

Fraternities, Sororities

THETA XI

•Theta Xi actives spent the week of February 2 to 7 putting the pledges through a complete course in "courtesy." By Thursday the pledges had become quite accustomed to doing without sleep night after night. The actives thought by that time the pledges had acquired enough knowledge to qualify for the initiation degree.

•Friday night, the pledges were formally initiated at the house, after which all went to the Normandy House for the annual dinner. Those initiated were: Clifford Gorski, Frank Jencius, Robert Klein, Joseph Kovar, and John Koza.

•Saturday, February 14, TX's held a Valentine party for their best girl friends.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

•The Skull Dance! That time of the year no matter on what campus where there is a Phi Kap house is the time that all the lady friends look forward to. The pledge class has for a long time been planning and rummaging through its minds for ideas and is now about to see it hatched. This Saturday, the 21st, is the set day for this affair.

•Aside from getting ready for the Skull Dance, the boys have been practicing basketball with a gleam-look towards capturing the basketball for the house mantel. They've also been busy running other fraternity boys into their house by means of "ye olde snowball brawls."

ALPHA SIGMA PHI

•Alpha Sigma Phi won its first game of the current interfraternity season by defeating Delta Lambda Xi, 48-32. The Alpha Sig players were DeCook, captain; Arboe, Hus-sander, Anderson, Coccia, Rittenhouse, Gillespie, Hackbarth, and Dambros.

•The Alpha Sigs have been brushing up on their military tactics by having nightly snowball fights. For some reason or other, Senior Civil Sundstrom always manages to be in the center of such melees.

•Over this last week end Alpha Sigma Phi had a good time to the music of Jack Rhinehart and his orchestra in a Valentine day party.

DELTA ALPHA MU

•Last Sunday, February 15, marked the founding of a new fraternity on the Armour campus at Illinois Institute of Technology. A constitution has been in the making for several months and finally the plans of these boys have now become a reality. A formal dinner was held in the Continental Room of the Stevens hotel. The boys have asked Mr. Roland, vice president of the Reid Inland Marine Insurance company, to be their advisor. At present three rooms on the third floor of the Massler hotel are being remodeled for their use. It will be a week or so before the fraternity will be able to set up permanent house-keeping.

•Charter members of this new fraternity are: Robert C. Johnson, Arthur Hall, Robert Fouts, Don Collins, Byron Robinson, Leo Rayl, Don Stevens, Ralph Davison, John Eckert, Harry Callahan, Dick Percifield and Don Skadden.

SIGMA OMICRON LAMBDA

•Five of the six Lambda pledges were initiated last Friday, informally and formally. The ceremonies took place at the house of Mary Ann Knirsch out in Blue Island. The informal initiation occurred on Friday evening—on Saturday morning the girls were formally accepted into the sorority as sisters.

•Maxie Smith, who was unable to attend the 'party' on Friday, was formally initiated, in the Tea Room, last Monday afternoon. Mary Ann Knirsch has not returned to Lewis this semester. She has now joined the ranks of "working women"—at least for the time being.

•Mary Flasher, who was an ardent worker for the TECH NEWS, is now attending Illinois Business College.

•Since Mary Ann Knirsch and Mary Flasher, former vice-president and secretary, respectively, of the Sigma Omicron Lambda sorority have not returned to Lewis, the Lambdas have elected Lorraine Surdyk, as secretary; and Margaret Anne Anderson, as vice president.

•The Lambdas have decided to rush the freshman group of the "Lewis Lovelies," this semester. Their first rush party is to be held today.

•The "Valentine Frolic," held on Friday evening, February 13, was a great success. The dimly lighted and beautifully decorated "gym", proved to be quite effective for the traditional Valentine evening festivities!!

KAPPA PHI DELTA

•Pledge Agnes Grossmann has resumed her studies for this semester at night school for she is now employed as a secretary in the Co-op offices at Armour.

•Agnes as well as her two contemporary pledges, Ruth Body and Gloria Klouzar, are fulfilling their duties of "Hell Week" in order to qualify for the formal initiation on February 21. The formal initiation has been planned for 1:30 p.m. on this day in order that the alumnae may be well represented. The Danish Room of Kungsholm will see the gathering of the Kappas for this occasion, and after luncheon the pledges will become official members of Kappa Phi Delta after the impressive rituals have been performed.

SIGMA BETA THETA

•Mercedes Brown Gordon and Connie Curtis have not returned to Lewis this semester. The girls plan to resume their studies next semester.

•The formal initiation of the pledges took place on Sunday, February 8, at the home of Charlotte Rackow, an alumna member. Only four of the pledges were formally initiated into the sorority. They are Angeline Fuscone, Mary Linke, Jean Michels, and Ann Mossner. Many of the alumnae members were present at the very ceremonious affair. The "members to be" were clad in white robes, and received corsages of white carnations.

Honorary

•Last minute details are being completed to organize a chapter of Sigma Xi, a National Honorary Society at Illinois Institute of Technology. This organization is under the leadership of Dr. R. A. Gortner of the University of Minnesota. A charter has already been obtained and the task of engraving the names of the 74 original members is now being undertaken.

•The first initiation class will be selected from a group of faculty members and students who have devoted much of their time to delving into research work. These men have been selected for their high scholastic records as well as for their efforts towards a scientific cause.



•Under the guidance of Dean L. E. Grinter, and Mrs. C. Crawford, the IIT chapter of Sigma Xi has progressed to the point of planning its first installation. This installation ceremony is to be held Wednesday, March 25, 1942, at a downtown hotel. Mr. Bitsel, national secretary of Sigma Xi, will be the installing officer of the affair, and Mr. Betho, who is a noted authority on the subject of Astrophysical Physics, will be the guest speaker of the evening.



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GAMMA RHO

•Gamma Rho Fraternity held its second meeting of the year last Thursday and action has been taken to start the ball rolling for the annual "Spring Thing." The dance will be held at the Mount Prospect Country club on the first day of Spring, March 21. The orchestra for the dance has not as yet been decided on, although several dance bands are being auditioned by the dance committee. Gamma Rho pledging will be moved up this spring due to the shortening of the school year. Prospective pledges will be invited to a smoker given this Friday at alumna Al Falkman's house.

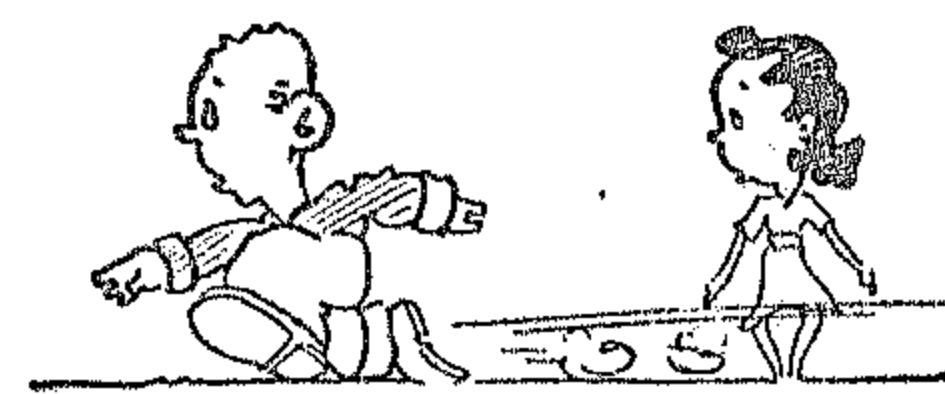
•Ray Barry, now a lieutenant in the Marine Air Corps, dropped in on his brothers at Lewis to say hello and to let them know that he expects to see action soon. He has been transferred to the Marine Base at San Diego, California.

Organizations

ARMOUR PLAYERS

•"Boy Meets Girl" is the title of this year's production of the Armour Players. The play is to be presented on March 20 and 21 in the Student Union auditorium.

•Dancing in the lounge will follow the play. Yes, swinging and swaying will be featured with the play so bring dem women. Music will be played by an as yet undisclosed orchestra.



•Casting under the direction of Dr. Richter, instructor in German and French, and Hugo Geissler, senior chemical and treasurer of Gamma Theta, is progressing rapidly and only a few of the smaller roles are left to be filled. Several more men and women with acting experience are needed on the stage and the technical staff under the direction of Bill Hasskarl, a senior architect, is short several men.

•Virginia Braker, a free lance blonde actress, is one member of the cast deserving your special attention at the play. She is not connected with the school and has voluntarily offered her time and acting experience to the Armour Players.

•An appeal is being made to underclassmen who have acted in plays or have worked behind stage to turn out for the production. At present, the members of the cast are largely juniors and seniors and there is a definite need in this activity for freshmen and sophomores. New students who have had previous experience at acting are requested to try out for parts at the next rehearsal in room 307 Chapin. These rehearsals are held every Wednesday after classes.

•Members of the cast already chosen are Barney Ellis, Jim Lawrence, Hugo Geissler, and Robert Klein who have been in previous plays of the Armour Players.

A. A. S.

•The open-mindedness of the architecture department's faculty was conclusively shown by an open forum meeting held at Art Institute on Tuesday, January 20. The object of the forum, sponsored by the Armour Architectural Society, was to clear up student problems and promote an even more firm bond between students and faculty.

•A week before the forum took place, AAS representatives passed out cards to all architecture students, requesting the students to make any suggestions or ask any questions about the department's courses. These cards, when collected and classified, formed the backbone of the discussion.

•Professor John B. Rodgers, faculty adviser of the AAS, opened the meeting and introduced Professor Mies van der Rohe, head of the department, who explained the circumstances which effected his coming to Armour almost five years ago, and went on to explain the basic philosophy of the courses in architecture.

LEWIS DRAMA CLUB

•Once more the Lewis Drama club is about to announce the name of its spring production which will be entitled "A Hundred Years Old." As yet the date of presentation has not been decided upon, although it will most likely be given some time in mid April. The play is an old English classic that has been very popular in England for the last two decades.

•Papa Juan, the hero of the play, has just celebrated his 100th birthday and is the head of a family of about eighty. This little family ranges from the very wealthy to the very poor, and the drama concerns itself with bringing together this cross section of humanity around one table and making everyone like it. It is spiced with bits of humor and satire and will prove both amusing and entertaining.

•Casting has begun now, and although several of the veterans are back this year for the play, there is, however, plenty of opportunity for newcomers to share in the production; in as much as the drama club is always on the lookout for new talent and new personalities. Parts have been temporarily assigned to Bob Meyer, Sylvia Wcislo, Steve Mendak, and Helen Marzullo.

DANCE CLUB

•Hear ye! Hear ye! You men with the light feet and dreamy eyes. There will be girls galore at the Dance club this Wednesday. Fuehrer Tachau announces that five carloads of women from St. Xavier and St. Luke's will be convoyed to the auditorium in the Student Union tomorrow at 5 p.m. The car owners are being amply compensated for the use of their gas and rubber. Tachau declares that the supply of girls is unlimited, so if you want to meet some beauties and get acquainted, bring your car and join the Dance club. It costs you nothing and look what you get out of it. No new memberships will be accepted after tomorrow night.



•Mr. De Wald promises to bring charming Miss Lucille Paxin tomorrow night to act as his dancing partner. Miss Paxin is one of the gorgeous beauties whom Mr. De Wald employs as dance instructors in his studios. The best part is that Miss Paxin also dances with the fellows, and do they love it!

•NOTES: John Koza was appointed new publicity manager of the Dance club. A party is being planned following the Junior Formal, although no definite date has been set yet. Pete Minwegen wishes to announce that his Dating Bureau is willing and able to take care of all members in good standing. If the unexpected happens, why not look up Pete?