



Delta Chi

Founded at O.U. in 1928

The Oklahoma chapter of Delta Chi was full grown at its birth in the spring of 1938. Unique in its method of organization by the national administration of Delta Chi instead of being a local fraternity petitioning recognition from a national organization. At the time there was need for another fraternity at the University and the organizing group received the complete co-operation of the University administration and of the inter-fraternity council. After many weeks of planning, representatives of the national fraternity began the task of interviewing prospective men on the campus. Adhering closely to a high standard of scholastic excellence and social ability, great care was taken in the choice of men, with the aim of making the chapter strong in the beginning. Thirty-eight men were selected and initiated to effect a complete organization. Dean C. M. Thompson, of the University of Illinois college of commerce, and national president of the fraternity, presided at the installation which was conducted by the Southern Methodist chapter.

With this hand picked nucleus and with the formative period behind Delta Chi was able to take its place as a full-fledged member of and a leader in the interfraternity council. In its very first semester of activity the chapter was awarded the fraternity scholarship cup as well as the national Delta Chi scholarship trophy for having the highest grade average of any chapter of Delta Chi in the nation. To make this possible over half of the members of the fraternity were also members of the national honorary scholastic organization and other local societies. Not to be outdone were the representatives on the swimming, wrestling and track teams who took various Big-Six honors.

The advent of World War II found Delta Chi prepared to do its service. Because of the extreme youth of the chapter, its alumni and actives served in the armed services practically one-hundred percent.

In August of 1943 the fraternity joined the others on the Oklahoma campus in becoming inactive

for the remainder of the war. After at least three years away from the college ways of life nineteen former actives returned to the University in August of 1946, and undertook the difficult task of re-conversion with the same old spirit they had shown upon their entrance into national service. A new house was acquired prior to the commencement of rush week and everything readied for the first full scale post war operation.

From the beginning there has been strong prejudice against all but the most careful expansion and growth with the concept that a group of men desiring comradeship and the stimulating appreciation of other's ideals might find their desire in an organization which could appreciate the co-operation of every member. To maintain a suitable college home, to provide each of its members with the general advantage of a fraternity membership, to maintain good scholarship, and to make each man a better citizen of his university has been and still are the general aims of the fraternity.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Ed's Note: The following three letters were received by the *Sooner Magazine* office too late for publication in the January issue of the magazine. However, because of their authors' scattered locations and opinions, the editors could not pass up the opportunity of printing portions of them).

Faith and a Game

... Certainly enjoyed reading of our marvelous football team. We had planned a get together of all Sooners and Oklahomans in general to hear the Sugar Bowl game. The radio network here announced that only the Cotton and Rose Bowls would be broadcast overseas. A few of the faithful decided to gather to at least hear the scores when they were announced.

Our faith was rewarded when just at game time (8 p.m.) the announcer brought the news that the Sugar, not Cotton, Bowl would be broadcast.

Among those who formed the Stuttgart cheering section were Lt. Col. Charles S. Stanley, Jr., '24-'27, '34-'35, and Mrs. Stanley (Marie Ware of Pawhuska); Capt. Maurice N. Giezantanner, '30,

Cushing, and Mrs. Giezantanner (Betty Pitcock of Cushing) and Master Sergeant and Mrs. James F. Darnell, Oklahoma City.

Best wishes for another great year in '50—Major David N. Roper, Hqts. Constabulary I. G. Section, APO 46, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Aloha and a Poisoned Pup

... Being surrounded by California, Stanford and other west coast alumni besides those from practically every state in the union except Oklahoma, I have been swelled up like a poisoned pup this year over the record of the O.U. football team and Coach Wilkinson's letters have made it possible to almost visualize every play of every game this year. No wonder he was chosen as Coach of the Year. . . .

I was last on the campus for a few hours in 1937. Just about the time for another mainland trip when the war exploded all ideas of that and since the war I have been too busy to get away for a trip.

Hope that circumstances will permit a look in on the Memorial Union Building before I am much older. . . .

As president of the local Rotary Club and a past president of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, I extend a warm aloha to any and all O.U. Alumni who may pass this way.

John S. Brown, '25Law, Wailuku, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

Realization and Frustration

I have closely followed the fortunes of Oklahoma's football teams since leaving school myself, but have frequently been in places where I could not get much dope and occasionally even get the final score of a game. Therefore, I have enjoyed getting Bud Wilkinson's Football Letter very much.

This year, though, I have been in the U. S. during the football season and could read a short synopsis of some of the games in the local newspaper. In this part of the country a broadcast of one of O.U.'s games is unheard of, so when it appeared likely that O.U. would surely get a bowl bid, I realized that I would get to hear a game broadcast on a national hookup.

So what should happen—we get to a bowl alright, but of all people to broadcast the game, WE GOT HARRY WISMER!

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Range . . .

Campus provided a gab session with ROSS TAYLOR, '16, new city manager of Oklahoma City; JOHN HALL, '36ba, formerly of Muskogee and now of Pueblo, Colorado, and TATE HALE, '40 Okmulgee.

Seen here and there in Oklahoma City during various visits were BOB PORTA, '49Law, ADAIR SMITH, '49journ, and GEORGE HANN, '36ma. GEORGE was up from Ardmore for a meeting of the Oklahoma Education Association.

Well, there's a brief picture of some of the strays from the University campus who were lassoed and corraled and who are always interested in the Association and University.

It's a pleasure to have an opportunity for hitting the leather for a bit of a romp over the trails that never fail to lead to some Sooner, somewhere. I said a while back that I wanted to see if the trails were half as interesting as the Range Rider painted them. Now you know the answer is yes.

► Dr. A. C. Shead, '19bs, '23ms, associate professor of chemistry, spoke at the Annual Symposium on Analytical Chemistry in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 28-February 3.

Correspondence . . .

I enjoyed the final score, and congratulations to Bud and the team, but I did not enjoy the broadcast. If O.U. plays in anymore bowl games—and I'm sure they will—I want to cast my vote now for picking out a bowl that will at least have someone who can announce the game decently and enjoyably . . . (the author included a clipping from the *Miami (Florida) Herald* which was written by John Crosby and supported the author's views.)

James L. Kerr, '41geol, Navy Hurricane Weather Central, U. S. Naval Air Station, Miami, Florida.

► Harrison Kerr, dean of the college of fine arts, was one of five outstanding present-day American composers who participated in the second season of the Institute of Contemporary American Music at the Julius Hartt School of Music at Hartford, Connecticut. He was guest composer on February 22.

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