



NEWSLETTER OF OMEGA CHAPTER, THETA CHI FRATERNITY

FALL 1976

FALL MEETING * * * ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Saturday, October 16, 1976

A big day is planned on campus as well as at the fraternity. Penn State's football opponent is Syracuse, an old traditional Homecoming rival. The active members of Omega are hopeful many alumni brothers will take this opportunity to return and visit the house. The actives are interested in showing you the progress they are making. There will be a Happy Hour after the game (BYOL), an Alumni Corporation meeting and dinner. If you plan to stay for dinner, and it is hoped you will, please advise the President of Theta Chi, 523 So. Allen Street, State College, Pa. 16801 with the number of people involved.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

In my last message for the Omegaphone I reported on the failure of the heating system and the need for wiring on the upper floors. At the Spring meeting the Alumni Chapter voted to proceed with the necessary repairs if funding could be obtained. Fortunately, through the work of our financial advisor Ed Keller '53, treasurer Al Frey '33, "Official Alumni Architect" Dale Kaufman '33, and many others, and through the generosity of the National Board of Trustees, we have obtained a new mortgage of \$18,000 at a very low interest rate of 7%. The needed repairs should be near completion by publication date, with the house open for your inspection anytime you're in the area.

Your alumni dues and contributions are needed to repay this additional debt, and to provide for the publication of the Omegaphone, and soon to be published, Alumni directory.

I'm pleased to report that 42 men are scheduled to return to the house for Fall term--this being the first time in many years that a full house seems possible.

The turnout for Founder's Day, last spring, had to be one of the best ever. It was very encouraging for the Directors, and the Actives, to see so many interested Alumni returning to Theta Chi. Hopefully, we'll see more of you at Homecoming '76.

See you October 16th.

Faternally
Toby M. Froehlich
Toby Froehlich

CHAPTER FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

Brother Ed. Keller, financial advisor to the Active Chapter, advises Omega will start the fall term with a full house, a new furnace, a new hot water heater, new electrical wiring, a lot of enthusiasm and a new loan from the National Board of Trustees. As we go to press, all the repairs are not complete so the total cost is not yet known. The probable final cost will be less than the \$18,000 estimate. When all repairs are completed, the house will be safer and more comfortable. There will be reliable heat and hot water and the worry of having to close the house in the dead of winter, if the furnace precipitously failed, is eliminated. Those of you who shoveled coal or bailed water from the leak are allowed to shed a tear for an old, faithful, worn-out friend. The Actives are expecting a good year, and the same kind of spirit which gave them a fall pledge class of sixteen men can make it happen.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The alumni in general and the officers in particular appreciate the untiring efforts of Brother Ed in his capacity as financial advisor.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPRING MEETING

The Alumni Corporation and Board of Directors met jointly at the Chapter House on April 10, 1976. The meeting opened at 4:30 PM with President Toby Froehlich presiding. There were nine officers and directors, eight additional alumni and eighteen active members in attendance.

The major items of business were the future of the furnace, hot water boiler, and wiring problems on the second and third floors. The boiler leakage started in the winter and the boiler was kept operating by the use of dope. Contractors advised since the system was over twenty years old it could not be repaired and could become totally inoperative at anytime. The electrical wiring is not adequate for today's needs--due to the many electrical appliances in use. Brother Dale Kaufman, an architect, obtained bids for replacement of the furnace and boiler ranging from \$11,300 to \$14,700 with an additional cost of as much as \$2,000 to replace condensate return lines that are leaking. The leak in the return lines cannot be located, and may be under the dining room floor. Brother Kaufman advised the electrical service to the upper floors should be increased from 60 to 100 amps., with new wiring to each room at a cost of \$5,400. The total amount of money required to replace all items would be \$19,000 to \$20,000.

As the risk of closing down for a period of several months was too great it was approved by those present to proceed with the work.

To finance these projects it was decided to contact the Alumni for contributions and to obtain a loan from either a bank or the National Board of Trustees. A committee was formed to organize a fund raising campaign.

Financial Advisor Keller reported the average chapter membership had been increasing gradually upward from 24 to 29 last year and now was 34 for the 1975-76 year. With rising costs, the break-even point is 36 live-in members.

Active Chapter President, Gerry Kistler, welcomed the alumni and gave particular recognition to three chapter "Founders" from the Class of 1919. They are Ellwood Cassel, "Abe" Doan and Winfield "Pete" Smith. Brother Kistler also reported that in anticipation of a large expense for furnace repairs in the summer, the Actives had organized a Phon-a-thon using free "WATS" line service available on campus to contact Alumni living in Pennsylvania for contributions. As of this meeting 167 had been contacted, 50 had given or pledged \$1,125 and another 41 indicated they would give at a later date. Brother Kistler stated the Actives have come to realize their responsibility for rushing and they hoped to open the house in the fall with 20 pledges.


ACTIVE CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fall Term did not start out as good as we thought it would. We originally had a pledge class of 17 which is now down to 11. Two of the pledges did not come back to school this fall but we hope to see them winter of spring. The other four dropped out for various reasons. The 11 we have will be excellent Theta'Chi's. The boiler and hot water heater are in and working. The wiring is not completed because of a delay in receiving the plug molding for the rooms. We have started on the drop cielings in the hallways and hope for total completion of everything in time for Homecoming. We, the actives, have purchased a new television replacing the old one that quit last year. The dining room has twelve new chairs and a new ice machine which was donated by Brother Mooney's father. Our little sisters will be making new drapes for the first floor this term.

The Phone-a-thon last spring brought in approximately \$1500, we thank you!! There are still some pledges out and we will be sending reminders to you in the near future.

I am inviting all of you up for Homecoming. We have entered Homecoming competition this year, the first time in a number of years. Phi Mu Sorority and our little sisters will be helping us to win, which we plan to do. In addition to the normal dinner we will have a group here Saturday night. If you stayed around last year, you may remember them. Flashback is their name and it implies the type of music they play. A guaranteed good time for all. See you October 16.

Fraternally yours,


Gerald J. Kistler
Active Chapter President

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Authorization was given to publish a directory showing name, address and year graduated. Pending publication, however the Active Chapter will try and locate the addresses of 116 lost souls through the Alumni Office of the University.

CORPORATION FINANCIAL PICTURE

Treasurer's report for the school year 1975-76:

Balance 10-1-75	\$ 633	Expenditures:	
Receipts:		Mortgages	\$4,253
Rent from Actives	8,600	Taxes & Insurance	3,252
Alumni Dues	<u>1,015</u>	Repairs, water, sewer	1,990
		Omegaphone	<u>461</u>
TOTAL	\$10,248	TOTAL	\$9,956

BALANCE 9/15/76 \$292

MORTGAGE STATUS

		<u>Principal</u> <u>4/1/76</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Payment</u>
Peoples National Bank	11-66 - 15 year 6%	\$ 9,606	\$168.78
National Board of Trustees	10-61 - 15 year 6%	4,478	185.66
National Board of Trustees	# 15 year 7%	18,000	

#Being negotiated at press time.

ALUMNI NEWS

Robert B. Bossler Jr. '49, Chief of Mechanical Systems Research for Kaman Aerospace Corp. in Bloomfield, Conn. lives at 157 Duncaster Road, Bloomfield, Conn. 06002.

Mark M. Burroughs '63, a Major in the U.S. Air Force, is studying for a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering at the University of Oklahoma. Mark is a registered professional engineer in the state of Colorado. After earning his graduate degree, he will return to the Air Force Academy to teach mathematics.

L.H. (Hap) Clauser '25 is retired and lives at 5207A Sunbeam Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn. 37411.

Robert T. Corley '36 is a partner in Grundal Farms. His address is Box 63 Wolcott, Vermont 05680.

Tom Eynon '58 is Sales Manager for the Stackpole Carbon Co., St. Marys, Pa. His home address is 620 Sunset Road, St. Marys, Pa. 15857.

Warren H. Gift '35 is President of W. H. Gift, Inc., 30 Council Rock Drive, Ivyland, Pa. 18974. Warren's home address is 18 Crown Terrace, Morrisville, Pa. 19067.

William R. Jenkins '75 is a Media Buyer for Marketing and Media located at 425 Porter Bldg., 601 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219. His home address is 873 Killarney Drive, Castle Shannon, Pa. 15234.

John H. Keely '37 is Auditor of Disbursements for the Campbell Soup Co., Camden, N.J. His home address is 655 Barnes Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19128.

George F. Keller '55 is President of Keller Marine Service whose address is P.O. Box 57, Port Trevorton, Pa. 17864.

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Michael P. Lazorchak '61 is Personnel Manager--Tactical Air Command-U.S.A.F. at Langley AFB Virginia. His home address is 312 Gains Mill Lane, Hampton, Va. 23669.

James A. Leamer '29 is retired and lives at Windber, Pa., R.D. 2, Box 127, 15963. Jim advises by the time you receive this issue of the Omegaphone he will have moved to Cocoa, Florida 32922.

Warren L. Hommas Jr. '54 lives at 3317 15th Avenue S in Great Falls, Montana 59405. He is a Civil Engineer with the Montana Air National Guard which is located at the Great Falls International Airport.

Robert L. Miller '75 is a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Meterology at Penn State. Bob is working on his Masters degree and his address is 12-D, Graduate Circle, University Park, Pa. 16802.

J. M. Scattergood '65 is Manager of Production and Inventory Control at the J. T. Baker Chemical Co.,Phillipsburg, N.J. He lives at 625 Mixsell St., Easton, Pa. 18042.

Frank J. Skowron '74 lives at 1050 McCoy Road, McKees Rocks, Pa. 15136. Frank is an accountant with Consolidated Natural Gas Service Co., Inc., 4 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222.

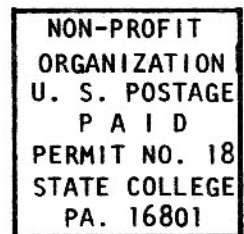
F. G. Thompson '30 is retired and resides in Landenberg, Pa. 19350, R.D. 1.

Fred T. Vansant '20 is enjoying retirement at his home, 6 Ashland Road, Summit, N.J. 07901.

John N. Warker Sr. '56 owns Warker Associates, a financial and insurance planning group located at 8 West Lancaster Avenue, Shillington, Pa. 19607. John's home address is 514 Dorchester Avenue, Reading, Pa. 19609.

Theodore G. Smith '21. We are sorry to report Brother Smith who lived in Hightstown, N.J. died in August of 1975.

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