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# Greeks born in spirit of '76

Perhaps it is only fitting and proper that fraternities, which grow from group to colony before affiliating with the national organization, took their first steps in America in the spirit of '76.

When our Founding Fathers were officially proclaiming America a nation, the first fraternal brotherhood was coming into its own—Phi Beta Kappa.

Phi Beta Kappa originated as a literary society, where men of letters met to discuss intellectual matters.

From that date, the forerunners of today's fraternities continued to follow this literary society trend. They were

called Adelpian, Calliopian, Ciceronian, Franklin and Leononian, and their objectives were training in composition, debate and oratory.

These societies found strong support from university faculties, and were given prominent places in college catalogues. Students joined as a matter of course.

In 1825, things took a sharp turn. It was then that Amherst College established what became known as the Union Triad. In 1825, at Union College, the Kappa Alpha society had been formed, purely for social reasons. It was Kappa Alpha, along with Sigma Phi and Delta Phi, which formed the triad.

At that time, there were usually two clubs on each campus. Men would join one or the other and great rivalries developed. This was the beginning of the social fraternity.

For the next hundred years, few national fraternities were begun, most of them being local. It was only after World War I that they began to merge into national chapters.

The advent of today's fraternity system came in 1935. From that date to the present, the national movement has climbed steadily.

The tremendous growth of fraternity on a national scale can be attributed, to a good

extent, to the three major wars of the century.

At the conclusion of each, a great surge of veterans returned to college, and the system expanded more and more. Following the Korean Conflict, the Greek picture literally exploded until it reached its present stage.

The traditions that grew from the system developed from the types of people it attracted after these wars. By the same token, the fraternity system today has developed through trends.

The war years are a prime example. There developed, with the influx of veterans returning to complete their interrupted

educations, a vacuum between these men, averaging around 23 years old, and the 18-year-old freshman.

It was the older freshman who had begun the system, and it was this system to which the younger student was introduced. It was evident that adjustment was necessary, and this resulted in new chapters being formed with different precepts which better suited the young man of the day.

This problem—adjustment to one's era—is one of the most pressing faced by fraternities today. Where the emphasis was originally on academia, it later took on a purely social guise.

## Greek Week 1968



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Greek Sing 2 p.m. Sunday

Community Projects All Week  
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Ugliest Greek All Week  
(Vote at Union)



Torch run 11:30 a.m.  
Saturday, May 11



Fraternity Track Meet  
7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday



**NO SHORT CUTS**

# Greek-building takes time

By **ROBERTA YAFIE**  
State News Feature Editor

Fraternity-building is, probably one of the toughest do-it-yourself tasks around.

For a starter, there are rules to abide by and standards to be met. You can't cut corners here; there's no time-saving short cut.

The evolution from several interested students to chartered fraternity is a process of no less than three years. It usually takes four to five years to build a good fraternity.

The idea for a new fraternity, according to Edwin K. Reuling, Interfraternity Council (IFC) adviser, usually stems from one of two sources—transfer students who are members of fraternities not represented at MSU, and students or groups who find the houses they've seen here are not adequate to their needs.

Initially, after four or five interested men have gotten together, they notify the University that they've organized a group that wants to become a fraternity. This is done through Reuling's office.

Next, they must register as a group, following the same procedure used for clubs. To gain group recognition, it must be proved that they've been in existence at least one full term. To petition, they must have at least 15 undergraduate members with a 2.20 grade point, both all-University and the previous term.

Group status is confirmed after the group in question has been voted on by the IFC Expansion Committee, IFC President's Association and the joint fraternity expansion committee, the latter composed of fraternity advisers and IFC members.

Final approval rests with the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Approval is based on the

group's ability to show organization, that it can exist and function as a group, with a constitution.

During this period, they are not to be committed to any national fraternity.

The group must exist for at least two and no more than four terms, during which time its membership must be upped to at least 25, 16 of whom are required to have a 2.20 previous-term and all-U GPA.

The next step is colonization. The same procedure applies at this stage as that used for group petitioning. During this period, however, the group can request to be affiliated with a national fraternity.

This is the time when the fraternity takes on its real character. Reuling pointed out, for it adopts the traditions and rituals of the national organization.

The approval of affiliation comes from the University as well as the national body. The University, through Reuling's office, carries on its own investigation of the national regarding its beliefs and their acceptability to MSU standards and policy.

As a colony, the group operates within the IFC framework as a fraternity, but without a vote. It follows IFC rules, rush procedures, and attends meetings.

After the national has been approved and the colony has been accepted, it must exist as a colony for no less than two terms and no more than three years.

The average pattern at the colony stage is somewhere in between.

"Half the time, the first request is turned down," Reuling noted. "This is usually because we felt that they hadn't matured as a fraternity."

The general time is three terms. Membership required

is a minimum of 21, but there are usually 50 when the fraternity is finally off to a good start. Two-thirds must have less than senior standing.

The colony must provide evidence of housing, a requirement which every MSU fraternity has met, he said.

Approval procedure is the

same, but continues on, in this case, to the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, President Hannah and the Board of Trustees.



**House destruction**

No matter how long it may take to establish the function of a fraternity, Sigma Nu found out it takes only hours to destroy a house, as theirs was torn down last month to make way for apartment buildings. State News photo by Nancy Swanson.

**THREE CHOICES**

## Greek Week events

The schedule for Greek Week 1968 is as follows:

- Saturday, May 11
  - 11 a.m.—Torch Run, starting at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house.
  - 1 p.m.—Lambda Chi Alpha Junior 500.
- Sunday, May 12
  - 2:30 p.m.—Phi Delta Theta frisbee tournament, South Campus intramural fields.
- Monday, May 13
  - 6 p.m.—Kick-off dinners
- Tuesday, May 14
  - 7:30 p.m.—Track meet pre-

- liminaries, East Lansing High School
- Wednesday, May 15
  - 2-5 p.m.—Alpha Epsilon Phi Sidewalk Art Show, Grand River Ave.
- Thursday, May 16
  - 7:30 p.m.—Track meet finals, East Lansing High School
- Friday, May 17
  - 8:30 p.m.—Sigma Chi Street Dance, Sigma Chi parking lot
- Saturday, May 18
  - 8:15 a.m.—Kiddie Day pick-up; 9 a.m.—noon—Kiddie Day

- parties; 2 p.m.—Sigma Alpha Mu Tricycle race, parking lot across from Anthony Hall;
- 3:30 p.m.—Greek Feast and Delta Upsilon Ugliest Greek contest, East Lansing City Park
- Sunday, May 19
  - 2 p.m.—Greek Sing finals, Auditorium
- Monday through Friday, May 13-17, 21:1-2:30 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m.—Community projects.

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**Operation clean up**

"Help make East Lansing beautiful" is the slogan of this year's Greek Week Community Project, May 13 through 16. Working with the city of East Lansing, Greeks will re-paint curbs and generally clean-up the alleys behind Grand River Avenue. Expressing their thanks to the

city for the use of East Lansing City Park along M-78 for Greek Feast 1967 and 1968. Greeks will repaint playground equipment and shelters in the park during the clean up week. Tentatively included in beautification plans are awards for the Greek living units with the best kept grounds.

The clean up project has received a very favorable response from city hall, committee head John Pardee, Prospects Heights, Ill. senior said. The Department of Public Service supplied the committee with various suggestions for clean up and will provide the materials - paint, brushes, brooms and other equipment. Organization and planning of the campaign is being left to the students.

For the past eight years MSU students have worked with the city on various improvement projects of this type. John D. Emerson, Superintendent of Parks, said that student participation has been very good in the past. He characterized last year's community project as "outstanding."

Radio station WILS will have its mobile unit at the park for the Wednesday, May 15, work session.

Pardee said that some 50 workers daily will be needed if the campaign is to be a success.

As an inducement to participate, double participation points will be given to fraternity and sorority members who help with the clean-up. These points go toward the winning of the Participation Trophy to be awarded at the end of Greek Week.

Work shifts for the project will be from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. daily.



**Greek Competition**

Greek life offers a variety of activities as here a Sigma Chi member drives past a Lambda Chi in the fraternity intramural basketball tournament.

**A word to the wise planning to go Greek**

A word to the wise young men who plan to go Greek, from those who did:

During each of the three rushes held at the beginning of each term, students will have an opportunity to meet the members of the various fraternities. It is wise to see as many houses as possible in order to have a wide field of selection.

Look for special characteristics and personality in each

house, comparing them to your own.

When attending open smokers, remember to use a good firm handshake, to relax and not be afraid to take an interest in the particular fraternity you are visiting.

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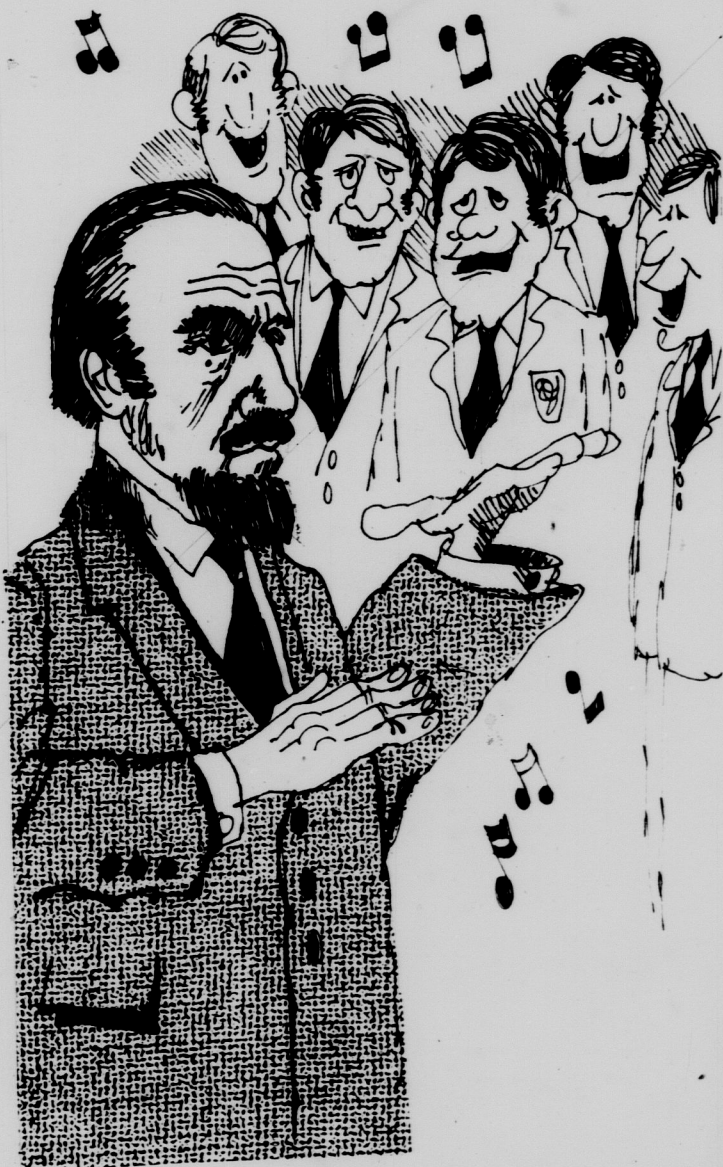
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**THREE DIVISIONS**

**Greek Sing this Saturday in University Auditorium**

"A Season to Sing," the 1968 Greek Sing final competition, will be presented from 2-4 p.m. Sunday in the Auditorium.

To be narrated by Phil Frank, State News cartoonist, "A Season to Sing" will feature costuming and choreography by the participating groups in three areas of competition.

These three areas are the fraternity division, sorority division and coed division.

Entrants in the sorority division include Pi Beta Phi, Phi Mu, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Delta and Alpha Xi Delta.

Fraternity entrants include Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Gamma Rho.

Coed entrants are Lambda Chi Alpha and Delta Gamma.

Fiji and Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Chi and Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi and Delta Upsilon, Gamma Phi Beta and Beta Theta Pi and Farmhouse and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Preliminaries held in the Union on April 28 limited the field to these entrants.

Trophies will be presented to "A Season to Sing" finalists and winners.

Other awards to be presented at the sing include the scholar-

ship trophy and over-all Greek Week participation trophy.

Last year's winners were Kappa Alpha Theta in the sorority division, Phi Gamma Delta in the fraternity division, and Delta Gamma and Lambda Chi Alpha in the coed division.

Greek Sing, which began as the Pan-Hellenic Council sponsored Sorority Sing in the '40's became a part of Greek Week festivities in 1950. Fraternities first participated in the event in 1957, with the coed division evolving in 1965.

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In the inimitable spirit of the original Greek discus competitions, the latter-day Greek Phi Delta Thetas this year offer, as part of the Olympic Greek Week festivities, the

first annual All-University Frisbee tournament.

To be held at 1 p.m. Monday at the men's I.M. field, the Frisbee event will offer men from various fraternity and residence hall living units the opportunity to battle the prevailing westerlies and each other in memory of the original discus events.

For the past two years the event has been an invitational only tourney held at the Phi Delt fraternity house between the Phi Deltas and one other house.

With the opening of competition to the entire university, the Phi Deltas hope to establish

this as an annual Greek Week event.

The tournament is a single-elimination event. Teams from several houses and dorms will compete, with five members.

The winner is the first team to accumulate 21 points.

Such points are won when the opposing team drops the thrown frisbee. Two field judges will keep score and umpire points.

An official 108 gram Olympic-specification Frisbee will be employed in the competitions.

Several Big Ten schools now hold such annual Frisbee Tournaments, all reportedly a tremendous success on campus.



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# Key system-- happy girls

By LINDA GORTMAKER  
State News Staff Writer

Sorority girls look a little brighter these days, have you noticed?

It's not that they are drinking more or using better eye drops, but many of their houses have implemented the "key system," meaning no more waiting up for late sisters to arrive after University closing hours.

At least three houses have had a key system implemented since the middle of spring term, including Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Epsilon Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta, and all report satisfaction.

Requests for a key system by sororities began since the implementation of selective hours fall term. While coeds living in residence halls were admitted after closing hours by well-paid, around-the-clock night receptionists, sorority sisters had to wait up for each other with no pay or "benefits."

Sororities not on the key system yet still use this "buddy system." The details vary with each house, but the underlying principle remains the same: one coed has to stay up until at least 2 or 4 a.m., even on week-nights, until every one of her sisters has walked through the door.

Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority submitted a proposal to Panhellenic Council fall term advocating use of a key system. Panhel approved it, then tabled it for more study, and a special committee of faculty members and students visited the University of Michigan to observe how sororities enjoyed key privileges there.

Other functions of the committee included interviews with housemothers and an in-depth study in the whole problem of insurance, security, etc.

Panhel discovered near the



### Freedom For All

Members of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority try out their keys after the installation of the new system. Individual keys will alleviate the problem of having to keep a night clerk on duty. From left are: Dale Rittenberg, Winnetha, Ill. sophomore; Nancy Sultan, Highland Park, Ill. sophomore and Rena Knopfler, Glencoe, Ill. sophomore.  
State News photo by Russell Steffey

## Art exhibition shows Greek 'cultural' side

Fraternities and sororities are usually referred to as "social," but with the second annual Alpha Epsilon Phi art show, Greeks at MSU are now also "cultured."

The art show will be held on Grand River Ave. from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday. Artists from all houses are encouraged to display their work.

Work will include sculpture, photography, water colors and painting.

Judging will be done at the Al-

pha Epsilon Phi house Tuesday night by Karl Wolter, asst. professor of art, Allen Leepa, professor of art and Joanne Wank, art instructor.

A trophy will be awarded to the house with the first place piece of art. First, second and third place awards in each category will also be awarded.

Elaine Ryan, Westwood, Mass., senior, is the originator of the idea of an art show. She was chairman of last year's show and is chairman again this year.

end of winter term, however, that houses having keys would not be a policy change, but a procedural change, and thus each house should decide for itself if it wanted keys or not.

By the end of winter term, sororities were encouraged to submit implementation plans for a

key system at their house and this process is still continuing. After Panhel approves tentative plans, a sorority is given a go-ahead to install locks and purchase keys.

Some sororities on the system had their members obtain parental permission; some charged the girls a \$35 deposit; some sororities call for instant deactivation if a coed has duplicated her key. But whatever the details, sororities are getting keys and the comments have been in the definite affirmative.

"It has been great and a lot safer for the house, having it locked 24 hours a day," said Mary Fitch, Alpha Delta Pi member and Shaker Heights Ohio, junior, who wrote the implementation plans for her sorority.

Alpha Epsilon Phi's president Marguerite Fisher, Glencoe, Ill., junior, reports no major problems yet with her sorority's newly-established key system.

"The only thing is the doorbell to the front door," Miss Fisher said. "The house is locked between 8 p.m. and closing and, with no one specific on duty to answer the door, girls have to be ready for their dates now."

"The girls really like it better," said Merilee Byle, house president of Kappa Alpha Theta and Grand Rapids junior. "It's much more efficient and we haven't had any problems yet."

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## CO-ORDINATE ACTIVITIES

# Greek chairmen top seniors

Seniors of the Week Terri Mallett and Dave McGraw are already looking at Greek Week in retrospect, though it has just begun.

Terri and Dave are general chairmen of Greek Week and have been planning for it since last spring term.

"When you see things evol-

ving that you talked about, you look at it as if it were completed," Terri said. "It's something besides paperwork and meetings."

Some 400 Greeks are working on the activities of Greek Week, and 90 per cent of all Greeks are expected to take part in the events. All of this

is coordinated by eight committees, headed by 22 people, under Terri and Dave.

The committees look like independent entities," Dave said, "but they're very interdependent."

"I'll realize for the rest of my life how important communication is," Terri added.

Terri and Dave are a virtual mutual admiration society, pointing out each other's leadership qualities and dependability. Neither could have done it without the other, both agree.

"Complement is a good word," Dave said. "Neither did more than the other, and we've both worked hard."

Having co-chairmen to represent both fraternities and sororities has other advan-

tages, Dave said, especially in point of view.

"There's really nothing wrong with the American female," he said. "She's got good ideas. I don't agree with the idea that women don't make good businesswomen. They have brilliant minds for organization."

Terri, a former National College Queen, is an interior design major from Chagrin Falls, Ohio. She's been involved in a variety of activities, besides her three years with Greek Week, including offices in her residence hall and Pi Beta Phi sorority. Water Carnival executive board last year, State Singers, Little Sisters of Minerva and A.I.D., the interior design club. She

was a member of last year's Miss MSU Court and a member of the Gables' SAECA (where she met her fiance.)

"I remember how scared I was to come here," Terri said, "thinking there wasn't going to be a place for me. I realized I had to make my place."

"I wanted to meet people," she said. "I didn't want to sit in my room and rot away for four years. There are so many different types of persons, I didn't want to get stuck with the same group."

Dave, a marketing major from Bloomfield Hills, shares Terri's interest in people. The last four years have been a learning experience for him, he said, in terms of getting to


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*Seniors of the Week*

Terri Mallett and Dave McGraw, co-chairmen of Greek Week, have appropriately garbed themselves as Seniors of the Week.

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## Ugly man voted on this week

The "Ugliest Greek" competition will once more be offered as an outstanding facet of the festivities of Greek Week.

Voting will be held on the Union concourse from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday of Greek Week.

Voting involves placing a penny in the ballot box of the voter's favorite Ugly. The ugly man to accumulate the most money wins.

As last year, proceeds go to the Martin De Porres Housing Committee, a group of volunteer Lansing citizens working to find low-rent and low-cost homes for needy families.

The money will be used to repair homes in Lansing, and volunteer Greeks will work on the project throughout Greek Week.

This year, 27 houses are entering representatives in the ugly contest. Fraternities generally enter one of their members, while sororities sponsor a fraternity member.

Fraternities entering are Delta Sigma Pi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Mu, Alpha Gamma Rho, Delta Sigma Phi, Theta Delta Chi, Pi Kappa Phi, Beta Tau Pi and Delta Tau Delta.

Entering sororities include Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Delta Tau, Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Chi Omega, Phi Mu, Zeta Tau Alpha, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Gamma, Alpha Gamma Delta, Delta Pi and Sigma Kappa.

The sponsoring house of the winning candidate will get the Ugliest Greek continuous trophy for one year, while the top three contestants will be awarded plaques.

Each house in the Greek system is allowed to sponsor one contestant, who is photographed in whatever regalia he wants. This photograph is posted with the candidate's ballot box at the polls.

Monday, May 13

Fellow Greek,

This week is a time to reassess our goals and our aspirations. Membership in our chapters has provided us with many unique opportunities for broadening our education. Education, though, cannot stop at the door of the chapter house. Rather, one's education should grow, thrive and prosper among one's brothers or sisters.

Let us take time out from this week of fun and think about the problems that are facing us in today's society. We are the leaders on this campus and we must prepare ourselves for leadership in the larger society, outside of Michigan State University.

So, let's fire up and support all the activities of Greek Week but let's not stop there. Let's go on and prove that we deserve the position of leadership that we now occupy.

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**EXEC BOARD CHOICES**

# Top Greeks praise system

By **MARION NOWAK**  
State News Staff Writer

Representing the ideal "Greek for all seasons," Sally Aylesworth and John Spencer, members of Delta Gamma sorority and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, have been selected by the Greek Week Executive Board as outstanding senior Greeks.

"I am proud to have been a part of the Greek system," Miss Aylesworth stated, "and I hope that it will continue to remain an integral part of the university. The Greek system brings you closer to activities and services."

Besides her membership in Delta Gamma, Miss Aylesworth belongs to several university and national honoraries, including Alpha Lambda Delta, Tau Sigma, Kappa Delta Pi and Mortar Board.

A member of Honors College, she has served as president of Mortar Board and president of Wilson Hall in her freshman year.

Moreover, Miss Aylesworth has held positions as publicity chairman of Pan-Hellenic Council, Greek Sing co-chairman, and Delta Gamma rush chairman.

She has been honored by DG as their "outstanding pledge" and "outstanding junior" and has served on Spartan Round Table, the Student-Faculty Committee, the Wolverine activities staff and as sorority editor of the "Oracle."

Named one of MSU's "Top 20" students her sophomore year, Miss Aylesworth is a history major with a 3.4 GPA.

"I think history is an essential subject," she has stated. "It helps people to think critically and prepares them for college."

Further discussing the Greek system at Michigan State, she said: "Greeks are just another part of the student population, but I think they have a lot to offer. To me it's been rewarding for the comradeship, close ties and friendship."

John Spencer's record of achievements at MSU is equal to Miss Aylesworth's.

President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Spencer is a political science, and radio and television major from Waco, Texas.

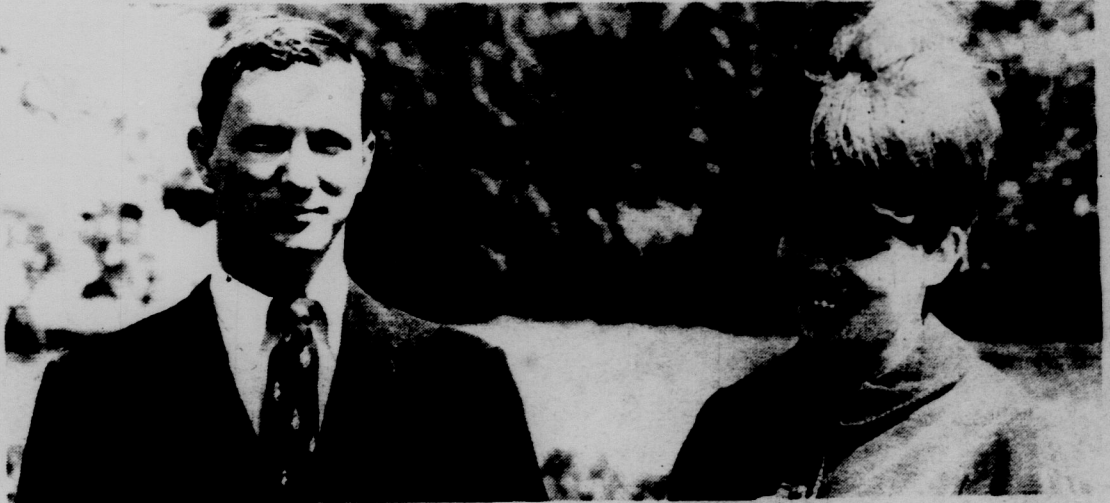
Following his military service, Spencer hopes to enter law school, which in turn will lead to a career in broadcast law.

He gets involved in activities because "it's fun" and has a lot of fun.

With the reputation of a "constructive progressive," his activities include the presidency of Union Board for two years, membership on the Student-Faculty Affairs Social Committee, the Political Science Student Advisory Committee, the MSU Amateur Radio Club, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma and the Inter-Fraternity Council President's Advisory Board.

Additionally, he has been vice-president of Wilson Hall, a member of the Greek Feast Executive Committee and is presently a member of the Blue Key honorary.

Also a "Top 20" student, Spencer regards himself as "an eccentric-I like to do offbeat things."



## Outstanding Greeks

Named Outstanding Greeks for their activities in fraternity and sorority life at MSU were John Spencer and Sally Aylesworth. State News photo by Bob Ivins

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# Sororities: products of work



## Construction

Still in the primary stages of construction, the Chi Omegas wait anxiously for completion of their new house on Burcham Drive.

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By PAT ANSTETT  
State News Staff Writer

The many new sorority houses which grace or will grace off-campus streets are the product of much planning and work by sorority officers, alumnae advisers and architects.

Although the average construction time for these many-roomed dwellings is six months, the actual planning and preparation involved takes several years.

Financing the buildings is one major problem. Usually the funds are supplemented by loans.

Loans, however, are not "easy to come by," according to Mrs. William Cheney, Sigma Kappa alumna. "Before a loan is obtained, you have to show sound financial standing to set up such an engagement," she said.

Mrs. Lee Hartman, Alpha Omicron Pi alumna, listed several factors which can hinder sorority housing. "Besides the high cost of financing such a project, interest rates have also risen," she said. She explained that loans also have to be repaid sooner.

Another problem which complicates housing construction is making sure alumnae advisers and architects aware of the latest city ordinances. "This saves time for us in finding out the appropriate building requirements," one alumnae adviser said.

"The city with these specific regulations is really trying to make multiple-dwellings blend in more with the neighboring residential areas," Mrs. Cheney said. "This often makes it more difficult for us to meet these requirements though."

One particular problem which building codes present regards the city's parking regulations. Recently, the city passed an ordinance which requires multiple dwellings to provide one parking place for every two residents.

"This parking code was one major stumbling block for us," Monica Leavitt, Chicago, Ill., junior, and Sigma Delta Tau president said. "We had to fit our new house into the area

that we had left after we provided for the parking spaces," she said.

The city, however, attempts to cooperate with the houses in establishing the best looking and most feasible arrangement for the city and its residents. The planning commission often allows variations on many of its codes, if the issue is petitioned properly.

The continual rezoning of city areas can also cause problems. Often sororities have purchased property, with plans of building there, when the area has been rezoned and the building of multiple-dwelling residence homes restricted.

The city, in the case of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, rezoned the land and "actually made it possible for us to build there," Mrs. Hartman said.

Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority also planned on building their new home on their own property on Delta Street. They petitioned the City Planning Commission to rezone the area, only to find the parking requirement had been changed, making their old parking lot too small.

"Since the building of a new house or addition entails so much work and financial responsibility, it requires not only an enthusiastic desire but also financial budgeting on the part of both the alumnae and the sorority itself," Mrs. Cheney said.

## Greek Facts

Of the current congress, 69 per cent of the senators are fraternity men, and 35 per cent of the house is Greek.

Each year, the fraternities, sororities and co-ops in East Lansing pay more than \$100,000 in property taxes to the City of East Lansing, their contribution to the welfare and education (public schools) of the city.

MSU currently has 33 fraternities, two colonies, and three professional groups (a colony is a group that is not active yet on the MSU scene but nearing active status), and is the ninth largest Greek population university in America.

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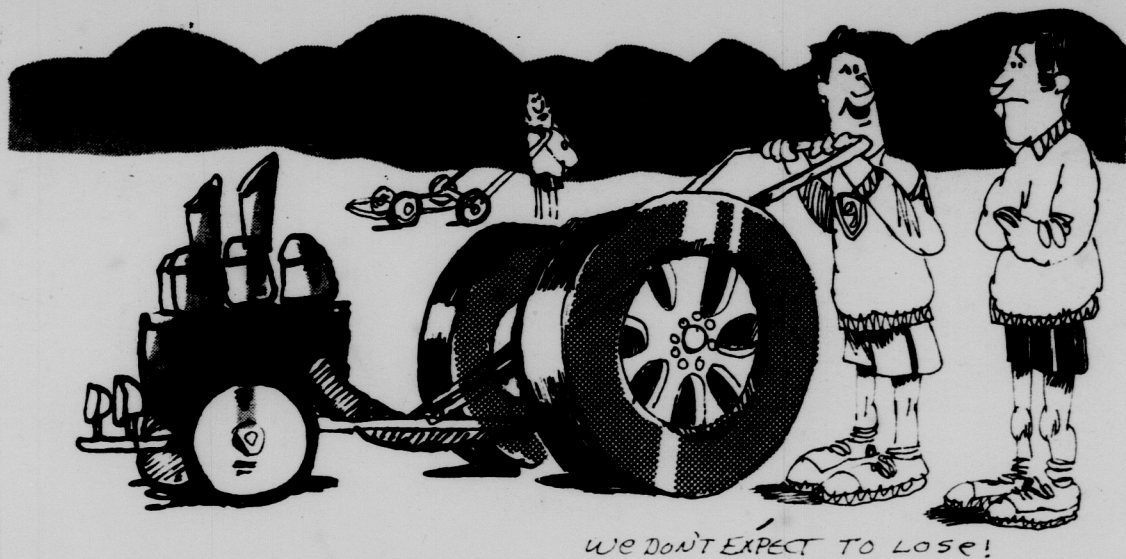
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### Little known Greek facts

There are 497 campuses with Greek Letter Societies, 150 more than the 1957 total. The number of members of all Greek societies, barring overlap, is 7,342,481. More than one out of 27 Americans is Greek.

Every President of the United States born since 1820, except two, has been a fraternity man, and every vice president since then except two has also been a fraternity man.

The chief executives who were fraternity men were Calvin Coolidge, James Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, John F. Kennedy, William McKinley, William Howard Taft, Harry S. Truman, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Theodore Roosevelt.

Although 20 per cent of the nation's college students are fraternity men, three out of four chief executives of the country's 750 largest corporations are fraternity men.



### 500 Entries

Push carts of all varieties were entered in Saturday's Lambda Chi Alpha Junior 500 push cart race. Although no turbine engined vehicles were entered, many felt the winning entry may have been run with super power.

### Seniors

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know himself and understanding people.

"I got to know people for people's sake," he said, "individuals for what they are and not what they represent. I think at a large university you get to know yourself better than at a small university. There's a place for everybody, and I think they can find it."

Greek Week has been a tangible expression of Dave's "place."

"For the first time I had something hard enough and challenging enough that I had to put my whole self into it or I wasn't going to be satisfied," he said. "I'm glad I've had that opportunity before I graduated from college."

Dave has held offices in Delta Upsilon fraternity, is a member of the Army Reserve (was recently discharged from the Naval Reserve,) and has been married since last December. He, too, has worked on Greek Week for three years.

Being concerned with community service, Dave saw in the Greek Week community project "more than books and studying; I saw a goal and purpose. People doing something for somebody else."

He views his major in the same way. Knowing what people's wants and needs are, and fulfilling the need, is more challenging than selling them something they don't want, he said.

### Symbols relevant to Greeks

Those who enjoy looking for deeper meaning in things are sure to find MSU's fraternities interesting, for there is much symbolism in Greek life.

Most of the symbols are nationally recognized as characteristic of the individual fraternity and are prominent on fraternity pins and crests.

The Phi Sigma Delta crest, for example, displays a pyramid and a palm tree which represent strength and shelter, and the Sigma Chi's pin is in the shape of a Christian cross.

Triangle, a fraternity of scientists and engineers, symbolizes its members' field of study on their pins. The pin is made to represent a surveyor's tangent.

The skull and crossbones which adorn the crest of Phi Kappa Sigma gained them the nickname of the "Skulls", and the Phi Gamma Delta house, known as the Fiji's, displays a fierce South Pacific barbarian complete with grass skirt and bone through the nose.

The symbolism is not only an individual thing but is carried on between various fraternities in social functions.

Sigma Nu. and Alpha Tau Omega, brother fraternities since the Civil War, have an annual black-foot and white-foot dance which springs from their close-knit beginnings.

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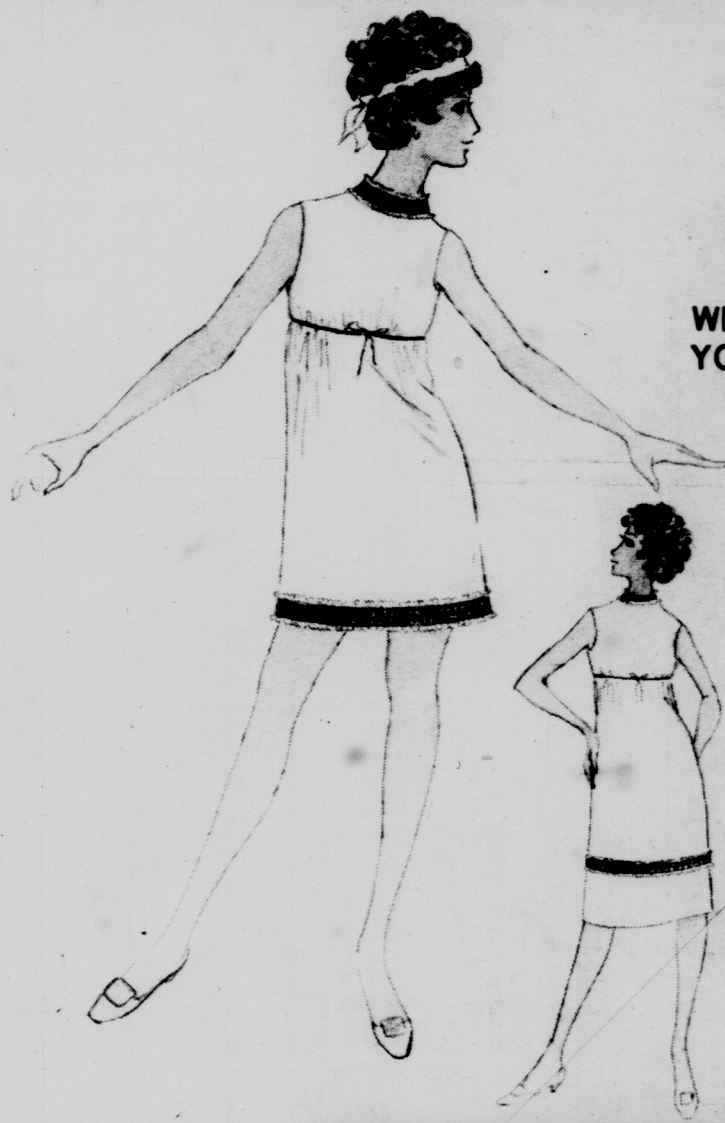
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**Mother's Day**

President of Delta Gamma sorority, Linda Mohney, Haslett junior, presents DG housemother, Mrs. Edythe Thurston, with her honorary mother's pin.

**BEGAN IN 1872**

**Greeks started early**

Back in the days when MAC Ave. was an institution of higher learning and not a street occupied by Greek living units, the Aggies first conceived the idea of fraternity.

Delta Tau Delta started the ball rolling in 1872, two years after coeducation, when the Iota Chapter made its debut. Phi Delta Theta followed in 1873.

Those two chapters took care of the fraternal needs of MAC's male population until 1922, when Lambda Chi Alpha and

Alpha Gamma Rho found homes in East Lansing.

As its letters indicate, AGR was originally founded as a national fraternity emphasizing agriculture and its related fields, quite proper for MAC.

Delta Sigma Phi joined the system the following year. Phi Kappa Tau was granted its chapter in 1924, and Pi Kappa Phi gained fraternity status in '25.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon brought brotherhood to Michigan State in 1927, but it was seven years later that a new chapter was formed. Bouncing back from the depression, Sigma Nu and Alpha Epsilon Pi opened houses in 1934.

There followed a period of prosperity. Colonization hit a

peak with Delta Chi ('35), Farmhouse ('36), Kappa Sigma ('37), Theta Chi ('39) and Alpha Tau Omega ('40) gaining fraternity status.

Despite the drain on manpower with the coming of World War II, Sigma Chi ('42) and Psi Upsilon ('43).

Alpha Phi Alpha was founded in '46, followed by Zeta Beta Tau in '47. Phi Kappa Sigma and Delta Upsilon gained their status in '49.

Beta Theta Pi ushered in the '50s. But another war slump hit the colleges and universities, and it wasn't until 1954 that Phi Kappa Psi picked up the thread. Triangle, a social fraternity of engineers, architects and scientists, arrived in '55.

The Greek ideal flourished again, with Alpha Sigma Phi opening its doors in '56. Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa and Sigma Alpha Mu all were granted charters in 1959.

Sigma Phi Epsilon joined the system in 1960. Phi Sigma Delta gained fraternity status in 1963, followed by MSU's two newest members, Theta Delta Chi and Tau Delta Phi, both in '64.

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# Psi U's first lady speaks

By LEE DINSMOORE

The life of the fraternity housemother is traditionally viewed as spent playing bridge and attending teas. Although these pleasant activities are a part, the role of social hostess, house manager and counselor to the chapter are her major responsibilities.

No one knows this better than Mrs. Margaret Warhurst, Psi Upsilon housemother for nine years and president of the Housemother's Assn.

Mrs. Warhurst explained that the major purpose of fraternity housemothers is "to encourage attitudes, habits and standards which will have an impact that lasts long after graduation."

"Success or failure after college is partially determined by the good manners and social awareness picked up and practiced every day in a fraternity," she said. "Housemothers help to attain this."

The duties which Mrs. Warhurst carries out range from personal counseling and social sponsorship to house management and teaching of etiquette. She is also a liaison between the University and the members of the house.

"However," Mrs. Warhurst said, "housemothers are not present to enforce University and house roles and regulations.

They are to see that such rules are observed. The house officers and members are mature enough to do the enforcing themselves."

Characteristics that Mrs. Warhurst feels are necessary to be a good housemother are "culture and poise, a good sense of humor, patience and tolerance and a little sewing ability."

"She must also take pride in the house, its members and the institution," she said.

However, Mrs. Warhurst said that the fraternity must offer certain traits to the housemother.

"Trust and respect," she said, "must be mutual between the house and the housemother in order that things run smoothly and effectively. I enjoy my work, because I've always felt I'm loved and respected. This means a lot towards a good relationship."

Mrs. Warhurst was born in Scotland and attended school there. She then came to the U.S. and was married to Clarence Warhurst, a well-known golf pro. In 1958, her husband died and Mrs. Warhurst came to MSU where her daughter, Anne, was a freshman. She applied to the dean for a housemother position and became the Psi Upsilon housemother in the fall of 1959. In her years as Psi U house-

mother, she has observed many changes and has many definite ideas about college life.

"Naturally I'm prejudiced," Mrs. Warhurst said, "but I believe that fraternities are an integral part of college. They serve the need of belonging and close companionship, besides giving the member a more mature attitude."

Being here nine years, Mrs. Warhurst has seen the student population more than double. She said that the Greeks have maintained their position despite this and she doesn't see any definite slacking off.

"I can actually see a resurgence of students towards the Greek system. Students will want to identify with a group as the University grows even larger."

Not even the possibility of new rulings allowing minors to live in apartments seems a menace to Mrs. Warhurst.

"The novelty of it seems exciting," she said, "but the advantages of fraternity living far outweigh this. Many students are looking for these advantages and will still join."

Mrs. Warhurst commented on the idea of fraternity men being stereotypes, also.

"They present the image of their house, but this isn't a stereotype. I've yet to see two men that are identical in attitudes, talk, or the way they handle themselves. Stereotypes are a complete fallacy."

Besides housemother duties, Mrs. Warhurst carries out the president's position in the Varka Club. This group, made up of all the fraternities' housemothers,



Housemother

Mrs. Margaret Warhurst, housemother of Psi Upsilon fraternity, is the president of the Housemother's Assn. at MSU. Mrs. Warhurst has been a housemother for the past nine years.

State News photo by Larry Hagedorn

meets once a month to discuss policies and to get together socially.

"We plan luncheons, speakers, and parties. It is an organization that keeps the women in touch."

Mrs. Warhurst said that she will always remember her ex-

periences as the Psi U housemother and wouldn't have missed it for the world.

"One thing I always enjoy and will remember forever is when I'm serenaded at the rush parties," she said.

The song "The Sweetheart of Old Psi U," of course!

## Non-secret ritual for Delta Upsilon

The Delta Upsilon bell ringers at home football games can not only boast of one of the loudest bells on campus but also of their unique non-secret ritual.

Setting them apart from other ritual-following fraternities, Del-

### Greek Feast features race, 'Minstrels'

The New Christy Minstrels will entertain at Greek Feast Saturday, with two hours of singing and their night club routine.

The group will be playing to an expected crowd of 2500, who will be feasting on fried chicken, potato salad and Ppesi.

The feast, which will follow the Sigma Alpha Mu Tricycle Race, will be held from 3:30-6:30 p.m. in East Lansing City Park.

Winners of Delta Upsilon's "Ugliest Greek" contest will be announced at the feast. Trophies will be given for first and second placd winners.

The ugliest Greek chosen from 25 entries submitted by Greek living units. Voting will be in the form of donations made at the Union in the name of the various contestants. The money will be divided between Greek Week expenses and charities.

ta Upsilon is the only fraternity with no ritual, secret words or handshakes. Even the final initiation ceremony, usually a secret welcoming of the pledges in the brotherhood, is open to the public.

Delta Upsilon originated in 1834 as "The Social Fraternity of William College." It's founders felt that the secret ritual which characterized all other fraternities was not a necessary part of such groups.

The group adopted the name Delta Upsilon in 1964, and changed from an anti-secret to non-secret fraternity. "With many fraternities moving away from the strict ritual that they started off with, our first brothers probably felt that it was no longer necessary to oppose these groups," Cam Piggott, Grosse Pointe sophomore, and pledge trainer said.

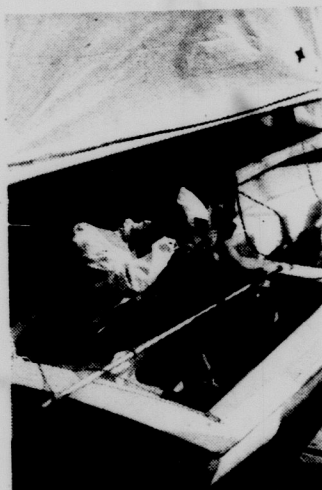
Ed Rueling, Interfraternity Council advisor, said that although Delta Upsilon's non-secret nature was a "good idea" it was not determinant of their success on this campus or nationally. "Since fraternities are tending to pay less attention to ritual and other secret rites, it is possible that groups of Delta Upsilon's non-secret nature may evolve in the future," he said.

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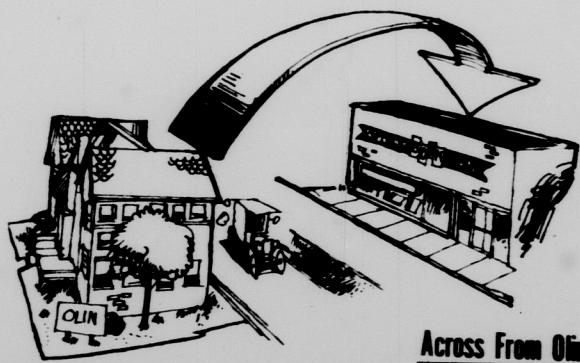
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