



## Sigma Alpha Mu

*Founded at O.U. in 1920*

Sigma Alpha chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu firmly planted its roots on the campus of the University on May 22, 1920. It has had a rather envious record for scholarships and athletics since that date.

At the beginning of World War II the house was turned over to the Navy, and was not re-opened until the fall of 1946. The chapter reorganized itself almost entirely with a new group of men.

Today it seems that it has reached, if not surpassed, the goal that was set when the chapter was re-opened.

The ideals and functions of the chapter can be more easily understood by one who knows the history of Sigma Alpha Mu:

On November 26, 1909, a group of college men of the College of the City of New York swore a bond of everlasting friendship to one another. It was little realized that this bond would result in the Sigma Alpha Mu of today. Eight men shook hands and formed a brotherhood that was destined

to become a great international fraternity. Sigma Alpha Mu grew with the times, and by 1919, they had formed chapters in many colleges, coast to coast. Today it has expanded in size and recognition to almost every large campus in the United States and Canada. On June 2, 1946, the Mu Epsilon chapter of the University of Miami became the fifty-first chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu.

The Sigma Alpha chapter, as a branch of the national Fraternity, has followed the ideals set forth by its founders. Since its reorganization after the war, this chapter has taken in more members than any time previously. This chapter encourages extra-curricular activities, and every member is enrolled in at least one outside organization. The membership in these organizations and the participation in intramural athletic activities greatly increases the scope of achievement of each member. The scholastic standing of the chapter is one to be envied by all campus societies. Last year Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity held the University scholarship cup.

The alumni of the Sigma Alpha chapter have shown a wide interest in the activities of their old fraternity. They have a large alumni association, which is ever striving to increase the achievements of the fraternity.

There is also a mother's club, formed by the mothers of the present group of members. They have donated both time and effort to make this house a comfortable place to live; they have shown their gratitude to Sigma Alpha Mu for what it has offered in the way of companionship and incentive for their sons.

The pledge of Sigma Alpha Mu reads . . . to foster and maintain among its sons a spirit of fraternity, a spirit of mutual moral aid and support to instill and maintain in the hearts of its sons love for and loyalty to Alma Mater and its ideals; to inculcate among its sons such ideas as will result in actions worthy of the highest precepts of true manhood, democracy and humanity.

► Dorothy Truex, counselor of women, attended the Women's Student Government convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 12. She also met with the National Deans of Women Convention at Chicago, April 17. She spoke on the subject, "Student Mores and Student Government"—university section. She also served on a panel discussion on career conferences and presented plans for the new dormitories at the housing conference.

► Erich Eichholz, assistant professor of modern languages attended the Regional Goethe Festival March 18-19 at Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

► Karl Schmitt and Paul L. Garvin, assistant professors of anthropology, attended meetings of the society for American archaeology and Central States Branch of American Anthropology Association May 11-16. Professor Schmitt read a paper entitled "A Possible Development of a Pan-Indian Culture in Oklahoma." The conference was held in Bloomington, Indiana.

► Lucille C. LaSalle, instructor in physical education for women, attended the Southeastern Re-

gional IV Convention-American Camping Association, March 25-April 1. She is chairman of the section on College Camp Leadership Courses and presented a talk on "Day Camping." The conference was held in Nashville, Tennessee.

► Dr. Garold D. Holstine, university school, and Professor H. E. Wrinkle, '22ba, '31ma, Education, are attending a meeting of the North Central Association Conference on Teacher Education at Pittsburg, Kansas.

► Nell June Guthrie, '27ba, '31ms, student health specialist, attended the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Southern Branch, in Dallas from April 13-16. She participated in group discussions of the Health Education Section.

► Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19ba, professor of history, attended the 4th Annual National conference on Higher Education in Chicago April 3. He served as reporter for the section on "Curriculum and Instruction." He is also a member of the planning committee.

► Edward Everett Dale, '11ba, research professor of

history, attended the annual meeting of Mississippi Valley Historical Association on April 13 at Madison, Wisconsin. Dr. Dale is past president of the association and presided over session.

► R. V. James, '18bs, professor of mechanics, attended the Southwest Section meeting of the American Society of Electrical Engineers at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, on April 15 and 16. He is a member of the executive committee.

► J. J. Rhyne, chairman of the school of social work, visited social agencies in Fort Worth and attended meetings of Southwestern Social Science Association there on April 14-16. Dr. Rhyne presented a paper, "Professional Opportunities in Social Work for Graduating Seniors" before the association.

► Kester Svendsen, associate professor of English, has been invited to teach two English courses at the University of North Carolina, his alma mater, during the 1949 August session. Dr. Svendsen will teach a course on English drama to 1600 and a course on Milton.