

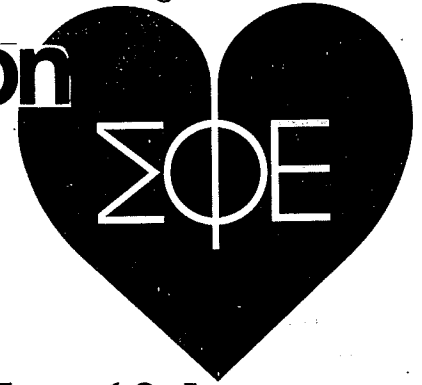
Spring 1979



# Sigma Phi Epsilon

## Red Door Red Door

Ohio Iota Chapter



### Fifth annual Raft Regatta set for May 19th

Once again the Sig Ep-Stroh's Great Raft Regatta will conclude Spring Week activities on the University of Toledo campus.

Activities sponsored by different organizations will begin Monday, May 14 and conclude on Friday, May 19 with the ever growing regatta, which is in its fifth year.

The regatta consists of rafts built by the entrants which race down the Ottawa Creek that flows beside the Carlson Library.

The raft must be no larger than four feet wide and six feet long. The rafts are constructed from a variety of

materials, from conventional inner tubes to molded styrofoam. Any organization on campus can enter in the race. In the early heats, time trials will eliminate some contestants. In the semi-final and final heats, head-on raft vs. raft competition will decide the winner.

"Plans have been moving along good, slowly, and surely, but we hope to make it the biggest and best ever, it being the 5th annual," said Jeff Sopko, organizer of the regatta. Over forty rafts are expected to compete for the first place spot, making this the largest field ever in the five year

history of the regatta. More than 500 fans, friends, and frolickers are expected to line the river banks.

"Since this is the fifth annual, I would like to thank the original raft regatta planners; Bruce Williams, Bob Ruckman, Don Warnke, and Dr. Larry Marzulli; Also raftmen Jay Sopko and Jesse Capri. I would like to thank them for their originality, foresite and hard work to make this an annual spring tradition," Sopko added about the history of the regatta. He also stressed that all Alumni are invited and encouraged to attend the regatta.

### No hazing for new pledges

For years the Sigma Phi Epsilon National Headquarters has been urging the individual chapters to adopt a pledge program free of any sort of hazing. Ohio Iota, while not being the first chapter to follow the advice of National, is certainly not the last.

The brothers voted overwhelmingly last October to adopt a modern and progressive pledge program beginning with the Fall 1978 pledge class. The new program was not thrown together haphazardly, but through much research into other chapters new programs, material from National and most importantly the advice and opinions from brothers of Ohio Iota. A special retreat was held in the summer to formalize the teachings of the new program.

Gone from the new pledge program are organized line-ups and individual hazing of any pledge. Emphasis is

placed on a one-to-one relationship between brothers and pledges, with the thought that the pledge is not "the lowest creature on the earth," but an equal. The pledges are still required to learn their material and to show respect for our traditions, the house and one another. However, it is no longer "beat" into them, but rather pressure is applied while allowing the pledges to move at their own pace in accomplishing their objectives within their nine weeks of pledgship.

I am sure there are alumni, as there are active brothers, who insist a good pledge program is not possible without hazing, and that the fraternity's atmosphere is turning into that of a country club. These views are understandable when there has been no viable alternative used. We have now used the alternative—and it works. We experienced problems Fall quarter and still are,

but we have been able to realize these shortcomings and are attempting to correct them.

We still have a lot of progress to make in order to bring out pledging program to a point where it is completely free of hazing, but that will come with time and the general maturing of the brotherhood toward that end. For now much progress has been made with the basis laid for future change (this was recognized by National at the Regional Academy held at Cleveland State where Ohio Iota won an Excelsior Cup for the new brotherhood development program.)

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# President's Report

After completing my term as Vice-President and having been elected to the position of President, I am looking forward to the coming year with great anticipation. In my capacity as a member of the Executive Committee, I have derived a unique vantage point and I am constantly amazed at the continuous progress our chapter has made. Throughout this academic year the brothers have attacked each and every project with unrestrained spirit.

The success was evident at the Regional Leadership Academy held at Cleveland State when our chapter was honored with several awards. The chapter was awarded the Excelsior Cup for its dramatic improvement in operations. This was

indeed a privilege as it was the second consecutive year our chapter has been so recognized. Specifically the award pertained to the installation of a progressive Brotherhood Development Program. Ohio Iota also received an Academic Trophy for maintaining the highest accumulative grade point average on the UT Campus. In addition, Brother Mark Mandula won the Zollinger Award for the outstanding Senior in the District.

If past performance is any indication of future events, the Spring Quarter will be just as exiting and rewarding. The highlight of the quarter will undoubtedly be "Songfest" on Saturday, May 5. Traditionally, "Songfest" has been a celebration of joyous activity, hard

work, and merry-making. Last year the brothers were truly delerious upon winning "Songfest," the Dean Parks Award for the Outstanding Fraternity on Campus, and the Academic Award. This year we intend to surpass our previous record.

I would like to personally invite all alumni to "Songfest" and to the party at the house afterwards. I know that the brothers are exited to have the alumni be a part of such an important event for the chapter. I believe that the maintainence of a close relationship between the active chapter and the alumni is an essential part of a lifetime brotherhood in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

Jack Mandula

## House...

There have been numerous improvements to the condition of the house in the past few months. The Fall 1978 pledge class cleaned the house garage, painted the ceiling, and put up barn siding, installed new lighting fixtures, and put down a new floor. With a little more work it will become a new year round gamne room.

Other improvements include the reinforcement of the walls in the upstairs hallways, the installation of bannisters in all of the stairways, and the checking of all of the bathroom and window fixtures.

Three important improvement aspects for the house in the coming months are a continuation of the general clean condition of the house itself, developing the attic for storage space, and the low use of heating oil due to proper insulation. We are also expecting new furniture and modernization of various parts of the house.

## 36th Conclave, Cincinnati Hilton

August 17-21, 1979, is the date! The Cincinnati Netherland Hilton is the place!

Brothers, both undergraduates and alumni, from chapters all across the country are invited. The Grand Chapter Conclave is Sigma Phi Epsilon's National legislative and leadership convention.

The Grand Chapter Conclave will begin Friday, August 17 with registration at 1:00 p.m., and the meeting will offically be called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the opening session.

This 36th Grand Chapter Conclave program is filled with many activities specifically planned for alumni. Events planned for alumni include:

- ★ *Alumni workshops*
- ★ *Special Alumni luncheon*
- ★ *Riverboat ride and party*
- ★ *Special alumni reception hosted by the Grand President*
- ★ *Exhibits and displays on fraternity programs of intrest to alumni*
- ★ *Outstanding programs for the wives too!*

Plan now to attend. Join our brothers and be in the delegation from our chapter in Cincinnati, Ohio August 17-21, 1979.

For registration information, you may write to;

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## Monthly Luncheons

April 25 is an important date on your calandar for it is the next scheduled date for the monthly Sip-Ep luncheon at the Commodore Perry Motor Inn. We have already held two such luncheons and the turnout was very encouraging. Beginning this month, (April) we plan to have these luncheons the last Wednesday of each month. We will meet at 12:00 noon in the Captain's Table located on the second floor of the Commodore.

# 11 new Golden Hearts

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon have honored eleven outstanding girls allowing them membership into the sisters of the Golden Heart. Our new Golden Hearts are Cherri Bauman, Jan Dessert, Katie Dollman, Kathie Heter, Michelle Jacob, Denise Kasly, Julie Lechlak, Anna Markley, Liz Mayer, Paula Pennypacker, and Wendy Watkins.

The Golden Heats Have elected new officers for the coming year. Mickey Scully will be serving as President with Deb Williams as Vice-President. The newly elected treasurer is Heidi Junker and secretary Tina Garwacki. The brothers would also like to recognize the outstanding job of last years officers: President Neida Heusinkvelt, Vice-President Heidi Junker, Treasurer Diane Russell, and Secretary Holly Harris.

Golden Heart Deb Williams was Ohio Iota's nominee for national Golden Heart of the Year. She was also a nominee for the Miss Toledo Pageant this last March.

The girls have numerous activities planned for spring quarter. For the first time ever the girls will be participating in Songfest. They also have two fund raising projects planned: selling watermelons during Spring Week and selling hot dogs at the Raft Regatta.

The weekend of Formal will be quite hectic for the Golden Hearts. Friday is the annual Brother-Golden Heart softball game followed by a hot dog roast at the house. Alumni are encouraged to attend. Afterward, the girls will hold their annual leg auction to be followed by the Brother-Golden Heart slumber party. Saturday Morning the girls will fix breakfast for the brothers.

# Calendar

Saturday, May 5	Songfest @ 8:00 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. Alumni Open House and party afterward at the Sig-Ep house.
Friday, May 19	Strohs-Sigma Phi Epsilon Great Raft Regatta in Ottawa River at UT. Race begins at 12:00 noon with raft judging at 11:30.
Sunday, May 27	Sig—Ep Spring Formal at Commodore Perry Motor Inn downtown. <i>(See accompanying article for details, prices, etc.)</i>
Sunday, June 3	Senior-Golden Heart Appreciation Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. in the Adult and Continuing Education Center.
August 17-20	Sig-Ep National Conclave in Cincinnati, Ohio. <i>(See accompanying article for details.)</i>
Saturday, Oct. 20	UT Homecoming @ 1:30 p.m. Ohio University vs. UT. <i>(See next issue of Red Door for further details.)</i>
Oct. 27-31	Third Annual Sig-Ep Haunted House.

# Brother Briefs

Thirteen brothers and Golden Hearts of Ohio Iota have been accepted into Who's Who in American colleges and Universities. They include brothers Mike Todak Rick Stegman, Brad Rice, Tony Sheehan, Mark Mandula, Jack Mandula, Greg Machnik, and Brian Towns. Accepted Golden Hearts are Neida heusinkvelt, Holly Harris, Pat Nicholas, Paula Fogel, and Paula Pennypacker. Out of the 33 people accepted at U.T., 39% were Sig-Eps.



The 1979 Bachelor of the Year as elected by the UT Student Body is Brother Russ Ely.



Brother Rick Stegman and Golden Heart Pat Nicholas were recently welcomed into Blue Key National Honor Fraternity. Membership in Blue Key is limited to thirteen members at any one time and is awarded on the basis of academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. Current members of Blue Key are brothers Mark Mandula and Mike Todak.



Brother Tom Nichols is this year's Freshman Camp Director with Brother Russ Ely as Assistant Director.



Associate Justice Brother Jack Mandula was recently appointed Chief Justice of the Student Judiciary Council. newly appointed associate justices are Brothers Randy McCullough, John Scott and Tony Sheehan.

## Formal 1979

The date has been set and the plans are fitting into place for this year's Sig-Ep Spring Formal. The date is May 27 at the Commodore Perry Motor Inn in downtown Toledo.

Cocktails (cash bar) will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. At 8 p.m., dinner will be served. Following dinner will be an awards presentation, then the dance lasting until 2 a.m..

The cost of a bid will be \$38 per couple. The music will be provided by the band "Solstice." The bid price will include dancing, dining, and favors.

Seniors Mark Mandula and Mike Todak have been planning the evening since the beginning of the year. In an attempt to help make things move smoothly, all interested brothers should have a \$15 deposit to Jeff Barnes, Active Chapter Controller, by April 18.

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## Vice-President's Report

As newly elected Vice-President, I am pleased about the events of last quarter and excited for the upcoming Spring Quarter events, just as the rest of the active chapter is.

In reviewing Winter quarter's activities, it is apparent that participation and enthusiasm was the key to another good rush, election of new officers, a fantastic Regional Academy weekend in Cleveland, and many other chapter, community, and social events. This Spring quarter we are looking for the same participation and enthusiasm not only for the active chapter, but for the alumni as well.

Our busy spring calendar includes several events which will be great for alumni attendance. The University of Toledo's annual "Songfest" will be held May 5, at 8:00 p.m. After last year's victory, the Sig-Eps are preparing for another winning performance. We are looking forward to a large alumni turnout for this event after having several alumni commitments for it already.

Then, on May 19, at 12:00 p.m., the campus rafts will be shoving off in what has become one of the University's largest and most popular spring activities -- the Sigma Phi Epsilon Raft Regatta.

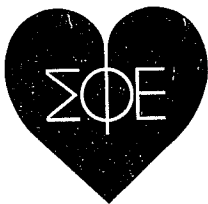
In winding up the school year, we would like to invite the alumni to our Spring Formal to be held on May 27, at the Commodore Perry Hotel in downtown Toledo. We are expecting in excess of 50 couples from active chapter and hope that many alumni consider attending.

Just as a couple of reminders, the next Alumni House Holding Board meeting is scheduled for April 18, at 8:00 p.m. at the Sig-Ep house, and the next monthly Alumni Luncheon at the Commodore Perry will be on April 25 at 12:00 noon. We've been having a good alumni turnout for these luncheons on the last Wednesday of every month, so let's keep it up!

Fraternally,

Randy McCullough

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