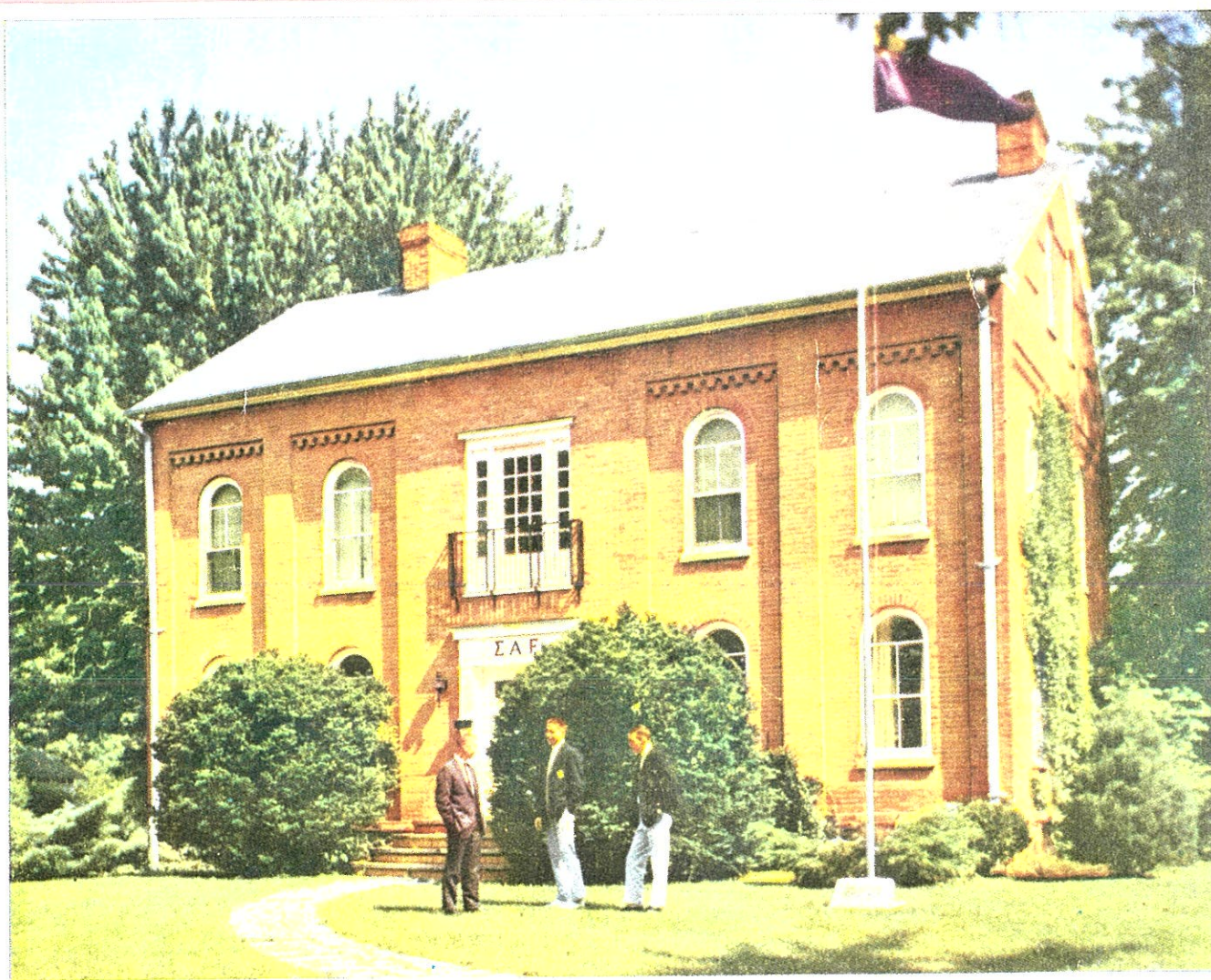


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Michigan Delta — 142nd Chapter is a Promise at Western Michigan



Michigan Delta members in front of the Chapter house with Richard Rathburn, EA, in center, George Monroe, Mich. Iota Beta '28 (Michigan), Adviser, and a Little Sister of Minerva who helped with registration of guests.

By Jack Hotaling

Assistant to the Eminent Supreme Recorder

“YOU of Sigma Alpha Epsilon are now enlightened as to the progress and the people of Phi Alpha of Western Michigan University—We, the petitioning fraternity, now give you our promise: “‘Ours is the promise of success, and a promise to succeed’

“A Chapter Collegiate at Western Michigan University would be a worthy addition to the realm of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.”

So spoke a group that had banded together as the Phi Alpha Fraternity on October 9, 1958 for the express purpose of seeking a charter from ΣAE . Three years later, to the day, the first officers of Michigan Delta Chapter at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, were installed by Eminent Supreme Archon Arthur L. Beck, of Buffalo, N.Y.

Phi Alpha at Western Michigan was granted a charter by unanimous vote at the 105th Anniversary National Convention at Yellowstone Park in June. The ceremonies which made it the newest Chapter in ΣAE were held on October 6, 7, and 8, 1961, and were presided over by ESA Beck.

The first event of the weekend was an indoctrination session held in the Audio-Visual Center of the University Library at which time ESCh. Paul B. Jacob, Jr. presented a capsule history of ΣAE . This was followed by a discussion of the organization and National Laws by ESR Rex A. Smith, a mention of the values of membership in ΣAE by Robert VanBlaricom, Past Archon of Province Iota

and now a resident of Kalamazoo, and an insight into the Province structure by Province Pi Archon H. Franklin Waltz. Chapter Supervisor Howard Hansen talked briefly on the relationship of ΣAE to the institutions where it is located, and Past ESA G. A. Ginter presented the group with warm insights into ΣAE history by way of personalities whom he has known. ESA Beck concluded the meeting with an expression of some of the hopes, responsibilities and expectations of membership in the Fraternity.

The initiation of the 73 new members took place at 2:00 on Saturday afternoon, October 8 at the Carver Center in downtown Kalamazoo. A capable initiation team was comprised of members of surrounding Chapters and included: Eminent Archon, Neil Austing, Michigan Gamma; Eminent Preceptor, Tom Wahlrobe, Michigan Alpha; Eminent Recorder, Nick Benyo, Ohio Lambda; Eminent Chronicler, Ray Davis, Ohio Sigma; Eminent Herald, Bob Kraft, Ohio Nu; Eminent Warden, Mike Hiniker, Michigan Iota-Beta; Chaplain, Shad Hanna, Indiana Beta; Song Leader, Bergen Bull, Michigan Gamma.

Participants in the various tableaux and scene shifters were: Joe Binder and Jeff Noss of Ohio Rho; Bill Banfield, John Cappis, John Jensen and George Emeny of Ohio Sigma; Dave Papenhagen of Michigan Alpha; Pete Froehlick of Ohio Nu; and Joe Zitnik of Ohio Alpha, and all were under



At installation banquet in Battle Creek: Dr. James W. Miller, president of Western Michigan, who welcomed the fraternity to the campus; G. A. Ginter of Cincinnati, Ohio, Past ESA, presenting EA's badge to EA Rathburn; Arthur L. Beck of Buffalo, N.Y., ESA, and installation officer, and Adviser Monroe.

the direction of Jay Beck, *Ohio Mu.* (Denison). ESA Arthur L. Beck presented each new initiate with the official badge.

More than 250 attended the initiation banquet at the Battle Creek Country Club. Toastmaster Edward Pellowe, *Mich. Alpha*, (Adrian), introduced Adviser to Michigan Delta, George E. Monroe who gave a synopsis of the inception of Phi Alpha and an insight into some of the work which brought the group to its present position.

President Brings Greetings

Dr. James W. Miller, president of Western Michigan, brought greetings and expressed his pleasure at being able to welcome ΣAE to the campus. The Dean of Students, Dean of Women, Dean of Men and members of their staffs were presented. Other introductions included Past ESA G. A. Ginter; ESR Rex A. Smith; Province Pi Officers; Mrs. Flora Gilbert, housemother; and members of the initiation team. Province Pi Archon Waltz presented the

Prof. Paul B. Jacob, Jr., of Mississippi State College, ESCh., Past ESA Ginter, Rex A. Smith of Evanston, Ill., ESR, Ed Pellowe, Province Pi Alumni Secretary and master of ceremonies, H.

Franklin Waltz, Province Pi Archon, who presented Merit Key Award to Mr. Monroe, Founder No. 163 of The Levere Memorial Sustaining Fund (right), and ESA Beck.



Merit Key Award to George Monroe on behalf of the Province for his outstanding and devoted service to ΣAE and for his aid to the petitioning group.

Archon Waltz offered to the new Chapter sage words of advice and challenge. The Eminent Archon-elect, Richard Rathburn, accepted on behalf of the Chapter various gifts presented by Chapters in the Province, the Province Officers and others. The newly formed "Little Sisters of Minerva" were recognized and received badges from ESCh. Jacob.

A banquet, in tasteful surroundings and abounding with good fellowship, was closed by an inspiring message from ESA Beck. He welcomed the opportunity for ΣAE to be represented on the Western Michigan campus and in accepting the challenge for leadership there, stated some of the aims, objectives and present programs of the Fraternity. He stressed the moral and spiritual values inherent in the teachings of ΣAE and described them not as a substitute for one's own religious endeavors but rather as an extension of them, and equated the precepts of ΣAE to the growing concern for high standards in college students today. "If Michigan Delta will only subscribe fully to those things for which ΣAE stands, it will be a positive force in the lives of its members and the college community as well," he stated.

At 9:00 a.m., Sunday, the following officers were installed by ESA Beck and ESCh. Jacob: Eminent Archon, Richard Rathburn; Eminent Deputy Archon, Paul Stanton; Eminent Recorder, Robert Kent; Eminent Correspondent, Larry Wittkop; Eminent Treasurer, Robert Moles; Eminent Chronicler, David TerBurg; Eminent Warden, Wally Dean; Eminent Herald, Carl Kucsera; and Eminent Chaplain, Bruce MacQueen. This was followed immediately by the formal pledging of 28 men, the ceremony being conducted by members of the National Office Staff with the aid of Jay Beck, and Province Beta Archon Russell P. Heuer, Jr.

Services in the First Methodist Church of Kalamazoo were attended by the group and ΣAE was welcomed to the city in the bulletin and by the pastor. In the afternoon a reception was held in the lounge of the Western Michigan Student Center and guests were greeted by EDA Paul Stanton, Mrs. Gilbert, ESR Rex Smith, EA Richard Rathburn and ESA Beck. Refreshments were served by the Little Sisters of Minerva and an attractive exhibit about ΣAE was arranged. The Chapter then welcomed guests to the Chapter house and thus ended the installation of ΣAE 's 142nd Chapter.

At Sunday afternoon reception in lounge of Western Michigan Student Center: ESA Beck, EA Rathburn, ESR Smith, Mrs. Flora Gilbert, housemother, and Paul Stanton, EDA.



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