

History of Alpha Alpha Chi

On April 22, 1963, a group of seven members of a local social club walked out of a meeting of that club as the result of a dispute concerning affiliational goals. Later that evening, they met and decided to form a local social fraternity with the ultimate goal of becoming a chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Further discussion that evening led to the name of the brotherhood — Alpha Alpha Chi. Twenty new members were added, bringing the total membership to twenty-seven. May 7, 1963, saw the acceptance of the constitution . . . thus the fraternity began to function.

Due to the limited time until summer recess, Alpha Alpha Chi was inactive until the following year. In the fall of 1963, eighteen returned to participate in Rush Week. This rush resulted in the Alpha Pledge Class which consisted of twelve. Of these twelve, seven were initiated. During their pledgship, they came in second for the Pledge Scholarship Trophy. The fraternity also won the Homecoming Float Trophy for the most original float in the Homecoming parade.

The Beta Pledge Class, Spring 1964, numbered eleven men, of which seven were initiated. The spring



semester brought the first Sweetheart Ball, at which Carol Compton, the girl pinned to the first AA Chi consul, was crowned as the fraternity's sweetheart. The "Betas" finished the semester by winning the Pledge Scholarship Trophy, while the active chapter again took second place.

Fall rush of 1964 resulted in the Gamma Pledge Class, consisting of twenty-one members. They started the year out right by winning the Homecoming House Decorations Trophy. The theme was "St. George and the Dragon." Later the Gamma pledges took their walkout to the Beta Xi chapter of Sigma Chi at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fourteen of the pledges were initiated.

Twelve men were pledged for the Delta Pledge Class in the Spring semester of 1965. On March 5, the pledges, replying to a challenge from the active chapter, played a marathon softball game. It lasted twenty-eight hours and nineteen minutes, with the pledges winning! This event received nation-wide coverage and attention as it was picked up by both AP and UPI.

The Sweetheart for 1965 was Miss Marilyn Martin. She is a past president of Chi Omega. Marilyn threw the



first ball at the softball game to active captain John D'Ambrosio.

In the Fall semester of 1965, we pledged 14. During this semester we took 2 of the 7 trophies which were given for Homecoming activities. These were the first place trophy for the best house decorations, and first for having the most original float in the annual parade.

Alpha Alpha Chi pledged 15 for the Spring of 1966. Miss Patty Cook, an Alpha Delta Pi, was named our sweetheart. We won the intramural softball championship, and the pledges took second place in the pledge scholarship competition.

During the summer of 1966 several of our brothers were invited to the Sigma Chi Leadership Training workshop, and were ready to fill the entire fraternity in when school started in September. This last semester has been one of our best. We took the intramural cross-country championship, tied for second place in football, came in second in volleyball, and won a trophy for the best house decorations during 1965 Homecoming. Miss Betty Hinds, a Pi Beta Phi, was chosen our sweetheart for 1966-67. At the present we are leading in overall intramural points with first place in basketball. We came in second in the Fraternity Scholarship Trophy competition.

Our history has been a very colorful one and has progressed towards our ultimate goal of becoming a Sigma Chi chapter.

