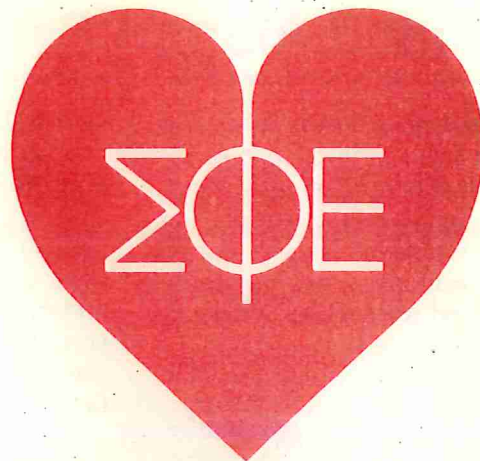


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*Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Ohio Iota Chapter, The University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio*

*"...always welcome..."*

## **38th Grand Chapter Conclave In Chicago Reaps A Revered Buchanan Cup For Ohio Iota**

The 38th Grand Chapter Conclave in Chicago was special for Ohio Iota. This Summer Ohio Iota was honored with its first Buchanan Cup. The Buchanan Outstanding Chapter Award is given to a few select chapters who meet special stiff requirements. Each chapter must show (1) academic excellence, (2) outstanding alumni relations, (3) extensive community participation, (4) educational rush program, (5) enlightening brotherhood development program, (6) financial stability, and (7) intramural participation to be awarded a Buchanan Cup.

Conclave, held on August 11-13, 1983, began with Walter B. Hailey, a retired Texas millionaire, giving an enlightening motivational speech on the excellence you can achieve with your own mind. Thursday evening was highlighted with a "Showcase of Excellence", the official opening ceremonies, and presentation of the revered Buchanan Cup. Spirits ran high among the delegates from over 200 chapters represented in anticipation for the awarding of the 22 Buchanan Cups. Members of the  
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*Ohio Iota's first Buchanan Cup. The inscribed silver plaque reads, "ΣΦΕ Buchanan Outstanding Chapter 1983 Ohio Iota".*

## Editors Note

# Expanded Alumni Participation Wanted

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With the days getting shorter and the nights longer Fall is upon us signaling that it is once again time for the Annual Sig-Ep Homecoming Weekend. Many actives and alumni are busily working, preparing, and laying ground work so you may have an enjoyable weekend. We will be celebrating the winning of our first Buchanan Cup which we received at Grand Chapter Conclave this past summer.

Stop over for the weekend of activities and recollect some of those old and lasting friendships that were so strongly bonded in your college days. I invite you to participate in the various activities. Join in at the parade viewing party, come "root" the Rockets on as they go for another Homecoming victory, and participate in the highlight of the weekend at the annual dinner-dance on Saturday evening.

For those alumni from out of town, the Quality Inn-Rossford is offering special discount rates for the weekend. If anyone would like help in arranging accommodations, feel free to contact me, David Manula, at my home 419/536-1377.

In case you haven't noticed yet, the Red Door has taken on a new

look. With this Issue I am going to be publishing a *Red Door* every September dealing with homecoming activities; January, dealing with the alumni casino party as well as winter activities; and April, which will deal with spring and summer activities as well as preview of the upcoming fall. Depending upon the amount of information available, a six and possibly an eight page *Red Door*, as seen in this issue, will be printed.

Something new has also started this fall. The *Red Door* will now have an alumni advisor, the first being Ron Binder a recent graduate of UT. This is to help the undergraduate editor make the necessary contacts as well as assisting to insure publication.

Enclosed with this issue you will again see the *Alumni Profile*. This feature was first begun in the last *Red Door* as a way of actively communicating with and getting to know you better, our alumni. Please take this opportunity to fill it out and drop it in the mail; we want to get to know you better. The response from the previous *Red Door* was rather overwhelming and

I was very pleased. This only goes to show that our alumni do care and are still interested in the fraternity. Within your profile it would be helpful for you to include items such as your educational background, continuing education, future personal goals, personal interests, and awards or honors you have received. Your profile will be sent on to Headquarters for write-up in the Journal; and each issue of the *Red Door* will present several indepth profiles.

I hope you enjoyed your summer and I'm planning on meeting you at the Sig-Ep Homecoming Weekend, October 14-16.

If you have any questions or problems regarding Homecoming or any other alumni function feel free to contact me at my home, 2448 Middlesex Drive, Toledo, Ohio 43606.

Hope to see you at Homecoming help Ohio Iota in celebrating their first Buchanan Cup.

Fraternally,

David W. Manula  
Alumni Director

## Active Chapter Update

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As an exciting summer comes to an end, it's time to gear up for a very busy fall. As usual, finances were tight this summer, but with the help of sixteen brothers living in the house we were able to meet our bills. Among those brothers, two alumni, Ted Behnken and Mike Willard, resided in the house. A big thanks also goes out to those two for all of their contributions.

Projects this summer around the house included two community service projects, two fund raisers, and a work day, in which a great deal was accomplished around the house.

I am sure you know by now that our

summer was highlighted at the 38th Grand Chapter Conclave in Chicago with the winning of Ohio Iota's first Buchanan Cup. This has been a very big goal of this chapter for many years. The actives would especially like to thank our alumni who shared in this dream and helped lay the framework as well as standards which it takes to win an award of this caliber. Our alumni set the foundation, as well as with some of our new ideas, allowing us to realize our first Buchanan Cup.

Rush projections for the fall look very promising. With only two weeks of rush when fall quarter

starts we have had to do some intense summer rushing. Rush Chairman, Bill Bixler, has been bringing rushees around the house and keeping them informed of the Summer and upcoming Fall activities on campus as well as around the fraternity.

The October 14-16 welcomes the Sig-Ep Homecoming Weekend and we are looking forward to another first place float as well as an enjoyable evening at the dinner dance at the Quality Inn-Rossford. I hope you will attend some of the many homecoming activities scheduled over the weekend.

# Sig-Ep Homecoming Celebration Set For October 15-16

Set aside October 15 and 16 to re-live and continue the experience of your college days at the University of Toledo during the Sig-Ep Homecoming Weekend.

This year's activities will be the biggest and best yet, because we'll still be celebrating our winning Ohio Iota's first Buchanan Cup. The actives are very excited and are looking forward to sharing the celebration with the alumni who helped lay the ground work to make this very special award possible.

This year's events, which will be highlighted by the dinner-dance at the Quality Inn-Rossford have been expanded to prolong the weekend festivities.

Start your homecoming weekend off early Friday night by stopping over to the Sig-Ep House and cheering everyone on as the brothers and the Pi-Phi's complete another award winning float.

Begin Saturday bright and early at Brother Mark Mandula's House at his Third Annual Parade viewing Party. Brother Mandula's house is located at 2809 Cheltenham Drive, between Christie and Hughes on the west side of the

After homecoming, and the construction of the float is finished, we will resume with construction of the haunted barn. Haunted barn is merely two weeks after homecoming, so as you can see we will be very busy the first few months of Fall quarter.

Everyone feel free to stop by the house and say hello. I'm looking forward to homecoming and celebrating Ohio Iota's first Buchanan Cup with everyone.

Fraternally,  
Joe Tschantz  
Active Chapter President

street. The merriment will start at 7 a.m. and last until 11 a.m. Brother Mandula asks you to please bring a lawn chair if you wish to sit while viewing the parade.

Observe the rapid construction of UT's newest Business Administration Building, and recent additions to its Engineering Science Building, on your way down to the tailgate party. The tailgate party will be in Lot 10, located between the Glass Bowl and the tennis courts.

Enjoy your beautiful autumn afternoon watching the Rockets host the Redskins of Miami at 1:30 in the Glass Bowl. Look for the Sig-Ep staff and come sit with the brothers and enjoy an ice cold beer.

The evening celebration will begin with cocktails at the Quality Inn—Rossford at 7 p.m. The Quality

Inn-Rossford is located off I-75 at the Wales Road exit. A succulent dinner featuring baked ham, roast beef, broccoli, au gratin potatoes, and assorted desserts will be served at 8 p.m. Dancing and awards will follow the dinner.

The cost of the evening will be \$35.00 per couple for Alumni Association Members; \$40.00 for non-member alumni; and \$45.00 for non-members who join the Alumni Association at this time. The deadline for payment is October 1, 1983.

Out come the old jerseys on Sunday for the annual alumni-active football game. The game will start at 1 p.m. at Willys Park. The active brothers are looking forward to another win this year.

Following the football game, there will be a cookout/open-house at the Sig-Ep House with plenty of ice cold beer for everyone.

## Homecoming 1982



*Sig-Ep award winning 1982 homecoming float.*

# Alumni Association Update

The Sig-Ep Alumni Association is gearing up for another fantastic Homecoming Weekend on October 14-16, under the leadership of Chairman Mike Putman. You should have received a letter explaining the details for homecoming at the Quality Inn-Rossford. If you haven't sent in your reservations form yet, please do so soon so that we have a firm number to plan for.

This past summer the Alumni Association sponsored our 4th Annual Alumni/Active Tennis Tournament. Tournament director Jim Irmen provided for a good time both during and after the tournament with plenty of hot dogs, chips and beer at the house.

You may have noticed in your Homecoming letter the announcement of our Second Annual Sig-Ep Golf Outing scheduled for September 24. Last year this new event revealed many golfers among the Sig-Eps. Eighteen holes of golf and plenty of Sig-Ep refreshments at the nineteenth hole should be a great time for all.

Our Alumni Association officers continue to meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. Feel free to drop by at 2923 Sherbrooke or give me a call at (419) 473-2043 if you have any ideas or questions.

As you can see, your Alumni Association is still growing stronger every year with many activities and events. If you haven't joined yet, why not send in your \$10 dues today and stop by our next activity!

Fraternally,

Randy N. McCullough  
Alumni Association  
President

## Sig Ep Calendar

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| Saturday<br>September 24, 1983                                   | Second Annual Sig-Ep Alumni Golf Outing<br>Spuyten Duyval Golf Course; 12 noon   |
| Wednesday<br>September 28, 1983                                  | Alumni Association Meeting<br>2923 Sherbrooke; 8 p.m.  |
| Saturday<br>October 1, 1983                                      | Football: Toledo vs. Ohio University<br>7:30 p.m. Glass Bowl   |
| Friday<br>October 14, 1983                                       | University of Toledo-Sig-Ep Homecoming Weekend<br>7:00 p.m. finish float (Sig-Ep House)  |
| Saturday<br>October 15, 1983                                     | University of Toledo-Sig-Ep Homecoming Weekend<br>7:00 a.m. Parade Viewing Party (2809 Cheltenham)<br>11:00 a.m. Tailgate Party (UT Campus Lot 10)<br>1:30 p.m. Toledo vs. Miami University<br>7:00 p.m. Dinner Dance (see accompanying article) |
| Sunday<br>October 16, 1983                                       | University of Toledo-Sig-Ep Homecoming Weekend<br>1:00 p.m. Alumni-Active Football Game<br>4:00 p.m. Cookout/Open House (Sig-Ep House)   |
| Wednesday<br>October 26, 1983                                    | Alumni Association Meeting<br>2923 Sherbrooke; 8 p.m.  |
| Thursday<br>October 27, 1983<br>to<br>Sunday<br>October 30, 1983 | Sig-Ep Haunted Barn<br>3530 Dorr Street  |
| Saturday<br>October 29, 1983                                     | Football: Toledo vs. Kent State<br>7:30 p.m. Glass Bowl  |
| Saturday<br>November 19, 1983                                    | Football: Toledo vs. Central Michigan<br>7:30 p.m. Glass Bowl  |
| Wednesday<br>November 30, 1983                                   | Alumni Association Meeting<br>2923 Sherbrooke; 8 p.m.  |
| Saturday<br>March 3, 1984  | Sixth Annual Alumni Casino Party<br>Sig-Ep House; 9 p.m. (see next issue of<br><i>Red Door</i> for more details)   |

## New Alumni Brothers

The following brothers have joined our alumni program in the past year. We would like to welcome them and ask them to actively participate in our functions and activities.

Ron Binder  
Mark Bugaj  
Marty Burchfield  
Mark Christoff  
Andy Conrad

Tim Harrington  
Tom Mandula  
Mike Matthews  
Matt McCarty  
Wally Miller  
Tom Ozello  
Mike Rutkowski  
Tim Schleuter  
Mike Sheehan  
Matt Tavtigan  
Jeff Tripp



*"You may switch to the less expensive wine now."*

MARK S. MANDULA INVITES YOU AND A GUEST TO SIP SOME OF THE LESS EXPENSIVE WINE (AND OTHER ASSORTED LIQUIDS) SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15, 1983 AT THE THIRD ANNUAL "UT HOMECOMING PARADE VIEWING CELEBRATION." THIS YEAR'S BASH PROMISES TO BE BETTER THAN THE PREVIOUS BINGES. THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL COMMENCES PROMPTLY AT 7:00 A.M., AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL OUR BOOZE RUNS OUT, OR EVERYBODY PASSES OUT, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. IMPORTANT DETAILS BELOW - WEAR BLUE AND GOLD !!!!!!!!!!!

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BE PREPARED TO PARTY.  
NO MICHIGAN OR MIAMI FANS WELCOME.  
ALL WELCOME.

## Grand Chapter Conclave (cont.)

Ohio Iota delegation were quite surprised but elated upon hearing when the 12th Cup was presented, "... Ohio Iota, The University of Toledo," was read to the more than a thousand Sig-Ep's at the awards ceremony. Joe Tschantz, Active Chapter President, received the Cup for the Ohio Iota Chapter. Joel later said, "receiving the Cup and walking down the aisle to the applause of fellow Sig-Ep brothers from all over the country was truly a moving event. I felt so proud of all the work brothers have done over the years to help make Ohio Iota the great chapter it is today. We all (Ohio Iota Brothers) won this cup."

Much champagne was drunk out of the Cup Thursday evening and early Friday morning. After awakening with the reminders of the abusive consumption of cham-

pagne from the previous evening, the morning was spent discussing ritual legislation, and the afternoon was left for investigating the Michigan Avenue Shopping district. A Roaring 20's Party with straw hats



and souvainer cups began the festivities Friday evening. A "march down Rush Street", the famous Chicago bar district, rounded our Friday's activities.

Saturday saw legislation and

group seminars come to a close. A Gala reception and Conclave Awards Dinner topped off the 38th Grand Chapter Conclave. The agenda for the evening included the Presentation of awards for Outstanding Alumni Program, Chapter Man-Mile, Charles H. Pafford Award, Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation, Order of the Golden Heart, and installation of new National Board of Directors.

Alumni and active brothers from 200 chapters attended Conclave this past Summer. Alumni brothers from Ohio Iota who attended Conclave included: Paul Dewine, Tom Mandula, Ted Behnken, Jack Mandula, Don Warnke, Mark Mandula, and Mike Matthews.

The 39th Grand Chapter Conclave is scheduled to be held in San Antonio, Texas, August, 1985.

### Second of a series

## Chi Beta Chi Invites Alumni Participation

Chi Beta Chi Alumni extend a warm "hello" to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Association.

Ask three or more members of the Chi Beta group on what it has done in the past, how is it functioning now, what are its plans for the future and you will get more suggestions than can be handled on one page.

Chi Beta Chi was first organized on the University campus in the Spring of 1929. The goal of the fraternity was the development of culture, brotherhood, and character among university men. We were fortunate during the formative years and many years following, to have Dr. Charles Bushnell serve as

fraternity advisor. With his very capable help and guidance, we functioned most successfully during the lean years of the great depression. World War II desecrated the membership. It saw many of our group serving in the armed forces throughout the world. Chi Beta Chi survived and continued to grow in all these trying times. In 1951 Chi Beta Chi was installed as the Ohio Iota Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Our Alumni group is a shrinking organization membership wise. Time has taken its toll but we continue to function. Every other year the Chi Beta oldtimers hold a dinner dance — a real social gather-

ing that goes hand in hand with the University homecoming activities. In 1982 over 90 people were in attendance. The brothers for the most part were a little thinner on top and quite a bit thicker around the middle. It's a lot of nostalgia. It's a rekindling and sparking of old memories. Our next get together will be held in 1984.

The University and fraternity added much to all our lives. Our goal in the future — give added help and support to both.

Best regards,

James Grosjean

President

Chi Beta Chi Alumni

First of a Series

# Alumni Profile: Donald Petroff '61

"The Sig-Ep Chariot Races were one of the prime events in fraternity life on the UT campus. A sorority would sponsor a Sig-Ep and they (the sorority girls) would build a chariot in which to parade their Sig-Ep around. The sorority girls would be used as horses to pull a Sig-Ep chariot around in vicious competition. A great deal of the time the sorority with the most athletically inclined women would win the match taking home their Sig-Ep to victory."

This is one of the many memories of Brother Donald Petroff, '61, who was recently interviewed for the *Red Door's Alumni Profile*. Brother Don has been involved with and experienced Sigma Phi Epsilon in a wide spectrum. Pledging in his third year of collegiate life, Brother Don has seen the fraternity as a non-Greek, rushee, pledge, brother, and alumnus.

As a non-Greek Brother, Don led the traditional student life. He would go to class and then remove himself from campus, not actively

participating in extracurricular activities. Brother Don became friends with a few Sig-Ep's and later pledged. Once a brother, "my positive days started," Brother Don commented.

Playing an active role in Sig-Ep, Brother Don served his chapter as well as his university to his greatest potential. "I was Pledge Educator, House Manager, and Director of Ceremonies at all of the rush functions, probably what you today call rush chairman. I also played a role on the *Collegian* Staff as Business Manager of the paper."

"Sig-Ep played a major role in my college days. I had a wandering spirit for a couple of years and then I found contentment in Sig-Ep. It was sort of like a grave mistake that I didn't pledge my first year, but thank goodness I saw the light and pledged. When you were a Greek on the UT campus you were required to participate and be at all of the functions. This gave everyone the opportunity to expand and possibly later develop all of

their 'unknown' interests."

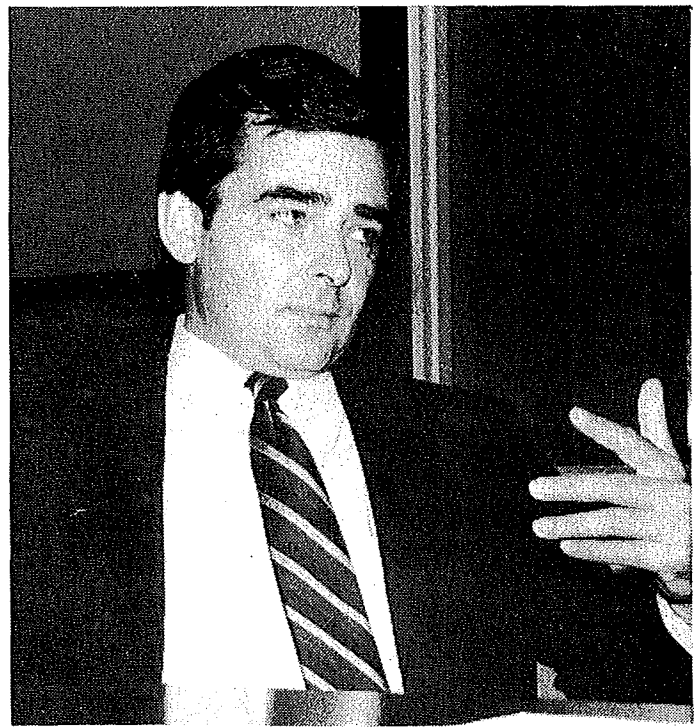
As an alumni, Brother Don has served us well. Sitting on the Householding Corporation, he was one of the select few that made our present house at 3530 Dorr Street a reality. "We looked at houses all over the Toledo area and finally found the right one for Sig-Ep on Dorr Street. Looking for the house was not easy especially one that was going to house the 'gentlemen of the campus'," Brother Don said.

Today Brother Don serves as a Municipal Judge for the City of Oregon. His wife, Sarianne, and he have two growing children, Donald and Leslie.

"Some of the best times in the fraternity were the chapter meetings. They brought everyone together and they all expressed their opinions and viewpoints. Meetings brought opposing groups and interests at odds with one another, but they also let us iron out these problems we had with each other. The meetings were the valuable learn-



"once a brother, my positive days started"



"I learned to develop 'unknown' interests"

# Call It A Draw!

by Brother Jim Irmén

ing experiences on how to get along with people, how to deal with them, and what resolutions to come to in the long run."

When asked how the fraternity as a whole helped you, Brother Don replied, "I was rather shy in the beginning. People pushed me to do things as well as put me into situations that made me deal with and come to my own decisions. I was pushed to the front of others, into a public role. As this happened I began to take an active role in meetings. Fraternity life is not phony; lessons are learned which can be valuable to you in the long run. The wide range of personalities that we come in contact with leads us to our success. Everyone works together, you need all types of people, not just a glut of one type. When that happens you become one-sided and are therefore deficient in some degree."

"The most valuable thing I received from and put into Sig-Ep was the interaction with all of the fellow chapter members, how I dealt with them, and for what reason I came to that conclusion." That was extremely important to Brother Don because in reality that is what he now does for a living. Dealing with people, the who, what and why.

## MOVING?

If you are, please let us know ... and we will let your Brothers know ... and we'll change your mailing address.

The Annual Sig-Ep Alumni/Active Tennis Tournament came to an anti-climatic finish on the hottest Saturday in July. When it was all over, teammates Chuck Schaub and Russ Ely shook hands with Gene Pinkus and Bob Weisburg and called it a tie. In one of the strangest finishes in alumni/active athletic competition the players simply left it, "we'll settle this later!"

After splitting the first two sets the contestants realized they had a conflict. Apparently, due to the match running overtime, Bob Weisburg was late for work. At least that was the report given to the tournament director as the players left the court. But when Pinkus was interviewed later he explained, "the old guys were getting real tired and we didn't want to see anyone get hurt." Pinkus added, "Weisburg wasn't going to work, he had a date."

The defending champions Ely and Schaub looked though but were beginning to fade toward the end of the second set. The champions remained confident though. At the Sig-Ep house afterward Ely commented that, "conditioning has been the key to our success and it was especially true under today's grueling conditions."

The undergrads had a tough road to the finals defeating Jim Bope and Mike Putman in probably the most incredible match of the day. Bope is definitely the anchor of his doubles team with an albatross around my neck today," a disappointed Bope said after their first round loss.

The next opponents to face the Pinkus/Weisburg team were the 94th seeded team of Joel Tschantz and Dave Yee who came from nowhere to make it to the semi-finals.

They went down to defeat under a relentless attack from their fellow undergraduates. "Nice brothers," Tschantz said several times during the match.

Tschantz and Yee reached the semi's by edging alumni Barry Vanderkelen and Mike Willard. Vanderkelen said his playing was severely hindered. When asked what the problem was he said, "at the same time I was playing, I was doing the play by play commentary for the mixed doubles on the next court for WERC Sports."

In the mixed double competition Sue "Chris Evert" Moll and Jimmy "Connors" Irmén beat Dr. William Ruud and his lovely wife Judy. Moll likened Judy Ruud's play to that of Rosie Casals but said, "Bill played alot like Billie Jean King using her left hand." The hard fought match was the first mixed doubles ever played in the history of the alumni/active tennis tournament. The mixed doubles champions were crushed in the semi-finals by the team of Ely and Schaub.

In the first round Brothers Jim and Mike Todak gave Ely and Schaub a very tough test and did not go down to defeat easily. With Brother Jim hitting from the left side and Brother Mike hitting from the right, the defending champions were a bit off balance in the early going. But real champions come back, and that they did and sneaked by Todak and Todak in their first round victory.

This account of the tournament would not be complete without noting the contribution of Jeff Barnes and Randy McCullough. They showed up.

It is hoped that all of the above mentioned individuals read this account in the spirit of fun, in which it was intended.



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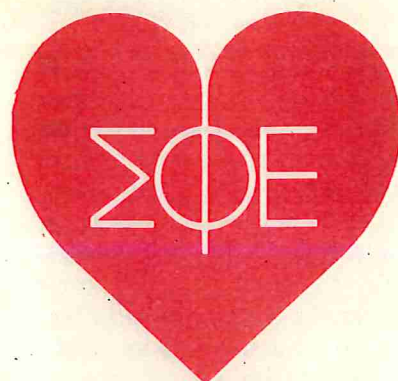
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