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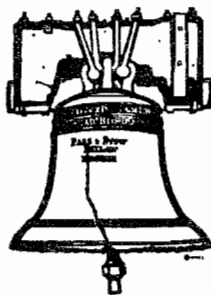
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## Supreme Chapter in Philadelphia

This summer the National Fraternity will hold its Supreme Chapter Meeting in Philadelphia. This will represent the first time in 25 years that this body of our Fraternity has met in the City of Brotherly Love and the home of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter. The festivities will start Saturday, August 15, and last until Wednesday, August 19. Of course it is impossible for all the alumni of the Philadelphia Chapter to take vacation during that time period, nor realistic to believe that even a good portion of our alumni would want to attend the entire convention program.

However, I would like to recommend you and your wife (or girl friend) considering attendance at the following events:

Saturday, August 15  
Party at Alpha Upsilon  
3405 Powelton Avenue

Sunday, August 16  
Opening Banquet  
Cocktail Party  
Secretary of Energy as  
Guest Speaker  
String Band Entertainment

Monday, August 17  
Founders' Day Breakfast  
Atlantic City Excursion

You will hear more about these events in future program announcements. Mark your calendar and join us. A good turnout in Philadelphia of alumni will show the fraternity at large that Pi Kappa Phi not only has one of the best undergraduate chapters in Philadelphia but the best alumni in the fraternity.

Walter Keith Sheppard, 725  
Alumni Secretary  
National Chaplain

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**DO YOU KNOW A POTENTIAL  
PI KAPPA PHI MEMBER ?  
IF SO, PLEASE LET US KNOW  
BY COMPLETING THE FORM  
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## 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.

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 Lewis 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.

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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.

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. Deimler . . . . . House Manager

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## FOUNDER'S DAY

Many years have passed since the days when an annual Founders' Day event has been scheduled at Alpha Upsilon. In my memory, Founders' Day has historically been a casualty of Finals Week, when undergraduates do all of the reading they should have been doing all term. This is not the case just a few miles up the New Jersey Turnpike; an annual Founders' Day Dinner took place this year at the Kingston Restaurant, Union, New Jersey, on December 7, 1980. Area Governor Bill Newell and I were present, along with over 100 alumni and undergraduate Pi Kappas living in the North Jersey region. The event started with a cocktail hour, followed by dinner, after dinner speeches, and a "roll call" of all members present by year of graduation.

Although the timing of Founders' Day will probably always conflict with Drexel's finals week (unless Drexel decides to re-vamp its schedule for us), there is a need for more social events involving both the alumni and undergraduate chapter. The annual Alumni Picnic and Parent-Alumni Day are two such events: efforts should be made to expand this schedule to one event per quarter. Better alumni/undergraduate relations would result from such informal events as outings to a Phillies home game. Alumni/undergraduate interactions limited to budget meetings and alumni business meetings simply aren't enough to encourage the cooperation needed to keep a chapter viable and growing.

The quality of the alumni chapter is influenced by the quality of the alumni coming from the undergraduate chapter. By working and playing together more closely in the future, both parties will benefit.

Bob Austin  
Chapter Advisor

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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.

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!

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We acknowledge with the greatest appreciation and indebtedness the contribution of Brother Oberholtzer who made

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### ARCHON'S REPORT

The house is in great shape with 68 brothers and a spring pledge class of 9 members. Brotherhood spirit is at a peak along with a tremendous social and house improvement program. Pi Kappa Phi is leading the social events on campus with theme parties like "Christmas in July" and "Beach Party," led by social chairman Tom Sullivan. House improvements led by Lou Guarino have set a precedent for the future. Small projects along with large projects have been successfully completed.

Treasurer Ken Slate has been keeping pace with the fast moving financial matters and Vice-President Harry Christman

available all his voluminous correspondence and records of this period covering Nationalization.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

In response to the request for show programs, Gene Ferry responded by sending us copies of "Paradise Lust" (15th 1949), and "Without Reservation" (18th 1952), Fred Schmehl dusted off his copy of "Ol Spice" (29th 1963) and Bix Reeside sent in his copy of "Paradise Lust" with the request that it be returned if other copies were received. Thanks for the great response and Bix, yours has been returned.

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Will someone "dig out" the program for the 12th (1947) and 20th (1954)?

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made possible a successful rush and pledge period along with Warden Marc Longo. Meanwhile Past Archon Mike Imms is serving as Treasurer of the Interfraternity Association and we have six brothers on Student Congress. All the officers have been doing their jobs which is essential for a successful brotherhood.

Spirit is high in anticipation of the National Convention in August. We are working closely with the alumni and the National Office in making sure the convention is a success. All in all Pi Kappa Phi is leading the Drexel campus and keeping its place as Number One.

Phil Earley  
Archon

### ALUMNI MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 1981 MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by the President at 8:30. Secretary report was read and approved. Treasurer's report was presented. Special Maintenance Fund (approximately \$1,500) has been utilized for necessary house maintenance. Expenditures will be outlined in the next copy of the DUSAK. C.A.R. Program profits now at \$1,048.40 and is currently being held in checking account. Repair of front porch came from these funds.

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# ALUMNI NEWS CENTER

Carl C. Graham, '54. Carl is a salesman with the Anchor Hocking Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Carl received his degree in retail management and was active on campus in the Pi Kapp Shows, I. F. Sports, and the Rouge & Robe. Carl served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1953, and later became Vice President of the Alumni Association for two years. In 1974 Carl was elected president of the Kanawha Players, Inc. of Charleston, West Virginia, which is the oldest continuing community theatre in the United States. He has also served on the Charleston Performing Arts Council from 1974 to 1977. In 1978 Carl married the former Marilyn Louise Long. The Graham's own a new home at Little River, South Carolina, on the inter-coastal waterway and they are looking forward to retirement in early 1984. You may write the Graham's at 1005 Jerome Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

## THANKS THANKS THANKS THANKS

The following are additional contributors to the 1979-80 Alumni Dues Program. Thanks for your support.

Robert E. Simon, 196  
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Michael A. Varzally, '70. Mike is an auditor with the Philadelphia National Corporation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. You may write the Varzally's at 112 Rochelle Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128. Mike received his degree in accounting in 1970. While an undergraduate he served the chapter as Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and Rush Chairman. In 1971 he married the former Joyce Williams. They have two children, Allison and Heather. He is currently Vice-President of a local civic group in the Philadelphia area. While in school he was recognized as a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma, the business honor society. He was a member of the United States Army Reserve from 1970 to 1976.

### MINUTES (continued)

Undergraduate — Pi Kapp Show is May 1, 1981. Proceeds will be designated to Temple University Hospital and P.U.S.H. Undergraduates currently at 69 with 12 pledges. Twelve seniors will be graduating in June. Discussion was held on recent traveling secretary report of chapter.

Chapter Advisor — Initiation at Seton Hall by our Chapter went well. University of Delaware chartering postponed. Conclave for Area I and Area II held at Alpha Upsilon on February 6, 1981.

Area Governor — Chapter did excellent job at Seton Hall chartering. Good conclave.

Apartment House — Holding its own. Some minor repairs required on apartment. Only first floor fire door needs repair. Repairs required by Insurance Investigator for Drexel University.

Convention Committee — Meeting will be held after alumni meeting.

C.A.R. — Discretion of usage of additional pages in next issue. Need data from all concerned parties by February 28, 1981, for next publication.

Next meeting will be held third Friday night in May 1981.

John J. Peirce, Jr., '73. Jack is a civil engineer with the Conduit and Foundation Corporation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering he went on to obtain his Masters degree in Soil Mechanics from Drexel University in 1978. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In 1972 he married the former Beth Anne Charters. They have three children: Jennifer, Meridith and John, III. You may write the Peirce's at 5835 Saul Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19149.

**YOUR ANNUAL ALUMNI  
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THIS NEWSLETTER**

Fraternally,

W. K. Sheppard, 725  
Secretary