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S. A. Smith
D. S. Greer
W. L. Stillwaggon
H. Coleman, Jr.
W. P. Fitzgerald, Jr.
A. W. Tunnell, Jr.
J. A. Bader
J. F. Rittenhouse
G. V. Piercy
R. J. Cannon, Jr.
W. H. Troyer, Jr.
J. A. Haislip, Jr.*
N. R. Heald
G. S. Merritt

1938-1943

H. J. Bartle, III
E. R. Kiehl
R. L. Davis
O. M. Hokanson
G. C. Hess, Jr.
R. J. Baldwin

1943-1948

R. E. Anderson
C. R. Crede
W. W. Dearolf, Jr.
C. S. Kuntz

J. K. Stoner*

J. F. Kelley, Jr.
G. F. Kolle

1948-1953

J. N. Marshall
N. E. Grede, Jr.
A. D. Henderson
J. M. Hudson
J. J. Keyes
J. V. Reynolds
O. C. Miller, Jr.
A. R. Jenny
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A. P. Lannutti
S. Woerth
A. J. Jones
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F. E. Smith, Jr.
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R. G. Wolf

1953-1958

F. W. Schmehl
D. K. Dement
J. A. Campbell
R. W. Hadden
R. P. McCafferty
J. F. Duncan

D. L. Schey

J. C. France
K. J. Dirkes
P. W. Gross

1958-1963

T. C. Block
R. E. Klesius
W. L. Shute
L. J. Dicarolo*

1963-1968

J. M. Casper
R. H. Griffin
W. J. Grubert, Jr.
G. W. Auld
M. S. Gennaro, Jr.
D. A. Parsons
M. W. Sellers
A. W. Grubert
M. J. Lavelline
D. Romanchuk
M. Schoenen
D. A. Heydt

1968-1973

J. J. Peirce, Jr.
W. K. Sheppard
W. K. Stees
P. K. Whitcraft
W. J. Cooney, Jr.

S. J. Costa, Jr.

P. D. Crissman
R. L. Drager
G. F. Knappick
C. R. McCulley
C. K. Seachrist
J. P. Pilsits, Jr.
E. J. Dimond
C. J. Santangelo
C. J. Heimark
R. D. Austin
T. S. Bell
J. Santangelo
R. L. Sullivan
C. K. Wonderly
E. W. Langschwager

1973-1978

M. V. Scali
J. D. Gardner, Jr.
J. J. Perfetti
P. R. Howard
K. F. Hopkins
J. W. Goldschmidt, Jr.
R. F. Thorp, Jr.*
P. R. Earley

1978-1983

R. E. Imbrogno
M. R. Longo

Anonymous

ARCHON'S LETTER

As Archon of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, it is my privilege and pleasure to report to you the "State of the Fraternity." As you will see, Alpha Upsilon is at a very strong point in its history, and it is an honor to be a part of such a tradition of excellence. The chapter is putting forth great efforts in all aspects of the fraternity.

RUSH

After a sensational rush experienced by all fraternities at Drexel, Alpha Upsilon is nearing the 100-active barrier. Pi Kappa Phi picked up a nearly unprecedented 26 associates. With the addition of these fine young men to our ranks, we will build Alpha Upsilon Chapter not only in numbers, but also in quality. The strength of the chapter internally, as well as externally, is growing as we become the strongest house on campus.

ON CAMPUS

Part of our strength displayed externally comes from three men who hold positions on campus. Dan Gormley, who is president of the junior class, and Dave Casilla, Interfraternity Council president, are fine examples of the type of leaders that we at Pi Kappa Phi are developing. House manager, Austin Meehan, is also representative of our leadership by acting as a member of the Student Congress.

*Contributed more than requested.



Chapter News

THE HISTORY OF ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER

In the winter of 1980, *DUSAK* publication attempted to develop a series of articles tracing the history and accomplishments of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter from its founding as Kappa Sigma Delta Fraternity in 1919. This series of articles was compiled by Brother John W. Deimler, Alpha Upsilon Chapter No. 19, and continued through the *DUSAK* articles in Fall 1980 and Spring 1981. Unfortunately for our brotherhood, John W. Deimler was called to the Chapter Eternal during 1981, and the manuscript fell to the wayside unfinished.

This is where you come in. Once again we are going to attempt to start up the history of Alpha Upsilon. Unlike John Deimler, I wasn't here during the early years, or even a lot of the more recent years, so I need your help.

Please send me your remembrances of the chapter — officers names, show names, Rose Queens, wild parties, special names of brothers, and even those unpublished memories of the past. In addition, I will work with the data that Mrs. Kaye Deimler has provided us from her husband's belongings, and we will complete the chapter history together.

To remind you of where we were in the history and what type of detail can be used, the following reprint is provided from the last printing of our publication where the history was given.

Let me stress once again, I need your help. No detail or story is too small; please write.

Walter Keith Sheppard
"725"

HOW IT ALL BEGAN A HISTORY OF ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER

For some time prior to 1931, there was a Philadelphia Alumni Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and this group had been watching a local fraternity chapter at Drexel as a possible prospect for expansion. Although some correspondence apparently had been carried on between KAPPA SIGMA DELTA and this Alumni Chapter since June 1931, the first correspondence on record is a letter dated August 5, 1932 from Lewis Shemery, Alpha Mu Chapter, Penn State, to Elmer F. Becker of the New York Alumni Chapter giving a brief sketch of the merits of the local group.

INTRAMURALS

Alpha Upsilon also leads the way at Drexel in intramural athletics. A high point this fall was our football team. Coming into this year, after last year's loss to the school champions, things looked hopeful. Not only did the football team respond by defeating last year's champion, but they went on to go undefeated and win the football championship in the final game by a 27-0 margin.

Winter intramurals look good. The bowling team, coming in as reigning champions, should be able to defend their title.

After making the playoffs last year, the basketball team has their eyes on a championship for Pi Kappa Phi.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Alpha Upsilon Chapter sponsored a talent show for P.U.S.H. and raised \$800 for that worthy cause. The "Pi Kapp Show" featured all types of talent. We are proud of our efforts to provide funds for our national philanthropy, and there is ongoing planning for future support.

HOUSE IMPROVEMENT

As always, house improvement is an ongoing process. Recent improvements include a new electrical system and boiler put in by our Alumni Corporation.

Future projects include sandblasting and painting the brick. We would be grateful for any donations of kitchen accessories or equipment: pans, tables, serving dishes and instruments.

This spring will see a momentous occasion at Alpha Upsilon Chapter House. Although a date had not been set before the presses ran for this newsletter, a date in May is being considered for the celebration of our structure's 100th birthday. This centennial celebration of the chapter house's construction is expected to be a gala event, attended by alumni and undergraduates alike!

ALUMNI

Rose Ball went well this fall. November 30th saw the formal event attended by the brothers and assorted alumni. Awards were given and it was an extremely enjoyable evening.

Parents-Alumni Day at Alpha Upsilon saw 15-20 alumni visit the house. We are striving for a deeper alumni commitment in our alumni activities. Any suggestions as to improvements in programs or ideas for new programs would be welcomed.

ALUMNI THANKS

We want to thank a special Alpha Upsilon Alumnus. He is Fred Schmel. Brother Fred has been active as alumni president for as long as anyone can remember. He has done a great deal for us, and we want to let him know how much we appreciate his hard work and dedication. Thanks.

Archon
Dave Casillo

ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER BOX SCORE

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| Pledged this school year..... | 16 |
| Initiated this school year..... | 28 |
| Total student members (including associates)... | 97 |
| Total Chapter initiates..... | 976 |



It just so happened that Lewis Shemery was the President of this Alumni Chapter and Credit Manager at James Lees & Sons Co. which also employed Brothers Bob Oberholtzer, Dick Oberholtzer, and M. Richard Cauffman. Through the efforts of Lew Shemery and Bob Oberholtzer, who had graduated in 1931, the cause of Nationalization of KAPPA SIGMA DELTA had progressed to the point of submitting a preliminary petition to Pi Kappa Phi on December 1, 1932. And in the words of Honorary Brother George W. C. Drexel, "We hope that you will see fit to look favorably upon us."

However, getting approval by a local fraternity to become affiliated with Pi Kappa Phi in those days was not an easy matter. The three nearest chapters: Psi, Alpha Mu, and Alpha Xi, as well as the New York Alumni, the District Archon, and the Supreme Council (National Council) had to vote in the affirmative. Furthermore, a formal petition had to be presented through the then Executive Secretary, Howard D. Leake.

But once the initial overture was made, events began to happen rapidly. Inspection visits were made by Executive Secretary Howard Leake and Supreme Archon M. Pelzer Wagener followed by a visit in January 1933 by District Archon William J. Berry and a representative of Alpha Xi Chapter. For those who knew "Prof" Berry, you know this was a thorough and detailed inspection. Obviously all conditions were met because on January 19, 1933, District Archon Berry wrote to Bob Oberholtzer, "After a careful review of conditions as I found them at Drexel Institute and in the KAPPA SIGMA DELTA Fraternity, and in particular after a study of the financial statement which you submitted to me, I take pleasure in advising you to proceed at once with your formal petition for admission into Pi Kappa Phi."

What a feeling of relief and satisfaction it must have been to Chairman Bob Oberholtzer, the chapter, and the committee in charge of nationalization consisting of:

Robert J. Riddle - President
 J. Ralph Mulford - Vice-President
 Homer A. Reichert - House Manager
 F. Arthur Tucker
 William Bishop
 Charles Oddy
 Steven Shockley

By January 23, 1933, a time frame had been set for submitting a "dummy" Formal Petition, the Formal Petition, and a target date of May 19, 20, 21 for the actual installation as Alpha Upsilon Chapter. The regular Spring Formal Dance to serve as the social event in connection with the installation.

Although approval by the Philadelphia and New York Alumni Chapters and Alpha Xi Chapter was now assured, the approval of Psi and Alpha Mu Chapters, as well as the Supreme Council, still had to be obtained. A visit by Bob Oberholtzer was made in the company of Henry Bartleson to Psi Chapter on February 4 - 5, 1933, and to Alpha Mu Chapter with Lew Shemery on February 11 - 12. A personal invitation was extended to each Chapter to attend the Second Annual Minstrel Show on February 24 - 25. Both Chapters approved the Formal Petition when submitted for their vote.

The "dummy" petition was sent to the Central Office on February 2, 1933 for approval and by March 3, the Formal Petition was received by the Central Office. A copy of this Petition along with other KAPPA SIGMA DELTA memorabilia is in the archives at National Headquarters.

ALUMNI MEETING
 February 15, 1984
 8:30 P. M.
 At Chapter House
 3405 Powelton Avenue

While waiting for approval of their petition, plans were being formulated for the installation. Encouraging indications were being received from several sources. Then, on March 30, 1933, a telegram from Executive Secretary Leake followed by a confirming letter dated March 29 from Supreme Secretary Leo H. Pou, advised that the Petition of KAPPA SIGMA DELTA had received unanimous approval.

It is not possible to recount all the details involved in the process of Nationalization. Suffice to note that there were literally reams of correspondence to and from Executive Secretary Leake and District Archon Berry. Questions by the local committee, financial details, instructions and suggestions from the Central Office and District Archon, how many active and alumni members would be initiated, plans and accommodations for the actual installation, invited guests, etc. And there were disappointments as a number of alumni who had planned to be initiated had to "drop out" because of financial problems or re-location in employment. And there were problems of financing such an undertaking for these were still depression years following the stock market crash of 1929.

Having received approval of the petition by March 29, the dates of May 19, 20, 21, 1933 for the installation were now feasible. District Archon Berry naturally was to be the Installing Officer with Dr. Elton Allison of Alpha Delta Chapter, University of Washington, and a professor at Ursinus College, as his assistant. Alpha Xi Chapter, Brooklyn Poly, was selected as the initiation team.

Pledging of actives and pledges took place late Friday afternoon, May 19, at the fraternity house, 3312 Powelton Avenue, and was followed by the Spring Formal Dance and Reception at the Aronimink Country Club, to which all local Pi Kappa Phi men and representatives of other Drexel Fraternities were invited.

Formal initiation started promptly at 9 a.m. Saturday morning in the gymnasium in Curtis Hall (since converted to other purposes). Pledging and initiation of alumni and honorary members followed in the afternoon. Organization of the chapter and election of officers concluded the Installation ceremonies.

The officers elected at this first formal meeting of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity were:

Wilson D. Applegate Archon
 Allan S. Tomlinson Treasurer
 James B. Henwood Secretary
 Albert Schade, III Historian
 John H. McCann Chaplain
 William H. Miller Warden
 John W. Deimier House Manager

The Active Chapter consisted of 19 members, 3 pledges, and 3 honorary members. Twenty-three alumni became members of Pi Kappa Phi.

An Installation Banquet in the Locust Room of the Penn Athletic Club culminated the ceremonies on Saturday evening. Toastmaster for the occasion was none other than Brother Edward D. "Prof" McDonald, who served in that capacity at many of the later banquets of the Chapter. Honored guests were Dr. Parke R. Kolbe, President of Drexel; Dr. A. Pelzer Wagener, Supreme Archon; Albert W. Meisel, Supreme Chancellor; William J. Berry, District Archon; Howard D. Leake, Executive Secretary; Dr. Charles E. Potts, President of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute; W. Ralph Wagenseller, Drexel Comptroller and Faculty Advisor of Kappa Sigma Delta. Also at the "head" table were Robert J. Riddle, retiring President of Kappa Sigma Delta; Robert E. Oberholtzer; and Lewis Shemery, Philadelphia Alumni President.

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**HOW IT ALL BEGAN
A HISTORY OF
ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER**

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Unfortunately, Honorary members George W. Childs Drexel, A. J. Drexel Paul, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, and Alexander Van Rensselaer were not able to be initiated on this occasion, the latter two because of age. The Chapter and the Fraternity were saddened by the death of Brother Curtis in June 1933 and Brother Van Rensselaer in July 1933.

To Andy Sweeney and his Committee, a bouquet of roses for a wonderful Formal and Banquet. To Bob Oberholtzer and Lew Shemery the lasting gratitude and appreciation for all they did to bring to fruition the merger of KAPPA SIGMA DELTA into Pi Kappa Phi and the establishment of the first chapter of a national fraternity on the Drexel campus. In turn, Alpha Upsilon has been a chapter of which they can be proud.

During the time of the nationalization effort carried on primarily by Bob Oberholtzer and the Alumni Committee, it should be remembered that the Chapter was actively pursuing its normal activities. There was the second Annual Minstrel Show, while not as resounding a financial success as hoped for, did serve to foster and support the nationalization effort. The Inter-Fraternity Scholarship Cup was won for the second time with the highest average (78+) as of that time. Rushing, which started April 1, 1933, culminated in a "smoker" on April 5 with some 40 candidates attending and resulting in 13 pledges with an additional 3 men pledging at another "smoker" on April 28. And individual members were recipients of campus honors, including Bob Riddle as the first Pi Kapp Scholar from Alpha Upsilon Chapter.

For those who may be curious as to the cost of Nationalization in 1933, a complete accounting report was filed with the Central Office. However, a few of the costs were Charter Fee \$250.00, Regalia \$179.00, Petition costs \$227.00, Dance and Banquet \$280.00, initiation fees \$791.00 (\$20.00/active, \$17.00/alumni). The Charter Fee was paid as a gift from Brother Cyrus H. K. Curtis. A building and loan fund, Minstrel Show profits, and a Nationalization Fund basically paid for the Petition and Regalia, and the Activities Fee of \$15.00 for the customary Spring Formal Dance paid for the Banquet and Dance.

Thus ended the thirteenth year in the history of KAPPA SIGMA DELTA!! A very momentous and crucial point in its history!

ALPHA UPSILON ALUMNI

This man believes a person is never too old to learn something new. At age 36, BENJAMIN D. ROCUSKIE '60 began organ lessons and at age 48, he began karate lessons. Ben studied civil engineering while in school and kept busy on the wrestling team and as Chaplain of Pi Kappa Phi. Six months after graduation, he registered with the PE and has served in various offices of PSPE, NSPE, ASHE and ASCE. He has served as National Chairman of Professional Engineers in Government, NSPE, and received their merit award. In 1975, Ben received the Design Award from AASHTO. He is presently employed as Director of the Bureau of Construction and Materials for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, dealing with criteria, standards, etc., for the materials and construction of highways and bridges in Pennsylvania. Ben has also been busy designing and building his current home. Ben and his wife Marlene have three children and live at 805 N. Fairville Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Having received his MBA from Harvard Graduate School of Business, this man went on to spend many years in the Army, retiring in 1980 with the rank of Major General. JOHN K. STONER, JR. '51 is now self-employed as a private consultant to industry and government in the management of defense programs. While in school as an undergraduate, Jack majored in chemical engineering and served as Music Director for Pi Kappa Phi. Jack and his wife Ellen have four children and reside at 19 Harwood Dr., Harwood, MD 20776.

This member of Big Brothers Association is Director of Engineering for West Company. DAVID W. NEILSON '73 attended Temple University before transferring to Drexel University, where he served as House Manager for the Alpha Upsilon Chapter. Dave enjoys hiking, camping and canoeing. Dave and his wife Linda have four daughters and live at 270 Grimesville Road, Williamsport, PA 17701.

ALUMNI BROTHERS

Over the past several years we have warned that at some time we would publish an accounts receivable list showing all those alumni who still have outstanding balances due to the undergraduate chapter. The list includes all collection letters and phone calls made through September 30th, 1984.

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| R Beebe | 237.93 | T Lapinski | 135.05 |
| V Caccese | 100.75 | T Lautier | 39.42 |
| P Coccoran | 546.58 | F Lipski | 106.62 |
| M Della Polla | 52.64 | E Lauden | 147.97 |
| M Delp | 16.86 | M Magliente | 150.00 |
| B Denlin | 359.31 | B Matcovitch | 190.18 |
| J Fitzgerald | 87.00 | A Meckstrath | 148.66 |
| D Gardner | 52.51 | J Parke | 235.14 |
| T Golden | 542.32 | N Reilly | 55.55 |
| L Guarino | 206.93 | J Sable | 299.88 |
| D Hayes | 113.57 | K Slate | 262.95 |
| P Held | 32.93 | C Stone | 191.12 |
| B Helmig | 320.84 | J Sykes | 498.27 |
| T Hill | 21.67 | N Thomas | 130.55 |
| G Huslin | 298.05 | R Toomey | 103.27 |
| B Imbrogno | 152.93 | T Vassalotti | 296.97 |
| G Karbowski | 177.54 | S White | 100.00 |
| C Kraft | 232.00 | P Williams | 116.32 |
| J Kuzin | 191.92 | J McShay | 270.88 |

Any inquiries on the above list should be made to:

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Shillington, Pa. 19607

If you recognize any of the above names, contact them for us so that we can get this resolved.