activities throughout his adult life, particularly regarding legal matters.

### **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA CHI CHAPTER NEVADA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY MARCH 23, 1969**

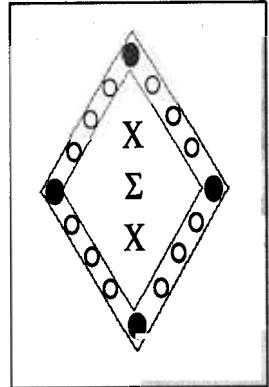
At the time of the founding of Nevada Southern College in Las Vegas, Nevada, no one predicted expansion would keep pace with the swelling Las Vegas population. The college was established as Southern



Regional Branch of the University of Nevada and instruction was first given in 1951. The first four-year degrees were conferred in 1964, and the name was changed to Nevada Southern University in 1965. The school became autonomous in 1968, and the name was changed to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1969. Students from throughout the world are attracted to the park-like campus located less than two miles from the Las Vegas Strip.

Chi Sigma Chi fraternity was founded at 1038 Sir Patrick Street, Las Vegas, Nevada, by Tim S. Toth and 21 men in November of 1965. They wanted to establish an organization far superior to any other on campus. The organization was founded on the paramount idea of brotherhood. The first months of organization were rather stormy, but Chi Sigma Chi emerged with brotherhood, strength, and zeal for accomplishment. The trials of the early days were long remembered by the brotherhood.

Chi Sigma Chi was remarkable in its organization and well-rounded endeavors in scholarship, community service, athletics, and student government. The group had a fully developed pledge program and symbol of its own design. The Badge of Chi Sigma Chi was diamond-shaped, with rubies in each corner, representing knowledge, truth, leadership, and brotherhood. Twelve pearls divided by the rubies represented scholarship, honor, respect, judgment, loyalty, brotherhood, leadership, truth, health, courage, fortitude, and democracy.<sup>12</sup>



The Badge of Chi  
Sigma Chi

Following a favorable vote on the charter petition, preparations were made for Installation of the group as Zeta Chi Chapter. Headquarters staff members Fred Yoder, R. Stephen Heinrichs and Wayne C. Spiekerman guided the men through the Indoctrination Week. Final ceremonies for 55 charter initiates were conducted on March 23, 1969. Epsilon Eta, Fresno State College, was the installing chapter. Members from the Northern California-Nevada and Southern California Provinces assisted.

That evening the ceremonies culminated with a dinner held in the banquet room of the Sahara Hotel. The banquet was emceed by Phillip V. Sanchez, Chapter Advisor at Fresno State. University of Nevada President Dr. Roman J. Zorn, welcomed the Fraternity and officials to the college. Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker welcomed the new chapter and college to Sigma Chi. The installation message was provided by Past Grand Consul Stanley N. Barnes. Presentation of the Zeta Chi charter was made by Chief Installing Officer Grand Quaestor Edwin C. Fisher to Consul Robert S. Zaun.

Among the awards presented at the banquet were a president's



University of Nevada Las Vegas campus, circa 1970.



At the University of Nevada Las Vegas installation; left to right: Zeta Chi Chapter Advisor Tom Davidson, Las Vegas Alumni Chapter President Lt. Col. Wayne Donaldson, Annotator Dan Bode, Consul Bob Zaun, and Grand Trustee Merrill K. Davis, one of the installing officers.

gavel to Zeta Chi Consul Bob Zaun by Grand Praetor S. Jack McDuff, and the Jordan Award to Zeta Chi Pro Consul Ernie Acevedo. Grand Consul's Citations were presented to Chi Sigma Chi founding president



Grand Trustee L. R. Gardner, Past Grand Consul Bolon Turner, Grand Quaestor Edwin C. Fisher, Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker, and Past Grand Consul Hon. Stanley N. Barnes also shared the head table at Zeta Chi Chapter installation.

Tim Toth, past Chi Sigma Chi president William Terry, Consul Zaun, Las Vegas Alumni President Lt. Col. Wayne N. A. Donaldson, and Zeta Chi Chapter Advisor Hugh Thomas Davidson.<sup>13</sup>

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ZETA OMEGA CHAPTER EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY MAY 18, 1969**

At the time of the Installation of Zeta Omega Chapter the population of Johnson City, Tennessee, was approximately 33,000. The establishment of the East Tennessee State Normal School at Johnson City was authorized by an act of the General Assembly in 1909, and the first session opened on October 2, 1911. Along with two other state normal schools, East Tennessee was founded in an effort to alleviate the desperate shortage of trained teachers in the public schools of Tennessee.

The campus opened with 120 acres and five buildings. The original faculty was composed of twenty members, and the student body attendance for the 1911 academic year was 236. The course offerings included a high school curriculum and a two-year college course of study. During its fifteen years as a normal school, East Tennessee State experienced a growth in enrollment that tripled the size of its original student body. It became a four-year state teacher's college and granted its first bachelor of science degree in 1925.

The depression years witnessed a continued increase in enrollments, accompanied by a sharp decline in revenues. Between the academic years 1932-33 and 1933-34, for example, the annual state appropriation dropped from \$150,000 to \$56,000, while enrollment increased from 1,079 to 1,288. In 1944, the name was changed to East Tennessee State College. Following World War II, the student body increased approximately fifteen-fold, and the college broadened its offerings and services accordingly. In 1955 the College was re-organized according to a modified University plan with four schools: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration and Economics, Education, and Health. In 1963, the State Board of Education unanimously recommended university status for the college.



Gilbreath Hall, the early administration building of East Tennessee State University. Constructed in 1911, one of the landmark buildings on the campus, it is utilized by the College of Arts and Sciences.

At the time of the Installation of Zeta Omega Chapter, the following sororities were represented on campus: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Phi Mu, and Sigma Kappa. The eight fraternities were: Kappa Alpha Order, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Phi Epsilon; and the local fraternity, Sigma Chi Alpha.

On the evening of November 5, 1964, several young men at East Tennessee State University met to form Sigma Chi Alpha local fraternity. The men decided that their conception of what a fraternity should represent was not present on the campus. They began to build a fraternity based on the values and ideas they felt a chapter should possess. Their first casual meetings were devoted to defining exactly what they were looking for in a fraternity, and discussing what international fraternities offered these ideas. After careful consideration and much debate, Sigma Chi Fraternity stood above the others and was unanimously chosen to be the goal of State's newest fraternity. The university president granted a charter to Sigma Chi Alpha the following spring.

Sigma Chi Alpha progressed in all areas of fraternity life and encouraged leadership in Greek, campus and community environments.

The brothers attempted to build a chapter worthy of Sigma Chi in its activities, and to achieve the personal goals set down in *The Jordan Standard*.

Following a favorable vote on the charter petition, preparations were made for Installation of the group as Zeta Omega Chapter. Formal pledging was on April 30, 1969. The group prepared for Indoctrination Week with the help of the Upper East Tennessee Alumni Association and the cooperation of various Sigma Chis in the Johnson City area. Headquarters staff members Fred Yoder, Jeff Nemens and Steve Heinrichs guided the group toward Initiation. The group completed two major projects during the week, painting the benches on the school campus and a complete clean-up of the Fraternity house on Saturday morning.

Installing officers and guests were received at the Inns of America, and initial ceremonies were held at the chapter house on Saturday evening, May 17. Final ceremonies were held the following morning at the Elks Lodge. The installing chapter was Delta Theta, University of Chattanooga, assisted by chapters of the Tennessee and Kentucky provinces.

The Installation banquet was held at the Holiday Inn. The chief installing officer, Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen, presented the Zeta Omega charter to Consul Barry Neil Faries. Guests at the installation banquet included: Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker, Grand Pro Consul Norman C. Brewer Jr., Past Grand Consul Hon. Bolon B. Turner, Tennessee Grand Praetor Earl B. McClanahan Jr., Grand Trustee William J. Wade, Kentucky Grand Praetor Charles A. Cissel, Southeastern Grand Praetor Herbert E. Drake, 1949 International Balfour Award winner George H. Cate Jr., Knoxville Alumni President F. Allan Thurman,



Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen, chief installing officer, presents the Zeta Omega charter to Consul Barry Faries.

and Delta Theta Consul Arthur F. Slaton. The Best Pledge Award was presented to Mike Wolfenbarger, and the Jordan Award went to Consul Faries.<sup>14</sup>



Executive Secretary William T. Bringham presents a gift suede guest book to Zeta Omega Consul Barry Faries on behalf of Past Grand Consul L. G. Balfour. Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker, foreground, was an installation participant.

New Assistant Executive Secretaries on the Headquarters staff in 1969 were Richard Mackey, Puget Sound '69; P. Brandt McCool, Kentucky '69; Richard Sucher, Houston '68; and Arthur Wahlberg, California State-Fresno '68.

**THE 57th GRAND CHAPTER  
JUNE 16-18, 1969  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

The 1969 Grand Chapter was expected to be emotion-charged; few were disappointed. The line was sharply drawn between those who favored elimination or substantial modification of various membership selection procedures and those who felt that the Fraternity had gone as far as it could. The business sessions, held in the Downtown Atlanta Marriott Motor Hotel, were memorable for many reasons, including the



The Marriott Motor Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

overwhelming participation of undergraduate chapter delegates; the calm and brotherly manner in which Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker presided over the meetings; the ultimate fairness with which Constitution and Statutes Committee Chairman John W. Graham, Q.C., treated the pro and con speakers during the discussions prior to voting; the truly remarkable display of brotherhood and respect for the other brother's opinion during debates that easily could have deteriorated into name-calling contests. Humor dominated some reports, but emotion dominated the debates over controversial questions. It was this strange mixture of humor and emotion that made the 57th Grand Chapter.

"This is my 14th report," the white-haired Grand Historian Bob Collett said during Grand Officer reports. "My name is Collett, not Caldwell, Runkle or Scobey, as some think. When taken for a Founder, it's time to think things over . . . Any time you want to have a new

Grand Historian, you can elect one." Merlin Olsen, of the Los Angeles Rams' famed Fearsome Foursome, introduced himself at the final banquet as "a member-at-large and the largest member of the Executive Committee."

There were tears in many eyes when Bill Gibney, a blind brother and one of the most outstanding men at the University of Arizona, followed his seeing-eye dog to the microphone and spoke of color and prejudice and "men who are mentally blind." And there were tears in the eyes of a brother from Rochester who couldn't even finish his remarks, probably due to the thought of losing his chapter, which he said would happen unless some rules were changed.

The main controversy centered around three proposed Constitutional amendments designed to eliminate alumni approval from the membership selection process. Two won majority votes but failed to win the 90 percent approval required to amend the membership selection provisions of the Constitution. Another amendment that would have reduced the 90 percent requirement to 75 percent failed, although 77 percent of the delegates, including 89 percent of the undergraduate delegates, favored it.

Similar proposals had fared worse at the previous Grand Chapter. Feelings had shifted greatly across previous regional and age divisions. No longer was the membership question simply a north-south, active-alumni standoff. The undergraduate delegates, many attending their first Grand Chapter, saw a division that could not be resolved. Grand Consul Baker had observed on his tour of all 148 undergraduate chapters and reported to the Grand Chapter that "there is no serious generation gap in this Fraternity." But then outside the meeting room in the hotel lobby, at that very moment, a Past Grand Consul and an undergraduate debated to a standoff on the membership question.

The debates ended in a standoff and the status quo prevailed. Faced with a split, the Grand Chapter elected to the highest offices two men who walked the tightrope between sides of the Constitutional debates, and stood up tallest for Fraternity unity. Norman C. Brewer Jr., the newly elected Grand Consul, in his installation address stated: "I wasn't elected to preside over the dissolution of this Fraternity," paraphrasing Winston Churchill. John W. Graham, Q.C., carried a heavy burden, presiding over debates about Constitution and Statute changes. He did his job well, and none could guess his stand on the issues, except when Grand Consul Baker hinted a split between United States and Canadian chapters might be feasible. Then Graham stood and talked about one Fraternity. "This is one Fraternity, and it's going to stay that way. Far bigger and stronger than our Founders would have fathomed. But I think this is so only because, as Grand Trustee Craig Nason told us: "God bless our active brothers. They have brought up ideas our Founders never dreamed of." John Graham was elected Grand Pro Consul.





Grand Chapter Awards Luncheon.



Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, left, and delegates from chapters winning the Peterson Significant Chapter Award.

Looking to the future, in case the divisive membership question could not be resolved satisfactorily, the Grand Chapter directed the new Grand Consul to appoint a commission to explore additional alterna-

tives. And to confound those who forecasted bloody fights for the Fraternity's highest offices, the Grand Chapter by acclamation re-elected Grand Quaestor Edwin C. Fisher, Grand Historian Robert M. Collett, and Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen.



John P. McPhail III  
1969 International  
Balfour Award winner

Northern Idaho-Eastern Washington; and Wayne C. Spiekerman, Puget Sound '68, Western Washington.



Carolyn Keithly  
1969 International  
Sweetheart of Sigma Chi

Newly-elected Grand Trustees were S. Jack McDuff; John F. Simms, New Mexico '37; Russell W. Steger, Illinois '50; and Emory C. Walker Jr., Denver '59. Newly-elected Grand Praetors were Donald F. Clapp, Michigan '47, Western New York-Ontario; Byron L. Anstine, Penn '65, Eastern; Robert R. Fair, Virginia '49, Virginia; David Riebel, Ohio State '59, Southern Ohio; Robert F. Kershaw, Butler & Michigan State '41, Indiana; Richard M. Trump, Colorado State '56, Iowa-Nebraska; James H. Gardner, Texas-Austin '40, Kansas; Phillip V. Sanchez, California State-Fresno '53, Northern California-Nevada; John R. Smith Jr., Florida State '64, Florida; Jesse W. Crane, Denver '52, Southern Colorado; John M. Kurdy, Idaho '68, Montana-

At the Awards Luncheon, John F. McPhail III, Florida '69, of Niagara Falls, New York, was presented the 1969 International Balfour Award. This presentation marked the first major revision in the selection of the International Balfour Award winner since its inception in 1929. For the first time, the selection committee chose three finalists for the award, and the Fraternity brought all three to the Grand Chapter to complete an additional, final step in the process, a personal interview with the selection committee. The other two finalists were Carl M. Sandberg, Wyoming '69, of the Wyoming-Northern Colorado Province, and Joe C. Sorenson, Oklahoma State '69, of the Oklahoma-Arkansas Province. Named

International Sweetheart during the Grand Chapter was Carolyn Keithly, sweetheart of Gamma Eta Chapter, Idaho. New members of the

Order of Constantine were: James L. Beatty Jr., Merrill K. Davis, Edwin Fisher; Dr. George H. Jones; Roy M. Teel, Oklahoma State '33; William J. Wade, Illinois Wesleyan & George Washington '28; and W. Edward Wilson Jr., Washington (Seattle) '31.

Three events highlighted the Grand Chapter Banquet. Recognition of outgoing Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker for accomplishing the unprecedented feat of visiting every undergraduate chapter during his term of office; an inspiring "State of Sigma Chi" address by Grand Consul-elect Norman C. Brewer Jr., and presentation of 18 Significant Sig medals.<sup>15</sup>

## SIGS IN THE NEWS

Two of the largest U.S. railroads, the Pennsylvania and the New York Central, merged to become the Penn Central Railroad, with Significant Sig Stuart Saunders, Roanoke '30, a former president of Pennsylvania Railroad, as chairman of the board.

Significant Sig William M. Allen, Montana '22, was named chairman of the board of the giant aerospace company, Boeing Aircraft.

William W. Keeler, Kansas '30, became president of the Phillips Petroleum Company, whose products were marketed under the label "Phillips 66." Phillips was one of the largest U.S. petroleum firms.

Indiana University head football coach John Pont, Miami (Ohio) '52, was voted Coach of the Year for 1967 by the Football Writers of America.

In the surprise movie hit, "Bonnie and Clyde" a pair of performers with strong Sigma Chi ties played the title roles: Faye Dunaway, a former Sweetheart of Gamma Theta Chapter, University of Florida, and Warren Beatty, Northwestern '59, who also produced the film.<sup>16</sup>

## CHAPTER VIII - Notes and Comments

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# Chapter IX

## Into a New Era

### 1969 to 1971

"I do not presume that I was elected Grand Consul of the Sigma Chi Fraternity to preside at the dissolution of it. On the contrary, I think that I was elected Grand Consul to do everything within my power to cherish, to preserve, and to defend this Fraternity. That will be my purpose. Sigma Chi is us all together, yet it is much greater than any one of us, or any group of us. My plea tonight is for us to get together, to try to forget some of the differences we have had, and to work for the common good of this beautiful Cross that we wear."

*Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer Jr., at the 1969 Grand Chapter.<sup>1</sup>*

**A**T LONG last, the leadership of the Fraternity found and gathered the courage to adopt a process within the governing laws that afforded the undergraduate chapters the freedom to pledge and initiate men without approval of the Grand Council. Solving the membership selection impasse left the Fraternity agenda open for a new era of expansion and creative programming.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORMAN C. BREWER JR., 45th GRAND CONSUL

Norman C. Brewer Jr. was born at Black Hawk, Mississippi on October 4, 1913. The son of Norman C. Brewer Sr., Mississippi '07, he was a third generation Sigma Chi. His two brothers David J., Mississippi '36 and William M., Mississippi '41, and his son Norman Craig III, Mississippi '72, were also initiated into the Fraternity.

The determination of this third generation Ole' Miss Sigma Chi as Grand Consul, that he was "not going to preside at the dissolution of this Fraternity," is a major reason why the Sigma Chi Fraternity enjoys a promising future today.

Brother Brewer was initiated at Eta Chapter on February 27, 1932. As an undergraduate he was elected to the offices of Magister, Pro Consul, and Consul. He was Rush Chairman for four years, including when he was in law school. Upon graduation he received the Southern Province Balfour Award. On campus he was president of Blue Key and a charter member of the Omicron Delta Kappa circle. He earned a law degree from the University of Mississippi in 1937, became a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, and was listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Upon graduation from law school he joined the law firm Brewer, Deaton & Evans and later became a senior partner. The following year he was elected judge of the municipal court at Greenwood, Mississippi, where he and his wife Martha and their two children made their home. He was subsequently re-elected judge several times and served as a member of the Bar Admissions Board and the Mississippi River Levee Board. He was president of the Community Chest, commander of the American Legion Post, and president of the Christian Churches of Mississippi. During World War II, Norman served as a U.S. Navy Commander in the Pacific. Numerous medals were awarded to him during his Naval career.

In Sigma Chi, Norman served as Grand Praetor of the Southern Province from 1948 until 1959. During these years he was chief installing officer of four chapters. He organized and was president of the Greenwood Alumni Chapter. He served on the Executive Committee from 1955 until 1959 and from 1962 until 1973. In 1959 he was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees. He was nominated for the office of Grand Pro Consul at the 1963 Grand Chapter in Houston and was defeated by a narrow margin. He was elected Grand Pro Consul in 1967 and Grand Consul in 1969. He was a member of the Order of Constantine and a Significant Sig. He was chairman of the Constitution and Statutes Committee and was the primary author of the 1955 Constitution. On several occasions he was a speaker or faculty member at the Leadership Training Workshop.

Brother Brewer led the Fraternity with personal convictions as deep as anyone in history. He knew where his loyalties were and he fulfilled those loyalties with the judgment and foresight that 30 years of public service and legal practice had developed in him. At the time that he was elected Grand Consul, feelings of disagreement over the membership selection process were running very high. As described later in this chapter, he and the members of the Executive Committee solved the problem that had preoccupied, dominated and inhibited the business of the Fraternity from the early 1950s.

There is no more fitting tribute to Norman Brewer than the following remarks made by John W. Graham, Q.C., in his report as the 46th Grand Consul to the 1973 Grand Chapter:

"It was in January, 1970, that the Executive Committee without dissent changed the course of our history by resolving the membership problem that had plagued us for so many years. In my opinion this could not have occurred without deep schism had we not had as our Grand Consul a true statesman from Mississippi, Norman C. Brewer Jr. When the history of our second century is written, he will rank with those now-legendary figures from the South, our Ninth Grand Consul, Dr. Joseph C. Nate, and our 31st Grand Consul, Dr. William B. (Daddy) Ricks. In my view, the influence of Norman's contribution to our Fraternity will be felt for decades to come. I consider him one of our all time greats."

Brother Brewer struggled with the membership selection problem



for many years, while watching other important Fraternity concerns go neglected. To him, solving the membership problem was akin to a rebirth, a reawakening of the Fraternity. He inspired other noteworthy developments during his term. Opportunities for undergraduate participation in General Fraternity operations and governance were created. Undergraduates were invited to participate in each Executive Committee meeting and sessions of other committees, and a Commission on Undergraduate Participation was formed. At the 1969 Grand Chapter he stated:

"To my undergraduate brothers who are sitting here tonight, I want to express to you my pledge that the undergraduate is not going to be neglected. Floyd Baker has told you that you are the lifeblood of Sigma Chi, and, of course, you are. You are entitled to representation, and you are going to have it."

He encouraged new initiatives in rushing and pledging programs by appointing and directing an ambitious committee on the subject, resulting in a revitalized rush brochure and new chapter rushing manual, more emphasis on ideals and important priorities, not pledge harassment or trivialities. A policy on Fraternity, chapter and member responsibility was written, designed to deal with the problem of illegal drugs spreading on college campuses.

A hallmark of Grand Consul Brewer's term was the installation of nine undergraduate chapters—seven of them in 1970—one of the largest groups of chapters chartered in a two-year period. Grand Consul Brewer realized that the procedure for assigning Greek-letter names to undergraduate chapters eventually would exhaust the sequence of the Greek alphabet. A tradition had developed that avoided use of an increasing number of the beginning letters of the Greek alphabet. The "Zeta" series, for example began with Zeta Eta chapter, leaving out Zeta Alpha through Zeta Epsilon. With each new series the number of available chapter names decreased by one. Therefore, the Executive Committee decided to begin the "Eta" series with Eta Alpha. In making this decision, the Executive Committee labored over the idea of passing over the Eta series altogether, eliminating the questionable names such as Eta Beta, Eta Zeta, Eta Theta, Eta Kappa, Eta Pi, and Eta Sigma.

In a hastily-conceived and rare maneuver, Brewer was nominated for a second term as Grand Consul at the conclusion of the 1971 Grand Chapter, but he withdrew before the election.

His distinctive manner and the style of his speech left no doubt as to his home in the deep South. Throughout his life, Norman enjoyed being addressed by friends and even casual acquaintances as "Juicy," his everlasting nickname. He never seemed to mind it, but tended to evade explanation of its origin. According to his wife Martha, it began early in his childhood when there were a lot of nicknames in his family. His southern heritage and pride were exemplified by his service as general chairman of the Constantine Chapter Memorial Committee. The

committee raised funds and arranged for the renovation and perpetual maintenance of the Jonesboro, Georgia, site of the Sigma Chi Constantine Chapter Memorial.

Norman Brewer represented Sigma Chi as delegate to the National Interfraternity Conference for many years, becoming actively involved in its government in December 1972. He was director, secretary, treasurer and vice president before assuming its presidency in December 1978 in Atlanta, Georgia, where in 1969 he had also started his noteworthy term as Grand Consul. He was the fourth Sigma Chi to be elected president of the N.I.C. He was outspoken in opposition whenever one of the ongoing Fraternity budget discussions would lead to the suggestion that Sigma Chi should drop out of interfraternity groups. He also represented the Fraternity in several interfraternal associations, including the Edgewater Conference, an unstructured interfraternal forum involving both men's and women's fraternities.



The last known Sigma Chi photo of Past Grand Consul Brewer, as he visited the Tulane chapter house in March 1979, during a meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference in New Orleans. With him are former Tulane Consul Dan Baker, left, and Consul Jeff Lipe, right.

His interfraternity friends shared in his warmth, grandeur and wit. During an NIC meeting in the Chicago area, the Board visited the Sigma Chi Headquarters for a tour. To the enjoyment of all, particularly Norman, the Headquarters staff had placed tall candles and special "kneeling pads" in front of his portrait, displayed prominently in the front lobby.

Not only did he energetically exercise a brother's individual lifetime commitment, he made it most lively wherever he went, and of everlast-

ing import. He made it possible for Sigma Chi to live on, and to live with meaning, as well.<sup>2</sup>

## **TWENTY-SECOND LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY - 1969**

Eight hundred Sigma Chis and guests set foot in Colorado to conduct the Leadership Training Workshop, August 22-25 at Colorado State University. The 1969 Workshop attracted the second-largest attendance in history, a record in a Grand Chapter year, and in the Greek-letter world. The official attendance was 803; including 642 undergraduate delegates from 141 chapters, and 81 faculty and Leadership Training Board members, the largest Workshop staff ever.

The program began with the opening convocation on August 22. Delegates were welcomed by Grand Quaestor and Leadership Training Board Chairman Edwin C. Fisher and C.S.U. Dean of Students and former L.T.B. member Dr. Burns B. Crookston, who was among those instrumental in the origin of the Workshop in 1947. Grand Consul Brewer addressed the delegates, stressing the need for continued effort toward unifying the Fraternity, for increased communications with and participation by undergraduate members and chapters. 1969 International Balfour Award winner John F. McPhail presented the keynote address at the opening program.

Grand Consul Brewer later recalled the 1969 Workshop and the level of dissatisfaction with the restrictive membership selection regulations of the General Fraternity. He said:

"You see, I was elected in June; we had a Workshop in August at Fort Collins, and I spent my entire time out there meeting with these people that were just absolutely in open revolt! They were threatening; they were telling me and asking me, and I realized after that, that something was going to have to be done. I mean, they were just - rebellion is the only word I know to describe what they were talking about."<sup>3</sup>

Dr. Charles M. Thatcher also later recalled:

"I didn't realize that Norman had been buttonholed as much as he had at the Colorado State Workshop. That Workshop was almost a disaster. It was the one Workshop that I remember where politics just were running rampant. Little caucuses and all of that sort of thing, strategy sessions. And the faculties weren't paying attention to their faculty business, they were spending too damn much time arguing about who can we get on our side, and how can we maneuver this and that sort of thing. It was near disaster."<sup>4</sup>

The division programs took place on August 23, 24 and 25. Presentations on "The Ritual Revisited" were made to each of the divisions by faculty members Phil Sanchez, Bob Bradford, Charlie Cissell, and Robert Davies. One delegate from each chapter joined in a bus trip the first afternoon to the nearby Wallace Village for Children, the Sigma Chi service project in Broomfield, Colorado. They toured the Village facili-



A faculty discussion group at the 1969 Workshop.

ties, met many of the children, and were treated to a performance by the children of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."



Boarding busses for the Wallace Village tour.

The setting for fraternalism then was transferred to the Rocky Mountain foothills, aided by a fleet of buses, for the first "Outdoor Brotherhood Bar-B-Q." On a mountainside overlooking the campus, the Sigs were treated to generous helpings of barbecued buffalo, beans,

salad, refreshments, and Sig songs. The Leadership Training Board had also authorized the serving of beer, as the legal drinking age in Colorado was 18.

Sunday morning was highlighted by the interdenominational worship service led by Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen. The Workshop Chorus, directed by Jim Mollema, performed before a respectable audience, and Magisters faculty member Tom Swears delivered an inspirational message.

A program on the Fraternity service project was performed before the entire Workshop that evening. Past Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker, chairman of the project, presented a check for \$15,220, the result of many chapter fund raising efforts and alumni contributions, to Cleo Wallace, Village director and founder.

The final banquet was emceed by L.T.B. Vice Chairman Chuck Thatcher. The Outstanding Workshop Faculty Member Award, given in memory of former Grand Praetor and Leadership Training Board member William H. Carlisle, was presented to Magisters faculty member John R. Burton. Grand Consul Brewer presented Grand Consul's Citations for seven years of service to faculty members Murray K. McComas, Richard T. Schisler; Robert W. Davies, Q.C.; Richard Jackson; and former L.T.B. member Leon W. Parma.

The banquet was followed by a Ritual Exemplification with a choral and spoken sequence by the Workshop Chorus and Leadership Training Administrator Fred Yoder on "The Impossible Dream." "Just as were three astronauts a month ago," referring to the successful Apollo moon landing, the passage noted, "just as were seven men of old 114 years ago, we are challenged to dream the impossible dream, to run where the brave dare not go, to reach the unreachable Cross."<sup>5</sup>

## DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER DEPARTS

On October 9, 1969, members of Delta Lambda Chapter at Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina, voted by a margin of 28 to 14 to return its charter to the General Fraternity. The chapter had actively pursued the objective of local autonomy in membership selection, and had pledged a black student who would not have been approved for Initiation under the General Fraternity membership selection arrangement at the time.

The Davidson administration insisted that each fraternity chapter be completely free to initiate whomever its undergraduate members chose. In addition, the administration implemented a program dictating that any student wishing to be a fraternity member, who was not chosen by any group during rush, would be assigned by the administration to a fraternity, at random. This process conflicted with General Fraternity laws and procedures.

Through the years the chapter indicated frustration in its attempts to realize its goals and, after the 1969 Grand Chapter in Atlanta, slowly withdrew from the General Fraternity. The October 9 vote was preceded by the chapter's action of not responding to a request by the Fraternity Executive Committee for Delta Lambda's representatives to meet with them at the Leadership Training Workshop. The chapter leaders gave no written notice of their intention not to attend, so the Executive Committee requested the chapter to "show cause" why it should continue in the Fraternity. The charter was surrendered and accepted by the Executive Committee.

## **FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERSHIP QUESTION**

For those familiar with the Fraternity in more recent years, it is difficult to envision Sigma Chi torn with controversy, frustration, and irreconcilable differences of opinion. Internal and external pressure was brought to bear upon the Fraternity for change of membership selection procedures to permit the initiation of black students by undergraduate chapters. Although many chapters had no intention of initiating a black student, most believed that a chapter should have the right to do so if the man qualified under the criteria of The Jordan Standard. Although the "white only" clause in the Sigma Chi Constitution was removed in 1961, other procedures were added effectively preventing initiation of non-white men. And those laws were only able to be changed with approval of 90 percent of the undergraduate and alumni chapter delegates at a biennial Grand Chapter meeting.<sup>6</sup>

The Planning Commission appointed by Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker offered the following resolution that was passed by the 1969 Grand Chapter:

"Be it Resolved that the Grand Consul with the concurrence of the Executive Committee appoint within fifteen (15) days hereof a board whose duty shall be to determine the manner, if any, in which separate organization(s) might be established. The board shall present its recommendation to the Grand Consul within 180 days of its appointment. If in the judgment of the Grand Consul this deadline needs to be extended, he may extend this for not more than 90 days."<sup>7</sup>

The drastic nature of this proposal was evidence of the grave differences over membership selection procedures. It also indicates the failure of the leadership in effectively dealing with the issue until Norman Brewer became Grand Consul. Grand Consul Brewer named 15 members to the Planning Board. Seven were in full-time attendance at universities and eight were alumni, including Chairman and Grand Pro Consul John W. Graham. J. Marshall Conner, Georgia Tech '69, was called into active military service following the first meeting of the Planning Board and was unable to attend the subsequent meetings. One of the alumni members could not attend the first meeting. With these exceptions, all members of the Planning Board were present at all meet-

ings.<sup>8</sup> The members included: Grand Pro Consul Graham; Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen; Grand Trustee Merrill K. Davis; S. Bart Gaunt, Kentucky '70; William A. Gibney, Arizona '69; Wisconsin Grand Praetor James O. Huber; Milton K. Jackson, Texas-Austin '49; Oregon Grand Praetor Robert E. Joseph Jr.; David B. Kiser, M.I.T. '69; Donald A. Lindow, Michigan '70; International Balfour Award winner John F. McPhail III; Oklahoma-Arkansas Grand Praetor Roy M. Teel; Past Grand Consul Harry V. Wade; and Stephen B. Watson, Wisconsin '70.<sup>9</sup>

On August 25, 1969, Chairman John W. Graham wrote in a confidential letter to the members of the Planning Board:

We are now embarked on our task . . . to determine the manner, if any, in which separate organization(s) might be established. Although we should not at this stage permit ourselves to become mired in minutiae, it is essential for each of us to think long, hard and, I hope, productively on the course or courses that we should recommend. I urge each of you to address yourself to possible solutions to the very knotty problems that have been committed to us. Our future meetings will be devoted to the consideration of these proposals.<sup>10</sup>

The Planning Board met on three occasions, and sessions extended more than 40 hours. In addition to formal sessions, there were many hours spent by individual members in informal discussion of the matters committed to them. They decided at the outset that there would be no public communication of their deliberations until they were finished. As each examined further the matters committed to them, views changed, positions altered, and each became more knowledgeable of the problems facing the Fraternity. They believed their decision to remain publicly silent until their conclusions were reached was wise, even though it gave rise to many unanswered questions emanating from many geographic areas.<sup>11</sup>

The final report of the Planning Board dated December 31, 1969, addressed to Grand Consul Brewer, read in part:

We have reviewed in detail the entire history of the membership selection process, the evolution of our Constitution and Statutes to their present form, the amendments effected at the 53rd Grand Chapter in Miami, Florida, including the introduction of the "90 percent rule," the problems that have arisen on certain campuses, and the attitudes expressed by various university authorities, the resolution passed by the Grand Council in Denver in 1968, the actual operation of our present membership selection and approval procedures and in particular the resolutions that were offered to and debated by the 57th Grand Chapter in Atlanta, Georgia. We feel that as a group we now have as complete an understanding of the entire question as any group of members of Sigma Chi Fraternity. You subsequently committed to us the task of studying all aspects of our membership selection and approval procedures and it has been helpful to us to have had this greater latitude in our deliberations. Each of us wishes to emphasize to you that we have at all times proceeded with our primary objective being that of "the good of the Order" and that none of us has at any time consciously resorted to personal bias or preconception. We have worked hard, realizing fully the heavy burden laid upon us.

In our view, the real problem in the membership selection and approval process is the desire on the part of some - both within and without the Frater-

nity - that each undergraduate chapter should be the sole judge of those to be admitted to its membership. In other words, the primary problem is that of the autonomy of the individual active chapters in the membership selection and approval process. Suggestions of discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin and of irresponsible exercise of the right of dissent by members of the Grand Council are indicative of the underlying problem. This relates closely to the "90 percent rule" question. The Constitution of the Sigma Chi Fraternity can be amended by a three-fourths vote of the members of any regular session of the Grand Chapter, save that six sections or sub-sections require a ninety percent vote of the members of a regular session of the Grand Chapter. Many amendments to these particular entrenched provisions were offered at the 57th Grand Chapter and none received the required 90 percent.

The Planning Board is of the opinion that the requirement of a 90 percent vote effects a straitjacket upon the Fraternity. However, it is unrealistic to contemplate achievement of the required 90 percent vote in the foreseeable future. This primary conclusion has affected and influenced the direction of our deliberations. If our view is correct, any change in our Constitution which might satisfy the views advanced by many undergraduate members at the 57th Grand Chapter is presently precluded.

At its first meeting held in Fort Collins, Colorado, on August 20, 1969 the Planning Board noted that the right of dissent granted by Article VIII, Section 1 (b) of the Constitution placed in the hands of any one of 65 members of the Fraternity the power to stop all initiations into the entire Fraternity. The board was concerned with the theoretical possibilities of such arbitrary action occurring and discussed what safeguards could be enacted to prevent it.

The board gave consideration to the amendments, if any, that should be made to Article VIII, Section 1 (b), if the 90 percent barrier were to be surmounted. The board favored by a vote of 8 to 6 elimination of those portions of Article VIII, Section 1 (b) relating to involvement of the Executive Committee and the Grand Council in the membership approval process.

The board also agreed with the resolution approved by delegates to the 57th Grand Chapter in Atlanta, Georgia, dealing with the information to be submitted to members of the Grand Council concerning applicants for membership. In particular, the board was emphatic that information as to the racial origin of any candidate for membership in no circumstances should be requested or supplied.

The board also reviewed each of the twenty "possible courses of action" submitted by the Planning Commission. After considering other courses of action, the members concluded that only one merited deep and serious consideration at the time, the possible creation of one or more separate organizations. They considered the possible creation of a new fraternal order and various methods by which it might come into being. The board concluded that it would be both impossible and impractical for Sigma Chi Fraternity itself to design any separate fraternal organization. From the report:

None of us favors a division of our Fraternity. All of us recognize however certain factual situations and certain deeply felt differences in philosophical



approach which may lead to the creation of a separate and distinct fraternal organization. We realize that this is only an alternative and that it does not provide a solution to the membership question. We have concluded that if this alternative was resorted to, certain of our chapters might form themselves into such an organization. We should at all times continue to maintain fraternal and affectionate regard for any members of our Fraternity who might wish to join such an organization. We should also extend to them a helping hand and be always conscious of the fact that they have embarked upon such a course as a result of either deep personal conviction or intolerable outside pressure.<sup>12</sup>

Grand Consul Brewer later described the activities of the Planning Board by saying, "The Commission that I appointed was headed by John Graham, the chairman. They met, and, of course, came up with nothing, absolutely nothing."<sup>13</sup> Chairman Graham recalled:

"One who did not live through those days can be excused for inability to comprehend how deep feelings were and how stupid, and one can only characterize things properly in that way, how stupid reactions there were to relatively simple, straightforward matters and how bitterly people felt and how they reacted in the revengeful manner one against the other. The first thing that Norman did in the summer of 1969 was to name me as chairman of the investigation with respect to the entire question of membership. There were 15 members, and they were about evenly divided between those in the one camp who were headed by Past Grand Consul Harry Wade, and the other camp by Jim Huber, and I was supposed to evolve consensus out of this group. We tried very hard, we tried desperately, we met on a number of occasions and we finally ended up in total and utter disagreement. And I shall never forget the Consul of Alpha Theta chapter at M.I.T. (David B. Kiser), who was a very articulate and very fine young man, who said, "my chapter has won the Peterson Award for the last four or five years, we are a good chapter, we have our own standards and our traditions, and if any individual is going to blackball our candidates for membership because of some imagined position adopted by others, we will leave the Sigma Chi Fraternity. And I could not disagree with him and that was totally persuasive in my position that it was time that we broke the log jam and that we developed an answer which would save the Fraternity."<sup>14</sup>

The resolution passed at the 1969 Grand Chapter that called for an end to the communicating of personal information about candidates for membership in Sigma Chi caused an impasse among the members of the Grand Council in approvals of pledge forms during the fall of 1969.<sup>15</sup> Grand Consul Brewer issued the following request on August 28, 1969: "Now, for the good of the order, I urge all Grand Praetors to continue to supply information with respect to their pledges as heretofore until such time as the Planning Board can consider this matter and report."<sup>16</sup>

Some of the Grand Praetors complied with Grand Consul Brewer's request to continue to provide personal information about candidates for membership, and some did not. A scenario developed in which one of the members of the Grand Council withheld approval of the pledge class of a chapter located in the province of a Grand Praetor who did not supply personal information about the pledges. This action was followed by the withholding of approval of all of the pledges in the province of a Grand Praetor in the conservative camp. Grand Consul Brewer recalled:

"I was elected here in Atlanta in June of 1969 when things were absolutely at their worst. There were Grand Praetors who would write into (the Headquarters in) Evanston and put a ball on every single proposed initiate in the Fraternity! The Fraternity was in open revolt. There's no question about it. And we were getting ready to have a bunch of illegal initiations. The Executive Committee met in Evanston right after January 1st. That would be January 2, 1970. And I told them that either they were going to do something about (the membership problem) or I was going to do it. But I preferred that the Executive Committee act rather than me, but regardless, something was going to be done. So that day, that very day, they came out with the resolution from the Executive Committee that was adopted."<sup>17</sup>

John W. Graham described the Executive Committee resolution:

"I then advanced the proposition that although each member of the Grand Council had the right to cast a negative vote, there was no obligation in the written word in the Constitution of Sigma Chi to circulate (information about) applications for membership to the members of the Grand Council. And call it if you will Jesuitical reasoning, and it undoubtedly was. I advanced the proposal, and Chuck (Thatcher) was probably my greatest supporter, that we should merely cease to circulate to the members of the Grand Council the various lists that came in from the several chapters of names of individuals seeking membership. And in this way, we would not be breaching the Constitution but we would effectively be granting local autonomy to the several chapters. Norman was the chairman and Grand Consul, and thank God we had a man from the deep South in that position, because no one else could have carried the day. He accepted the proposal and embraced it grandly, and we had not too lengthy a discussion and we ended up with unanimity. It was an emotional time for all of us because we were at a crossroads. We knew that if we didn't find an answer, we would probably see Sigma Chi divided into at least two parts. And that was one of the most notable experiences I ever had in the General Fraternity and one which truly was significant for the whole future of the Fraternity."<sup>18</sup>

To the most conservative, dividing of the Fraternity into two parts was a compromise of their position. The position was held that if Puckyhuddle (a favorite school acronym) says that we can't have a chapter on their campus unless the chapter has local autonomy in its membership selection, then we won't have a chapter at Puckyhuddle. And if another college says the same, we won't have a chapter there, and if we get down to 12 undergraduate chapters, so be it.<sup>19</sup>

This action by the Executive Committee occurred just six months after the Grand Chapter resolution that any request for information concerning the race of a candidate for membership not be authorized. The significant Executive Committee action in January 1970 removed the roadblock to solution of the grievous membership selection problem that plagued and deeply divided the Fraternity for more than a decade. The decision to stop providing any information about the background of men pledged was critical to stopping restrictive membership selection. The information previously provided included name, race, and religion. Blanket disapprovals had previously been ruled out and, by the January 1970 Committee action, Grand Council members (except for each Grand Praetor with chapters in his own province) would not know when or if a chapter had pledged anyone, or their background, and would not be in a

position to disapprove of a specific individual or group. From January 1970, the members of the Executive Committee were still required by the Governing Laws to approve of each man proposed, but agreed to do so based solely on the criteria of The Jordan Standard.

It is interesting to note that the Executive Committee action was taken without dissenting vote of any members. It was the most important single step in resolving the membership selection impasse. Many developments led up to the historic decision, including the Grand Chapter resolution to investigate whether separate organizations might be established.

Norman Brewer later recalled, in the aftermath of the decision:

"We never had any more membership problems after that. Just overnight things quieted down. There were no more rumblings, there were no more threats. And the ones in the South that were going to impeach me, all of the sudden, they were just awfully quiet. I heard nothing more about it. We went about our business, and by the time the Workshop came around that summer, everything was all hunky-dory. Then, at Workshop, the summer after that, I was introduced to the Fraternity as the Savior of Sigma Chi because I had taken these steps. Well I don't know whether I'm the Savior of Sigma Chi or not, but I know one thing, that, if we hadn't done what we did, the Fraternity was going to be absolutely torn asunder. The Fraternity was in open revolt. There was no respect for anything and people were doing things in the way of spite instead of reason, and something just had to be done. John Graham, of course, succeeded me in the office of Grand Consul and he made the statement to the (1971) Grand Chapter that nobody could have done what was done except somebody from the South. Now I guess I'm the only one from the South that would have even considered doing what was done. The rest of them wouldn't have done it. When I look back, I don't know what made me have the courage to do what I did. But, I think I made up my mind that I was not going to sit down and watch Sigma Chi dissolve in my face. I told them at the banquet in Atlanta, when I was elected that night, when I made my initial remark that I did not consider that I had been elected Grand Consul to preside at the dissolution of the Fraternity, and that I had no intention of presiding at the dissolution of the Fraternity. I made up my mind that, if I could save Sigma Chi, I was going to save it, and if nobody spoke to me that would be just fine."<sup>20</sup>

The historic Executive Committee action discontinuing distribution of pledging information quietly resulted in the initiation of the Fraternity's first black member the following year at Gamma Pi Chapter, University of Rochester, New York.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ETA ALPHA CHAPTER EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY JANUARY 11, 1970**

At the time of the Installation of Eta Alpha Chapter, Richmond, Kentucky, was a city with approximately 15,000 population. In 1906 a group of concerned, public minded citizens succeeded in prompting the Kentucky General Assembly to establish Eastern Kentucky State Normal School in Richmond. Located in the famed bluegrass region at the



The Daniel Boone statue in front of the Keen Johnson building in the center of the Eastern Kentucky University campus.

gateway to the Cumberland, historic Richmond was chosen as the site for a new, two-year school. Higher education had begun in the Madison County Community some 32 years earlier with the founding in 1874 of Central University. Its campus, which from 1901 to 1906 served as the grounds for Walters Collegiate Institute, became the physical plant for the normal school. In 1922 the name was changed to Eastern Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College; in 1930 it was changed to Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College; to Eastern Kentucky State College in 1948; and to Eastern Kentucky University in 1966. The role of the university expanded beyond the original mis-

sion of teacher education to public service and career training, including more than 200 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

At the time of the Installation of Eta Alpha Chapter there were ten fraternities and six sororities in existence on the campus. The average age of the men's groups was just over two years, and none were over three years old. The local fraternity Beta Omicron Chi was founded on the campus November 22, 1966, by twenty men. The group began in the spring of 1966 and became a highly efficient organization for service and social activity. Their initial goals were Christian fellowship, democratic equality, and personal accomplishment. The group had an exemplary reputation on the campus for its social, service, athletic, alumni, rush, pledging, housing activities and scholarship programs. The men early established a personal chapter library with a collection of selective study materials. They were the first fraternity to receive the Academic Excellence Award from the dean of men. Each year the chapter assisted in more service projects than any other organization on campus. The chapter trophy case contained twenty first place trophies. The men were never defeated by another fraternity in the sports of football, volleyball or swimming. They published a quarterly newsletter to their alumni.<sup>21</sup>

Following a favorable vote on the charter petition, preparations were made for Installation of the group as Eta Alpha Chapter. The Fraternity pledge examination, a chapter service project, and the Indoctrination week activities progressed from Monday, January 5 through Saturday, January 10, 1970. The indoctrination team was headed by Leadership Training Administrator Fred Yoder, who was assisted by Assistant Ex-

ecutive Secretaries P. Brandt McCool and Richard C. Sucher. Throughout Indoctrination Week they met with the men to discuss the teachings of The Norman Shield. The Initiation of a grandfather, father and son all from the same family, perhaps a first in Sigma Chi history, made the Installation a particularly memorable experience. Dan B. Walker, grandfather; James W. Brown, father; and James D. Brown, son, were among the 38 charter initiates on January 11, 1970.

The ceremonies of Initiation were performed by members of Lambda Lambda Chapter, University of Kentucky, and chapters of the Kentucky Province. Preliminaries of the Initiation began January 10 at the University Alumni Coliseum. Following church services on Sunday, the ceremonies resumed at the Model Laboratory School. The first chapter meeting of Eta Alpha was held that evening.

At the Installation Banquet that evening in the University Student Union, Constantine W. "Deno" Curris, Kentucky '62, dean of personnel programs at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, was the toastmaster for the banquet. Eastern Kentucky University Dean of Students Thomas Myers welcomed the Fraternity to the campus. Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer welcomed the new chapter and college to the ranks of Sigma Chi. Presentation of the charter was made by Chief Installing Officer Dr. Charles M. Thatcher to Eta



Chief Installing Officer Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, left, presented Eta Alpha charter to Consul Michael S. Jones.

Alpha Consul Michael S. Jones and Kentucky Grand Praetor Charles A. Cissell. Awards and presentations at the banquet were a president's gavel to Consul Jones by the Chapter Sweetheart Merle Metelits; the Isaac M. Jordan Award to Gary Lightner; the Outstanding Pledge Award to John Bunton; a Chapter Consul's pin from Lambda Lambda Consul S. Bart Gaunt, and a guest book and installation plaque from Past Grand Consul L.G. Balfour.<sup>22</sup>

## THE INSTALLATION OF ETA BETA CHAPTER CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE AT LONG BEACH MARCH 8, 1970

The history of California State University, Long Beach, began in 1947 when a state survey recommended establishment of a state college to serve Orange County and the southeast portion of Los Angeles County. The survey was made by the State Department of Education

and the Regents of the University of California. Legislation was passed establishing the institution by the State Legislature in 1949. Pending a decision of the Board of Public Works, concerning selection and acquisition of a permanent campus site, temporary quarters were found at a converted apartment building complex located at 5401 East Anaheim Street, Long Beach. At the prompting of a group of civic leaders, the City of Long Beach purchased a 322-acre parcel known as the Bixby Site and deeded the property to the State as its contribution to the establishment of a permanent campus. The land was valued at \$1 million. Temporary structures were moved to and built upon the site, and the college moved into them in 1951.



Carlson - Bloc Tower, a symbol of friendship between France and the United States and a focal point of the Long Beach campus, has a carillon bell system with keyboard console, operated manually or automatically in the music building.

In its early days, the school organized its instructional activities into five divisions: education and psychology; social science; health, physical education and recreation; arts and languages; and natural science. P. Victor Peterson was first president of the College, and served in that capacity until 1960. Registration was held on September 26 and 27 and instruction began the next day. The school was named Los Angeles-Orange County State College. The initial college community consisted of 13 faculty and 160 students. In June 1950, the State Director of Education officially named the new institution Long Beach State College. The first master plan indicated a potential full-time equivalent student body of 5,000 in 1963 and 25,000 in 1972. The enrollment at the time of the Installation of Eta Beta Chapter was approximately 26,400.

In 1958, under the impetus created by the launch of mankind's first space satellite, the Soviet Union's Sputnik I, U.S. higher education received increased funding. As a consequence, many campuses grew in physical dimension, research, program offerings and enrollment. At Long Beach additions were made in the areas of engineering and sciences, with corresponding additions in the physical plant.

In 1972, the state legislature designated the institution as California State University, Long Beach. At the time of the Installation of Eta Beta Chapter, 16 fraternities were represented on the campus, in addi-

tion to the local fraternity, Sigma Chi Sigma, which was founded in August 1963 by two Sigma Chis, Zoran Vidanovic, San Diego State & California-Berkeley '63, and Mike Davis, Bradley '64. Together with four other undergraduates at Long Beach State and the help of the Long Beach Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter, they set out to build a local fraternity to petition Sigma Chi for an undergraduate charter. Sigma Chi Sigma followed closely the values of Sigma Chi and "The Norman Shield." At the time of petitioning, the group boasted an active membership of 50 brothers, 20 pledges, more than 100 alumni, and a very active little sister auxiliary of 25 girls. Their house was a converted apartment complex that slept 23 men. Located one block from the beach, it had a large chapter room, a pool table, and a swimming pool.

Sigma Chi Sigma decidedly made its presence known in all areas of fraternal and campus activity. The group was best known on campus for athletic endeavors, having 31 varsity athletes in the membership representing eight sports. Even though this somewhat limited their participation in intramurals, they never failed to finish lower than third in the overall standings. Their faculty advisor, Joe DeLuca, Montana '55, was a member of the football coaching staff. Two of their alumni returned to campus and became the varsity baseball and wrestling coaches.



Consul Mike Frye presents an appreciation plaque to Long Beach Coach Joe DeLuca, Faculty Advisor. Seated at left is Grand Consul Brewer.

Academically, Sigma Chi Sigma was always in the upper half of the fraternities. Always active in student government, their membership included the president and vice president of the student body, and several senators, two associate justices, an interfraternity council vice president, and two men selected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

In the area of community service, Sigma Chi Sigma won the all-campus blood drive. The group sponsored a Korean orphan, did volunteer work at the Long Beach Exceptional Children's Home, and annually collected for the United Crusade. They maintained a full calendar of social events, including Sweetheart Ball.

Following a favorable vote on the petition from Long Beach, preparations were made for installation of the group. Headquarters staff members Fred Yoder, Rich Mackey, and Roy Henwood conducted the Indoctrination Week and finalized plans for the Initiation ceremonies. At the beginning of the week, the attitude running through the group was something less than seriousness and inspiration. As the week

progressed, a complete change in attitude resulted, from the outstanding program presented by the Headquarters staff members.

The local had been petitioning Sigma Chi from its inception in 1963, rejecting all other major fraternities. They had suffered through the disappointment of what Grand Consul Brewer explained as a general reluctance within the Fraternity toward considering California colleges for a charter. They reached the expectation of being in a petitioning status permanently. As the realization of their seven-year goal became apparent, attitudes gradually shifted from skepticism to desire and eagerness to learn, and to be worthy of the honor that was being bestowed. The experience of transition generated a particular impact upon the emotions of the group that is cherished with a pride that has surmounted the years.



Charter initiates of Eta Beta Chapter, California State-Long Beach

Eighty-eight charter members were initiated Sunday, March 8, 1970. At the Installation Banquet, Past Grand Consul Stanley N. Barnes acted as master of ceremonies. Sigma Chi was welcomed to the



College by Dean John W. Shainline. Grand Consul Brewer and Grand Praetor Jerry Wulk welcomed the college and Eta Beta to Sigma Chi. Significant Sig and former movie actor Regis Toomey, delivered a timely and stirring installation message. Past Sigma Chi Sigma Consul Dave Smith was the recipient of the Isaac M. Jordan Award, and Dick Garretson received an award as the Outstanding Pledge during Indoctrination Week. Merrill K. Davis served as chief installing officer, and Thomas L. Bottone was Ritual director. Guests at the banquet included representatives from all province chapters as well as from Las Vegas and New Mexico.<sup>23</sup>

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ETA GAMMA CHAPTER MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY APRIL 5, 1970**

At the time of the Installation of Eta Gamma Chapter, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, had a population of about 26,000. In 1909, the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee established a General Education Fund. The major thrust was the establishment of three teacher-training institutions, to be located throughout the state. The Board of Education assigned the Middle Tennessee institution to Murfreesboro. Opening in 1911 with a two-year program for training teachers, Middle Tennessee State Normal School evolved into a four-year teachers college in 1925 with the power of granting the Bachelor of Science degree. In 1943, the General Assembly designated the institution a state college. The new status was a sharp departure from the original purpose and opened the way for new programs and courses.

In 1936, the Bachelor of Arts program was added, and in 1951 the Graduate School was established. In 1965 the institution was advanced to university status. At the time of the Installation, enrollment was 7,757 and five fraternities were active on the campus: Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Chi Alpha Pi. The local fraternity Chi Alpha Pi was founded June 16, 1966, by five ambitious men with Sigma Chi as their goal. In 1957 it became the first group on campus to occupy their own house. At the time of its petition for a charter in Sigma Chi the group was located at 515 North Maple Street in Murfreesboro, and their membership numbered 56. A Chi Alpha Pi rush brochure characterized the group:

This fraternity is organized for the purpose of providing brotherhood, equality and academic excellence for all members and for the purpose of rendering service with honor and dignity to the community in which it is located and to the institution with which it is affiliated. This fraternal order is a social institution dedicated to loyalty, friendship and mutual respect and held together by the bond of fraternal brotherhood.

Bob Mifflin, Tennessee-Knoxville '63, was Chapter Advisor for the group, and Frank Womak, Vanderbilt & Tennessee-Knoxville '41, as-



Cope Administration Building at Middle Tennessee State University

sisted. Ashton McWhorter, Tennessee-Knoxville '44, and Collier Critchlow, Vanderbilt '48, were most involved in preparing Chi Alpha Pi for the petitioning process. Following a favorable vote on the petition from Murfreesboro, preparations were made for installation of the group as Eta Gamma Chapter. Formal pledging into Sigma Chi took place on March 13, 1970. The brothers of Chi Alpha Pi were given the pledge oath by Earl B. McClanahan, Grand Praetor of the Tennessee Province, with the help of the Murfreesboro Alumni Association. Indoctrination Week began March 29 under the leadership of Headquarters staff Richard E. Mackey, Richard C. Sucher, and P. Brandt McCool. On the same day, the chapter successfully organized the annual Easter egg hunt for the families of the college faculty.

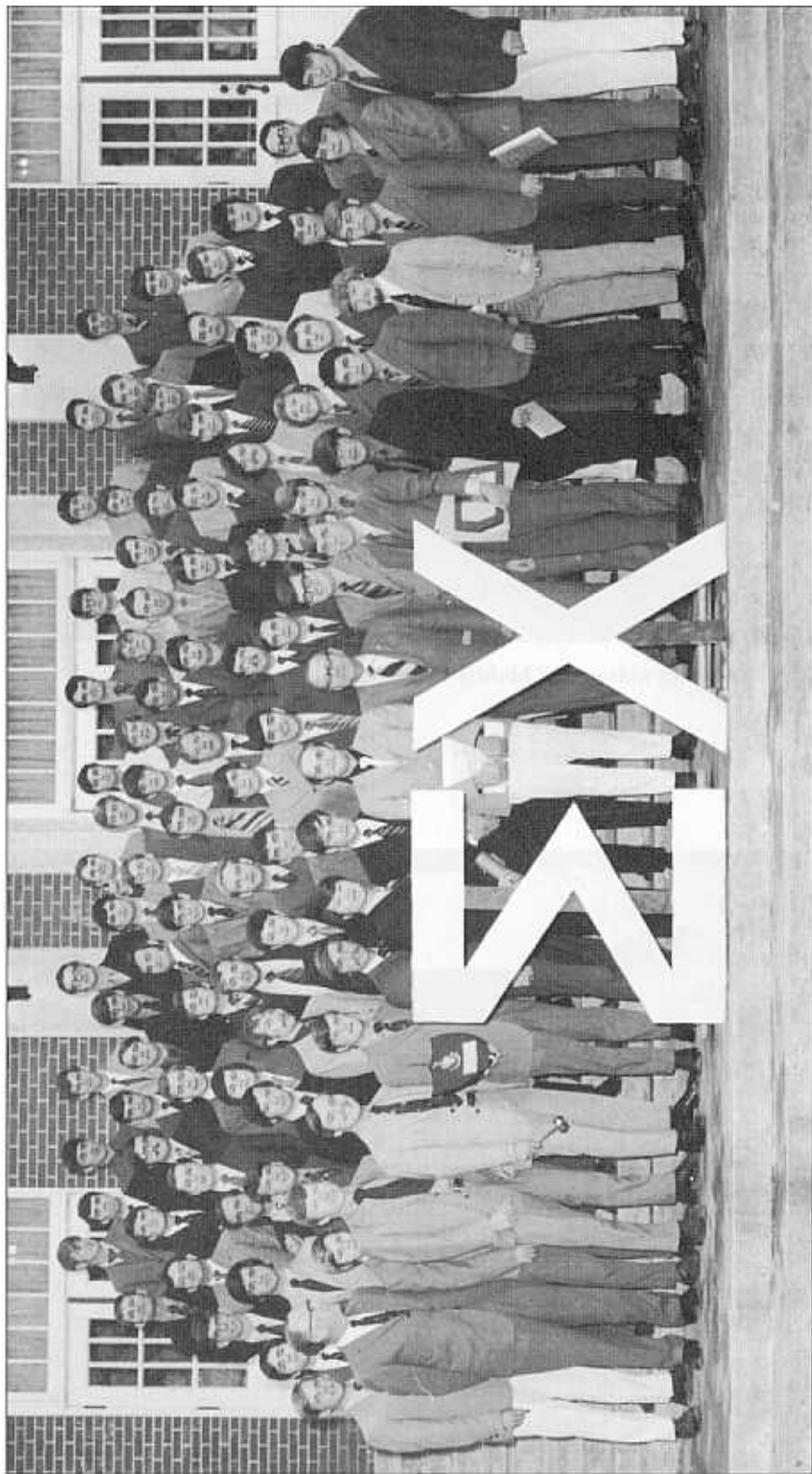
Eta Gamma was officially installed April 5, 1970. Alpha Psi Chapter, Vanderbilt University under the leadership of Consul Gil Jackson



A warm welcome at Middle Tennessee for Grand Consul Brewer.



Chief Installing Officer Gardner B. Allen presented the Eta Gamma Charter to Consul Steve Graves.



**Eta Gamma charter members and their inductees**

performed the initiation ceremonies. Also participating in the initiation were chapters from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, East Tennessee State University, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Memphis State University, Murray State, and Western Kentucky, along with the Murfreesboro Alumni Association.

A reception for the Sigma Chi alumni and Grand Officers was held at the Stones River Country Club, and the early portions of the Initiation into Sigma Chi were held at the Chi Alpha Pi house. A banquet was held Sunday afternoon in the Tennessee Room of the Student Union Building. Guests of the new chapter included their parents, Sigma Chi officials, alumni and University administrators. Chief Installing Officer Gardner B. Allen presented Steve Graves with the Eta Gamma charter. Consul Graves received an award for best reflecting the ideals of Sigma Chi, and Gene Neely, one of the five founders, received the Best Pledge Award. The installation message was delivered by Grand Consul Brewer.<sup>24</sup>

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ETA DELTA CHAPTER TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY APRIL 19, 1970**

At the time of the Installation of Eta Delta Chapter, the population of Cookeville, Tennessee, was approximately 14,500. Tennessee Technological University was established by an act of the Tennessee General Assembly in 1915. It opened its doors to students on September 14, 1916. The college began operation on the former campus of Dixie College, a private institution founded in 1911 with financial support from Putnam County and the City of Cookeville.

From 1916 to 1924, Tennessee Polytechnic Institute offered coursework on the high school and junior college level. In 1927 the State Board of Education authorized a four-year course toward the Bachelor of Science degree and discontinued the high school level instruction. The Graduate School was added in 1958 with courses leading to the Master of Arts degree, and Master of Science was offered beginning in 1964. The undergraduate schools were designated colleges in 1965, when Tennessee Polytechnic Institute became Tennessee Technological University. Although most of the students are from Tennessee, nearly every state and about 40 foreign countries are typically represented in the student body.

At the time of the Installation of Eta Delta Chapter eight fraternities were represented on the campus: Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

In October of 1965 the local social fraternity Kappa Omega was founded by eight freshmen who had a dream of becoming a chapter of a major fraternity. The four principles upon which Kappa Omega was



Derryberry Hall at Tennessee Technological University.

founded were: eternal brotherhood, scholarship, honor, and maturity. Brotherhood, to Kappa Omega, was "an association of men united in a common interest, work, creed, and goal as a fraternity." They believed that this goal could only be reached through active and diligent scholarship programs. The group believed that maturity was reached only with a combination of brotherhood, honor, and scholarship. In their early history, a house was acquired, the first organized social functions were held, a constitution was developed, large pledge classes were initiated, and the administration officially recognized Kappa Omega in May 1967, only 18 months after it was founded. In February 1968, after many months of considering the alternatives, visiting other campuses talking to fraternity representatives, Kappa Omega voted unanimously to strive for affiliation with Sigma Chi. From its beginning, the group participated in all campus, interfraternity, and many community activities. Its membership included the student body president and several officers of other campus organizations.<sup>25</sup>

Following a favorable vote on the petition from Cookeville, preparations were made for installation of the group as Eta Delta Chapter. The brothers of Kappa Omega were formally pledged into Sigma Chi on March 4, 1970. Earl B. McClanahan, Grand Praetor of Tennessee, and Richard C. Sucher, Assistant Executive Secretary, conducted the pledging ceremonies and began preparing Kappa Omega for Indoctrination Week. Headquarters staff Richard Sucher, Brandt McCool and Roy Henwood conducted the pre-Initiation program. Each man was required to complete an individual pledge project, and the chapter picked up trash along a three-mile stretch of highway. Beta Sigma Chapter, Uni-

versity of Tennessee-Knoxville performed the Ritual, assisted by brothers from both the Tennessee and Kentucky provinces.



Eta Delta charter members unveil Sigma Chi letters at their chapter house.

The installation banquet followed with Captain Darrel T. Charlton, Montana State '64, Chapter Advisor of Eta Delta as toastmaster. University President Dr. Everett Derryberry, Tennessee-Knoxville '29, formally welcomed Sigma Chi to campus. Eta Delta was welcomed into Sigma Chi by Grand Consul Brewer and Grand Praetor McClanahan. The Installation message was delivered by 1949 International Balfour Award winner George H. Cate Jr., Vanderbilt '49. The Eta Delta charter was presented to Consul R. Edward Wellborn by Chief Installing Officer Dr. Roy B. McKnight, president of the Order of Constantine. The best Pledge Award was given to Pro Consul David Hendrickson, and the Jordan Award was presented to Larry Abbott.<sup>26</sup>

## WHITMAN RETURNS, WESTERN RESERVE DEPARTS

Gamma Epsilon Chapter at Whitman College was restored to active status in April 1970, after having been inactive since late 1967. The chapter had turned in its charter in opposition to the Fraternity's restrictive membership selection practices. The chapter returned without the usual fanfare associated with the re-establishment of a charter, but commemorated the occasion with the Initiation of 22 brothers on April 19, 1970.

In April 1970, the Executive Committee suspended the charter of Beta Alpha Chapter at Case Western Reserve University. The chapter was chartered in 1963 at Western Reserve University, when Beta Eta Chapter was divided into two chapters for each of the two schools, Case Institute of Technology and Western Reserve University. The campuses of the two schools shared the same neighborhood in Cleveland, Ohio. In the early 1960s the schools planned to build fraternity housing at opposite ends of their campuses, making it difficult to operate one chapter for both universities. However, when the two universities merged in 1967, plans for the separate Greek housing units were shelved. Successful operation of two chapters in close proximity was difficult, particularly in this period of campus unrest.

### **THE INSTALLATION OF ETA EPSILON CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA MAY 16, 1970**

At the time of the Installation of Eta Epsilon Chapter the population of Mobile, Alabama, was approximately 377,000. Established in 1963, the University of South Alabama is an independent state-supported institution governed by its own board of trustees. The campus occupies 240 acres in the western residential section of Mobile. The university acquired 315 acres overlooking Mobile Bay for a School of Oceanography. Facilities expanded rapidly and include a five-story structure that doubled the initial classroom space, and houses a modern library with more than 150,000 volumes, office and laboratory buildings, an engineering building, business and management studies building, and Life Sciences Building. The university offers programs in arts and sciences, education, business and management studies, and engineering. The courses of study are designed to enable students to take advantage of a wide variety of cultural and vocational opportunities characteristic of the coastal city and the surrounding area. South Alabama's year-round academic schedule operates on the quarter system.

At the time of installation of Eta Epsilon Chapter, eight fraternities were represented on the campus: Alpha Kappa Pi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Alpha Chi, Phi Kappa Chi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi Alpha, Sigma Nu and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

On October 1, 1964, five students of the University of South Alabama met at the home of Michael R. Corry to discuss the organization of a fraternity. All present readily agreed to work toward obtaining a charter from Sigma Chi. Mike was a pledge of Iota Iota Chapter, University of Alabama and, upon transferring to South Alabama approached other students with the idea of attaining a Sigma Chi charter. The original five were: Corry, John A. Counts, Vaughn D. Gordon, J. Shannon Davis, and Robert C. Farnell. They asked Merle D. Kaiser, Florida Southern '59, a member of the faculty, to help in the organization of



their group. They corresponded with the General Fraternity and received information on establishing a local group. Upon recommendation of the General Fraternity, the group chose the name Sigma Chi Alpha. They regularly attended church together and raised funds by helping administer college entrance tests. In January 1965, through the efforts of member Davis, a house was rented.

After having regular weekly meetings, and various social and civic activities, the concept of fraternity was well developed. They collected food and clothing for a needy family on Christmas Eve, and made a pilgrimage to the gravesite of Sigma Chi Founder James Parks Caldwell on his birthday.<sup>27</sup> In early 1965 a local ritual was developed, and a conference was held with members of the Mobile Alumni Chapter and visiting alumni. A home was rented at 4565 Old Shell Road, having abundant space for social activities, study, offices, and living quarters. A joint rush function was held in conjunction with the Sigma Chi chapters of the universities of Auburn and Alabama at the Sigma Chi Alpha house.<sup>28</sup>



Stepping out in style at the beginning of Indoctrination Week prior to the installation of Eta Epsilon Chapter at the University of South Alabama. Left, Consul Lany Simmons, Assistant Executive Secretary P. Brandt McCool, and Chapter Editor Tommy Weller.

Following a favorable vote on the petition of Sigma Chi Alpha, the Initiation week began on May 10, 1970. The Headquarters installation team included P. Brandt McCool, Roy Henwood and Rich Mackey. Preliminaries of the initiation were held at the South Alabama Gym and the Business Building. Kentucky Grand Praetor Charles Cissell guided the men of Iota Iota chapter, University of Alabama in performance of the Ritual.

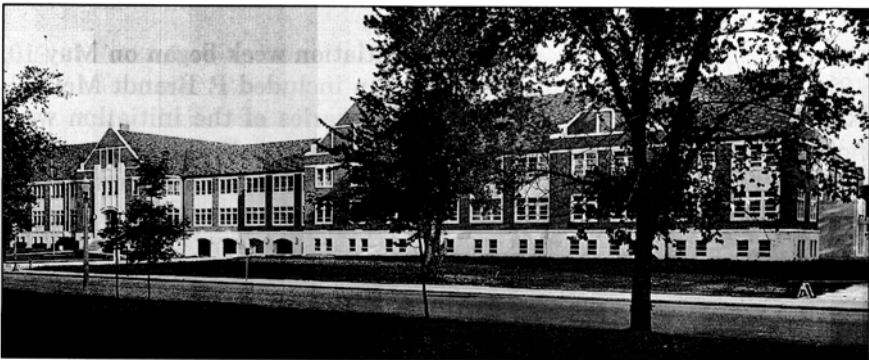
The Installation banquet was held at the Country Club of Mobile with Chapter Advisor Earl P. Andrews Jr., as toastmaster. That evening Linda Carol Sparrow became the first Sweetheart of Eta Epsilon. Karen Sue Stenwell, America's Junior Miss, was named Honorary Sweetheart. Southeastern Province Grand Praetor Herbert E. Drake welcomed all the brothers of Eta Epsilon into Sigma Chi, and called upon Chief Installing Officer and 1969 International Balfour Award Winner John McPhail to present the charter. University Trustee Ernest G. Cleverdon welcomed Sigma Chi to campus. At the first chapter meeting, held the following day, the first order of business was naming the Eta Epsilon chapter room in honor of Advisor Earl Andrews.<sup>29</sup>



Chief Installing Officer John F. McPhail III, the 1969 International Balfour Award winner, presented the Eta Epsilon charter to Consul Lany Simmons under the appreciative eyes of, left to right, Chapter Advisor Earl P. Andrews Jr., Mrs. Andrews; and Harwell Coale, president of the Mobile Alumni Chapter.

In July 1970, Public Relations and Workshop Administrator and Magazine Contributing Editor Fred Yoder was elected to a one-year term as president of the College Fraternity Editors Association.

### **TWENTY-THIRD LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP BALL STATE UNIVERSITY—1970**



The Ball State University Student Center.

Nearly 750 brothers drove, flew, bussed, and hitched their way to Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, for the 1970 Workshop. For four days, the development of effective chapter and individual leader-

ship was the goal. More than 600 undergraduate chapter delegates were present from 136 of the 151 chapters.

The busiest leader, trainer, and worker was Grand Consul Norman Brewer, who throughout the entire Workshop met constantly with concerned and curious chapter delegates. He articulated a policy of increased undergraduate participation in Sigma Chi communications, programs, and decisions. Special informal pre-Workshop discussions were held between Executive Committee members and 10 selected undergraduate chapter officers. Ideas and comments on Fraternity activities were shared in two meetings. The 10 undergraduate brothers were Michael Hatch, St. Lawrence '71; Joe Duran, San Fernando '71; Don Furman, Iowa '73; Jeff Tuckey, Gettysburg '71; Alan Hollingsworth, Oklahoma '71; Ed Yen, McGill '71; Jeff Muir, Indiana and Georgia '71; L. DuPuy Sears, Wake Forest '71; Ed Dombrowski, Michigan State '71; and Aubrey Dicus, Emory '71.



Delegates registering at the 1970 Workshop.

The Workshop came to life at Emens Auditorium during a welcome and challenge from Leadership Training Board Chairman Dr. Charles M. Thatcher; emphatic greetings and revelations by Grand Consul

Brewer; and a Ritual Exemplification. Delegates then had the opportunity to meet the Grand Officers in a receiving line. Ritual lectures were presented by Consuls faculty members Grand Praetor Edward M. King and Robert G. Bradford. A special program on the drug abuse problem was chaired by William Bock, associate professor of physiology and health science at Ball State.



At the 1970 Workshop Banquet.

At the end of division programs on the second and third days of Workshop, bonus seminars were held on subjects ranging from chapter workshops to community service. The Workshop adjourned from campus and ended up at the farm of Dr. Will Moore, Indiana '12, for the brotherhood barbeque and rally. At the worship service conducted by Magisters division leader Keith Sorensen and the Workshop Chorus, faculty member Tom Swears delivered an inspirational message. Delegates returned to the Emens Auditorium for the Chapter Meeting Convocation. David P. Wolds, Central Michigan '70, was honored with the 1970 International Balfour Award. Also honored were Balfour Award finalists, Steven McGrath, Maryland '70, and William F. Neal, Arizona '70. Peterson Significant Chapter Awards were presented by Past Grand Consul and Foundation Chairman J. Dwight Peterson, of Indianapolis. The Foundation added a \$50 cash grant for presentation to the counseling and tutoring program of each university where a winning chapter was located. Each undergraduate delegation conferred with a faculty member about the chapter standing, ideas, problems, Headquarters visitation report, and instilling Workshop ideas.

An inspiring message on undergraduate involvement by Grand Consul Brewer, performances by the Workshop Chorus led by Thomas C. Roberts, Kansas State '70; and several award presentations highlighted the final banquet and brought the Workshop to a close. In memory of the late William H. Carlisle Jr., the Outstanding Workshop Faculty Member Award was presented to Workshop host, Indiana Grand Praetor and veteran Quaestors faculty member Robert F. Kershaw.

Banquet toastmaster and Leadership Training Administrator Fred Yoder, in conclusion, reminded the delegates of the on-going nature of the Workshop in their chapters. The 1970 Workshop was planned and conducted by the Leadership Training Board, in its initial stages chaired by Grand Quaestor Edwin C. Fisher, succeeded by Executive Committee member Dr. Charles M. Thatcher.<sup>30</sup>



David P. Wolds  
1970 International  
Balfour Award winner

## THE 1970 GRAND COUNCIL MEETING CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The 1970 Grand Council meeting was held October 16 and 17 at the Chicago O'Hare Marriott Hotel. The meeting set the tone for the 1970s. It was the first meeting following final resolution of the ever-present membership selection problem. For many years Grand Council meetings were preoccupied with debate over the membership issue. The leadership was now free to pursue a more creative agenda. The meeting was preceded by a survey of the Fraternity and a Workshop brainstorming session with 10 outstanding undergraduates representing every area of the continent. Grand Consul Norman Brewer presided with his customary good humor and style.

The most significant proposal passed by the Grand Council permitted the pledging of men in undergraduate chapters with a 90-percent affirmative vote, in place of the formerly unanimous requirement. Any chapter could set its vote requirement higher if it chose. Another proposal passed required a 20 percent vote to depledge, in place of a majority vote. The Grand Council voted to submit a series of changes in the Ritual to the undergraduate chapters. Grand Council members also discussed and took action upon issues relating to undergraduate finances, the Montgomery Award; scholarship programming, alumni fees, alumni chapters, rushing and pledging, housing, and undergraduate participation. Dr. Charles M. Thatcher was re-elected for a two-year term on the

Executive Committee, and Dr. Arthur A. "Nip" Landry, was elected to a two-year term on the Executive Committee. It was recommended that an Expansion Committee be formed to make a study of campuses and local groups.

Grand Consul Brewer invited Dave Wolds, the 1970 Balfour Award winner, to attend the Executive Committee and Grand Council meetings. He announced that other undergraduates would be invited to attend future meetings. Five brothers were honored for their induction into the Order of Constantine: Harvey P. Griffin, Missouri-Columbia '09; Dr. Howard Youse, DePauw '37; Gilbert T. Jerome, Michigan '24; Jack Meeks, Denison & Ohio State '27; and Ferris Myers, Indiana '16.<sup>31</sup>

## THE INSTALLATION OF ETA ZETA CHAPTER GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE NOVEMBER 21, 1970



Rosenwald Building on the Georgia Southern College campus.

At the time of the Installation of Eta Zeta Chapter, Statesboro, Georgia, was a city with population of about 14,700. Georgia Southern College was established by an act of the state legislature actively supported by Governor Joseph M. Terrell in the summer of 1906. To secure the location of the First District School, the people of Statesboro and Bulloch County gave 300 acres of land, installed and furnished lighting free for ten years, and contributed \$25,000 in cash. At first no appropriation was made by the state for maintenance, the provision being that all funds derived from fertilizer and oil inspection fees would be utilized for the support of the district schools.

The First District Agricultural and Mechanical School opened February 7, 1908. In August 1924, legislation was enacted converting the school into the Georgia Normal School. The Bachelor of Education degree was first conferred in 1929. In 1931, the school was placed under the control of a Board of Regents, and all the institutions of higher learning were coordinated into the University System of Georgia. In 1959 the name was changed to Georgia Southern College.

At the time of the Installation of Eta Zeta Chapter there were 13 fraternities on the campus, including two locals. The faculty, regarded the local fraternity Chi Sigma consistently as one of the top three, if not the outstanding chapter on campus. The group was organized in the fall of 1967 by Statesboro alumni. A local house corporation was formed, and a ranch style home on a six-acre site three miles from campus was leased. The site included a swimming pool, and a large lake to the rear of the property suitable for boating and fishing. The house comfortably accommodated 20 men, with dining facilities for 35.

Maintenance of high academic achievement was of utmost importance to the brothers of Chi Sigma. The men held a competition for the brother and pledge achieving the highest G.P.A. The group scholarship average was always above the all-men's average as well as the all-fraternity average. The brothers of Chi Sigma played an integral part in service to the community and the school. They took great pride in their annual Derby Day, Spirit Week Competition, and Sweetheart Ball. For its efforts with campus and community projects, the group was honored with the Fraternity of the Year award by the Interfraternity Council.

Chi Sigma conducted rush during the three quarters of the academic year. Rush was organized by the college and was actively participated in by incoming students. The college required all men to have a G.P.A. of 2.0 out of a possible 4.0 and a minimum of 15 quarter hours for pledging. In athletics, the group ranked in the top third position out of 13 fraternities.

Following a favorable vote on the Georgia Southern petition, preparations were made for installation of the group as Eta Zeta Chapter. The Headquarters team included P. Brandt McCool, Richard C. Sucher, and Roy M. Henwood. Initiation week community service included painting all the city trash barrels and cleaning the city square. The Initiation Ritual was performed by Beta Chi Chapter, Emory University, and members of chapters of the Southeastern, Southern, Florida, and Carolina provinces. Kentucky Grand Praetor Charles Cissell served as Ritual Director, and Grand Trustee Malcolm M. Christian was the chief installing officer.

On Friday, November 20, a reception and dinner for Sigma Chi alumni was held at the home of David H. Averitt, Georgia '56. The Initiation preliminaries were conducted at the residence of Dr. Sam Tillman, Emory '52. The following morning, final Initiation ceremonies



Georgia Southern Consul Frank Hook III proudly accepted the Eta Zeta charter from Chief Installing Officer Malcom M. Christian.



The Georgia Southern Indoctrination Week included a highly publicized community service project; cleaning the city square and painting Statesboro trash barrels. Assisting were, left to right, Clyde Redding, Danny Hamilton, Donnie Alderman, Steve Simmons, and Pratt Hill.

were held at Mattie Lively School. The Installation Banquet was held that evening at the Landrum Center on the Georgia Southern campus.

The banquet was presided over by James E. Hodges, Georgia '63. A welcome to the Fraternity was extended by Dr. John O. Eidson, President of Georgia Southern, with responses by Grand Consul Brewer and Southeastern Grand Praetor Herbert E. Drake Jr.<sup>32</sup>



# **THE INSTALLATION OF ETA THETA CHAPTER GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE DECEMBER 19, 1970**



The Administration Building at Georgia Southwestern College. Originally built in 1912, it was destroyed by fire in 1916, was reconstructed on the same foundation in 1919, and has been in continual use since.

At the time of the Installation of Eta Theta Chapter, Americus, Georgia, was a city with population of approximately 16,000. Georgia Southwestern College was founded in 1906 as the Third District Agricultural and Mechanical School. The institution served the people of southwest Georgia as a state-supported secondary school for two decades. In 1932, the college was organized into the University System of Georgia, under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents, and the name was changed to Georgia Southwestern College. In 1964 the Board of Regents authorized transition to a four-year institution. Programs in art, biology, business administration, chemistry, English, geology, history, mathematics, political science, psychology, secretarial science, elementary education and secondary education were implemented. In addition to the baccalaureate degree programs, the college offered pre-professional courses in nursing, secretarial science, clerical science, data processing, and accounting. Graduate programs were initiated in June 1973.

At the time of the Installation, two sororities, Kappa Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha, and two fraternities, Kappa Sigma and Pi Kappa Phi, were

represented on the campus, in addition to the Sigma Chi petitioning local Sigma Delta Epsilon. Southern Province Grand Praetor Dr. George H. Jones was appointed investigating officer of the group at Georgia Southwestern. He reported in part:

The Sigma Delta Epsilon fraternity is the most outstanding group on the campus. This is the opinion of all Sigma Chis with whom I had contact. The group was founded shortly after the school became a four-year college. An impressive statistic is that in five years of rushing only three men have ever refused bids.

The home of Sigma Delta Epsilon from the early days was a large two-story house on land running through an entire city block. It provided sleeping accommodations for 13, with housemother quarters. It was impressively furnished, and the rooms were large enough to handle chapter meetings and social functions. Members of Sigma Delta Epsilon served as president and vice president of the Student Council, and president and treasurer of the IFC. They were represented in the class offices, honor groups, service groups, and many were listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." In addition, they were particularly active in service to their community.



The Georgia Southwestern Installation Banquet featured Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, left, presenting a Grand Consul's Citation to James R. Blair of Americus, Georgia. Brother Blair played a major role in the organizing the Americus Alumni Chapter and Eta Theta Chapter.

The Americus Sigma Chi Alumni Association, led by daily newspaper owner Jim Blair, Indiana '20, enjoyed excellent rapport with the men and were involved in most of their activities. Their faculty advisor, Dr. Jim Russell, was a Sigma Chi pledge at the University of Georgia, but the war interrupted his schooling before he was initiated. His knowledge of the Sigma Chi pledge program was valuable. Sigma Delta Epsilon consistently ranked above the all-men's grade point average. A distinguishing feature of the group was the loyalty and devotion of alumni to a lifetime brotherhood. College years were viewed as only the beginning of their experience. At the time of the chartering of Eta Theta Chapter, the college had

just opened for fraternities, and was interested in promoting a successful fraternity system.<sup>33</sup>

Following a favorable vote on the petition from Statesboro, and after more than two years of concentrated effort by the leaders of Sigma Delta Epsilon, preparations were made for installation of the group as Eta

Theta Chapter. Indoctrination Week ended with ceremonies at the First United Methodist Church on December 19, 1970. A special Installation Banquet was held at the Holiday Inn in Americus. Officers and dignitaries of Sigma Chi attended, including Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson.

Chief Installing Officer Dr. George H. Jones made the charter presentation to Consul Calvin Gleaton. Sharing in the program were Dr. William B. King, president of Georgia Southwestern College; Past Grand Consul Peterson; Southeastern Grand Praetor Herbert E. Drake Jr.; Kentucky Grand Praetor and Ritual Director Charles A. Cissell; and Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen. William E. Blair of the Americus Alumni Association was toastmaster. The Best Pledge Award was presented to Don Harvard, who was selected by the Headquarters installation team of Roy Henwood, Brandt McCool, and Richard Sucher. The Jordan Award was presented to Steve Parker, who was selected by fellow chapter members. A Grand Consul's Citation was presented to publisher Blair by Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, who had helped initiate him into Sigma Chi 52 years earlier when the two were students at Indiana University. Together, they represented 106 years of membership in Sigma Chi.<sup>34</sup>

Joining the Headquarters staff in January of 1970, as an Assistant Executive Secretary was Roy M. Henwood, Roanoke '69.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ETA IOTA CHAPTER EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY MARCH 6, 1971**

At the time of the Installation of Eta Iota Chapter the population of Daytona Beach, Florida, was approximately 45,000. Originated in 1926 by John Paul Riddle and Lt. Higbee Embry in Cincinnati, Ohio, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has grown to be the only private, co-educational, accredited, totally aviation-oriented university in the world. From 1926 to the start of World War II, Embry-Riddle had in its history the primary flight training of approximately 17,000 aviation cadets. Embry-Riddle moved to Miami, Florida, in 1939 and expanded its curriculum to include degrees in aviation specialties and the training of aeronautical engineers. Suffering from growing pains and high density air traffic in the Miami area, Embry-Riddle moved to its permanent home in Daytona Beach, Florida, with 259 students in 1965.

Embry-Riddle has grown to include degree programs in aeronautical engineering, aeronautical engineering technology, aviation management, aircraft maintenance technology, applied mathematics, and aeronautical science. Flight training offered includes: private pilot, commercial instrument, certified flight instructor, certified instrument instructor, multi-engine, and airline transport rating. Accreditation was



Gill Robb Wilson Memorial Aeronautical Science Center Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

earned in 1968 from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Office of Education of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare approved the University for federal assistance.

In 1970, there were four fraternities active on the campus, including Sigma Chi Delta fraternity, the prospective Sigma Chi group. The two professional fraternities operated as social fraternities: Sigma Phi Delta, professional engineering fraternity, and Alpha Eta Rho, international aviation fraternity. There was also a newly-chartered chapter of Delta Chi. In 1968, three students decided that Embry-Riddle needed a fraternity with a mature approach to pledge and membership obligations, aims and principles that would enrich undergraduate life, and a goal to be of service to their university and community. Nine additional men who shared these ambitions joined the original three. After contacting several major fraternities, they decided that Sigma Chi would be their goal.

Their chapter house was modern, attractive, comfortable and had 24 rooms, each with private bath, and a swimming pool in an enclosed patio area. The membership included the president of the Interfraternity Council, four of the seven members of the Student Government Association, and the editor of the campus newspaper. The chapter compiled a long list of community projects that earned them the respect and gratitude of the city and the university.

John Knotts, Ohio State '32, president of the Daytona Beach Alumni Chapter, assured the group of the full support of local alumni. John S. Danforth, Rensselaer '34, a member of the faculty, was Chapter Advisor. Florida Grand Praetor John Smith worked closely with the

group and gave his complete and enthusiastic support. Delegations from all the chapters in the Florida Province visited and supported Sigma Chi Delta.

Harry L. Hallock, Grand Praetor of the Michigan Province and a member of the Executive Committee, was appointed investigating officer for the group at Embry-Riddle. He reported, in part:

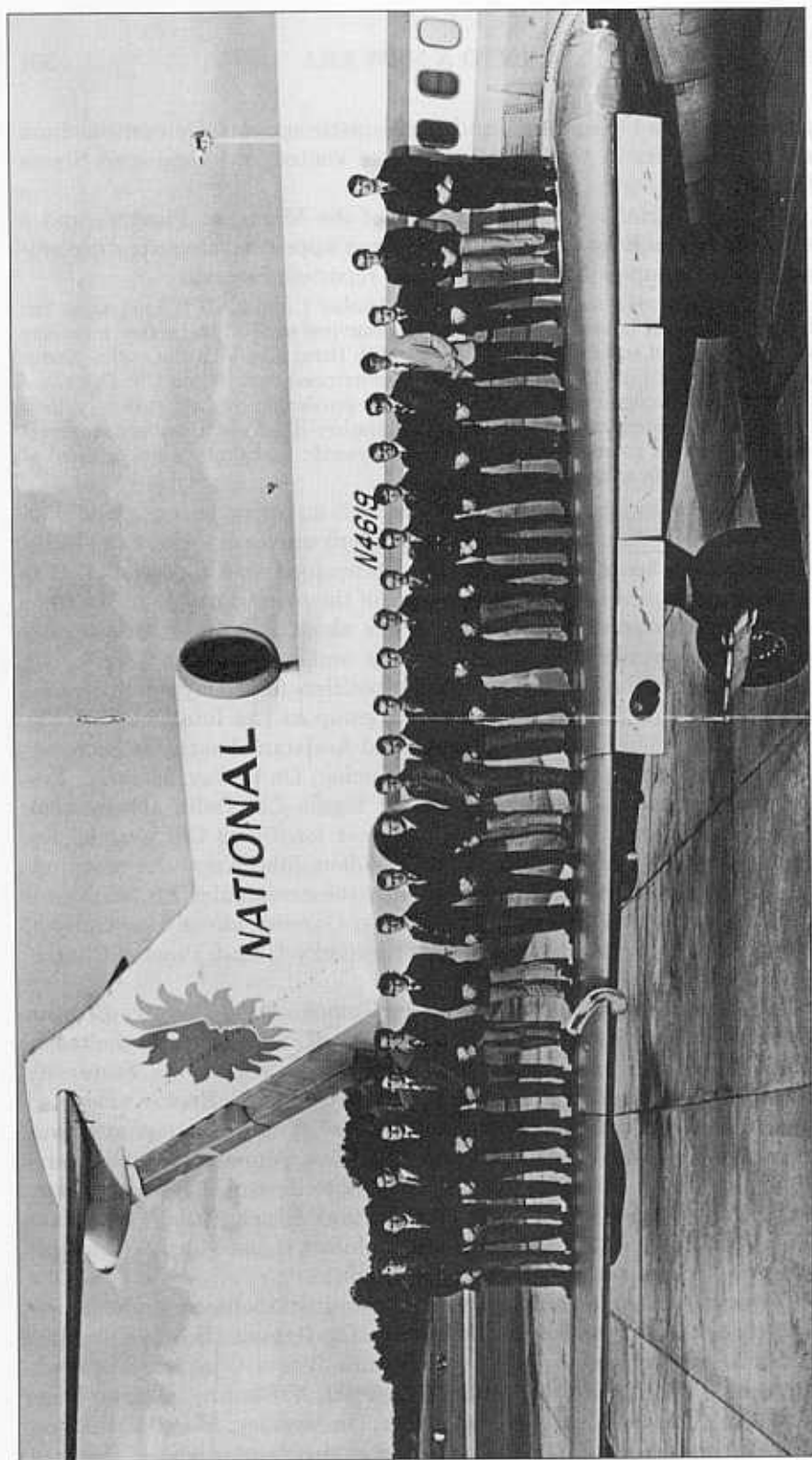
During my visit to Embry-Riddle on October 1 and 2, 1970, I stayed at the Sigma Chi Delta house, and was able to interview each of the active members individually and to have group meetings with them and with the entire pledge class. As a result of this experience, I am convinced that Sigma Chi Delta is a truly outstanding group of fine, mature young gentlemen who are sincerely dedicated to the principles of Sigma Chi; that Embry-Riddle is a modern, progressive school with great potential for further growth; and that we are assured of strong support from the local alumni.

The petition presented Sigma Chi with an opportunity to establish a strong, well organized chapter at a modern university where the benefits of a good fraternity system were understood and appreciated. It is interesting to note that the average age of the men who were initiated in the charter group at Embry-Riddle was about 25 years, substantially higher than the age group in the average undergraduate chapter.<sup>35</sup>

Following a favorable vote on the petition from Daytona, preparations were made for installation of the group as Eta Iota Chapter. The Headquarters installation team included Assistant Executive Secretaries P. Brandt McCool and Richard C. Sucher. On Friday, March 5, Ritual team meetings and orientation for Sigma Chi Delta alumni took place. In addition, a reception and dinner for Sigma Chi alumni was held at the home of alumni chapter president John Knotts. A meaningful and rewarding week concluded with the ceremonies for 39 charter members, conducted by installing chapter Gamma Theta, University of Florida, led by Consul Jay Howell. Kentucky Grand Praetor Charles Cissell was Ritual director.

At the installation banquet at the Tomoka Oaks Country Club in Ormond Beach, Florida Grand Praetor John R. Smith Jr. was the toastmaster. University President Jack R. Hunt welcomed the Fraternity and officials to the campus. Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer welcomed Eta Iota and Embry-Riddle to the Fraternity. The Eta Iota charter was presented by chief installing officer, Executive Committee member and Michigan Grand Praetor, Harry L. Hallock to Consul Stephen L. Avery III, Grand Praetor John Smith, and Daytona Beach Alumni President John Knotts. Guests at the banquet included representatives from all Florida chapters and several Georgia chapters.

Awards and presentations at the banquet included a gavel presented to the Eta Iota Consul Avery from the Daytona Beach alumni. A Consul's Badge was presented by Gamma Theta Chapter. The Outstanding Pledge Award was given to Kenneth A. Bording, and the Isaac M. Jordan Award to Harry W. Wilkes Jr. On Monday, March 8, the first Ritualistic meeting of Eta Iota was held at the chapter house. The men



The Embry-Riddle petitioning group.

were deeply grateful to Florida Grand Praetor John Smith, the Daytona Alumni Chapter and to all members who made their Installation "an experience we will all cherish forever."<sup>36</sup>

Chief Installing Officer Harry L. Hallock, left foreground, presented the Eta Iota charter to Consul Stephen L. Avery III as John Knotts, president of the Daytona Beach Alumni Chapter. left, and Florida Grand Praetor John R. Smith, right center, witnessed the event.



## THE INSTALLATION OF ETA KAPPA CHAPTER SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE COLLEGE APRIL 3, 1971

In the early 1970s Southwest Missouri State University was the largest of five regional state universities in Missouri. The university is located in Springfield, the third largest city in Missouri, having a population of more than 120,000 at the time of the founding of Eta Kappa Chapter. Established as the Missouri State Normal School, Fourth District, by legislative statute on March 17, 1905, the first classes were held in the summer of 1906. Sixty-six years later, by authority of the legislature and in recognition of its emergence in higher education, Southwest Missouri State was elevated to university status. It played a vital role in the growth and development of the region. In the fall of 1969, the 8,500 student enrollment included representation



Carrington Hall  
Southwest Missouri State University

from all 50 states, and 40 foreign countries. One hundred and three of Missouri's 114 counties were represented. More than 1,200 courses were offered in 23 departments or divisions.

Nu Sigma Chi fraternity was founded in October of 1968, with the intent of petitioning Sigma Chi for a charter. The group was assisted by neighboring Zeta Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi at Kansas State College in Pittsburg, and had close relations with Epsilon Phi Chapter, Southeast Missouri State University at Cape Girardeau. The original 14 men felt that existing fraternities on their campus failed to offer the proper attributes of a good fraternity. Nu Sigma Chi broke into a Greek system established more than 20 years earlier. Six fraternities and six sororities were active on the campus, including: Pi Kappa Alpha, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Phi Sigma Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Tau Gamma, a colony of Alpha Sigma Nu, Alpha Delta Pi, Phi Mu, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Sigma Kappa, and Alpha Chi Omega. The first house occupied by Nu Sigma Chi was conveniently located at 901 South Jefferson.<sup>37</sup>



Consul Randy Seiner, left, accepted the Eta Kappa charter from Chief Installing Officer Roy M. Teel, with Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer Jr., seated left.

Oklahoma-Arkansas Grand Praetor Roy M. Teel conducted an official investigation at Springfield on October 11 and 12, 1970. During the investigation, University President Dr. Arthur L. Mallory met with Springfield alumnus Barry R. Roberts, Houston '62; Investigating Officer Teel, and the dean of fraternity affairs. During the visit Dr. Mallory instructed the dean not to spend his efforts in making fraternities on campus larger but to help develop strong colonies inducing major fraternities to grant charters and become a part of the Greek system.

Nu Sigma Chi established an outstanding record of excellence in scholarship, participation in campus activities, college social life, and with the faculty and college administration. Brother Teel reported that twenty-three Sigma Chi alumni lived in Springfield, and practically all gave the intention of actively supporting a Sigma Chi chapter if and when the charter was granted.<sup>38</sup>

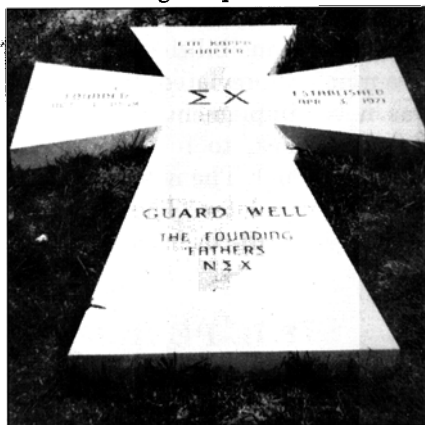
The petition of Nu Sigma Chi was voted upon favorably by the undergraduate and alumni chapters, and preparations were made for installation of the group as Eta Kappa Chapter on April 3, 1971. The 48 brothers of Nu Sigma Chi were formally pledged into Sigma Chi on March 8, by Assistant Executive Secretary Richard C. Sucher, assisted by members of the Springfield-Joplin Alumni Chapter. The pledge ex-



amination was administered on March 29, and they averaged above the honor score requirement. Assistant Executive Secretaries Sucher, P. Brandt McCool, and Roy M. Henwood conducted in-depth discussions of The Norman Shield during the pre-Initiation week. Pledge projects were completed, and a service project, clearing litter along a two-mile stretch of highway, was conducted. On Friday, April 2, the Ritual team met and Sigma Chi alumni were received at the residence of Forrest Fay, Miami (Fla.) '49. That evening Ritualistic ceremonies began at National Avenue Christian Church, and continued there through the following morning, with the brothers of Epsilon Phi Chapter from Southeast Missouri State serving as the installing chapter.

The Installation Banquet was held at the Kentwood Arms. Sigma Chi dignitaries participating included Grand Consul Brewer; toastmaster and Chairman of the Leadership Training Board Dr. Charles M. Thatcher; Missouri Grand Praetor John W. Cooper Jr.; Chief Installing Officer and Oklahoma-Arkansas Grand Praetor Roy M. Teel; Ritual Director Thomas L. Turk; Springfield Alumni Chapter President Barry R. Roberts; and Eta Kappa Chapter Advisor William P. Davis.

Chief Installing Officer Teel presented the charter to Randy Seiner, first president of Nu Sigma Chi. The Best Pledge award was given to Terry Poelling, and the Jordan award was presented to James Hargis. The brothers of Eta Kappa had special appreciation for the hard work and resulting reward of their installation as the 155th chapter of Sigma Chi. They pledged always to bring honor, distinction, and new luster to the White Cross of Sigma Chi.<sup>39</sup>



A 650-pound marble cross was presented to Eta Kappa chapter by the founders of the Southwest Missouri local.

## A NEW CHAPTER HOUSE FOR ALPHA

On May 2, 1971, Grand Consul Norman Brewer led a team of Grand Officers to Oxford, Ohio, and Alpha Chapter for the dedication of the new Founders Memorial Chapter House. A crowd of nearly 500 Sigs and guests was present for the celebration. The new structure replaced the historic Founders Memorial Chapter House on High Street. The old house was dedicated in 1913 by Founders Benjamin Piatt Runkle and Daniel William Cooper, and the property was claimed by the university.

In 1971, the Sigma Chi Foundation implemented a new direction in its program of academic assistance to undergraduate chapters, by providing funds for the creation or improvement of libraries in chapter houses. There was a decreasing number of chapters that were providing adequate space for a library or study area. The Foundation created a program of direct cash grants to selected and qualified applicants, to assist them in furthering their education.

The emphasis of "The Norman Shield" and pledge training was redirected in 1971. It was believed that the rather large, 320-page reference manual contained too much information not essential in the educating of pledges. Some chapters expected pledges to absorb excessive and unnecessary information at the sacrifice of academic work and other campus responsibilities. That year "The Norman Shield" was produced as a much-abbreviated, soft-cover, 80-page book. Part of the plan, which was never implemented, was to also later provide a larger "brother's manual" book, to include much of the information formerly in the pledge manual. The new pledge manual was not well-received, however, and two years later "The Norman Shield" was again issued in its previous larger, hard-cover format.

## THE PERIOD OF CAMPUS UNREST

During the decade of the 1960s and into the early 1970s, the United States was troubled with the national involvement in the Vietnam War. This political issue, while perhaps not as divisive among the Canadian public, was also a grave concern to citizens of Canada. Objection to the United States' involvement was most visible on college campuses through student protests and other associated activities.

The most notable and tragic event among the various campus protests occurred on May 4, 1970, when four students were fatally injured by armed Ohio National Guard troops during an anti-war protest on the campus of Kent State University, Ohio. Thom Meister, Kent State '72, wrote the following message for *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*:

Brothers from other chapters inevitably ask me, 'How do the brothers of Zeta Lambda feel about the happenings last spring?' I think that the answer to this exemplifies the spirit of Sigma Chi. Although all of the brothers were angry and repulsed by what happened on May 4th, opinions here vary as to who was to blame. Some legitimately contend that if the R.O.T.C. building had not been burned on Saturday night, the National Guard wouldn't have been needed Monday morning. Others blame Governor James Rhodes for sending tired, poorly trained Guardsmen into a situation they were not equipped to handle without resorting to drastic measures, which they did.<sup>40</sup>

One year after the shootings Dr. William E. Weidner, Bowling Green and Kent '49, associate professor of speech at Kent State, wrote:

One of the students killed was my student and also a close friend. Sandy Scheuer was a fine, young lady and a good student. She played no part in any destructive activity. She was on her way to my class when she stopped to observe a confrontation. She was apparently struck by a stray bullet and died instantly. I was the first representative of the University to see her parents. They are wonderful people and, of course, completely destroyed by this tragedy. We have an excellent faculty at Kent State and I am proud to be a part of it. We have administrators who have attempted to adjust to overwhelming enrollment and financial shortages. If they have made errors in judgment at times, I believe these were honest errors made in a sincere attempt to improve conditions at Kent State. Our University is not atypical of many other fine universities in the Midwest and in other parts of our nation. It now, however, carries a stigma created by the events of "May 1970."



The rear of Taylor Hall on the Kent State University campus, site of the tragic shootings of May 1970.

Since those now-infamous days, millions of people over the world have asked the question, "Who caused the disorders which led to horrible tragedy?" The answer is really quite simple: they did. The next obvious question is, of course, who are they? On careful examination, it appears that they are many different groups of people. They are the faculty, who assume an impersonal attitude toward students. They are the administrators, who are at times insensitive to the needs and problems of faculty and students. They are students with sincere convictions who have failed to accept the limits of reasonable dissent. They are students - few in number - who seek to destroy all existing institutions. They are townspeople, who enjoy the revenue which students bring to the community, but have little interest in them as young people. They are townspeople who are totally belligerent toward students and faculty and wish they were not part of the community - actually, few in number. They are elected officials who place political interest and advancement ahead of moral obligations. They are law enforcement and military officials, who are called upon to do too much with too little (i.e. training, experience, proper equipment).

The question is heard again. "Who caused the tragedy at Kent State University?" The answer rings out loud and clear, "They all did." <sup>41</sup>

The period of campus unrest and the accompanying student mentality created problems for traditional organizations such as fraternities, creating several paradoxes.

At a time when communal living among young people was in vogue, residency in fraternities (and sororities) - clearly a communal form of living - was declining. At a time when students demanded an immediate voice in the decisions of their institutions, fraternities, governed almost entirely by students, could not find sufficient leadership. At a time when interest in movements such as mysticism, transcendental meditation, the Jesus Freaks, and astrology was at a peak among students, one aspect of fraternity life often neglected and at times distasteful to the members was their ritual. At a time when unstructured,

informal educational situations were popular, programming for such ends was nonexistent or slow in coming among fraternities. At a time when loneliness, alienation and a feeling of being lost as a computer number was common among university students, a decreasing number were being attracted to these small, close-knit groups of friends. At a time when personal involvement was stressed, fewer and fewer students were willing to make long term commitments to a fraternity. At a time when tolerance for wild dress, bizarre make-up, and almost any kind of personal decoration was virtually unlimited, fraternity members were rarely seen in public wearing their badges. At a time when accepting responsibility for one's actions was almost a religious creed among college youth, the greatest single practical problem of fraternities was getting members to pay their bills. When one studies the stronger fraternities during the period of campus unrest, it is found that those clinging most avidly to traditional policies, such as pledge hazing, drove other students away.<sup>42</sup>

In Sigma Chi the period of campus unrest had a negative effect upon the number of men pledged, although the Fraternity experienced growth in the number of undergraduate chapters. Traditional programs of the Fraternity were brought under scrutiny by undergraduates and alumni. The procedure of inviting two undergraduate members to meetings of the Executive Committee was begun. Special attention was devoted to modernizing rushing and pledging programs of the Fraternity. Many undergraduate chapters entered into an extended period of shoe-string operation or suspension of some or all activity due to reduced membership.<sup>43</sup>

Two undergraduate chapters closed during this period. The circumstances of their closings were not primarily the result of the atmosphere of campus unrest. As previously described in this volume, Beta Mu Chapter at the University of Colorado earlier found itself in a difficult situation largely not of its own making. Beta Alpha Chapter at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, founded from a portion of the membership of Case Institute and Western Reserve universities in 1963, was discontinued as a separate chapter.

The period of campus unrest came to a gradual end with the negotiated peace of the war in Vietnam. It followed closely on the heels of the Fraternity problem with membership selection procedures. As the war ended, traditional values again made a return to campus and to society; fraternities and particularly Sigma Chi were the beneficiary.

New members of the Headquarters staff in the summer of 1971 were Jeffrey K. Tuckey, Gettysburg '71; Frank J. Raymond, Penn State '71; and Jay C. Howell, Florida '71.

## **THE 58th GRAND CHAPTER JUNE 22-26, 1971 SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA**

The 1971 Grand Chapter considered and approved a number of amendments to the Constitution and Statutes, elected Grand Officers and an International Sweetheart, presented awards to various members

and chapters, and had an expectedly hot time in southern Arizona in late June. Significant Sig Senator Barry Goldwater, was general chairman and the toastmaster at the Grand Chapter Banquet.



Contemporary pueblo describes the architecture of the Marriott Camelback Inn.

Actions taken during the business sessions permitted the Fraternity to leave behind the frustrating and disunifying atmosphere caused by the decade-long dispute over membership selection policies and practices. The Executive Committee decision to discontinue sending information about individuals being pledged made Grand Chapter action on various membership regulations more operable. In the months prior to the Grand Chapter, members of the Grand Council and undergraduate brothers had quietly learned that the Fraternity had initiated its first black member. Removal of the requirement for approval of 90 percent of delegates only at a regular session of the Grand Chapter in order to change the membership regulations in the Constitution brought about wild cheers and joyful hugs among the delegates at the Grand Chapter business session. This provision was the last vestige of the Fraternity problem with membership selection procedures, and its removal was the symbolic end to a long and very dark period in the history of Sigma Chi.

In addition, provisions allowing any member of the Grand Council to dissent on any pledge in any chapter were removed from the Governing Laws. Also removed was the statement that each man proposed must be personally acceptable to any chapter or any member anywhere; and provisions allowing alumni members to disapprove of men pledged in their own chapter. The removal of these requirements from the Governing Laws validated earlier actions of the Executive Committee.

Other legislative enactments provided for undergraduate participa-

tion in all meetings of the Grand Council and Executive Committee, and voting membership on the biennial nominating committee; annual rather than biennial election of Grand Praetor and Grand Trustee representatives to the Executive Committee; and Grand Chapter election of two members-at-large of the Executive Committee. The meeting frequency requirement for alumni chapters to remain in good standing was changed from "at least monthly except during the summer months" to "at least six times a year;" and Grand Praetors were given authority to waive the graduation average initiation requirement.

Highlighting the proceedings was election of John W. Graham, Q.C., 46th Grand Consul of Sigma Chi. Elected by acclamation, he became the first Canadian to serve as Grand Consul. Grand Consul Brewer was nominated for re-election by an undergraduate chapter delegate, but withdrew before the election. A more spirited contest occurred for the office of Grand Pro Consul. Oklahoma-Arkansas Grand Praetor Roy M. Teel, was defeated by Grand Trustee Craig Nason, a former Grand Praetor and president of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter who headed a Beverly Hills real estate appraisal firm. Grand Quaestor Edwin C. Fisher and Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen were re-elected without opposition. With the retirement of Grand Historian Robert M. Collett, a



Relaxation and eating occupied most of the Grand Chapter delegates' time when not attending business sessions.

contest to succeed him developed. Elected was Robert E. LeClerg, Maryland '52, of College Park, Maryland, over former Executive Director and Editor Merrill E. "Boz" Prichard, of Wilmette, Illinois. William W. George, winner of the 1964 International Balfour Award, was the youngest of several youthful Sigs elected to six-year terms on the Board of Grand Trustees. Others were retiring Grand Praetors Barry Anstine, Harry L. Hallock, and Keith B. Sorensen.



The Grand Chapter business session with delegates seated by province.

Newly-elected Grand Praetors were: Frank Olsen, Maine '61, New England-Nova Scotia; Fred S. DeMarr, Maryland '49, Eastern; Andrew K. Teeter, Roanoke '71, Virginia; S. Bart Gaunt, Kentucky '69, Carolina; Clark M. Roberts, Tennessee-Knoxville '55, Tennessee; Martin T. Marino, Miami (Ohio) '65, Southern Ohio; Harry E. Litchfield III, General Motors Institute '65, Michigan; E.B. Krider, Tulsa '50, Kansas; Robert Whitener, East Texas '64, North Texas; Lance Johnson, Kansas '60, North Central; Steven A. Jensen, Utah State '63, Rocky Mountain; L. Rodney Higgins, Idaho '64, Big Sky; Robert E. Joseph Jr., Willamette '57, Northwestern; and Jack Clawson, Utah State '50, Utah-Nevada.



Ann Helm  
1971 International Sweetheart

A controversial resolution was made as the final business session neared a close. Grand Chapter resolutions usually conveyed appreciation to various individuals and the host hotel. However, delegates from the chapters at Auburn, Lehigh and Maryland presented a resolution directing the Grand Consul "to appoint a commission to begin work at the earliest possible date for the purpose of studying the feasibility of admitting women to the Fraternity." It called for assessment of member opinions and research on the subject of coed fraternities. The subject of coed membership in fraternities had become a matter of more than casual discussion only on a relatively

few campuses where Sigma Chi had chapters. The motion passed, 83 to 73. The Commission was appointed, with Grand Quaestor Edwin Fisher as chairman. A survey was mailed to undergraduate chapters, and only 35 of the 154 chapters responded. Of the 35, 10 favored having women live in their chapter house. However, only three favored changing the Fraternity's laws so that women could be admitted to membership. The results were published in *The Magazine*, and the action called for by the Grand Chapter resolution was considered accomplished.<sup>44</sup>



Michael W. Hatch  
1971 International  
Balfour Award winner

Finalists for International Sweetheart were Jo Beth Roberts from the University of Houston; Carolyn Crowell from University of Richmond, and Ann Helm from the University of Southern California. The undergraduate delegates selected Ann Helm for the two-year term as International Sweetheart.

Mick Hatch of St. Lawrence University was honored as the 1971 International Balfour Award winner. Finalists were Joe D. Duran, San Fernando State '71, and William R. Meeks III, Arkansas '71. New members of the Order of Constantine were Harry Tidd, Missouri-Columbia '13; Ferris Fitch, Michigan '17; Carl W. Seiler, Roanoke '24; William T. Cameron, Illinois '29; Thomas F. Bell, Mississippi State '35; John W. Cooper Jr., Missouri-Columbia '41; and Mil-

ton K. Jackson, Texas-Austin '49.



In addition to General Chairman Goldwater, many Phoenix area Sigs played important roles in the success of the 58th Grand Chapter, including George Lee, Arizona State '64, president of the Phoenix Alumni Chapter.<sup>45</sup>

## SIGS IN THE NEWS

An "Oscar" finally came to the man affectionately known as "the Duke." Significant Sig John Wayne, Southern California '29, was honored for his role as the hard-bitten U.S. Marshall "Rooster" Cogburn in Paramount Pictures' "True Grit."<sup>46</sup>

Sigma Chis in the cabinet or White House staff of U.S. President Richard M. Nixon included Secretary of State William P. Rogers, Colgate '34; Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler, Southern California '61; Appointments Secretary Dwight L. Chapin, Southern California '62; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard G. Capen Jr., Columbia '56; Executive Assistant Lamar Alexander, Vanderbilt '62; Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity Phillip V. Sanchez, Cal.-State Fresno '53; and U.S. Judge George H. Boldt, Montana '25, who was chairman of the newly-formed Pay Board, an influential body the administration had formed to advise it on programs to lessen and prevent inflation.<sup>47</sup>

In professional football, Kansas City Chiefs head coach Hank Stram, Purdue '42, led his team to an upset victory in the 1970 National Football League Super Bowl.



"True Grit" stars John Wayne, Kim Darby, and Glen Campbell.

## CHAPTER IX - Notes and Comments

1. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Summer 1979, p. 21. The reference by Brother Brewer about the dissolution of the Fraternity was in response to suggestions that the Fraternity be divided into separate organizations as a solution to disagreements over membership selection procedures. Refer to Chapter VIII of this volume, "The 57th Grand Chapter" and to this chapter, "Final Resolution of the Membership Question" for further information.

2. *Ibid.*, pp. 22-24, 27.

3. Hon. Norman C. Brewer Jr., Atlanta, Georgia, personal interview with the author at the annual meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference, at



Sigs at the White House, left to right, Appointment Secretary Dwight Chapin, Press Secretary Ron Ziegler, Executive Secretary William T. Bringham, Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer, and staff Assistant-Congressional Relations Lamar Alexander.

which he was elected president on December 1, 1978. Brother Brewer passed into the Chapter Eternal just four months after this historic interview.

4. Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, Chicago, Illinois, personal interview with the author following the Grand Council Meeting and Headquarters Wing dedication on April 26, 1980.

5. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Fall 1969, pp. 8, 9, 12, 13.

6. *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, Summer 1979, p. 21.

7. John W. Graham, Q.C., Toronto, Ontario, December 31, 1969, letter to Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer Jr., Greenwood, Mississippi, including the report of the Planning Board, Headquarters archives.

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John W. Gierke, Jr.  
with family



Grand Q.C.

# Chapter X

## A Return to Fraternity

### 1971 to 1973

“For many years the endeavors of some at the General Fraternity level had seemingly been directed towards the destruction of our order and the endless maneuvering to obtain position, so that the ideas of the past could remain paramount. And if there be but one thing that I hope has been achieved in this past biennium, it is a true and sincere and widespread return to fraternity and the concept that in Sigma Chi the office seeks the man, and our sole motivation is for the good of the order.”

*Grand Consul John W. Graham, Q.C., at the 1973 Grand Chapter.*<sup>1</sup>

**T**HIS WAS truly a time of returning to the basic aspects of fraternity. It was the first administrative period since 1950 that was not in some way burdened with the membership selection issue. This return to brotherhood, fraternity and the business of self-evaluation and future planning was long awaited and warmly embraced. The Fraternity was most fortunate to have serving as its Grand Consul the seasoned and articulate veteran John W. Graham, Q.C., Toronto '33.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF JOHN W. GRAHAM, Q.C., 46th GRAND CONSUL

The first Canadian to serve as Grand Consul, John W. Graham, Q.C., was a founding partner of the highly respected Toronto, Ontario, law firm of Payton, Biggs and Graham. An alumnus of Beta Omega Chapter, University of Toronto, he served his chapter early on in a number of leadership capacities. A few years later he became Life Loyal Sig number 1977, Chapter Advisor to Beta Omega, and a major factor in the chapter's successful house building fund drives. All the while, Brother Graham was active in the Toronto Alumni Chapter, becoming its secretary and president. In 1957 he received the Best Alumni Chapter Officer award. That same year he served as general chairman of the Toronto Grand Chapter, the first held in Canada.

Following long and notable service as Grand Praetor of the Ontario-Quebec Province, he was elected to the General Fraternity Executive Committee and to the Board of Grand Trustees, which he served as member, vice chairman and chairman. He was chief investigating officer of the Central Michigan and Colgate petitioning groups. A member of

the Order of Constantine, he is considered a "father" of Epsilon Omicron Chapter at Western Ontario University. He was a delegate to many Grand Chapters, three times serving as chairman of the Credentials Committee and many times as chairman of the Constitution and Statutes or Governing Laws Committee. His even-tempered, fair handling of the Constitution and Statutes issues contributed substantially to his election in 1969 to Sigma Chi's second-highest office, Grand Pro Consul.



John W. Graham, Q.C., and  
Edward S. Rogers

Widowed in 1971, Past Grand Consul Graham has one Sigma Chi stepson, Significant Sig Edward S. "Ted" Rogers, Toronto '56; one daughter, Ann, and a Sigma Chi grandson Edward S. Rogers, Western Ontario '91.

Graham kept active in a wide range of business positions, including chairman of the board of The Travelers Insurance Company in Canada, and directorships of many firms, the best known being The Travelers Companies. The noted insurance and tax attorney is the author of "Taxation in Estate Planning," and has been active in a number of professional organizations. He has also held major positions in the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada and of Trinity College, Toronto.

The membership selection problems having been largely defused in the previous administration, the occasion was present to move the Fraternity along to new endeavors. The organizational and administrative skills he brought to the office of Grand Consul created the special opportunity for a real renaissance in Sigma Chi.

Of his interest in Sigma Chi, Brother Graham said: "My bent was always, probably because of my professional training, more toward the Constitution and Statutes, the Credentials, and the procedural side of affairs, rather than toward that aspect that is exemplified by the Workshop."

As chairman of the Constitution and Statutes Committee during the early '60s, Graham was challenged by a number of motions, resolutions, and proposed changes in the Constitution, all of them related to the membership question. He recalled what it was like to serve on the Constitution Committee:

"The committee consisted, as I recall, of John Neal Campbell, Charlie Hough, and Stan Barnes, all of whom were Past Grand Consuls, and Elton Hunt, who was the living embodiment of the Ten Commandments, and this young whipper-snapper who had been brought in from the boondocks to sit with



these four wise men who knew full well what the Fraternity wanted and they had only to speak and the Fraternity would immediately react. And that was a most fascinating experience, and I think from that day to this, I have been on the Constitution Committee, Constitution and Statutes Committee, Governing Laws Committee, call it what you will. My early teaching in Charlie Hough's law office in Chicago has stayed with me and I have remembered it from that day to this."<sup>2</sup>

Regarding his term of office as Grand Consul, Brother Graham said: "I had felt for a long time that our Constitution and Statutes, which had been created at the Centennial Grand Chapter in 1955, had been amended in a piecemeal fashion out of all recognition, and that it was long past due to review and revise them."

He said that the Constitution should be "relatively short and difficult to amend," and that the Statutes would "enunciate principles and allow flexibility through Executive Committee Regulations." Graham named a commission to do a thorough study of the Constitution and Statutes. "I frankly was rather disappointed that it could not bring in a report that could be acted upon at the 1973 Grand Chapter. It could not, and I therefore effectively took it over and ultimately presented the report at the 1975 Grand Chapter, where it was approved and the new Constitution and Statutes were adopted."

Graham spearheaded discussions regarding the Ritual, pledge training and Initiation. In 1972 he called a meeting of the Executive Committee—with no agenda pre-arranged—to discuss "the good of the order." "We wanted to know why certain chapters were more successful than others, and what the reasons were. We concluded after two days of discussion that the common thread was the Ritual, that chapters that had been installed within the past 10 years had outstanding success in becoming significant chapters because of the indoctrination they had received from a proper installation run by the Headquarters Staff without the distraction of alumni who went back to what had happened 25 or 30 years ago."

He then challenged the Leadership Training Board during a similar meeting. "Out of that came the Membership Development Program, which in essence was designed to repeat the installation experience for chapters already installed and in the hope that that vision and that concept could be captured by them and reflected in their continuing chapter life. That program was a matter of tremendous gratification to me because it was a practical exemplification of the return to the Ritual, if you will, of getting back to basics."

During his administration, the Fraternity structure underwent a few minor changes. The number of provinces was reduced as a way to save money, while the Assistant Executive Secretary program was increased.

"It was my feeling that the A.E.S. program was the essential link—the most visible, practical and helpful link—between the General Fraternity and the individual chapter. We increased the frequency and

length of chapter visits, and determined the number of Assistant Executive Secretaries by the number of undergraduate chapters," Graham said. "We really for all time dispelled the idea that the AES was a spy, and conveyed the concept that he was there to help the individual chapter and to give them whatever assistance he could."

One area, according to Graham, that he did not receive unanimous enthusiastic support for was the questioning of Grand Praetors who were not doing their job. "In my second year, I finally fired either three or four or five Praetors and it was the first time in history that the Praetors had been fired. I am interested in the fact that my successors have followed the practice that if Praetors are not doing their job, they are asked to vacate their position."

Of his predecessors' accomplishments, there was one that he chose not to pursue. "I immediately abandoned the thought of following Floyd Baker's achievement of visiting every chapter. I felt that I should visit chapters that were celebrating 50th or 100th anniversaries and province conferences. I frankly did not realize until I had finished my term how totally fatigued I was. But be that as it may, I was able to do it and I was located fortunately in a city where there were good airline connections and I was able to get to any part of the North American continent in a matter of a few hours."

His goals as Grand Consul were based on going beyond the series of problems and situations in recent years that had defeated the essential purposes of the Fraternity. He strived to "impart a sense of dignity" to the Fraternity and to the office of Grand Consul. Because of his background, it would have been difficult for him to have done otherwise.

"I have used Longfellow's quotation that 'a man's reach must exceed his grasp,' of what's a heaven for, and that if we do not so interpret the search and all of the other matters that we find in our Ritual, that we will fall short of the potential which we could achieve. I therefore have always tried to uplift. And I don't say this in a goody-goody way in the slightest, but I have always tried to do that rather than to be, if you will, one of the boys."

The one area he was most disappointed in was his inability to eradicate hazing. "I think we achieved something in this direction through a reemphasis on Ritual, friendship, and basic principles. But I know full well that there were a number of chapters, there were not more than 10 percent, but there were 10 percent of the chapters in which hazing was deeply rooted, and I frankly was unable to eradicate it." On the other hand, the institution of the Membership Development Program and the movement to defuse the membership selection problem are two significant matters in which he was a substantial participant.

His feelings for Sigma Chi and the experience of being a leader are evident in his discussion of the role of a Fraternity:

"I have felt that one needs, and when I say one I mean the educated man, needs an interest outside his family, his profession, his church, his public obligations. And the Fraternity has filled that need in the sense that one is given the

opportunity to contribute to others and at the same time achieve a measure of self satisfaction. By self satisfaction I certainly don't mean material in the sense of achieving office, because I think I have upset all sorts of people in that I have never sought office in Sigma Chi nor have I ever campaigned for it, but I mean that in the sense that you have a satisfaction and a joy in knowing that your relationships with your fellow men are enhanced and embellished by reason of your fraternal relationship. There is one other great experience, and this is a privilege that is peculiar to those that have been active in the Fraternity. It is getting to know the young men of today and to learn something about what motivates them, of their ambitions, of their plans, of their dreams, of their faults and of their strengths. I feel that I have been privileged in the last years to know something of what motivates the young men of Canada and the United States. The typical person of my age who does not have this experience is missing an enormous amount and just hasn't the slightest idea of where the world is going. This has been a great privilege."<sup>3</sup>

## **TWENTY-FOURTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - 1971**

The 1971 Workshop was the first held on the campus of Northern Illinois University, and only the second held on a campus where there



Delegate registration at the 1971 Workshop.

was no Sigma Chi chapter at the time. Eta Nu Chapter was installed there a year later, in September of 1972. There were 653 Sigma Chis and

guests, including 508 officers and delegates from 139 of 155 undergraduate chapters, in attendance. Coming to life one week earlier than in previous years due to the earlier opening of school on many campuses, the Workshop began on August 18 with the arrival of Executive Committee members for a pre-Workshop meeting.

The theme was "The Spirit of Sigma Chi," the Fraternity's historic, yet everlasting concept articulated by the Founders that friendship among men of different talents, temperaments, and convictions is superior to that among men of the same talents, temperaments and convictions. The diversity of delegates, articulation of Fraternity basics, a new approach to rush, the new "pledge brother program," and the Ritual all supported the Workshop theme.

The Workshop core program, a new emphasis at the 1971 event, included presentations in eight primary areas of chapter activity to all delegates, rather than in separate divisions. The concept, developed by the Leadership Training Board, was based on the premise that chapter programs need to be considered in their relationship to all officer functioning. The purpose of developing chapter leadership in all delegates was facilitated by the new core presentations.

Leadership was both demonstrated and defined from the outset by Grand Consul Graham. In addressing the delegates, he stated:

"Sigma Chi in many ways is unique - and that is why we are here, and why each of us is a Sigma Chi. We have had our trials and our tribulations, most particularly in the past decade. Hopefully, these are now behind us. And I urge upon each of you to enjoy, relish, and profit to the fullest from this unique experience, the Sigma Chi Workshop. Keep your mind open; keep your ears open; receive, carry back, and transmit. Tomorrow is the future for all of us. And here at this Workshop you will be helped; you will be encouraged; you will be educated; and you will be inspired, as all of us who have ever attended a Workshop have been inspired. May it be the best yet, and may each of you profit tremendously."

In the first core presentation, entitled "Take Me to Your Leader," the delegates listened to Leadership Training Board Chairman and Executive Committee Member Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, who concluded:

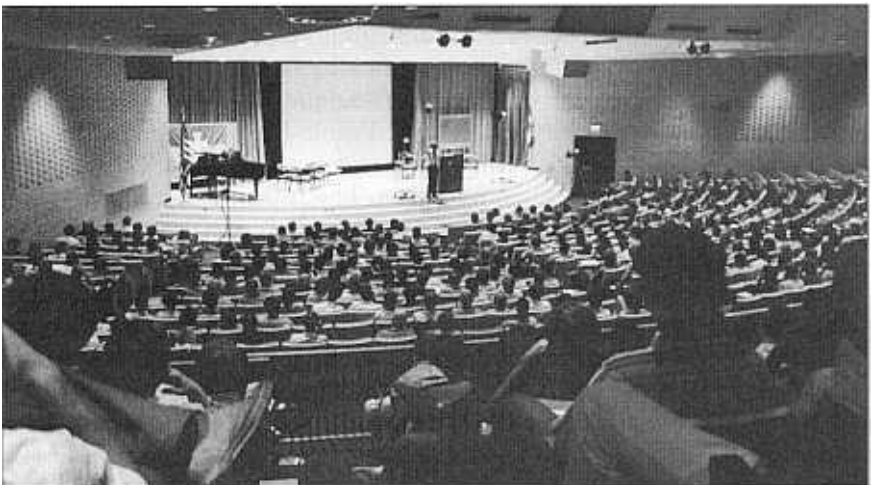
"He who knows not, and knows not he knows not, is a fool; shun him. He who knows not and knows he knows not is ignorant; educate him. He who knows, and knows not he knows, is asleep; awake him. But he who knows, and knows he knows, is a leader, follow him. I wish that I could confront each of you a year from now and say to you, take me to your leader, and I wish even more firmly that your reply might be: 'Brother, look no further; I am he.'"

Faculty members Ed King and Bob Bradford then challenged the brothers in concurrent presentations on Ritual, "The Ritual - a classified document?" Throughout the Workshop, each delegate was involved in one of six basic divisions emphasizing and devoted to Consuls, Quaestors, Magisters, Underclass (Rush), Chapter Advisors-Grand Praetors, and the special program for invited local fraternities preparing to petition for a charter.

All delegates joined together for presentations on pledging, emphasizing the new pledge brother program, presided over by Magisters Division Chairman, Grand Trustee and Executive Committee member S. Jack McDuff, Magisters faculty member Dr. Constantine "Deno" Curris, and a team of Magisters faculty members. The problems and techniques of changing and updating pledge programs in chapters were discussed, with an emphasis on increased pledge participation in the chapter, shorter programs designed to eliminate trivial activities, and removal of pledge servitude and second-class status.

During "Even Fools Don't Rush In!" delegates were reminded in stirring, well received presentations on rush: "Metamorphic Sigma Chi," by Underclass faculty member Wayne Gertmenian, and "The Mechanics of Rush" by F.B. "Brokie" Lineweaver, both members of the Fraternity Commission on Rushing and Pledging. Pilot film footage made at the 1971 Grand Chapter, for consideration as a possible rush film, was shown.

"The care and feeding of the Chapter Advisor, Grand Praetor, and alumni" was reviewed with each division by Chapter Advisor division leader Thomas F. Bell. Each discussion group addressed the problem of drug use and prevention in the chapter, and reviewed the Fraternity's 1970 statement of position on the subject, originally issued by Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer Jr.



Sandburg Auditorium at Northern Illinois University

As the first occasion where Workshop delegates determined the recipients of a General Fraternity award, all of the more than 500 chapter delegates gathered by discussion group to review outlines of the nine most outstanding chapter public relations programs for the year. The

vote of all of the discussion groups determined the best three for the year.

Individual chapter counseling sessions conducted throughout the program on an informal basis gave the the undergraduates a chance to get answers to difficult questions regarding chapter leadership issues.

One night, off campus and surrounded by thousands of resident cornstalks, the third annual Brotherhood Barbeque and Rally came to life. The following morning, many of the delegates and faculty attended the Workshop worship service, led by Consuls faculty member Bob Bradford.

A highlight of the Workshop closing banquet was recognition of the outstanding Workshop faculty member and recipient of the award named in honor of the late William H. Carlisle, Jr. The 1971 recipient was Consuls faculty member Jon L. Greenawalt, Penn '61.

New members named to the Leadership Training Board during 1971 were Gardner B. Allen, Emory '28; David Wolds, Central Michigan '70; and Jon Greenawalt.<sup>4</sup>

## **GAMMA OMICRON REINSTALLED**

The charter of Gamma Omicron Chapter, Colgate University, was reactivated at installation ceremonies on September 26, 1971. The charter had been revoked by action of the Executive Committee on April 10, 1963, as a result of a controversial initiation. Following that, the group had continued its organization as Sigma Chi Gamma local fraternity. Initiation week activities were led by Headquarters staff members P. Brandt McCool, Jeffrey K. Tuckey, and Frank J. Raymond. On Saturday September 25, 1971, the Ritual team met, a reception was held for alumni, and the formal ceremonies began. The Initiation for 28 men was completed the following morning, and an Installation banquet was held at the Colgate Inn. The ceremonies were performed by members of Delta Psi chapter, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and members of other chapters in the Eastern and Western New York Provinces. Consul Jeffrey Allen accepted the Gamma Omicron charter from chief installing officer and Past Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer.

## **THE LOSS OF BETA MU**

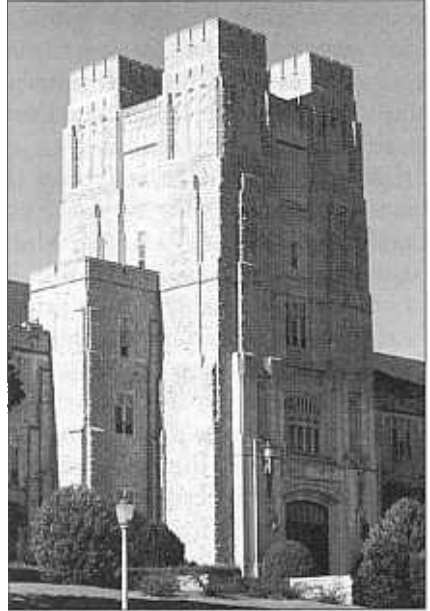
Beta Mu Chapter at the University of Colorado, having endured a difficult period as the Fraternity attempted to resolve the membership selection crisis, found itself unable to continue operations early in 1971. The Executive Committee took note of its dissolution at its meeting of October 23, 1971, and revoked the charter, as provided for under such circumstances in the Constitution.

## THE INSTALLATION OF ETA LAMBDA CHAPTER VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE NOVEMBER 13, 1971

The story of the founding of the school that was to become Virginia Polytechnic Institute begins in the early 1870s. Dr. Harvey Black and the Rev. Peter Whisner, both trustees of the failing Preston and Olin Institute, approached the state legislature, which was hopelessly deadlocked over the disposition of the land grant money. They hoped to persuade them to locate the proposed new state college in Blacksburg. After discussing the matter with State Senator John E. Penn and Delegate Gabriel C. Wharton, it was decided to offer the state the Preston and Olin Institute property and a \$20,000 donation from Montgomery County. In March, 1872, the offer was accepted by the State, and Governor Gilbert C. Walker signed the bill establishing the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College at Blacksburg. It was not until May of that year, however, that the Montgomery County voters agreed to the promised donation.

On October 1, 1872, the college that was to become Virginia's largest university began its first session with 43 students, a president, two faculty members, a librarian, and the one building of former Preston and Olin Institute. During the administration of Dr. John M. McBryde (1891-1907) the college began to grow steadily. Also, the words "Polytechnic Institute" were added to the name of the school, which was commonly known as "Virginia Tech." In 1944 "Agricultural and Mechanical College" was dropped, and the legal name became the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. In more recent years the college has undergone a transformation into a university with increasing emphasis on the humanities and liberal arts. The 1970 Virginia legislature changed the name of the University to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, more accurately reflecting the scope of instruction.

Considered a primarily male and military college until the mid 1960s, the institution now enrolls a large number of women, and only two percent of the entire student body is enrolled in the Corps of Ca-



Burruss Hall Administration Building at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

dets. Instruction is offered in seven academic colleges and more than 50 departments on the undergraduate level.<sup>5</sup>

Enrollment at the time of the Eta Lambda Chapter Installation was more than 12,000. Fraternities had existed at V.P.I. for approximately 20 years. The primary growth and expansion of the system did not occur until after 1964, when joining the Corps of Cadets was made optional for freshmen. Prior to 1964, all fraternity groups were local. By 1970, some had affiliated with larger organizations and were in various stages of petitioning, or colonization.

Major fraternities active on the campus were: Alpha Epsilon Pi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Theta Delta Chi and Zeta Beta Tau. Sorority development has been considerably slower primarily due to the fact that women students were admitted in large numbers beginning only a few years earlier. Three sororities were active on the campus in the late 1980s.

On January 28, 1969, 12 students on the Virginia Polytechnic Institute campus met to discuss the possibility of organizing a social fraternity. There were a limited number of fraternities, and it was felt that the fraternity system could be improved. The men discussed procedures and formed committees to explore the various aspects of organization. The principal work done during this period included development of constitution and by-laws and the acquisition of property. A house at 315 Houston Street in Blacksburg was rented, and the remainder of winter quarter was spent remodeling.

In early 1969, Dave Sever, Olin Greene and Andy Webster originated Pi Sigma Tau, and openly invited their friends to join. On February 5, 1969, the group adopted the new name Lambda Chi. The charter roll was kept open until March 31, 1969. Lambda Chi had grown from the dorm club Pi Sigma Tau. The two had nothing in common, however. Lambda Chi's goal was a more perfect brotherhood attained through loyalty and character, while Pi Sigma Tau was concerned with pins and jackets and other material items. The Constitution and formal organization was completed with 22 charter brothers dedicated "to form a more perfect brotherhood, promote the academic and social welfare of our brothers, and improve the social climate at Virginia Tech."

On December 22, 1969, while the brothers were enjoying their Christmas vacation, the house at 315 Houston Street burned, leaving none of the brothers' possessions unharmed. Arson was suspected. Lambda Chi again met as a dorm club the following winter quarter. Spirit unharmed, another house was occupied that spring at 600 South Main Street, situated on a large landscaped lot with space for 15 men. Like the house on Houston Street, it required many repairs and, once again, every brother did his share.<sup>6</sup>

Lambda Chi progressed through the process of petitioning Sigma



Chi for a charter, and Grand Historian Robert E. LeClerc was appointed chief investigating officer. He reported, in part:

"The local group has had as its faculty advisor, Kenneth E. Case, Oklahoma State '66. Also assisting the petitioning group is August F. Teske, Michigan State '36. Both Sig advisors are faculty members. Their interest is very keen, and they have devoted a considerable amount of time to the fraternity. A close working relationship has been established between the chapter, Sigma Chi alumni in the area, the Roanoke Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi, and Tau Chapter of Sigma Chi at Roanoke College."<sup>7</sup>

Following a favorable vote upon the petition from Blacksburg, preparations were made for installation of the Virginia Tech group. On Saturday night, November 7, 1971, the last official gathering of Lambda Chi was initiation of its last pledge class. The Sigma Chi pledge examination was administered on the next day. Initiation week began the next day under the leadership of Assistant Executive Secretaries Jay C. Howell, Jeff Tuckey and P. Brandt McCool. The final Initiation ceremonies were held early on Saturday, November 13. Assisting were men from Tau Chapter, Roanoke College; Epsilon Rho Chapter, University of Richmond; Zeta Upsilon Chapter, William and Mary; Sigma Sigma Chapter, Hampden—Sydney, Zeta Chapter, Washington & Lee; Psi Chapter, University of Virginia; Epsilon Chapter, George Washington University; and Zeta Omega Chapter, East Tennessee State University.

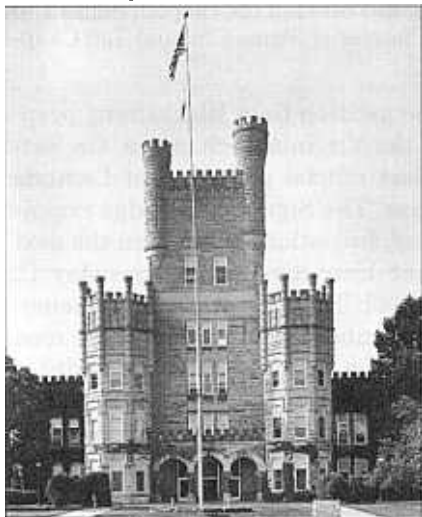
The Initiation Banquet was held at the Donaldson Brown Continuing Education Center. As banquet toastmaster, Past Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer managed to poke fun at just about everyone present. Dr. William R. Van Dresser, Associate Dean of the University Extension Division, welcomed Sigma Chi to the university, Grand Historian and Chief Installing Officer Robert E. LeClerc presented Consul E. P. Curling the Eta Lambda charter. Andy Teeter, Grand Praetor of the Virginia Province then welcomed the group into Sigma Chi and honored Advisors Frank Teske and Dr. Kenneth Case for their devoted and tireless assistance to the chapter. Andy Dietz, Virginia Tech '73, was recognized for devotion to the work of petitioning Sigma Chi and was named recipient of the new chapter's Isaac M. Jordan Award.<sup>8</sup>

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ETA MU CHAPTER EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY DECEMBER 11, 1971**

The petition from Eastern Illinois continued the long tradition of a loyal Sig transferring to another academic institution and having the desire to raise the standard of Sigma Chi in his new surroundings.

Eastern Illinois University is located at Charleston, the county seat of Coles County. At the time of the installation of Eta Mu Chapter, Charleston had a population of 13,600, with the larger Mattoon-

Charleston industrial—agricultural area having a population of 34,000. Instruction began at Eastern Illinois University in 1899. The University is a state-supported, co-educational institution. Its purpose is “to provide instruction and an educational environment that produces educated, responsible citizens who are prepared to lead and to serve in a free society.”



The impressive towers of “Old Main” at Eastern Illinois University are an Illinois landmark. Used primarily as an administration building, it was the first structure completed on the campus.

Sigma Phi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Tau Gamma, Sigma Pi and Pi Sigma Epsilon. The Panhellenic population included Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi (colony), Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Sigma Kappa, and Sigma Sigma Sigma. Approximately 18 percent of the student body were members of the campus Greek community.

Lambda Sigma Chi was founded in November of 1969 by John R. Beeson, Illinois '68, with the sole purpose of seeking a charter from Sigma Chi Fraternity. Brother Beeson continued as a student advisor to the group until his graduation from Eastern in 1970. The group rented an adequate house within easy walking distance of the main campus and earned the IFC Scholarship Trophy for posting the highest fraternity grade point average during the 1970-71 academic year. Lambda Sigma Chi actively sought and received the support of Grand Praetor Edward King, the alumni, and undergraduate chapters of the Illinois Province. J. C. Martinez, East Texas State '69, and Dr. Thomas H. Lahey, Bradley & Ohio State '48, provided valuable assistance as Faculty Advisors. In addition, the group was supported by the alumni

A majority of the students come from small cities and rural areas, but the Chicago area is represented by more students than any other area in the state, and many foreign nations are represented. Academically, the University is organized into nine instructional colleges or schools. Thirty-six major buildings are located on 316 acres at the southern edge of Charleston. A campus landmark is Lantz Health, Physical Education and Recreation building. In 1971, 11 fraternities were located at E.I.U., with all but one organization operating its own house. The fraternities, in addition to the Lambda Sigma Chi petitioning group included Acacia (colony), Alpha Kappa Lambda, Beta Sigma Psi, Delta Chi, Delta

chapter and J. Stuart Wyatt, Illinois Wesleyan '15, at nearby Bloomington, Illinois.<sup>9</sup>

Executive Committee member, Dr. Arthur A. Landry, Northern Colorado '62, was appointed investigating officer for Lambda Sigma Chi. He reported, in part:

I was afforded an opportunity to visit with President Quincy Doudna and Fraternity Adviser Jerry Zachary while in Charleston. Both cited personal and faculty experiences and exhibited correspondence from various individuals lauding Lambda Sigma Chi as an exemplary group of young men, bringing credit to both the Greek system and the University. Their observations were further substantiated by visits with Advisors J.C. Martinez and Thomas Lahey; chats with personal acquaintances and contacts on the University faculty and administration; and a dinner with area Sigma Chis and their wives. All consider Lambda Sigma Chi representative of the relatively conservative student body, a credit to the community and the University, and worthy of consideration as a chapter in Sigma Chi.<sup>10</sup>

Following a favorable vote upon the Eastern Illinois petition, preparations were made for the initiation and installation at Charleston. Public Relations Administrator Fred F. Yoder and Assistant Executive Secretaries Frank Raymond and Jay Howell made up the Headquarters team that guided the group through Indoctrination Week. A special presentation on the Emperor Constantine was given to the group during Initiation week by Dr. Henri Stegemeier, Butler '32, longtime faculty advisor at nearby Kappa Kappa Chapter at University of Illinois, Champaign, and a



Chief Installing Officer, Executive Committee member Dr. Arthur A. Landry presents the Eta Mu charter to Consul Tom Long.

Fraternity Ritual Committee member. Final Initiation events were held at the Buzzard Laboratory School on the Eastern Illinois campus. The brothers from Champaign led by Consul Terry Hendrickson performed a beautiful Initiation ceremony for the 56 charter initiates. They were assisted by Sigs from Bradley, Northwestern and Illinois Wesleyan. Grand Praetor Ed King, Ritual Director Charles Cissell, and alumni from nearby cities contributed to the success of the occasion.

A meaningful week was concluded with a banquet and party held at the Mattoon Elks Club. Grand Consul John Graham, Chief Installing Officer Landry and other dignitaries presented stimulating messages to the new brothers and chapter at both the Initiation and banquet.

Associate Dean Dr. Warren Wilhelm of Eastern Illinois University welcomed Sigma Chi to the campus. The charter was presented by Chief

Installing Officer Landry to Eta Mu Consul J. Thomas Long, Eastern Illinois '72.<sup>11</sup>

## TWO CHARTERS SUSPENDED

The charters of Epsilon Chapter at George Washington University and Beta Eta Chapter at Case Western Reserve University were suspended by vote of the Executive Committee on January 8, 1972. Both of the chapters had been requested to show cause why they should be allowed to continue operation. They had been in various stages of probation over a period of several years. The objects of considerable effort and expenditure of assistance by the General Fraternity and Grand Praetors in their Provinces, the chapters failed to comply with Executive Committee requirements and the standards expected of a Sigma Chi chapter.

Epsilon Chapter was reinstated in a more favorable atmosphere at the January 5, 1973, meeting of the Executive Committee.<sup>12</sup> Beta Eta Chapter was reinstated under improved conditions at the March 29, 1973, meeting of the Executive Committee.<sup>13</sup>

## ALPHA BETA RETURNS

The charter of Alpha Beta Chapter at the University of California-Berkeley, was reactivated at installation activities on February 19, 1972. The charter had been revoked by action of the Executive Committee on January 6, 1968, as a result of a controversial visit to Alpha Beta by Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker. The group continued its organization as Sigma Chi Alpha local fraternity, and had petitioned the Fraternity for a charter in 1971. Leadership Training Board Chairman Dr. Charles M. Thatcher reported on his official investigation of the group, which was followed by a favorable vote on the petition. Initiation week activities were led by Headquarters staff members P. Brandt McCool, Jeffrey K. Tuckey, and Frank J. Raymond. On Friday February 18, 1972, the Ritual team met and a reception was held for alumni. The Initiation for 22 men was completed the following morning at Berkeley Divinity School Chapel, and an Installation banquet was held at the Claremont Hotel. The Initiation was performed by members of Epsilon Theta Chapter, San Jose State College, and members of other chapters in the California Province, guided by Ritual Director R. Stephen Heinrichs. Consul William J. Edmunds accepted the Alpha Beta charter.

## INAUGURATION OF OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVISOR AWARD

In recognition of the fact that the sustained high standing of an undergraduate chapter usually stems from teamwork between the chapter and its Chapter Advisor, in April of 1972 the Executive Committee approved the establishment of an annual award to recognize the most outstanding Chapter Advisor in the Fraternity. The Erwin L. LeClerg Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award was named in honor of a brother who served the Fraternity in several capacities for many years, including as Chapter Advisor to four chapters. Evaluation of Chapter Advisor effectiveness is measured by interaction with undergraduate and alumni members of the Fraternity, and the relative success of the undergraduate chapter.



Dr. Erwin L. LeClerg

Brother LeClerg had a distinguished career in Sigma Chi, spanning more than 60 years. In the late 1920s, he was advisor for two years at his own chapter, Beta Tau, Colorado State University. During the troublesome times of World War II, Dr. LeClerg guided the activities of Gamma Iota, Louisiana State University, for six years. Moving to the Washington D.C. area, he was Advisor to Gamma Chi, University of Maryland, for six years. There he established a house endowment fund which he managed for 21 years. In addition, he was Chapter Advisor to Epsilon Chapter, George Washington University, for one year.

His General Fraternity activity included 10 years as Grand Praetor of the Eastern Province. He was a principal contributor to the Grand Praetor Manual, a member of the Executive Committee, a participant in nine Leadership Training Workshops, a delegate to nine Grand Chapters, and secretary of the Order of Constantine. His involvement in the Fraternity included work with alumni chapters at Fort Collins, Colorado; St. Paul, Minnesota; and College Park, Maryland. Members of his family active in Sigma Chi included: Grand Historian 1971-1981 Robert E. LeClerg, Maryland '52, son; Vernon C. LeClerg, Colorado State '25, brother; and Frank E. LeClerg, Mississippi State '82, grandson.<sup>14</sup>

Also at its April 1972 meeting, the Executive Committee received a request from Editor of Publications Jack Pearson that he be permitted to continue as Editor from a new home away from the Headquarters. He planned to move his family that summer to Colorado for reasons of family health. He had served as a member of the Headquarters staff in Evanston, Illinois, since 1953 and as Editor since late 1955.

The Committee agreed to the proposal on a trial basis. Later that

year, it became evident that the arrangement was not feasible. Jack Pearson's 17-year term as editor and as a Fraternity employee came to an end, concluding what was then the second-longest term as editor. In December 1972 Leadership Training and Public Relations Administrator Fred F. Yoder was named editor of publications. Yoder had served as a member of the staff and as assistant editor or contributing editor of Sigma Chi Publications since 1957.

## GAMMA OMEGA RETURNS TO UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

In 1951, following more than seven years of exemplary activity on the University of Connecticut campus, the Gamma Omega charter had been surrendered to the General Fraternity. The chapter was an early and unfortunate casualty of the restrictive membership selection procedures of the Fraternity. The chapter had been required to move into on-campus housing by the university administration, which then adopted regulations denying use of such housing to any group it believed to be practicing discrimination based on race or religion. The chapter then found it necessary to return its Sigma Chi charter, while expressing the desire to return to the Fraternity in the future.

The petition for return of Gamma Omega followed several previous unsuccessful attempts. In the fall of 1971, the Sigma Chi Alpha local fraternity petitioned Sigma Chi for the restoration of the charter. Grand Consul John W. Graham was the investigating officer for the group. He reported, in part:



Chief Installing Officer, Past Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer, Jr. presents the original Gamma Omega charter to Consul Lewis S. Patrick.

This petition is yet another submitted on behalf of a local group which has perpetuated a former chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity. It is gratifying that Sigma Chi has been able to return to Syracuse University and to Colgate University, and that the atmosphere at the University of Connecticut has changed completely from that which existed in 1951 when the charter of Gamma Omega was canceled. The University of Connecticut is a large, well-housed and well-equipped university with a number of professional faculties. It is highly-rated and regarded. The student body

is reasonably homogeneous and the school is now, in my opinion, a desirable one for fraternities in general and Sigma Chi in particular.<sup>15</sup>

Sigma Chi Alpha continued in the home that was occupied by Gamma Omega and in the intervening 20 years maintained high standards. It was the strongest fraternity group at the University of Connecticut, and was well qualified for admission to Sigma Chi as an active

chapter. The group participated fully in the life of the University, with activity in many community and various intramural activities. Many alumni of both Sigma Chi and Sigma Chi Alpha lived in the vicinity. Much was done to rebuild their interest in the undergraduate group, and alumni support was available.

Senior officials of the University were in favor of Sigma Chi returning to active status. The administration rescinded regulations that had caused difficulties for the chapter. Various officers of the University stimulated a change in attitude and advanced a warm invitation to Sigma Chi.

Following a favorable vote upon the Connecticut petition, preparations were made for the Initiation and re-installation as Gamma Omega chapter. Formal pledging was held on March 16, 1972. The Indoctrination week was conducted by Assistant Executive Secretaries Jay Howell, Jeff Tuckey, and P. Brandt McCool.

The culmination of 21 years of work and waiting was realized by 24 undergraduates and 23 alumni of Sigma Chi Alpha when Gamma Omega was reactivated on April 15, 1972. Twenty-nine years and five days after the original installation, and 21 years after being forced to relinquish its charter, Gamma Omega regained active status. The Installation ceremony provided an impressive inspirational ending to an informative week. Grand Consul Graham offered congratulations to the brothers of Installing Chapter Delta Sigma of the University of Rhode Island and assisting chapters of Alpha Theta, MIT; Alpha Rho, Lehigh; and Delta Psi, Rensselaer, for "one of the best Installation ceremonies I have ever seen."

That evening the Initiation Banquet held at the Hartford Hilton hotel attracted an unusually large gathering of Grand Officers, led by Grand Consul Graham and Past Grand Consul and Chief Installing Officer Norman C. Brewer Jr.

Brother and University Provost Dr. Edward Gant and University President Dr. Homer D. Babbidge Jr. welcomed Sigma Chi back to campus. Chief Installing Officer Brewer presented the original charter to Consul Lewis S. Patrick, and Delta Sigma Consul John C. Wilson then presented him with a Consul's Badge.<sup>16</sup>

Joining the Headquarters staff that summer as Assistant Executive Secretaries were J. Bruce Harreld, Purdue '72; Charles M. Hillier, Ohio State '72; and Michael G. Ford, Wake Forest '72.

## BETA PHI CHARTER SUSPENDED

On August 18, 1972, the Executive Committee suspended the charter of Beta Phi Chapter at the University of Arizona. The Committee took action upon recommendation of both the University Administration and a group of active alumni in the Tucson area. The decision was

made after careful review of recent operations of the chapter and reports of the extremely poor reputation on campus which had been acquired by the present members of Beta Phi. Sigma Chi reentered the field at the University of Arizona after considerable effort by alumni and undergraduates and under much more favorable conditions on January 15, 1977.<sup>17</sup>

## **TWENTY-FIFTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP UNIVERSITY OF IOWA - 1972**

For the 25th anniversary of Workshop, 737 Sigma Chis and guests were on hand to celebrate and become a part of what was becoming the largest event in the Greek-letter world. Delegates and faculty spent four days on the campus of the University of Iowa in Iowa City, August 18-21.

The objective, as stated in the theme of the 1972 Workshop, was "... and hope for the future." Following registration and faculty meetings, the Workshop opening brought forward Grand Consul Graham, who greeted the delegates and urged upon them the significance of diligent participation in the program. He introduced the finalists for Inter-



Frank W. Johnson



Layne B. French

national Balfour Award, Layne B. French, Houston '72; John F. Heil, Lehigh '72; and Frank W. Johnson, Mississippi '72. For only the second time in the more than 40-year history of the Balfour Award, a tie had resulted. He then presented the award jointly to French and Johnson. Both were appointed to two-year terms on the Leadership Training Board.

The opening program was highlighted by a Ritual Exemplification by host chapter Alpha Eta, marking the first time in Workshop history a





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single chapter performed the Ritual, rather than a volunteer team of early-arriving delegates from several chapters. The Alpha Eta Ritual Team gave the Workshop a unifying, spirited start.

Workshop programs included presentations on the Ritual Revisited by Dr. Robert G. Bradford and Edward M. King; Leadership by Significant Sig Chalmers "Bump" Elliott, Purdue and Michigan '47, Director of Athletics at the host university; Rush by Wayne Gertmenian, Dick Salisbury and Rushing-Pledging Administrator Jeffrey K. Tuckey; Public Relations by "Swede" Johnson; the brotherhood barbeque; and a worship service led by Grand Tribune Gardner Allen.

The Consuls, Quaestors, Magisters, Underclass, Advisors-Grand Praetors, and local fraternities divisions and programs heard lectures on many subjects, including apathy, bookkeeping, and ritualistic ceremonies. All delegates spent a major amount of time participating in group discussions involving approximately 10 brothers from their division.

In tribute to the Workshop's Silver Anniversary, a larger than usual Workshop program brochure was published, and posters bearing the theme were distributed beforehand. Among the souvenirs given to delegates were fortune cookies with the Workshop theme written on the inside message.



A small group discussion meets at the 1972 Workshop.

Toastmaster and Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder led the energetic delegates through the banquet agenda, with each subject intro-

duced by a brief recorded musical passage and, in several cases, slides. Grand Consul Graham—who had spent many long hours each day meeting with all delegates who wished to talk with the Fraternity's chief executive—received a lengthy ovation as he reviewed the Fraternity's plans and priorities, and urged upon them continued determination and success.

Words of written or recorded greetings from several well-known alumni Sigs were presented, including pro football star Merlin Olsen; Presidential Press Secretary Ron Ziegler, Southern California '61; and movie actor John Wayne, Southern California '29, whose message received a particularly enthusiastic response. The banquet also included a presentation by the Workshop Chorus of a special Sig song, "Join Together," written and narrated by North Central Province Grand Praetor Lance Johnson.

The Silver Anniversary Workshop was commemorated with special mention and recognition of those who had contributed to its origin and to the participation of the 12,000 undergraduate delegates during the 25 years. In attendance and honored for their special and extensive roles in the origin and growth of the Workshop were Past Grand Consul and former LTB Chairman Floyd R. Baker; Grand Tribune and former LTB Chairman Gardner B. Allen; and past Leadership Training Director and LTB member Dr. Burns B. Crookston.

A serious and moving moment of the banquet was presentation of the annual Outstanding Faculty Member Award to the faculty member most exemplary of the spirit and devotion of the late Bill Carlisle. The award was posthumously presented to Milton K. Jackson, South Texas Grand Praetor and seven-year Workshop Underclass faculty member, who had entered the Chapter Eternal following the 1971 Workshop.<sup>18</sup>

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ETA NU CHAPTER NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SEPTEMBER 17, 1972**

The petition from the Theta Delta Xi at Northern Illinois came after four years of activity as a local fraternity, and after its members had considered affiliation with other college fraternities.

Founded in 1895, Northern Illinois University at DeKalb provides quality undergraduate, graduate, professional, public service and research programs in the region of the state with the most rapidly growing population and with expanding industrial, technological and transportation facilities. Prominent in the establishment of Northern Illinois State Normal School were newspaper publisher Clinton Rosette and State Senator Daniel D. Hunt, of DeKalb. They found ready support for the establishment of additional schools from Illinois Governor John Peter Altgeld, and from Williston Cook, President of Illinois State Normal, who became Northern's first president in 1899.



Altgeld Hall at Northern Illinois University The first structure, and for many years the only structure on the campus, it opened in September, 1899.

Charles Brush of Chicago was selected as architect of the first building, but his design was greatly influenced by Governor Altgeld. The Governor felt that most of Illinois' 160 or so public buildings then looked "like warehouses or shops," and his design preference was "Tudor Gothic." Ground was broken for Northern's landmark, "the castle on the hill," administration building, or Altgeld Hall.<sup>16</sup>

Northern's founding is interwoven with the invention of barbed wire. Three prominent DeKalb citizens of that era—Joseph Glidden, Jacob Haish and Isaac Ellwood—led the way in the development, manufacture and distribution of barbed wire. They were instrumental in establishing the school at DeKalb. It remained a two-year school for a comparatively short time, expanding to a four year degree-granting curriculum in 1921. Authorization to offer graduate degrees came in 1951, when Northern had an enrollment of 1,893 students. University status was granted in 1957.

At the time of the installation of Eta Nu Chapter, enrollment at the University was 23,000. The fraternity system kept pace with the growth of the University. In 1971 there were 14 sororities, and 23 fraternities on the DeKalb campus.

In the spring of 1968, Jim Kalina transferred to Northern Illinois University from the University of Illinois. At Champaign, he had been affiliated with the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. His involvement in that fraternity had benefited him and, at Northern, it was his intention to

start a fraternity that would give the same benefits. As a resident assistant on the 10th floor in Grant Towers South, he selected six men and requested their support in founding a new fraternity.

The primary aims of the new group were to be a benefit to each member and to the university community, and to form a "gentlemen's" fraternity centered around the social interaction of its members. Diversity in membership and strengthening of the fraternity system at Northern Illinois University were initial goals. Additional interested men were brought together to the first meeting on October 3, 1968, in the lounge of the tenth floor of Grant Towers South. Of the 20 in attendance, 17 decided to carry on with the development of the new fraternity rather than pledge any of the established campus fraternities. A constitution was developed, officers were elected, and the group received recognition from the Student Association Board.



Harry L. Hallock  
Chief Installing Officer  
for Eta Nu Chapter

In the fall of 1969, the group occupied its first home at 350 Augusta in DeKalb. The nine-room house accommodated 20 men. Before the year ended, plans were made to move into a new house at 137 John Street. There, 28 men were housed, and the overall space was substantially increased.<sup>19</sup> On May 13, 1970, the members of the group determined that they would no longer pursue a Theta Delta Chi fraternity charter. Founder Kalina discontinued active relationship with the group. In the spring of 1971, the chapter voted to seek affiliation with Sigma Chi, and preparations were made for a petition to the Fraternity.

Grand Trustee Harry Hallock was appointed investigating officer for the group. He reported, in part:

Theta Delta Xi has had outstanding leadership during its four years as a local, and I am convinced that the talent and potential is available to continue this high standard. My contact with the University administration was equally gratifying. Mr. Richard J. Nelson is in his first year as president after a successful business career with Inland Steel. I believe that he understands and appreciates the contribution that a good fraternity system can make to any university, and especially to Northern Illinois University. He believes that the concept of living as represented by the fraternity system is vital to his students and to his University.<sup>20</sup>

Theta Delta Xi was fortunate to have the enthusiastic cooperation of Clifford Danielson, North Dakota '21, president of a bank in nearby Sycamore. He became actively involved with the chapter Alumni Association and House Corporation. The petition of Theta Delta Xi was acted upon favorably by the undergraduate and alumni chapters of Sigma Chi, and preparations were made for installation of the group as Eta Nu Chapter. An Indoctrination Week was conducted by the Headquarters staff members Jeffrey K. Tuckey, Michael G. Ford, and J.

Bruce Harreld from Monday, September 11 through Saturday, September 16, 1972. On the latter date, Ritual Team meetings and Theta Delta Xi alumni orientation sessions were held. A reception and dinner for Sigma Chi alumni took place at Fargo Lodge at Sycamore. Initiation into Sigma Chi began that evening. On Sunday morning, September 17, Initiation events continued at Reavis Hall West, followed by final ceremonies for the 46 charter initiates in the Sky Room at the student center.

James G. Thon, Jr., Northern Illinois '74, recalled:

"I feel that I can speak for the rest of my brothers when I say that the week leading up to the Initiation was probably one of the greatest experiences in our lives."

Delta Rho Chapter, Bradley University, performed the Initiation. Chapter Advisor Dr. Arthur "Nip" Landry, Chief Installing Officer Harry Hallock, and Ritual Director Brandt McCool were of particular assistance. The Installation Banquet followed at the Fyfe and Drum restaurant in DeKalb. Messages of greeting were delivered by Arthur "Nip" Landry; James L. Pierson, dean of men and former IFC advisor from the University; and Grand Praetor Edward M. King. Harry Hallock spoke for Sigma Chi and Consul Robert Zufan for Eta Nu. Clifford Danielson spoke for DeKalb area alumni. The installation message by Grand Consul John W. Graham, was particularly sincere and moving. At the close, all brothers, old and new, rose to sing "Then Here's to Our Fraternity."<sup>21</sup>

## THE 1972 GRAND COUNCIL MEETING SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Topics ranging from housing to rushing and pledging were discussed when more than 60 Grand Officers, committee members, and Headquarters staff members convened October 13 and 14 at the Utah Hotel and Motor Lodge in Salt Lake City, for the 1972 Grand Council meeting. The Executive Committee, Foundation Board of Governors, Grand Trustees, Grand Praetors, Leadership Training Board, and standing committees met separately during the gathering.

Having resolved the divisions over membership selection procedures, and seeing improving trends in undergraduate membership, Grand Consul John W. Graham commented:

"We can now afford to be productive. We can now address ourselves to our problems. We have ceased, I hope, to act like dogs. For 10 years at least, we did our best to devour each other. We still have on occasion a relic of that era, because in that time it was unusual for any man to be presented for office without an awful lot of people knowing how he was going to vote on a particular question. And this, therefore, produced and stimulated a type of antagonism that, in my opinion, has no place within Sigma Chi Fraternity. And if there is one plea I should make, it is that we recognize that those dog-eat-dog are forever days in the past and that we gather ourselves together for the good of the order

and, in the words of the motto of the last Workshop, 'Hope for the future'. We have seen decreased numbers for rush and decreased membership in several chapters. Interestingly enough, the pendulum has started to swing the other way, and in the past 18 months we have seen increased numbers. And this is in the face of an overall decrease in university enrollments, which on average appear to be in the neighborhood of five percent. It does seem that the fraternity system, and hopefully Sigma Chi in particular, is finding new strength and will go on to new heights."<sup>22</sup>

Elected to the Executive committee were: Malcolm M. Christian, of Richmond, Virginia, representing the Grand Trustees, and Robert F. Kershaw, of Muncie, Indiana, representing the Grand Praetors.<sup>23</sup>

## NEW DIRECTIONS IN GAINING CHAPTERS

Although assistance was often given by the General Fraternity over the years to local fraternities aspiring to become chapters, Sigma Chi had not taken the initiative to be involved in the founding of a prospective local fraternity chapter.

All of that changed when, as an experiment, the Executive Committee in October 1972 authorized the Headquarters Staff to assist a Grand Praetor and province chapters in forming a new group, generally known as a "colony." The first Sigma Chi Colony organized by Headquarters staff, undergraduates, and alumni was formed during fall rush at Florence State University in Florence, Alabama, on October 26, 1972. The unique and successful initiative resulted in the 1974 chartering of Eta Rho Chapter at Florence (later named University of North Alabama), and led to several similar colony organizations and charterings in following years.

At the January 1973 Executive Committee meeting, Grand Quaestor Edwin C. Fisher resigned from that office, having occupied the post for nearly eight years. Grand Consul Graham appointed Executive Committee and Leadership Training Board member James F. Bash to succeed him as Grand Quaestor. Graham named S. Jack McDuff, a former member of the Committee, to fill out the remaining portion of Brother Bash's term as member-at-large.

Also at the January 1973 meeting of the Executive Committee, it was determined that the charter of Beta Tau Chapter at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, would be suspended due to "lack of activity" at the chapter. The charter of Beta Tau was restored by the Executive Committee under more favorable conditions on October 25, 1974.

## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

In February and March of 1973, two undergraduate chapters participated in a weekend Membership Development Program (MDP), a new direction in the leadership training efforts of Sigma Chi. Grand Consul

Graham and members of the Executive Committee were impressed with the successes of recently-installed chapters, compared to older chapters. It was hoped that the Membership Development Program might recapture, for members of chapters installed many years ago, the intensity of feeling effected at the installation of a newly-chartered chapter and its charter members. At the urging of Grand Consul Graham, the Leadership Training Board directed a sub-committee to develop a plan and conduct pilot programs to instill leadership and member involvement skills and attitudes. The emphasis was on Fraternity ideals, attitudes, and use of elements from the installation program. Later, exercises were added to stimulate emotional and other responses from participating undergraduates.

The pilot programs were conducted February 24 and 25, 1973, at Delta Eta Chapter, University of California, Los Angeles, and March 10 and 11, 1973, at Kappa Chapter, Bucknell University. There was also a special MDP section involving selected delegates at the Leadership Training Workshop in August, 1973.

This project was initially developed with the guidance and encouragement of Executive Committee member and Leadership Training Board Chairman Dr. Charles M. Thatcher. It was created and organized by a Leadership Training Board sub-committee comprised of Chairman Jon Greenawalt, and members Alex "Sandy" Thomson, 1972 International Balfour Award co-winners Frank Johnson and Layne French, and Rushing-Pledging Administrator Jeffrey K. Tuckey. The program was conducted over a period of eight years, and was well received by the chapters involved. A total of 69 undergraduate programs were conducted at 59 chapters from 1973 to 1981. Eventually it was viewed as too costly for the results achieved, and there were differences regarding the involvement of various members in the program. Some of the exercises from the Membership Development Program continued in use during pledge programs and officer retreats in some active chapters.

## BETA NU CHAPTER RETURNS

After functioning for eight years as Swyndlestock fraternity, Beta Nu Chapter was formally reinstalled at Whitehall on the Brown University campus Saturday, April 14, 1973. The Initiation for 20 members was performed by brothers of Alpha Theta, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, along with brothers from Delta Sigma, Rhode Island; Gamma Omega, Connecticut; and Delta Psi, Rensselaer. Headquarters staff members coordinating the week's events were Rushing-Pledging Administrator Jeffrey K. Tuckey and Assistant Executive Secretaries Charles M. Hillier and J. Bruce Harreld.



The installation banquet was held at the Royal Roost Restaurant atop the new Providence Civic Center. As the ceremonies drew to a close, Chief Installing Officer Michael W. Hatch presented the charter to Grant A. Porter, new Consul of Beta Nu. The ceremonies at Brown marked the third reinstallation of a former chapter in the Northeastern United States within two years. Leading the team of installing officers were Grand Consul John Graham and Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen<sup>24</sup>.



Chief Installing Officer, Executive Committee member Michael W. Hatch, left, presents the original Beta Nu charter to Consul Grant Porter.

## THE INSTALLATION OF ETA XI CHAPTER AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY APRIL 28, 1973

At the time of the Installation as Eta Xi Chapter, the local fraternity Kappa Sigma Phi had established operations and traditions over a period of five years. The group was a natural addition to the chapter roll of Sigma Chi.

In 1973 Clarksville, Tennessee, had a population of about 45,000. For more than 150 years the Austin Peay State University campus has been used for educational purposes. The historical marker at the forefront of campus recognizes the previous institutions operated on the site: Rural Academy, 1806 to 1810; Mt. Pleasant Academy, 1811 to 1824; Clarksville Academy, 1825 to 1848; Masonic College, 1849 to 1850; Montgomery County Masonic College, 1851 to 1854; Stewart College, 1855 to 1874; and Southwestern Presbyterian University, 1875 to 1925.



Browning Administration Building  
Austin Peay State University

The University began as Austin Peay Normal School, created as a two-year junior college and teacher-training institution by Act of the General Assembly of 1927, and named in honor of Governor Austin Peay, who was serving his third term of office when the school was established. Limited in purpose and resources at first, the school grew to take its place among the colleges and universities under the control of the State Board of Education. The Board relinquished governance of these higher education institutions to the Tennessee State Board of Regents in 1972.

In 1939 the State Board of Education authorized the school to inaugurate a curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Science degree. The degree was first conferred on the 1942 graduating class. In 1943, the name was changed to Austin Peay State College. Beginning in 1951, the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred, followed by Master of Arts in 1952. University status became effective in 1967.

In 1973, there were approximately 4,000 students enrolled, and fraternities were relatively new at Austin Peay. The oldest social fraternity on campus was Kappa Sigma Phi, the Sigma Chi petitioning local. There were three additional fraternities: Alpha Tau Omega, Pi Kappa Alpha, and a colony of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Kappa Sigma Phi was founded in 1968 by 14 men. On January 5, 1970 the chapter voted unanimously to seek affiliation with Sigma Chi. The group never attempted to contact any other fraternity. In a few months, the Clarksville Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi was organized and rapidly growing. By 1973, Kappa Sigma Chi had 55 alumni members, all of whom were still interested in their fraternity and the petition to Sigma Chi.

In answer to the Kappa Sigma Phi petition, Past Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer Jr. was appointed investigating officer. He reported, in part:

I had conferences with Dr. Doytt Redmond, Dean of Men; and Dr. Charles Boehms, Dean of Students. Both are enthusiastic about the prospect of a fraternity system on campus, and are highly desirous of securing the highest type of fraternities and sororities. The only sorority on campus at the present time is Chi Omega. However, there are plans for the installation of several additional sororities in the near future. Both Dean Redmond and Dean Boehms assured me that the climate at Austin Peay State University for fraternities and sororities was excellent, and that they would do everything within their power to nurture and foster a strong fraternity and sorority system. I have every reason to believe that we are getting in on the ground floor of the fraternity system at Austin Peay State University.

Kappa Sigma Phi members were outstanding in every phase of campus life, including scholarship. The faculty, administration, and their peers recognized them as the leading social group on campus. Following a favorable vote upon the Austin Peay petition, the pledge examination was administered by the Clarksville Alumni on March 23, 1973. Many of the men achieved honor scores, and few left the test without a feeling



Clarksville alumnus and toastmaster Larry Teeter, flanked by Grand Consul John Graham, left, and Past Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer, Jr., right, greets the new Eta Xi brothers at the Installation banquet.

of accomplishment. Clark M. Roberts, Grand Praetor of the Tennessee Province, arranged for formal pledging, with Epsilon Tau Chapter of Murray State University performing the ceremony.<sup>25</sup>

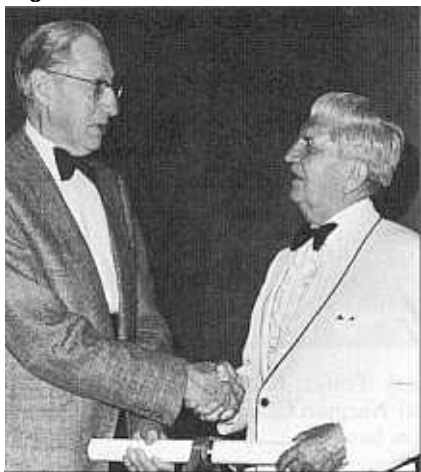
Easter Sunday was the first night of Indoctrination Week. Rushing-Pledging Administrator Jeff Tuckey and Assistant Executive Secretaries Michael G. Ford and J. Bruce Harreld led the activities. There was a constant flow of questions, and meetings became a favorite pastime. Brotherhood was found and shared. On April 28, 1973, 51 members of Kappa Sigma Phi became the charter members of Eta Xi Chapter. Eta Delta Chapter, Tennessee Tech University, was the installing chapter. Leading the team of installing officers participating in the banquet at the Hachland Hills restaurant were: Grand Consul Graham, Past Grand Consul and Chief Installing Officer Norman C. Brewer, and Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen. In grand tradition, Sigma Chi had entered the field at Clarksville.<sup>26</sup>

New Assistant Executive Secretaries joining the Headquarters staff that summer were Roger Bingham, Oregon '73; Robert O. Schock, Northern Arizona '73; and Charles H. Harrington Jr., Rhode Island '73.

## THE GIFT OF THE FOUNDING SITE

Past Grand Consul and Sigma Chi Foundation President William P. Huffman gave new life and visibility in 1973 to the significance of the Founding of Sigma Chi by purchasing and presenting the Fraternity

founding site property to the Sigma Chi Foundation. Thousands of Sigs remember learning about a room on the second floor of a substantial brick building at the southeast corner of the public square on the north side of High Street in Oxford, Ohio, properly known as the birthplace of Sigma Chi.



Past Grand Consul William P. Huffman, left, presents the deed to the founding site property to Sigma Chi Foundation Chairman, Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson.

The property, for many years owned by interests in Oxford, was purchased in 1973 by Brother Huffman. He had the foresight to insure its future retention and restoration in a manner appropriate to its historical significance. At the 1973 Grand Chapter, on the day before the 118th anniversary of the Founding, he presented the Foundation the property title debt-free.

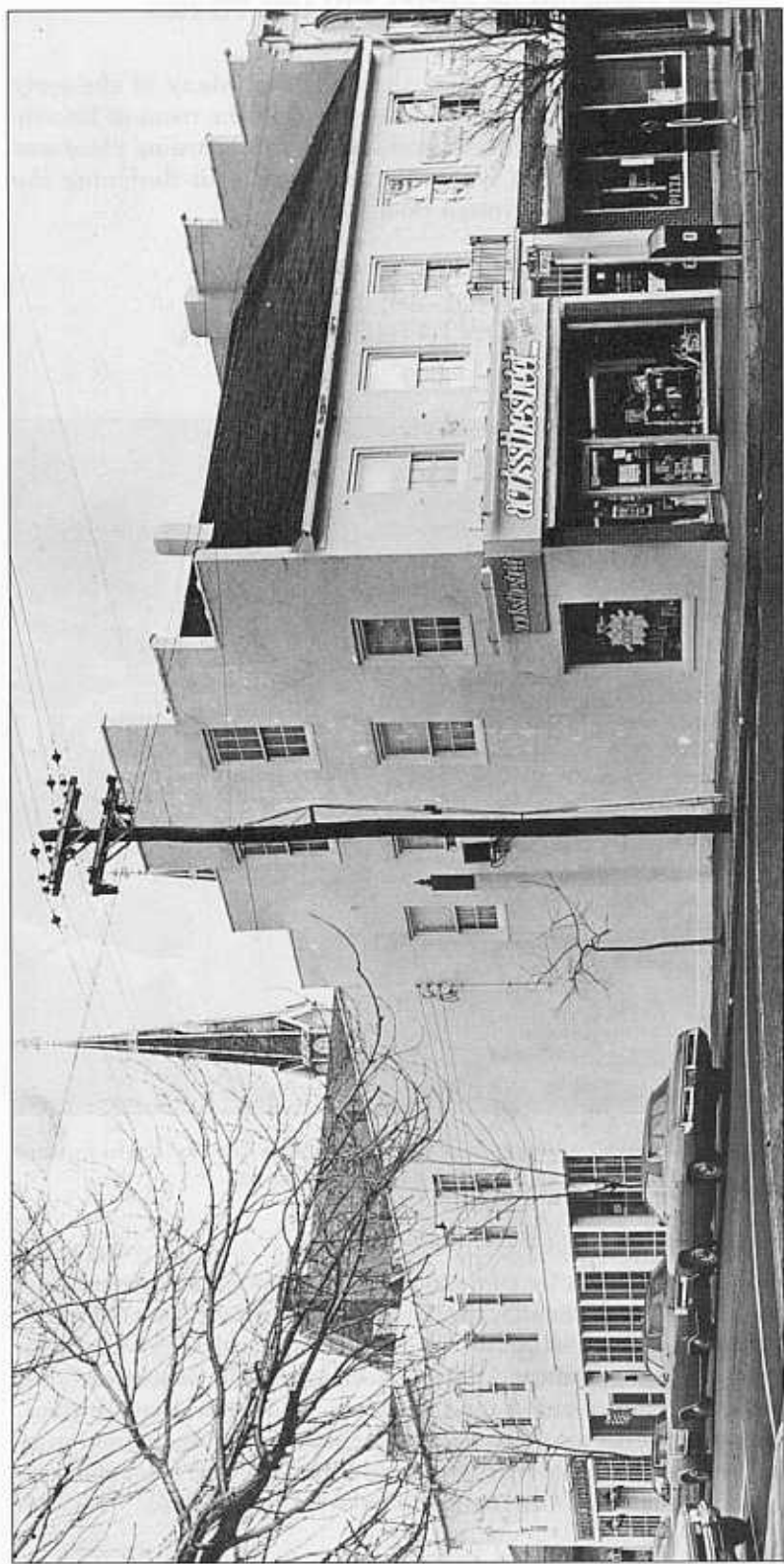
In accepting the gift on behalf of the Foundation, Chairman and Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson commented:

"Brothers, you have heard a historic statement. There are very few, if any, fraternities fortunate enough that the site of their founding is still in existence. And it is a great event in the

history of Sigma Chi that Brother Huffman has made it possible that it be preserved, so that it will be a very important site for Sigs to visit in the future."<sup>27</sup>

The history of the founding site goes back to April of 1816, when Samuel McCullough bought the heavily wooded lot on High Street. He built a log and frame structure at the corner to house a tavern. After McCullough's death in 1824, the building was operated by his widow and later his son Thomas McCullough. His descendants later willed the property for the purpose of maintaining an Oxford hospital. Brother Huffman purchased the property from the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Board.

At the time of the Founding, Theophilus McGaw was operating a tobacconists shop and a pharmacy on the first floor. During the 1854 school year, Benjamin Piatt Runkle and James Parks Caldwell roomed together on the second floor, overlooking a narrow side street and public square. The adjoining front room above the street corner was occupied by James Carter Beard, one of the Delta Kappa Epsilon members who opposed the Founders in the selection of a poet for one of the Miami literary societies, and with whom all of the Founders continued upon the friendliest terms. The other front room on the second floor and overlooking High Street was occupied by Cyrus E. Dickey. He became



The Founding Site of Sigma Chi at Oxford, Ohio

an initiate of Sigma Chi soon after the founding. Many of the early organizational meetings of Sigma Chi were held in the room of Runkle and Caldwell. William Lewis Lockwood, whose own boarding place was a short distance down High Street, joined Runkle in designing the Badge on a drawing table borrowed from Beard.

**THE 59TH GRAND CHAPTER  
JUNE 24-28, 1973  
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA**



The Four Seasons Sheraton, foreground right, dominates the skyline in front of the Toronto City Hall complex, the center curved building.

The 1973 Grand Chapter came to life at the new Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel in Toronto, Canada, chaired by 46th Grand Consul John W. Graham, Q.C., and hosted by the Toronto alumni and active chapters. Following registration and preliminary meetings of the Executive Committee, Grand Praetors and Grand Trustees, and several committees, the event opened with an official welcoming party and introduction of Grand Officers, dignitaries, Balfour Award Finalists, and local committee chairmen, by General Chairman Robert W. Davies, Q.C.

The business sessions were presided over by Grand Consul Graham. Three parts of the Ritual were presented by Balfour Award finalists Dave Dillon, of Alpha Xi Chapter, University of Kansas; John Fyfe, of Beta Gamma Chapter, Colorado College; and Gary Kuphall, of Alpha Zeta Chapter, Beloit College. Their portrayal brought back memories to undergraduates and alumni of their own Initiation.

A major item scheduled for the agenda was consideration of a new Constitution and Statutes. However, a number of delegates and Grand Officers reported that they had not had sufficient time to study the proposals. They also noted that 45 of the 159 active chapters were not represented at the convention. Past Grand Consul Norman Brewer, chairman of the Constitution-Statutes Study Commission, recommended a withdrawal of the proposed Constitution and Statutes, and a referral to the Committee for further study. That recommendation was accepted by the delegates.

In his State of Sigma Chi address, Grand Consul Graham reported:

"Sigma Chi is alive and well on 159 campuses and in the hearts and lives of some 115,000 members of our order. The fact that this is the State of Sigma Chi is the result of love, dedication, sacrifice, and just plain hard work on the part of literally thousands of our brothers."

The Grand Consul reviewed several noteworthy accomplishments by the Fraternity since the last Grand Chapter: the restoration of six former chapters, and chartering of four new ones; the establishment of the first Sigma Chi colonies as new petitioning groups; an increase in the number of men rushed and pledged; the Membership Development Program; new rushing and pledging manuals; an increase in the chapter visitation staff; an increase in the number of members becoming Life Loyal Sigs; General Fraternity financial operations "in the black;" and the authorization for the Sigma Chi Canadian Foundation.

He cited as continuing problems and concerns: the suspension of six chapter charters; the use of illegal drugs; and difficulty in consideration and pledging of legacies.



Of particular interest to the Grand Chapter delegates was the presence in Toronto of Her Majesty Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip.

Brother Graham recognized and expressed appreciation for the efforts of chapter officers, Chapter Advisors and house corporation officers, Grand Praetors, Grand Trustees, Grand Officers and Executive Committee members, the Sigma Chi Foundation, and the staff of the General Headquarters. Grand Quaestor Jim Bash outlined Fraternity income and expense with a slide presentation and paid tribute to the long, loyal work of his predecessor, Edwin C. Fisher.



Past Grand Consul, the Hon. Bolon B. Turner is welcomed to Toronto by John Graham and his wife Natasha.

The Monday evening Awards Dinner included a native Canadian menu of "Newfoundland ham steak a la Labrador" and "Saskatchewan Pineapple." The room was arranged with four head tables, one along each side of the room, so that no one could say they were in the back of the room. Past Grand Consul Brewer presented the first Erwin LeClerc Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award to longtime Gamma Psi Chapter Advisor Dr. Elton B. Hill, Michigan State '15, for his 31 years of faithful service.

Toastmaster C. Norman Halford, McGill '45, then introduced the guest speaker, Cavett Robert, Mississippi and Washington & Lee '33, an award-winning public speaker. The central theme of his remarks was that "you must love people and use things, not use people and love things." He emphasized one that "You will never find a method of getting through to people as effective as learning how to make the other



fellow feel important," and also pointed out that "if we feel deepest about Sigma Chi, if we know we are the greatest Fraternity on the face of this earth, we are a walking climate of positive acceptance." He closed with a comment concerning the art of persuasion. "People are persuaded more by the depth of our conviction than by the height of our logic - more by our own enthusiasm and belief than by any proof we can offer."

David Dillon, Kansas '73, was named the 1973 International Balfour Award Winner. Dr. Roy B. McKnight, President of the Order of Constantine, introduced seven new members of the Order: Grand Quaestor James F. Bash, Butler & Indiana '49; Paul H. Benson, Kansas '34; Fred S. DeMarr, Maryland '49; Dr. Marvin D. "Swede" Johnson, Arizona '50; Earl B. McClanahan, Tennessee-Knoxville '44; Merrill E. "Boz" Prichard, Illinois '48; and Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, Michigan '43.



David B. Dillon  
1973 International  
Balfour Award winner

At the second business session, the petition of Sigma Chi Delta, at Indiana University, Indiana, Pennsylvania, was considered and acted upon favorably. That evening, brothers of Beta Omega Chapter at the University of Toronto hosted Sigs for a party at their chapter house.

The Grand Chapter Sweetheart Ball was presided over by Significant Sig Jay Stewart, DePauw & Butler '39, announcer on the "Let's Make a Deal" television show. He introduced the three International Sweetheart finalists: Carol Kitzmiller, Texas Tech; Pam Lawrence, Indiana; and Sue Stonestreet, Southern California. Grand Consul Graham was then escorted into the Ball by a detachment of the Fort York Honor Guard, who were wearing authentic uniforms from the early 1800s. The Grand Consul announced the new Sweetheart, Carol Kitzmiller, and referred to the duty as the "apogee of my incumbency."



Carol Kitzmiller  
1973 International Sweetheart

The final and most important business session included election of Grand Officers. Four offices required a vote: Grand Pro Consul, Members-at-Large of the Executive

Committee, Grand Trustees, and Grand Praetor of the New York Province. Results of the election, including uncontested offices, were then announced: Craig Nason, Grand Consul; Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, Grand Pro Consul; James F. Bash, Grand Quaestor; Gardner B. Allen, Grand Tribune; and Robert E. LeClerg, Grand Historian. For the office of member-at-large of the Executive Committee, Harry L. Hallock and Layne B. French. New members of the Board of Grand Trustees were: Robert W. Davies, Q.C.; Marvin D. Johnson; George H. Jones; Robert F. Kershaw; A. Joe Scull, Vanderbilt '37; and John R. Smith, Florida State '64. Donald F. Clapp, Michigan '47 was elected Grand Praetor of the New York Province.

Elected to the Executive Committee were: Balfour Award representative Michael W. Hatch, Grand Trustee S. Jack McDuff, and Illinois Grand Praetor Edward M. King. Upon the retirement of Grand Trustee William J. Wade, Malcolm M. Christian was elected Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Newly-elected Grand Praetors were: John Henderson, McGill '57, Ontario-Quebec; William McCollum, Wake Forest '71, Carolina; Bruce Allman, Ball State '69 Indiana; Jeffrey G. Nemens, Central Michigan '69, Michigan; Forrest Loudon, Western Kentucky '67, Kentucky; Edwin B. Freeland Jr., Miami (Florida) '59, Florida; John E. Seago, Louisiana State '67, Southern; William Wisbrock, Washington (St. Louis) '64,



Head table dignitaries were piped in according to the traditional manner of Scotland at the Grand Chapter banquet.

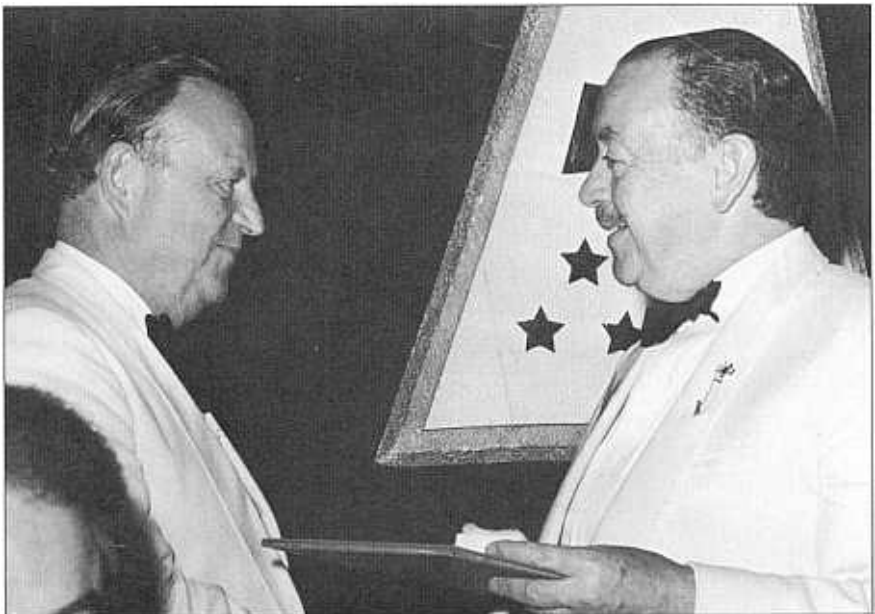
Missouri; Frederick I. Shaffer, Kansas '70, Kansas; Chester McCrary, East Texas '65, Northern Texas; L.D. Daniels, Houston '63; Southern Texas; Gary Palmer, Idaho '71, Big Sky; William J. Winter, Washington (Seattle) '72, Northwestern; and Phillip B. Vito, Arizona & Northern Arizona '36, Arizona-New Mexico.

Having been elected an at-large member of the Executive Committee, Harry L. Hallock resigned as Grand Trustee, and Grand Consul Craig Nason appointed James J. Overlock, Washington (Seattle) '43, of Chicago, to complete his term of office.

After the elections, Brother Graham installed the new Grand Officers, and administered their oath of office, as a storm advanced outside the hotel. Just as Grand Consul elect Nason was escorted to the front by Past Grand Consuls, a clap of thunder rattled the solemn proceedings. Following the installation, Grand Consul Nason stated that he would "continue to move Sigma Chi forward and upward."

The International Sigmas chose as their new President Mrs. M. Dean Davis, of Arlington, Virginia, wife of M. Dean Davis, George Washington '23.

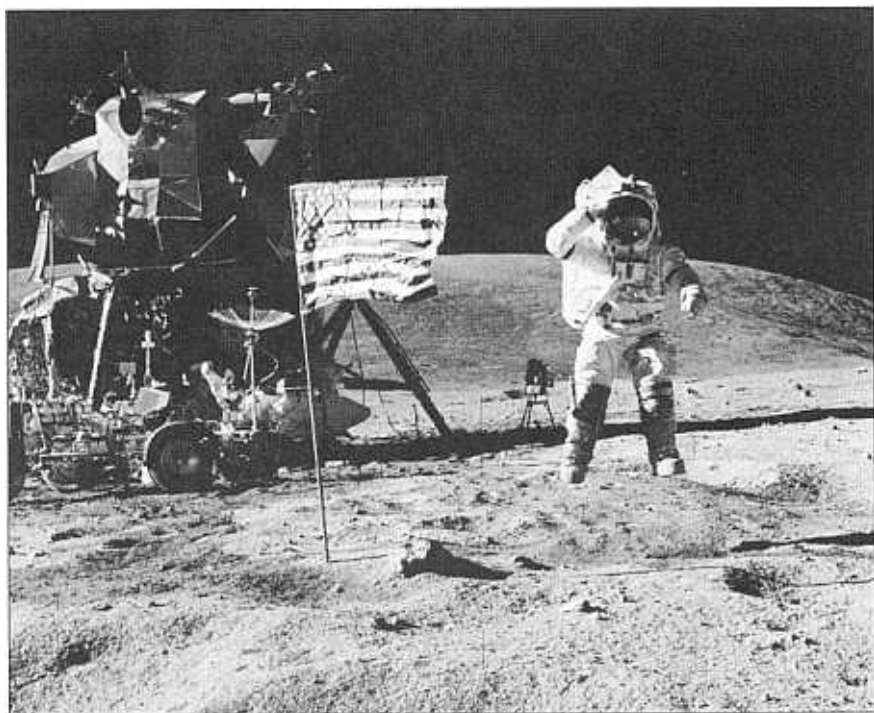
The Grand Chapter Banquet began with toasts to the President of the United States and to the Queen of Canada, introduction of Toastmaster Jay Stewart, and Grand Officers introductions. Brother Graham expressed gratitude to the working committees of Toronto who made the Grand Chapter a success. Grand Consul Graham called forward Past



Past Grand Consul Brewer was presented a Grand Consul's Citation by brother Graham at the Grand Chapter banquet.

Grand Consul Norman Brewer for particular recognition. Brother Brewer, a Grand Officer for 25 years, was about to conclude his most active participation in the Fraternity leadership and enter a well-deserved retirement. Brother Graham presented him with a special Grand Consul's Citation, "the greatest distinction that a Grand Consul can confer."

In accepting the Citation, Brother Brewer commented, "I think the greatest thing in Sigma Chi is the fellowship, the friendships we make, with ones of widely varied backgrounds and experiences. John W. Graham, Q.C., has been to me more than a successor in the office of Grand Consul. He has been an inspiration." He humorously pointed out, in varied geographical accents, that he and "Brother Graham have a great difficulty understanding each other. You ought to hear the telephone operators who get caught between Greenwood, Mississippi, and Toronto. I think the spark that has kept us going for 118 years is flaming tonight, and from now on we're going to make other people sit up and take notice that the White Cross of Sigma Chi is gaining new luster."<sup>28</sup>



Significant Sig John W. Young salutes the U.S. flag at the Descartes lunar landing site during the Apollo 16 mission.

## SIGS IN THE NEWS

The Apollo 16 Astronauts splashed down safely in the Pacific April 27, 1972, ending man's fifth and most successful trip to the moon. For Sigma Chi, there was an unexpected benefit in the Apollo 16 mission. Command astronaut John W. Young, Georgia Tech '52, presented the Fraternity with the Sigma Chi Badge and flag he took on the lunar voyage.



U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers signs the agreement to end the war in Vietnam, in a ceremony that lasted 10 minutes.

U.S. Secretary of State and Significant Sig William P. Rogers, Colgate '34, on January 27, 1973, signed the long-awaited agreement to end the war in Vietnam, in a historic ceremony at the Hotel Majestic in Paris, France.

Dr. William G. Bowen, Denison '55, was named President of Princeton University.

Raymond Nichols, Kansas '26, became Chancellor of the University of Kansas.

Dr. Constantine Curriss, Kentucky '62, was appointed President of Murray State University, becoming the youngest President of a major Kentucky state university in that state's history.

Jack McCloskey, Pittsburgh & Pennsylvania '46, was named head coach of the Portland Trailblazers of the National Basketball Association.

Phillip V. Sanchez, California State-Fresno '53, was appointed the United States Ambassador to Honduras.

Robert L. Blackman, Southern California '42, was named head football coach at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.

The 1972 elections resulted in the presence of 18 Sigma Chis in the U.S. Congress, the largest delegation of any Greek-letter general fraternity.

Frank Sancet, Arizona '31, completed 23 years as Head Baseball Coach at the University of Arizona, concluding his career with 831 wins, the winningest coach in college baseball.

A member of the U.S. equestrian team Frank Chapot, Penn '54, earned a silver medal in team jumping in the 1972 Olympic games.

At Arizona State University, Bobby Winkles, Illinois Wesleyan '52, ended 14 successful years as Head Baseball Coach to become manager of professional baseball's California Angels.

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Mr. George H. Brown  
Vice President

1911



**M. Craig Nason**  
**47th Grand Consul**



# Chapter XI

## And Leadership for All

### 1973 to 1975

"The most significant event that occurred while I was Grand Consul possibly was the establishment of our revised Constitution which was voted on at the St. Louis Grand Chapter in 1975. Most important was the establishment of our undergraduate chapters as the leaders of the Fraternity and bringing them into the actual official family of the Fraternity. As you know, we now have one of our undergraduates serve as a member of the Grand Council, one being selected in each of our provinces. I tried to make the active brothers throughout 'Sigdom' realize their importance. I tried to extoll the part our undergraduate chapters play in Sigma Chi. We were founded by undergraduates; our lifeblood is gained through our numerous active chapters."

*M. Craig Nason, following his term as 47th Grand Consul.<sup>1</sup>*

**C**ONTINUED progress marked the period 1973-75. Grand Consul Nason was the champion of the interests and attitudes of the undergraduate brothers throughout his long career of service to the Fraternity. It was now the cause he would lead as chief executive of Sigma Chi.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF M. CRAIG NASON Jr. 47th GRAND CONSUL

Malcolm Craig Nason Jr. was born at Seattle, Washington, on January 26, 1903. His relatives in Sigma Chi included his son Craig Nason, III, Southern California '51; brother Fred, Southern California '27; nephews, a God son and seven cousins. Craig attended Hollywood High School, where he received four varsity letters in football, three varsity letters in basketball and three varsity letters in track. He was captain of the track team, president of the freshman class, vice president of the student body, and president of the senior class.

His incomparable record as a high school leader won him the attention of several fraternities at the University of Southern California. While still in high school, Craig was pledged to Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. It had been the custom among several U.S.C. fraternities to pledge men while they were in attendance at high school. This had not been encouraged by the university, and was not the tradi-

tion in Sigma Chi. However, in the fall of 1922, three Sigma Chi undergraduate leaders from U.S.C. were in attendance at a football game between Hollywood High School and Los Angeles High School. They sought out Craig in the locker room after the game, and invited him to the Sigma Chi house to meet the chapter members. He was later invited to a dance, and attended various informal affairs at the chapter house. He decided to register at the University of Southern California and accepted the invitation to pledge Sigma Chi. His first knowledge of Sigma Chi pre-dated being rushed by the men of Alpha Upsilon. Nason recalled:

"I had known of Stanley Barnes ever since he was the varsity tackle on the San Diego High School football team that won the Southern California Championship. And it is another interesting fact that my initial introduction to Sigma Chi occurred when I was on the All-Southern California Track Team and we met in Berkeley for the state meet. There was another man on the All-Southern Team from Hollywood High, and we drove north with our coach. Driving north after getting to Berkeley, we drove up College Avenue and, not knowing where to go or stay, we drove by a fraternity house and we noted that it said 'Sigma Chi.' Well, we went in and introduced ourselves to the Sigma Chi brothers in the living room, and one of them was Stan Barnes; others were "Brick" Muller, California-Berkeley '23, (All-American end at the university); Court Majors, California-Berkeley '21, (varsity football captain), and all of the other nine or 10 men that were on the varsity team that played in the Rose Bowl that year and beat Ohio State 28-0. Sigma Chi made a tremendous impression on us, and saw that we were well taken care of during our stay in Berkeley."<sup>2</sup>

During his senior year, Craig attended law school at U.S.C. Upon graduation in 1926 he entered upon his life work as an independent real estate appraiser, serving as president of the Beverly Hills realty and appraisal firm, the Craig Nason Company.

In Sigma Chi, Craig was elected Rush Chairman and Social Chairman of Alpha Upsilon Chapter during his freshman year. He was interfraternity council representative and Pro Consul his sophomore year. Late in his junior year, he was elected Consul. He was also elected Magister and was honored with the Harry Lee Martin Exemplar Award, given to the outstanding undergraduate Sigma Chis in California.

During his term as Consul, he initiated John Wayne; Charles Boren, who later won an Academy Award; and several football players who went on to become members of the College Football Hall of Fame: Morley Drury, Mort Kaer and Erny Pinkert. At the same time he was also elected Magister (presiding officer) of the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity. He played freshman football and varsity football, was on the varsity track team and was chairman of the senior prom. In 1942 he was the United States doubles champion in squash. He served his alma mater and his high school in several alumni and fund raising positions, including Hollywood High School alumni president, and chairman of the President's Circle (the all-University fund raising committee).

In Sigma Chi, Craig became a member of the Order of Constantine, and a Significant Sig. He was Chapter Advisor to Alpha Upsilon, and

president of the Daniel William Cooper Scholastic Foundation, a housing corporation for undergraduate chapters in the Southern California area. He was chief installing officer for several new chapters. He was a secretary, treasurer and president of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter, Grand Praetor of the Western Province (California, Arizona and New Mexico) 1948-1955, Grand Trustee 1955-1971, Grand Pro Consul 1971-1973, and Grand Consul 1973-1975.

M. Craig Nason Jr. was the undying champion of the undergraduate members of Sigma Chi. He reflected:

"The importance of sharing, the importance of living together and experiencing life's trials while an undergraduate is learned in the chapter house, and it is also the formation of lifelong friends and friendships and, yes, even business associates. Men who I admire recite to me that the part the Fraternity played in their formative years was more important than the studies and courses taken. The spirit of the Fraternity is born in the pledgship, carried into the Fraternity at Initiation, widened, ripened and matured in the active chapters. These foundations are built during the years after graduation. What we gain at the chapter altar is never-ending. The quest to attain the ideals is always before us."

Regarding the role of undergraduates in the governing of the Fraternity, he commented:

"I think that it is mandatory that the Executive Committee and the officers of the General Fraternity should give the undergraduates elected to serve on the Grand Council more authority, more participation on committees that are benefiting the whole Fraternal family. I would hope also that we continue with our undergraduate brothers in deliberations in the Executive Committee sessions, and I would recommend that they be made a definite part of the discussion. We should orient our Grand Chapter to not only the entertainment, but to transferring the spirit and the history of the Fraternity."

On the theme of expansion of the Fraternity to additional campuses, he had a somewhat progressive viewpoint:

"I am an expansionist. I believe that Sigma Chi, to continue the upward trend and gain new luster, must be forever seeking additional college campuses to establish chapters. I believe that once a chapter is chartered into Sigma Chi, it should remain a part of the Fraternity. Even though an active chapter becomes low in brothers, maybe has only seven to 10 actives within the chapter circle, we must not forget that our beloved fraternity was founded by seven men, and those seven men have grown into an international organization."

Grand Consul Nason had a special regard for rushing and pledging of undergraduate men:

"I think that fraternity service should be unselfishly given. Certain of the active chapter men do very little to participate in the workings of the circle. Others do a great deal. I don't think that it is mandatory that a pledge be initiated. We should pick out the best men, not the most popular on campus, not the greatest athlete, possibly not the greatest scholar, but the man that will pull his load, that will work for the spirit of cooperation and carry the Sigma Chi spirit throughout his entire life."

He believed that the Fraternity should have value in the daily lives of its members:

"Sigma Chi is strong and worthwhile. It is getting stronger and becoming more worthwhile because its teachings are right. To be a good Sigma Chi you must be a good citizen. I feel that a member of any religion could be a Sigma Chi. I think that those of us who have lived in the Fraternity for the years have to continue to visit our undergraduate chapters and help to impart to them these teachings. Everybody in Sigma Chi should carry out the charge that they accepted while experiencing the rights of Initiation and especially . . . obligations that they voluntarily took upon themselves to promote the prosperity and welfare of the Fraternity in all honorable ways. And if they will continue the quest towards the attainment of these ideals and the goal of the White Cross, they will give to our new brothers that same spirit to promote the welfare and prosperity and continue the workings of our glorious Fraternity."

His life was a unique example of commitment to and work for the Fraternity:

"I've tried to pattern my life after the precepts of the Investiture, however, I have fallen far short from being an exemplary Sig. I might say that Sigma Chi has been my life. I have done very little that did not include Sigma Chi. All that I am, have been and hope to be is allied with the Fraternity. Most of my friends are Sigma Chis. My religion is Sigma Chi, my worship at the altar of Sigma Chi has been growing, subsequent from my days in college. Every experience in Sigma Chi, at our Initiation and in my visits to the active chapters, enlarged my vision of the White Cross. What it is and what it has meant to me, I say that when I go down to that dark river of death, that my Sigma Chi brothers will give me or extend to me the Sigma Chi rites of burial. I would be more honored to be given my final resting send-off by my Sigma Chi brothers than I would by the President of the United States."<sup>3</sup>

Malcolm Craig Nason entered the Chapter Eternal on July 31, 1982. The Sigma Chi Memorial Service was held in his honor and was conducted by more than 200 members of the Fraternity.<sup>4</sup>

## L.G. BALFOUR ENTERS CHAPTER ETERNAL



Lloyd G. Balfour  
Past Grand Consul

Past Grand Consul L.G. Balfour, Indiana '07, entered the Chapter Eternal on July 12, 1973, at the age of 87. In 1913 he founded the L.G. Balfour Company, and built it into the leading jeweler to fraternities, sororities, educational institutions, and many other groups. The 1939 Grand Chapter elected him 29th Grand Consul. He was a member of the Order of Constantine, a Significant Sig, and Life Loyal Sig number 2. He played a major role in the origin of the Leadership Training Workshop. The International Balfour Award, annually recognizing the most outstanding graduating senior in the Fraternity, was created in 1929 through his generosity. He originated the Sigma Chi Outstanding Sportsman Award. He was a member, treasurer, and chairman of the Sigma Chi Foundation Board of Governors. "Bally" was twice

elected president of the National Interfraternity Conference, and he founded and led the Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council.

## TWENTY-SIXTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING - 1973

In August, 731 undergraduate chapter officers, alumni and guests traveled to the University of Wyoming to participate in the 1973 Leadership Training Workshop. Refreshing weather, clear skies, open spaces, and warm hospitality greeted the Sigs from 138 of the 159 undergraduate chapters, for the first Workshop or General Fraternity event ever held in Wyoming.

The program was based on the theme, "To help one another to attain." It was dedicated to Past Grand Consul L. G. Balfour, who was influential in the origin and development of the Workshop, and had just passed to the Chapter Eternal a month earlier. Unfortunately, 21 of the undergraduate chapters were not represented. Local fraternities attending were Sigma Chi Delta, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Sigma Sigma Chi, Florida Tech; Alpha colony of Sigma Chi, Florence State; Sigma Chi Sigma, Indiana State University; and Sigma Chi Omega (formerly Alpha Omega Chapter), Stanford University.



Past Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer was the unknowing victim of a prank during his keynote remarks at the 1973 Workshop.

At the beginning of the Workshop a quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was followed by a brainstorming session with invited undergraduate delegates. Participating were Jim Jansen, Indiana; Ted Decker, Northern Arizona; Tom Conkle, Ohio State; Tim O'Holleran, Nebraska; Pat McCoy, Minnesota; Jim Stoffer, Murray State; John Brock, Vanderbilt; Jeff Crooms, Florida; Kurt Culbertson, LSU; George Badour, Tennessee-Knoxville; Carey Rountree, Georgia Southern; Jerry Schadt, Western Michigan, and Charlie Zusag, Northern Illinois.

The first day brought faculty members together for orientation meetings, while delegates registered. Province meetings were held to discuss mutual chapter interests and to allow brothers from neighboring chapters to get acquainted. At the opening convocation, delegates were welcomed by Leadership Training Board Chairman and Grand Pro Consul Dr. Charles M. Thatcher. Past Grand Consul John W. Graham de-

scribed the new Membership Development Program. The Ritual Exemplification was presented by brothers of host Gamma Xi Chapter.

The Wyoming location made possible the staging of the Workshop outdoor barbecue in an especially scenic and fitting site. Delegates were bused 40 miles into the Rocky Mountain foothills to the Two Bars-Seven Ranch. The event included a western rodeo. The Workshop program also included an interdenominational worship service, led by Grand Tribune and LTB member Gardner B. Allen. The 1973 International Balfour Award winner, Dave Dillon, presented the worship service message, and pointed out:

"We have failed to fully develop our own creation, which is very simply our ideals as laid out in the Ritual and the goal that our ideals will be reflected in your daily life. The ideals have all too often remained just that - ideals, unattained. You can't afford to allow the gap to exist between our ideals and our daily lives. You can't allow Sigma Chi to be established as an end to itself. Our Fraternity can and must be a means for Sigs to not only relate deeply to our own members, but also to go forth into the world and relate to the needs of all people. Only through the creation of true ideals reflected in our daily lives does life take on real meaning. I'm extremely optimistic about the potential which Sigma Chi has offered us. I hope we all recognize that potential and 'help one another to attain.'"

Additional presentations concerned the Ritual, rush, pledging, finances, scholarship, and public relations. The public relations program included a short, sound slide presentation about the Sigma Chi service project, Wallace Village, delivered by visiting Village staff members Judy Wells and Becky Cunningham. The keynote message was given by professional speaker Cavett Robert, who inspired delegates with his wit and a motivating message. Brother Robert had been the recipient of numerous awards for public speaking, including the 1972 Golden Gavel Award of Toastmasters International, the highest public speaking honor in the U.S. He stressed, "Preparation in any line of endeavor today is a journey, and not a destination. As you start this Workshop, remember this is the beginning of a continuous preparation. I like that statement by a Sigma Chi, 'I'm only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something, and I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.'"

Thirty-nine undergraduate delegates and 27 alumni leaders participated in the two-phase Membership Development Program designed to instill increased insights in human relations, communication, chapter interaction and goals, Sigma Chi ideals, and Ritual. All delegates were invited to volunteer for the two-day program. The 27 alumni were prepared as "trainers" qualified to serve as leaders in similar programs in individual chapters during the year. They were selected from among Chapter Advisors, Grand Praetors and former Workshop faculty members.

The Workshop final banquet, toastmastered by Past Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer Jr., featured the usual introductions of Grand Offi-

cers and guests, and some novel introductions by Brother Brewer of a dozen unsuspecting undergraduate delegates selected at random. A highlight of the banquet was the message of Grand Consul M. Craig Nason Jr., who first paid tribute to the Seven Founders, and added:

"As it was in the beginning, and always will be, you, my young friends, are the leaders of our Fraternity. North, South, East and West, you are the captains of our destiny and the controllers of our future. It is only through your portals and only by those whom you determine as having been found worthy, can a young man enter Sigma Chi. Through the chain of command, from your Chapter Advisor through the Grand Consul, we stand ready, willing, and, I hope, able to serve, to lead the Sigma Chi Fraternity to the top. We are not hard to approach; we don't live in the ivory tower of a visionary palace. We are just Sigs like you, and we are just as close to your chapter officers as the telephone, or a postage stamp. Please don't hesitate to make your problems, your requests, and your criticisms known."



Workshop delegates from Kappa Kappa Chapter, University of Illinois, with Grand Consul Nason, center.

The Grand Consul then announced the appointment of Grand Pro Consul Chuck Thatcher to also serve as the Fraternity's first Ombudsman, a position designed to hear and attempt to resolve criticisms and complaints from members and chapters. He also announced the appointment of Marvin "Swede" Johnson to succeed Chuck Thatcher as Chairman of the Leadership Training Board. He concluded, "My visit to the Wyoming campus and spending this week with every one of you is a highlight in my life. It's been my honor to meet you, and I wish you well."

Presentation of the William H. Carlisle Workshop faculty member award, followed as past winner Jon Greenawalt presented the 1973 award to longtime faculty member and Ritual Co-Director Thomas L. Bottone, who responded with deep appreciation. Director Tom Roberts led the Workshop Chorus in a stimulating presentation of Sig songs. The performance was followed by an impromptu barber shop quartet performance led by Chuck Thatcher. The outstanding hospitality and

long hours of work performed by members of the host chapter were recognized by Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder, who presented Gamma Xi Consul Lee Denny a large, framed wooden Sigma Chi crest for the Gamma Xi house. In the forefront of Gamma Xi Sigs involved with Workshop was their Chapter Advisor, Dan Nelson, who carried out numerous administrative tasks and arrangements. Brother Nelson was awarded an unexpected Grand Consul's Citation for his work. The Gamma Xi Sigs gave Grand Consul Nason a perfectly-fitting, felt western hat. Toastmaster Brewer concluded the banquet with a dramatic reading of the passage "Desiderata," inspiring delegates to make the Workshop experience live on in the chapters during the year.<sup>5</sup>

The 1973 Workshop also featured presentation of Sigma Chi Foundation scholarship awards to undergraduate chapters, presented for the first time based on substantially-revised criteria. From the academic year 1940-41, educational awards and the Daniel William Cooper outstanding chapter scholarship award were given based on a chapter's numerical grade standing above its campus all-men's average, and its numerical standing among fraternities. However, an increasing number of schools had adopted more flexible grading systems, or were declining to compute or reveal group and individual academic statistics.

It had become necessary to structure the scholarship awards program on a more general basis. The criteria was revised to recognize the quality, extent and effectiveness of chapter educational programs, rather than use numerical academic averages and percentages. Delta Delta Chapter at Purdue University was named the Cooper Award recipient that year for its most outstanding chapter educational program.

Appointed to the Leadership Training Board in 1973 were Richard H. Bein, Illinois Wesleyan '54, returning to the L.T.B. after a several-year absence; Alex "Sandy" Thomson, Denison '59; and P. Brandt McCool, Kentucky '69.

## **THE PASSING OF BYRON D. STOKES AND F. DUDLEIGH VERNOR**

Both of the fraternal fathers of literally thousands of Sweethearts of Sigma Chi spanning several generations passed to the Chapter Eternal in early 1974. In 1911 as students at Albion College, Michigan, they had created what became the most famous fraternal song and one of the most famous of college songs of all time. Less than four months after the January 5, 1974, passing of "Sweetheart Song" lyricist Byron Stokes, Albion '13, composer Dudley Vernor, Albion '14, joined him in the Chapter Eternal. Brother Vernor passed away April 23, 1974 in Detroit, Michigan, at the age of 81.

Services were held for Brother Vernor at Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, where he had been organist and full-time music director for more than 30 years. He was laid to rest at Oakridge Cemetery



in Marshall, Michigan, a short distance from Albion College where he and Byron Stokes 63 years before wrote the famous song that brought tears to the eyes of thousands of Sweethearts, inspiration to tens of thousands of Sigs, and appreciation from millions of citizens the world over.

Dudleigh Vernor became church organist in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Marshall and Jackson, Michigan, then led the Department of Organ at Albion. He was also teacher of organ and accompanist for the assembly at the Bay View Summer College, Michigan, for more than 50 years, where he pursued his enthusiasm for boating. Bay View named its music hall for him in 1967.

Brother Vernor, who composed the music for the "Sweetheart Song" in "about one hour" after "By" Stokes had presented him with the words, composed several other musical passages and arrangements, for Sigma Chi as well as professionally. In addition to several numbers on which, according to him, "the sun went down and the moon never shined," he wrote the ballad "The Girl I Love," which became background music in a movie. In 1918, he composed "See America First," and received a letter of congratulation from U.S. President Woodrow Wilson. He wrote and arranged numerous passages and anthems of sacred music for his choir and soloists at Metropolitan Church, that were recorded and published. Dud Vernor composed three Sigma Chi songs, in addition to "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi." With Byron Stokes, he authored "The Fellowship Song of Sigma Chi" and "I'm Glad I'm a Sigma Chi." He wrote the music for "The White Cross of Sigma Chi," words by the late Clarence A. "Bert" Fiske, Albion '90. Brother Vernor attended several Grand Chapters, including the 1955 Centennial. Sigma Chi dedicated several editions of its song books to him and Byron Stokes.<sup>6</sup>

Byron D. Stokes was 87 years of age at the time of his passing. Some years after "The Sweetheart Song" had become well known, he wrote:

"Who was the girl?" is the question I have most frequently been asked concerning the song. There was none. The "Sweetheart" is the symbol for the



"The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" is remembered by a historical marker at Dickie Hall on the Albion campus.

spiritual ingredient in brotherhood. It was the Fraternity itself that inspired the song. I wrote the words one afternoon, not long after my Initiation, and the magic of our Ritual with its poetic overtones and undertones was, I suppose, the source of my inspiration. Obviously the "Sweetheart" is not a real girl; she is, in fact, just the opposite. The word does not make sense in terms of a literal interpretation. When I wrote the words I was influenced by the poetry of William Blake and Dante, and in the symbolic method of writing poetry."<sup>7</sup>

The first verse and chorus of "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" are well known. Lesser known, however, is the following second verse:

Ev'ry magic breeze wafts a kiss to you, from the lips of your 'sweet sixteen  
 And one by one the maids you know, bow to your Meerschaum Queen.  
 As the years drift by on the tides of time, and they all have forgotten but you,  
     Then the girl of your dreams the sweeter seems,  
     She's the girl who is always true.

Certainly, as the years drift by, Sigma Chi will not have forgotten Byron D. Stokes and F. Dudleigh Vernor. Brother Vernor later recalled:

"The demand for the music became so great my brother and I had to hire a secretary to take care of the mail orders. When it became too great an issue for us to handle, we agreed to sell the copyright on a royalty basis to the Melrose Music Corporation for \$500, with the stipulation that it would never be put on the popular list and, as with so many others, played to death."

Stokes, who served as Grand Editor, Grand Historian and Executive Secretary for a few years beginning in 1917, later reestablished his property rights, and as late as 1966 received up to \$4,000 a year in royalties from the song. Hundreds of popular singers and bands with most major recording companies made records of it. Early on, interpretation of the song evolved into a ballad about that special dream girl. At first the custom of undergraduates selecting a chapter sweetheart grew slowly. By 1948 a majority of the chapters were following the tradition. In that year Barbara Tanner, a Kappa Alpha Theta from Michigan State, was selected as the first International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. Brothers Stokes and Vernor were well aware of the grand tradition of Sweethearts their song came to romanticize in the minds of their brothers everywhere.

The Fraternity honored both brothers with presentation of the Significant Sig award.<sup>8</sup>

## HONORING MEMBERS LOST IN VIETNAM

While the Vietnam War was in progress and soldiers were being called upon to take an active part, the Vietnam conflict was the topic of many debates in chapter houses. For many brothers, the conflict was more than a topic of debate. Sigma Chis were called upon to fight, direct, and sadly, to give their lives in the fight, as they had along the coast of France, at Flanders Field, and at Gettysburg. All of the soldiers

who were fortunate to return from Vietnam felt the wounds of war. Some had been prisoners of war in what was described as the most horrible POW camps in modern times. These men were the most acutely aware of the pain and suffering war brings.

One year after the signing of the Vietnam peace agreement, John Keeney, Southeast Missouri State '69, a Vietnam veteran, and men of Epsilon Phi Chapter, Southeast Missouri State University, organized a brochure honoring Sigma Chis who gave their lives in the Vietnam conflict, as well as those taken prisoner or missing in action. The following are the names of the brothers who gave the last full measure of devotion in Vietnam:



### Having Been Found Worthy

Cover of the Vietnam memorial brochure prepared by Epsilon Phi Chapter.

- Lawrence Babyak, California State-Northridge '68
- John Bergerson, Washington (Seattle) '65
- Leon G. Chadwick, North Carolina State & North Carolina '63
- Dale J. Crittenberger, Texas-Austin '49
- Parker D. Cramer, Rhode Island '59
- William B. Eoff Jr., Arkansas '66
- Thomas F. Fanning, East Texas State '67
- Forrest H. Hollifield, Wake Forest '68
- John M. Joyce, Northern Arizona '66
- Charles D. King, Iowa State '68
- Michael Kirkpatrick, Wake Forest '66
- Harold Andy Kram, General Motors Institute '65
- Joseph T. Laslie, Georgia '66
- Nelson S. Lehman Jr., Arizona '66
- Douglas G. Magruder, Miami (Florida) '66
- Robert C. Marvin, Michigan '62
- Curtis Daniel Miller, Texas Tech '68
- Clifton Moak, Louisiana State '66
- Ronald M. Montapert, Southern California '67
- Stephen T. Moody, Bradley '68
- Stephen S. Oviatt, Montana State '67
- Duane K. Peterson, Montana State '67
- Dennie D. Peterson, Oregon '65
- Adrian F. "Spanky" Purnell, Florida State '62
- Harmon Rimmell III, Westminster '65
- Robert W. Romero, San Diego State '65
- John R. Ruggles, Miami (Ohio) '66
- Robert M. Scott, Indiana '66

William H. Scott, Indiana '66  
 Thomas Spitzer, North Dakota State '63  
 Michael H. Thomas, Oklahoma '65  
 James D. Valov, California-Los Angeles '68  
 1st Lt. James S. Wood, Washington & Lee '65  
 Richard C. Yeend Jr., Auburn '61  
 Vincent Chiarello, Columbia '61

Brother Warren Anderson, Michigan State '55, was listed as missing in action. Two brothers taken prisoner of war and returned home safely were: Charles E. Green, Iowa State '57, and David Mott, North Dakota State '65.

All honor to their names.

## THE INSTALLATION OF ETA OMICRON CHAPTER INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA NOVEMBER 3, 1973

The local fraternity Sigma Delta Chi at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and its petition for an undergraduate charter were warmly received by Sigma Chi. The group had the active support of local alumni, including Grand Praetor Murray McComas, and several years of operation as a local fraternity.



John Sutton Hall, erected in 1875, the oldest building at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania campus

Indiana, Pennsylvania, is located about 55 miles east of Pittsburgh in the foothills of the Alleghenies. It is a farming and mining community having a 1973 population of 14,000. In 1871, the General Assembly, having observed the need for a teacher training institution in Western Pennsylvania, passed an act granting aid for the establishment of a normal school at Indiana. The first building, John Sutton Hall named in honor of the first President of the board of trustees, was opened for students on May 17, 1875.

In April 1920, control and ownership of the school passed to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In May 1927, by authority of the General Assembly, the State

Normal School became a college, with the right to grant degrees. In 1957 the college was authorized to offer coursework leading to the Master of

Education degree. In 1959 the name was changed to Indiana State College, and a liberal arts program was begun. In 1963 the name was changed to Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and degree programs at the doctoral and master's levels were begun.

At the time of the founding of Eta Omicron Chapter the following fraternities were represented on the campus: Sigma Chi Delta, Theta Xi, Theta Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Kappa Sigma, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Theta, Alpha Chi Epsilon, Kappa Delta Rho, Delta Sigma Phi, and Sigma Tau Gamma.

In early 1969, a small group of undergraduates at I.U.P. decided that what they were looking for in a fraternity was not offered by the existing groups on campus. On March 11, 1969 the Sigma Chi Delta local fraternity was established, and in a matter of weeks contact was made with Sigma Chi chapters in the West Virginia-Western Pennsylvania Province. The brothers of Sigma Chi Delta worked toward one goal, gaining admittance into Sigma Chi. Robert F. Kershaw, Grand Praetor of the Indiana Province and a member of the Executive Committee, was appointed Investigating Officer to Sigma Chi Delta. He reported, in part:

The first evening, I met many brothers of Sigma Chi Delta at the fraternity house located on a fraternity row, 246 S. 7th St. They are one of four fraternities which owns its own house. The house capacity is 18, and it is convenient to the heart of the campus and downtown Indiana. I met with Dr. John Frank, Assistant Dean of Men and IFC Advisor. Dr. Frank is an Alpha Tau Omega from Youngstown University. The university and Dr. Frank have a very positive attitude toward fraternities. They are interested in seeing that the Greek system grows, and are very happy to see Sigma Chi come to I.U.P. In visiting with him, he pointed out they have never had any problems with Sigma Chi Delta, and that he was helpful in locating them in their first house to rent. There are approximately 800 men in the fraternity system here, and hopefully they will have more and more men going through rush.<sup>9</sup>

Sigma Chi Delta was assisted by Chapter Advisors Dr. Dale E. Landon, Dr. Merle Rife and Dr. Joseph Clark, Texas-Austin '57. All three were faculty members at the University, and helped finance the chapter house. Following a favorable vote by the chapters on the petition from Sigma Chi Delta, preparations were made for the initiation and Installation of Eta Omicron Chapter. Final events leading up to the Installation began with the Initiation week, Sunday, October 28 to Friday, November 2. The week was guided by Headquarters staff members Jeffrey K. Tuckey, Robert O. Schock, and Charles H. Harrington Jr. Initial ceremonies and Ritual team meetings were held at the Sigma Chi Delta house, and a reception for Sigma Chi alumni was held at the Holiday Inn on the evening of November 2. The final Initiation ceremonies were held at Davis Hall on the campus the next morning.

Forty-six members became charter initiates as the first new chapter in the province in 64 years was installed under the direction of Acting Chief Installing Officer, Grand Consul M. Craig Nason, who took over



Consul Richard Ingram, center, and founder Ralph Feather, right receive the Eta Omicron charter from Grand Consul M. Craig Nason, second from right. From left are Grand Praetor Murray McComas, Chapter Advisor Joseph Clark, and, seated, Past Grand Consul John W. Graham.

for Chief Installing Officer and Grand Trustee Robert F. Kershaw, who was unable to attend. Sharing Initiation responsibilities were Alpha Chi Chapter, Penn State University, and Mu Mu Chapter, West Virginia University. They were assisted by members of other chapters in the province.

Four years of dedicated effort was celebrated at the Installation banquet held at the Holiday Inn in Indiana. The Eta Omicron charter was presented to founder and first President of Sigma Chi Delta Ralph M. Feather and Consul Richard Ingram. A total of 225 brothers and guests enjoyed the banquet message presented by U.S. Congressman E.G. Bud" Shuster, Pitt '54. Past Grand Consul John W. Graham Q.C. was toastmaster for the banquet.<sup>10</sup>

### **THE INSTALLATION OF ETA PI CHAPTER FLORIDA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY JANUARY 26, 1974**

Situated in the growing Orlando metropolitan area, the University of Central Florida has kept pace with a remarkable social and economic explosion that, in little more than a decade, turned around life styles and created high demand for quality higher education. The change transformed the face of Central Florida following 1968, when the university opened for classes, with the name Florida Technological University. What had been 27,000 acres of swamp, palmetto groves and grazing land became Walt Disney World. A placid air base became a bustling naval



University Library at the University of Central Florida.

training center; shopping malls sprung up where cattle had roamed; super highways crossed groveland and lakes. The state university stands on a once remote site about 12 miles from the center of Orlando.

The state university, established by Legislative Act in 1963, was nameless and siteless for the first three years. Dozens of prospective sites were explored. When a 1,227 acre package became available north-east of Orlando, nearly a million dollars was pledged by 89 Orange County citizens to ensure that the property would be held for the necessary appropriation from the state. Faith and community spirit enabled Technological University to open. For many of the 1,492 students who comprised the first class, in 1968, the new university was the answer to dreams of furthering their education at an accessible campus. In 1978, the name of the institution was changed to the University of Central Florida.

At the time of the installation of Eta Pi Chapter, the following fraternities and sororities were active on the campus: Sigma Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Tau Epsilon Phi, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Chi Phi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Delta Delta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Chi Omega, and Tyes (local).

The local fraternity Sigma Sigma Chi, founded in 1970, set a goal of affiliating with Sigma Chi. The group rented a home that was well suited for its purposes. The University planned a long range building program, including construction of "lodge" accommodations for the fraternities and sororities. Sigma Sigma Chi was highly regarded by the university president, dean of men and presidents of the other fraternities. The group excelled in intramurals and extracurricular activities.

The group received active support from the Orlando-Winter Park Alumni chapter, and Hugh King, Florida State '72, and Thomas M. Page, Florida '69, who transferred to Florida Tech to complete their



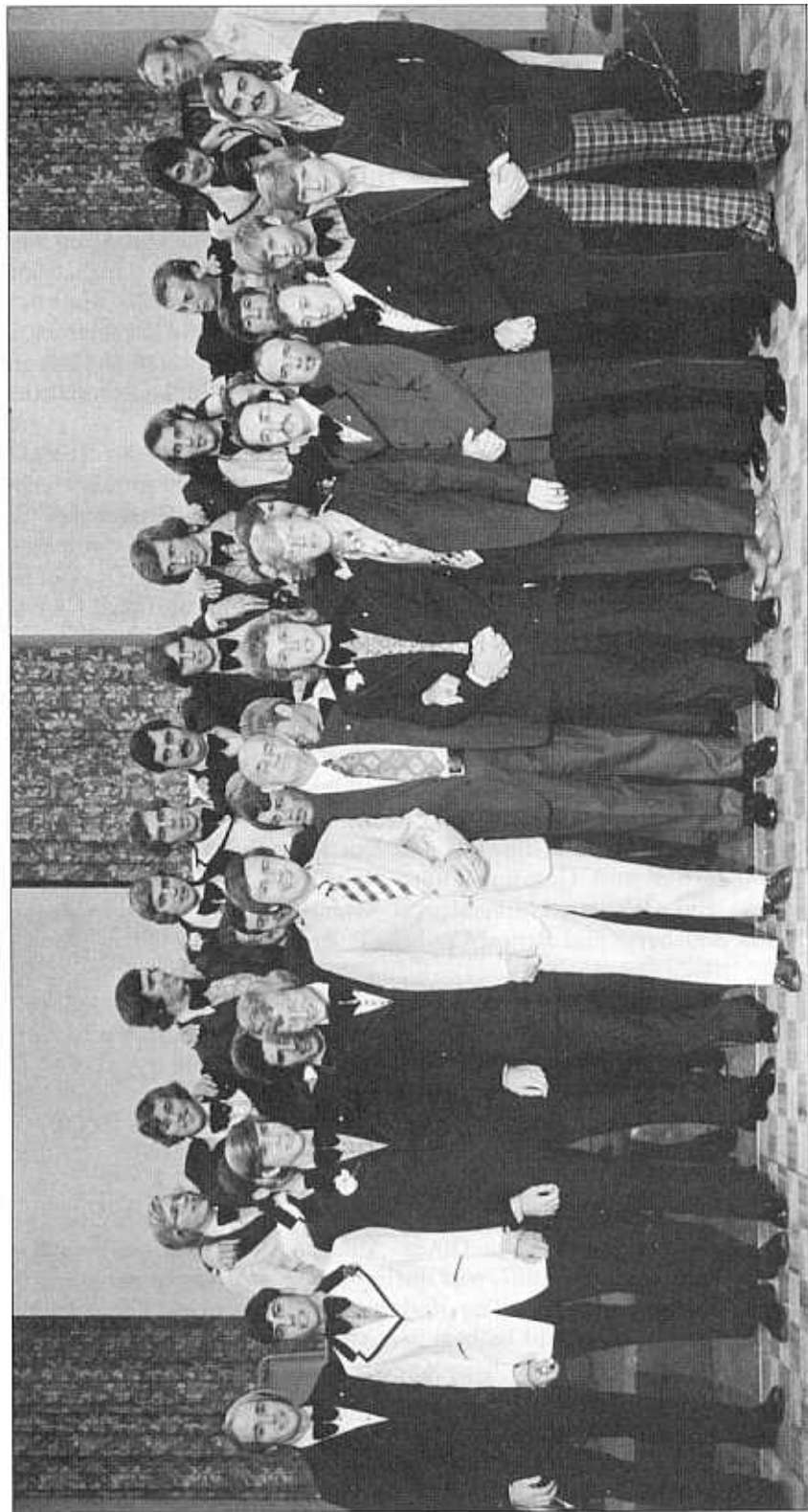
Consul Thomas D. Smith, Jr. accepts congratulations from Grand Consul M. Craig Nason, left, with applause by, from left in back, Chapter Advisor Harry Whittaker, Alumni president Don Meyers, past Consuls David Kirpatrick and Joe Hartman. Chief Installing Officer Norman Brewer peers over rostrum, seated by Florida Tech President Dr. Charles Millican, right.

education. Norman C. Brewer Jr. was appointed Investigating Officer for Sigma Sigma Chi. He reported, in part:

The institution is very receptive to the advent of fraternities on campus. I had delightful visits with the President of the University, Dr. Charles N. Millican, and with the Dean of Men, Dr. Paul R. McQuilkin. Both of these gentlemen assured me that they were delighted to have Sigma Chi come to their campus, they would extend a most cordial welcome, and they believe that the climate for fraternities at Florida Technological University was one of which Sigma Chi would be proud. It is my candid opinion that the climate for expansion of fraternities at Florida Tech is extremely good, and the prospect is very bright. Sigma Chi has been a pioneer in going into new institutions of higher learning that are new or just being opened up. I cite as an example the University of Miami, Coral Gables; the University of South Alabama at Mobile, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at Daytona Beach, Florida. In each of these instances, Sigma Chi went in when the school was in its infancy, and got in on the ground floor. As a result we were able to get the pick of the crop. While there are a number of fraternities already on the campus at F.T.U., I am advised by the heads of those fraternities that they look upon Sigma Sigma Chi as their strongest competition. Therefore, it behooves us to go into this school while we have a golden opportunity.<sup>11</sup>

Following a favorable vote on the petition from Orlando, preparations were made for the Installation of the group as Eta Pi Chapter. The final pledge examination was administered on January 5, 1974, and the formal pledging ceremony was conducted that night by the brothers of Gamma Theta Chapter, University of Florida. More than 60 percent of the brothers achieved honor scores on the test.





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In honor of the Installation, Mayor Carl Langford declared January 20 - 26, 1974, Sigma Chi week in Orlando. On January 20, Headquarters staff members Jeff Tuckey, Charles Hillier and Roger Bingham arrived for the beginning of Indoctrination Week, a time of learning, sharing of brotherhood, and exchange of ideas. Final events of the Initiation week began on Friday evening January 25, with Ritual team meetings, Sigma Sigma Chi alumni orientation and a reception for Sigma Chi alumni at The Citrus Club at the CNA building in Orlando. Final ceremonies for the 48 charter members were held the following morning at the Assembly Room on campus. Eta Iota Chapter, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, was the installing chapter.

The Installation banquet was held that evening at the Sheraton Twin Towers hotel. More than 250 brothers, guests and sweethearts were in attendance. Chief Installing Officer Norman C. Brewer was also toastmaster for the event, with Grand Consul M. Craig Nason leading the Grand Officer installing team. Florida Tech President Dr. Charles M. Millican was an honored guest. Consul Tom Smith and past Consuls Joe Hartman and David Kirkpatrick accepted the Eta Pi charter.

Grand Consul Nason presented Grand Consul's Citations to Hugh King and Tom Page; Chapter Advisor Harry Whittaker, Florida Southern '60; Financial Advisor Rusty O'Dell, Florida State '73; and Orlando Alumni President Don Meyers, Florida '59, for special services rendered to the petitioning group. Also recognized for their assistance to the new chapter were: John R. Smith, past Grand Praetor; Edwin B. Freeland, Grand Praetor; Dave Wilkinson and Eta Iota Chapter, Embry Riddle; Mike Blocker and Gamma Theta Chapter, University of Florida; Gamma Phi Chapter, University of Miami; Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Florida Southern; and Ritual Director P. Brandt McCool.<sup>12</sup>

The first Sigma Chi chapter house, located at Hanover College in Indiana, was destroyed by a tornado and had to be torn down in April, 1974. The house was home to Chi Chapter in the 1890s.

## **THE REINSTALLATION OF ALPHA OMEGA STANFORD UNIVERSITY APRIL 7, 1974**

The departure of Alpha Omega Chapter from the active roll of Sigma Chi in January, 1967, was during the most divisive period in the history of the Fraternity. The undergraduate members then decided that their interests would be best served by disaffiliating with the Fraternity. It was under much happier circumstances that the local fraternity Sigma Chi Omega, the same group that had disaffiliated earlier and continued its existence, petitioned Sigma Chi in January 1974 for the original Alpha Omega charter. With the restrictive membership selection policies that had caused the chapter to disaffiliate having been



Consul Mike Grasty and Past Consul John Mueller display the original Alpha Omega charter of 1891 during 1974 re-installation banquet.

removed by the General Fraternity, the petition was decisively approved.

The Headquarters installation team of Jeff Tuckey, Chuck Harrington and Chuck Hillier completed plans for the event and conducted the Stanford men through a thoughtful week, leading up to their Initiation. On Saturday, April 6, Ritual team meetings were held, alumni were received at the Holiday Inn in Palo Alto, and preliminaries of the Initiation were conducted at the Alpha Omega house. Final ceremonies were held for the 30 members of the re-chartering class on Sunday morning, April 7, at Tressider Union.

Some 200 Sigs converged on the Stanford Faculty Club for the banquet. Special recognition was given to neighboring Alpha Beta Chapter, California - Berkeley; Epsilon Theta Chapter, San Jose State; and installing chapter, Zeta Kappa, California - Santa Barbara. Grand Consul's Citations were presented to John Mueller, California - Santa Barbara & Stanford '74; Phil Brown, George Washington & Stanford '49; and William C. Sharp, Ohio State '40. Brother Mueller, a past Consul of Sigma Chi Omega, had transferred from the University of California - Santa Barbara and Zeta Kappa Chapter. He inspired the Stanford men throughout their quest to regain the charter. House Corporation President Phil Brown gave the group solid support. They kept alive the spirit of Sigma Chi during the group's local years. Bill Sharp was president of

the San Francisco alumni chapter. Also participating were Significant Sig Dr. George C. "Doc" Ruhle, Montana '31; Chief Installing Officer and California Province Grand Praetor Dr. Jerry Wulk; Investigating Officer and Executive Committee member Layne French; Assistant Grand Praetor Edgar L. Buck; Ritual director Jay C. Howell, and Alpha Omega Consul Michael Grasty.

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With the outbreak of the War Between the States, the departure of faculty and students closed the doors of Wesleyan University except to the southern and northern forces alternately finding shelter there. In the equally difficult years immediately following the War, the Methodist Church found itself unable to make adequate provision for reopening the school. The grounds and buildings of Wesleyan University were donated to the State on the condition that the State sustain the school through annual appropriations. Accordingly, in 1872 it was established as a State Normal School, the first of its kind in the South. The admis-

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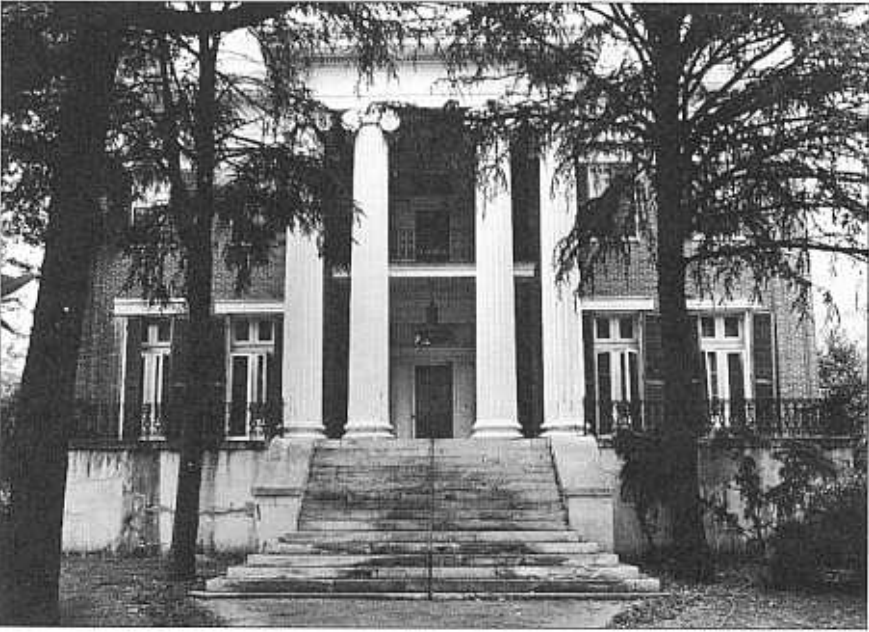
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Cortview, antebellum home on the University of North Alabama campus, built in the 1850s.



Chief Installing Officer Herbert E. Drake, at rostrum, presents the Eta Rho charter to Consul Keith Bramlett, accompanied by alumni and undergraduates.

from the University of Alabama, Mississippi State, and Auburn sent delegates and sweethearts to assist in rushing. Sixteen alumni from Huntsville and Florence, and two college officials were in attendance. Signs were placed on campus indicating Sigma Chi's arrival and interest. Newspaper ads were placed in the school and daily city paper, and

spot radio announcements were run. Headquarters staff members Jeff Tuckey and Chuck Hillier were present and performed their tasks admirably. Fifty-two invitations were sent to Florence State undergraduates, and 44 responded by attending. Twelve outstanding men were pledged. The group was organized as Alpha Colony of Sigma Chi on October 24, 1972. They were directed to double their membership, and to rush in discerning fashion for the following two weeks. Undergraduate brothers from University of Alabama conducted a pledge training program.

Worthwhile endeavors and common experiences built the brotherhood. After an extended period of success by Alpha Colony, and in response to the interest in making progress toward installation, Past Grand Consul Harry V. Wade was appointed Investigating Officer for Alpha Colony. He reported, in part:

During my now almost 53 years of membership in Sigma Chi, I have considered myself a conservative expansionist, but I recommend that the Fraternity admit the petitioning group at Florence State University. The only negative view that I can take of the entire proposition is that, after these petitioning groups gain their charters in their respective organizations, there will come that period when the lack of a proper rallying point will breed discouragement. The University plans on permitting the fraternities, at an intelligent and propitious time, to erect lodges which may later be expanded into fraternity houses when more nonresident students are attracted to the campus, but it will be some time before this happy moment occurs, and Sigma Chi should give a great deal of thought and attention to see that its new chapter, if, as and when admitted, maintains a challenging program so that matriculating freshman will be attracted to membership in the Fraternity. Very frankly, such a challenging program and the right hand of friendship and brotherhood will be the main things that our group or any group on this campus will have to offer the future freshmen, and our General Fraternity should charge itself in seeing to it that these young men now in the chapter who are now at the top of the heap, and their successors, stay in that enviable position.<sup>14</sup>

All of the fraternities had lounges in an old dormitory. The sororities that were invited on campus at the same time received their charters and occupied lounges in the same building. The sororities were characterized as those particularly strong in the south. All fraternity charters had to be granted by November 1, 1974, or the local group would be dissolved by the college and new groups would be organized to petition the same fraternities or others to be selected.

Alpha Colony maintained the highest grade point average of any fraternity on campus. Its members occupied positions throughout campus, including president of the Student Government Association, officers of the Student Union Board, cheerleaders, and members and officers on the Interfraternity Council. The petitioning group was fortunate to have Sigma Chi alumni in the immediate area actively interested and working with them. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. W.R. McElheny, Emory '42, was of particular assistance to the colony while, at the same time, being supportive of the other groups on cam-

pus. He was ably supported by other alumni in the Tennessee Valley area.

Following a favorable vote on the petition from Florence, the group received a mailgram on March 2, 1974, stating that its petition had been approved. Immediately, David Grindle, Alabama '75, led the men in concentrated study for the Sigma Chi pledge examination. Indoctrination week began with the arrival of the Headquarters installation team, Jeff Tuckey, Chuck Harrington and Bob Schock. It was a time of anticipation, learning, singing, closeness, reflecting and searching.

Final events of the installation began with Ritual Team meetings and Alpha Colony alumni orientation on Friday, April 19, 1974. That evening a reception was held for Sigma Chi alumni at the Lake View Inn in Florence. Preliminaries of the Initiation and the final ceremonies for the 37 charter members of the first Sigma Chi colony to receive a charter were held at First United Methodist Church that evening and Saturday morning April 20, 1974. Iota Iota chapter, University of Alabama, was the installing chapter.



Charter initiates of Eta Rho chapter, Florence State University, which later became the University of North Alabama.

The Installation banquet was held at Joe Wheeler State Park near Florence. More than 200 people witnessed Grand Consul M. Craig Nason present Consul Keith Bramlett with the Eta Rho charter. Dr. Robert M. Guillot, President of the University, officially welcomed Sigma Chi to the campus.

Among those participating were Herbert E. Drake, Chief Installing Officer; Grand Trustee Dr. George H. Jones, who served as banquet Toastmaster; Robert C. Garrison, Vice President of the Sigma Chi



Foundation; and P. Brandt McCool, member of the Leadership Training Board and Ritual Director. Among those honored were James M. Kelly, Wesleyan '27, Florence Alumni President; Cecil G. Stokes, Auburn '57, Huntsville Alumni President; Robert B. McPherson, North Carolina State '72, Eta Rho Chapter Advisor; Chapter Advisor Jack Martin, North Alabama '61; Dr. C. William Foster, Tennessee-Chattanooga '61, Faculty Advisor; and Michael W. Butler, Fort Hays State '64, Financial Advisor.

An additional highlight of the banquet was the chapter's announcement of the W. T. McElheny scholarship award, a chapter award to aid members entering graduate school and named in honor of University Vice President Dr. W. T. McElheny, Emory '42.<sup>15</sup> The initiation was officially concluded with Sunday morning worship at the Florence First United Methodist Church.<sup>16</sup>

Joining the Headquarters staff as Assistant Executive Secretaries in the summer of 1974 were Stephen E. McCarthy, Albion '74; James Engel, San Jose '74; and David A. Johnson, Florida Southern '74.

## **TWENTY-SEVENTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP PURDUE UNIVERSITY - 1974**

The 1974 Workshop was attended by 853 Sigs and guests under the theme "The bond is reciprocal." The Workshop sessions achieved several milestones at the site where writer George Ade and cartoonist John T. McCutcheon entered the bonds at Delta Delta Chapter. The Workshop attendance, which included 685 undergraduate delegates, was the second largest in history. The Workshop was dedicated to Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, Grand Pro Consul and past Leadership Training Board Chairman, Ombudsman, and 1943 International Balfour Award winner, who was involved with the Workshop in many capacities almost every year since its origin in 1947.

Brothers of Delta Delta performed the Ritual Exemplification at the opening program. Professional speaker Cavett Robert was the Workshop Keynote speaker. Six divisional Workshop programs involved delegates in numerous lectures, presentations and discussions directed to their chapter officer responsibilities. Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen conducted an interdenominational worship service in the format of a contemporary "folk mass." Ten chapter Consuls and officers met in an informal brainstorming session with Grand Consul Nason and several Executive Committee members, sharing ideas on General Fraternity programs and policies and chapter ideas and needs.

At the campus-community relations convocation, delegates extended a long and warm welcome to three staff members of the Wallace Village for Children, Sigma Chi international service project. Mrs. Cleo



Delegates of the 1974 Workshop at a division convocation.

Wallace, founder and director of The Village, warmly thanked Sigs for their widespread support of the program, and explained how much their diligent efforts mean to the children.

For the first time in a number of years, the Leadership Training Board invited a non-Sigma Chi to present a major message at Workshop. Purdue University President Dr. Arthur Hansen, a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, outlined college administrators' view of fraternities and their relationship with universities. A relaxing outdoor barbeque was held at a tranquil park overlooking the banks of the Wabash River.



Michael S. Sprague  
Winners of the 1974 International Balfour Award



Kenneth C. Brown  
Winners of the 1974 International Balfour Award

The 1974 International Balfour Award was scheduled to be pre-

sented during the Workshop, and three finalists were on hand and were honored: Michael S. Sprague, Illinois Wesleyan '74; Nicholas Cook, West Virginia '74; and Harlan Jones, Washington State & Whitman '74. Kenneth C. Brown, Cornell '74, originally was selected as a finalist, but was unable to meet the requirement of being present for a personal interview. For the first time, the Balfour Award selection committee was confronted with controversy. Brother Brown's inability to attend was due to the fact that he had earned a berth on the U.S. National Rowing Team, which was in Europe preparing for its major meet in September. The point was made that a brother should not be denied a high honor simply because he was carrying out an important commitment. The Committee announced that it was including Brown as an additional finalist, and that the selection would be postponed until the October Grand Council meeting. Finalist Harlan Jones stated his dissatisfaction with the decision and withdrew as a finalist. Subsequently, Brown and Michael Sprague were named as co-winners for 1974 at the Grand Council meeting, the third time in the history of the award that co-winners were selected.

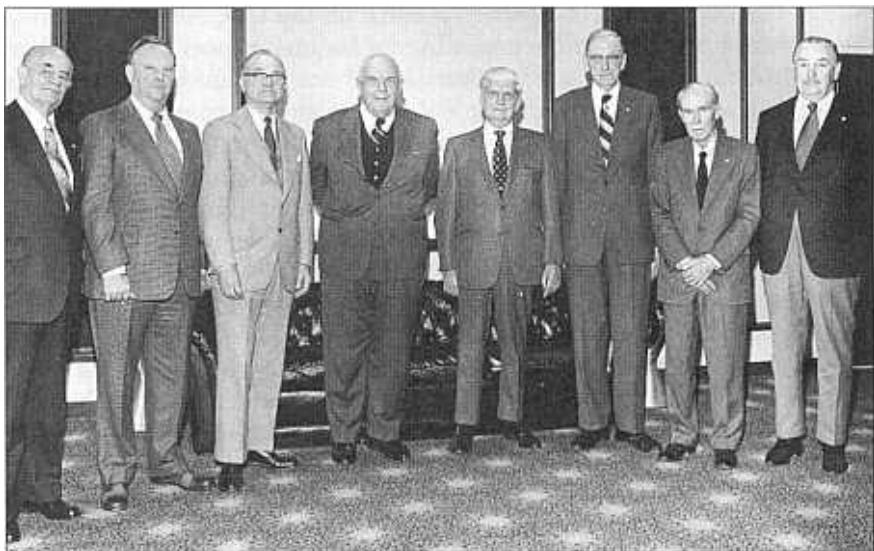
At the Workshop banquet, Grand Consul Nason delivered a challenging message to the delegates, citing their essential role in the Fraternity. The William H. Carlisle outstanding faculty member award was presented to 13-year Consuls faculty member Gerald J. Bieber, Lehigh '48, of Chicago. Delta Delta Consul John Buckingham presented a special souvenir "Boilermaker" kit to Grand Consul Nason. The Workshop concluded with a message from Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder, featuring music from "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" and "The Impossible Dream," and urging all Sigs present to continue to strive together "to reach the unreachable Cross."<sup>17</sup>

## **THE 1974 GRAND COUNCIL MEETING CINCINNATI, OHIO**

A proposal to increase undergraduate dues from \$10 to \$15 semi-annually was adopted unanimously at the Grand Council meeting held on October 25, 1974, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Grand Consul M. Craig Nason, who presided at the meeting, expressed gratitude to the Grand Council for understanding and accepting the dues increase in difficult financial times. Members reviewed a proposed, substantially revised Constitution and Statutes, and made several suggestions for improvement prior to its submission for vote at the 1975 Grand Chapter.

The sessions included meetings of the Executive Committee, Grand Praetors, Grand Trustees, Sigma Chi Foundation Board of Governors, and most of the Fraternity Standing Committees. The Board of Grand Trustees recommended assignment to each of its 15 members a proportionate group of active chapter house corporations, with each Trustee having the obligation of directly assisting and advising those assigned

to him, and reviewing their financial situations and chapter housing needs. The Foundation Board of Governors suggested convening a symposium involving 12 to 15 Sigma Chi business professionals, educators, and students to recommend future directions for the Foundation.



Eight Grand Consuls participated in the 1974 Grand Council meeting. From left, M. Craig Nason, Norman C. Brewer, Harry V. Wade, Hon. Stanley N. Barnes, J. Dwight Peterson, William P. Huffman, Hon. Bolon B. Turner, and John W. Graham.

Seven of the eight living Past Grand Consuls participated in the meeting, including: Hon. Stanley N. Barnes, Foundation Chairman J. Dwight Peterson, Foundation President William P. Huffman, Harry V. Wade Sr., Hon. Bolon B. Turner, Norman C. Brewer Jr., and John W. Graham. The only Past Grand Consul not present, Floyd R. Baker, was prevented from attending by illness in his family.

Most of those present enjoyed a Sunday afternoon pilgrimage to Oxford, Ohio, and Alpha Chapter. The group visited the Founding site, just donated to the Foundation by Past Grand Consul Bill Huffman. At the University, Foundation Chairman J. Dwight Peterson announced the Foundation Huffman scholar-in-residence program, made possible by rental income from the Founding site.<sup>18</sup> The program annually brings educators and scholars to Oxford, Ohio, for interaction with Miami University students, faculty, and townspeople.

## EXTENSION AND EXEMPTION

In November 1974, a vote of the chapters approved the request of Beta Omega Chapter, University of Toronto, to extend its charter to include adjacent Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

On December 31, 1974, U.S. government legislation became effective which granted an exemption to "private organizations such as social fraternities and sororities" from the provisions of Title IX of the Federal Education Amendments Act of 1972. That legislation, enacted earlier in the year, prohibited discrimination based on sex in any programs which received federal financial assistance, including most U.S. colleges and universities.<sup>19</sup>

Early in 1975, the Sigma Chi Foundation purchased the property and residence immediately north of the General Headquarters building, at 1726 Hinman Avenue in Evanston, Illinois. The 12-room, three-story residence was built about 1870. It was readily adapted as living quarters for many Headquarters staff members.

### THE INSTALLATION OF ETA SIGMA CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-IRVINE JANUARY 25, 1975

The undergraduate group at the University of California - Irvine was the second group in Sigma Chi history that the General Fraternity took an active role in organizing from the beginning as a prospective undergraduate chapter. The remarkable progress of the men at Irvine reinforced the wisdom of organizing colony groups as a means for expansion at qualified campuses.

U.C. Irvine is one of nine University of California campuses. It is located in Orange County, 40 miles south of Los Angeles and three miles inland from the Pacific Ocean and the communities of Newport Beach and Corona Del Mar. In 1975 more than two million people lived within a 20-mile radius of the campus. The total enrollment of the University was 8,472 students, including 6,600 undergraduates. The preliminary announcement of the establishment of U.C.I., published in 1964, estimated that 1,000 students would enroll when it opened in September of 1965; that 105 faculty would have been appointed; and that there would be about 90,000 volumes in the library. When classes began on October 4, 1965, there were 1,589 students and 118 faculty, and the library contained an initial collection of 100,000 volumes.

It was predicted that by 1975 there would be 7,500 students enrolled, and that the library collection would number 500,000 volumes. In fact, 9,361 students enrolled in the fall of 1975, of whom 2,000 were graduate and medical students. The faculty numbered about 550 and the library collection was nearly 700,000 volumes. The founding faculty



Main Library at the University of California - Irvine.

and administration planned programs in the arts, humanities, and sciences. They were attracted to building a new university from the ground up. They were intrigued by new approaches to teaching, research, public service, and creation of an intellectual, cultural, and technological resource. Instruction is offered in a broad range of programs, including: biological sciences, fine arts, humanities, physical sciences, social sciences, information and computer science, and social ecology.



Consul Jeff Matzdorff, left, accepts the Eta Sigma charter from Chief Installing Officer Edward M. King.

The Sigma Chi Colony was founded in October, 1973. Rushing and Pledging Administrator Jeffrey K. Tuckey spent a week guiding the formation of the colony, and worked closely with the group throughout its

existence. Consul Jeff Matzdorff was a dynamic force within the colony. Under his leadership the group established the reputation as the dynamic force among the fraternities. The group occupied a chapter house with space for eight men to live in, a chapter room and social facility. Through many activities they were a benefit to their community. The colony conducted a retreat to evaluate progress and plan future operation.

During the 1973-1974 school year, the group rushed, pledged, and initiated 41 men. Its pledge program was progressive, yet rigorous. There was no hazing, and both actives and pledges were serious about responsibilities enumerated in a "pledge guide" used in conjunction with *The Norman Shield*. The guide outlined content of the pledge program and was required reading before formal pledging. The pledges were expected to perform a community service project and participate in a big brother program.

Layne B. French, 1972 International Balfour Award winner and member of the Executive Committee and Leadership Training Board, was appointed investigating officer for the group at Irvine in the fall of 1974. He reported, in part:

Fraternities and sororities were originally barred from the campus. Vice Chancellor Robert S. Lawrence explained to me that after five years it became apparent to the University administration that a certain segment of the school desired Greek affiliation and that this segment included many of those most active in promoting a "school spirit" the administration strongly desired. The administration decided to establish and promote a Greek system made up of three fraternities and three sororities. The University then invited Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi to colonize in the fall of 1973. Chi Psi has also been allowed to join the Greek system. The sororities represented are Pi Beta Phi, Delta Gamma and Gamma Phi Beta; they each have large memberships and were chartered by their respective organizations early last spring. The University is providing several services to promote the growth and development of fraternities. Randy Lewis, assistant dean of students, was assigned as a resource person to the Greek system, and spent much of his time working with the three fraternities. In addition, the University provides computer listings of all incoming students to the fraternities for rushing purposes, and allows the Greeks to rush during orientation of new students.<sup>20</sup>

The colony was assisted by Chapter Advisor Bob Cuyler, Lehigh & California-Los Angeles '49, and the Orange County and Los Angeles alumni chapters. Nearby Eta Beta Chapter at California State-Long Beach provided manpower and brotherhood. Following a favorable vote on the petition from Irvine, preparations were made for the Installation as Eta Sigma Chapter, just 14 months after the colony was founded.

Initiation week activities were conducted from Sunday, January 19, until Friday, January 24, 1975, by Headquarters Staff members Charles H. Harrington Jr., Robert O. Schock, and Stephen E. McCarthy. On Friday evening Ritual team meetings were held and the Initiation sequence was begun. A reception was held for Sigma Chi alumni at the Palisades Tennis Club. On the following morning, final ceremonies were

held at Our Lady Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church and at St. Mark Presbyterian Church. The Installation Banquet was held at the magnificent Balboa Pavillion, on the Balboa Peninsula near Newport Beach. The first chapter meeting of Eta Sigma was held at the Social Science Laboratory building on the Irvine campus.



Charter initiates of Eta Sigma Chapter.

Nine of the 10 Sig chapters in the California Province participated in the Installation, with Eta Beta Chapter, California State-Long Beach as installing chapter. Among those initiated were four legacies whose Sig relatives were on hand. In addition to the 29 new brothers, four eligible alumni of other chapters were initiated. The chief installing officer was Illinois Grand Praetor and past Executive Committee member Edward M. King. Past Grand Consul Hon. Stanley N. Barnes was toastmaster of the Installation banquet, and Grand Consul Nason delivered the Installation message.<sup>21</sup>

### **THE INSTALLATION OF ETA TAU CHAPTER STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY APRIL 12, 1975**

The Installation of Eta Tau Chapter came following a two-year effort by the local fraternity Chi Sigma Chi. The group decided to pursue an undergraduate charter from Sigma Chi soon after its founding in October, 1973.



Stephen F. Austin State University was established in 1921 by the Texas Legislature as Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College, named in honor of the colonizer of Texas. The founding President, Alton William Birdwell, taught history and was Academic Dean of Southwest Texas State Teachers College. Assisted by a local surveyor, President Birdwell laid out the campus in Nacogdoches, and oversaw construction of the first building. The College opened to students in 1923. From then until his retirement in 1942, President Birdwell organized the College into 10 academic divisions, and instituted the first four academic degree programs. He supervised construction and support of academic buildings.

World War II caused economic and social change that brought to a close more than a decade of depression that had rendered the region underprivileged. It also caused an exodus of people from the region. Between 1940 and 1950, more than a quarter of a million residents left East Texas for military service and wartime industrial employment elsewhere. The challenges of keeping the college operating in the face of population erosion and of strengthening the intellectual life of the campus were great. In 1949, the Legislature changed the name to Stephen F. Austin State College. University status was granted in 1969.

During its first half-century of existence, the University progressed from a rural college designed mainly to educate public school teachers to a cosmopolitan university with broad intellectual, vocational, research, and public service concerns. Its history coincides with the alteration of Texas from a simple agrarian society to a complex industrial one. At the time of the installation of Eta Tau Chapter, enrollment at the University was 10,800. Thirteen fraternities were active on the campus, including the Sigma Chi petitioning group Chi Sigma Chi.

Chi Sigma Chi was founded by a group of men who were not satisfied either with independent campus life or with the fraternities present on the campus. It was their objective to create an alternative organization, appealing to men who might otherwise forego fraternity membership, and thereby actually to increase, rather than to dilute, the membership base of the fraternity system. The group achieved the ob-



Administration Building, Stephen F. Austin State University, first occupied in 1924

jective, and the fraternity system at the University was strengthened by its emergence on campus. They received the support of the IFC and the University administrative staff.

Chi Sigma Chi made impressive progress after a group of three men first discussed its creation in the early spring of 1973. The initial group survived summer vacation, generated widespread interest when school reconvened in the fall, and became formally established as a local in October with a charter membership of 28. It survived a second summer and pledged 25 additional men the following year. The founding group determined to seek a Sigma Chi charter at an early stage, when they found that its objectives and ideals closely paralleled those of Sigma Chi. The success of the group was due in no small part to the efforts of Tom Stephens, Southeast Missouri '70, who was an active and effective Chapter Advisor.<sup>22</sup>

Following publication of the report of the chief investigating officer, Grand Pro Consul Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, the undergraduate and alumni chapters voted favorably on the petition from Nacogdoches. Preparations were made for installation of the group as Eta Tau Chapter, beginning with the arrival of Headquarters Staff members Charles H. Harrington, David A. Johnson and Stephen E. McCarthy. They conducted Initiation Week activities for the 36 charter members from Sunday, April 6, until Friday, April 11, 1975, when the Ritual team met and began the final Initiation sequence. Also that evening a reception was held for Sigma Chi alumni at the Sheraton Crest Inn. On the following morning the Initiation was at the Business Building on campus. Epsi-



Consul Don W. Collier, right, receives the Eta Tau charter from Chief Installing Officer Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, left, assisted by Chapter Advisor Thomas G. Stephens, second from left, and South Texas Grand Praetor L. D. Daniels.

lon Xi Chapter, Houston, and Epsilon Psi Chapter, Sam Houston, were the installing chapters.

On Saturday evening, April 12, at the Installation banquet held at Sheraton Inn Motel, Chief Installing Officer and Grand Pro Consul Charles Thatcher and Grand Consul Nason inspired the audience with words of encouragement and brotherhood. The highlight was presentation of the charter to Eta Tau Consul Don Collier. A special celebration party was held following the Installation Banquet at Piney Woods Country Club.

## **WALLACE VILLAGE GYM GROUNDBREAKING**

In June, 1975, ground was broken for a new physical activities complex and Sigma Chi Gymnasium at the Wallace Village for Children in Broomfield, Colorado, the first approved service project of the Fraternity. The gymnasium was funded by and named for Sigma Chi as a result of eight years of fund raising by undergraduate chapters and members. The facility provides both recreational and educational opportunities for the Village children. Grand Consul Nason represented the Fraternity at ground breaking ceremonies, along with Past Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker, who originated Sigma Chi's affiliation with the project in 1967 during his term as Grand Consul.<sup>23</sup>

New Assistant Executive Secretaries on the Headquarters staff in the summer of 1975 were Thomas D. Smith Jr., Central Florida '74; and Scott Sawin, Wake Forest '75.

## **THE 60th GRAND CHAPTER JULY 2-5, 1975 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

Sigma Chi celebrated the U.S. Independence Day and its own 120th birthday at the 1975 Grand Chapter. The spirit of brotherhood and involvement was noteworthy, with official representation from 118 undergraduate chapters, 59 alumni chapters, and seven Grand Consuls as voting members. The total attendance, including undergraduates, alumni, ladies, and guests was 510. Prior to the Grand Chapter, the Missouri Senate adopted a special resolution extending "heartiest congratulations to the Sigma Chi Fraternity as it celebrates its one hundred and twentieth anniversary, and best wishes for the continued growth and success of a truly outstanding organization."

The first official gathering of the Grand Chapter was a welcoming party at which spirited ragtime music was enjoyed, and Grand Officers and host committees were introduced. Following the reception, delegates were treated to a screening of the 1946 commercially-produced



The Gateway Arch at the riverfront in St. Louis.

motion picture, "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi," starring Alpha Upsilon Chapter Sweetheart Marjorie Ann Hoerner in the title role.



St. Louis Marriott Hotel, site of the 1975 Grand Chapter.

Of the many awards presented, two were given for the first time, and an existing award was renamed in honor of a devoted senior Sig. The

best alumni chapter officer award, which had existed since 1928, was named in honor of Jay E. Minton, Missouri-Columbia '17, past alumni chapter officer and past vice president of the Order of Constantine. The award was first presented under its new name to Indianapolis Alumni Chapter President Reid H. McLain, Wabash '27, who almost single-handedly built that chapter to an unprecedented membership roster exceeding 1,000 brothers.

Two awards were presented for the first time, to the outstanding house corporation officer and to the housemother of the year. The house corporation officer award was named for the Fraternity's Executive Secretary of 21 years William T. Bringham Sr., and was presented to Julian J. Collins, Illinois '50, Kappa Kappa Chapter house corporation president. The Housemother of the Year Award was sponsored by Sigs of Delta Upsilon Chapter, Kansas State University, and was named for their housemother of 20 years, Mrs. Edna Boss. Its first recipient was Rho Chapter, Butler, housemother Mrs. Ruby Hoffman.

Also honored were the three finalists for the International Balfour award, H. Edward Garrett, Emory '75; Steve Skiles, Ball State '75; and Todd Hunter, Kansas '75. Brother Garrett was selected as the Balfour Award winner for the year. Membership in the Order of Constantine was bestowed upon Edward S. North, Missouri-Columbia '05; Lester T. Etter, Dickinson '34; Raymond H. Fogler, Maine '15; John A. Kroh, Kansas '27; Frank E. Dean, Albion & Penn '31; Robert W. Davies, Q.C., Toronto '40; Herbert E. Drake, Auburn '41; Robert F. Kershaw, Butler & Michigan State '41; and William T. Bringham Sr., Illinois Wesleyan '46.



H. Edward Garrett

At the Awards dinner, Significant Sig Dr. Robert L. D. Davidson, Dickinson '31, president emeritus of nearby Westminster College, carried on the tradition of "Literary Exercises." Reflecting on the Watergate scandal, the Presidency of Richard Nixon, and other similar developments, he commented:

"Our citizens are being left without a moral code. Events have hardened us as people, and made us cynical. The White Cross tells us about the ideals of integrity and love and, if it's anything the world needs, it is these. The idealism of our badge is a terribly important thing. It is you who have to show the world how it can be. Let's look again at our Badge."

Patti Rawlinson, of the University of Alabama, was honored as 1975 International Sweetheart at the Sweetheart Ball. Finalists for International Sweetheart were Jennifer Booty, University of Southern California; and Lynn McNelley, University of California-Los Angeles.



Patti Rawlinson  
1975 International Sweetheart

Delegates approved a five dollar increase in undergraduate pledge and Initiation fees, and a new Constitution and Statutes for the Fraternity. The new document was shorter and more organized than its 20-year-old predecessor. It omitted many repetitive provisions of the previous documents and provided for more streamlined operation and interpretation of the Fraternity's laws. It did not change the basic governmental framework. Grand Chapter membership, undergraduate chapter obligations and responsibilities, and selection of Grand Officers remained essentially unchanged.

The new documents were the result of nearly four years of work by the Commission on Constitution and Statutes chaired by Past Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer Jr. Members of the Commission were Grand Pro Consul Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, Past Grand Consul John W. Graham, Grand Trustee Byron L. Anstine, Grand Praetor James O. Huber, and past Grand Praetor and Executive Committee member Robert E. Joseph Jr. Executive Secretary William T. Bringham was secretary to the Commission.

Significant changes made in the Fraternity Governing Laws included: regulations of the Executive Committee were defined as governing laws of the Fraternity; the role of the Grand Council was redefined from "supervision and control" between sessions of Grand Chapter to "considering and advising upon present and proposed policies;" membership in the Grand Council was increased to include members of the Leadership Training Board, and also voting memberships to be held by one undergraduate member from each province. Also, the Grand Pro Consul was made presiding officer of the Grand Council; Executive Committee membership was changed to include two of the most recent Balfour Award winners, rather than one, and one member-at-large, rather than two; and all Committee terms except those of the Balfour Award winners were made two years. Grand Trustees were designated for direct liaison with all chapter house corporations. Membership on the Leadership Training Board was set at seven, with each Grand Consul to appoint a Chairman and three additional members for four year terms.

For undergraduate chapters, eligibility for initiation was changed to require an affirmative vote of "not less than 90 percent of the active

members present and voting." Previously, negative vote of at least five percent of the undergraduate chapter membership was required to defer Initiation. However, both the old and new laws qualified the percentages as effective "unless chapter bylaws prescribe some other percentage." The new laws omitted previous wording authorizing "active alumni members" to join in active chapter voting on men proposed for pledging. Undergraduate chapters were given clearer authority to withhold voting rights for violation of conduct or financial responsibilities. The individual member commitment to observe Initiation oath, pertinent laws, and reasonable conduct was delineated in a more organized manner. Graduating seniors were exempted from payment of General Fraternity alumni dues but were to continue receiving *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* for one year, rather than two years.

Amendments to the Constitution transferred many Constitutional requirements to the easier to amend Statutes and Executive Committee Regulations. The provision for amendment to the Constitution was changed to allow amendment only at a regular session of the Grand Chapter, rather than by mail vote of the Grand Chapter membership, as was previously possible. The Statutes were changed to specify that Constitutional amendments required an endorsement "in principle" by a petition from five percent of the undergraduate and alumni chapters in good standing. Previously, Constitutional proposals had to be endorsed either by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Council, or a petition from one-fourth of the chapters in good standing.

Omitted from the new Governing Laws were requirements that: undergraduate chapters attend Grand Chapters and Workshops; each Chapter Advisor, a chapter house corporation officer and each Grand Praetor approve pledges of their chapters for Initiation; and that, to qualify for Initiation, each pledge had to achieve an academic average equal to the school's required average for graduation.

Grand Chapter business moved to a close with election of Officers for the following two years. Elected were: Grand Consul Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, Grand Pro Consul James F. Bash, and Grand Quaestor S. Jack McDuff. Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen, and Grand Historian Robert E. LeClerg were reelected. Elected to the Executive Committee were at-large member P. Brandt McCool, Grand Trustee Malcolm Christian, and Grand Praetor Frederick S. DeMarr. International Balfour Award winners H. Edward Garrett and Michael S. Sprague were appointed to the Executive Committee by Grand Consul Thatcher.

Newly-elected Grand Trustees were Robert W. Davies, Q.C., Toronto '40, who was also named chairman; Harry L. Hallock, Michigan '40; Russell W. Steger, Illinois '50; Dr. Jerry Wulk, Wisconsin '46; and Emory C. Walker Jr., Denver '60. Newly-elected Grand Praetors were Kevin Cook, Connecticut '74, New England-Nova Scotia; Dr. George C. Ruhle, Montana '31, Carolina; James B. Dingus, Eastern Kentucky '72, Kentucky; Bryan W. Flanagan, Louisiana State '70, Southern; Dr. E.B. Hill,

Michigan State '15, Michigan; Robert F. Wright, San Jose '61, Illinois; Michael W. Hatch, St. Lawrence '71, Wisconsin; George Jernigan, Arkansas '61, Oklahoma-Arkansas; Tom Stephens, Southeast Missouri '70, South Texas; Robert Lamkin, Utah State '61, Utah-Nevada); Charles "Bumps" Tribolet, Arizona '32, Southwestern; and Robert D. Bash, Indiana '40, California.

The International Sigmas chose as their president Mrs. Rosamond Mecherle, wife of Harold Mecherle, Illinois Wesleyan '31. Heading the St. Louis Grand Chapter committees were Honorary Chairman and Grand Trustee Sherman Senne and General Chairman Bill Wisbrock.<sup>24</sup>

## SIGS IN THE NEWS

The 1974 elections raised the number of members of Sigma Chi in the U.S. Congress to 19, continuing the Fraternity's status with the largest Congressional delegation of any Greek-letter general fraternity.

Astronaut and Significant Sig John W. Young, Georgia Tech '52, was named Chief of Astronauts at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Significant Sig and former Governor of Wyoming Stanley Hathaway, Wyoming '46, was named U.S. Secretary of the Interior by President Gerald Ford.

Alex Harvey, Murray State '64, was co-writer of two of the most popular songs of the mid-1970s, "Delta Dawn" and "Reuben James."

A distinguished 30-year career in the U.S. Senate came to an end early in 1975, after voters in Arkansas failed to return Senator J. William Fulbright, Arkansas '24, to office. The veteran Democrat and Significant Sig achieved renown as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and as author of the plan that created the foreign scholars program which bears his name.

"Elliott Pete" Estes, General Motors Institute '38, was named president and chief executive officer of General Motors Corporation, then the world's largest corporation.

Two Sigs were members of teams that brought home gold medals from the 1974 World Rowing Championships. Both members of the U.S. National Rowing Team, they were Kenneth C. Brown, Cornell '74, the co-1974 International Balfour Award winner; and Ralph Nauman, MIT '74.

Varsity diver Tim Moore, Ohio State '75, completed an outstanding college sports career, earning five N.C.A.A. diving championships, and several National A.A.U. and Big 10 conference titles.

The widely-viewed "Meet the Press" program on NBC television announced the appointment of William B. Monroe, Tulane '42, to the post of moderator-producer.



At ABC television, David Hartman, Duke '56, was named host and anchor of the popular early morning show, "Good Morning America."

Significant Sig and Baltimore Orioles pitcher Jim Palmer, Arizona State '67, received the prestigious Cy Young award, designating him the American League outstanding pitcher for the year, for the second time in his career.

## CHAPTER XI - Notes and Comments

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**Dr. Charles M. Thatcher**  
48th Grand Consul

# Chapter XII

## The Spirit of Youth

### 1975 to 1977

“The opportunities that I have had to visit our undergraduate chapters around the country, to meet the fine young men in these chapters, to reaffirm something that I have always known and always believed: that we have in Sigma Chi the true spirit of youth. I consider it a wonderful privilege to have been able to serve the youth of our Fraternity. Sigma Chi is a spirit - Sigma Chi is a dedication - Sigma Chi is a commitment, a willingness to do one's part to further the interests of our Fraternity. Sigma Chi is a way of life. I propose that each of us as Sigma Chis so conduct ourselves in our daily lives that all who observe us could put two and two together and say, ‘I have never seen the Sigma Chi Ritual, I do not know what their ideals are or what the Ritual requires of them, but on the basis of what I have observed in all Sigma Chis I know, I have a pretty good idea of what their Ritual says.’ It is in that sense that we should be making our Ritual public.”

*Dr. Charles M. Thatcher at the conclusion of his term as 48th Grand Consul, at the 1977 Grand Chapter.<sup>1</sup>*

**C**OMMUNICATION between the General Fraternity and its undergraduate chapters was at an all-time high during this administration, building on the momentum originated by 47th Grand Consul Craig Nason. Grand Consul Thatcher set the tone by visiting every undergraduate chapter during his term. The impact of the revised Constitution and Statutes was seen in the form of increased undergraduate participation in General Fraternity affairs. The two-year period included significant developments such as the opening of the gymnasium at the Cleo Wallace Center, made possible by Sigma Chi chapter fund-raising projects, and the concurrent celebrations of the Bicentennials of the United States and the fraternity system.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF DR. CHARLES M. THATCHER 48th GRAND CONSUL

**U**pon election as Grand Consul, Dr. Charles M. Thatcher had a most distinguished record of service to Sigma Chi. He served over an extended period of time on the Executive Committee, and had an incomparable record of service to undergraduate members through the Leadership Training Workshop and numerous related activities.

Charles M. Thatcher was born on April 4, 1922, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Chuck began his freshman year at the University of Michigan in the fall of 1939. At the University, he served on the editorial staff of the Michigan Daily newspaper, and was appointed Cadet Commander of the R.O.T.C. Even though his father was a member of Beta Theta Pi, he was not pressured toward pledging any particular fraternity. He was told not to pledge anywhere during his first semester on campus, and did not pledge even though he was actively rushed by Zeta Psi. Chuck had a cousin in Sigma Chi, Joe Thatcher Leighton, Beloit '38, and had known about the good reputation of the Fraternity, but was not rushed by Sigma Chi until his sophomore year when he was invited to the Theta Theta Chapter house by Roy Mattern, Michigan '42, a fellow trombone player in the University of Michigan band.

The only undergraduate office he held was Historian. Having pledged as a sophomore, and attending summer session, he graduated on an accelerated schedule in January 1943, and had a rather abbreviated period of undergraduate membership in Sigma Chi. However, his chapter brothers selected him as their candidate for the International Balfour Award. He was selected as the recipient of the 1943 International Balfour Award. The award was presented to him at a meeting of the Washington D.C. Alumni Chapter due to the difficulties of travel during World War II, and due to his proximity to the Washington area while teaching at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Following college Thatcher received his commission in the United States Army, and after teaching at Aberdeen, his tour of duty included service in Europe. After World War II he returned to the University of Michigan as an administrative assistant for the dean of students. His responsibilities included advising fraternities and sororities. He was also an administrative assistant for the dean of engineering, and an instructor and professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering. His work at the University of Michigan was briefly interrupted by employment with the Standard Oil Company of Indiana in 1954-1955. In 1958, he left Michigan to become chairman of the Department of Chemical Engineering at Pratt Institute, New York, and in 1963 was named dean of the School of Engineering and Science there.

In 1970 he became Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He authored two books during his career, and has been a consulting editor for Charles E. Merrill. Chuck served as a member of the board of directors of the New York section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. In 1973 he was elected president of the Chemical Engineering Division of the American Society for Engineering Education. Also in 1973, his dedication to teaching and relating to students was recognized by the American Society for Education Award for Excellence in Teaching. In 1979 his career work was recognized with the Significant Sig Award.

In Sigma Chi, Chuck was Theta Theta Chapter Advisor for three

years. Beginning in 1948, he was a member of the faculty or a lecturer at the Leadership Training Workshop for most of his life, with service to several of the Workshop divisions. He was a member of the Leadership Training Board from 1957 until 1973, during which he served as vice chairman from 1970-1971, and chairman from 1971-1973. The 1974 Workshop was dedicated to him in testament to his many contributions to its success, and in 1979 he was selected as the recipient of the William H. Carlisle award recognizing the outstanding Workshop faculty member.

In addition to cousin Joe Thatcher Leighton, Sigma Chi members of his family include his son Dr. Charles M. Thatcher Jr., Arizona '71, and nephew Thomas M. Thatcher, Northern Arizona '81.

Dr. Thatcher served on various commissions appointed to deliberate the membership selection problems of the Fraternity. He was a Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee from 1964 until his election to the office of Grand Pro Consul in 1973, when he was also inducted as a member of the Order of Constantine. Chuck was elected Grand Consul at the 1975 Grand Chapter in St. Louis, Missouri.

Extensive travel gave Dr. Thatcher unique insight into the state of the Fraternity. At the conclusion of his term of office, he stated,

"There is a quotation that says 'we do not insist that Sigma Chi is the best fraternity, but we do insist there is none better.' At least I think I can say honestly in my judgment, Sigma Chi is the best fraternity. From attending meetings of the National Interfraternity Conference, my personal feeling is that the others think we're best too."

"This does not permit us to sit back in comfort. The front runner always has to put on the extra drive to stay in front. I have made this observation to some of the undergraduate chapters I have visited and at some alumni functions, that if Sigma Chi is number one in a weak fraternity system, it will be even a greater number one in a strong fraternity system. And I think it is incumbent upon our active chapters on the individual campuses to work to build and strengthen the fraternity system. I think it is incumbent upon Sigma Chi to work within the National Interfraternity Conference to strengthen that organization. There are things we can learn from other fraternities, even if we are the best. But even if there was nothing we could learn, we have an obligation to teach them and we will be a stronger number one."

Regarding General Fraternity leadership and involvement of alumni, Chuck expressed:

"I am personally concerned about the progression of leadership in the Fraternity. One of the things that has disturbed me as I have gone around the country and met young men about to graduate, and they have said, 'I want to remain involved in the Fraternity as an alumnus - What can I do?' And except for telling him, 'Find out if there is an alumni chapter where you are going to be and certainly join it and go to their meetings, if you can.' I almost have to say, 'Don't call us - we'll call you when we think of something.' When you total up the Chapter Advisors, the Workshop Faculty, the alumni chapter officers, Praetors, Trustees, and so forth, the other opportunities for specific service within this Fraternity, the number is not very high compared with the total alumni we have. And I think we need to give serious attention to providing

opportunities for those alumni who wish to serve, to have the opportunity to do so. It is a real problem in my judgment.”<sup>2</sup>

The major administrative contribution of the Thatcher Administration was a totally revised charge to the Leadership Training Board. The emphasis of his message was for the Board to avoid concentrating so much of its time in implementing the Workshop and to consider more fully the broad aspects of leadership training. During this time the various leadership training responsibilities were divided between the Leadership Training Board, a Workshop Committee, and a Membership Development Committee. Although this arrangement did not last indefinitely, the re-emphasis on the broad aspects of leadership training had a long-term effect upon the outlook of the Board.

Chuck's long involvement with the Workshop gave him considerable insight into the value of leadership training and motivation of undergraduate brothers. In 1980 he said:

“I still believe to this day that maybe the entire thrust of the Workshop over the years has been wrong. Maybe the Workshop should be primarily for sophomores. Get three or four or five sophomores from the chapter to come to Workshop every year. Since you don't know if they are going to be a Consul or a Quaestor or Magister, the broader type of leadership training would enable him to do any of these things. Then, by the time the first sophomore class gets to be seniors you've got 15 men in the chapter that have been to Workshop. Whereas, if a chapter sends a delegation of four seniors and a junior; you've only got five in the chapter at any one time that have attended. We may be missing the boat in not placing greater emphasis on getting younger men to come to Workshop. They can use their Workshop experience for three years in the chapter as opposed to one year. I would like to spend the Workshop time in a motivational theme and leave the delegates with good manuals to take home and assist in the nuts and bolts of the various chapter office functions.”<sup>3</sup>

The most obvious achievement during the administration of Grand Consul Thatcher was his visitation to each of the 172 undergraduate chapters. He had visited 113 by the end of his first 10 months in office, and concluded in April, 1976, that he could visit all of the chapters. It was an awesome task. There were countless men over the years who did not have the opportunity to be acquainted with any Grand Officer, particularly the Grand Consul. The personal contact and expressions of brotherhood characteristic of Chuck's visits had long-term and far-reaching effect upon countless wearers of The White Cross. At the conclusion of his term, he commented:

“Visiting 172 chapters was an experience I would not have missed for anything. It was an experience I would not do again, even if my wife Flo would let me. But in doing so, I get a feeling of vitality that is exciting in most chapters. Talking about Sigma Chi in terms of numbers is quite misleading. We should be talking about the spirit and dedication that exists among both our active and our alumni members.”



1975 Workshop delegates informally discussed Sigma Chi topics. Quaestors division discussion group leader Joel Cunningham is seen at right center.

## **TWENTY-EIGHTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY - 1975**

The southern-most Workshop ever held came to life on Friday, August 15, 1975 at Louisiana State University, and continued through Monday night, August 18. It featured the theme "Adventure boldly . . . to seek what is worthy," and was dedicated to Dr. Burns B. Crookston, Utah State '45, one of the Workshop's developers, earliest directors, and a longtime Leadership Training Board member, who passed to the Chapter Eternal April 28, 1975. The 1975 Workshop attracted a total of 622 undergraduate delegates, 169 alumni, and three invited local fraternities, totaling 780 in attendance. All but 11 of the Fraternity's 167 active chapters were represented.

The attendance was not a record, as the Leadership Training Board held to a policy of limiting each chapter delegation to a maximum of five, except for chapters making written requests, and receiving permission for a larger delegation. Thirty one chapters requested and received permission.

L.T.B. and Workshop Chairman Marvin "Swede" Johnson welcomed delegates and introduced top Grand Officers present, to officially

start the 1975 session. Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from the Baton Rouge district W. Henson Moore, Louisiana State '62, welcomed the delegates. The highlight of the Workshop opening was Exemplification of the Ritual, performed by members of the host Gamma Iota Chapter.

Delegates received inspiration from visiting interfraternity keynote speaker John L. Putman, who was totally blind from the age of 19. The National President of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and a public speaker by profession, his career included work in media, public relations, and education. In 1967, he was recognized as one of the U.S. Jaycees' 10 Outstanding Young Men in America. Upon receiving a spirited ovation from the Sigs, he responded by saying, "I wanna' pledge!" and expressed "hearty congratulations to you on your success over the years, from the brothers of A.T.O." Completely in command of what to some would be a handicap, he recalled a number of humorous experiences related to his blindness, including an evening he ended up driving a car with two of his temporarily incapacitated brothers in his former home of Miami, Florida, and was stopped by a policeman "for driving with no lights on." He commented that "brotherhood is the power that will be able to eliminate all barriers that exist between and among people and among nations of the world. There has never been a word that could captivate so many hearts, minds and souls throughout the centuries as the word brotherhood."

Citing the effect of Fraternities, he noted the large number of members of the U.S. Congress, major corporations and other leadership positions who are members, "because they have learned to live and to communicate with the people around them." He stressed the need "to bind men together in a brotherhood based upon eternal principles, with a bond as strong as life itself, and as lasting as humanity - to know no north, no south, no east, no west, but to know man as man; to teach the world over that true men should stand together and contend for the supremacy of good over evil; to teach not politics, but morals, to foster not partisanship, but the recognition of true merit wherever found, and to work together for the elevation of man and of the outline of the world."

Delegates and faculty participated in the division programs, lectures, presentations, and small group discussions. At a Saturday evening outing, chicken, jambalaya, and beer were served at the L.S.U. baseball stadium. Immediate Past Grand Consul Nason was moved by the delegates' enthusiasm as he was encircled and lifted to their shoulders amid cheering and toasts. He was rescued by L.T.B. Chairman "Swede" Johnson. The next morning, an interdenominational worship service was conducted by Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen.

During a convocation, staff members from The Wallace Village for Children, including Founder and Director Mrs. Cleo Wallace, expressed appreciation for extensive help by Sig chapters. They showed slides



portraying scenes of the Village and ground-breaking for its new physical activities building and Sigma Chi Gymnasium.

The Workshop banquet, toastmastered by Chairman "Swede" Johnson, was given a streamlined setting. Instead of a head table, the program area was arranged in a television talk show format. A number of delegates were able to have dinner with a Grand Officer or Leadership Training Board member. Toastmaster "Swede" Johnson made surprise introductions of several undergraduate delegates. Grand Consul Thatcher spoke on the state of Sigma Chi and presented Grand Consul's Citations for long and effective service to the Workshop. Special note was made of the stature of the top Grand Officers when 6'10" Illinois Wesleyan delegate and varsity basketball player Jack Sikma was called forward and extended his arm over the heads of Grand Consul Thatcher, Grand Pro Consul Bash, and Grand Quaestor S. Jack McDuff. The Workshop Chorus, led by Ben Hutto, Emory '68, featured "Sweetheart Songs in History," including "The Sweetheart Tree," "Down in the Valley, Aura Lee," "Nothin' Like a Dame" and "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi."

The William H. Carlisle Outstanding Workshop Faculty Member Award was presented to Grand Trustee and Chapter Advisor Division faculty member Dr. A. Joe Scull, Vanderbilt '37, Chapter Advisor to Zeta Kappa, California-Santa Barbara. Host Chapter Consul Jay Dardenne announced a proclamation from the Mayor of Baton Rouge, designating the week as "Sigma Chi Workshop Week" and designating Grand Consul Thatcher as "the Grand Crawfish," complete with a plaque bearing a resident local crawfish.

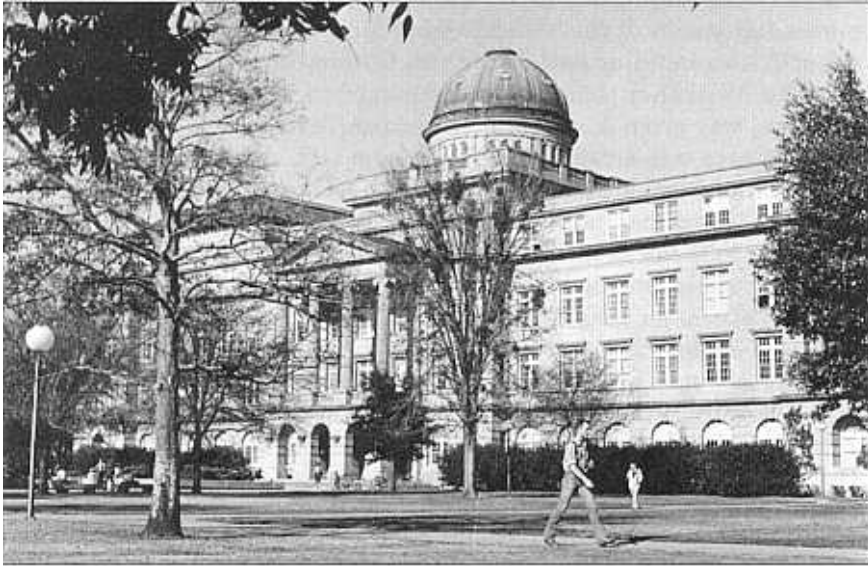
L.S.U. Consul Dardenne later reflected, "The Workshop experience is exemplary of the unique brand of brotherhood which Sigma Chi professes. The emotion, the spirit, and unity of purpose which keynoted the Workshop inspired our chapter, and fortified the contention that Sigma Chi truly seeks that which is worthy."<sup>4</sup>

Appointed to the Leadership Training Board late in 1975 were Mac Heitzhausen, Oregon State '59, and 1973 International Balfour Award winner David Dillon, Kansas '73.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ETA UPSILON CHAPTER TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY FEBRUARY 21, 1976**

Establishment of the local fraternity Sigma Rho and its petition to Sigma Chi for a charter was the direct result of the transfer to Texas A & M of Len Ledet, Texas A & I '74, and Jack Bisset, Texas A & I '74. The efforts of Brothers Ledet and Bisset continued the tradition of loyal workers of the cross transferring institutions and having the desire to advance the brotherhood to their new surroundings.

Texas A & M University was established as Agricultural and Me-



Academic Building, Texas A & M University.

chanical College of Texas in 1871 and chartered in 1875. First instruction at the college level was in 1876, with the first baccalaureate in 1880. The present name was adopted in 1963. The main campus at College Station including 5,142 acres is the largest campus of any major institution of higher education in the U.S. At the time of the Installation of Eta Upsilon Chapter, three fraternities were active on the campus: Sigma Phi Epsilon; Phi Beta Sigma, a social and service group; and the Sigma Chi Petitioning group, Sigma Pi. Campus enrollment for the 1974-75 school year was 21,700, including representation from every state in the U.S. and 66 foreign countries.

Sigma Rho Local Fraternity was founded on March 22, 1974. The four founders were Jack Bisset, Lynn Ledet, Ron Newman and Frank Krull. Their goal was to establish an organization which exemplified the ideals of brotherhood and true friendship, and to become a chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Sigma Rho held its first organized meeting on April 1, 1974. The first pledge class of 19 men yielded 16 strong members. The two Texas A & I Sigma Chis and three additional men came to help out with their first rush function, and on March 29, the Sigma Rho Fraternity was led in the direction of Sigma Chi.

The four founders had the honor of meeting with Grand Pro Consul Chuck Thatcher, who further stimulated their imagination and thinking in the direction of Sigma Chi. They established good relations with university officials, including Dr. John D. Koldus, Dean of Student Affairs, and Assistant to the President. The group developed a constitution that closely resembled the Constitution of Sigma Chi, evidencing

the influence of Sigma Chi undergraduates working with the local. The pledge program for Sigma Rho pledges likewise followed *The Norman Shield*. The monthly newsletter, *Sigma Rho News*, was published early in the group's existence.

Sigma Rho gained stature with the college administration, faculty and the local community. The group scholastic average was 3.24 on a 4.0 scale. Their accomplishments were many in a short period of time, evidencing the character of the men in the chapter. Grand Consul Nason appointed Oklahoma-Arkansas Grand Praetor Roy M. Teel investigating officer of the group at Texas A & M. He reported, in part:

I met with Dr. John D. Koldus, Dean of Student Affairs, who is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. While the college cannot, at this time, welcome us on the campus, Dr. Koldus did advise the local group, in our presence, to proceed apace, establish a house and a chapter off campus. He stated that in his judgment time will change the attitude of the board members and the president with respect to fraternities. With that statement he meant that the fraternity would not be able to use campus buildings 'officially' for their various activities. He repeated again that he personally was going to the president of the university when he could catch him at the right time and in the right mood to propose recognizing not only men's fraternities on campus but also the women's fraternities. Dean of Women Caroline Adair advised there were seven women's fraternities presently located at the university. They are all off campus, and cannot officially use campus facilities for their meetings and other activities. Four additional women's fraternities are due to begin operating in September 1975.<sup>5</sup>

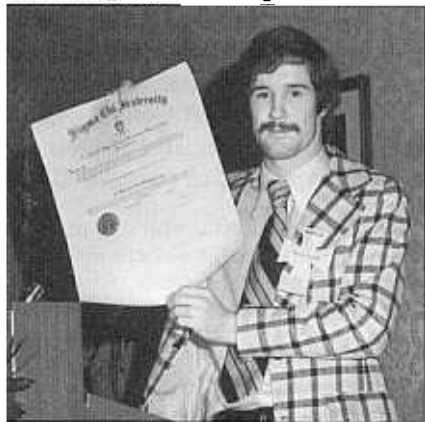
Following a favorable vote on the petition from Texas A & M, preparations were made for installation of the group as Eta Upsilon Chapter. The Headquarters Installation team included Thomas Smith, Steven C. McCarthy and Scott W. Sawin. The men of Eta Tau Chapter, Stephen F. Austin, and Zeta Pi Chapter, Texas A & I, combined efforts in organizing everything from formal pledging to Initiation. The ceremonies for 49 charter members were held at the A & M United Methodist Church, concluding on the morning of February 21. The loyal efforts of the Headquarters staff and the men from Zeta Pi and Eta Tau provided a memorable and cherished experience for members of the new chapter.

A banquet and dance followed that evening at the Aggieland Inn. Inspiring and encouraging messages were given by Southern Texas Grand Praetor Thomas Stephens, Carolina Grand Praetor Dr. George Ruhle, and toastmaster Grand Trustee Dr. George H. Jones Jr. The Eta



Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, right, presented Eta Upsilon Chapter founder Leonard J. Ledet Jr., with a Grand Consul's Citation.

Upsilon charter was presented to Consul Terry Howard by Grand Consul Charles M. Thatcher. Sigma Rho Founder Len Ledet was awarded a Grand Consul's Citation by Dr. Thatcher for his determination in achieving membership for the brothers of Sigma Rho.



Consul Terry W. Howard proudly displays the Eta Upsilon charter.

Brother Ledet presented each of the Sigma Rho founders with a handmade badge and guard bearing the Greek letters Sigma Rho and Sigma Chi. He presented the chapter with a Consul's Badge, to be passed down by the chapter leaders, and honored Jan Ellis with a special sweetheart pendant. Order of Constantine Vice President Jay Minton and his wife, Betty, who actively supported the group, were introduced, and special recognition was also extended to Chapter Advisor Gordon W. Davis. An illness prevented Chief In-

stalling Officer Roy M. Teel from attending.<sup>6</sup>

Of particular note in the early history of Eta Upsilon Chapter was its Initiation of Major General George M. Wallace on August 28, 1976, just a few months after its Installation. Not only was General Wallace a legacy, but his great grandfather was Isaac M. Jordan, one of the Fraternity's Seven Founders. Sigma Chi Statutes provide that an alumnus may be initiated if he is a member of a local fraternity subsequently granted a charter. General Wallace was a member of the Sigma Rho local when it was preparing to petition. Gen. Wallace's grandmother, Katherine Jordan Magoun, was Founder Jordan's daughter.

Having attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, Wallace had no opportunity to join a fraternity as an undergraduate. While attending a convention of the Texas National Guard Association, he noticed the Sig ring of Order of Constantine Sig Jay E. Minton. Gen. Wallace related to Jay that he "had always been most impressed with the ideals of Sigma Chi, and we began a discussion of the Fraternity, its founding, and its ideals and objectives." Brother Minton established the communication leading to his membership in the local and, subsequently, into Sigma Chi. General Wallace's military honors include a Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, and the Cross of Gallantry. "I am greatly honored to be a member of Sigma Chi now," Gen. Wallace commented. "The Initiation at Eta Upsilon Chapter at Texas A & M was most inspiring and unforgettable."<sup>7</sup> A short time later, Gen. Wallace and his family donated to the Fraternity an ornate, round table which had belonged to

Founder Jordan, and which was placed on display in the Headquarters museum.

## SIGS HERALD BICENTENNIAL

The Fraternity commemorated the 1976 Bicentennial of the United States and the fraternity system in several ways. A Freedom Tree with



Plaque marking the Freedom Tree at Sigma Chi Headquarters, Evanston, Illinois. The tree was planted in September, 1975, but not dedicated until May, 1976.

explanatory plaque was dedicated on the front lawn of the General Headquarters in May 22, 1976, honoring members who served in the armed forces of the United States and Canada. Dedication of the freedom tree was the idea of Significant Sig Col. Frank Kurtz, Southern California '37. Later that summer, *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* published a special Bicentennial edition highlighting the roles of Sigs prominent in U.S. history. The theme at the 1976 Leadership Training Workshop also emphasized the Bicentennial, and the Fraternity participated in the Bicentennial of American College Fraternities at the annual interfraternity conference in December.

The General Headquarters staff welcomed four new Assistant Executive Secretaries in the summer of 1976: David M. Hill, Illinois Wesleyan '75; Mark B. Ruhe, Westminster '76; Charles W. Patrick, Central Florida '76; and Joe W. Martin, Houston '76.

## THE 1976 GRAND COUNCIL MEETING DENVER, COLORADO

"The need to look ahead, in order to stay ahead" was the opening presented to members of the 1976 Grand Council by Grand Consul Chuck Thatcher at their annual session August 11-12, at the Denver Marriott Hotel. It was the first meeting following passage of the new Fraternity Constitution which added one undergraduate from each Province as a member of the Grand Council.

The Grand Officers and undergraduate members focused on the Constitutional provision directing the Grand Council to "consider and advise upon present and proposed policies of the Fraternity," in addition to having power to enact, amend or repeal Statutes. Further related was the current "Commission for the Year 2000," an interfraternity group completing its work regarding the future of the Fraternity system in connection with the 1976 Bicentennial of the Fraternity system.

No proposals for amendment of Fraternity Statutes were made, so the meeting concentrated on sessions and reports of its various officers, and standing committees. The Grand Council unanimously adopted a Resolution in honor of the Bicentennial of the United States, Phi Beta Kappa, and the Fraternity system. The resolution "reaffirmed our commitment to strive to emulate the ideals shared by all, for the future."

Grand Consul Thatcher recalled his statement at the 1975 Grand Chapter that he would not be able to travel to chapters as extensively as had his predecessor, Craig Nason. He noted "a funny thing happened to me on the way to staying home." He had visited a total of 113 undergraduate chapters, and planned to visit the remaining 55 (plus the several new chapters likely to be installed that year), pointing out that "The Spirit of Sigma Chi is strong among our undergraduate brothers," and associating with them "has been a tremendous personal experience."

Each standing committee was requested to prepare a statement of its objectives. The session considered the dilemma of rising costs and the need for additional programs and where the funds for additional programs might come from, other than increased dues and fees. Members, guests and wives were entertained and hosted by the Denver Alumni Chapter at a reception at the home of Past Grand Consul and Mrs. Floyd Baker in nearby Englewood, Colorado, and at a luau dinner at the Rodeway Inn.<sup>8</sup>

The Order of Constantine honored seven new members during the Denver event. For the first time, the son of a member of the Order was inducted, and his father had the pleasure of doing so. The Secretary of the Order, Erwin LeClerg, inducted his son and Grand Historian Robert LeClerg. Other inductees were: Eugene C. DeVol, Penn '34; Robert E. Joseph Jr.; S. Jack McDuff, W.B. "Bish" McIntosh, Penn '16; John

Shanklin, West Virginia '15; and the Rev. Donald B. Ward, Northwestern '42, who received his medal at the Workshop a few days later.

## **DEDICATION OF THE SIGMA CHI GYMNASIUM WALLACE VILLAGE FOR CHILDREN AUGUST 13, 1976**

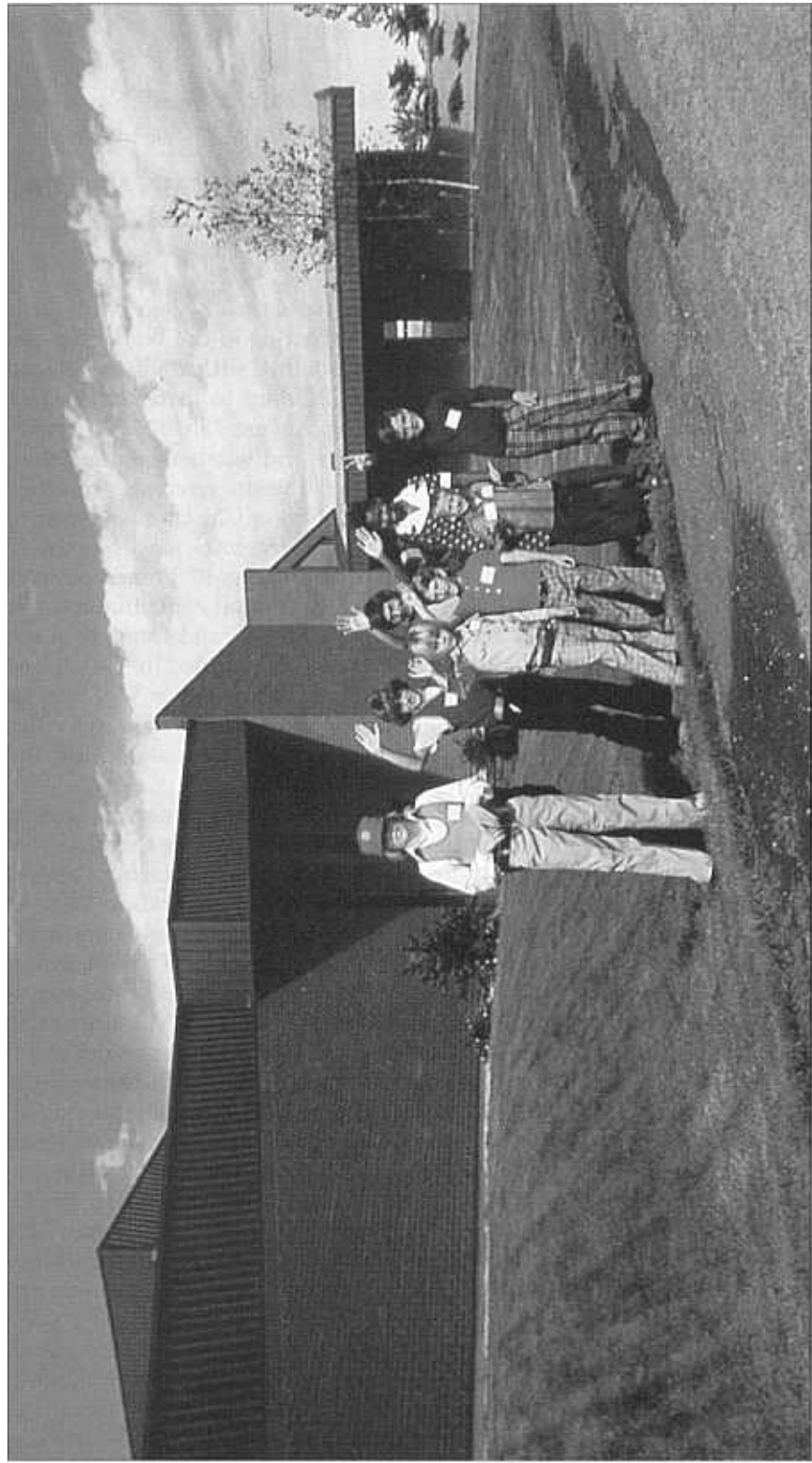
More than 150 Sigs including undergraduates on their way to the Wyoming Workshop, Grand Officers participating in the Workshop and Denver Grand Council meeting, and guests joined with 200 friends, staff and children of the Wallace Village for Children to dedicate the new Sigma Chi Gymnasium on Friday morning, August 13, 1976. The warm Colorado sun and the Village's hospitality and words of appreciation made it a memorable occasion for the first Fraternity service project.

The Gym and honor wall recognizing Sigma Chi chapters were of special interest at the dedication. The two-story, brick wall separating the building lobby from the gym features a series of bronze plaques identifying the Sigma Chi Gym, the 138 chapters that contributed to the project from 1967 to 1975, and the names of the Grand Consuls of the period. Individual and chapter names were also included in the printed program along with a description of the Sigma Chi Wallace Village project. The Gym became the major part of the Village's Physical Activities Complex, also including a swimming pool, offices and consultation and locker facilities.

The amount raised for the Gym by Sig chapters and contributed by individual brothers, including the interest earned, during the nine-year effort totaled \$177,500. Ninety-five percent of the total was from undergraduate chapters. Projects of the 1975-1976 school year raised \$40,000.

The August 13 dedication featured ceremonies expressing gratitude and promise for the future, and ribbon-cutting. Tours of the facilities, sports exhibitions, activities by the children, and a box lunch characterized the day. Board of Trustees Chair Grayce M. Smith, Administrator Richard D. Jameson and Founder Mrs. Cleo Wallace expressed warm appreciation to Sigma Chi for significant efforts toward fruition of the project. Grand Consul Chuck Thatcher presented words of reflection on behalf of Sigma Chi during the program, and was joined on the platform by immediate Past Grand Consul M. Craig Nason Jr. The day was one of special pleasure and pride for Past Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker, who originated the project and was its chairman for several years. He stressed the voluntary nature of support for the project, and expressed gratitude for the extent of Sig effort and the spirit of chapters joining in its progress.

All Sigma Chis present were asked to stand and be recognized. Nearly half of those present arose, including Sigs of all ages from undergraduates to alumni. No longer a dream, the Sigma Chi Gym was open, dedicated, in use and, helping children to better realize and carry out



The building at the Wallace Village for Children which housed the Sigma Gymnasium, with some of the children who have enjoyed singing it.





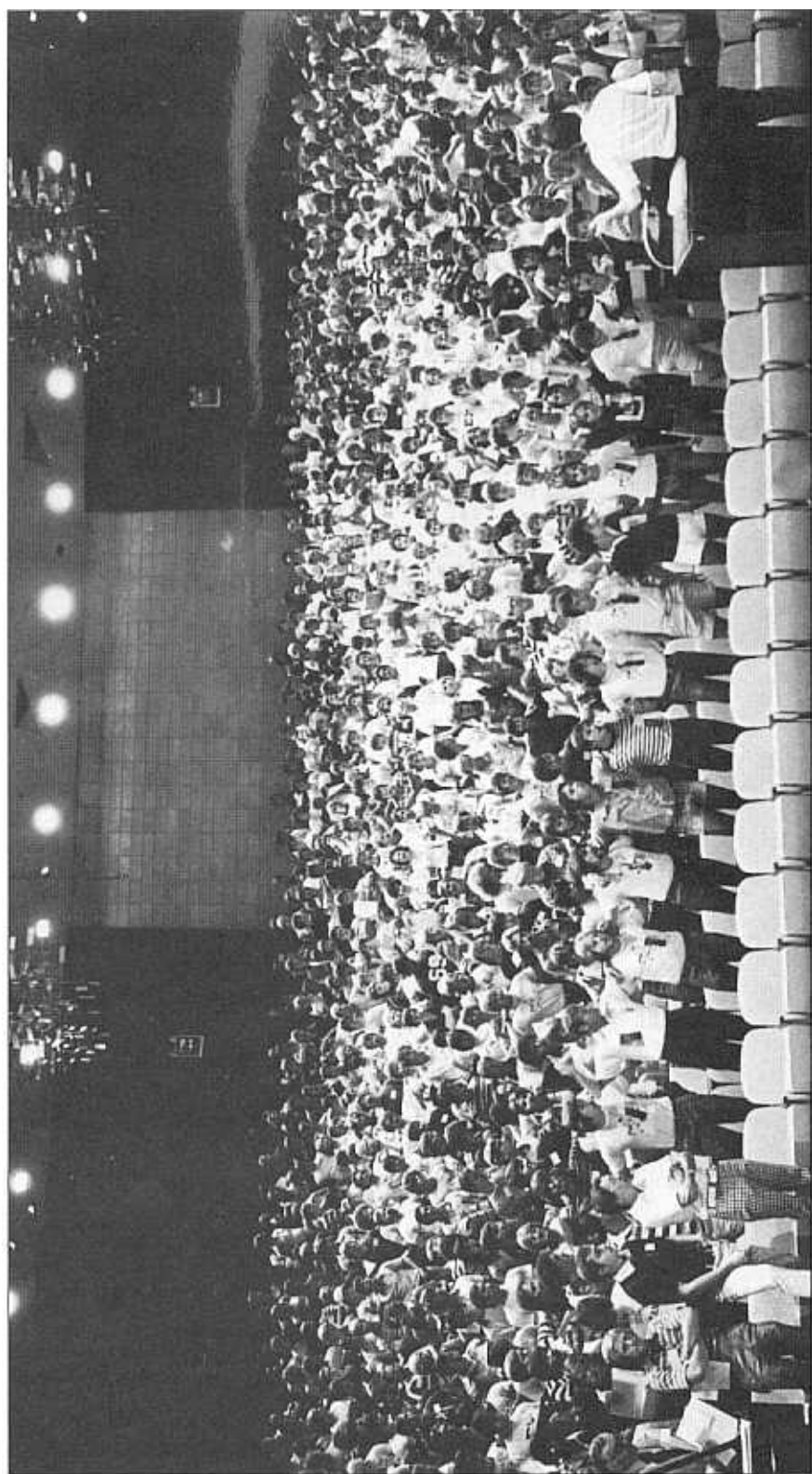
The honor wall at the Sigma Chi Gymnasium, which features gold plates with the names of contributing chapters.

their potential and their skills. Regarding the dedication, North Central Grand Praetor Lance Johnson later reported to his chapters:

During the picnic lunch I visited with 12-year-old Steve. Visit is hardly the word. He had difficulty expressing himself, except for the words "Steve, twelve, yes and no." I felt like I was talking to myself. As I rambled on about my own childhood and asked simple questions, Steve appeared to be listless and stared straight ahead. Finally our bus was ready to leave, so I looked into Steve's vacant eyes, smiled, said goodbye, and turned away. I hadn't taken more than 10 steps when I felt a tug on my arm. As I turned around, Steve looked up at me and said, "thank you, don't leave now." At that moment I wished that every brother who beat the pavement selling raffle tickets, who got a blister on his butt for participating in a teetertotter-a-thon, who canceled a date to collect pop bottles, could have been standing there with Steve and me. "Thank you" was the greatest reward in the world, and "don't leave now" was the greatest challenge. If you appreciate and understand kids, you'll know what I mean.<sup>9</sup>

## **TWENTY-NINTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING - 1976**

More than 800 Sigs climbed to the 7,200-foot altitude of Laramie, Wyoming, and the University of Wyoming August 13-16, 1976, for the 1976 Workshop. The Bicentennial year theme was "A more perfect Union . . . Good with Brotherhood." The infusion of good and of brotherhood in the goal of a more perfect Sig union and international union



was the underlying message. The total attendance, including delegates, faculty, speakers and program participants, was 832, third largest in Workshop history. Undergraduate delegates totaled 649, an increase over the previous year.

Sigs of the host Gamma Xi Chapter provided warm hospitality and long hours of work, including the Ritual Exemplification, logistics of the outdoor barbeque, welcome letters in each room, and a special two-page Sigma Chi feature in the local newspaper, the Laramie Boomerang. Leading their effective efforts were Chapter Advisor Dan Nelson, Consul Jeff Harris, past Consul Griff Corpening and Chapter Workshop Coordinator Bill Marion. Delegate attendance was based on a limit of five each, with special permission given to chapters that outlined specific reasons for sending larger delegations.

The Workshop was conducted under the overall sponsorship and guidance of the Leadership Training Board, but was the first which was planned and conducted by the Workshop Committee chaired by Mac Heitzhausen, Oregon State '59. It was also the first for newly-appointed Workshop Administrator Thomas D. Smith Jr., who had carried out the final details of planning under the guidance of Editor and retiring Workshop Administrator Fred Yoder. The 1976 Workshop marked the conclusion of the 14-year term of Fred Yoder as leadership training administrator, while he continued as editor of publications and public relations administrator.

Members of the Workshop Committee, in addition to Heitzhausen, were Grand Praetor Steven A. Jensen, Utah State '65, Consuls division; Brace Boone Jr., Miami (Florida) '62, Quaestors; Grand Praetor Richard A. Mayoh, Rhode Island '64, Magisters; Grand Praetor Edwin B. Freeland Jr., Miami (Fla.) '60, underclass and local fraternities; and Grand Trustee Dr. A. Joe Scull, M.D., Advisors-Praetors.

Members of the Executive Committee met frequently throughout the program, and participated in many parts of it. The Workshop was held immediately following the meeting of the Grand Council in Denver, saving a considerable amount of expense to the General Fraternity for travel by scheduling both meetings at adjacent sites and dates.

Faculty members arrived one day early for orientation and training sessions. Delegates registered on August 13. Informal province meetings afforded the opportunity to meet delegates from other chapters in the same province, and briefly discuss province ideas and projects. Delegates completed evaluation forms on all programs for guidance in planning future Workshops. Spirited group singing marked the Workshop opening program and each successive gathering, led by song leader Ben Hutto.

The 1976 International Balfour Award was presented to Bob Lindgren, Florida '76, by Grand Consul Thatcher and Grand Pro Consul Jim Bash. Also honored were finalists Tom Dulcich, Oregon '76, and Mike Victorson, West Virginia '76. The Exemplification of the Ritual by Sigs

of Gamma Xi Chapter "initiated" the Workshop on a unifying note, and was rewarded with a rousing standing ovation. The keynote message was delivered the next morning by professional speaker Cavett Robert.



Robert R. Lindgren  
1976 International  
Balfour Award  
recipient

Through a combination of commercial and school buses, the delegates were transported 40 miles into the wilderness and down a scenic, but axle-jarring road to the Two Bars Seven ranch. Awaiting was a substantial barbeque dinner cooked over campfires, a colorful rodeo and roping demonstration, and beer. Due to the fact that vehicles scheduled from one commercial bus company did not arrive, every available car, truck and horse trailer was pressed into service. Many brothers walked the last few miles, and some were unable to reach the site at all. Extra effort was contributed by drivers of the Laramie school district and Continental Trailways buses.

Delegates arose early Sunday morning for a message on scholarship, and a Sigma Chi Foundation presentation by Foundation Board of Governors member Dr. Donald B. Ward, Northwestern '42. Brother Ward, an Evanston, Illinois pastor, joined with Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen to lead the Workshop worship service later that morning. That evening, delegates gathered for the Campus and Community Relations convocation, featuring a message by University of New Mexico President Dr. William "Bud" Davis, a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

The Wallace Village project and August 13 dedication of the new "Sig Gym" there was reviewed by Past Grand Consul Floyd R. Baker. Words of appreciation were expressed by Village Founder Mrs. Cleo Wallace. A majority of the delegates involved themselves in optional, informal sessions on subjects such as History of the Ritual, alumni relations and chapter publications, chapter singing, and scholarship programs. Some divisional subjects were also included in the schedule of optional sessions to afford delegates involvement with programs covered in other divisions.

Delegates had an opportunity to meet campus co-eds at an informal street dance on the Greek Row mall. During late hours the campus gym and pool were kept open to provide recreation and a time for relaxation.

Though inevitably long with many honors and recognitions, the Workshop Banquet illustrated the extent of the many chapters and brothers deserving recognition. With Leadership Training Board Chairman "Swede" Johnson as toastmaster, the banquet avoided the typical head table and instead featured a program platform complete with comfortable furniture. The setting provided an informal agenda with mingling during dinner by Grand Officers, alumni and delegates.



Hon. Ed Herschler, Governor of Wyoming, right, at the 1976 Workshop banquet.

The program included words of greeting from the Hon. Ed Herschler, Governor of the State of Wyoming. The William H. Carlisle outstanding faculty member award was given to 12-year Quaestors faculty member and 1965 International Balfour Award winner Dr. Joel L. Cunningham.

After reviewing the major successes, progress and concerns in the Fraternity, Grand Consul Chuck Thatcher cited "a tremendous increase, in the active chapters, in quality, spirit and determination to do what Sigma Chi has done and is doing for us," and emphasized that "I have total confidence in the ability of all of you to solve your problems."

The brothers who contributed extra effort in the spontaneous barbeque shuttle service were recognized with gifts of toy cowboys, trucks and buses. Gamma Xi Chapter was presented with a large Sig flag, engraved to note the occasion. Mrs. Hortense Nelson, who had served as office secretary, and her son, Chapter Advisor Dan Nelson were rewarded with a souvenir scrapbook of Workshop mementos and historical items.

Fourteen years of Workshop administrative coordination by Editor Fred Yoder was recognized with several souvenirs and mementos from the members of the Leadership Training Board and the Gamma Xi Sigs. The recorded sounds of "America, the Beautiful" and Neil Diamond's "Beautiful Noise" provided the background of the banquet conclusion by Fred Yoder. His recitation of "The Impossible Dream" concluded the Workshop.<sup>10</sup>

The Fraternity's first fulltime Executive Secretary, Fredrick "Fritz" Grabner, Beloit '11, died on August 31, 1975, at his home in New Or-

leans, at the age of 88. He was Executive Secretary from November 1913 until 1916, and set up the first Fraternity Headquarters office in downtown Chicago.

The fall 1976 edition of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* featured the first selection in Sigma Chi history of an All-Sig baseball team. For many years, All-Sig teams had been selected in varsity football and basketball, but the 1976 baseball team marked the first time that honors were extended to other intercollegiate sports.

Rejoining the staff at the General Headquarters after an absence of several years was Jeffrey K. Tuckey, who earlier was an Assistant Executive Secretary and Rushing and Pledging Administrator. Late in 1976, he accepted the newly-created Director of Development position, with the Sigma Chi Foundation.

## THE BICENTENNIAL OF AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES

Celebrating 200 years of existence while looking ahead to the year 2000, leaders and members of Greek-letter groups met to honor the Bicentennial of fraternities and sororities December 1 - 5, 1976. The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, founding site of the first Greek-letter society, Phi Beta Kappa, provided the historic setting for conferences.

Assembling in annual conference were the four major interfraternity groups: National Interfraternity Conference, National Panhellenic Conference; Professional Interfraternity Conference; and the Professional Panhellenic Association, along with many related groups. The Sigma Chi Executive Committee also held its quarterly meeting there. Many Greek alumni attended and were honored during the celebration.

Seven members of Sigma Chi were among 70 Greek-letter society members participating in the American College Fraternity Bicentennial Commission in 1976. The Commission reviewed the impact and contribution to higher education made by the college fraternity over the two centuries, and assessed the potential role of the college fraternity in the year 2,000 as related to society and higher education. The seven Sig members were Grand Consul Dr. Charles M. Thatcher; Significant Sig and Sigma Chi Foundation Board member Elvis J. Stahr Jr.; Dr. Constantine Curris, President of Murray State University, Kentucky; Sigma Chi Scholarship Committee Chairman Edward M. King, Dean of Men at Bradley; Executive Secretary William T. Bringham; Henry Shaw, Houston '77, President of the Midwest Interfraternity Conference Association, and Dr. Robert Shaffer, DePauw '36, Indiana University Professor, and a member of the Commission Steering Committee.

The Commission announced major findings and recommendations during the Williamsburg conferences. "The work of this commission points the way to a more complete partnership between a dynamic mod-

ern fraternity system and changing institutions of higher education in the next quarter century," Dr. Herman B. Wells, Indiana University chancellor and steering commission member said. "Now it is up to fraternity leaders, both in college and as alumni, to put the conclusions of the commission to use," he said. Dr. Wells was president of Sigma Nu Fraternity and a longtime counselor to the fraternity system.

Not intending to produce a "master plan," the Commission addressed the process of change as it applies to a chief educational concern: What can be done to enable each student to realize his or her human potentiality? The Commission recognized that the college fraternity has been one of the most durable of institutions in American higher education, though not always the most constructive and responsible. Given that durability, the Commission assumed the college fraternity would survive into the year 2,000 mutated, however, by answering demands for a humanizing agency in a technological society.

The Commission defined critical fraternity issues of the next quarter century as: How well can it foster the personal development of each of its members; how well can it accommodate a more diverse membership; how well it can adapt itself to whatever changes may come about in the academic community; how well it can involve its alumni in the life of the chapter; how well it can transmit its heritage of ideals, values and principles; how well it can carry out its ethic of service; how well it can sustain itself without having to rely on a chapter house as the center of activities.

Although the Commission foresaw the college fraternity as being strong and vital in the year 2000, it predicted a number of challenges that would test the ability of the system to adapt. The commission predicted a more direct challenge would be the fraternities' ability to adapt to a more diverse student climate. Honors programs and schools of continuing education extended college attendance from adolescence to middle age, and the trend to higher education would expand. A decline in on-campus residence, and the rise of the huge chapter house as a burden rather than an asset was predicted. It foresaw a future of chapters housed in apartment-type complexes with a diverse membership, including women in some.

Educational technology would permit the chapter to become, if it chooses, an adjunct to formal as well as extracurricular education, a



The official Anniversary medallion honoring the Bicentennial of American College Fraternities.

living-learning center. Most importantly, the Commission saw the fraternity as a bastion of education, an alternative to career training, as the importance of liberal arts decline and higher education orients itself to work rather than learning.

The college fraternity was seen by the Commission as being largely conservative and tied to a traditional value system. From this perception several positive assumptions for the future were derived: Fraternities would generally be strong and vital in 2,000; fraternities would be able to adapt themselves effectively to major changes in both higher education and society at large; fraternities would continue to maintain some relationship with academic institutions; fraternities would continue to affirm their essential principles and traditions; fraternities would continue to be self-governing groups; fraternities would center their activities in some physical location at an institution, but not necessarily a chapter house; fraternities would increasingly receive support through involvement of their alumni; fraternities would continue to provide important experiences in leadership training; fraternities would continue to serve as important agencies of personal development; fraternities would strengthen their identities as communities of shared values; fraternities would continue their commitment to the ethic of service; fraternities would gradually become more diverse in membership; fraternities would continue to base their existence on the lessons of their rituals.<sup>11</sup>

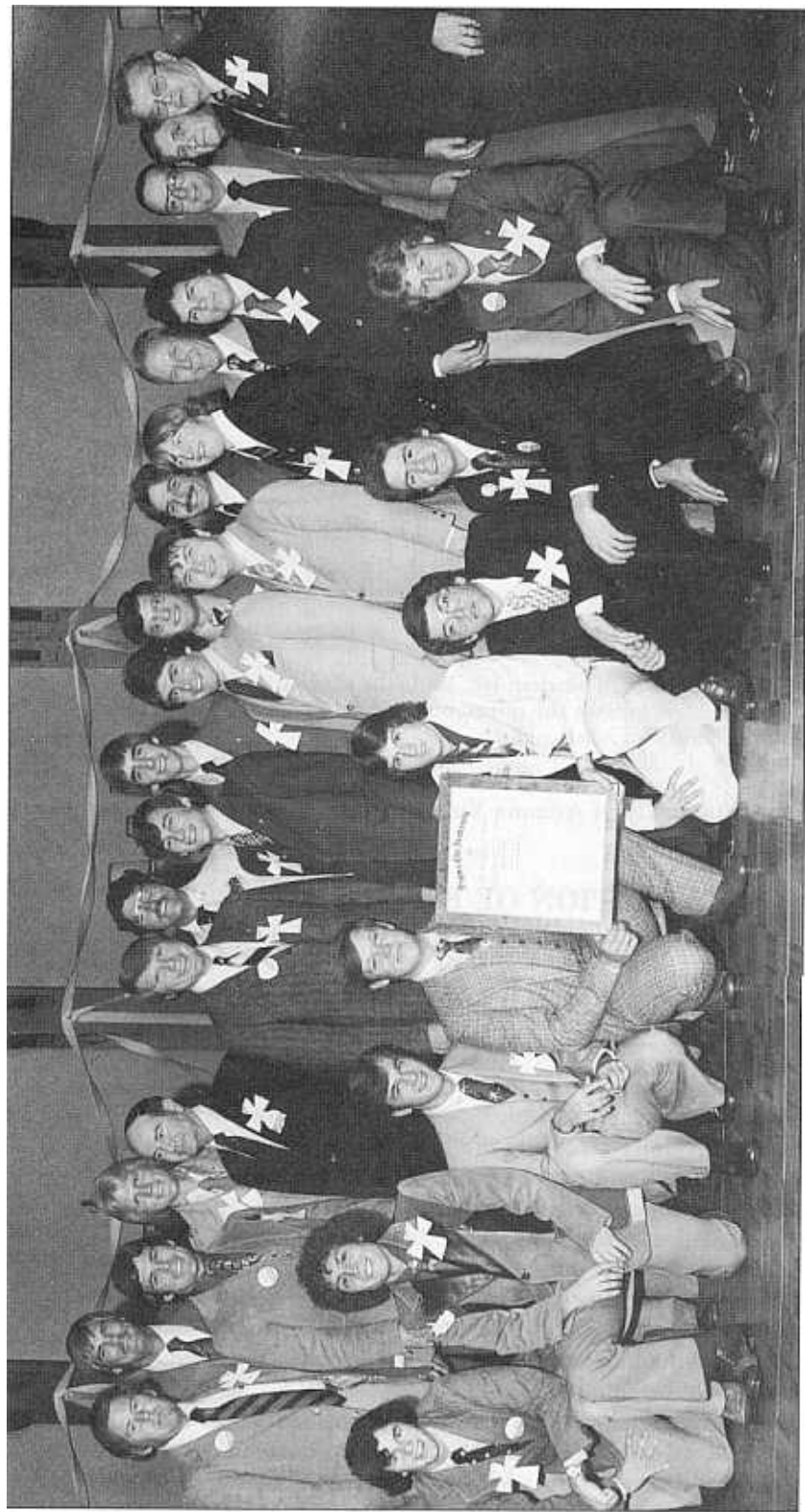
## REINSTALLATION OF BETA PHI

Sigma Chi returned to the campus of the University of Arizona with the reinstallation of Beta Phi Chapter on January 15, 1977. The chapter had been inactive since its charter was suspended in August, 1972. Twenty-nine new brothers were initiated, with four of the chapter's original charter members present, Cecil Marks '22, N. Bradford Trenham '22, Donald W. Moore '24, and Harold C. Tovrea Sr., '24.

Epsilon Upsilon Chapter, Arizona State, was the installing chapter, assisted by Zeta Omicron Chapter, Northern Arizona. Past Grand Quaestor Edwin C. Fisher was chief installing officer, with Headquarters staff members Tom Smith, Joe Martin and Scott Sawin coordinating the Indoctrination Week. Executive Committee member P. Brandt McCool was Ritual Director for the Initiation ceremonies, held at the First Congregational Church.

The installation banquet at the Black Angus Restaurant was toastmastered by Tucson Mayor Lewis C. Murphy, Arizona '55, and featured presentation of the charter to Consul Dan Kaminskis, and a gift of \$500 to the chapter from the Alumni Chapter at the nearby Green Valley retirement community. Also very much involved in the event were Grand Consul Chuck Thatcher and Leadership Training Board





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Grand Consul Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, left, leads the applause as Consul Daniel E. Kaminskas, center, accepts the return of the Beta Phi charter from Chief Installing Officer Edwin C. Fisher, right.

Chairman and University of Arizona Vice President "Swede" Johnson, Arizona '50.

## THE INSTALLATION OF ETA PHI CHAPTER TROY STATE UNIVERSITY JANUARY 22, 1977

The entrance of Sigma Chi at Troy State University was largely the result of the efforts of Grand Praetor Herbert E. Drake Jr. He carefully led the chartering effort in the spring of 1975 and, subsequently, his work reached fruition in record time.<sup>12</sup>

Troy State University traces its origin to the establishment of Troy State Normal School, a two-year institution for teachers, created by an act of the Alabama Legislature on February 18, 1887. The original campus was located in downtown Troy, consisting of only two buildings. In 1929, the institution was renamed Troy State Teachers College and by 1931 was a degree granting four year college. In 1957, the name was changed to Troy State College. The college continued to build and expand services and programs, and on December 14, 1967, the college was renamed Troy State University.

The University main campus and branch campuses continue to serve the educational needs of a large area of the Southeastern United States and Western Europe. The need for higher education programs for

military personnel prompted Troy State to establish branch campuses at various cities and military installations in Alabama, Florida and Georgia. In cooperation with the United States Air Force, Troy State began establishing branches on military bases in Europe in 1974. The system established branches in Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Norway, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

At the time of the Installation of Eta Phi Chapter, there were approximately 3,200 full-time undergraduate students at the main campus, and an additional 8,000 students at other locations of the University. The nine fraternities represented on the campus included: Delta Chi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Theta Chi, Sigma Pi, Pi Kappa Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Alpha Psi and the Sigma Chi Gamma petitioning local. Five sororities were active on the campus.



Bibb Graves Hall at Troy State University.

Grand Praetor Herb Drake invited a local school teacher, Bill King, Alabama '68, to assemble the nucleus of a colony at Troy State. He contacted Joel Lee Williams, a student at the University, regarding Sigma Chi in the summer of 1975. Brother Williams recalled:

"Bill called me one night in July and asked if he could come talk with my mother and I about Sigma Chi. He came to our house one Sunday evening and stayed and talked with us for an hour or two. He did a tremendous rush job and when he left we were both sold on Sigma Chi. The rest of the summer Bill and I contacted friends of mine who were to be entering freshmen that fall. By the time fall quarter rush began, seven local boys, including myself, had committed themselves to the idea of founding a Sigma Chi chapter at Troy. Our first setback came just prior to fall rush. Some local residents petitioned the city fathers to rezone the neighborhood so as to exclude us from moving into a house Bill King had leased on College Street. We were homeless for two quarters."<sup>13</sup>

The group entered fall rush with seven men and the assistance of Bill King, Sam Hall, Steve Garrott and George Vickory, three Headquarters staff members, and Herb Drake. Ten additional men were pledged, and following rush the group organized as Gamma Colony of Sigma Chi. Rushing continued throughout the first year, leaving the colony with a total membership of 40. The group secured a house on campus with accommodations for four men by the beginning of spring quarter their first year. It was the only fraternity house on campus and served as a center for rush and their first Derby Day that spring.

Professional opportunities unfortunately required the relocation of Chapter Advisor Bill King. The void was filled by Don Gibson, Dean of Students at Troy State. Dean Gibson was invited to pledge, and became the only graduate Gamma Colony member. The second fall 25 men were pledged. The group was enthusiastic, organized, disciplined, and developed a definite plan to increase its numbers, and build a sustaining membership. Their spirit of brotherhood and hospitality was remarkable. Financially, the chapter was well managed and operated with a carefully prepared budget, providing a reserve for contingencies.

The group evidenced a genuine sense of responsibility to the community and engaged in several service projects. Gamma Sigma Chapter at Auburn University assisted the Colony in rush. Pledge training was supervised by the Auburn Chapter, with the help of Grand Praetor Drake and utilizing *The Norman Shield* as the text. Each pledge was required to attend study hall three nights per week for a three hour period. Gamma Colony received the support of Troy State University President Ralph P. Adams, the interfraternity council, Dean of Students Donald J. Gibson, and local alumni.<sup>14</sup>

Following a favorable vote by the undergraduate and alumni chapters, preparations were made for the Installation of the group as Eta Phi Chapter. The Headquarters Installation team arriving on January 15, 1977, included Assistant Executive Secretaries Tom Smith, Dave Hill, and Mark Ruhe. Ruhe seemed unimpressed with Troy's first and unusual snowfall of the year, commenting, "A quarter of an inch of snow, and the town is crippled!" That was the last light comment during the week.

Preliminary events of Initiation began on Friday evening January 21, 1977, at McCall Hall, and the final ceremonies were at Bush Memorial Baptist Church the following morning. The group was installed as Eta Phi Chapter just 16 months after its organization as a colony. The Installation Banquet was held at Adams Center Ballroom, followed by the Celebration Party at the Rock Building. For all the new brothers the final ceremonies were an experience that was only rivaled by the chartering banquet.

For the 55 charter members initiated, the Installation Banquet brought about not only a feeling of excitement but of intense anticipation. More than 110 undergraduate brothers from eight of the nine chap-

ters in the Southeastern Province participated in the installation of their fifth new chapter in seven years. Gamma Sigma Chapter, Auburn University, was the official installing chapter, with brothers from other province chapters assisting.

At the banquet, University President Dr. Ralph W. Adams characterized the birth of Eta Phi: "We appreciated the opportunity of participating in the Installation of the Sigma Chi chapter here. This was a landmark and milestone in the history of the University, and we are proud that you are here." He welcomed Sigma Chi to campus and recorded his enthusiasm in a letter following the installation. Grand Consul Thatcher, presiding as chief installing officer, presented the Eta Phi charter to Consul Joel Williams. The banquet crowd of 275 Sigs and guests was populated by alumni from nearby Montgomery and Auburn, Alabama, who assisted with the Initiation. The banquet program was "Twin Toastmastered" by Chuck Thatcher and Herb Drake.

Grand Consul's Citations were presented to past Advisor, William R. King, and Samuel J. Hall, Alabama '69, who was Co-Chapter Advisor along with Stephen C. Garrott, Murray State '65. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to four brothers of the installing and "big brother" chapter, Gamma Sigma, including Consul David Perez, Ken McMillan, and Sigma Chi Gamma Co-Magisters Tommy Lee and Scott Maddox.<sup>15</sup>



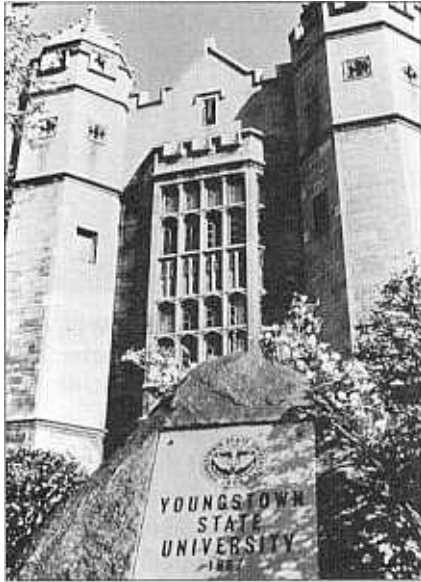
Troy State Consul Joel Lee Williams, right, accepts the Eta Phi charter from Grand Consul Dr. Charles M. Thatcher.

## THE INSTALLATION OF ETA CHI CHAPTER YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY APRIL 16, 1977

More than two years elapsed between the time Sigma Chi Alpha was formed by six men at Youngstown State University in September 1971, and its decision to seek affiliation with Sigma Chi in the spring of 1974. The story of their founding and installation is one of continued striving.

Youngstown State University began in 1908 with the establishment of the School of Law of the Youngstown Association School, sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association. Beginning in 1920, the Bachelor of Laws degree was conferred and a four-year course in business administration was offered. In 1921, the name was changed to The Youngstown Institute of Technology, and liberal arts classes were of-

ferred. In 1928, the name was again changed to Youngstown College, and in 1930 the first Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred. Dana's Musical Institute, founded in 1869 at nearby Warren, merged with Youngstown State in 1941.



Jones Hall at Youngstown State.

In 1944 the trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association transferred control of the institution to the Corporation of Youngstown College, and in 1955 the corporation was re-chartered as The Youngstown University. The University joined the Ohio system of higher education in September, 1967, as Youngstown State University. The school identified itself as an urban university serving the needs of residents in a three-county area in Northeastern Ohio and a two-county area in Northwestern Pennsylvania. Pursuant to the Board of Regents directive, the University is basically a non-residential campus, providing students the opportunity to pursue their education while re-

maining at home, often combining a program of higher education with employment off campus. Ninety percent of the university students maintain full time jobs.

While the University welcomed students from other areas, the institution sought to become pre-eminent as a leader within its service region. With a strong liberal arts tradition, the school also offered a wide range of programs in business, education, engineering, fine and performing arts, and applied science and technology. The Graduate School and College of Applied Science and Technology were established in 1968. In 1972, the University became a member of a consortium formed by the University of Akron, Kent State and Youngstown State Universities sponsoring the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine.

At the time of the Installation of Eta Chi Chapter there were more than 15,500 students at the University, and the following 11 fraternities were represented on the campus: Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Sigma Kappa, Kappa Sigma, Nu Sigma Tau local, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Theta Chi, Zeta Beta Tau, and Sigma Chi Alpha local.

Although Youngstown was a commuter campus, there was a strong need for a "sense of belonging" fulfilled by fraternities. The fraternity and sorority chapters formed a strong system. The campus had as many



Youngstown Consul Keith Bacon, center, receives the Eta Chi charter from Chief Installing Officer P. Brandt McCool, right, as toastmaster Jerry O. Stephens leads applause at the Installation banquet.

as 16 fraternities, and the active number fell to 11 by 1977. Programs administered by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils encouraged quality growth through an equitable rush system; community and campus recognition by sponsoring campus dances and community service projects, including visits to orphanages and fund-raising drives for the Heart Fund and March of Dimes.

The local fraternity Sigma Chi Alpha was founded by six men in September 1971. During their development, the men of Sigma Chi Alpha were known by the nickname "Sammies," having occupied the former Sigma Alpha Mu chapter house. This situation and the nickname initially aroused much curiosity. The group was formed by six men who had no connection with Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, the group usually called "Sammies" on other campuses.

Grand Consul Thatcher appointed Executive Committee member-at-large P. Brandt McCool investigating officer for the group at Youngstown State. He reported, in part:

While on campus, I had the opportunity to visit with Charles McBrialty, Dean of Student Affairs, and Mark Shanley, Coordinator of Student Activities. The University's commitment to a strong fraternity system was evident after my conversation. Dean McBrialty was delighted at the prospects of Sigma Chi establishing a chapter at Youngstown State and pledged his office's full support, were this to occur. In the President's absence it was my pleasure to visit with

Dr. Earl E. Edgar, Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Edgar was well acquainted with Sigma Chi from his undergraduate days at DePauw University and reiterated Dean McBrierty's sentiments; that Sigma Chi would receive a warm welcome at Youngstown University.<sup>16</sup>

Sigma Chi Alpha occupied a house that provided accommodations for nine men, and provided space for the entire chapter to meet and conduct social events. The group benefited from the presence of nearly 200 Sigma Chi alumni living in the Greater Youngstown area. An alumni association was formed with a nucleus of 20 members. The group was carefully assisted by Chapter Advisor Robert Benson, Miami (Ohio) '48; House Corporation President Jerry O. Stephens, Denison '50; and Faculty Advisor, Rev. Gary D. "the Rev." Schreckengost. Through Rev. Schreckengost's insight and dedication the group chose to affiliate with Sigma Chi. These men provided Sigma Chi Alpha with essential drive and motivation.

Following a favorable vote on the petition from Youngstown, preparations were made for Installation of the group as Eta Chi Chapter. Indoctrination Week began on Sunday, April 10, 1977. Throughout the week, the anticipation grew while the men were drawn even closer together. Initiation ceremonies for 31 charter members were held on April 15 and 16 in the University College of Applied Science and Technology Building and the Martin Luther Church. The installing chapter was Alpha Gamma, Ohio State, led by Consul Jeff Chapman. Chapters in the Ohio Province and Beta Theta Chapter, University of Pittsburgh, assisted.



Announcing the Eta Chi Installation to the campus. From left, Gregory O. Gordon, Ohio '78; William J. Otola, Youngstown '78; Victor L. Leija, Youngstown '80; and John W. Opremcak, Ohio '78.



An Installation banquet was held the evening of April 16 at the Mahoning Country Club. The Eta Chi charter was presented to Consul Keith Bacon by Chief Installing Officer and Executive Committee member P. Brandt McCool. Welcomes and messages were delivered by Youngstown State University President Dr. John J. Coffelt and by Grand Consul Thatcher. The loyal work of Chapter Advisor Robert Benson and House Corporation President Jerry O. Stephens was honored with the presentation of Grand Consul's Citations.<sup>16</sup>

## THE INSTALLATION OF ETA PSI CHAPTER CLEMSON UNIVERSITY MAY 7, 1977

The entrance of Sigma Chi to the Clemson University campus was anticipated by alumni in the surrounding area over a period of many years. The petition by the men of Kappa Phi Fraternity there was warmly received and presented a long awaited opportunity.

The history of the University dates to the fall of 1886, when Thomas G. Clemson invited Senator Benjamin Tillman to his home to discuss their mutual conviction that South Carolina needed a college devoted to industrial and scientific education. At Fort Hill, they met with Colonels D.K. Norris and R.W. Simpson. There the four "spent nearly the whole day in talking over the new project which Mr. Clemson had in mind and which he unfolded to us," Tillman later wrote.

The most significant result of this conference was Mr. Clemson's decision to change a will he had made three years earlier, and to execute a new will so as to serve better the purpose that he had in mind for many years. He clearly explained the nature and purpose of a proposed institution, the establishment of which "is now the one great desire of my life. It should afford thorough instruction in agriculture and the natural sciences connected therewith; it should combine, if practicable, physical and intellectual education, and should be a high seminary of learning in which the graduate of the common schools can commence, pursue and finish the course of studies terminating in thorough, theoretic and practical instruction . . ."

The will gave part of the Fort Hill Estate and most of Mr. Clemson's real and personal property for creation of the new institution. The value of the gift probably has been only a few times exceeded in public benefaction in South Carolina. The will also provided for a seven-member Board of Trustees that would govern and manage the new institution. In November 1889, the South Carolina General Assembly accepted the terms of Mr. Clemson's will and, following the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the will, the State of South Carolina and the full Board of Trustees proceeded to develop the dream of Thomas G. Clemson into the reality of Clemson College.



Tillman Hall, constructed in 1891 at  
Clemson University.

Phi Epsilon, Theta Chi and Omega Psi Phi.

Founded with a number of the basic Sigma Chi principles and ideals, the local fraternity Kappa Phi experienced rapid forward development in its growth and activities, competing with 14 rival fraternities on campus. With its first members predominantly from South Carolina and New York, Kappa Phi never really claimed to have been a local in either scope or membership. Organized by three men when the last of the Clemson University local groups were affiliating with major fraternities, the members of Kappa Phi realized their unique position of being the last local fraternity on campus. They also realized their responsibility to both themselves and the future members to begin the search for the best fraternity, as closely related to their own values, ideals and actions as feasibly possible. In 1975, the brothers of Kappa Phi began preparing to petition Sigma Chi for a charter.

In 1977, the group began pledge training, assisted by the brothers of Delta Chapter, University of Georgia. Early members of Kappa Phi graduated before their Installation into Sigma Chi, but the chapter was proud of its fraternal accomplishments, community projects and membership. Pride in quality work and brotherhood were their tradition. Grand Consul Thatcher appointed Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen investigating officer for the men at Clemson. He reported, in part:

The institution formally opened in July 1893, with an enrollment of 446 students. The first graduating exercises were held in December 1896, with a class of 37. The college was also established under the Morrill Land-Grant Act passed by the U.S. Congress in 1862. In 1964, in recognition of expanded offerings of the institution in the sciences and arts, the name of the institution was changed to Clemson University.

At the time of the Installation of Eta Psi Chapter, enrollment at the University was more than 11,000 students, and the following 15 fraternities were represented on the campus: Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Psi, Kappa Alpha Order, the Kappa Phi local, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Sigma



Chief Installing Officer Gardner B. Allen, right, presents the Eta Psi charter to Consul John C. McLean, second from left. Assisting are Southeastern Grand Praetor Herbert E. Drake, Jr., left; Carolina Grand Praetor Dr. George C. Ruhle, third from right; and Eta Psi Advisor Fred W. Hoover, second from right.

My visits with President Edwards, Vice President Cox and Dean of Fraternities Burtner were cordial, and impressed me with the sincerity of their welcome to a Sigma Chi chapter on the campus. They were all sympathetic with the fraternity system and high in praise of the contributions the Greek system has brought to Clemson. We could not wish for a more cooperative administration. Here at Clemson is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor, so to speak, in a school where we have long hoped to be able to establish a chapter.<sup>17</sup>

The membership of Kappa Phi represented diverse geographic backgrounds. The men excelled in academics and activities and were actively supported by Chapter Advisor Fred Hoover, Florida State '53, who was head trainer for the athletic department and advanced goodwill throughout the University, administration, faculty and students.

Following a favorable vote on the Petition of Kappa Phi by the undergraduate and alumni chapters, preparations were made for Installation of the group as Eta Psi Chapter. Indoctrination Week began on May 1, 1977, and, although held during exam week, it was a total success. The Headquarters Installation team included Assistant Executive Secretaries Thomas Smith, Joe Martin, and Charles Patrick.

The Initiation was conducted by brothers of installing chapters Delta at University of Georgia and Gamma Nu, University of South Carolina, led by Consul Lex Hray of Gamma Nu. Ceremonies for the 33 charter initiates were held in the Clemson Masonic Hall. Assisting in the ceremonies were brothers of other chapters of the Carolina Province. Several recent initiates from Eta Chi Chapter at Youngstown, Ohio, who were installed less than one month earlier, assisted and witnessed the Initiation of one of their men, who transferred to Clemson.



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The Installation banquet, held the evening of May 7 at the Clemson Holiday Inn, featured presentation of the charter to Eta Chi Consul John McLean by Chief Installing Officer and Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen. Messages of welcome were delivered by Clemson University President Dr. Robert C. Edwards, and Grand Consul Thatcher. After the charter presentation and speeches, all united in singing the "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi." Merriment was the theme of the evening as songs and the sharing of brotherhood prevailed in true Sig spirit.<sup>18</sup>

The Fraternity lost one of its most devoted servants and leaders with the passing of Rear Admiral Robert D. Workman, Wooster '13, on June 20, 1977 at the age of 92. Both an Order of Constantine and a Significant Sig, he was Grand Tribune from 1948 to 1966, and for many years Spiritual Advisor and Scholarship Counselor for the Sigma Chi Foundation. He was a U.S. Navy Chaplain from 1915 to 1947, and was Chief of Navy Chaplains from 1937 to 1945.

New Assistant Executive Secretaries on the General Headquarters staff in the summer of 1977 were E. L. "Andy" Anderson, Georgia '77; Rick B. Martin, Alabama '77; and James F. Dulcich, Oregon '77.

## **THE 61st GRAND CHAPTER JUNE 26-30, 1977 ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

Congenial dispositions, high honor and personal responsibility all came to life June 26-30 in Orlando, Florida, at the 1977 Grand Chapter. The Carlton House Hotel was the site, with occasional pilgrimages to nearby Walt Disney World. Of concern, however, was the large number of undergraduate chapters not in attendance. Only 125 undergraduate chapters of 172 were represented. The Fraternity business was accomplished with responsibility, efficiency, involvement and good humor, presided over by Grand Consul Thatcher.

Highlighting the opening program on June 28 was the singing of "Happy Birthday to Us," led by the Grand Consul; the words of welcome by General Chairman Joe Hartman, and by Orlando City Councilman George Stuart Jr., Florida '68, who presented a key to the city to Grand Consul Thatcher; and a proclamation from the Mayor, making it "Sigma Chi Week" in Orlando.

The Grand Chapter program began with a welcoming reception and buffet. All had an opportunity to meet Sweetheart finalists, Grand Officers, local chairmen, and each other, amid the sounds of a Caribbean steel band. During the first of several "Idea Breakfasts," emceed by Dr. George Jones, many brothers spontaneously shared their ideas and suggestions.

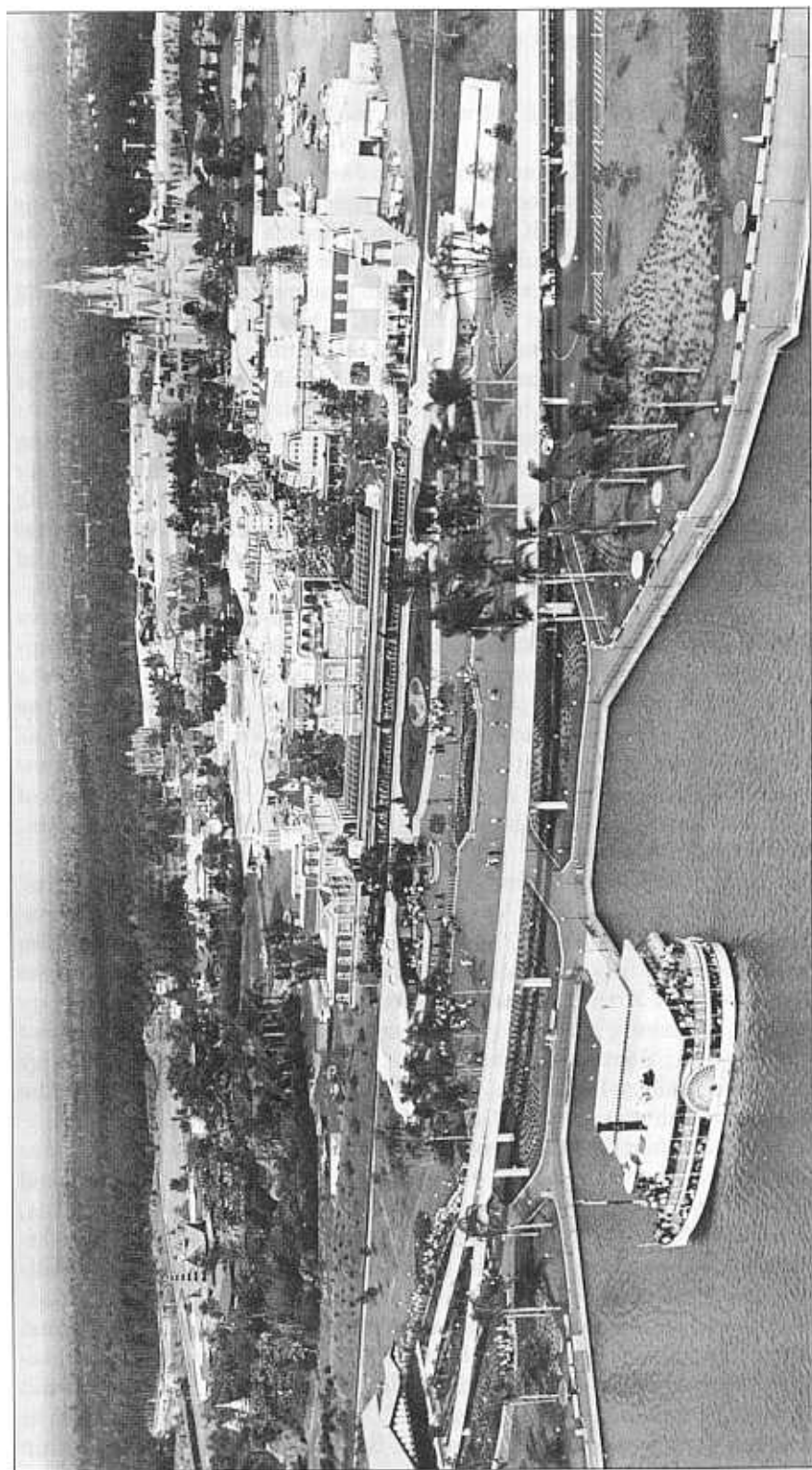
The first Exemplification of the Ritual to occur at a Grand Chapter



At the Carlton House, Orlando, Florida.

since 1957, and the first opportunity many alumni had had to witness the Initiation in many years, was conducted by brothers of Eta Pi Chapter, Florida Tech. Delegates, wives, and families enjoyed a "Sigma Chi Day at Walt Disney World," including an early evening cruise on "The Kingdom Queen" boat reserved for the Sigs, with buffet, refreshments and spirited singing, and spectacular fireworks display. Also enjoyed was the colorful evening Disney light parade and floats.

Concerning the Constitution and Statutes, the Grand Chapter adopted amendments giving the Executive Committee authority to call a special meeting of the Grand Council with not less than 30 days' notice to the members. Responsibility for interpretation of the Ritual previously assigned to the Leadership Training Board was removed and given to the Ritual Committee, with endorsement of the Executive Committee. The number of meetings required each year of an alumni association was raised from one to two. The requirement for endorsement of constitutional amendments by five percent of the undergraduate and alumni chapters was extended to provide for the option of endorsement by the Governing Laws Committee. A similar provision for Statutory amendments was added, as was a requirement that proposals



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to amend the Statutes be delivered to the Executive Secretary 90 days prior to vote.

Elected the 49th Grand Consul was James F. Bash, of Indianapolis. S. Jack McDuff, of Denver, was elected Grand Pro Consul. Also seeking the position was David K.B. Robinson, Western Ontario '78, who was the Undergraduate Grand Council member from the Ontario-Quebec Province. Although his candidacy as an undergraduate was surprising to some, and was a first in recent Sigma Chi history, it was conducted in a positive and fraternal manner. It was geared to emphasizing a recommendation of the Undergraduate Grand Council members that there be an undergraduate voting member of the Executive Committee.

Elected Grand Quaestor was Dr. George H. Jones Jr. Also seeking the office was Grand Trustee Robert F. Kershaw. Close friends of long standing, they spent time together during ballot counting, with Bob Kershaw being the first to congratulate the new Grand Quaestor. Re-elected without opposition were Gardner B. Allen as Grand Tribune and Robert E. LeClerc as Grand Historian.

P. Brandt McCool was re-elected Member-at-large of the Executive Committee. Upon nomination of the Grand Trustees, the Grand Chapter elected Emory C. Walker Jr., as Grand Trustee representative on the Executive Committee. Upon nomination of the Grand Praetors, the Grand Chapter elected Florida Grand Praetor Edwin B. Freeland Jr., as Grand Praetor representative on the Executive Committee. Four new members were elected to six-year terms on the 15-member Board of Grand Trustees: Jay E. Minton, Fred S. DeMarr, Robert E. Joseph Jr., and William Wisbrock.

Newly-elected as Grand Praetors were: Eastern, E. C. "Wayo" Yegen, Maryland '73; West Virginia-West Pennsylvania, Robert Trump, Penn State '71; Kentucky, Ted R. Morford, Kentucky '63; Ohio, Tim Michaels, Ohio State '70; Michigan, Edwin "Jay" Whitcomb, Roanoke '57; Wisconsin, Arthur A. Landry, Northern Colorado '62; Kansas, Larry Cukjati, Pittsburg State '75; Missouri, Mike Schumacher, Southeast Missouri '71; Southern Texas, John Gardner, Texas Tech '69; Rocky Mountain, Jeffery D. Greene, Wyoming '75; Big Sky, C.R. Stark, Idaho '74; and Southwestern, Dr. Richard Pesqueira, Arizona '59.

Shortly after Grand Chapter, it became necessary to appoint four new Grand Praetors due to resignations. The four newly-appointed Praetors were: New York Province, Don DeCesare, Union '74; Virginia, John "Mac" McCarthy, Louisiana State '74; Southern, Richard B. Heroman, Louisiana State '76; and Southwestern, John B. Mitchell, Indiana '39.

Four Grand Officer positions were filled by appointment by Grand Consul Bash. He appointed as International Balfour Award representatives on the Executive Committee John C. Baldwin, Utah '77, and Michael Sprague, Illinois Wesleyan '74. The election of George Jones as Grand Quaestor and appointment of Dr. Joe Scull to the Leadership





All nine of the living Past Grand Consuls participated in the 1977 Grand Chapter. From left, M. Craig Nason, Jr., Hon. Bolon B. Turner, Harry V. Wade, Sr., William P. Huffman, J. Dwight Peterson, Hon. Stanley N. Barnes, Floyd R. Baker, John W. Graham, Q.C., and Norman C. Brewer, Jr.

Training Board led to the appointment of Malcolm M. Christian, Virginia '47, of Richmond, and Thomas F. Bell, Mississippi State '35, of Tupelo, Mississippi, to the Board of Grand Trustees.

The International Sigmas chose as their new President Mrs. Carolyn Walker, wife of Emory C. Walker Jr., of Denver.



John C. Baldwin  
1977 International  
Balfour Award winner

A vote of the undergraduate chapters on several proposed refinements and amendments in the Ritual, recommended by the Ritual Committee, was authorized by the Grand Chapter. One proposed amendment was deleted from the items to be voted upon. The Ritual Committee also recommended and received enthusiastic support for enforcement and adherence to Ritualistic requirements and procedures. The committee expressed the belief that the Executive Committee had not exercised its full authority in enforcement of the Ritual, and it urged increased emphasis on this subject through Workshop, Membership Development Programs and staff visits. The Committee report laid the groundwork for the subsequent Policy State-

ment concerning Pledge training and the Ritual.



Kimberly F. Knight  
1977 International Sweetheart

The Order of Constantine medal was presented to seven brothers: John A. Ablan, Washington (Seattle) '40; George C. Allen, Cincinnati '39; Gerald J. Bieber, Lehigh '48; Richard C. Cadwalader, Louisiana State '34; Milton Caniff, Ohio State '30; Gilbert E. Robertson, Florida & Iowa '28; and Arthur B. Slack, Colorado College '17. John C. Baldwin, Utah '77, received the International Balfour Award. Also honored were finalists William R. Blessing, Kansas '77; and Craig M. Morgan, Southeast Missouri '77. Kimberly Knight, Oregon State University, was honored as the International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. Sharing the limelight

were finalists Lori Ann Crawley, Southern California, and Kathy Malchar, Oklahoma State.

At the Grand Chapter Banquet emphasis was on the passing of the gavel and Badge from Grand Consul Thatcher to Grand Consul Bash

and honors to the new Significant Sigs. Warm recognition was extended to the hospitable Orlando committee members and chairmen, new and retiring Grand Officers and their supportive wives. Toastmaster for the occasion was Tom Hallick, Florida Southern '63, film producer and star of the TV series, "The Young and the Restless." His commentary was abundant and excessive, and was largely devoted to international policy subjects beyond the realm of the Fraternity. He commented, "It is an honor to be here, as it has always been an honor for me to be a Sigma Chi." In view of his TV role as a young blind man, part of the script presented to him was a page of Braille print, which he promptly passed along to new Grand Quaestor and eye doctor George Jones, seated nearby.

Grand Trustee Harry Hallock presented to the Fraternity and Foundation the portrait of retiring Grand Consul Chuck Thatcher, given on behalf of all members of Chuck's Theta Theta Chapter at Michigan. Concluding his term as Grand Consul, Chuck Thatcher commented:

"There are feelings which cannot be expressed because the words are not in the English language. There are feelings that need not be expressed in words. There is no way that I can express the way I feel after having served this Fraternity as Grand Consul for two years.

"Let me merely observe that in particle mechanics when two particles meet, some of the properties of each rub off on the other. I believe sincerely that the same sort of change takes place when two people meet, when two people impact. It has been my great pleasure in the past two years and all the years leading up to them to have met so many wonderful Sigma Chis. I think I am a better person for having met each and every one of them.

"I would have to tell you that, in my judgment, very few of our chapters, even the better ones, are operating at more than 75 percent of their ultimate potential. There is so much that we can do in Sigma Chi. I believe sincerely that our undergraduate chapters can accomplish anything they really set their minds to accomplish. Your chapters are what you want them to be. We have in Sigma Chi the ideals, the spirit to do what we want to do. Sigma Chi is a spirit, a dedication, a commitment, a willingness to do one's part to further the interests of our Fraternity."

The Grand Council met the morning after the Grand Chapter banquet as Sigs, Sigmas and Sweethearts made their way homeward, to long remember and share the experience with their chapter members.<sup>19</sup>

## SIGS IN THE NEWS

Charlie Boswell, Alabama '40, retired from competitive tournaments in 1976 after winning the Blind Golfers Association national championship 17 of 24 times, and gaining international event championships 11 of 15 times.

Scott Matheson Jr., Utah '50, was elected Governor of Utah.

Edmund Henshaw, George Washington '50, was appointed Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ohio State football Coach "Woody" Hayes, Denison '35, was named

Coach of the Year by the Football Writers Association and United Press International after his team went undefeated in the regular season and was ranked number one in the U.S.

Four of the 28 National Football League teams were led by Sig head coaches: the New Orleans Saints, by Hank Stram, Purdue '42; the New York Giants, by Bill Arnsparger, Kentucky & Miami (O.) '48; the Buffalo Bills, by Lou Saban, Indiana '44; and Seattle Seahawks by Jack Patera, Oregon '55.

Active on a Chicago Tribune reporting team that won a Pulitzer Prize for exposing questionable practices in housing and hospital administrations was Jay Branegan, Cornell '72.

One of the stars of the award-winning TV series "M.A.S.H." was William Christopher, Wesleyan '54, in the role of Father Mulcahy.

John Robinson, Oregon '58, was named head football coach at the University of Southern California, and led the team to the number two U.S. ranking.

Succeeding the renown billionaire J. Paul Getty as head of the Getty Oil Company was Harold Berg, Colorado College '36.

Yachtsman John Kolius, Houston '73, was part of the three-man U.S. sailing team that won a silver medal in the 1976 Summer Olympic Games.

David Hartman, Gettysburg '72, became the first blind person in 104 years to graduate from a medical school, when he earned his degree at Temple University.

After serving as U.S. Ambassador to Honduras, Phillip Sanchez, California State-Fresno '53, was named U.S. Ambassador to Colombia.

William P. Rogers, Syracuse '43, was elected National Commander of the American Legion.

Two Big 10 universities had Sigs as head basketball coaches. At Purdue University was Fred Schaus, West Virginia '50, and at the University of Michigan was John Orr, Illinois & Beloit '49. Orr was named Coach of the Year after leading his team into the finals of the N.C.A.A. championships and becoming the winningest coach in Michigan history.

Tates Locke, Ohio Wesleyan '59, was named head coach of the Buffalo Braves in the National Basketball Association.

Michael D. Rose, Cincinnati '63, was appointed President of the division of Holiday Inns Corp. which operated its 1,713 hotels and motels.

Bert Lance, Emory & Georgia '51, was appointed to the Cabinet-level post of Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget by President Jimmy Carter.

Johnny Majors, Tennessee-Knoxville '57, climaxed a successful head football coaching tenure at the University of Pittsburgh by leading his team to an undefeated season and post-season number one U.S.

ranking in both major polls, then accepted the same position at his alma mater.

Newly-named college head football coaches were Fred Akers, Arkansas '60, at Texas-Austin; Jim Young, Bowling Green '57, at Purdue; Lou Saban, at Miami, Fla.; and Bob Blackman, Southern California '42, at Cornell.

John McVay, Miami (Ohio) '53, succeeded his former Miami roommate Bill Arnsparger as head coach of pro football's New York Giants.

Two pro football careers ended with the retirement of veteran Los Angeles Rams tackle Merlin Olsen, Utah State '62; and Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Andy Russell, Missouri-Columbia '63.

Dr. M. Cecil Mackey Jr., Georgia Tech & Alabama '49, was named President of Texas Tech University.

The college textbook Accounting Principles co-authored by Dr. C. Rollin Niswonger, Miami (Ohio) '29, and Philip C. Fess, Miami (Ohio) '53, continued its rank as the best-selling college textbook in the U.S., a status it had held since Niswonger became co-author in 1953.

Former California Angels pro baseball manager Bobby Winkles, Illinois Wesleyan '52, became manager of the Oakland Athletics.

The world's largest merchandising firm, Sears, Roebuck and Company, named as its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Edward R. Telling, Illinois Wesleyan '42.

John A. Ziegler Jr., Michigan '55, was elected President of the National Hockey League.

## CHAPTER XII - Notes and Comments

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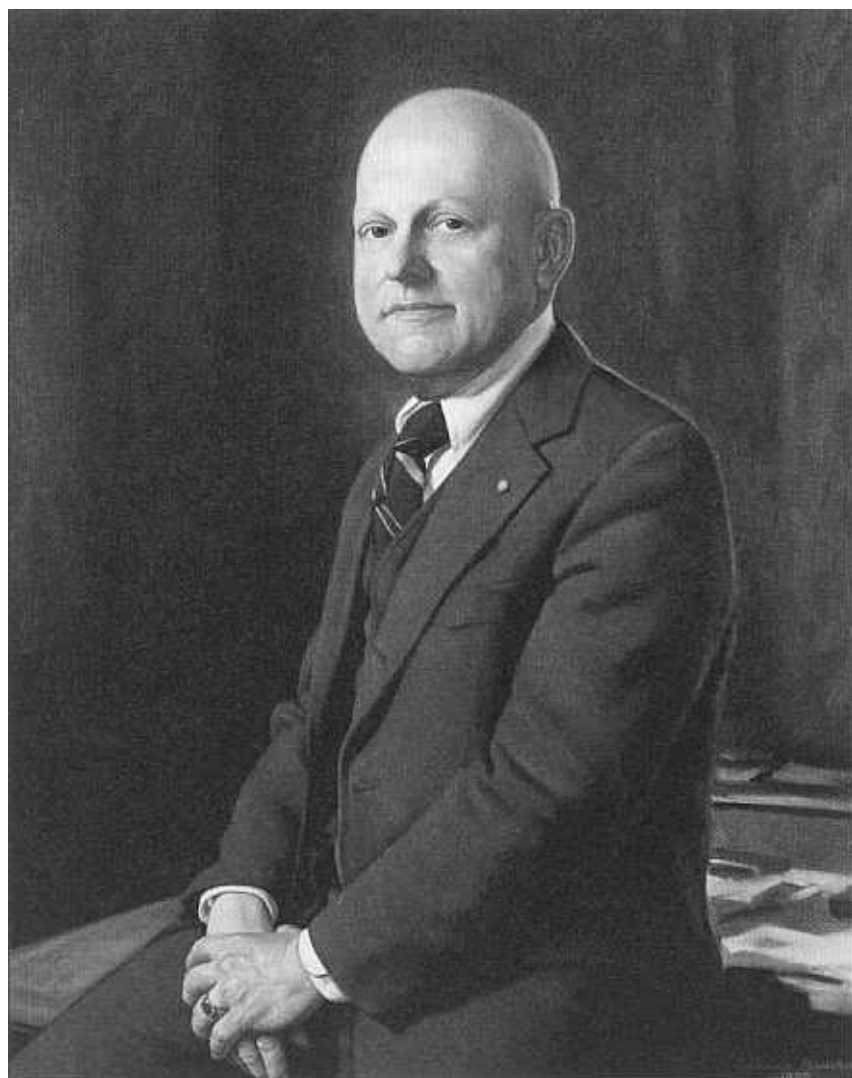
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# Chapter XIII

## A Reinforcement of Our Ideals

### 1977 to 1979

“What happened yesterday, what happened the day before, what happened last year, what happened when I was in school, what happened when (other alums) were in school is an interesting historical fact. And that is all that it is.”

*Grand Consul James F. Bash, as he announced adoption of the Fraternity Statement of Position concerning Pledge Training and the Ritual at the 1977 Workshop.*<sup>1</sup>

**A**LTHOUGH the decade of the 1970s has been labeled a difficult time for fraternities, in Sigma Chi it was a time of heightened achievement in such areas as support for charitable causes, and increased understanding of the true purposes of the pledge education period. The Fraternity's leadership communicated the message that Sigma Chi “meant business” with the strong and definitive 1977 Policy on Pledge Training and Ritual. The Policy significantly improved the quality and meaning of the Fraternity experience for thousands of brothers then and into the future. As the biennium neared its end, the Fraternity was forced to mourn the passing of three of its most visible and dominant brothers.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF JAMES F. BASH 49th GRAND CONSUL

Upon his election, James F. Bash brought to the office of Grand Consul a wealth of experience in Sigma Chi. Brother Bash had served on the Executive Committee and the Leadership Training Board, as well as performing a lifetime of activity with undergraduate chapter house corporations.

James F. Bash was born at Indianapolis, Indiana on August 10, 1925. There he also attended elementary and high schools, and enrolled at Butler University in the fall of 1942. In later years he said, “I grew up with Sigma Chi. Several members of the family were Sigma Chis. I sort of heard it around the dinner table.”<sup>2</sup> His uncle sent a letter of recommendation to Rho Chapter at Butler and Grand Praetor Evan Walker on his behalf. As a result, he was contacted and extended an invitation to pledge.

At the 1979 Grand Chapter banquet, Brother Bash explained, “I’ve tried to keep it rather quiet, but I was a legacy. I found out when I was 17 years old that it was not too smart an idea to talk about it. It started with great uncle William L. Pettit Jr., Lehigh 1897; his son Joseph N.

Pettit, Michigan '29; an uncle Jerome K. Bash, Butler '25, and continued."

"I remember, before I was initiated, someone asking me to name the 12 Apostles. And then there was the fellow who pinned The Cross on me originally, and has been giving me 'what for' ever since, my uncle James L. Beatty Jr., Indiana '30. As my first official act (as Grand Consul), in recognition of his membership of 50 years, he is duly certified as a Semi-Century Sig, and I can assure you he probably won't ever speak to me again."

His brother Robert D. Bash, was initiated in the class of 1940 at Indiana University. Their mother, Mrs. Pauline Bash of Indianapolis, was a proud and charming participant in a number of Sig events.<sup>3</sup>

During his membership at Rho Chapter, Jim served in nearly every chapter office, including Rush Chairman, Ritual Chairman, Pro Consul and Consul. The war effort decimated the ranks of Rho Chapter, leaving only six or seven undergraduate members. They felt fortunate to have a pledge class of three or four men. Jim said:

"I was song leader at one time, and coach of the intramural football team, for which I had absolutely no talent. It was a matter of necessity. It was a matter of survival. Perpetuation of the chapter was our main project at that time. Instead of having one or two Initiations per year, we might have a dozen. A man would be pledged and be reasonably well through pledge training and be called into the service, and we couldn't let him go off to war without being a Sigma Chi."

Upon graduation with a degree in history and political science, Brother Bash entered law school at Indiana University. There he affiliated with Lambda Chapter, serving as Ritual Chairman and Pro Consul. Following law school Jim returned to Indianapolis and began his long employment with the Standard Life Insurance Company of Indiana, culminating in his positions as president and chairman of the board. He also served as president of the All Funds Management Corporation, and has been active and an officer or director in many civic activities including the Central Indiana Better Business Bureau, Indiana Heart Fund Association, and the Central Avenue United Methodist Church, where he was treasurer, board of trustees chairman and church school superintendent.

For Rho and Lambda chapters, Jim occupied several positions on the house corporations. He was continually active in the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter, and was president in 1958. He was perfectly happy to serve the Fraternity through Rho and Lambda and the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter, but at the recommendation of Grand Pro Consul Harry V. Wade Sr., the Leadership Training Board invited him to serve on the Quaestors Faculty of the Leadership Training Workshop in 1962. Upon becoming Grand Consul in 1963, Harry Wade appointed Brother Bash to the Leadership Training Board. In 1973 when Edwin C. Fisher resigned from the position of Grand Quaestor, Grand Consul John W. Graham Q.C., appointed Jim Bash to fill out his term. He continued as Grand Quaestor until he was elected Grand Pro Consul

at the 1975 Grand Chapter. Quoting words from a Church hymn written by Charles Wesley in the 18th century, he accepted unanimous and unopposed election as 49th Grand Consul at the 1977 Grand Chapter:

“A charge to keep I have,  
a God (a Cross) to glorify,  
Assured, if I my trust betray,  
I shall forever die.”

After he was escorted forward by Past Grand Consuls J. Dwight Peterson and Harry V. Wade Sr., he expressed appreciation to them and his predecessor Chuck Thatcher for past guidance and noted:

“This is a moment that cannot be anticipated. It may come. It may not. You can never really be prepared for it. In receiving this Badge of Daniel William Cooper (the Founder’s Badge worn by each new Grand Consul), I am cognizant of the responsibility you have placed upon me, for the future. I come to you with no pretentious plans, no pie-in-the-sky programs. We have an excellent system of government. Thanks to the capable leadership of Chuck Thatcher, we are in good shape today. We do have laws, and it is my intent, and the intent of your Executive Committee, to see that they are followed not only to the letter, but to the spirit. We do have some problems and concerns: complete observance of the Ritual; reported situations of hazing in some areas; and an even more effective delivery system for the Membership Development Program. I have a concern about the use of alcohol. Housing in some areas is critical. I invite all to give me your suggestions. We need good communication. In your individual chapters, in whatever area of activity you may be called to serve Sigma Chi, what results we have during the next two years depends on what you do. I know that working together, we can make it.”<sup>4</sup>

The most striking issue of the administration was the definitive stand taken by Grand Consul Bash and the Executive Committee against hazing and improper pledge program practices. He later stated:

“Like a lot of things, eventually the time arrives when something needs to be done, and you either decide to do it or not to do it. There was some conversation in Orlando at the 1977 Grand Chapter that things were sort of out of hand in some pledge training programs, and also in the uniformity and use of the Ritual. There was a resolution passed at the Orlando Grand Chapter asking that something be done. When we went into the Executive Committee meeting in Bowling Green, (at the Leadership Training Workshop six weeks after the 1977 Grand Chapter), I sure didn’t have it all laid out, and say this is what we’re going to do, and attempt to get the Executive Committee to go along. The Policy Statement was the result of the resolve of the several members of the Executive Committee. I don’t think that the Policy Statement would have been effective if it had the support of any less than the full membership of the Executive Committee. I do think that the message got across in rather clear fashion to the Undergraduates, and I think that some progress had been made. It certainly took the most time.”<sup>5</sup>

# **The Sigma Chi Fraternity**

## **—Resolution & Policy— —Statement of Position— concerning Pledge Training and The Ritual**



**Adopted  
August 13-14, 1977  
The Sigma Chi Fraternity  
General Headquarters  
Box 469-1714 Hinman Ave.  
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**Unanimously endorsed & re-affirmed by the Grand Chapter &  
Executive Committee, July 1979**

The first recommendations to the Executive Committee urging the need for a strong and definitive statement on the subject originated several months earlier with the General Headquarters staff, stemming from their first-hand awareness of the activities of some undergraduate chapters. A Ritual Committee resolution passed at the 1977 Grand Chapter re-enforced the need for a stronger policy. The statement was drafted prior to Workshop by Editor Fred Yoder, consulting with other staff members. Most of the Committee and several staff members spent nearly all of the four-day August 1977 Workshop in session debating, refining and then adopting the policy prior to its announcement by Grand Consul Bash at the conclusion of the Workshop. Although Sigma Chi and most other national and international Greek-letter groups had adopted anti-hazing regulations many years earlier, the 1977 Sigma Chi statement was the first to clearly identify and explain both specific prohibited activities and the basic reasons for their unacceptability. Grand Consul Bash appeared before all of the delegates and faculty at the final banquet of the 1977 Workshop to introduce and then read the just adopted Policy Statement. He explained:

"Each of us did, at the time of our Initiation, take upon ourselves certain obligations. Each of you who are officers in your chapters undertook certain obligations. We very clearly said, individually and collectively, that we would uphold and support the laws of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. I believe that the policy statement is a clear and forthright statement. It is necessary because of the obligations we have, as officers and as Sigma Chis. To do less would be hypocritical of our obligations, and of all that The White Cross stands for. I am positive that this will not be accepted everywhere with dancing in the streets. I am sure that there are Sigma Chis who will find this extremely difficult, but I assure you that there are sufficient resources available to permit any chapter with good intentions to fully comply. The complete resources of the Fraternity will be put behind this program."<sup>6</sup>

The Policy Statement represented a major step in Sigma Chi's on-going efforts to maintain the Fraternity's Ritual and ideals as the principal inspiration and guide for the actions and aspirations of all of its members and chapters. Brother Bash and the Executive Committee undertook strict observance of the Policy Statement once issued. For those undergraduate chapters that found their programs were inconsistent, the resources of the Fraternity were at their disposal for improvement. Those chapters that attempted to cover-up or rationalize prohibited or questionable activities - and were discovered - received the most severe treatment, including suspension of charter and privileges in Sigma Chi.

The efforts of Grand Consul Bash in improving pledge training and Initiation practices had far reaching and long term effects. The cumulative effect the Policy Statement and its vigorous enforcement had upon all of the men whose inspiration for the Cross might have been spoiled or compromised is one of the most significant contributions of any administration in Sigma Chi.

## **THIRTIETH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY - 1977**

The 1977 Workshop was held at Bowling Green State University, site of the first Workshop in 1947, and previous host six times. Total attendance including undergraduates alumni and guests was 760. A highlight of the program was a telegram from U.S. President Jimmy Carter, sending his "very best wishes for a successful and enlightening 30th Leadership Training Workshop." The Workshop was coordinated and implemented for the second year by the Workshop Committee chaired by Mac Heitzhausen, under the auspices of the Leadership Training Board. The Workshop administrator was Assistant Executive Secretary Mark Ruhe, aided by other Headquarters Staff members.



University of Kentucky delegates at the 1977 Workshop.

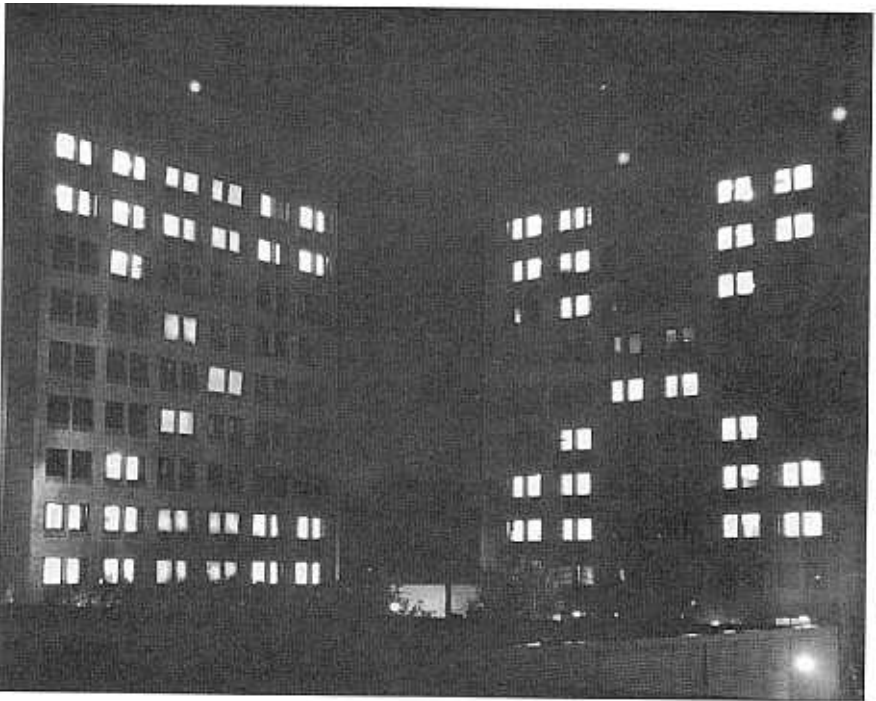
At the first formal program, host University Board of Trustees President Charles E. Shanklin, Bowling Green '51, urged: "When you rush, stress that Fraternity life is committed to ideals - sell that as the importance of Fraternities, especially Sigma Chi. The public knows we have fun. But no other organization on campus is committed to or can lay claim to this emphasis on ideals. Fraternities give us the leadership we (in universities) need. That and the ideals we exemplify here tonight is the reason we are here." Sigs of the host chapter performed the Ritual Exemplification.

At the campus and community relations convocation, a slide presentation on the Sigma Chi Wallace Village project portrayed scenes of

the Village and its children, and the Sigma Chi Gym dedicated there one year earlier. Special speaker Bowling Green State University President Dr. Hollis Moore Jr., cited numerous reasons "why I see fraternities as important to a University." President Moore and his wife hosted Grand Officers and alumni leaders at their home later that evening.

An evening, outdoor barbecue at the dormitory concourse provided the inspiration for several delegates to orchestrate the lighting of the windows of the 11-story residence hall with the Greek letters "Sigma" and "Chi." Brothers Rick Vanden Heuvel, Central Michigan, and J.R. Jacobs and Joe Wheeler, Eastern New Mexico, were the chief architects.

Past Grand Consul Chuck Thatcher addressed the topic "Sigs and Scholarship," and a presentation about the Sigma Chi Foundation was made by Director of Development Jeff Tuckey. More than 150 brothers attended the Workshop interdenominational worship service led by Grand Tribune Gardner Allen.



Sigma and Chi spelled out in lights, at the 1977 Workshop barbeque, organized by Richard E. Vanden Heuvel, Central Michigan '80; J. R. Jacobs, Eastern New Mexico '80; and Joe F. Wheeler, Eastern New Mexico '80.

The Workshop closed with the Final Banquet, emceed by "Swede" Johnson. The program evolved using a "Tonight Show" setting. Special appreciation was expressed to University Conference Manager Jim

Sharp. Consuls faculty member Murray K. McComas, was honored with the William H. Carlisle Outstanding Faculty Member Award. In response, Brother McComas noted, "This award means more to me because I knew Bill Carlisle. I'd like to thank the Leadership Training Board for selecting me, and my faculty brothers for making 15 Workshops so enjoyable. I'd like to thank my sweetheart Marie for letting me come but, most importantly, I'd like to thank the undergraduate brothers, because that's the only reason we are all here."

Serenaded during dinner by several unscheduled choruses of "Old Swede Johnson had a farm" by the Workshop faculty, the retiring chairman lightened the program by presenting brightly colored underwear to Assistant Executive Secretary Dave Hill, and a large, cardboard plane ticket to California Grand Praetor Bob Bash, who had lost his. Grand Consul Jim Bash saluted the efforts of Brother "Swede." "Words are completely inadequate to express my sincere appreciation for all that you have done, for all that you have meant, for all of your great leadership characteristics so generously given to the Workshop and Leadership Training Board. I speak for not only everyone here, but for all of the literally thousands of delegates of the past in saying that, whatever happens in the future, you will always be 'the Sheriff' of the L.T.B. and of the Workshop." "Swede" Johnson responded:

"For about 25 years I have tried to say it through this Workshop. I started as a discussion leader, then I moved to head the Underclass Division, then I headed the Consul's division, then I went to the Advisor-Praetor program, and they got rid of me to chairman four years ago, and there is nowhere to go, gang, but out. I think it is great. It is great in the Fraternity that we have the kind of support, we have the kind of dedication that will allow somebody like me to come for 24 years, to associate with over 11,000 of our Brothers over this period of time. I have been from Bowling Green to Hanover to DePauw, to Tennessee, to Wyoming, and more, in 24 years. And that's a lot of Workshops, but they have all had a little special meaning to me, as this one will have to you.

"And it is appropriate, I think, that I conclude my formal relationship with Workshop at Bowling Green because in 1949, after riding a Greyhound bus for two and one-half days from Tucson, Arizona, I got off here at 4 a.m. in what looked like the most desolate place in America. We didn't have any chartered buses from the depot to the campus, like we have had here from Toledo, and all the other sophistication that we have developed. It is appropriate, too, that I return to conclude my Workshop experience because my 1949 group discussion leader is still around and is here, so that's a hope for the future. If (Grand Tribune) Gardner Allen can be around after all these years, goodness knows what's ahead for me.

"It's appropriate also because my son Marshall (Tennessee-Knoxville '78) is here, and there has never been a Leadership Training Board Chairman who has ever had their son in a Workshop. Marshall, will you come forward, please? Isn't it great to slip your son the grip? This is why I feel so special about this concluding Workshop - the 30th, as we came back to Bowling Green where my experiences all began.

"It is very appropriate I think now that a former Workshop administrator who I worked closely with all these years, (Fred Yoder) will, in my concluding banquet, once again give the 'Impossible Dream' send off that has always given



us hope for the future, gratefulness for the past, and a real sense that once again, Sigma Chi is in great shape to attack another school year. My brothers, I thank you for the opportunity to have served you all these years."

Grand Consul Bash devoted his message to the just completed policy on Pledging and the Ritual, and to emphasizing the importance of chapters striving for the Peterson Significant Chapter Award. The policy was distributed during his remarks:

"The Executive Committee and I stand here by reason of the election of the Grand Chapter in Orlando, where the majority of the voting delegates were undergraduates. Our mandate, our obligation is received directly through a democratic process of election mostly by the undergraduate members of the Fraternity. We start from today, and may the Lord bless us all, and help us to go forward in unity. My thoughts and feelings can best be summarized by the words to our song, 'Of all the ones that near perfection, stainless without gloss; Sigma Chi is my selection - We revere its Cross . . . Prize, O prize our glittering emblem - Guard, O guard it well.' "

The banquet was concluded with a message by Editor Fred Yoder, along with a special chorus of delegates and faculty members organized by Thomas C. Roberts, Kansas State '70. The scene was set with their singing of "The Cross Song." The message emphasized that "Sigma Chi is setting new and renewed directions in the Greek world, and you are very much a part of that. Your challenge is to lead your chapters and keep Sigma Chi ahead. Going home from Workshop is not a descent from the mountain - it's a journey to where it's at, your chapter. Involve your brothers in what you take from here. Make this last four days their experience, as well as yours and ours, so that together, we lift our badge and name shining not only in the sky from Offenhauer Towers dorm, but coast to coast."

The conclusion of the 1977 Workshop marked the beginning of the chairmanship of the Leadership Training Board by Dr. Joel L. Cunningham. Newly-appointed members of the Leadership Training Board in 1977 were Dr. A. Joe Scull, and Charles H. Harrington Jr.<sup>7</sup>

The Fraternity reached a significant milestone in October 1977 with the Initiation of David Bret Ingalls, Alabama '80, of Paris, Illinois, the 150,000th member. Initiated October 29, 1977, at Iota Iota Chapter, University of Alabama, he was given a complimentary Life Membership by the General Fraternity.

## THETA THETA CENTENNIAL

Theta Theta Chapter at the University of Michigan celebrated its Centennial on October 28-29, 1977 in Ann Arbor, and proudly displayed the results of a \$100,000 extensive renovation of its 63-year-old chapter house to 460 celebrating Sigs, families and guests. The house renovation was made possible by contributions from chapter alumni. Alumni from as far away as California, and from throughout the United States

joined with more than 100,000 Wolverine fans at the Michigan Homecoming football game.

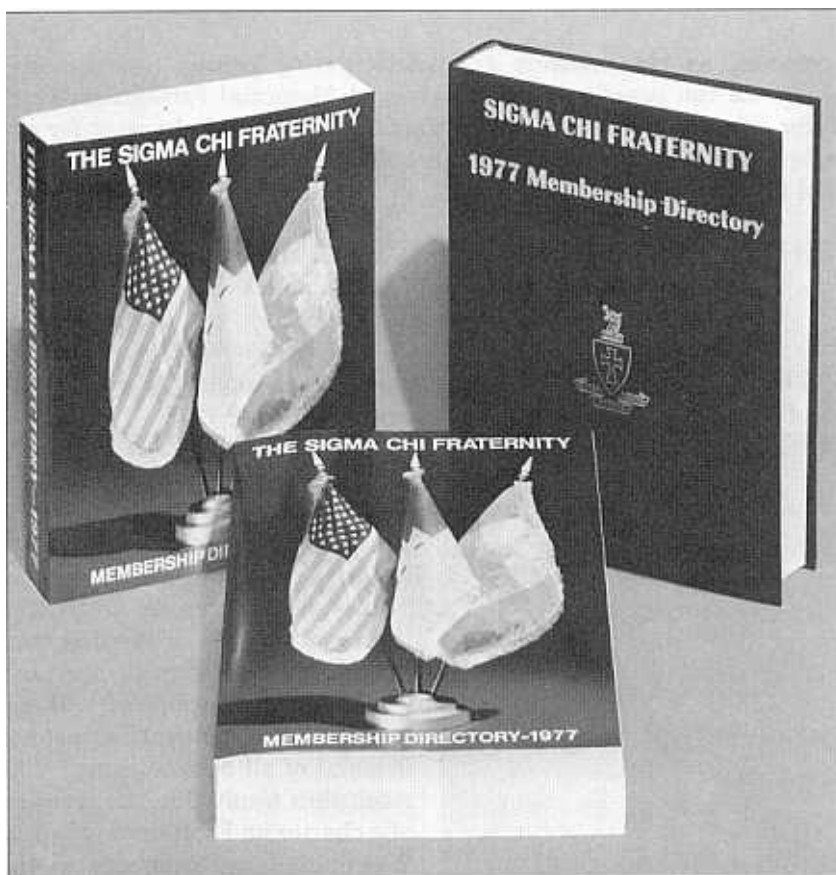
Both the Chapter House and the Ann Arbor Inn were the site for a full weekend of activities. Starting with a crowded, informal reception Friday evening, the weekend included a Ritual Exemplification, led by Consul Rick Siedlaczek, house rededication and recognition of room dedication plaques honoring devoted brothers, pre-game buffet, post-game open house, and Saturday evening banquet and dance. Among the many testaments and tributes at the banquet, special honor was accorded the many brothers, young and old, who gave generous financial support to the chapter and the house Arenovation, chaired by Grand Trustee Harry L. Hallock, Michigan '40, of Ann Arbor. Representing the General Fraternity were Past Grand Consul Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, Michigan '43; Michigan Province Grand Praetor Jay Whitcomb, and Editor of Publications Fred Yoder. Also helping to make the event a success were Ron Wiens '77; Chapter Advisor-House Corporation President Jim Vrugink, Central Michigan '70; and Undergraduate Editor George Kozloff '76, who with Brother Vrugink coordinated an interesting 32-page commemorative centennial edition of "The Wolverine Sig" published in honor of the occasion.<sup>8</sup>

## THE LOSS OF SIGMA SIGMA

The charter of Sigma Sigma Chapter, Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia, was suspended by the Executive Committee on November 5, 1977. The chapter was chartered in 1872, and had initiated 592 members. The chapter had existed in varied levels of probation, alumni supervision or having to "show cause why its charter should be retained" for some time. The chapter evidenced little compliance with a 12-point "Statement of Commitment" directed by the Executive Committee. In addition to substantial negligence of and non-compliance with the Fraternity Ritual and its requirements, virtually every area of chapter activity was weak or poor, and member apathy, neglect and damage of the chapter house was evident. Reaction of the chapter alumni to a warning letter sent them earlier was minimal.<sup>9</sup>

## 1977 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The first Sigma Chi Membership Directory issued in more than 15 years was published and sold to members and chapters during the months following March 1978, when the first copies were put in the mail. Its 1,184 pages included four sections; one of prefatory and historical material, and three sections of member listings - in alphabetical order, by undergraduate chapter and graduation year, and geographically. At the time, 148,000 members had been initiated, and there were more than 122,500 living members, including nearly 107,000 whose



The 1977 Membership Directory.

known addresses were listed. The volume was produced under the guidance of the Executive Committee and Publications Board, and prepared by the Headquarters staff coordinated by Editor Fred Yoder. All but a few hundred copies of the 5,500 printed had been purchased by the end of 1978.

## BROTHERS HELPING OTHERS

One of the most positive and significant developments of the 1970s was the increased level of performance of community and national service projects by the undergraduate chapters of most fraternities. Sigma Chi chapters were in the forefront of that activity, as evidenced by the highly successful Derby Days conducted by members of Gamma Upsilon Chapter, Mississippi State. Their record resulted largely from the efforts of the women's groups participating in their month-long Derby activities, and consistently raised amounts well into the five figure level.

The Mississippi State Sigs April 1978 Derby Day was especially

successful, as the brothers and participating groups raised nearly \$45,000 for the benefit of the Mississippi Memorial Firefighters Burn Center. That was a record amount among Sigma Chi chapters for any single event, and one of the highest amounts ever raised in a single event by any fraternity chapter.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF ETA OMEGA CHAPTER BAYLOR UNIVERSITY APRIL 8, 1978**

The petition from the undergraduate men at Baylor University was one of only two acted upon by the Fraternity during 1978.



Pat Neff Hall at Baylor University.

In October, 1841, the Education Society of the Union Baptist Association of the Republic of Texas passed a resolution, "... to found a Baptist university in Texas upon a plan so broad that the requirements of existing conditions would be fully met and would be susceptible of enlargement and development to meet the demand of all ages to come." The resolution resulted in the granting of a charter on February 1, 1845, at Washington-on-the-Brazos on the final day of the last Congress of the Republic of Texas. The Education Society was led by the Rev. William Tryon, the Rev. James Huckins and Judge R.E.B. Baylor. The university was named by Tryon, when he wrote the name Baylor in the charter when it was presented to the Congress. Robert Emmett Bledsoe Baylor came to Texas in 1839, just three years after the army of Sam Houston defeated Santa Anna on April 21, 1836, at San Jacinto, gaining inde-

pendence from Mexico. He was a native of Kentucky, and a former member of the legislatures of Kentucky and Alabama. He was a member of the 1845 convention called to form a state constitution for Texas, and led the fight for establishing free public schools and a permanent school fund. He was a district judge of the Republic of Texas and the early years of Texas statehood. One description said he rode over his territory

"with the laws of Texas in one saddlebag, the Holy Bible in the other," administering justice by day and preaching mercy by night.

Baylor University opened on May 18, 1846, at Independence. It is the oldest institution of higher learning in Texas that has been in continuous existence since its founding. The university is also one of the oldest co-educational universities in the United States. Women were admitted with the opening of the first classes. Almost hidden among the green hills northeast of Brenham, in Washington County, the little village of Independence passes its days in tranquil peace today. During the middle of the 19th century, Independence was a center of education, culture, religion and social graces known as "The Athens of Texas." Heroes of San Jacinto and Gettysburg built their homes there. One of the oldest Baptist churches in Texas was founded there in 1939, and numbered Sam Houston among its converts. Economic and sociological changes made the operation of Baylor at Independence increasingly difficult. Population shifted, the railroad by-passed the college site, and there was constant agitation to move the university. The Baptist General Association and the State Convention combined to form the Baptist General Convention of Texas in 1886. The Female Department at Baylor was moved to Belton, later to become Mary Hardin-Baylor College. Baylor University and Waco University were consolidated in 1886 at the present site in Waco.

The University system includes the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Business, Education, Law, Music, and Graduate School at Waco; the School of Nursing, and Medical Center in Dallas; and the affiliated units at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

In the spring of 1975, Baylor administrators, who had barred major fraternities from campus, reversed their policy and began allowing local groups to affiliate. At the time of the founding of Eta Omega Chapter there were 18 fraternities represented on the campus, including: Alpha Tau Omega; Baylor Chamber of Commerce; Baylor Jaycees; Delta Upsilon Kappa (petitioning Delta Upsilon); Esquire; Kappa Alpha; Kappa Omega Tau; Taurus (petitioning Beta Theta Pi); Kappa Sigma; Lambda Chi Alpha; Tau Kappa Epsilon; Phi Delta Theta; Sigma Phi Epsilon; Phi Gamma Delta; Sigma Tau Gamma; Pi Kappa Alpha; Sigma Alpha Epsilon; and Sigma Delta Phi (petitioning Sigma Chi). Total enrollment was 9,408.

The local fraternity Sigma Delta Phi was founded in the fall of 1971 by 18 charter members. The men were members of Sigma Delta Phi at a local community college, and decided they wanted to continue their brotherhood and formed a fraternity at Baylor with the same name. The men felt it was important to have fellow men whom one could depend upon and enjoy being with. Sigma Delta Phi, a social-service fraternity, had the reputation of being the most respected, stable, and active fraternity at Baylor. It had a strong campus identity and yet encouraged the individuality of each member. In October 1976, the brothers of Sigma

Delta Phi voted to affiliate with a major fraternity. Sigma Chi was the unanimous choice because the group decided that Sigma Chi and Sigma Delta Phi had similar ideals, goals and values. S. Jack McDuff was appointed investigating officer for the group at Baylor. He reported, in part:

I had the opportunity to visit with two officials of Baylor University during my stay. These were Dr. W.C. Perry, vice president for student affairs, and Mr. Kenneth Brittain, director for all interfraternity activities. Dr. Perry and Mr. Brittain assured me that Sigma Chi is welcome on the Baylor University campus. Further, they assured me that Baylor University has created a better relationship for and with their students as a result of the Board of Trustees decision to permit fraternities on their campus. At this time they do not allow any fraternity to have a house. This policy may change, but it will be several years, if ever, before such change does occur.<sup>10</sup>

Following a favorable vote by the undergraduate and alumni chapters, preparations were made for installation of the men at Baylor as Eta Omega Chapter. Indoctrination Week was conducted by Assistant Executive Secretaries Chuck Patrick, Joe Martin, Jim Dulcich and Rick Martin. The installing chapter was Delta Mu, Southern Methodist University, led by Consul Randy Davis and past Consul Chris Ritchie. They were assisted by undergraduate members from Texas Christian, East Texas State, Texas A & M, Texas Tech, Sam Houston, and brothers from as far away as Florida and Colorado. Ceremonies for 83 charter initiates were held at the First Presbyterian Church, which was pastored by the Rev. Roy Sherrod, Tennessee-Knoxville '44, who delivered a moving invocation at the installation banquet.



Baylor Consul James E. Hutcherson, left, accepts the Eta Omega charter from Chief Installing Officer S. Jack McDuff, as Grand Consul Bash applauds.

Past Grand Consul Dr. Charles M. Thatcher was toastmaster at the Installation banquet, held that evening in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Student Union Building. Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. W.C. Perry welcomed Sigma Chi to Baylor. North Texas Grand Praetor Chester McCrary welcomed Eta Omega to the province. The Eta Omega charter was presented to Consul Jimmy Hutcherson by Grand Pro Consul and Chief Installing Officer McDuff.

Grand Consul Bash delivered the installation message and presented Grand Consul's Citations to Chapter Advisor Dr. Raymond Read, Baylor '62; Financial Advisor David Dickson, Texas Christian '74; and Faculty Advisor Dr. Norman Gilchrest. Grand Trustee Jay Minton, Missouri-Columbia '20, and his wife Betty, were special guests at the banquet. During their 19-month petitioning period, the brothers of Eta

Omega formed a close relationship with the Mintons. Dr. George Ruhle, a Significant Sig and a member of the Order of Constantine, also attended. The banquet closed with the Brothers of Eta Omega singing "Then Here's To Our Fraternity," "The Cross Song," "My Name Is Sigma Chi Sir," and several songs from their winning performance at the All-University Sing.<sup>11</sup>

## CHAPTER HOUSE FIRES

Over the 10-year period 1970-1980, fires in chapter houses were a serious problem. A number of chapter properties were partially or extensively damaged by fire, including:

May, 1970 - Kappa Kappa, Illinois. Cause: electrical malfunction. Cost: \$70,000.

October 1973 - Kappa Kappa, Illinois. Cause: overloaded electrical outlet. Cost: \$150,000, and loss of use of house for year.

July, 1974 - Omega Omega, Arkansas. Cause: unknown. Cost \$15,000.

December, 1974 - Zeta Sigma, Eastern New Mexico. Cause: malfunctioning water heater. Cost: \$12,000.

December, 1974 - Gamma Iota, Louisiana State. Cause: probable faulty wiring. Cost: \$450,000, and loss of use of house for extended period.

December, 1974 - Alpha Alpha, Hobart. Cause: faulty electrical heater. Cost: \$70,000.

October, 1975 - Alpha Sigma, Minnesota. Cause: arson of outdoor homecoming display. Cost: \$3,000.

October, 1975 - Beta Xi, New Mexico. Cause: arson of homecoming display. Cost: \$6,000.

November, 1975 - Epsilon Nu, Texas Tech. Cause: faulty wiring. Cost: \$20,000.

January, 1976 - Eta Delta, Tennessee Tech. Cause: overloaded electrical outlet. Cost: unknown.

June, 1976 - Epsilon Chi, Lamar. Cause: overheated wiring. Cost: extensive.

December, 1976 - Delta Pi, Ohio. Cause: unattended candle. Cost: minimal.

March, 1977 - Omicron, Dickinson. Cause: Fire in janitorial supply closet. Cost: minimal.

March, 1977 - Sigma Sigma, Hampden-Sydney. Cause: discarded cigarette. Cost: \$16,500.

April, 1978 - Alpha Sigma, Minnesota. Cause: Campus carnival display construction. Cost: \$65,000.

October, 1978 - Delta Iota, Denver. Cause: Arson. Cost: \$200,000, and loss of use of house for extended period.

Continued vigilance and increased attention to matters of fire prevention and safety were discussed and recommended by the Committee on Chapter Housing at the 1977 Grand Chapter and by the Executive Committee. While the Executive Committee was relieved that there was no loss of life or serious injury, it alerted all brothers, chapters and house corporations to the need for vigilance and increased attention to



The House of Southern Woods, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, one of several chapter houses damaged or destroyed by fire.

fire prevention. On May 20, 1978, the Executive Committee recommended that every chapter having a housing facility insure that, at the very least:

Houses are equipped with dependable smoke detection and alarm systems; fire extinguishers are acquired and maintained; potential fire-causing hazards are eliminated; escape plans and exit access are developed and communicated; local fire authorities be invited to conduct house inspections; fire insurance coverage is sufficient; funds permitting, more extensive measures such as sprinkler systems, fire doors and improvements in electrical systems be carried out.<sup>12</sup>

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on May 19, 1978, for the new wing on the General Headquarters building in Evanston, Illinois. Grand Consul Jim Bash, Foundation Board of Governors President Carl Clare, Board member the Rev. Donald B. Ward and Executive Secretary William T. Bringham Sr. symbolically shoveled the first mounds of ground.

The Executive Committee, meeting in Evanston that weekend, officially authorized preparations for the publication of *The History of Sigma Chi 1955 to 1980*, and approved the appointment of Douglas R. Carlson as its author.



**THE INSTALLATION OF THETA ALPHA  
CHAPTER  
CLARION STATE COLLEGE  
MAY 27, 1978**

In the historic spirit of rebellion, the original petitioning group at Clarion State College was founded as a result of dissatisfaction with the ideals and conduct of other fraternities on the campus.

Clarion State College began in 1967 as Carrier Seminary of Western Pennsylvania, under the direction of the Erie Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1886 the Seminary was sold and reopened as Clarion State Normal School on April 12, 1887. The school started with a two-year teachers curriculum that was expanded to a four-year curriculum by 1913. It was purchased by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1915. Designated Clarion State Teachers College in 1929, the school began conferring the Bachelor of Science Degree in Education, and for the following 31 years devoted itself solely to the preparation of teachers.



Founders Hall at Clarion State College.

In 1960 the name was changed to Clarion State College, and coursework leading to degrees in Arts and Sciences was added in 1963. Undergraduate degree programs are offered in education, arts, science, fine

asm with which all three viewed the prospect of a Sigma Chi chapter on the Clarion campus. Their respect for, and confidence in, the men of Alpha Sigma Chi was equally evident and impressive. I was not able to meet with President Sommers, but was assured of his interest in, and support for, a viable fraternity system on the campus.

Alpha Sigma Chi moved to a position of leadership with the interfraternity council effecting changes to strengthen all Greek groups. The members of the local clearly recognized the importance of a strong fraternity system, and they were encouraged by the college administration. The group exceeded specified petitioning standards in almost every area. The members believed in what they were doing, for their own benefit, not just because Sigma Chi said it must be done.

Organization of the chapter was unique. Each member had a specific responsibility to discharge, and identified that responsibility with obvious pride. At the same time, ultimate discharge of all responsibilities was fully shared by all members. In other words, the group functioned effectively as a team, and not as a loose group of individuals with each doing his own thing. The pledge program embraced study of *The Norman Shield*, interviews with actives, projects within the chapter, and weekly big and little brother activities. The group worked closely with former Grand Praetor Murray McComas in its quest for a Sigma Chi charter. Brother McComas insisted on excellence in all areas of chapter operation as an absolute prerequisite to a final petition.

Following a favorable vote by the undergraduate and alumni chapters, preparations were made for Installation of the men at Clarion as Theta Alpha Chapter. Indoctrination Week activities were led by the Headquarters installation team of Chuck Patrick, David Hill, and Rick Martin. The ceremonies for 57 charter initiates were concluded at Marwick-Boyd Fine Arts Center, under the leadership of Ritual Director Jeffrey K. Tuckey. Eta Omicron Chapter, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, was the installing chapter, assisted by the undergraduate members from throughout the West Virginia-West Pennsylvania Province.

The Installation banquet was held that evening at the Sheraton Inn in Clarion. Toastmaster was Past Grand Consul Charles Thatcher. Key speakers were Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Donald A. Nair, Past Grand Praetor and Advisor to Theta Alpha Murray McComas, and Grand Praetor Robert Trump. Also in attendance was Significant Sig and member of the Order of Constantine Dr. George C. Ruhle. Chief Installing Officer McComas presented the Theta Alpha charter to Consul Joe Wilson. Particular recognition was given to Advisors Dr. Robert Baldwin, Wesleyan '53; Howard Barger; Murray McComas; Tom Steiner, Clarion '73; Dr. Donald Nair; Grand Praetor Robert Trump; Ritual Director Jeff Tuckey, and the Headquarters Installation team.<sup>13</sup>

Newly-appointed Assistant Executive Secretaries in the summer of

arts and music, as well as in the areas of business, communications, speech pathology and audiology and library science. Master's degree curricula became operational in 1967. The college encompasses a total of 84 acres on its main campus, and 62 acres at Venango Campus in Oil City, Pennsylvania.

At the time of the installation of Theta Alpha Chapter there were nine fraternities active on the campus, including Alpha Chi Rho, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Theta Chi, Theta Xi, and three local groups. Four of the nine groups were relatively small, having 20 to 30 members. Of greater concern was the prevalence of hazing and related activities in two or three groups.

On December 17, 1969, Alpha Sigma Chi was organized due to its founders' discontent with the existing fraternities. They believed that a fraternity should encourage the individual growth of its members, rather than the protection of a stereotype. Alpha Sigma Chi was founded on the ideals of scholarship, social enjoyment, gentlemanly behavior, and service to the college and the community. Originally a service fraternity, the group raised more than \$30,000 for various charities, including Rita Ohler Kidney Foundation, Mother's March of Dimes, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, and through their annual Dribble-athon for Leukemia.

In 1973, Alpha Sigma Chi petitioned another fraternity for a charter, and it was decided that the costs involved in petitioning would exceed the potential benefits. Affiliation with a major fraternity remained a goal, and the group investigated a number of national and international fraternities.

The group functioned as a service fraternity until early 1975. Alpha Sigma Chi evolved into a social fraternity, however, service to college and community remained an integral part of its organization. In 1975 the group merged with a group of independents who had joined together to seek a Sigma Chi charter. The Interfraternity Council was unwilling to recognize a new "local" on the campus, and urged the new group to work through one of the existing fraternities. Having identified Alpha Sigma Chi as the best, the merger was effected. Joe Kelley, Arizona '75 affiliated with Alpha Sigma Chi and guided the group toward the process of petitioning Sigma Chi for an undergraduate charter. A number of the members of Alpha Sigma Chi opposed the new objective and disaffiliated from the group. Some members of the independent group also dropped out at the time of the merger. The final result was a residual group of men who were all completely dedicated to the goal of a Sigma Chi charter, and who worked diligently to that end.

Past Grand Consul Charles M. Thatcher was appointed investigating officer for the group at Clarion. He reported, in part:

I visited with Dr. Donald Nair, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dean Hal Wassink, Coordinator of Student Activities; and Dr. Robert H. Baldwin Wesleyan '53, Dean of Professional Studies. I was impressed with the enthusi-



Joining in presentation of the Theta Alpha charter were, from left, Advisor Dr. Robert H. Baldwin; Grand Praetor Robert E. Trump, Jr.; Advisor and Chief Installing Officer Murray K. McComas; and Theta Alpha Consul Joseph W. Wilson.

1978 were: John R. Phillips, California-Los Angeles '78; Douglas A. Michels, Illinois '78; and Kim D. Winter, Southeast Missouri '77.

### **THE 1978 GRAND COUNCIL MEETING PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

The 1978 Grand Council meeting was held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on August 9 and 10. The body approved an amendment changing the date of submission of undergraduate semi-annual reports and dues from April 1 to March 15. The new submission date was further away from the April-early May period when many chapters closed for vacation. A proposal to require the Nominating Committee at Grand Chapters to put forth two names for each Grand Office, rather than one, was not approved. The proposal, submitted by Grand Praetors and Provinces of New England-Nova Scotia and Oklahoma-Arkansas, would have required the Nominating Committee to recommend more than one candidate only if more than one brother had been nominated before the opening of each Grand Chapter.

Grand Officer and committee reports included a Ritual Committee proposal to revise the Ritual amendment requirement from three-fourths of the undergraduate chapters, to three-fourths of the chapters voting, with a minimum of two-thirds affirmative, the proposal to be

presented for vote at the 1979 Grand Chapter. Undergraduate Grand Council members recommended development of more specific duties for them as Grand Council members. Grand Quaestor Dr. George H. Jones Jr. reported that finances were healthy and sound, with operation in the black and according to budget. Requests were made by Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen and the Rushing Subcommittee that consideration be given to the problem of alcohol abuse and methods for preventing and dealing with it.

Pittsburgh-area Sig alumni and their wives joined Grand Council members for a banquet at the Marriott Hotel, site of the various sessions. The highlight of the banquet was presentation of the Order of Constantine award to seven brothers, including Robert D. Bash; Dennis O. Cubbage, Oklahoma '32; Waldo L. Kraemer, Cornell '12; Willard F. McIntyre, Colorado College '26; Reid H. McLain, Wabash '27; Dr. A. Joe Scull; and Russell W. Steger, Illinois '50. New members appointed to the Leadership Training Board during 1978 were Ted R. Morford, Kentucky '63; and David "Mort" Brown, Colorado State '70.<sup>14</sup>

### **THIRTY-FIRST LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY - 1978**

The 1978 Leadership Training Workshop took place at the easternmost site in Workshop history, West Virginia University in Morgantown, and featured the theme, "May the White Cross guide us . . . to the place we belong." The second part of the theme was adapted from a popular contemporary song about West Virginia. The surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains set the scene. Undergraduates set an all-time Workshop attendance record for delegates, with 748. The total attendance of 919, including faculty, alumni and guests, was the second largest in the Workshop's history. The 1978 Workshop was dedicated to Grand Tribune and past Leadership Training Board Chairman Gardner B. Allen. He was involved in the first Workshops and was a longtime Workshop participant and leader, a role he was able to continue at that Workshop. Buttons urging "All honor to Gardner" appeared on the shirts and lapels of many of the Workshop faculty, staff and Grand Officers, courtesy of Dr. George H. Jones.

The Workshop was conducted under the direction of the Leadership Training Board, which was chaired by Dr. Joel L. Cunningham. Detailed planning and operation of the program was carried out by the Workshop Committee chaired by Mac Heitzhausen. Administrator of the Workshop was John G. Serbein, Stanford '78, who joined the Headquarters staff that summer and was the first staff member hired specifically as Director of Education.



Delegates are registered at the 1978 Workshop.



Gregory E. Carter  
1978 International  
Balfour Award winner

Brothers of host Mu Mu Chapter assisting with Workshop operations were led by Consul Dave Lunsford '79; Workshop Coordinator Dan Ulrich '79; and Chapter Advisor C. Barton Loar '65. Prior to the official opening, registration, faculty meetings, and short province reunions filled the first day. Each convocation started with a round of group singing led by Underclass Division chairman Tom Roberts. The opening program included recognition of the three finalists for the 1978 International Balfour Award, Michael A. Ursillo, Brown '78; James H. Suhrer Jr., Emory '78, and Gregory E. Carter, Butler '78, who was named the 1978 recipient. All Sigs then shared in a Ritual Exemplification by members of the host chapter.

Delegates to the 1978 Workshop enjoyed the unique privilege of not only having a true celebrity as their keynote speaker, but one who piloted his own vehicle to get there - veteran U.S. Senator, Significant Sig and licensed pilot Barry M. Goldwater, Arizona '32. Workshop officials, knowing of the Senator's plan to fly to Morgantown from Washington, D.C., were uneasy when they awoke that morning and observed the

heavy fog blanketing the city. Fortunately, it lifted sufficiently for the Senator's plane to land shortly before he was to speak. In his message, Brother Goldwater told the delegates:

"I think the best thing for any person who is older, in such an assignment, is to rely on what he had learned in life. And I can tell you that all of the honors that I have had, as I grow older, seem to fade away. You always appreciate them, but, among the things that have happened to me, being a Sigma Chi becomes more and more one of my most valuable honors. I don't care where it is in this world that you go, being a Sigma Chi is a great honor. I think the biggest lesson that I've learned, that applies to everything you will do, is to understand the basics. It has been the history of civilization that people go along in great shape. They develop themselves culturally, they develop great businesses, they develop great institutions, and then people begin to forget the basic reasons that they have been successful, and they begin to look upon life as a very difficult thing, and they try to invent new ways to do things - new ways that will go against everything that you have been taught as a youngster in church or in school or by your family, those basic things that you can't live without. If you learn the basic reasons that we are here, the basic reason of our Fraternity, the basic reasons of our country, then you can't help but be successful.

About 300 years ago, people hit our shores looking for something they called freedom. Now they didn't know what freedom was. They looked on freedom as getting out from under the oppression of kings. Well, they didn't find it right away. Then just a couple of years over 200 years ago, we finally recognized what freedom is all about, and I mention this because today I am afraid many people have forgotten all about it. There is also the basic belief in God, and the basic belief that He is the source of our freedoms, and once we forget that, once we begin looking to government as the source of freedom, we're in trouble. I don't mind telling you we are in that trouble today. We have too many people looking to Washington to do the things that they should be doing themselves at home - to take care of the people who need taking care of, but not to encourage people to sponge and live off the rest of the people in this country. I have learned that the more attention you pay to other people, the happier you become. This doesn't mean giving your money; it just means being pleasant. Walk down the street and smile at somebody. And it is amazing how nice that makes you feel, just to be pleasant and try to do things for other people. You'll find that this is one of the basic tenets of our Fraternity."

He continued:

"If you hear me and you hear others advocating the building of a strong armed services, it doesn't mean that we want to go to war, it means that we don't want to go to war. Had we been strong in the 1930s and said to Hitler 'one foot on the soil of our allies will bring us to war,' there would never have been a World War II. I went to grammar school in Arizona when recess meant the time to fight. We always chose up sides and we had fights and I learned very quickly. I had a mental list of everybody in that school that I couldn't whip, and we had peace. I look to the young people of this country. I am very encouraged now as I go to elementary schools and to colleges where 10 or 12 years ago I used to have rocks thrown at me. I've lost pieces of clothing. I've been called every bad name in the book. As you go on up the ladder in the Fraternity; as you assume office; as you have to bring rushers; as you have to initiate these new men, the Ritual is going to become more and more meaningful to you. And while you may forget it when you get out of college, it's going to come back to you time and time again, and you will think, Oh Lord, if we could just all live as the Ritual taught us to live. I am very very proud of the Cross that I wear, and you will be too."



Senator Barry M. Goldwater, keynote speaker at the 1978 Workshop.

Following lecture, panel, and audio-visual presentations, delegates moved into discussion groups led by one of the 70-member faculty drawn from across the Fraternity. Presentations involving all or most of the Workshop divisions included "The Ritual Revisited," by Grand Quaestor and Ritual expert Dr. George H. Jones Jr.; "Time Study and Scholarship" by Past Grand Consul Chuck Thatcher; a presentation on the Sigma Chi Foundation by Director of Development Jeff Tuckey; and "Popular Mechanics - Greasing the Wheels of Change" by Jay Howell. The second evening a barbeque was held at the University farm. Delegates and faculty participated in an interdenominational Sunday morning worship service led by Tom Roberts.

The near-record number of 45 undergraduate chapter recipients of the Peterson Significant Chapter Award for the 1977-78 school year had the special privilege of having their award presented personally by its namesake, Foundation Chairman and Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson. "The active chapters are the founding stones on which the Fraternity is built," Peterson noted. A slide program featuring scenes from the Wallace Village for Children and chapter public service projects, prepared by Editor Fred Yoder and faculty member John Wunderlich, prefaced the comments of Wallace Village staff members Pat Enwall and Petey Fletcher, who delivered warm thanks from the Village for all of the Sigs' efforts.

The final banquet, held at the Student Union ballroom, was toastmastered by L.T.B. Chairman Joel Cunningham. Workshop faculty and staff members were recognized. The William Carlisle Outstanding Faculty Member Award was presented to Consuls faculty member Lance Johnson, Kansas '60. Grand Consul Jim Bash emphasized: "In the search for perfection, we have evidence here tonight that it can be attained. Sigma Chi is going to have its best year in its 123 years of history."

Three loyal friends - relatives of brothers and past housemothers - of Mu Mu Chapter, Mrs. W. Merle Warman, Mrs. J. Robert Dosier, and Mrs. Rebecca Core Conway, were serenaded with the Sweetheart Song.





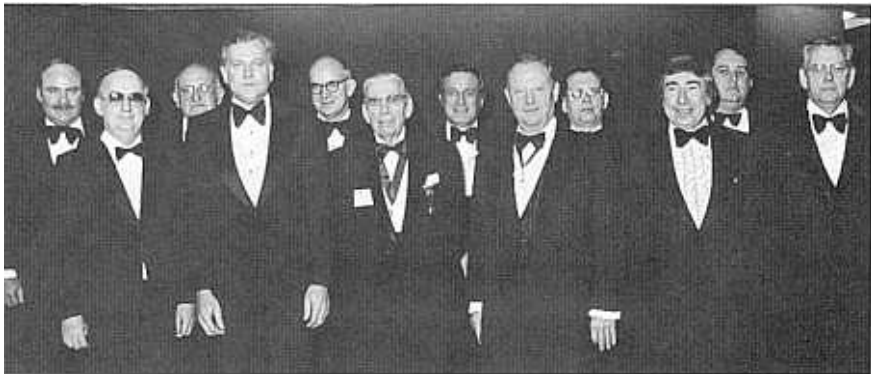
1978 Workshop delegates informally discuss Sigma Chi topics.

The banquet concluded with a presentation by Director of Education John Serbein, Mu Mu Consul Dave Lunsford, and Grand Tribune Gardner Allen, featuring musical passages including the well-known song about West Virginia, "Country Roads, Take Me Home . . . to the place where I belong."<sup>15</sup>

One of the addresses Sigs headed home to was changing, even though the chapter house remained in the same place. Sigs of Beta Xi Chapter, University of New Mexico, persuaded the post office to assign their house the address it was given years earlier, of the street alongside the house, rather than the one in front. The name of the street beside the house is Sigma Chi Road. The street name originated when property owned by the chapter house corporation was incorporated into the City of Albuquerque. Since 1978, several other Greek-letter groups moved onto the street, and had to use an address on "Sigma Chi Road." As part of the 1978 return to the historic address identification, Beta Xi Sigs were also able to convince the post office that their street number should be 1855.

## PAST GRAND CONSUL BREWER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF N.I.C.

"The need for interfraternity cooperation and understanding at the campus level is just as great as it is on the national level. It must start at the ground roots," commented Past Grand Consul Norman C. Brewer Jr. after his inauguration as the new president of the National Interfraternity Conference. The fourth Sig to head the conference, he was elected and installed during the organization's annual conference in December, 1978, at Atlanta, Georgia. Past Sigma Chi Presidents of the National Interfraternity Conference were: William A. Trimpe, Miami-Ohio '08, 1913; L. G. Balfour, Indiana '07, 1940, 1941; and J. Dwight Peterson, Indiana '19, 1965.



Norman C. Brewer Jr., fifth from right, with fellow National Interfraternity Conference Board members, following his election as president.

The 48 fraternities represented in the National Interfraternity Conference included 650 campuses and 4,700 undergraduate chapters in the U.S. and Canada, with nearly three million members. The Conference is the advisory association to which most men's national-international fraternities belong. Sigma Chi was a charter member.

Brother Brewer was an officer and Executive Committee member of the N.I.C. from December 1972, and was elected Vice President in 1977. Following his election he commented:

"It is all of us working together that has made the fraternity system survive at a time when it is doubtful that it would have survived. Benjamin Franklin remarked over 200 years ago 'If we don't all hang together, it is certain that we shall all hang separately.' To use another term, 'The one of us is greater than any one of us.' I think these expressions give voice to what N.I.C. actually represents. We have come a long way since the 1960s. The N.I.C. has entered upon a program of service, not only to member fraternities, but to the deans and fraternity advisors, and was instrumental in forming the Association of Fraternity Advisors which now meets concurrently with the annual meeting of the

N.I.C. This has gone a long way in assisting chapters on the various campuses in dealing with the administrations. My comment to the undergraduate Sig brothers is that the need for interfraternity cooperation and understanding at the campus level is just as great as it is on the national-international level. With H.E.W. (the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare) and the Internal Revenue Service continually slapping at the heels of not only social fraternities, but even such organizations at the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, we have to be on a constant vigil against the infringement of our rights."<sup>16</sup>

Unfortunately, Past Grand Consul Brewer occupied the presidency of the National Interfraternity Conference for only four months. He entered the Chapter Eternal on April 11, 1979, at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. He was 65 years of age, and had become seriously ill just a few weeks earlier. Grand Consul James F. Bash led a large delegation of Sigs, from the Grand Council as well as from Norman's Eta Chapter and other nearby chapters, in conducting the Sigma Chi Memorial Service at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, following services at the First Christian Church in Greenwood. A large delegation of the major officers of the National Interfraternity Conference and other interfraternal groups and fraternities participated also.

Due to the announcement of a substantial increase in the cost of Sigma Chi life membership dues, a record number of members accepted the Fraternity's invitation to get in under the deadline, and become Life Loyal Sigs in 1978. During that year more than 4,000 men joined the program, a number five times the average in any year following its origin in 1926. The cost of life memberships, which varied depending on the age of the purchaser and method of payment, increased from \$175 to \$350 for a lump-sum payment.

## **THE INSTALLATION OF THETA BETA CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA MARCH 3, 1979**

The University of South Florida was founded on December 18, 1956, but the first students did not arrive until almost four years later. When U.S.F. was opened to a charter class of 1,997 freshmen on September 26, 1960, it became the first major state university in America planned and built entirely in the 20th century. It was Florida's first state university located in a major metropolitan area. Regional campuses of South Florida were opened in St. Petersburg in 1965, Fort Myers in 1976, and Sarasota in 1975. On the main campus, colleges include arts and letters, business administration, education, engineering, fine arts, medicine, natural sciences, nursing, and social and behavioral sciences. Graduate degrees on the master's and doctoral level are offered.

At the time of the Installation of Theta Beta Chapter, total enrollment on the South Florida campus was more than 23,000 students. Ninety percent of the student body was from Florida. Although two-

thirds of the students were commuters, several dormitories served the resident population. In addition, a large number of students lived in apartments in the immediate vicinity of the campus. There were 16 fraternities and eight sororities on the campus. The fraternities were Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Sigma Chi Omega local, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Epsilon Phi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Phi Alpha, and Omega Psi Phi.



Seal of the University of  
South Florida.

The local fraternity Sigma Chi Omega was founded on September 23, 1974 by undergraduates who felt that Sigma Chi should be represented on the South Florida campus. They enlisted the assistance of Sigma Chi alumni in the area, who later formed the Tampa Bay Area Alumni Chapter and provided guidance for the local. The group established an outstanding record in scholarship, leadership, athletics, and community service. The chapter held a Sweetheart Ball each year, and circulated newsletters to alumni.

Erle Hall, Tennessee-Knoxville '50, was Chapter Advisor of the local in its early years. Later Advisors were M. Russell "Rusty" O'Dell Jr., Florida State '73; James C. "Jamie" VanOrden, South Florida '74; and former Assistant Executive Secretary Thomas D. Smith.<sup>17</sup>

The undergraduate and alumni chapters voted favorably upon the South Florida petition in March of 1977, and preparations were made for Installation of Theta Beta Chapter. Following the vote, nearly two years passed before the chapter was installed. In June 1977, the group had decreased in number of members due to graduations and unexpected dropouts. Upon recommendation of the Headquarters staff, the Executive Committee determined that further development of the group prior to installation would be in the best interest of its long-term existence. The group's lengthy petitioning interval made its Installation a long-awaited celebration.

The pledge examination and Formal Pledging were administered on February 10, 1979. Indoctrination Week began on February 25, led by Assistant Executive Secretaries Ricky B. Martin, Doug Michels and John Phillips. Final Initiation ceremonies for 22 undergraduate and 14 alumni charter members were held March 3, 1979, at First United Methodist Church of Temple Terrace. Eta Pi, University of Central Florida, was the installing chapter, assisted by other chapters of the



The Sun Dome at the University of South Florida.

Florida Province. Foundation Director of Development Jeffrey K. Tuckey was the Ritual Director. The Installation Banquet that evening at the Tampa International Airport Host Hotel Grand Ballroom was attended by more than 200. Welcoming remarks were given by Toastmaster and Past Grand Consul Dr. Charles Thatcher, and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Carl Riggs, Michigan '43. Both graduated from the University of Michigan, were initiated at Theta Theta Chapter there, and had not seen each other since World War II.

The Theta Beta charter was presented to Consul Jim Williams by Chief Installing Officer Fred S. DeMarr. Special awards were given by Grand Consul Jim Bash, and Consul Williams. The Tampa Bay Alumni presented Consul Williams a \$1,250 contribution.<sup>18</sup>

### **SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WILLIAM T. BRINGHAM SR.**

In April of 1954 William T. Bringham Sr., Illinois Wesleyan '46, began employment as Executive Secretary of the Fraternity, Executive Director of the Foundation and chief administrative officer of Sigma Chi, at the age of 29. The Fraternity is much larger, richer, important, and involved tangibly and intangibly, than it was on that spring 1954 day when he first arrived at the Headquarters. To recount his contribution to Sigma Chi professionally and above the call of duty would require an entire volume in itself.

During his initial 25 years as Executive Secretary, the Fraternity installed 51 undergraduate chapters, nearly doubled in size to 153,000 members, more than doubled the number of Life Members to 21,500, increased its annual budget from \$200,000 to more than \$700,000, and increased Foundation assets from \$500,000 to \$3 million.

From 1954 to 1979, there were 13 Grand Consuls, hundreds of new

Executive Committee members and Grand Officers, 12 Grand Chapters, 24 Grand Council meetings and 24 Leadership Training Workshops, 25 annual budgets, dozens of new alumni chapter charters, and four chairmen of the Sigma Chi Foundation. There were some 60 Assistant Executive Secretaries, hundreds of Constitutional and Statutory amendments, two completely new sets of Governing Laws, and two different Headquarters buildings, one of them growing a new wing. There were 25 annual sessions of the National Interfraternity Conference. Nearly all of his counterparts in other fraternities were replaced more than once, giving Sigma Chi the edge in continuity and stability.

It is difficult to estimate the millions of phone calls, letters, forms and reports completed by Brother Bringham. He made at least 1,200 weekend trips to the Evanston Post Office or to some distant committee meeting. All during the period covered by this volume, and subsequently, there was only one Executive Secretary to administer and manage all of the business of Sigma Chi, and only one Executive Secretary's wife, Ruth. Bill's lifetime companion, Ruth shared his interest and concern for Sigma Chi. Bill and Ruth became particularly attached to the young men who were employed by the Fraternity as Assistant Executive Secretaries. The passing of years gave special meaning to the Bringham's Fraternal family of friends. Their son William T. Bringham Jr. was initiated at Alpha Pi Chapter, Albion College, on November 18, 1972.

Bill was honored with membership in the Order of Constantine, the Presidency of the College Fraternity Executives Association, the 33rd degree in the Masonic Order, and two major American Society of Association Executives awards. The William T. Bringham Best House Corporation Award was named in his honor. In one quarter of a century, almost everything inflated, except the temper, the ego, or the frustration, of Executive Secretary William T. Bringham, Sr.<sup>19</sup>

It is difficult to comment adequately about the extent of Brother Bringham's long and loyal contributions to Sigma Chi, which may be seen in every chapter of this History. The amount of stability and forward movement in the Fraternity and its programs over the period of his tenure is chiefly due to his evenness and his careful administration. His life of service to the Fraternity is a monument to him.

## THE SUSPENSION OF ALPHA BETA

The charter of Alpha Beta Chapter, University of California-Berkeley was suspended by action of the Executive Committee on May 19, 1979. The suspension was caused by the conduct of activities that were in violation of the Fraternity Policy concerning Pledge Training and the Ritual, and the Constitution and Statutes. In addition, the chapter practiced deception in discussing its activities with Fraternity officials. The chapter was advised of the requirements for its re-instatement. At

the same meeting, the Executive Committee also issued Formal Warnings to six other undergraduate chapters concerning violations of the Policy on Pledge Training and the Ritual, stressing that continued non-compliance could jeopardize their charters.<sup>20</sup> The charter of Alpha Beta Chapter was restored at the January 12, 1980 meeting of the Executive Committee. At that time it was determined that the chapter was in good standing, having discontinued previous, prohibited activities.

## **'THE DUKE' ENTERS CHAPTER ETERNAL**

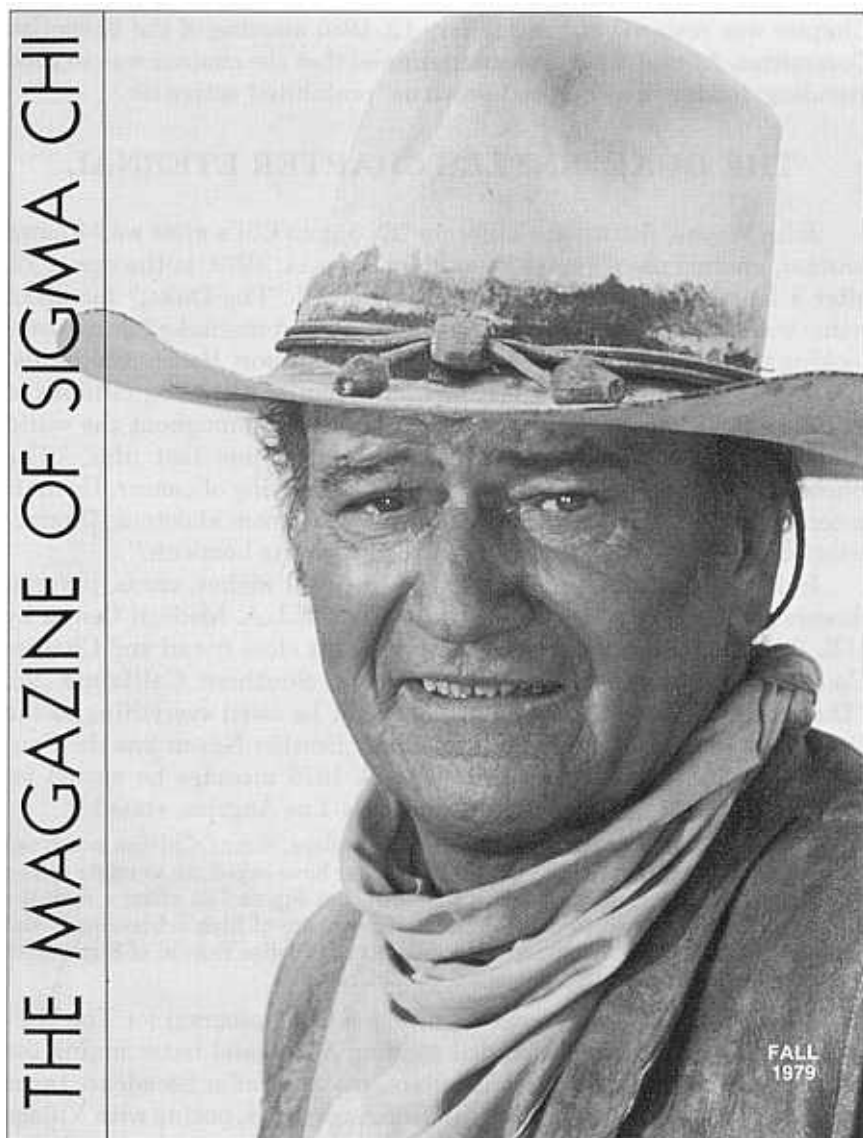
John Wayne, Southern California '29, Sigma Chi's most well-known brother, entered the Chapter Eternal on June 11, 1979, at the age of 72, after a lengthy battle with cancer. Nicknamed "The Duke," his given name was Marion Morrison. He was buried in an unmarked grave overlooking the Pacific Ocean near his home in Newport Beach, California. His memorable image left a lasting impression on the U.S., millions of film fans, his Fraternity, friends, and even those throughout the world who knew little else of America, but him. In his last film, "The Shootist," in 1976, he played an aging gunman dying of cancer. Uncharacteristically, he was killed in the film, in a barroom shootout. Characteristically, however, in the film he "died with his boots on."

In his last illness, amid millions of get-well wishes, cards, prayers, flowers and greetings, he was visited at the U.C.L.A. Medical Center by U.S. President Jimmy Carter. According to his close friend and Chapter Consul, Past Grand Consul Craig Nason, Southern California '26, "Duke told me on numerous occasions that he owed everything to the Fraternity and the men of Alpha Upsilon." Brother Nason was the Consul during Brother Wayne's Initiation. A 1976 message he signed for Delta Eta Chapter, University of California-Los Angeles, stated:

Over the years since my graduation from college, Sigma Chi has remained close to me. My brothers at the U.C.L.A. Chapter have asked me to relate to you my feelings on this great Fraternity. I believe that Sigma Chi offers a man the opportunity to grow and to develop in an atmosphere of high achievement and ideals. If you are given the opportunity to wear the Pledge Button of Sigma Chi, I suggest that you give it your deepest consideration.

His support and assistance with Sigma Chi's program for The Wallace Village for Children included sending a personal letter urging the support of the undergraduate chapters, making radio broadcast tapes for chapters to use in promoting fund-raising events, posing with Village children for pamphlets and posters, and making personal financial contributions. In honor of his consistent support of The Village project, the Fraternity in 1979 created a permanent fund in his name there, designed to provide monetary aid for Village students in financial need.

He attended the 1948 Grand Chapter in Seattle, where he received his Significant Sig Award, and served as a judge in selection of the first International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi, a role he performed on at least



John Wayne, American, as featured on the cover of The Magazine following his death in June, 1979. The cover won the College Fraternity Editors Association award as best fraternity magazine cover of the year.



three later occasions. "The Duke" was frequently invited to attend Sigma Chi events later in life, but was unable to usually because of film-making commitments in distant places. However, he was a consistent supporter of his Alpha Upsilon Chapter, and he never bypassed any of the hundreds of requests he received from chapters for autographed photos or letters of support for rush or for newly-chartered chapters. He occasionally visited chapters on some of the frequent journeys he made to shoot or promote his films. Somewhere along the line, film historians lost track of the exact number of films he made, but the list exceeded 200. For many years, his films were number one with movie-goers. Of all his films, he received only one Academy Award, garnering a coveted Oscar for his role in "True Grit" in 1969. He was honored by Past Grand Consul Nason at the 1979 Grand Chapter as "a symbol of American values and Sigma Chi virtues to all the world," and for the honor and glory he brought not only to himself, but also to "The White Cross of Sigma Chi."<sup>21</sup>

During the 1978-1979 school year, Sigma Chi undergraduate chapters raised more than \$271,000 for charities and others in need outside of the Fraternity. The record amount was in addition to a number of chapter projects that involved expenditure of manpower, such as painting hospital rooms or doing yard work for senior citizens.

Joining the General Headquarters staff as Assistant Executive Secretaries during the summer of 1979 were John K. Stephens, Iowa State '79; Randall L. Pickell, Ball State '79; and Jeffrey A. Johnson, Youngstown State '79.

## PAST GRAND CONSUL WADE ENTERS CHAPTER ETERNAL

Past Grand Consul Harry V. Wade Sr., Wabash & Cornell '26, of Indianapolis, entered the Chapter Eternal on June 23, 1979, at age 77. He had served as the 42nd Grand Consul from 1963 to 1965, a very difficult time when the debate and differences of opinion over Fraternity membership selection policies was intense and highly publicized. "I have no intention of becoming a candidate for Queen of Love and Beauty," Wade stated emphatically on a number of occasions. He was decisive and determined to maintain what he felt was right. His creation of several innovative programs established him as a Sigma Chi leader worthy of considerable recognition and gratitude. At time of

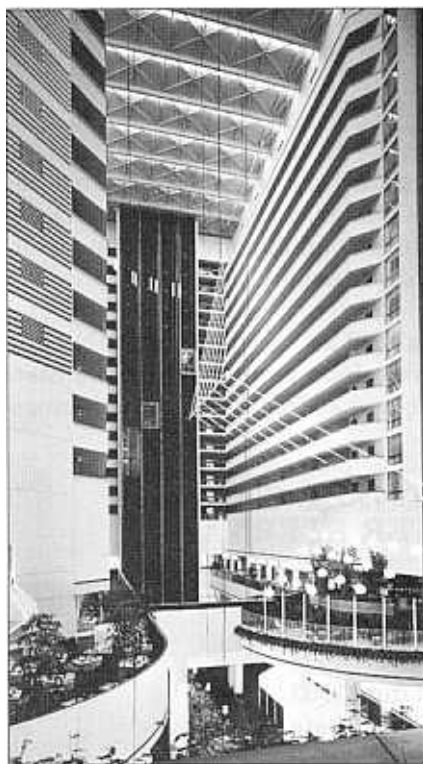


Harry V. Wade  
Past Grand Consul

death, he was Honorary Co-Chairman of the 1979 Indianapolis Grand Chapter which was to begin two weeks later. He was also chairman of the Standard Life Insurance Company of Indianapolis, and chairman of the Sigma Chi Foundation Headquarters building addition program. Harry said:

"The Sigma Chi Fraternity was founded before I was born. It was very successful before I was born, and I think it will be after I'm dead."<sup>22</sup>

## THE 62nd GRAND CHAPTER JULY 8-12, 1979 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA



Interior of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Indianapolis.

ation of more organized undergraduate representation in Fraternity governance.

Past Grand Consul Peterson had the pleasure of personally presenting the plaques to representatives of the chapters winning the Peterson Significant Chapter Award for the 1978-79 year. He was able to take special pride in the fact that the number of winners that year, 50, was the highest in the 16-year history of the award.

"Every Grand Chapter," stated Best Alumni Chapter Officer Award winner J. Lyle Williams of New York City, is just like a "Fountain of Youth." The 1979 Grand Chapter, held July 8-12 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana, was populated by Sigs young in years and in spirit. Hospitality and diligent attention was provided by the 1,400-member Indianapolis Alumni Chapter, the oldest and largest in Sigma Chi. Among many spirited, senior Sigs from near and far, there was Past Grand Consul, Sigma Chi Foundation Chairman and Honorary Grand Chapter Chairman J. Dwight Peterson, Indiana '19; Past Grand Consul William P. Huffman, Denison '11; and retiring Foundation Board member Raymond H. Fogler, Maine '15, all distinguished brothers in their 80s. One of the issues discussed was the need for consider-

Amid diligent promotional efforts by the Indianapolis alumni, full-time attendance-down somewhat from recent years-was offset by substantial numbers of local Sigs who turned out for individual events. Of the 173 undergraduate chapters, 105 were represented by delegates. Each one of the major functions attracted between 300 and 425, and the Final Banquet attracted a total of 590 Sigs, Sweethearts and guests. Among local dignitaries welcoming the delegates was the Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, Robert Orr. The Grand Chapter Honors Breakfast was toastmastered by Grand Chapter Vice Chairman Dick Hester, Ball State '77, and featured presentation of honors to the three finalists for the the International Balfour Award:



Keith J. Krach  
1979 International  
Balfour Award winner

James B. Curtis, Eastern Illinois '79; James C. Shore, Troy State '79, and Keith J. Krach, Purdue '79, of the Indiana Province, who was the recipient for 1979. Members inducted into the Order of Constantine were Delton L. Scudder, Wesleyan '27; George O. Weber, Maryland '29; John H. McCutcheon, West Virginia '45; Edward L. Ihling, Northwestern '48; Edward M. King, Bradley '54; Murray K. McComas, Penn '58; and Emory C. Walker Jr., Denver '60.

A surprise portion of the welcoming buffet was an unannounced "roast and toast" of Executive Secretary William T. Bringham, to honor his 25 years of service to Sigma Chi. Many secret sessions had taken place during the preceding months, unknown to Bringham, as Jeff Tuckey and Fred Yoder of the Headquarters staff and Indianapolis Alumni completed arrangements. Master of ceremonies was close friend and Grand Quaestor Dr. George Jones. The roast was announced and Bringham was made to sit in front of the crowd, between large posters of Bill before and after 25 years. Tributes were also extended to Bill's wife, Ruth.

Comments of both roast and toast were made by Past Grand Consuls John Graham and Bolon Turner; past Assistant Executive Secretary and past Grand Praetor Murray K. McComas; past Assistant Executive Secretary Dave Hill, who impersonated Ruth Bringham; Grand Consul Jim Bash; and Editor Fred Yoder. Al Sheriff, Executive Director of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, represented Bill's interfraternity colleagues. Many of Bill's past staff members were present for the occasion, which remained a complete surprise to its subject despite his involvement in organizing virtually every step of the Grand Chapter.

Highlight of the evening was presentation of a large, color portrait of Bill paid for through contributions from past and present Headquarters staff members. The portrait was also a surprise to Bill despite his having posed some months earlier for photos he thought were for other

purposes. Several months in production, it was carried from its hiding place and down the hotel fire stairs by staff members to evade detection. It was presented to the Foundation for display at the Headquarters, and was greeted by Bringham with the comment, "Now I'm worried about which Past Grand Consul's portrait at Headquarters is missing a frame." After its trip to Indianapolis, the portrait joined those of other Sig leaders on display at the Headquarters.



At the surprise roast of Executive Secretary William T. Bringham, Sr.

The following day, the Grand Chapter was taken to Highland Country Club for Past Grand Consuls Day, meeting the Sweethearts, entertainment, golf, tennis, swimming, beer, and a barbecue. Past Grand Consuls were each presented with a special blazer patch. A unique Grand Chapter event was an afternoon at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, organized by Richard O. Hall, Purdue '57, and attended by top officials of the famed race track. Four Indianapolis 500 mile race drivers competed in a "mini-500" race, a 10-lap, 25-mile event complete with different types of Indy cars, safety crews, pit crews, and a required pit stop. The race was won by driver Tom Bigelow, and included drivers Gary Bettenhausen, Sheldon Kinser, and Phil Threshie, all Indy veterans who were interviewed by announcer Paul Page, the "Voice of the Indy 500."

The four Past Grand Consuls present, Dwight Peterson, Bolon Turner, John Graham, and Craig Nason, were named "Honorary Flagmen" for the event, and performed their actual duties in the race at trackside. "Honorary Crew Chiefs" for the race were Grand Council members Keith Sorensen, Robert Bash, "Wayo" Yegen, and P. Brandt McCool, whose car won thanks to the fact that Brandt had the sense to mostly stay out of the crew's way. Grand Consul Jim Bash pronounced the venerable words, "gentlemen, start your engines." The day's events also included a tour of the Speedway museum, a bar-



Honorary Flagmen at the Sigma Chi "mini 500" Grand Chapter race were, from left, Past Grand Consuls John W. Graham, Bolon B. Turner, J. Dwight Peterson, and M. Craig Nason, Jr., accompanied by Speedway Assistant Public Relations Director William Donaldson.

beque, and greetings from Speedway President Joe Cloutier and Public Relations Director Al Bloemker. That evening nearby Rho Chapter, Butler University, hosted an informal party at its house.

There were six Grand Chapter business sessions over four days. In addition, there were meetings of the Grand Council, Executive Committee, Grand Praetors, Grand Trustees, the Foundation Board of Governors, and all General Fraternity committees. At the first business session, portions of the Ritual were presented by Indiana province members, with 1978 International Balfour Award winner Greg Carter and Jim Jansen, Indiana '74, in the major parts. The Ritual Exemplification was directed by Foundation Director of Development Jeffrey K. Tuckey. Past Grand Consul Craig Nason delivered a special eulogy to John Wayne and Past Grand Consuls Norman Brewer and Harry Wade.



Grand Consul Bash presiding over the 1979 Grand Chapter.

In the business part of the meeting, the Grand Chapter received a report from the Standing Committee on Chapter Finances recommending that undergraduate semi-annual dues be increased from \$15 to \$20, and approved submission of the proposal to the undergraduate and alumni chapters for a vote. Six amendments to the Constitution and Statutes were proposed, and four were adopted.

A proposal to change the membership of the nine-member Executive Committee by adding the Leadership Training Board Chairman in place of one of the two International Balfour Award winners, received a majority vote, but fell short of the three-fourths approval required. Having failed, a proposal to place an International Balfour Award winner on the Leadership Training Board, was withdrawn, although several Balfour Award winners had served on the board in recent years. Meeting frequency of the Grand Council was changed to biennial, in the years when there was no Grand Chapter. Membership of the Sigma Chi Corporation was changed to only members of the Executive Committee, Grand Officers, and Past Grand Consuls, omitting Undergraduate Grand Council members and the Leadership Training Board.

The requirement for amendment of the Ritual was changed to three-fourths vote of the undergraduate chapters voting, with a minimum of two-thirds affirmative, rather than three-fourths of the total number of the undergraduate chapters. Executive Committee regulations were made amendable by the Grand Council, Grand Chapter, or Executive Committee. The Standing Committee on the Ritual reported that a proposal concerning new initiate obligations would be circulated for vote by the undergraduate chapters.

The Alumni Activities Committee proposed an alumni chapter assessment of \$100. The income was to be used to provide for a full-time Headquarters staff member to assist and advise alumni chapters. Several alumni chapter delegates expressed concern and objection. The recommendation was received by the Grand Chapter, and was not acted upon.

Unanimously elected Grand Consul was Grand Pro Consul S. Jack McDuff, of Denver. Grand Quaestor Dr. George H. Jones Jr., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was unanimously elected Grand Pro Consul. Grand Trustee Keith B. Sorensen, of Salt Lake City, was elected Grand Quaestor. Grand Tribune Gardner B. Allen, of Atlanta, and Grand Historian Robert E. LeClerg, of Weaverville, N.C., were re-elected. P. Brandt McCool, of Gurnee, Illinois, was re-elected member-at-large on the Executive Committee. The Grand Trustees nominated and the Grand Chapter re-elected Emory C. Walker Jr. as Grand Trustee member of the Executive Committee. The Grand Praetors nominated and the Grand Chapter elected Southeastern Province Grand Praetor Herbert E. Drake as the Praetor member of the Executive Committee. Grand Consul McDuff appointed recent Balfour Award winners Gregory E. Carter and Keith J. Krach to the Executive Committee.

Newly-elected Grand Trustees were former Grand Praetors Bruce Allman and George Jernigan. Grand Consul McDuff appointed Robert F. Kershaw Grand Trustee to fill out the term of Grand Quaestor Keith Sorensen. Newly-elected Grand Praetors were John C. Buckingham, Purdue '75, New England-Nova Scotia; Donald Merriam, Rochester '38, New York; W. Martin Davenport, Richmond '79, Virginia; Robert E. Benson, Miami (Ohio) '48, Northern Ohio; Robert W. Helmholtz, Cincinnati & Miami (Ohio) '49, Southern Ohio; Richard E. Hester, Ball State '77, Indiana; Reynold T. Maffes, Michigan '78, Michigan; David A. Prichard, Illinois '75, Illinois; Richard Lewandowski, Ripon '75, Wisconsin; Daniel Khoury, Ohio State '73, Carolinas; Charles P. Rosenberger, Oklahoma '53, Oklahoma-Arkansas; David M. Hill, Illinois Wesleyan '75, Northern Texas; Dr. Sam McKinstry, Westminster '62, Tennessee; Denver Wright Jr., Washington, (St. Louis) '63, Missouri; Don Furman, Iowa '73, North Central; Ralph B. Hegsted, Idaho '62, Rocky Mountain; Bernard Fischer, Arizona '53, Big Sky; Donald Margeason, Syracuse '76, Northwestern; and Ted Brookhart, Arizona & Iowa State '63, Southwestern. The office of Grand Praetor of the West Virginia-Western Pennsylvania Province was not filled in Grand Chapter elections, and Kenneth S. Bailey, West Virginia '72, was later appointed to fill the position by Grand Consul McDuff.

The Grand Chapter paid tribute to its longtime official stenographer, Mr. Joseph W. Hoskins of the L.W. Hoskins firm of Evanston, Illinois, who was the official transcriber for nearly every Grand Chapter from 1923. The Sigmas elected as their International President Mrs. Helen Bash, wife of California Grand Praetor Robert D. Bash.



Jenna Ward  
1979 International Sweetheart of  
Sigma Chi

The Grand Chapter Sweetheart Ball was emceed by Donald C. "Danny" Danielson, Indiana '41, chairman of the Indiana University Board of Trustees, with music by the Al Cobine Orchestra. Jenna Ward, of the University of Alabama, was crowned 1979 International Sweetheart, having shared the honor of being a finalist with Lisa Danielson, University of Minnesota, and Lynn Hewitt, Murray State University. Leading the Grand Chapter banquet was a versatile brother whose identity as toastmaster was kept secret by the chairmen until shortly beforehand. The basis for the secrecy became evident after presentation of the Balfour Award, when winner Keith Krach was also revealed as

the banquet toastmaster. The local Sigs wished to avoid having the designation appear to add an unfair advantage to their Balfour finalist, who as toastmaster brought a welcome amount of creativity and humor to the lengthy banquet program.

At the Grand Chapter banquet, using the original Founders' Badge of Daniel William Cooper, retiring Grand Consul Bash introduced S. Jack McDuff as the 50th Grand Consul. Brother Bash was presented with the large plaque given to each retiring Grand Consul, and also received the highest honor which the State of Indiana awards to its favorite sons, the Sagamore of the Wabash, personally authorized by the Governor of the State. The family of Past Grand Consul Harry V. Wade Sr. presented the official portrait of Jim Bash for the Headquarters.<sup>23</sup>

## SIGS IN THE NEWS

A long-delayed, October 1977 ruling by the U.S. Patent Office recognized Gordon Gould, Union '41, as one of the primary discoverers of the laser, and as the first to have conceived its vast potential and the means enabling it to function. Gould's significant work came to be regarded as a major milestone in the annals of science and scientific development.

Significant Sig Tony Trabert, Cincinnati '52, who was a star player in the annual Davis Cup international tennis competitions in the early 1950s, led the 1978 U.S. Davis Cup team to victory and the coveted cup, in his role as U.S. team captain.



The 1978 U.S. Congressional elections raised the size of the "Sigma Chi delegation" in the U.S. Congress to 21, the largest of any Greek-letter general fraternity. The same elections placed Republican Lamar Alexander, Vanderbilt '62, in the office of Governor of Tennessee.

University of Arkansas head basketball coach Eddie Sutton, Oklahoma State '58, was named "Coach of the Year" for the 1977-78 season by both major wire services after his team compiled a 32-4 record, the most victories in history by any N.C.A.A. Division I team.

University of Texas-Austin head football coach Fred Akers, Arkansas '60, led his team to an 11-0 regular season and the number one U.S. ranking for the regular season.

Maxie Anderson, North Dakota '56, was one of a three-man team that made aviation history in August 1978 when they became the first to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a hot air balloon. Coincidentally, the historic balloon trip was launched the same day that the Leadership Training Workshop was opening in West Virginia.

The 1978 college football season brought a number-one U.S. ranking in several polls for the University of Southern California Trojans, whose head coach was John Robinson, Oregon '58.

Seattle Seahawks head coach Jack Patera, Oregon '55, was named National Football League Coach of the Year by the Associated Press after he led his team to an unexpected 9-7 win-loss record for the 1978 season.

A productive 17-year pro football career came to an end with the retirement of St. Louis Cardinals placekicker Jim Bakken, Wisconsin '62, after the 1978 season. He had scored 1,380 points, making him the third highest lifetime scorer in National Football League history.

After serving as president of Holiday Inns hotel group, the world's largest hotel chain, Michael D. Rose, Cincinnati '63, became president of the entire Holiday Inns Corporation.

Dr. M. Cecil Mackey Jr., Georgia Tech & Alabama '49, was named president of Michigan State University.



Gordon Gould discovered the laser.

Kenneth W. Hatfield, Arkansas '65, was named head football coach at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Stan Albeck, Bradley '56, was appointed head coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers professional basketball team.

Astronaut John Young, Georgia Tech '52, was named to command the upcoming first flight of the U.S. space shuttle, scheduled for 1980.

Ohio State University honored one of its most successful and well-known alumni with the May 1979 dedication of a special library at its School of Journalism. It was named for and consisted of many of the works of cartoonist Milton Caniff, Ohio State '30, creator of both the "Terry and the Pirates" and "Steve Canyon" comic strips as well as many important Sigma Chi illustrations.

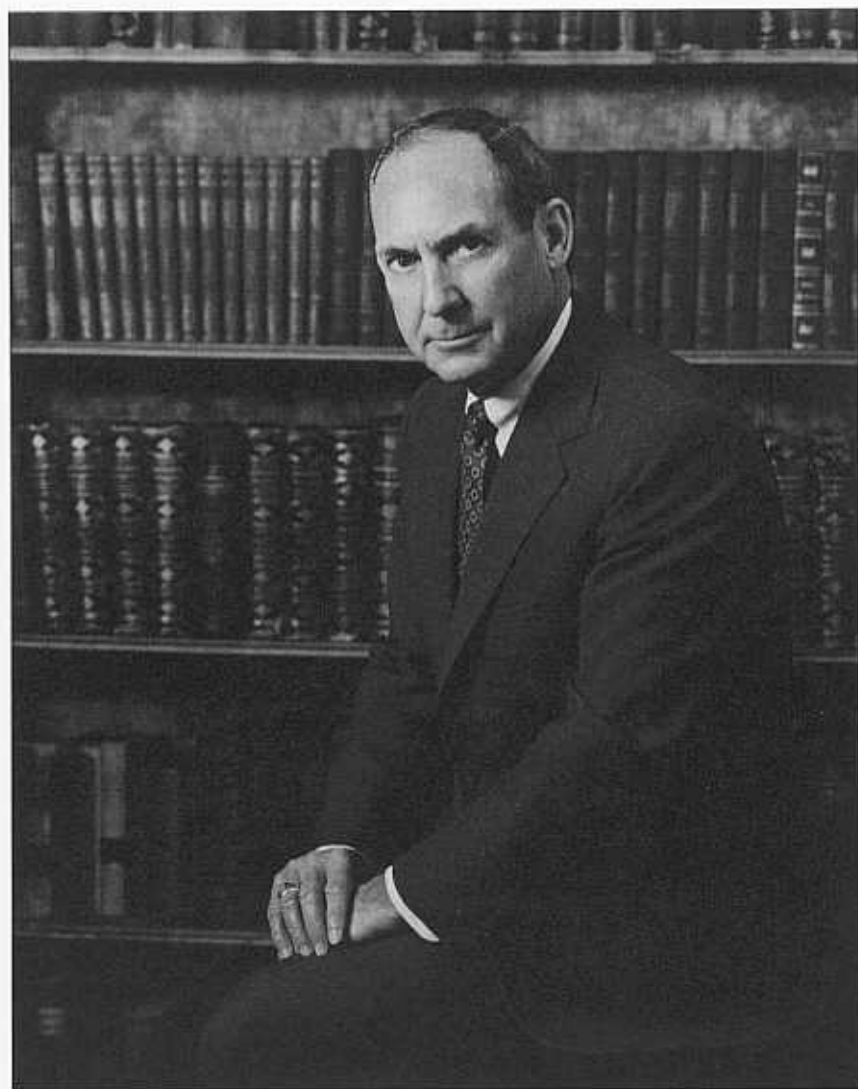
Frank I. Hamilton Sr., Indiana '44, became the third Sigma Chi in the history of the American Legion, and the second Sig within three years, to serve as its National Commander, upon election for the 1979-80 term.

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S. Jack McDuff  
50th Grand Consul

# Chapter XIV

## A Time of Celebration

### 1979 to 1980

“If any of you attach significance to numbers, the next two years are going to indeed be significant years for Sigma Chi. I have the privilege and pleasure of serving as the 50th Grand Consul of Sigma Chi. In 1980, the 125th anniversary of our Fraternity will occur. Please be assured that this great anniversary will be recognized, celebrated, and enjoyed by Sigma Chis everywhere.”

*S. Jack McDuff at the 1979 Grand Chapter Banquet on the evening of his election to the office of Grand Consul.<sup>1</sup>*

**A**N ATMOSPHERE of renewed optimism surrounded the fraternity system as the sometimes-tumultuous decade of the 1970s neared its end and a new decade loomed on the horizon. Sigma Chi prepared for the 1980s by expanding its Headquarters building and by setting in motion ideas and arrangements for a unique celebration of its forthcoming 125th birthday.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF S. JACK MCDUFF 50th GRAND CONSUL

Upon his election, S. Jack McDuff brought to the office of Grand Consul unbounded enthusiasm, combined with long and loyal service to Sigma Chi and a distinguished career in corporate America. His “Western” candor gave a special freshness to his administration.

Sidney Jack McDuff was born September 26, 1926, at Cold Springs, Oklahoma. At age 10 he and his parents moved to Marana, Arizona, as a result of the adverse conditions caused by the Dust Bowl. Thirty-five students attended his high school and seven were in his graduating class. Although he did not realize it at the time, many of his role models during high school were members of Sigma Chi. The principal of his high school, Loren S. Curtis, Arizona '32; the basketball and football coach of Tucson High School, Rollin T. Gridley, Arizona '27; the basketball and football coach at Bisbee High School, Waldo M. Dickus, Arizona '30; and the baseball, basketball and football coach at Douglass High School, Frank Sancet, Arizona '31, were all men that Jack looked up to. Later, their membership in the Fraternity was what “really convinced me to become a Sigma Chi. Because, when I found out that men that I admired on the coaching level were members, I said that this has got to be for me. Because, they’re my kind of people. I was a rah rah high school athlete.”<sup>2</sup>

Jack enrolled at the University of Arizona in the fall of 1944 at his parents' urging. He received freshman, sophomore, and senior scholastic honors, and was a member of Pi Mu Epsilon, a mathematics honorary society. He was active in several clubs and honorary societies, received three varsity track letters, and was listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. He later recalled:

"I was initiated on December 10, 1944, and the next day I went to Phoenix and was drafted into the Navy. I really will always thank my mother and father because they insisted that I give up my last weekend at home to be initiated into the Fraternity. They had not gone to college, but somehow they just sensed in meeting my pledge brothers and in seeing how I talked about the Fraternity, they sensed how that was something good in my life."<sup>3</sup>

Following 21 months service in the United States Navy, Jack returned to the University of Arizona and served Beta Phi Chapter as Magister, Quaestor (two years), and Consul. He attended the 1950 Leadership Training Workshop, the 1948 Seattle Grand Chapter, and the 1950 Columbus Grand Chapter representing Beta Phi. He was the Beta Phi nominee for the Western Province Balfour Award in 1951. Jack completed post-graduate work at the Harvard School of Business, Advanced Management Program. He joined Johns-Manville Sales Corporation in December, 1952, and progressed through numerous assignments culminating with his position as vice president and general manager of the Johns-Manville Industrial Products Division. Following retirement from Johns-Manville, Jack engaged in an active real estate career in Denver, and Tucson. He is a member of numerous trade, alumni, civic, and social clubs or associations.

As an alumnus in Sigma Chi, Jack was a member of the Workshop Faculty from 1959 to 1968, and was the first recipient of the William H. Carlisle Outstanding Faculty Award in 1967. He was named to the Order of Constantine in 1976, and received the Significant Sig medal in 1983. He was Grand Praetor of the Northern California-Nevada Province, 1967-1969, and Grand Trustee, 1969-1975, including Grand Trustee representative on the Executive Committee in 1971 and 1972. He was member-at-large of the Executive Committee, 1972-1973, Grand Quaestor, 1975-1977, and Grand Pro Consul, 1977-1979. He was elected 50th Grand Consul of Sigma Chi at the 62nd Grand Chapter in Indianapolis, Indiana.

During his term as Grand Consul, Brother McDuff continued emphasis on adherence to the Policy Statement on Pledge Training and Use of the Ritual. In addition, Jack was the champion of undergraduate and alumni community service. He stated, "... as long as I am active in the Fraternity, the area of community service will get my emphasis and concentration. The program (of support to the Wallace Village for Children) started by Grand Consul Floyd Baker in 1967 was one of the best things that ever happened to Sigma Chi."

A particular issue for Grand Consul McDuff was the predicted de-

clining enrollments at colleges and universities, and the need for continued effort to prevent a loss of strength in Sigma Chi that some feared might occur. He said:

"The main concern and need of the undergraduate chapters and the General Fraternity for the next seven or eight years will be to learn how to cope with the problem of declining enrollments on our college campuses. Studies show that the low point of enrollment is likely to occur somewhere around 1985. It is my contention that fraternities will not divide up the fewer people equally. The strong will continue to get more than their share, and the weak will pass out of the picture. If our chapters are not in at least the top 50 percent of fraternities on their campus, they could be an endangered species. If chapters are going to survive, they can't be average. We have to strive for excellence - every individual chapter and member. To me, it's the key to success. We should set a goal that every chapter become a Peterson Significant Chapter. I hope that when some young man who doesn't know any more about fraternities than I did, goes to school and is pledged by Sigma Chi, that the end result will be as beautiful as it has been for me."<sup>4</sup>

Grand Consul McDuff's most recognized accomplishment was the result of his most inner feelings about the importance of true brotherhood and fellowship. The worldwide celebration he orchestrated of the 125th anniversary of the Fraternity rekindled brotherhood and fellowship on a grand scale. Afterwards he wrote:

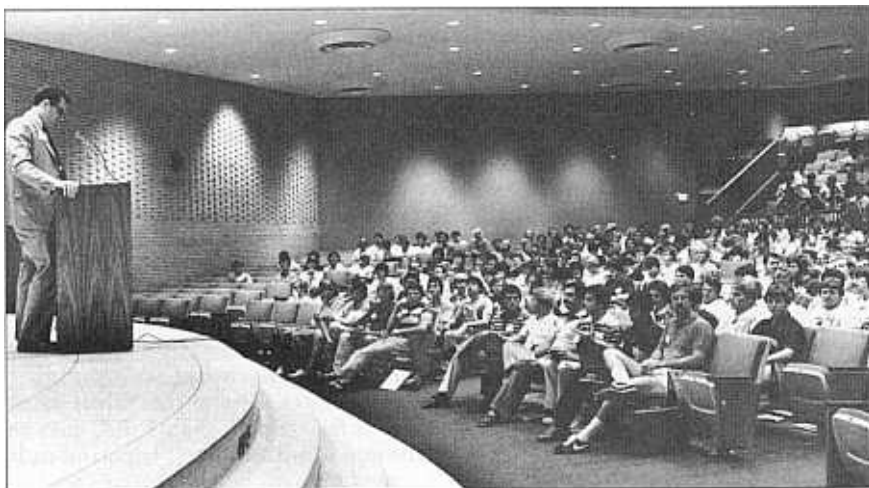
While I feel we accomplished much during the two years, I am most proud of the 125th Anniversary Celebration and all that it embraced - the planning, execution, the movie, the parties, the follow-up, and the frosting on the cake. I believe the celebration helped to re-ignite the Spirit of Sigma Chi within many of our brothers.<sup>5</sup>

## **32nd LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - 1979**

"Decide what you want in life," stated Keynote speaker and Brother Cavett Robert, and then decide what you are willing to give up in order to get it." Robert reminded more than 850 Sigs and guests at the 1979 Workshop that most anything you've ever had in life, you gave up something for it. This Workshop could change your whole life. I think the impact of one personality on another effects us more than anything else."

Brotherhood and Energy - Good fuel for the 80s, was the Workshop theme, based partly on the auto fuel shortages which were a problem in many cities at the time. Or, "You can't heat an oven with snowballs," as Cavett Robert put it, citing a comment of the late humorist Will Rogers. The Workshop was held for the second time at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, a town surrounded by miles of cornfields 60 miles west of Chicago, Illinois. The 857 total attendance was the largest for any Workshop held in the same summer as a Grand Chapter. In his keynote message, Robert said:

"I think there is nothing in life that can't be accomplished when the right



Dr. Joel L. Cunningham, Chairman of the Leadership Training Board, greets workshop delegates.

people are swept up in a worthy cause. To think of Sigma Chi is to believe in an ideal. Believe in this ideal and know that it has power. If you just realize that there is a spark of divinity, a fragment of eternity, a bit of immortality on this earth, it is going back and setting examples for other people - people (whether rushees, pledges, actives, alums) who are saying, 'Make me feel important. Don't rain on my parade. I don't want to be a number, or a perforation on somebody's punch card. Don't stick your finger in my eye and try to dial a number. I am not a machine.' Will Rogers said, 'You better love what you are doing - love people and use things; don't use people and love things. It is as difficult to separate the love of the project from the love of the people you work with as it is to separate the sun from the sunshine' . . . or, it might be added, as difficult as separating the 'work' from 'Workshop,' the 'brother' from 'other,' or the words 'Sigma Chi' from 'Fraternity.'"

The Workshop was hosted by the brothers of Eta Nu Chapter. For the second time at a Workshop program, International Sweetheart Jenna Ward was on hand to meet the delegates. Another first at Workshop was the Sigma Chi Foundation Board of Visitors program.<sup>6</sup> Four successful Sig business leaders were present to observe, participate in the program, and speak with delegates on subjects related to leadership, careers, and goals. They were: Significant Sig and Foundation Board member Kenneth K. King, Northwestern '22; Foundation President Carl P. Clare, Idaho '27; Sycamore, Illinois, Bank President Clifford Danielson, North Dakota '21; and Wurlitzer Co. executive Paul O'Kane, Illinois Wesleyan '42.

After four years as Workshop Committee chairman, Mac Heitzhausen retired and was honored at the Workshop Banquet. He had been on the Quaestors Division faculty and the Leadership Training Board. Succeeding him was Richard A. Mayoh, Rhode Island '64, who was appointed by Grand Consul McDuff to the Leadership Training Board.



The General Workshop program included the opening and Ritual Exemplification by Sigs of host Eta Nu Chapter and 1979 International Balfour Award winner Keith Krach; "The Ritual Revisited" by Grand Pro Consul Dr. George H. Jones Jr.; the Brotherhood Barbecue; information on the Membership Development Program by Bob Schock; a scholarship lecture by Past Grand Consul Chuck Thatcher; interdenominational worship service conducted by Grand Tribune Gardner Allen; informal discussions on subjects such as rush, Ritual, alcohol abuse, and alumni relations; province planning sessions; and a presentation on getting the job done at the chapter, "Popular Mechanics, Greasing the Wheels of Change," by Jay Howell.

The Awards convocation included greetings from DeKalb Mayor Judy King, and a slide presentation on chapter public relations projects, Wallace Village, and "Duke" Wayne. The final banquet was toastmastered by Significant Sig Johnny Orr, University of Michigan head basketball coach and a past "Coach of the Year," who said, "It is just super to be at your Workshop. It is a great thrill for me to do something for Sigma Chi."

Speaking at the final banquet, Northern Illinois President Dr. William Minot anointed all of the visiting Sigs as honorary members of the University alumni association. "We are pleased to have you here," he commented. "I have heard all my life about Sigma Chi, and have heard about this remarkable person always associated with Sigma Chi, the Sweetheart. All I can tell you is that my wife has been impoverished because I was never a Sigma Chi."

Also at the final banquet, Grand Consul Jack McDuff cited the growing problems of inflation and declining enrollments, noting, "Brotherhood and energy are absolutely essential if we are to accept the challenges that we face in the 1980s." He urged all chapters to conduct a more significant rush effort and increase their strength; to continue the commitment to Sigma Chi's position on pledge training and the Ritual; and to "commit yourselves to excellence. If we make that commitment, we will not have a crisis in the Fraternity in declining membership in the 80s."

Host Eta Nu Chapter was presented a large Sigma Chi flag for its Workshop efforts. Eta Nu presented gifts and souvenirs from DeKalb to Sweetheart Jenna Ward, Grand Consul McDuff, and Director of Education and Workshop Administrator John G. Serbein.

The William H. Carlisle Outstanding Workshop Faculty Member Award was given to Past Grand Consul Chuck Thatcher. He returned to the Workshop faculty in the Underclass Division after holding the Fraternity's top Grand Officer posts and serving on the faculty for 24 years. Fellow Underclass faculty member Roger Bingham commented, He's not starting at the bottom; he had to go through a 25-year screening process just to get here."<sup>7</sup>

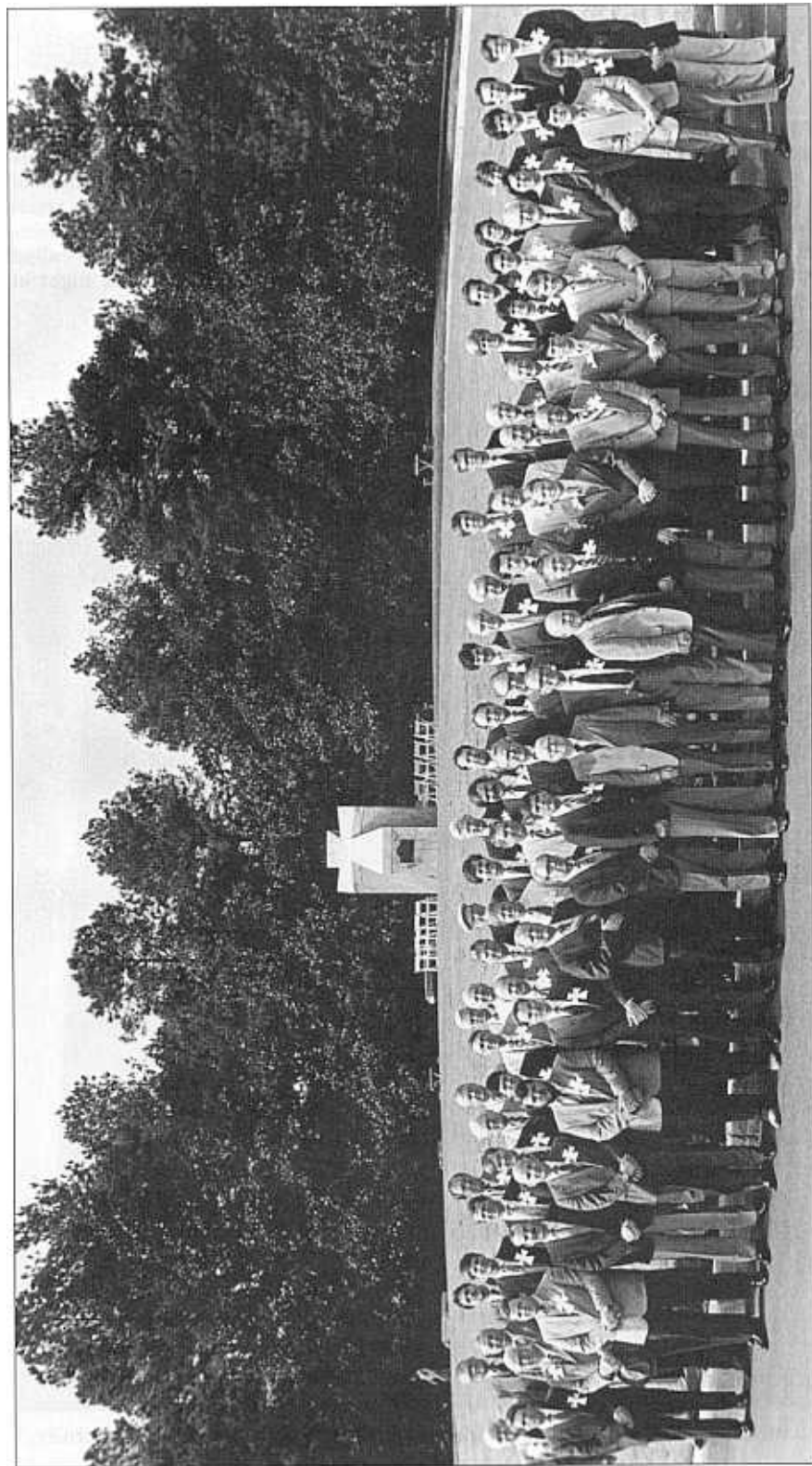
## CONSTANTINE CHAPTER MONUMENT DEDICATION

The Constantine Chapter Monument was re-dedicated by more than 100 Sigs, wives, and local government officials on September 16, 1979. Brief but impressive ceremonies culminated several years of hard work by officers and members of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, and contributions from undergraduate and alumni chapters throughout the Fraternity. Grand Consul Jack McDuff presented the monument and park to Clayton County, Georgia, represented by Charley Griswell, chairman of the board of commissioners. Even though the principal officials of the two organizations shared the attention at the presentation, the most important person there was William H. Wilkerson, Emory '24.

Brother Wilkerson, chairman of the action subcommittee for the project, devoted almost all of his time and energy in raising funds, planning, and supervising construction of the park and repairs to the monument. He conceived the idea for the project in late 1977, and was instrumental in raising more than \$50,000 for construction and beautification. The story of the Constantine Chapter was told at the re-dedication by Brother Wilkerson:

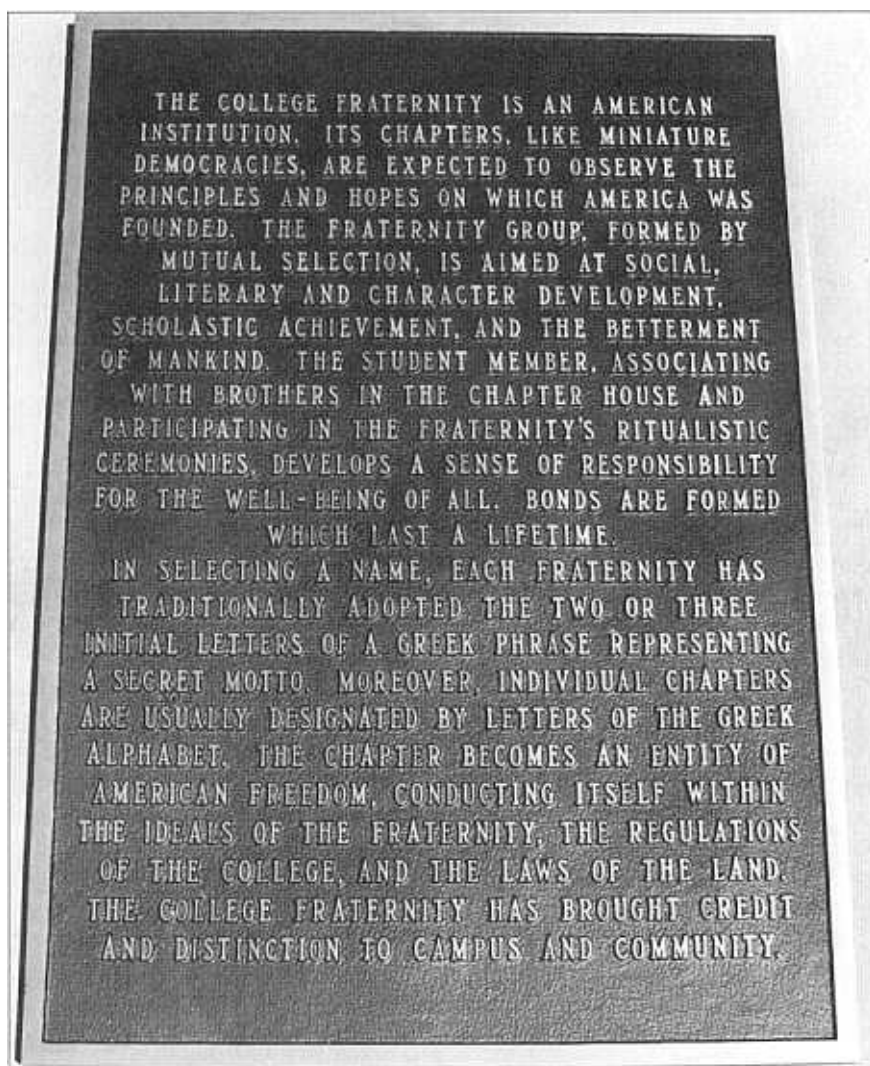


Grand Consul S. Jack McDuff, right, at the Constantine Chapter memorial with William B. Petry, warden.



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"In the hearts of the several Sigma Chis in Company D, 28th volunteer Mississippi Cavalry of the Confederate Army, as they retreated southward in 1864 following the fall of Atlanta, there was an enduring hope that all members of their Fraternity, North and South, would become united again, regardless of the outcome of the War. The two sections of the Union were permanently separated, these boys assumed. They wanted to help bring unity back to all members of their Fraternity. That was their purpose in organizing what they called the Constantine Chapter of Sigma Chi, at or near this place, on the night of September 17, 1864."<sup>8</sup>



The Constantine Chapter memorial honors the American College Fraternity.

An unbelievable record of membership was achieved during the seven-year Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Presidency of Order of Constantine member Reid H. McLain, Wabash '27. He was instrumental in raising chapter membership from 71 to nearly 1,400, publishing two chapter directories, computerizing records for efficient functioning, and enabling the alumni chapter to host the 1979 Grand Chapter. He received the Jay Minton Best Alumni Chapter Officer Award in 1974.<sup>9</sup>

## THE SUSPENSION OF ALPHA PI CHAPTER

The charter of Alpha Pi Chapter, Albion College, was suspended following an April 2, 1980 activity that resulted in serious injury to a pledge. The chapter had been specifically warned about the high risk of injury and danger involved in some of its traditions. The injured man recovered, and the Alpha Pi charter was reinstated under more favorable conditions on November 8, 1980.

## HEADQUARTERS ADDITION

Dedication ceremonies for a new wing and remodeled Headquarters of Sigma Chi were held on April 25, 1980. A crowd of 150 Sigs, wives, sweethearts and friends assembled on the Headquarters' front lawn for the ceremonies, held in conjunction with the biennial meeting of the Grand Council. Dedication ceremonies included opening remarks by Sigma Chi Foundation President Carl P. Clare, and presentation of Grand Consul's Citations by Grand Consul S. Jack McDuff to architects Edward M. Tourtelot and Henry Tideman.

A memorial tribute was given for the late Past Grand Consul and Foundation Governor Emeritus Harry V. Wade Sr., who was chairman of the Foundation Committee for the original building and the new wing. Foundation President Clare remarked:

"Without your presence, this hour of dedication would not be perfect. The life and activities of 125 years in Sigma Chi converge at this point and commemorate all the beautiful fellowships of the past in our fraternal circle. The joy and laughter, the burdens and the confidences of all the years that are gone, here greet the friendships of all the years that are to come, and yesterday now welcomes forever".

Other speakers at the dedication were Richard S. Pepper, Northwestern '53, president of the construction company that built the wing; Past Grand Consuls Charles Thatcher and James Bash; Executive Secretary William T. Bringham Sr.; Foundation Treasurer Eugene C. DeVol; 1979 International Balfour Award winner and Executive Committee member Keith Krach; Grand Tribune Gardner Allen; and Assistant to the Grand Historian Douglas R. Carlson.

The assembled brothers and guests, guided by members of Omega Chapter of nearby Northwestern University, inspected the building and

its many new furnishings. The celebration continued that evening as 300 attended a reception and banquet at the Evanston Holiday Inn. The banquet was co-hosted by the Chicago Alumni Chapter and Omega Chapter.

Ground was broken for the new wing on May 19, 1978. Construction began early that summer, adding 6,000 square feet, an increase of about 60 percent. The cost of the new wing was nearly 150 percent of the cost of the original building. The new wing included files and equipment for seven secretaries, office of the Director of Alumni Services, office and storeroom for the bookkeeper, membership records department, on-line computer terminals, printer, and a larger conference room with bay windows and bookshelves. The lower level was devoted to a Ritualistic display room, increased museum space, and a wall honoring those whose donations made the new wing possible. A unique aspect of the campaign coincided with the 125th anniversary. Donors of \$125 were able to purchase a memorial brick and dedicate it to their chapter, an individual or an idea of their choice. More than 700 of the bricks make up one inside wall of the new wing of the museum.



The new wing on the Headquarters building during construction.

Renovations in the original building, in addition to painting and re-decorating throughout, created five new Assistant Executive Secretary offices and a director's office, expanded publications space, and expanded the library. Significant Sig Milton Caniff created an original oil painting of the founding of Sigma Chi for the Headquarters Museum, in honor of the Headquarters addition and the Fraternity's 125th birthday.

Signed copies of the painting were provided to some of the donors to the campaign.<sup>10</sup>

## **1980 GRAND COUNCIL MEETING EVANSTON, ILLINOIS**

The Fraternity's extensive program of operations was reviewed and discussed by 90 undergraduate and alumni members at the 1980 Grand Council meeting, at the Holiday Inn, Evanston, Illinois, April 26, 1980. At the meeting, reports were heard from General Fraternity officers, standing committees, commissions, and boards. The Executive Committee, Foundation Board of Governors, Board of Grand Trustees, Grand Praetors, and standing committees met separately during the gathering. The meeting was specially scheduled in connection with dedication of the Headquarters addition.

Grand Consul S. Jack McDuff reported that the Fraternity was in a favorable position. He expressed enthusiasm for the recent Headquarters addition, and the upcoming celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity. His main concerns focused on the abuse of alcohol and drugs by undergraduates. He said:

"I am firmly convinced that we must also renew our dedication to curtail the use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by undergraduates. I am concerned as I visit chapters, that the ultimate objective of every one of their social functions is how many of them get drunk."

The Grand Consul expressed the importance of rush, citing predictions of declining enrollment in colleges and universities. He reaffirmed commitment to strong enforcement of anti-hazing policies of the Fraternity.

Grand Pro Consul Dr. George H. Jones led the Grand Council through a lengthy agenda with his customary humor. Dr. Jones and Past Grand Consul Charles M. Thatcher collaborated on a surprise and amusing dialogue about the confusion resulting from General Fraternity terminologies: Consul, Council, counsel, and the words: cone sale, conch shell, console, chancel, camisole, corn silk, and cancel.

## **RECORDS AND RECOGNITION**

As the 125th anniversary approached, undergraduate chapters established another new record in funds raised for charitable purposes for the 1979-80 year. The chapters raised \$345,000 for the year, a 27 percent increase over the record amount raised the previous year. At least 137 of the 173 undergraduate chapters reported having performed at least one, and in most cases many, projects which benefited others during the year. The Peterson Significant Chapter Award also achieved two milestones during the year. A record 101 chapters applied for the award. Although the number of recipients was not quite the record number of

50 set the year before, the 47 recipients included all seven chapters of the Indiana Province, the first time in the 17-year history of the award that any province achieved 100 percent Peterson award honors. That honor gained added significance as the Indiana Province was the home province of the award's namesake, Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson. The Grand Praetor of the province was Richard E. Hester.

Newly-appointed Grand Praetors in 1980 were: Michael A. Ursillo, Brown '78, New England-Nova Scotia; and Alan Suffel, Western Michigan '69, Michigan. Appointed to the Leadership Training Board was Steven A. Jensen, Utah State '65. New members of the Headquarters staff were Assistant Executive Secretaries John R. Puterbaugh, Purdue '80; William G. Duncan, Centre '80; Douglas A. Luetjen, Washington (Seattle) '80; and Timothy A. Brooks, Washington & Lee '80. Inducted into the Order of Constantine were George V. Anderson, Union '23; Glen D. Dalton, Ohio Wesleyan '24; William H. Wilkerson, Emory '24; Robert J. Seabolt Jr., Tennessee-Knoxville '39; Archibald H. Love III, Rensselaer '42; William H. O'Brien, Indiana '47; and Robert J. Cuyler, Lehigh & California-Los Angeles '49.

Four groups were officially designated by the Executive Committee as petitioning locals, preparing to petition for an undergraduate charter. They were located at Drake University, Hillsdale College, University of Southern Mississippi, and the former chapter at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

## THE 125th ANNIVERSARY

"That Spirit of Youth and enthusiasm as given to us by our Seven Founders 125 years ago was never in greater evidence than today - June 28, 1980" announced Grand Consul S. Jack McDuff, speaking during the Fraternity-wide 125th anniversary continent-wide telephone conference call. "Looking back . . . as the future unfolds" was the theme for 125th Anniversary celebrations encouraged by Grand Consul McDuff, and attended by more than 12,000 Sigs, families and friends continent-wide and abroad.

There were 166 officially-planned Sig parties underway simultaneously on June 28, 1980, in addition to hundreds more in a less formal manner. All joined in what was the largest party, celebration or event in Sigma Chi history, perhaps in the entire Greek-letter world. There were parties in 46 of the U.S. States, all except New Hampshire, Vermont, Delaware and South Dakota. Many members from those areas participated in celebrations in nearby states. Sigs gathered on schedule in three provinces of Canada, in Germany, and in Panama, as well as in small groups in several other countries.

Twenty of the parties reported that they had a total of at least 210 rushees participating. The St. Louis party had the largest attendance,





The 125th Anniversary celebration logo, designed for a special competition won by Jon Ogle, Ball State '81, and Craig Foglietti, Ohio State '82.

with 750, and the 50 rushees in attendance "all asked for immediate pledging." Other large attendance was reported by Houston (450-500); Los Angeles, and Baton Rouge, (400 each); Denver (380); Portland, Oregon (350); and Chicago (250-300). The group at Toronto proudly proclaimed attendance of exactly 125. Twenty five of the celebrations, from Anchorage, Alaska, to Boston, Massachusetts, to Miami, Florida to Los Angeles, California, participated in a unique Fraternity-wide conference call for the event. Seven of the nine living Past Grand Consuls, including 125th Anniversary Chairman James F. Bash, and International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi Jenna Ward participated in the telephone connection. Unfortunately, the call was characterized by unscheduled noises from the various parties and considerable static, but Sigma Chi brotherhood came through loud and clear.

At least 80 of the parties viewed the special 125th Anniversary movie, "A Proud Beginning," produced by Jack Karey, Duke '47, in consultation with the Headquarters staff. The 25-minute color, sound film featured scenes from Fraternity history, a visit to the Headquarters, fraternal comments from several Significant Sigs, excerpts from various programs from the Workshop to chapter Derby Days, service projects, and awards. At the Dayton, Ohio, celebration, special tribute was given to Past Grand Consul Bill Huffman, who celebrated his 90th birthday two days earlier. It was the last Sig event for past Grand Historian Robert M. Collett, who passed to the Chapter Eternal the next month on July 24, 1980.

Thirteen Sigs, many traveling long distances, gathered in Landstuhl, West Germany, and, "although our number was small, it did not prevent that indescribable feeling of genuine brotherhood from overwhelming us with the common bond we all shared." In Boston, members held their celebration on the "Boston Tea Party Ship." San Diego alumni won a softball victory over undergraduates, 19-18, and donated their barbeque proceeds for undergraduate Workshop registration. In



One of the 166 concurrent parties celebrating the 125th anniversary, at Lake Charlevoix Farm, Michigan

Little Rock, Arkansas, official pledging ceremonies were held for 29 men of Omega Omega Chapter, University of Arkansas, whom were charged to do the same at the 150th Anniversary celebration.

Denver and Rocky Mountain area Sigs chose The Wallace Village for Children and its "Sigma Chi Gym" for their celebration, and welcomed special guest Cleo Wallace, retired founder and director of the Village. A raffle and auction raised \$1,000 for the Village's John Wayne fund. The Morgantown, West Virginia, event featured announcement of 125th Anniversary campaign contributions to the Mu Mu Chapter building fund of more than \$12,500. "Shouting Sigma Chi to the sky," members in Portland, Oregon, arranged for a helicopter to take their picture as they formed the Greek letters below.

The 125th anniversary celebrations marked the first time in 50 years that Sigma Chi commemorated a major anniversary at events other than a Grand Chapter. To encourage and assist all the parties, the General Fraternity furnished a planning kit, sample agendas, committee plans and announcements, free mailing labels, prints and banners bearing the anniversary logo, posters, swizzle sticks, and cocktail napkins, and publicity information, coordinated by Headquarters Directors of Alumni Services Joe W. Martin and Randy Pickell.

In looking back and concluding his Fraternity-wide telephone message, Grand Consul McDuff spoke of "a beautiful birth, a strong past, a



One of many special cakes baked for 125th anniversary celebrations, this one in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

solid present, and a bright future. How could we ask for anything more? Raise your glasses in a toast to Sigma Chi . . . ”<sup>11</sup>

## STATISTICS - JUNE 28, 1980

As the 125th anniversary was celebrated, Sigma Chi had initiated 158,801 brothers, as compared to approximately 82,000 at its Centennial. Living members totaled 131,357. The roster of Life Loyal Sigs had grown from 9,650 to 22,973 in the 25-year period. There were 173 undergraduate chapters, compared to 124 in 1955. The number of active alumni chapters and associations had dropped from a reported 157 in 1955 to approximately 85 in mid-1980, although some groups still active had to be labeled inactive because they had neglected to file the required annual report. Assets of the Foundation had grown from \$500,000 in 1955 to nearly \$4.5 million by mid-1980, a significant portion of that being the value of the General Headquarters property.<sup>11</sup>

## SIGS IN THE NEWS

On January 28, 1980, Canadian Ambassador to Iran Kenneth D. Taylor, Toronto '57, succeeded in helping six Americans escape from Iran after Iranian students had stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on November 4, 1979. During a period of more than two months, Taylor created, masterminded and implemented the plan which resulted in the

Americans' successful escape from the beleaguered nation, for which he was accorded worldwide acclaim and gratitude.<sup>12</sup>

The continuation of the Iranian hostage situation found another Sigma Chi right in the middle of a widely-publicized event. United States President Jimmy Carter had authorized a secret mission by a specially-trained U.S. force to attempt to rescue 53 Americans still held hostage in Iran. The force was commanded by Army Colonel Charles A. Beckwith, Georgia '52. The expedition ended in failure and disaster, however, when three helicopters suffered mechanical failure and an aircraft collision killed eight men in the Iranian desert, short of their objective. Beckwith was able to lead the remainder of his force to safety.

Major General Jasper Welch, Louisiana State '52, was named the top defense strategist for the U.S. National Security Council.

Jack McCloskey, Pittsburgh & Pennsylvania '46, was appointed general manager of the National Basketball Association's Detroit Pistons.

Frank "Muddy" Waters, Michigan State '50, was named head football coach at his alma mater.

Hot air balloonist Maxie Anderson, North Dakota '56, set another record, following his 1978 Atlantic Ocean crossing, as he and his son Kris became the first to successfully travel across the North American continent in a hot air balloon.

As the U.S. Presidential campaign built momentum early in 1980, one of the active campaigners for the White House was Edward E. Clark, Dartmouth '52, the candidate of the Libertarian Party.

Significant Sig and world-renown puppeteer Bil Baird, Iowa '26, was honored with a special tribute by the Museum of the City of New York and placement of one of his puppets in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The 1955 International Balfour Award winner, B. Kenneth West, Illinois '55, was named president of Harris Bankcorp, Inc., the third largest commercial banking company in Chicago, Illinois.

Johnny Orr, Illinois & Beloit '49, left his head basketball coaching slot at Michigan to take on a new challenge, head basketball coach at Iowa State University.

Sigma Chis were named to the top executive posts at three major universities: Dr. Christopher C. Fordham, North Carolina '47, at his alma mater; former U.S. Congressman Ray Thornton, Arkansas & Texas '55, at Arkansas State University; and W. Andrew Mackay, Dalhousie '50, at his alma mater.

Named as the new president of Walt Disney Productions was Ronald W. Miller, Southern California '55.

A notable pro football career came to a conclusion with the retirement of Denver Broncos' placekicker Jim Turner, Utah State '63, after the 1979 season. He had passed fellow placekicker Jim Bakken in the alltime pro football scoring records, and was the second highest alltime

scorer in the National Football League with 1,439 points when he retired.

It was two in a row for U.S. Davis Cup Team Captain Tony Trabert, Cincinnati '52, as his team again earned the coveted international tennis trophy.

The winner of the 1980 Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning was Dayton, Ohio, Daily News editorial cartoonist Mike Peters, Washington (St. Louis) '65. Some of his first cartoons, drawn as an undergraduate for his chapter rush brochure, appeared in *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*.

In an effort to have fun and capitalize on the popular return to "prep school" styles, Tom Shadyac, Virginia '80, Consul of Psi Chapter, developed a poster, "Are You a Preppy?" that met with widespread success. The individual on the poster was Spencer Tunnell, Virginia '79.

## EPILOGUE

"Individuals, buildings, machines, roads, etc., wear out with the relentless march of the years. Worthwhile institutions grow stronger as the years roll on. The tremendous motivating force of Sigma Chi is its everlasting appeal to youth. Each year sees an infusion of new blood into its ranks."<sup>13</sup>

Brother Robert Collett's sentiment may be said to hold true in 1980 just as well as it did in 1955. From 1955 through 1980 the Fraternity experienced difficulty with its membership selection procedures, endured campus unrest with the unpopularity of group membership in traditional institutions, and entered into a period that reflected a more conservative and traditional outlook, recurrences of hazing, and substance abuse. The Fraternity survived, prospered, and held its position as a leader.

Historians are often rightfully accused of being storytellers. However, the real test of scholarly history is in its ability to interpret the past into lessons to be learned for the present and future. Outdated policies can give the Fraternity a negative legacy into the future. Perhaps the greatest lesson to be learned from our history is that individuals may have a great deal of influence upon our course locally, regionally, and internationally.

In 1955 comment was made about the "increasingly complex affairs" of the Fraternity. It is difficult to compare the complexity of the Fraternity in 1980 with those simpler years. The Fraternity is indeed bigger, better, and stronger than ever. What lies ahead depends entirely upon our continued striving for that which is noblest and best. Sigma Chi is after all meaningless until the ideals and aims which we exemplify are impressed upon the hearts and lives of those who become wearers of The White Cross. The success of the Fraternity must be measured by the extent that we make the truth we portray a part of one's charac-

ter, and by the degree to which the infusion of those truths is of lifelong duration.

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# APPENDIX A

## SIGMA CHI TERMINOLOGY

This definition and pronunciation guide includes terms that are unique to Sigma Chi. Officer and event titles whose meaning is obvious, such as Rush Chairman, Chapter Advisor or Leadership Training Workshop, are not included here.

*Active chapter* - The official term established in the Fraternity's Governing Laws to identify a chartered undergraduate chapter in good standing.

*A.E.S.* - Assistant Executive Secretary; a full-time employee and member of the General Headquarters staff, whose major responsibility is the visitation, inspiration and evaluation of and communication with the officers and members of the undergraduate chapters.

*Annotator* - The recording secretary of an undergraduate chapter.

*Balfour awards* - See Appendix H, Description of Awards.

*Brother's Day* - A Sigma Chi tradition originated in 1983, but inspired by the celebration of the 125th anniversary in 1980. Undergraduate and alumni chapters are encouraged to arrange both serious and social events to celebrate, with an emphasis on involving brothers of different chapters and ages. The third weekend of February is the suggested time for these events, although some take place at other times in February or March.

*Consul* (pronounced *Kon'sul*) - The president and chief executive of an undergraduate chapter.

*Derby Day* - A social and often philanthropic event staged by many undergraduate chapters, featuring derby hats and competition in skits, banners and comic field-day events by members of sororities, other women's groups, and sometimes other fraternities. Chapters often use this event to raise money for charities.

*Foundation* - The Sigma Chi Foundation; a separate educational and charitable corporation designed to develop in the undergraduate chapters an appropriate emphasis on serious scholastic accomplishment.

*General Fraternity* - The term that correctly identifies the entire Fraternity including all of its undergraduate and alumni chapters as well as its elected and appointed Grand Officers and Headquarters staff. The phrase "national fraternity" is incorrect in Sigma Chi because of the international scope of its chapter and member rosters.

*Grand Chapter* - The supreme legislative body of the Fraternity at which each undergraduate and alumni chapter, the Grand Consul and each Past Grand Consul has a vote. It convenes every two years with an agenda of social events and award presentations. Attendance is open to all Sigs and their families and guests.

*Grand Consul* (pronounced *Grand Kon'sul*) - The General Fraternity's president and chief executive officer.

*Grand Council* - The body made up of all Grand Officers, members of the Executive Committee and Leadership Training Board, and one undergraduate member from each province. The group meets biennially in years when no Grand Chapter is held to give general direction and advice to the Fraternity.

*Grand Praetor* (pronounced *Grand Pree'tor*) - An alumnus in each of the Fraternity's provinces who provides supervision and communication for and with the undergraduate chapters and petitioning local groups in his province. This volunteer also appoints advisors for each chapter and acts as liaison between the chapters and the General Fraternity.

*Grand Pro Consul* (pronounced *Grand Pro Kon'sul*) - The vice president of the General Fraternity.

*Grand Quaestor* (pronounced *Grand Kwee'stir*) - The treasurer of the General Fraternity.

*Grand Tribune* - The spiritual leader and fellowship advisor of the General Fraternity.

*Grand Trustee* - A member of the General Fraternity Board of Grand Trustees, which provides assistance to active chapters, house corporations and the General Fraternity on matters concerning chapter housing.

*Indoctrination Week* - A period of discussion, reflection and self inspection held prior to the ceremonies of initiation. The week is usually structured to include in-depth discussion of Sigma Chi history and ideals, as well as personal goals.

*Jordan Standard* - The standard of qualifications for admittance to membership articulated by Isaac M. Jordan, one of the Fraternity's Seven Founders. See Appendix B, Concepts and Symbols.

*Kustos* (pronounced *Cuss'toss*) - The undergraduate chapter officer responsible for the privacy and care of the chapter room, admittance to chapter meetings, and care of Initiation equipment.

*Life Loyal Sig* - An alumnus member who has purchased a "life membership" in the Fraternity, available at amounts which as of 1990 ranged from \$100 to \$500, depending on years out of school and method of payment. Life Loyal Sigs receive each issue of *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* for life, and they are exempt from payment of annual alumni dues to the General Fraternity.

*Magister* (pronounced *Ma-gee'stir*) - The pledge education officer of an undergraduate chapter.

*Miami Triad* - The traditional though informal name of the three men's general social fraternities founded in the 19th century at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio - Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Chi.



*The Norman Shield* - The name of both the pledge button and the official reference manual of the Fraternity.

*Order of Constantine* - See Appendix H, Description of Awards.

*Pro Consul* (pronounced *Pro Kon'sul*) - The vice president of an undergraduate chapter.

*Quaestor* (pronounced *Kwee'stir*) - The treasurer of an undergraduate chapter.

*Sigmas* - The International Sigmas, an organization comprised of wives of Sigma Chis. It has several chapters in cities across the continent.

*Significant Chapter award* - See Appendix H, Description of Awards.

*Significant Sig award* - See Appendix H, Description of Awards.

*Tribune* - The corresponding secretary of an undergraduate chapter.

*Wallace Village for Children* - Now known as Cleo Wallace Center, this residential psychiatric treatment center for children and adolescents is located near Denver, Colorado. It became the first suggested service project of the General Fraternity in 1967.



# Appendix B - Concepts and Symbols

## Description of Insignia



Badge



Seal

The **Badge**, a Sigma Chi cross of gold and of white and black enamel, contains two chains connecting the upper arms, crossed keys on the upper arm, an eagle's head on its right arm, a scroll on its left arm, clasped hands and seven stars on the lower arm, and the Greek letters in the center. The symbols and borders are gold, with white background on each arm and black background in the center.

The **Seal** is of circular form, around the outer edge are the name Sigma Chi Fraternity above and the numerals 1855 below; the center contains seven stars and a seven-branched candlestick.



Flag

The **flag** is rectangular in form, the length being one and one-half times the width, the upper half being blue, the lower half being old gold, with a white Sigma Chi cross in the center standing upright and parallel to the lesser sides.



Coat-of-Arms

The **coat-of-arms** is a Norman shield of blue bearing a white Sigma Chi cross, the shield being surmounted by a scroll in white and blue and a crest of an eagle's head holding a key of gold, the **public motto**, "In Hoc Signo Vinces," being placed below the shield on a scroll. The meaning of our public motto is "In this sign you will conquer." It is pronounced *In Hoke Sig'no Win'case*.



Pledge Button

The **pledge button** is a small Norman shield of blue bearing a white Sigma Chi cross.

The flower is the white rose.

The colors are blue and old gold.

## **The Sigma Chi Creed**

I believe in fairness, decency and good manners. I will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth. I will try to make my college, the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and my own chapter more honored by all men and women and more beloved and honestly respected by our own brothers. I say these words in all sincerity; that Sigma Chi has given me favor and distinction; that the bond of our fellowship is reciprocal; that I will endeavor to so build myself and so conduct myself that I will ever be a credit to our Fraternity.

*Past Grand Consul George Ade, Purdue 1887*

## **The Jordan Standard**

The confidence of the Founders of Sigma Chi was based upon a belief that the principles they professed and the ideal of the Fraternity they sought were but imperfectly realized in the organizations by which they were surrounded.

At the Fifteenth Grand Chapter Founder Isaac M. Jordan stated:

"Let me say here, that in my judgement our fraternity has grown to be what it is, by adhering to the principle with which we started in the beginning, of admitting no man to membership in it who is not believed to be:

A man of good character,  
Of fair ability,  
Of ambitious purposes, and  
Of congenial disposition.

"In a word, by the admission of none but gentlemen; and in no other way can such a society be continued. It is much more important that we should have but few members and have them honorable ones, than to have many members. Brother Sigmas, we belong to a society worthy of our highest regard and warmest affection. We are united in the strong and enduring bonds of friendship and esteem. Let us each and all so do our duty and conduct ourselves that we bring no dishonor upon our society or each other. And we may have the high and proud satisfaction of knowing that our beautiful white cross, at once the badge of our society and the emblem of purity, will never be worn over any breast which does not beat with pure, generous and noble emotions, and by no man who is not a man of honor."

# APPENDIX C

## The Undergraduate Chapters (in order of founding)

Italics signify inactive charters.

		Year of Founding	Became Inactive
1. Alpha	Miami University, Oxford, Ohio	1855	
2. Gamma	Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio	1855	
3. <i>Epsilon (Original)</i>	<i>Western Military Institute, Nashville, Tenn.</i>	1856 — 1857	
4. Eta	University of Mississippi, University, Miss.	1857	
5. <i>Iota</i>	<i>Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa.</i>	1858 — 1869	
6. Lambda	Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.	1858	
7. <i>Nu (Original)</i>	<i>Washington College, Washington, Pa.</i>	1859 — 1863	
8. Xi	DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.	1859	
9. Omicron	Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.	1859	
10. <i>Pi (Original)</i>	<i>Erskine College, Due West, S.C.</i>	1860 — 1861	
11. <i>Sigma (Original)</i>	<i>LaGrange Synodical College, LaGrange, Tenn.</i>	1860 — 1861	
12. Psi	University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.	1860	
13. Theta	Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa.	1863	
14. Kappa	Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.	1864	
15. Epsilon	George Washington University, Washington, D.C.	1864	
16. Rho	Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.	1865	
17. <i>Upsilon</i>	<i>Polytechnic College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia</i>	1865 — 1876	
18. Zeta	Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.	1866	
19. Phi	Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.	1867	
20. Mu	Denison University, Granville, Ohio	1868	
21. <i>Sigma</i>	<i>Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.</i>	1869 — 1882	
22. Omega	Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.	1869	
23. Chi	Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.	1871	
24. Sigma Sigma	Hampden-Sydney Col., Hampden-Sydney, Va.	1872	
25. Tau	Roanoke College, Salem, Va.	1872	
26. Pi	Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.	1872	
27. <i>Delta</i>	<i>University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.</i>	1872 — 1990	
28. <i>Nu</i>	<i>Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.</i>	1872 — 1880	
29. <i>Beta</i>	<i>College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio</i>	1873 — 1913	
30. <i>Beta Beta</i>	<i>Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.</i>	1873 — 1874	
31. <i>Gamma Gamma</i>	<i>Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.</i>	1874 — 1901	
32. <i>Epsilon Epsilon</i>	<i>Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill.</i>	1874 — 1878	
33. <i>Psi Psi (Original)</i>	<i>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan</i>	1874 — 1875	
34. Delta Delta	Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.	1875	
35. Phi Phi	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.	1875	
36. Iota Iota	University of Alabama, University, Ala.	1876	
37. Zeta Zeta	Centre College, Danville, Ky.	1876	
38. Theta Theta	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.	1877	
39. <i>Chi Chi</i>	<i>Southern University, Greensboro, Ala.</i>	1879 — 1882	
40. <i>Alpha Beta (Original)</i>	<i>Richmond College, Richmond, Va.</i>	1880 — 1882	
41. Delta Chi	Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.	1880	
42. Kappa Kappa	University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.	1881	
43. Zeta Psi	University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio	1882	
44. Alpha Eta	University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa	1882	
45. Alpha Theta	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston	1882	
46. Alpha Gamma	Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio	1882	
47. <i>Chi Psi</i>	<i>University of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana</i>	1882 — 1883	
48. Alpha Zeta	Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.	1882	
49. Alpha Epsilon	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.	1883	
50. <i>Alpha Delta</i>	<i>Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N.J.</i>	1883 — 1891	
51. Alpha Iota	Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.	1883	
52. Alpha Kappa	Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.	1883	
53. Alpha Lambda	University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.	1884	

54. Alpha Mu	Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.	1884 — 1885
55. Alpha Xi	University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.	1884
56. Alpha Nu	University of Texas, Austin, Texas	1884
57. Alpha Omicron	Tulane University, New Orleans, La.	1886
58. Alpha Pi	Albion College, Albion, Mich.	1886
59. Alpha Beta	University of California, Berkeley, Calif.	1886
60. Alpha Rho	Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.	1887 — 1990
61. Alpha Sigma	University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.	1888
62. Alpha Tau	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.	1889
63. Alpha Upsilon	University of So. California, Los Angeles, Calif.	1889
64. Alpha Phi	Cornell University, Ithaca, New York	1890
65. Alpha Chi	Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa.	1891
66. Alpha Omega	Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.	1891
67. Alpha Psi	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.	1891
68. Alpha Alpha	Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y.	1892
69. Eta Eta	Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire	1893 — 1960
70. Lambda Lambda	University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.	1893
71. Nu Nu	Columbia University, New York, N.Y.	1894
72. Mu Mu	West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va.	1895
73. Xi Xi	University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri	1896
74. Omicron Omicron	University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.	1897 — 1952
75. Rho Rho	University of Maine, Orono, Maine	1902
76. Tau Tau	Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.	1903
77. Upsilon Upsilon	University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.	1903
78. Psi Psi	Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.	1904
79. Omega Omega	University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.	1905
80. Beta Gamma	Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo.	1905
81. Beta Delta	University of Montana, Missoula, Montana	1906
82. Beta Epsilon	University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah	1908
83. Beta Zeta	University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N.D.	1909
84. Beta Eta	Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio	1909
85. Beta Theta	University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1909
86. Beta Iota	University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore.	1910
87. Beta Kappa	University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.	1912
88. Beta Lambda	Duke University, Durham, N.C.	1912
89. Beta Mu	University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.	1914
90. Beta Nu	Brown University, Providence, R.I.	1914
91. Beta Xi	University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M.	1916
92. Beta Omicron	Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa	1916
93. Beta Pi	Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore.	1916
94. Beta Rho	Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont.	1917
95. Beta Sigma	University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Tenn.	1917
96. Beta Tau	Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colo.	1919
97. Beta Upsilon	Washington State University, Pullman, Wash.	1919
98. Beta Phi	University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.	1921
99. Beta Chi	Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.	1921
100. Beta Psi	Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.	1922
101. Beta Omega	University of Toronto-Ryerson Tech., Toronto, Ont.	1922
102. Gamma Delta	Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.	1922
103. Gamma Epsilon	Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash.	1923
104. Gamma Zeta	Union College, Schenectady, N.Y.	1923
105. Gamma Eta	University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho	1924
106. Gamma Theta	University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.	1924
107. Gamma Iota	Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.	1925
108. Gamma Kappa	Utah State University, Logan, Utah	1926
109. Gamma Lambda	McGill University, Montreal, Quebec	1927
110. Gamma Mu	Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.	1928 — 1959
111. Gamma Nu	University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.	1929
112. Gamma Xi	University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.	1930
113. Gamma Omicron	Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y.	1930
114. Gamma Pi	University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.	1932

115. Gamma Rho	Dalhousie University, St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia	1933
116. Gamma Sigma	Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.	1934
117. Gamma Tau	North Dakota State University, Tri College University, Fargo, N. Dak.	1934
118. Gamma Upsilon	Mississippi State University, Starkville, Miss.	1938
119. Gamma Phi	University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla.	1942
120. Gamma Chi	University of Maryland, College Park, Md.	1942
121. Gamma Psi	Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.	1942
122. Gamma Omega	University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn.	1943
123. Delta Epsilon	North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.	1943
124. Delta Zeta	Willamette University, Salem, Ore.	1947
125. Delta Eta	University of California at Los Angeles	1947
126. Theta	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Tenn.	1947
127. Delta Iota	University of Denver, Denver, Colo.	1947
128. Delta Kappa	Bowling Green State Univ., Bowling Green, Ohio	1947
129. Delta Lambda	Davidson College, Davidson, N.C.	1948 — 1969
130. Delta Mu	Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas	1948
131. Delta Nu	Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.	1948
132. Delta Xi	San Diego State University at San Diego, Calif.	1949
133. Delta Omicron	University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, B.C.	1949.
134. Delta Pi	Ohio University, Athens, Ohio	1949
135. Delta Rho	Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.	1949
136. Delta Sigma	University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I.	1949
137. Delta Tau	Westminster College, Fulton, Mo.	1949
138. Delta Upsilon	Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.	1949
139. Delta Phi	University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.	1950
140. Delta Psi	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.	1950
141. Delta Omega	University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Okla.	1951
142. Epsilon Zeta	Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.	1951
143. Epsilon Eta	California State University at Fresno, Calif.	1952
144. Epsilon Theta	San Jose State University at San Jose, Calif.	1952
145. Epsilon Iota	St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y.	1953
146. Epsilon Kappa	Memphis State University, Memphis, Tenn.	1954
147. Epsilon Lambda	Ripon College, Ripon, Wis.	1955
148. Epsilon Mu	Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas	1955
149. Epsilon Nu	Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas	1955
150. Epsilon Xi	University of Houston, Houston, Texas	1956
151. Epsilon Omicron	University of Western Ontario, London, Ont.	1957
152. Epsilon Pi	Northern Colorado University, Greeley, Colo.	1958
153. Epsilon Rho	University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.	1958
154. Epsilon Sigma	Florida Southern University, Lakeland, Fla.	1959
155. Epsilon Tau	Murray State University, Murray, Ky.	1959
156. Epsilon Upsilon	Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz.	1960
157. Epsilon Phi	Southeast Missouri State Univ., Cape Girardeau, Mo.	1960
158. Epsilon Chi	Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas	1961 — 1983
159. Epsilon Psi	Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas	1961
160. Epsilon Omega	Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.	1962
161. Zeta Eta	East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas	1963
162. Beta Alpha	Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio	1963 — 1970
163. Zeta Theta	GMI Engineering & Management Institute, Flushing, Mich.	1963
164. Zeta Iota	Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas	1964
165. Zeta Kappa	Univ. of California-Santa Barbara, Goleta, Calif.	1965
166. Zeta Lambda	Kent State University, Kent, Ohio	1965
167. Zeta Mu	Western Kentucky State Univ., Bowling Green, Ky.	1965
168. Zeta Nu	Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.	1966
169. Zeta Xi	California State University at Northridge, Calif.	1966
170. Zeta Omicron	Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz.	1967
171. Zeta Pi	Texas A & I University, Kingsville, Texas	1967

172. Zeta Rho	Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.	1967
173. Zeta Sigma	Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, N.M.	1967
174. Zeta Tau	Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan.	1967
175. Zeta Upsilon	College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.	1968
176. Zeta Phi	<i>New Mexico State Univ., Las Cruces, N.M.</i>	1968 — 1985
177. Zeta Chi	University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Nevada	1969
178. Zeta Omega	East Tennessee State Univ., Johnson City, Tenn.	1969
179. Eta Alpha	Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky.	1970
180. Eta Beta	California State Univ. at Long Beach, Calif.	1970
181. Eta Gamma	Middle Tennessee State Univ., Murfreesboro, Tenn.	1970
182. Eta Delta	Tennessee Technological Univ., Cookeville, Tenn.	1970
183. Eta Epsilon	University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala.	1970
184. Eta Zeta	Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Ga.	1970
185. Eta Theta	Georgia Southwestern College, Americus, Ga.	1970
186. Eta Iota	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.	1971
187. Eta Kappa	Southwest Missouri State Univ., Springfield, Mo.	1971
188. Eta Lambda	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State Univ., Blacksburg, Va.	1971
189. Eta Mu	Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Ill.	1971
190. Eta Nu	Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill.	1972
191. Eta Xi	Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.	1973
192. Eta Omicron	Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pa.	1973
193. Eta Pi	University of Central Florida, Orlando, Fla.	1974
194. Eta Rho	University of North Alabama, Florence, Ala.	1974
195. Eta Sigma	University of California-Irvine, Irvine, Calif.	1975
196. Eta Tau	Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas	1975
197. Eta Upsilon	Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas	1976
198. Eta Phi	Troy State University, Troy, Ala.	1977
199. Eta Chi	Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio	1977
200. Eta Psi	Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.	1977
201. Eta Omega	Baylor University, Waco, Texas	1978
202. Theta Alpha	Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, Pa.	1978
203. Theta Beta	University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla.	1979
204. Theta Gamma	Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa	1980
205. Theta Delta	University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.	1981
206. Theta Epsilon	North Georgia College, Dahlonega, Ga.	1982
207. Theta Zeta	Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Mass.	1983
208. Theta Eta	University of Missouri, Rolla, Mo.	1983
209. Theta Iota	St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo	1984
210. Theta Kappa	University of Texas, Arlington, Texas	1984
211. Theta Lambda	University of San Diego, San Diego, Calif.	1984
212. Theta Mu	Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala.	1984
213. Theta Nu	Alma College, Alma, Mich.	1984
214. Theta Xi	California State University at Sacramento, Calif.	1985
215. Theta Omicron	University of California at Davis, Calif.	1985
216. Theta Pi	Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind.	1985
217. Theta Rho	Illinois State University, Normal, Ill.	1985
218. Theta Sigma	California State Polytechnic Univ., Pomona, Calif.	1985
219. Theta Tau	Southwest Texas State Univ., San Marcos, Texas	1986
220. Theta Upsilon	Yale University, New Haven, Conn.	1986
221. Theta Phi	California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Calif.	1986
222. Theta Chi	Arkansas State University, State University, Ark.	1987
223. Theta Psi	University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario	1987
224. Theta Omega	Elon College, Elon College, N.C.	1987
225. Iota Alpha	California State University-San Bernardino, Calif.	1987
226. Iota Beta	James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.	1987
227. Iota Gamma	Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla.	1988
228. Iota Delta	State University of New York, Albany, N.Y.	1988
229. Iota Epsilon	College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C.	1988



230. Iota Zeta	Clarkson University, Potsdam, N.Y.	1988
231. Iota Eta	Western Connecticut State Univ., Danbury, Conn.	1988
232. Iota Theta	University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio	1988
233. Iota Kappa	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, N.J.	1988
234. Iota Lambda	University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.	1989
235. Iota Mu	Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario	1989
236. Iota Nu	Furman University, Greenville, S.C.	1989
237. Iota Xi	George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.	1989
238. Iota Omicron	Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill.	1989
239. Iota Pi	Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.	1989
240. Iota Rho	Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec	1990
241. Iota Sigma	Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.	1990
242. Iota Tau	University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.	1990

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## Calendar of Grand Chapters

1. June 12, 1857, Melodeon Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio
2. April 27, 1859, Gamma Chapter Hall, Delaware, Ohio
3. April 17-18, 1861, McLure House, Wheeling, West Virginia
4. Western session: July 8, 1863, Phillips House, Dayton, Ohio  
Eastern session: July 6, 1864, St. Charles Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
5. Western Session: April 11, 1865, Burnet House, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Eastern Session: Dec. 27-28, 1865, St. Charles Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
6. December 27-28, 1866, Law Building, Columbian University, Washington, D.C.
7. December 31, 1868-January 1, 1869, Odd Fellows Hall, Louisville, Kentucky
8. December 28-29, 1870, Upsilon Chapter Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
9. December 26-27, 1872, Neil House, Columbus, Ohio.
10. October 21-23, 1874, Exchange Hotel, Richmond, Virginia
11. October 11-13, 1876, Amateur Drawing Rooms, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
12. November 19-21, 1878, Knights of Pythias Hall, Indianapolis, Indiana
13. November 16-18, 1880, National Hotel, Washington, D.C.
14. November 7-9, 1882, Appellate Court Rooms, Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
15. August 26-28, 1884, Burnet House, Cincinnati, Ohio.
16. September 7-9, 1886, Neil House, Columbus, Ohio.
17. August 29-31, 1888, Union College of Law, Tremont House, Chicago, Illinois
18. November 26-28, 1890, Willard's Hall, Washington, D.C.
19. August 24-26, 1892, Denison Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana
20. (Special) January 24, 1893, Bartholdi Hotel, New York, New York
21. (Special) July 20-21, 1893, Memorial Art Palace, Chicago, Illinois
22. July 25-27, 1895, Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.
23. August 25-28, 1897, Senate Chamber, State House, Nashville, Tennessee
24. September 12-15, 1899, Lafayette Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
25. July 23-25, 1901, Iroquois Hotel, Buffalo, New York
26. July 29-31, 1903, Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan
27. (Semi-Centennial) June 27-30, 1905, Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

28. July 30-August 2, 1907, Hotel Chamberlain, Old Point Comfort, Virginia
29. June 29-July 2, 1909, Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
30. June 27-30, 1911, Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
31. August 6-8, 1913, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
32. August 4-6, 1915, University of California, Berkeley, California
33. June 28-30, 1917, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
34. June 26-28, 1919, Chamberlain Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.
35. June 28-30, 1921, Winton Hotel, Case & Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio.
36. June 26-28, 1923, West Baden Springs Hotel, West Baden, Indiana
37. June 23-25, 1925, Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, Colorado
38. June 27-30, 1927, Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky
39. June 26-29, 1929, Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Oregon  
Diamond Jubilee Celebration-June 27-28, 1930, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
40. June 25-27, 1931, Sinton-St. Nicholas Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio
41. June 28-July 1, 1933, Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana
42. September 3-5, 1935, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
43. August 23-25, 1937, Hotel Somerset, Boston, Massachusetts
44. August 21-24, 1939, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California
45. September 1-3, 1941, Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan
46. (Victory) September 5-7, 1946, Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
47. August 25-28, 1948, Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Washington
48. June 12-14, 1950, Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio
49. June 18-21, 1952, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.
50. (Centennial) June 27-30, 1955, Sheraton-Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
51. June 25-28, 1957, King Edward-Sheraton Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
52. June 18-20, 1959, Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri
53. June 27-30, 1961, Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida
54. June 26-29, 1963, Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas
55. June 17-19, 1965, Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colorado
56. June 19-21, 1967, Eden Roc Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida
57. June 16-18, 1969, Marriott Motor Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia
58. June 22-26, 1971, Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale, Arizona
59. June 24-28, 1973, Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
60. July 2-5, 1975, Marriott Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri
61. June 26-30, 1977, Carlton House Hotel, Orlando, Florida
62. July 8-12, 1979, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana
63. June 21-24, 1981, Registry Hotel, Scottsdale, Arizona
64. June 19-22, 1983, Marriott Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana

65. June 19-22, 1985, Sheraton Harbor Island East Hotel, San Diego, California
66. June 24-27, 1987, Lake Buena Vista Hilton Hotel at Disney World, Orlando, Florida
67. June 21-24, 1989, Phoenician Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona

# APPENDIX E

## Calendar of Leadership Training Workshops

1. August 31-September 1, 1947 - Bowling Green State University, Ohio
2. June 20-24, 1948 - Bowling Green State University, Ohio
3. August 28-31, 1949 - Bowling Green State University, Ohio
4. August 27-20, 1950 - Miami University, Ohio
5. August 26-29, 1951 - Miami University, Ohio
6. August 24-27, 1952 - Miami University, Ohio
7. August 29-September 2, 1953 - Hanover College, Indiana
8. August 28-September 1, 1954 - Hanover College, Indiana  
(No Workshop in 1955 due to Centennial Celebration)
9. August 24-29, 1956 - DePauw University, Indiana
10. August 24-28, 1957 - DePauw University, Indiana
11. August 22-27, 1958 - DePauw University, Indiana
12. August 22-25, 1959 - DePauw University, Indiana
13. August 24-27, 1960 - Bowling Green State University, Ohio
14. August 23-26, 1961 - Bowling Green State University, Ohio
15. August 26-29, 1962 - Culver Military Academy, Indiana
16. August 23-26, 1963 - University of Tennessee-Knoxville
17. August 28-September 1, 1964 - Ball State University, Indiana
18. August 27-31, 1965 - Ball State University, Indiana
19. August 26-30, 1966 - Colorado State University
20. August 23-27, 1967 - University of Kansas
21. August 23-27, 1968 - University of Tennessee-Knoxville
22. August 22-26, 1969 - Colorado State University
23. August 28-September 1, 1970 - Ball State University, Indiana
24. August 20-24, 1971 - Northern Illinois University
25. August 18-22, 1972 - University of Iowa
26. August 17-21, 1973 - University of Wyoming
27. August 17-21, 1974 - Purdue University, Indiana
28. August 15-18, 1975 - Louisiana State University
29. August 13-16, 1976 - University of Wyoming
30. August 11-14, 1977 - Bowling Green State University, Ohio
31. August 11-14, 1978 - West Virginia University
32. August 10-13, 1979 - Northern Illinois University
33. August 15-18, 1980 - Texas Tech University
34. August 14-17, 1981 - University of Illinois
35. August 6-9, 1982 - Colorado State University
36. August 11-14, 1983 - Bowling Green State University, Ohio
37. August 9-12, 1984 - Kansas State University
38. August 8-11, 1985 - Bowling Green State University, Ohio
39. August 8-11, 1986 - Colorado State University
40. August 13-16, 1987 - University of Western Ontario

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41. August 11-14, 1988 - Northern Illinois University
42. August 9-13, 1989 - University of Wyoming

# APPENDIX F

## The Grand Consuls of Sigma Chi

1. John S. McMillin, DePauw 1876 (1882-1884)
2. J. Howard Ferris, Denison 1876 (1884-1886)
3. Orville S. Brumback, Wooster & Michigan 1876 (1886-1888)
4. Frank M. Elliot, Northwestern 1877 (1888-1890)
5. Walter L. Fisher, Hanover 1883 (1890-1892)
6. Reginald Fendall, George Washington 1864 (1892-1895)
7. Benjamin Piatt Runkle, Miami (OH) 1857 (1895-1897)
8. William L. Dudley, Cincinnati 1880 (1897-1899)
9. Joseph C. Nate, Illinois Wesleyan 1890 (1899-1901)
10. Robert Farnham, George Washington 1864 (1901-1903)
11. Orla B. Taylor, Michigan 1886 (1903-1905)
12. Robert E. James, Bucknell & Lafayette 1869 (1905-1907)
13. Charles Alling, Hanover & Michigan 1888 (1907-1909)
14. George Ade, Purdue 1887 (1909-1911)
15. Hamilton Douglas Sr., Wooster & Michigan 1887 (1911-1913)
16. Newman Miller, Albion 1893 (1913-1915)
17. Wilbur P. Allen, Texas-Austin '01 (1915-1917)
18. William C. Henning, DePauw 1890 (1917-1919)
19. Lawrence DeGraff, Chicago 1898 (1919-1921)
20. Stephen T. Mather, California-Berkeley 1887 (1921)
21. Joseph T. Miller, Wooster 1893 (1921-1923)
22. Harry S. New, Butler 1879 (1923-1925)
23. Roy T. Osborn, Kansas '00 (1925-1927)
24. Herbert C. Arms, Illinois 1895 (1927-1929)
25. A.P. Thomson, Southern California 1897 (1929-1931)
26. Dr. Daniel Laurence, Cincinnati 1894 (1931-1933)
27. Hamilton Douglas, Vanderbilt '08 (1933-1935)
28. Ralph F. Potter, Illinois Wesleyan 1890 (1935-1937)
29. L.G. Balfour, Indiana '07 (1937-1939)
30. Dr. Frederick Scheuch, Purdue 1893 (1939-1941)
31. Dr. William B. Ricks, North Carolina 1889 (1941-1943)
32. Ben S. Fisher, Illinois '13 (1943-1945)
33. Charles F. Hough, Illinois '15 (1945-1946)
34. Patrick J. Hurley, George Washington '13 (1946-1948)
35. Sam C. Bullock, Oregon '18 (1948-1949)
36. John Neal Campbell, Vanderbilt '14 (1949-1952)
37. Hon. Stanley N. Barnes, California-Berkeley '22 (1952-1955)
38. J. Dwight Peterson, Indiana '19 (1955-1957)
39. Edward S. Farrow, MIT '20 (1957-1959)
40. Richard S. Doyle, George Washington '17 (1959-1961)
41. William P. Huffman, Denison '11 (1961-1963)
42. Harry V. Wade, Wabash & Cornell '26 (1963-1965)



43. Hon. Bolon B. Turner, George Washington '22 (1965-1967)
44. Floyd R. Baker, Nebraska '37 (1967-1969)
45. Norman C. Brewer Jr., Mississippi '35 (1969-1971)
46. John W. Graham, Q.C., Toronto, '33 (1971-1973)
47. M. Craig Nason Jr., Southern California '26 (1973-1975)
48. Dr. Charles M. Thatcher, Michigan '43 (1975-1977)
49. James F. Bash, Butler & Indiana '49 (1977-1979)
50. S. Jack McDuff, Arizona '51 (1979-1981)
51. Dr. George H. Jones Jr., Louisiana State '42 (1981-1983)
52. Gardner B. Allen, Emory '28 (June 1983 - August 1983)
53. Marvin "Swede" Johnson, Arizona '50 (1983-1985)
54. Keith B. Sorensen, Utah & Southern California '62 (1985-1987)
55. Thomas F. Bell, Mississippi State '35 (1987-1989)
56. Robert E. Joseph, Willamette '57 (1989-1991)

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# APPENDIX G

## Historical Sites and Monuments

The official historical sites, monuments and memorials of the Fraternity are:

**The Founding Site**--The building housing the room where Sigma Chi was founded is located on the north side of High Street, the main street in Oxford, Ohio, at the town square. The building's second floor room, the exact founding site, is marked by a plaque outside the building identifying its location. The building is now owned by the Sigma Chi Foundation, the result of a gift from Past Grand Consul William P. Huffman in 1973.

**Founders' Memorial Chapter House**--The chapter house of Alpha Chapter at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, includes a library supported by the Sigma Chi Foundation. The house is located at 401 E. Sycamore in the northern portion of the Miami campus, across from the Millett Assembly Hall.

**Founding Site of Phi Beta Kappa**, the first American society to bear a Greek-letter name--The Raleigh Tavern in Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Va.

**The Constantine Chapter Memorial**--The Fraternity's memorial to the Constantine Chapter, an informal yet historic chapter founding during the Civil War by a small band of confederate soldiers, is located on the west side of U.S. highway 41, about 20 miles south of the Atlanta, Georgia, near Jonesboro, in the area believed to be the actual site of its founding.

**The J. Dwight Peterson Sigma Chi Fraternity and Sigma Chi Foundation Headquarters, Museum and Library**--This building at 1714 Hinman Avenue in Evanston, Illinois, is located just north of Church Street, about two blocks west of Lake Michigan. The Headquarters, which also houses the administrative offices of the Fraternity and Foundation, is named for Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson. It is open to Sigs and visitors during normal Monday-Friday business hours, and at other times by arrangement.

## The Seven Founders Memorial Monuments

Thomas Cowan Bell, The Presidio, San Francisco, California

James Parks Caldwell, Biloxi Cemetery, Biloxi, Mississippi

Daniel William Cooper, Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Isaac M. Jordan, Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio

William Lewis Lockwood, Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York

Benjamin Piatt Runkle, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Franklin Howard Scobey, Greenwood Cemetery, Hamilton, Ohio

The gravesite of Past Grand Consul Joseph C. Nate, Illinois Wesleyan '90, is marked by a monument similar to those of the Seven Founders in Bloomington Cemetery, Bloomington, Illinois. Often referred to as "the eighth Founder," Nate wrote the *The History of Sigma Chi Fraternity*.

The gravesite of Constantine Chapter founder Harry St. John Dixon, Virginia '67, is marked by a monument honoring him and the Constantine Chapter at Mountain View Cemetery in Fresno, California. The monument was made possible by the efforts of Fresno-area Sigs and the Order of Constantine.

The mausoleum of Sigma Chi's First Grand Consul John S. McMillin, DePauw 1876, is located in Roche Harbor Cemetery, Roche Harbor, Washington.

Maps, photos and further information about these memorials appear in a Monuments and Memorials booklet available free from the General Headquarters.

# APPENDIX H

## Description of Awards

### **Awards involving undergraduate brothers and chapters are:**

The Peterson Significant Chapter Award is the highest honor an undergraduate chapter can achieve. It can be presented to any number of chapters, and is not intended to be a "best chapter" award. It recognizes good-but-not-impossible performance by chapters in all major fields of operations, programs and reputation. Winning chapters are known as "Significant Chapters" for the year. The award is named for Past Grand Consul and Past Foundation Chairman J. Dwight Peterson.

The Balfour awards constitute the highest honors that can be earned by an undergraduate brother. They annually recognizing the outstanding graduating senior in the General Fraternity, in each province, and in each undergraduate chapter that selects a brother for the honor. It is based on the qualifications and criteria of scholarship, good character, Fraternity service and campus activity, and is named for Past Grand Consul L.G. Balfour.

The Daniel Willliam Cooper scholarship award is the Fraternity's highest award in scholarship, and is presented annually to the undergraduate chapter selected as having the most outstanding educational program for the year. The award is named for one of the Fraternity's Seven Founders.

The Legion of Honor scholarship awards are presented annually to those undergraduate chapters determined to have commendable educational programs.

Order of the Scroll scholarship awards are presented annually to one brother from each undergraduate chapter that nominates a brother who in the opinion of the chapter has made the greatest contribution to its educational programs.

The George Ruhle outstanding scholar award is presented annually to the brother selected from among the recipients of the Order of the Scroll award as the outstanding scholar in Sigma Chi. It is named for Order of Constantine and Significant Sig Dr. George C. Ruhle.

Public Relations Citations are presented annually to those undergraduate chapters determined to have conducted the most significant, extensive and consistent programs in public relations and campus-community service. The top three chapter programs are also recognized annually.

The Charles G. Ross Award is presented annually to the undergraduate chapter selected as having the most outstanding publications program. It is named for Significant Sig Charles G. Ross, Missouri-Columbia '05, who was Press Secretary to U.S. President Harry S Truman.

All-Sig sports awards are presented annually to undergraduate

brothers nominated by their chapters who have achieved a commendable record of performance in any intercollegiate, varsity sport.

The Edwin C. Fisher Grand Praetor Award is presented biennially to one of the Fraternity's Grand Praetors, who is selected for outstanding and effective performance of the responsibilities of the office. His primary responsibility is the supervision of and liaison with the undergraduate chapters and petitioning locals in his designated province. The award is named for Order of Constantine Sig and past Grand Praetor Edwin C. Fisher.

The Erwin LeClerc Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award is presented annually to the most outstanding Chapter Advisor(s) in the Fraternity. The award is named for past Grand Officer and Chapter Advisor Dr. Erwin L. LeClerc.

The Henri Stegemeier Faculty Advisor Award is presented annually to an outstanding Faculty Advisor to an undergraduate chapter. The recipient need not be a member of Sigma Chi. The award is named for Order of Constantine Sig Dr. Henri Stegemeier, Butler '32, longtime Chapter Advisor to Kappa Kappa Chapter, University of Illinois.

The Edna A. Boss Housemother of the Year Award is presented annually to an outstanding undergraduate chapter housemother in the Fraternity. The award is named for a former housemother of Delta Upsilon Chapter, Kansas State University, who served there for 20 years.

The William T. Bringham Best House Corporation Officer Award is presented annually to the chapter house corporation officer selected as the most outstanding for the year. The award is named for the brother who for nearly 36 years served as the Fraternity's Executive Secretary and chief operating officer.

The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi Award is presented each Grand Chapter year, as the Fraternity honors an International Sweetheart based on the famous "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" song. The recipient is selected from among undergraduate chapter sweethearts nominated by the chapters. The award is based on personality, poise, accomplishments, and beauty.

#### **Awards involving individual alumni and alumni chapters are:**

The Order of Constantine is the Fraternity's highest honor for long and distinguished service within the Fraternity, at the General, province or chapter level. Its name is based on the Fraternity's historical inheritance from the Emperor Constantine and the Roman Empire.

The Significant Sig Award is the Fraternity's highest honor for individual achievements in a member's field of endeavor, which have brought honor and prestige to the Fraternity. Primarily based on achievements in a brother's occupation, the award honors civic, charitable and volunteer service as well.

The Jay E. Minton Best Alumni Chapter Officer award is presented annually to the alumni chapter officer(s) selected as the most outstand-

ing for the year. It is named for Jay E. Minton, past alumni chapter and Order of Constantine officer.

The Donald B. Ward Alumni Chapter Community Service award is presented annually to the alumni chapter that performs the most outstanding community service project or best contributes to its community's welfare. The award is named for the Rev. Donald B. Ward, past Grand Tribune.

The James E. Montgomery Award is presented annually to the alumni chapter selected as having the most outstanding alumni chapter publications program. The award is named for former Indiana newspaper publisher James E. Montgomery, Butler & Stanford '08.

The Semi-Century Sig award recognizes brothers who have been active in the Fraternity for 50 years or more.

**Awards that may be presented to undergraduate or alumni brothers are:**

The Sportsman of the Year Award is presented annually to the Sig named as most outstanding among all brothers who are players, managers, coaches, officials or leaders in a collegiate, amateur or professional sport.

Grand Consul's Citations are presented to alumni or active brothers, or on special occasions to a non-member, who perform most outstanding service to the Fraternity or a chapter.

Certificates of Appreciation are presented for service to the Fraternity or a chapter, most often for service as a chapter officer.

# APPENDIX I

## Statement of Position concerning Pledge Training & The Ritual

A governing law of the Fraternity, adopted August 1977 and reaffirmed biennially by successive Grand Chapters.

TO: The chapters and members of the Sigma Chi Fraternity:  
**Brothers in Sigma Chi:**

THE TEACHINGS of our Ritual - the basis of all our pledging and Initiation, and active and alumni life - must govern our every act and attitude. Initiation into Sigma Chi is truly not only a ceremony by which new members are created, but is much more. Its meanings are subject to constant interpretation and achievement by those who have **earned** the honor by **striving** for it. The Fraternity does **not** maintain that membership in Sigma Chi should be achieved casually, lightly, or without determination, reasonable effort and commitment by those who seek it.

The Fraternity provides extensive material and guidance to chapters on this subject through The Ritual, Ritualistic Statutes, *The Norman Shield*, the *Magisters Manual*, the programs of the Leadership Training Workshop and many Province Workshops, and the efforts of the Grand Praetors and Headquarters Staff. Further guidance and assistance in those and other areas will continue, and is available to any chapter upon request. These provide adequate resources for each chapter to develop and implement a positive, suitable program.

### **THE BASIS OF CONCERN:**

The reasons for concern by the Fraternity in this area cannot be dealt with simply under the heading of the term "hazing." The term "hazing" is sometimes too narrowly defined by some seeking rationalizations. The causes for concern are spelled out more definitely under the guidelines below. The causes for concern have as a basis the **ACHIEVING** of the process of Initiation, not degradation of those who seek it. The goal is preparation for a productive life as a citizen, through Sigma Chi, not merely forced humility or "second class citizenship." We believe, as the Sigma Chi Creed says, in fairness, decency, good manners, and being ever a credit to our Fraternity.

**There is a definite need for increased knowledge and understanding of the seriousness of purpose of Sigma Chi, and the expectations and commitments made by all of us in experiencing our Ritual and the honor of becoming a member.**

Your Fraternity leaders and Executive Committee realize and appreciate that the majority of our active chapters conduct responsible and inspiring pledge programs and Initiation ceremonies and have not been, are not, and will not become involved in anything that even remotely could be considered "hazing" or in violation of Sigma Chi law or

programs. **Nonetheless, there is a definite necessity for an increased vigilance, awareness, dedication and determination in this matter.**

There are chapters in Sigma Chi where our Ritual and its purposes and procedures are not adhered to to the fullest, and where questionable, contradictory or wasteful activities are taking place during the Pledge Program, Indoctrination Week, or Initiation.

**In confronting this problem, the following basics are pertinent:**

--Sigma Chi, both in stated goals and purposes and usually-achieved results, is a positive experience, designed to be contributory and beneficial throughout a man's life.

--Past, present and future, its purpose is to be uplifting, motivational, value-setting, and enjoyable in constructive ways.

--Its heart is brotherhood, personal association and involvement, and an obligation of every brother to help each other to achieve. It is in the context of **positive** emphasis and guidance that the following guidelines will apply, and are to be used in determining and conducting any of our activities in the pledging, pre-Initiation and Initiation programs:

**THESE GUIDELINES WILL APPLY:**

--The goals set forth in *The Jordan Standard* require us, as a Fraternity, to ensure that we allow each student time for his academic responsibilities, reasonable sleep, and reasonable campus involvement. Our prospective members are in school for an education, a learning experience, both in and out of the classroom.

--Whatever is performed or allowed to happen must be fully consistent with the **ideals and the spirit** of our Ritual, Ritualistic Statutes, and Governing Laws. The lessons of our traditions noted above involve much more than just "I had to do it - they should too."

--If it's done only for the "fun of the actives," the odds are very high that whatever it is should not be done.

--A man does not pledge to be in servitude to an individual brother. He is aspiring to be a member of the Chapter and the Fraternity.

--If something is designed **just** to make a man "a good pledge," rather than to make him a good brother, or **just** to see "how much he wants to become a member," it is not appropriate.

--Ask yourself, "Would I like to do what we are making the pledge do?" If the answer is no, chances are very strong that it is wrong.

--Forced unity or "unity-at-any-cost" can, often unknowingly, result in resentment or exaggerated competition against the chapter, and conflict with the pledge class's later integration into the chapter, creating a caste system. Unity **will occur** from shared experiences.

--If instilling humility is the only or major purpose of what is being done, it most likely should not be done.

--The fact that "we've always done it" does not, by itself, justify its continuance.

--If an activity became known and/or publicized, could it **really** be



explained or justified to, and understood or appreciated by parents, university officials, or rushees? If not, it should not be done.

--The greater the extent of physical or mental exhaustion, excessive nervousness or fear, total frustration, or desire to "get this over with," the greater the likelihood that the pledge will not absorb, remember and understand the important lessons of our pledge program, the Initiation and Ritual.

### **EXAMPLES OF PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:**

Actions and activities which are explicitly prohibited include, but are not limited to the following:

- Calisthenics; sit-ups and push ups.
  - Running stairs while reciting material.
  - Purposeless runs for the sake of creating unity."
  - Yelling and screaming or use of obscenities at pledges during the line-ups.
  - Telling pledge he's failed by snuffing out candles in front of him.
  - Brothers intentionally mess up the house or room after pledges clean it.
  - Pledges blindfolded, told that everyone before them has jumped onto a "nail," and they must too (they not knowing there is no nail, as such).
  - Pledges booed and hissed or demeaned when they make a mistake in recitation in front of the chapter.
  - Calling pledges "scums" and other degrading terms.
  - Wearing burlap bags or other embarrassing or uncomfortable garments.
  - Less than six hours of sleep each night during the week prior to Initiation.
  - Deception designed to convince the pledge he won't be initiated.
  - Dropping eggs in pledges' mouths.
  - Excessively loud music played during I-Week and between portions of various ceremonies.
  - Paddle swats.
  - Pushing, shoving or tackling pledges during movement to various events.
  - Pledges awakened time and again during the night, quizzed and/or harassed, told their answers are wrong no matter how they answer.
  - Pledges dragged onto the floor when awakened.
  - Pledges write list of their faults or "sins," believing they must read them to the chapter or brothers.
  - Bracing and finger-snapping in pledges' ears during Initiation.
  - Any violation of Ritual instructions, procedures or Statutes.
  - Brothers using Ritual materials before Initiation.
- These are practices which have been done in the past and there are

thousands of others **also equally unacceptable**. These are a few examples.

### **IN CONCLUSION:**

Sigma Chi's specified programs for pledge training, Indoctrination Week and Initiation, absent of any hazing or questionable activities, have proved to be consistently effective in achieving the development of active, effective committed brothers. **Only the brothers in the active chapters** can carry out these programs, however.

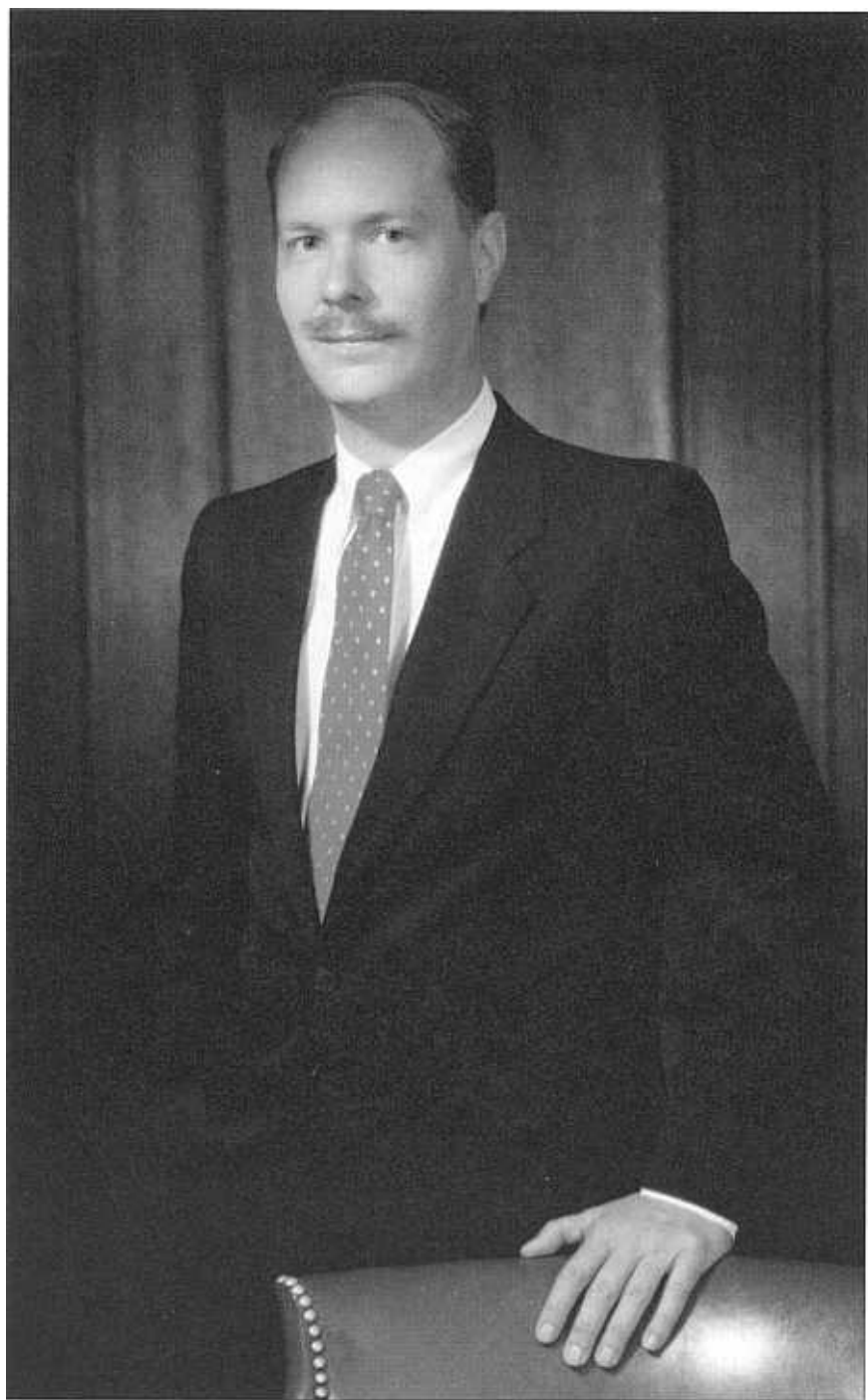
All Sigma Chis have a responsibility to the Fraternity and its future, and to the rest of the Greek system, and to our families, to enhance and contribute to our reputation, and not even remotely create any situation which may damage it.

Sigma Chi must depend on our undergraduate brothers and chapters to perpetuate our Grand Fraternity through Initiation. With this expression of concern and communication, our confidence is placed in you.

Fraternally,

**THE FRATERNITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**





Douglas R. Carlson  
Grand Historian

## About the Author

**T**HE SUCCESS story of Sigma Chi sparkles with the inspiring, untiring and often heroic contributions of selfless brothers through 14 decades. This stirring history by Grand Historian Douglas R. Carlson is a remarkable achievement that will have a significant and lasting impact upon the Fraternity.

Brother Carlson's unrelenting desire to complete this massive project is shown through countless road trips, phone calls, letters and hours of solitary research and writing amassed over a 10-year period. Those who were fortunate enough to work with him knew he would deliver a first-rate, blue-and-gold result. Our Founders surely would agree that Brother Carlson has matched the lofty literary standards of our original Alpha Chapter at Old Miami.

The tone and scope of this volume reflects the values and skills Doug shares with past Grand Historians of Sigma Chi, principally Dr. Joseph C. Nate, to whom this volume is dedicated. At the 1981 Grand Chapter, retiring Grand Historian Robert E. LeClerc touched upon this connection as he passed his office's gavel to the newly-elected Grand Historian, Doug Carlson:

"For the first time in my recollection - and my knowledge of the leaders of Sigma Chi goes back to the days before I was even a college student - this is probably the first time that we will have a Grand Historian who is cut from the mold of Joseph C. Nate. And I think this is important because we all realize that finally, after we're through with the turbulent 1960s, the history of the Fraternity is not something that's dead, but something that's alive and needs to continue to be alive. I'm proud that I had an opportunity to work with Doug and bring him along, and I know we are going to see tremendous results from him with his 25-year history. I hope that we will see a completion of a project that I know he is very much interested in: the seven-volume History of Sigma Chi that Joe Nate tried and was unable to see completed to fruition. I would hope this Fraternity soon will finish that job of Joe Nate, and I know Doug is going to dedicate his time to that."

To compile a work of this enormity only some 20 years after receiving the White Cross says a lot about the intensity of Doug's devotion to our order. His Sigma Chi inoculation clearly took in the morning hours of April 25, 1970, at Alpha Sigma Chapter at the University of Minnesota. He has been one of Sigma Chi's premier workhorses ever since. Doug was an undergraduate force within Alpha Sigma, serving his beloved chapter as Pro Consul for three terms, and as Tribune, Magister, Historian, Chapter Editor, House Manager and perpetual Ritual Chairman. His major field of study at the university was history. He attended his first Leadership Training Workshop and Grand Chapter as an undergraduate. He has not missed either event since then.

The Minneapolis and St. Paul alumni chapters have benefited greatly from Doug's involvement. Over the years he has been president, vice president, secretary and treasurer; he remains a director today. He has served the Alpha Sigma House Corporation as president, treasurer and in many other untold ways. In a very real sense he has been the

unofficial advisor to scores of Alpha Sigma men since 1974. He also has chaired and served on many key Greek alumni committees at the University of Minnesota.

At the Fraternity's international level, Doug has given freely and effectively. He has been chairman of Sigma Chi's Ritual Committee since 1981 and a member of it since 1971. Doug has served on the Publications Board since 1977 and is presently secretary to the Monuments and Memorials Commission. He has been a key participant in a number of undergraduate chapter installations, both within his North Central Province and elsewhere. He has been a fixture at literally dozens of Fraternity conferences, banquets, anniversaries and other events at the local, province and international levels.

Suffice it to say that the few paragraphs allotted here cannot begin to do justice to the depth of his Fraternity biography.

Outside of Sigma Chi pursuits, Doug has been a marketing and direct mailing executive, and is now a computer systems consultant in his home town of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota.

The positions he has held and the roles and assignments he has carried out so well are significant and many. But his friendship and love for the White Cross and the brothers who wear it are what show through; his legion of admirers is proof.

On behalf of Sigs past, present and future, and others who have an abiding interest in fraternity life, let this serve as an expression of deep appreciation to Douglas R. Carlson for giving us this vibrant, rich and enduring work.

*David A. Prichard, Illinois '75*  
*Chairman, Sigma Chi Publications Board*  
*Glen Ellyn, Illinois*  
*October 31, 1989.*

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