

GREEKS

Alpha Sigma Phi

About a week ago the Alpha Sigs met and defeated Triangle fraternity in both ping pong and basketball. The boys took the ping pong match rather handily but had quite a little difficulty with the Triangle basketeers and were only able to win by a score of 17-15.

Brothers Erickson, Dunnell, and Lind along with Pledge Faulkner were the Alpha Sigs to journey with the musical clubs to Rockford last Thursday. It is the unanimous opinion of Lind, Dunnell, and Faulkner that Erickson is a wolf of the first degree. This opinion was substantiated by the actions of Erickson at Rockford College (a girls school, as you all know) . . .

Alpha Sigma Phi had the extreme pleasure of President H. T. Heald's presence at dinner last Thursday evening. Dr. Heald stayed after dinner and talked to the boys regarding the school and the war in general.

Delta Tau Delta

Delta Tau Delta announces the pledging of Norman Kastman.

Sunday, December 13, Delta Tau Delta's Mothers' club held its annual Christmas tea. They were entertained by the "Delt Octet."

A Christmas dance is in the

offering Friday night. It will be quite an affair because the Delts won't be having any more dances after this one till next year.

Kappa Phi Delta

Having successfully completed their cookie sale, the girls are still receiving compliments on the tasty tidbits sold.

Plans for the Christmas holidays are being made which include a party at Ruth Body's house, the first week of vacation and a theatre party the second week.

The girls join in wishing all faculty members and students a very Merry Christmas and a pleasant year to come.

Pi Kappa Phi

By quickly subduing the Delts 33-16 last Thursday the Pi Kaps started on what may be the victory road in the current basketball series. Fast moving feet, keen cooperation and correct timing insured good results.

The annual Pi Kappa Phi Founder's day banquet took place Thursday night, December 10, at the Michigan hotel. Dean Peebles, guest speaker addressed the alumni and undergrads on "The Position of the Institute and Undergrads Alike in the War Effort." Ed Farrell acted in the capacity of toastmaster.

Sigma Alpha Mu

This must be a war that affects people in all walks of life, for now even the life of a lowly fraternity pledge has felt the impact of war.

No more will the pledges of Sigma Alpha Mu at IIT be subjected to the meaningless tasks and the hazing that customarily belong to any fraternity pledge. Earl Sherman, pledgemaster announced last Thursday that the Sigma Alphas will substitute a "leadership training program."

A war measure, the plan was adopted because it was felt that in these times any non-constructive use of even a pledge's energies was a shameful waste. Now, according to Sherman, only "essential duties" will be performed by the pledges during their neophyte days.

Crux of the "leadership training" plan for pledging is a class which will be held every two weeks. All pledges will be required to attend these sessions at which various successful alumni of Sigma Alpha Mu will speak on the qualities of leadership necessary for success.

"The War Manpower Commission has stated that engineers are America's most critical shortage," says Sherman, "and so we feel that rather than making our pledges per-

form satisfactorily our whims, it is more important that we help make them satisfactory leaders."

Zeta Beta Alpha

The home of Nate Iglitzen was a very busy place on the night of Sunday, December 13, 1942. At that time the ten men pledging ZBA received the third and final degree of their initiation. After the formal part of the initiation was over, the informal part, under the direction of the host, was administered.

The rest of the month is going to be a very busy one for Zeta Beta Alpha. Starting on Monday, December 14, 1942 "hell" week began. This is followed by "hell" night, which will be held on the night of Thursday, December 17, 1942. The final affair, which closes the pledge period of this semester, is a pledge banquet to be held on the night of Friday, December 18, 1942. This outstanding affair is going to be a mixed affair, and will be held at the Chez Paree. On Wednesday, December 23, 1942 a bowling party is going to be held. On Saturday, December 26, 1942, a splash and dance party is to be held at the New Lawrence hotel.

A final important event is to be a New Year's Eve Theater Party.

Research Briefs

Miss Siegel Dunham, of Callao, Mo., has joined the staff of the Foundation as an assistant in the analytical laboratory. Miss Dunham received her bachelor of arts degree from Central college, Fayette, Mo., in 1941. She has recently been studying at Wayne university, Detroit, Michigan, and working in Women's Hospital, Detroit as a candidate for the degree of registered technician.

Dr. Martin H. Heeren and Dr. Ibert Mellan of the Chemical Engineering Section recently returned from attending the twenty-second annual meeting of the Highway Research Council in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. George Ziegler, Dr. Frank Trimble, and Dr. Thomas Poulter of the Foundation staff were in Washington last week in connection with research work for the armed forces. Dr. Donald E. Richardson will leave for that city Friday on similar business.

Dr. Vincent S. De Marchi has accepted an appointment to the research staff of the Institute of Gas Technology. Mr. De Marchi resigned his position as research chemical engineer with the United Color and Pigment Company of Newark, New Jersey.

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