



The Sigma TATTLER

Theta Chi Fraternity at Oregon State University

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Stampede Held at Sigma Chapter Most Improved

This year's region nine "Stampede" conference was hosted by Sigma Chapter at Corvallis. Over 150 brothers and pledges representing each of the nine different chapters in the region were in attendance. Among the distinguished guests present were the National Counselor, Brother Emerson Hamilton, the Nine-West Counselor, Brother Bill Richards, the Nine-East Counselor, Brother Rich Northcut, and the Director of the Memorial Union at OSU, Brother Walter Reeder. Brother Howard Alter, the National Executive Director, was also supposed to attend but was unable to be here because of an accident involving his mother. Brother Alter, we all wish your mother a speedy recovery.

At the banquet, held in the Oregon State Room at the Memorial Union, Brother Hamilton delivered an inspiring keynote address followed by the other guests at the headtable. Awards were presented by Brother Bill Richards and the recipients were Zeta Gamma and Sigma Chapters. Zeta Gamma (U of Alberta) was the winner of the Man-Mile Award by bringing five men more than 6,500 miles to Corvallis. Sigma Chapter was named the Most Improved Chapter. Brother Richards cited several reasons why Sigma won the award including increased activity on campus and an improved academic standing. Another reason was the fact that the field representatives' reports were positive and that they were impressed by what they found at the chapter and of the level of improvement they have observed in the past few years.

Russ Wiitala, '76-949, was the chairman of the Stampede Committee and organized the events and activities that occurred. Events included parties on both Friday and Saturday nights that could only be described as outstanding. On Friday night the Tri-Delts and the Alpha Delta Pis came over to make the evening, while the DGs, Thetas, and Alpha Phis made Saturday night even better. All the brothers had a great time helped by a rather large amount of liquid refreshment being consumed along with all the beautiful coeds.

The three seminars conducted Saturday were on the subjects of rush, pledgeship, and initiation. All three were well attended and sparked a lot of interest among the brothers as many new ideas were discussed. Overall, the Stampede was a great success and Sigma deserves congratulations for both a successful Stampede and for being the most improved.

The President Speaks

The binding force in any fraternity is its brotherhood. I won't say the rushee joins a fraternity for this purpose only, but it does play a major role in his outlook toward such a membership. Thus, a fraternity should have brotherhood in its presence and then leave it to those at hand to cultivate it. It's not the easiest goal to attain, but it should be the primary aim.

When I say brotherhood I realize I can't pinpoint a



Brother Emerson Hamilton is introduced by Brother Bill Richards at the Stampede.



Brother Bill Richards presents President Mike Pallesen with the Most Improved Award.

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★ **Attention: Alums** ★
★ **Homecoming, Nov. 10-11** ★
★ **OSU vs. UCLA** ★

★ **Plan on attending the game and banquet** ★
★ **afterwards. Details will be mailed to you** ★
★ **during fall quarter.** ★

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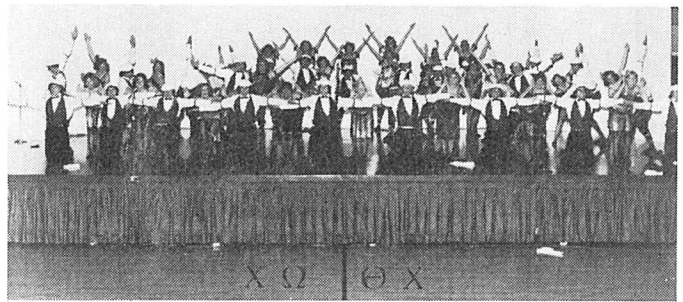
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particular or general definition. It can only be said that it is that inner something one feels when he is a part of a whole. One must feel a belonging, a sense of contribution, and a benefit. This benefit is in the form of a mature shaping in which one gradually becomes the person he will remain in later life. Brotherhood is, therefore, a molding process; one starts as a boy and develops into a man. The fraternity should make him feel that he is part of other men. Thus, a team of men is formed to accomplish the many duties a fraternity must fulfill. This, in general, is what brotherhood is and what can be attained from it. It is necessary that we all strive to accomplish these goals.

To apply this to the subject at hand, I would like to say something about Sigma Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity. Here in Corvallis exists, to a great extent, the state of brotherhood which I have been describing. Here are seventy men of different backgrounds living together, eating together, studying together, and having their "ups" and "downs" together. They laugh, fight, and argue, but the most important thing is that they do it together. They have used their fine qualities to make this our home away from home. Thus, here in Corvallis we have been molded. We came as timid, unobserving freshmen and will leave as men. We have excelled in athletics and campus involvement and most other events that we have participated in. We have united in times of trouble as well as easy times. Yes, Theta Chi here has used brotherhood to become a top house on Oregon State's campus. Our motto, "Alma Mater first and Theta Chi for Alma Mater," will long be endeared in our hearts. Speaking for this brotherhood, I am sure I can say that each of us is proud to be a Theta Chi.

Fraternally,
 Michael Pallesen, President



Theta Chi and Chi Omega at the 1978 IFC Sing.

Third in Sing

After 15 years of non-participation in the Interfraternity Council-sponsored All-University Sing, Sigma Chapter has once again left its mark in the contest. Theta Chi, along with Chi Omega sorority, placed third in the novelty division with songs from the musical "No, No, Nanette." The group faced stiff competition from the eventual winners and runners-up, Kappa Sigma-Delta Gamma, and Sigma Chi-Alpha Phi. The Lambda Chi Alpha-Alpha Delta Pi combination was also favored to win, but failed to place.

The Theta Chis were an overwhelming crowd pleaser as they sang, danced, and tapped their way through five numbers, including "Take a Little One Step," "Tea for Two," "You Can Dance with Any Girl at All," "I've Confessed to the Breeze," and the grand finale, "I Want To Be Happy." This number closed the entire program as we were the final act.

Voting for the top three places was extremely close, with the final edge being decided by one of the three judges. Theta Chi director Keith Van Kirk, '77-969, was pleased with the performance but felt that the final outcome of the voting was not what the group as a whole expected. "We expected to win, of course," cited Van Kirk, "but we approached the whole idea of performing, as a sport, and as a sport we have to expect that we won't win every time we do something."

Keith was a major force in guiding the "No, No, Nanette" crew through the months of preparation needed to perfect the performance. Along with his director duties, he also arranged all of the music and choreographed the entire show as well. Keith has already started preparations for next year's Sing and he doesn't foresee any difficulties in finding a sorority to do it with.

Many observers felt that the Theta Chi-Chi Omega program should have placed higher, but the third-place showing definitely has created interest within the house to win next year and it also proved that this house is back at the top on campus.

Moms Enjoy Weekend

The 1978 version of Moms' Weekend was once again a complete success. During the mothers' stay, they had the opportunity to sample a little of the atmosphere provided by Oregon State University and even a little of the not-often-seen sun. The good weather prompted a large turnout of Theta Chi moms with the final head count showing over 40 present. The sun also made contributions to the Theta Chi Moms' Club soar. The total contributions tallied \$1,050, far and away more than was donated by the fathers during Dads' Weekend, of course.

A large portion of the money came from proceeds in the Moms' Club auction, conducted by head auctioneer Darrell

Hames, '76-952. Items up for auction were donated by mothers attending the weekend's festivities. After the auction the moms were turned loose on the campus, where they got to enjoy a few of the activities going on in their honor. A few of these activities included the Renaissance Fair in the Quad, the turtle races in Gill Coliseum, an ice cream social on the MU patio, open houses at several buildings, and the lacrosse tournament in which five Sigmas played.

Sid Hillier, '76-956, organized activities for the Theta Chi moms and also contacted all of the mothers to inform them of the occasion. Activities at the house included a function with Alpha Omicron Pi on Friday night, and an IFC Sing post-function with Chi Omega on Saturday night, and a group effort to put stage make-up on those involved in the IFC Sing on Saturday afternoon. The mothers all had a good time and left with the idea that their sons were well fed and capable of taking care of themselves.

Optimistic Future for Sigma

When Mark Hopkins, newsletter editor, invited me to submit the following article, I was delighted. It was the first time in my 12 years as adviser to fraternities at Oregon State that anyone from Theta Chi had invited me to do so. Secondly, it is the first time in my recollection in that period of time that the undergraduates have published a newsletter.

I think that there have been many positive changes throughout the fraternity system during the past five years, not the least of which is increasing numbers and renewed interest in fraternities on the Oregon State campus. Theta Chi has enjoyed the same rebirth and interest. It was culminated in my mind with their participation for the first time in fifteen years in the annual Interfraternity Council Sing this spring. You all would have been proud of them, seeing some of the forestry, engineering, pharmacy, and other majors dancing and singing in grand

fashion. We were all delighted with the performance and look forward to their participation again next year.

I am pleased also to note some improvement in Theta Chi scholarship. The winter term standing is 23, which is up from 28 during fall. Many of the undergraduates have become active on campus again, not the least of which has been Darrell Hames, who served as co-chairman for the third annual Greek Week on our campus, and John Lowe, recently elected IFC Secretary. During my recent visits to the house, I have noticed that there is obvious pride with regard to the maintenance of the facility. The men have been doing a good job of maintaining the physical plant, which was not the case in many of our houses over the past several years.

From the subjective side of the ledger, there are also some encouraging signs. The chapter is continuing to become more responsive, and one cannot help but feel the presence of fraternity; you know, the things that you and I valued so much from our own experiences — things like friendship, pride, and sharing the good times along with the bad. While the road will always be a long, hard struggle, there is at last cause for cautious optimism with regard to the future of fraternity and Sigma Chapter, and anticipation that it will continue to provide the kind of opportunities which it provided for undergraduates at Oregon State for the past 62 years.

On behalf of Oregon State University, I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you back for next fall's Homecoming which is scheduled for November 10-11. Events for the weekend include the football game against UCLA. Also, the class of 1953 will have its reunion at that time. I extend my best wishes and warm regards not only from myself but from my predecessors Dick Pahre, now Director of Financial Aid at OSU, and Dean Dan Poling, retired and living in the Corvallis area.

William J. Brennan, Assistant Dean of Students



The year is 1963 and this is the sophomore class picture taken at the Winter Formal.

Theta Chi on Campus

There are many fine examples of men willing to assume the responsibilities of campus leadership and involvement at Sigma Chapter. Those activities range from the State Affairs Task Force to the OSU Rally Squad, with Greek activities getting the highest level of involvement. While most of the brothers are actively involved in chapter activities, the following brothers have made themselves known among the student community as men willing to work for the betterment of the University and its 2,700 Greek students. Sigma Chapter is proud of its brothers and their accomplishments.

- Richard O'Shea, '75-934** — IFC Publications Committee
Russell Flatz, '75-937 — AFROTC Battalion Commanding Officer
Michael Sleight, '76-950 — Executive Council of the State Affairs Task Force; Campaign Manager for Mel Ferguson (SPE), 1978-79 ASOSU President
R. Mark Hopkins, '76-951 — Liberal Arts Student Advisory Council; Greek Week Steering Committee
Darrell Hames, '76-952 — Vice President of the Hotel and Restaurant Management Club; Greek Week Steering Committee Chairman; OSU Rally Squad, Benny Beaver
Michael Vahl, '76-959 — University Intramural Board; Greek Week Steering Committee; IFC Rush Committee
John Lowe, '76-963 — IFC Executive Council, Secretary; IFC Public Relations Committee; IFC Water Consumption Research Committee
Keith Van Kirk, '77-969 — IFC Publications Committee
Michael Pallesen, '77-971 — IFC RFinng Committee
Scott Simmons, '77-980 — OSU Rally Squad (this is his second year at it)
Dave Briggs, '78-983 — OSU Thanes
Steven Mullins, '78-985 — Academic Advising & Promotion & Tenure Committee of the State Affairs Task Force
Jeff Woodside, '78-986 — OSU Thanes
Roger Tipley, '78-987 — IFC Scholarship Committee

Sigma Sports

Since this is the first **Tattler** for many years, this is the intramural scoreboard for all of last year:

Fall, 1977

Football	7-1	Second All-Fraternity
Volleyball	2-4	
Swimming	2-2	

Winter, 1978

"A" Basketball	3-3	Second in League
"B" Basketball	3-3	
Water Polo	5-2	Third All-University

Spring, 1978

"A" Softball	3-2	
"B" Softball	5-1	Third All-University
Soccer	2-1-3	Second in League
Bowling	3-3	
Track	1-1	

Every term Theta Chi had one team that did well enough to be at least second on the fraternity side of intramurals. The football team made it to the All-Fraternity finals for the fifth time out of the last six years but has yet to win it. This year the Deltas beat us to rob us of that elusive crown. Winter term and water

polo go together but with a record of 5-1, the team went against the Kappa Sigs only to lose by a score of nine to six, thus ending the season and a chance for the trophy that had been Theta Chi's for three straight years. During spring term the "B" softball team suffered its first loss in two years when it lost to the SAEs in the playoffs. Theta Chi has bested them once during the season but errors plagued the team and ended the chance for two undefeated years in a row. Overall, even though Theta Chi ended up second to Lambda Chi Alpha for the Most Points Trophy, the year had to be considered successful.

At the university level, Sigma is extremely well represented on the OSU lacrosse team. Five brothers are on the team, Russ Flatz, '75-937; Brad Parrott, '74-921; Jeff Woodside, '78-986; Mike Stern; and Dave Briggs, '78-983. Russ and Brad are both starters at midfield and have performed superbly. Jeff, Mike, and Dave are freshmen and all three are facing bright futures with the Pacific Northwest champion Beavers. Brad Knodell, '74-916, is a two-year starter on the OSU volleyball team and had a great season as the lead setter for the Beavers. In all, these are six athletes that Sigma can be proud of.

Social Corner

Socially, spring term proves to be the most fun-packed term of the school year. One of the highlights of spring term was a "fly-away" house dance at Bowman's Resort near Mt. Hood. Each year the pledge class puts on the spring house dance and not unlike previous years, the pledge class did an excellent job.

Moms' Weekend proved to be another highlight of the term. This year with Chi Omega in the annual IFC Sing, we celebrated our third-place victory with a party that lasted until the sun came up. The mothers found out what their sons really do at school that night.

Spring term also means initiation. As always, initiation brings the brothers closer together. There was much celebration in welcoming our new brothers into the chapter.

This year was Sigma Chapter's turn to host the annual Region Nine "Stampede." This conference was attended by over 150 brothers from various chapters in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Alberta, Canada. The weekend was filled with workshops and meetings and two of the biggest and best parties that OSU has ever seen.

Spring term means emphasis on rush. Sigma Chapter had two weekends set aside for rush. The first weekend included two parties with OSU's finest sororities and the second included again two parties and a picnic with the dream court at Slippery Rock near Triangle Lake, 30 miles west of Eugene.

The remainder of the term we filled with exchange dinners, happy hours with sororities, and social functions. Once again spring term proved to be the social highlight of the year.

Rush Report

Rush is going very well at Sigma this year. At the end of fall quarter's formal rush week we had pledged 24 fine young men. Of those 24, six have left school for various reasons ranging from lack of finances to sickness, while 15 of them have been initiated as brothers. As far as informal rush up to this point goes, however, we have not done nearly as well, having only pledged one young man. Things, however, are looking better and better as each week goes by. At press time we have seven

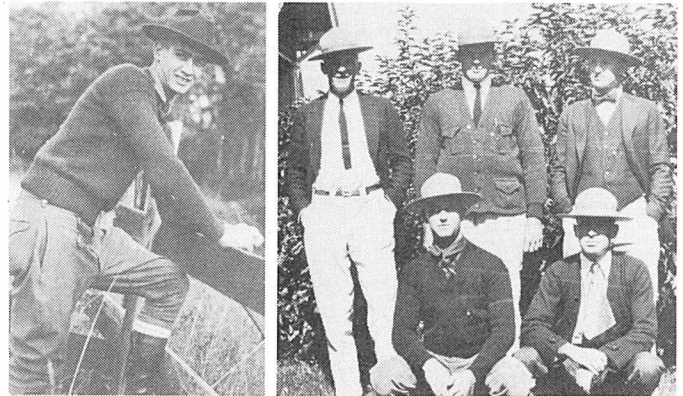
Alumni Communications Program

In our efforts to further strengthen the fraternal bond among Sigma Brothers, we are restarting and expanding our alumni communications program. The chapter has acquired the assistance of COMCOA, Inc., a Corvallis communications company which specializes in providing alumni services for fraternal organizations. It is our hope to ensure continuity for our program, and make it self-supporting.

Besides the newsletter, our alumni communications program will also include announcements of special events, and mailing list maintenance. Other special projects are planned for the future.

So that we can accomplish the things we've mentioned — and more — we need to make the communications program self-supporting. To that end, we are establishing an annual voluntary alumni dues program, as you'll note by the enclosed form and reply envelope. Names of all contributors will be published in our newsletter, along with a program summary. We hope you'll join with us in this project to keep Theta Chis in touch with their brothers — their college friends.

Please send us news items about yourself or other brothers, and we'll make sure the information is published. We've provided a form for your use. Your comments, criticisms, and compliments are always wanted and are much appreciated.



Left: Fritz Hartung of the class of 1922. Right: The seniors of 1922: (top row, l.-r.) Brothers Chapman, Taylor, and Kellog; (bottom row) Brothers Swarthout and Prather.

Sigma Super-Sleuths Sought

Are you a "Sigma Super-Sleuth?" That's what we need. In setting up Sigma's mailing list we started out not having a mailing address or current status for over 275 brothers. We've been able to cut that by nearly 60%, but we need your help on the rest. If you know where any of these brothers may be

contacted, or if they are deceased, please let us know. We want all Sigma brothers to benefit from our new communications program. Send any information you may have to: **Theta Chi Alumni Office, 635 SW 4th St., Corvallis, OR 97330.** Dust off your "sleuthing tools" and go to it. Your finder's fee will be our grateful thanks and that of your found Theta Chi brothers.

Name	Initiation Year & No.				
Ben William Schubert	16 1	Raymond Gierdon Saltonstall	29 163	John Clark Rawlings	47 454
Spencer Neff Mayhew	16 4	Angus Norman Rackcliff	30 166	Roland Walter Hine	47 465
Olin Huntington Baum	16 5	Jesse Corbin Wilkes	30 167	Donald Edward Smith	47 468
Ivan Hill Loughary	16 7	Charles E. Bockman Jr.	31 172	Donald LeRoy Cleek	48 472
George Robert Rohde	16 10	Alvin Neil Fleming	31 174	Kenneth Hugh Osborn	48 492
William Lee McGeorge	16 12	Gordon E. Larson	31 180	Joseph Edward Scott	49 510
Carl Charles Jacoby	16 15	Oliver William Miller	32 185	William Dean Kramer	50 522
Stanley Horton McKim	16 18	James Lewis Minton	32 188	Gordon Byron Bennett	51 529
Jacob Ray Hudson	16 19	Hubert J. Steele	35 213	Arthur Robert Anderson	52 551
Francis Hutchins Baum	16 20	Ben R. Daly	35 215	Ronald John Jensen	52 559
Frederick Williams Reynolds	16 21	Herbert W. McMahan	35 216	Jack Pratt	53 561
Ellis Pearl Frink	16 26	Hollis E. Dellinger	36 224	Clifford Merinus Bush	53 562
Wallace Raymond Whitaker	17 31	Gervis Glen Buffum	36 231	William R. Eaton	53 573
Martin Frank Stockwell	17 34	John James McGowan	37 239	William Oskar Stark	54 579
Willard Roe Jensen	20 59	Findlay Cox Penix	38 246	Wayne Douglas Warnock	54 586
Maynard Orin Grove	20 60	William A. Holloway	39 260	Lawrence Lee Smith	54 590
Donald Mynard Swarthout	20 63	Norman W. Anderson	39 261	Lawrence Keller Smith	54 592
Norman David Crane	21 68	Robert Clarence Gorbould	39 267	John Mauzey Beckley	55 598
Irwin Justus Robertson	21 69	Ted Edward Hollen	40 277	Allen Jerome Lambert	55 599
James Elisha Lawson	21 72	Earl William Culbertson	40 281	Thomas Roscoe Conklin	55 608
James Knapp Dooley	22 79	Duahne William Cooper	40 286	Jerry D. Weaver	56 626
Alfred S. Montgomery	22 82	Leland M. Metz	40 290	John Charles Landers	57 631
Vine A. Buchholz	22 84	Robert Allan Loeffler	40 292	Stanley Earl Glass	57 636
Godfrey Vernon Copson	22 85	John Wilbert Patrick Nietert	41 302	Richard Lee Rosen	57 643
Leonard Egbert Miles	22 86	John Willis Christerson	42 323	Lane E. Olson	57 649
George Winfield Williams	22 87	Harry M. Lehrbach	37 338	Robert Dimmon Burns	58 652
Jack Dacosta	22 88	Thomas Paul Cummings	41 345	Dennis Frank Varley	58 659
Ralph H. Hylton	24 97	Earle Daniel Roberts	42 347	John Gordon Hunter	59 682
Raymond Carl Straton Graves	24 98	Ross McRae Webb	42 352	Paul Edward Briner	60 689
Frank Alton Loughary	24 101	DeWaine P. Galloway	43 360	Darwin Patrick Rosito	60 690
Homer Shannon Giffin	26 112	Clarence Wayne Tebo	43 361	John William Reed	60 693
George Washington Hunt	26 113	James Russell Marlowe	43 384	Curtis Roy Robertson	60 698
Hubert Erick Mathews	26 121	Phillip Martin Smith	43 386	Jerald Kay Neil	61 708
George Richard Andrich	27 129	Wallace Eugene Matson	43 387	Thomas William Townsend	61 710
Clarence Owen Doyle	27 134	Alfred Eugene Mann	43 394	Robin G. Koelkebeck	62 717
Donald Adair Heinz	27 135	Raymond V. Kettner	45 401	Kirby William Schwinck	63 725
Warner Temple Palmer	28 140	Gerald Warren Leland	45 406	Brian Lee Benson	63 730
Lester White	28 141	John Knox Donaldson Lazier	46 421	Jeffery A. Hardrath	65 767
Lewis R. Toll	28 142	Edmund Richard Savoie	46 425	Gary W. Miller	66 790
William Charlton Tucker	29 149	Marvin Lee Falk	46 426	Mark Steven Anderson	67 806
William Walter Grafton	29 150	Theodore Herman Cook	46 431	James E. McKillip	68 819
Lowell Hilbert Young	29 161	Harland Russell Coldfelter	46 445	Wayne William Hooker	70 855
		Stewart Allen McAllister	46 448	Earl Frederick Carter Jr.	70 857
		James Leonard Carson	47 453	Rickey Dean Batson	71 872