



Alpha Sigma Phi

Founded at O.U. in 1923

Causa latet vis est notissima—The Cause is hidden, the results well known. This motto of Alpha Sigma Phi has been in effect for over one hundred and four years, making her the tenth oldest fraternity in the United States, and the fifteenth largest.

Nationally the fraternity was organized at Yale University on December 6, 1845.

Locally, Alpha Alpha chapter was officially installed at the University of Oklahoma on May 19, 1923, after approval of a petition of the local fraternity Delta Kappa Rho.

Recently, the chapter has purchased a new home at 602 West Boyd street, and will occupy it early in 1950.

Prominent alums of Alpha Alpha chapter are: Joe Smalley, '34ba, '37Law, Norman, floor leader of the House of Representatives; John Pearson, Jr., '28bus, president of the Oklahoma City school board; William Atkinson, '22bs, Oklahoma City, oil properties; Dr. Curtis Berry, '31bs, '35ms, '37

med, Norman; Calvin P. Boxley, '25Law, Oklahoma City, corporation lawyer; Dr. Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy, Norman; Elmer Streich, '26, manager of the Progress Brewery, Oklahoma City; General Charles E. McPherrin, ex-commander of the 45th Division, attorney, Oklahoma City; Roy Holbird, '30Law, assistant county attorney of Oklahoma County; Judge J. Earle Kuntz, Wichita Falls; Lt. Col. Walter A. Downing, commander of training in the Alaska area; and many others.

Nationally prominent alums include Vern Meyers, executive assistant publisher of *Look* magazine, Joyce Swan, publisher, *Minneapolis Star and Tribune*, Ed Jefferies, mayor of Detroit; head football coaches at Michigan and Illinois; Lieutenant Governor of Ohio; president of the Standard Oil Company of California, and many other equally outstanding men.

Actively engaging in campus activities since being re-activated following the war in January, 1948, the Alpha Sigs have taken their place among the leaders on the campus.

For instance, actives and alums were the backbone of Senior commencement in 1948. Jim Thomas, our first chapter president, was chairman of Senior Day activities; alum Joe Smalley, was speaker at the senior luncheon; alum Dave Fields, vice president of the Flint Steel Company of Tulsa, was speaker at the Engineer Awards Assembly; and "Dusty" Dilley, editor of the *Tomahawk*, our fraternity's national magazine, spoke at the Greek Amphitheater awards assembly, and, finally, the active chapter assisted the Tri Delta sorority in staging the Senior Class Show.

Athletically we have gone into the playoffs in all intramural sports: football, basketball and softball.

In November of 1948 the chapter was awarded a bronze cup for winning first place in a School Spirit contest sponsored by the Ruf-Nek pep club.

Earlier in the year the fraternity's national office presented the editor of our chapter newspaper a plaque for having the best all-around paper in the United States.

We must take time here to pay tribute to two members of the class who are no longer living. Randell Cobb, LL.B., 1919, was an able and faithful servant of the public until his untimely death in May, 1948. His work on the staff of the State Attorney General should long be remembered. Kenneth Kaufman, M.A., 1919, was a member of the University faculty from February, 1928, until his death in April, 1945. Kaufman Hall on the campus is a monument to the impression that his work made at the University.

We must mention briefly three persons who were connected with the University for a time but are now active elsewhere; Fred Lyman Tibbits, M.A., 1919, and Paul Eldridge and Ray Six, both of whom received the B.A. degree. Two of the graduates in this class are remembered on this campus but are better known at Central State Teachers College, Edmond. John G. Mitchell, M.A., 1919, was president of Central for many years and Cliff Otto is still a member of the faculty of that college. It is proper to note here Wade Loofburrow, LL.B., because of his later prominence in state

affairs. Finally in this connection, Richard H. (better known as Dick) Cloyd, B.A., 1919, must have separate mention, especially as he served as part-time secretary of the alumni organization while he was completing the requirements for a degree in law.

May we at least name a few other members of the class of 1919? (The selection may seem somewhat arbitrary.) Margaret Applewhite Chaney; W. L. Eagleton, who was mentioned a month ago as receiving the B.A. degree in 1914 received the law degree in 1919; Julia Steele Eley; Glenn Faris; Charles B. Fawkes; Reedy Jennings and Bess Cudd Jennings; Graham Johnson; Dr. Stratton Kernodle; Nellie Jane McFerron (now Mrs. Littick); Katie Freeman (now Mrs. Ozbirn); Jewell Risinger (now Mrs. Ditmarr); Paul Nagle; Dr. Shade Neeley; Dr. Claude Norris and Fannie Bell Norris; Malcolm Oakes (already referred to) and Lyra Bahrenburg Oakes; Leo Sanders and Jessie Holloway Sanders; Pearl Scales; Raymond Selders. Then let me distinguish between Dr. Richard G. Soutar who received the bachelor's degree with this class and

Dr. Ellis Soutar who received his degree in medicine.

Son of the Cheyennes

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A brawny six-footer, West looks more like an All-American tackle than the traditional, though erroneous, concept of a frail artist. There is nothing namby-pamby about the man or his pictures. He paints with a bold sureness, and a fine color-sense that make his pictures vibrantly alive.

West, who captained the football team during his undergraduate days at Haskell Institute, served in the navy during the war, working his way up from an enlisted man to lieutenant senior grade on "baby flat-top carriers." He is married and the father of two husky boys. Richard, 6, and Jimmie, 3, are learning the dances, legends and tribal lore of their father's people along with the Anglo-American culture and musicianship of their attractive blond mother. She was Mary Belle McRea, born in China, daughter of a missionary to the Chinese.