

TAU CHAPTER NEWS LETTER

TO AND FOR OUR KAPPA SIGMA BROTHERS IN THE
ARMED FORCES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



LETTER #1

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TO THE BROTHERS OF TAU CHAPTER WHEREVER YOU ARE:

This NEWS LETTER is the first of a series to keep you informed of what our Tau Chapter brothers in Kappa Sigma are doing. This NEWS LETTER is for you brothers who are in the service. Tau Chapter knows you are hungry for news of the brothers you knew in Tau Chapter and news of the Chapter. These NEWS LETTERS will give you such news.

You can make the succeeding issues of this NEWS LETTER better and more interesting if you will acknowledge these NEWS LETTERS, give us some news about you and any of the brothers you know about, and write us about anything or anybody you want to hear about in the coming issues of Tau's NEWS LETTER.

Tau Chapter of Kappa Sigma is proud of the service you are rendering wherever you are and whatever your service may be.

Tau Chapter salutes its brothers in the service. Tau Chapter sends its fraternal greetings to you and dedicates the TAU CHAPTER NEWS LETTER to you.

HERE'S THE DOPE ON YOUR CHAPTER

Despite the continuing inroads of war service, old Tau Chapter is still carrying on. If we do say it, we are doing better than many chapters on the campus. In the semester ending last week, we had a chapter roll of twenty-nine brothers and two pledges. Our chapter personnel shows changes each semester. The University is open the year around and has three semesters of four months each. As our brothers become eighteen years old, they are generally in or are getting in the service before waiting for their draft boards to induct them. Yes, you guessed it; the boys in the chapter are what you would say are mighty young to be the officers and members of your chapter. But you will be glad to know they are keeping Kappa Sigma in its accustomed front-ranking place on the campus.

At the end of the term just closed, Tau Chapter won the All Year (1943-1944) Intramural Athletic Trophy. It is a big beauty. In winning it, we also won three championship trophies for football, basketball, and for tennis doubles. JOE PARKER, '44, was a mainstay on the Longhorn's 1943 Conference Championship football team. Although he entered the Medical School before the season was over, he was allowed to play with the Longhorns in the Cotton Bowl game on January 1, and in that game he justified his wide selection as All-American left end. DOUG STEWART, '46, Goose Creek, lettered in basketball. JAMES McCAIN, '44, and DUB HAMILTON, '46, lettered on the Longhorn's Southwest Conference championship tennis team. Though you brothers who have been in combat and training for combat may look upon these accomplishments as tame competition, just remember that these younger brothers in Tau's war-time chapter are not yet old enough for or have been otherwise kept out of war's competition. But these accomplishments show that they are "He Horses" and not "Powder Puff Ponies" in athletic competition. They will battle.

The scholarship is good. We claim we are still good with the gals. We held two formals in the Women's Federated Club. One was a Valentine Ball and the other a Spring Dance, which featured a garden motif with a white fence, wild flowers, and a fountain as center decoration. Bobby Byrne's Skyliners from the Eagle Pass Airfield, a service band of nation-wide fame, played the Spring Dance. We gave our first dance as soon as we got off of social probation, on which we were placed soon after that famous farewell party to the brothers who were leaving for the service in June, 1943, which culminated in a serenade and the Kappa house balcony, sleeping-porch, and roof-scaling exhibition by Rom Rhome's Romeo Commandoes.

BILL FERGUSON has been elected Editor of the 1945 Cactus.

Our Chapter House was leased to the University for the Navy trainees from July 1, 1943, to July 1, 1944, as were the houses of the Delta Taus and Sigma Chis. We have been living in the house across the street, which was formerly rented by Mrs. Dismukes. The Navy and the University are putting the house in good condition, and we are glad to move back in this best house on the campus. We will keep this house in good shape for you brothers to return to after you have knifed the Nazis and slit those slant-eyed Sons of -- Heaven.

During the year, July 1, 1943, to the end of the last semester, our chapter roll showed the following:

*Robert Gordon Anderson, Houston; *John Parmlee Applegate, Rogers, Arkansas; *Todd Archibald, Buffalo, New York; *Charles William Austin, Austin; Russell Clyde Barbour, Jr., Tyler; *Robert E. Bartlett, Houston; *James Leavell Bayless, Houston; Ralph Augustus Belknap, Jr., Dallas; Marvin Thurman Bradford, Brenham; *Fred-erick Erskine Bramlette, San Antonio; *Robert Samuel Braswell, III, Waco; *Joseph Hardy Browder, Jr., Groesbeck; John Donovan Campbell, Tyler; *Delo Harvey Caspary, Jr., Rockport; Jack Beale Clendenin, Sulphur Springs; *Roy William Cox, Jr., Houston; Don Allen Culwell, Dallas; *Clarence Porter Dodge, Houston; *Craddock Kock Duson, El Campo; Isham Harrison Evans, III, Shuqualak, Miss.; William Ferguson, Houston; *James Alexander Finlayson, Jr., Tyler; *William Nicholas Finnegan, Houston; Frank Houghton Flack, Jr., Galveston; George Dawson Franklow, Jr.; Benjamin Haden, Houston; Walter Clyde Hamilton, Jr., Wichita Falls; Charlie Howard, Moody; *Nelson Bunker Hunt, Dallas; Bruce Stanley Jamieson, Dallas; Thomas Willard Joyner, Jr., Tyler; *Forest Lynn Kennedy, Groesbeck; *John Henry Kultgen, Jr., Waco; *Jack William Lander, Houston; Dan Henry Lee, Texarkana; Dudley Lowery, San Antonio; James Thomas McCain, Tyler; *Frank Alpheus McCracken, Houston; *Ben Whiteselle McKie, Corsicana; *DeHart Earl McMillan, Overton; Karl Albert Martino, Austin; Perry Brockschmidt Menking, Houston; Carl Otis Murray, Jr., Crockett; *Robert Read Nunn, Jr., Houston; William Reagan Owen, Dallas; *Arthur Virgil Pace, Jr., Houston; Joseph Jackson Parker, Wichita Falls; *James Arthur Pearsom, III, Houston; *Herbert Houghton Phillips, Jr., San Antonio; *Clem Henry Roberts, Tyler; *Edward Streicher Rothrock, Jr., Houston; Charles Rutledge, Dallas; Calvin Littrel Simpson, Houston; Richard Maurice Sowell, Houston; Douglas Welburn Stewart, Goose Creek; Walter Thomas Taylor, Houston; William Wintford Taylor, Jr., Fort Worth; James Oliver Upchurch, Tyler; Arthur Pope Watson, Jr., Austin; Frederick Arthur Winchell, Waco; *John Nim Wheelock, Corsicana.

*Left to enter service or go home temporarily

The officers for the last semester were:

W.G.M.--WILLIAM FERGUSON, Houston; G.M.--ROBERT PARKER, Tulsa, Oklahoma; G.P.--RALPH BELKNAP, Dallas; G.S.--CARL MURRAY, Crockett; G.T.--JACK CLENDENIN, Sulphur Springs; GUARDS--TOM CALDWELL, Houston, and CLEM ROBERTS, Tyler.

FRED WINCHELL and CARL MURRAY were social chairman. BOB PARKER was intramural chairman.

With the rapid turn-over of personnel since January, 1943, we have had three house managers in rapid suc-cession. JIMMY HELLAND, DAVID KULTGEN, BILL FINNEGAN, and JACK CLENDENIN all did a fine job under the able and tireless direction of our alumnus adviser, JACK TAYLOR, Investment Adviser of the University. Last May, TAYLOR was called into the Navy as an ensign, and DR. STUART A. MACCORKLE again became alumnus adviser. CALVIN SIMPSON will be house manager beginning July 1.

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS IN SERVICE

Capt. RAYMOND ELLEDGE, '42, AAF, Houston, has been awarded DFC and Air Medal for service in Alaska area, flying P-40's.

Major DICK MILLER, '41, AAF, El Paso, was awarded DFC and Cluster and Air Medal for service in African desert campaign. Now instructing B-17 pilots in Idaho.

Ensign TOM ADAMS, '43, USNR, Brenham, serving as censor overseas.

Lt. (jg) REX G. BAKER, JR., USNR, Houston, voluntarily joined the Navy in December, 1941; called to active duty April, 1942; went through Midshipman School at Columbia University; commissioned as Ensign in August, 1942. Immediately assigned to duty with Pacific Fleet on the U.S.S. Barnett, a large amphibian troop ship; actively participated in Guadalcanal Campaign; was then transferred to the Atlantic Fleet and participated in invasions of Sicily and at Salerno, Italy. His ship was then transferred to the North Atlantic and has been on active duty in that theater since February, 1944, actively participating in recent invasions in Northern France. In addition to his other duties, he is now serving in the capacity of Assistant Lt. aboard the U.S.S. Barnett.

JOHN H. BAKER, 2nd Lt., AFF, Houston, enlisted in AAF December, 1942; called to active duty about February 1, 1943, completed required course of training and received his wings and commissioned as 2nd Lt., AAF, April 15, 1944; immediately assigned to a B-24 Bomber and has now almost completed his transitional training as pilot of a B-24 Bomber at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

Reports coming back to the chapter are that TOM STRIBLING and GOODHUE SMITH, the two flashes from Waco, have at last won their commissions at OCS after many long trials and tribulations, which included a period of instruction at Harvard.

Aviation Cadet JAMES FORTSON, '43, USNR, Corsicana, dropped in for a few days last month while on leave after completing pre-flight training at the University of Georgia. The Navy has almost got him in shape so he could wear his old clothes again.

TOM CALDWELL, '44, Houston, and RALPH BELKNAP, '44, Dallas, finish their V-12 training this month and will go to Midshipman School, where they will receive their commissions. TOM also received his engineering degree, which still makes him strictly a War Engineer, and he plans to come back after the war to go to Law School.

Major B. L. SANDERS, '43, Corsicana, O-425953, Headquarters 10th Air Force, APO 465, C/O PM, New York, is aide to General Davidson, C. O., 10th Air Force, in Calcutta.

Lt. (jg) B. F. ASHCROFT, USNR, Radio Navy #41, C/O Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, is in communications at Pearl Harbor.

1st Lt. W. A. LANDRETH, '39, is aide to General Rufus Ramsey, and his address is Headquarters 6th Corps, APO 306, C/O PM, New York. He was last heard from on Anzio Beachhead, but is now pursuing the Germans into Northern Italy. We believe BILL will see to it that the important places in Bologna are not destroyed.

Capt. HOMER B. JESTER, '40, Corsicana, AAF, address RTU Armament Section, Gulfport Air Base, Gulfport, Mississippi.

2nd Lt. BILLY GIBSON, B.A. '40, Corsicana, is with the 3599 Q.M. Truck Company, Camp Hill, Colorado. He says 2nd Lt. MALCOLM STEWART is also at Camp Hill with the Pack Mule Artillery.

Lt. JOE ROBERTS, '44, AAF, Tyler, received his wings as a pilot of a P-47 and is now overseas in the European theater.

WALTON ROBERTS, '44, Tyler, was in the ERC at the University when he was called to active duty, and he is now stationed at Camp Howze, Gainesville.

Lt. EARLE WATTERWORTH, '42, AAF, Dallas, left the West Coast this month as a pilot of a B-26 for duty in the Pacific. He set the pattern for others to follow by making a \$10 monthly allotment to the chapter for social purposes only--namely, beer (when we can get it).

Lt. (jg) WALTER F. WOODUL, JR., '41, USNR, Houston, is in the Mediterranean area with the Amphibious Forces where he has been in action several times in Allied landings in that area. Address is Fleet Post Office 822, New York City.

HOWARD DIES is still acting as the godfather of all the boys in the chapter and holds open house at his famous Dies Ranch at Leander for one and all, just as long as they are Kappa Sigs. He and Donnie Campbell serve as the official welcoming committee for all Kappa Sigs now in the service who can come back for a few days and they report that if half the men come back to the University after the war who now say they plan to return, it'll be a "hot time in the old town" every night.

Capt. ROBERT H. BAKER, AAF, Houston, volunteered in AAF, July, 1941; called to active training October, 1941; received wings and commission as 2nd Lt. AAF April 29, 1942. Placed in a P-38, he was assigned to interceptor duty in Washington and Oregon immediately after receiving his wings and was ordered to the Southwest Pacific about August 1, 1942, where he has been on active duty since then, amassing in excess of 700 hours in combat flying; went through and actively participated in entire New Guinea, New Britain, and Admiralty Islands campaigns; was in Bismarck Sea engagement; awarded the DFC with an Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal with several Oak Leaf Clusters. Now is Assistant Operations Officer, Headquarters Fifth Fighter Command, Fifth U. S. Air Forces, and is temporarily stationed on Admiralty Islands.

Lt. DAVID BELEW, '42, Fort Worth, 358th Inf., 90th Division, was heard from in England just prior to the invasion.

Ensign JACK BROWDER, '44, USNR, Groesbeck, graduated in March from the NROTC Unit at the University of Texas. Recently visited the chapter after completing his advanced training and departed for embarkation at San Francisco for service with the Pacific Fleet.

BOB COLEMAN, JR., '41, Galveston, rejected from armed forces for vision deficiency, recently enlisted in the Ambulance Corps for service overseas. BOB graduated from the Harvard School of Business after receiving his degree at the University and has recently been associated with an accounting firm in Philadelphia.

CAVETT BINION, '40, Lufkin, has been for the past two years in the Enforcement Division of the Office of Price Administration in Fort Worth; was recently appointed Assistant U. S. District Attorney and will have his office in Fort Worth.

DAVID CUNNINGHAM, JR., '43, AAF, Houston, is stationed at this time at Dalhart Army Air Field. He has recently visited the chapter while on leave.

Lt. JOHN DORSEY, '42, AAF, Houston, graduated from OCS in Aeronautical Engineering after receiving his engineering degree from the University. He is now overseas.

Ensign BILL EKLUND, '44, USNR, Houston, graduated from NROTC at the University in March, 1944, and is now at an advanced training school.

Lt. CHARLES FINLAYSON, '43, AAF, Tyler, received his wings and is now in training with his crew in Nebraska as the pilot of a B-17. He visited the chapter for a few days in May after he received his commission.

Lt. PRESTON FLANAGAN, '42, AAF, Longview, has returned to the States after serving for approximately a year in the European theater. He is now stationed at Nashville, Tennessee.

Lt. DAN HARRISON, '42, Houston, is stationed at Aviation Cadet Replacement Center in San Antonio.

Lt. JOHN HICKS, '41, AAF, Sulphur Springs, graduated from OCS at Miami Beach, Florida, and is now stationed at Brookley Field, Mobile, Alabama.

Lt. AL LUCAS, '41, AAF, Houston, is an instructor stationed at Mission.

JACK McMAHON, '42, Longview, is in the Army Reserve and is enrolled in Baylor Dental School, Dallas.

Lt. JACK SKIPPER, '43, AAF, Longview, has recently returned to the States from overseas after seeing much service in the Mediterranean theater as a fighter pilot.

Lt. HILMAR MOORE, '42, AAF, Richmond, received his wings as a navigator and was first stationed at San Marcos but is now stationed at Ellington Field, Houston.

Lt. (jg) JACK POWELL, '42, USNR, Tyler, is a petroleum inspector stationed in Corpus Christi.

Lt. TOM B. MOORE, '41, USA, Sherman, is now stationed with the 124th Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas, after serving for several months on patrol duty on the Texas-Mexican border.

Lt. BOB RAIN, '41, USMCR, Dallas, is still in the Southwest Pacific area where he has seen action in nearly every engagement in that area since Guadalcanal.

Lt. ROM RHOME, '43, USMCR, Fort Worth, recently visited the chapter on his way to the West Coast, where he was to receive further orders for duty overseas. Since his graduation from the NROTC at the University, he has had the pleasant duty of instructing women Marines at a camp on the East Coast.

Capt. THAD BARRINGTON, LLB. '41, Ennis, although commissioned in Anti-Aircraft, is now performing Judge Advocate duties at Camp Davis, North Carolina.

Pvt. HUTCHINS BASS, '45, Austin, ASN, 1859468, left the University in February 1943 to join the Air Corps, and he is stationed at Pecos Army Air Field at this time.

2nd Lt. AMON G. CARTER, JR., USA, Fort Worth, is a prisoner of war, 1595, interned at Oflag 64, Germany, via New York. He was captured in the Tunisian Campaign in February, 1943, when the observation post he had established was overrun by German tanks and infantry. He almost escaped back to the American lines at Kasserine Pass, but thirty Arabs caught him, bound him hand and foot, and took him back to the Germans.

Yeoman 2nd Class FRANK IRWIN, USN, B.A., '41, Waxahachie, was stationed with the Navy Training Unit at the University of Texas for about four months. FRANK's initiative in Kappa Sigma's operations was most helpful to the chapter. We were sorry when he got orders on June 24 to report to Dallas prior to going to New Orleans for sea duty. He would have been a big help in getting the chapter moved back to the chapter house, in rushing, and in getting the chapter started out in the new term just beginning.



OUR HONOR AND HOMAGE TO THESE BROTHERS WHO HAVE MADE
THE SUPREME SACRIFICE



JIM BILL CRUTCHER, '45, Mineral Wells, Ensign, Naval Air Corps, killed in crash during operational flight in Florida last year.

CHAL NEWTON DANIEL, '42, Longview, Lt., AAF, was killed in a plane crash on a routine flight in February, 1943. CHAL was All-American guard on the great 1941 Texas University football team.

Pledge JOE B. DOOLEY, JR., Amarillo, '43, Marine Air Corps, was killed in a training flight crash last October.

Lt. TOM CURLIN, '40, Waxahachie, AAF, has been missing since a bombing mission in Italy of May, 1944. He had completed twenty-four missions as a first pilot of a B-24.

Major ANDREW L. CHILTON, '41, AAF, Fort Worth, was killed in action over Hagenow, Germany, May 21, as pilot of a P-38 and Operations Officer. He had twenty-three missions and twenty-seven sorties and several Me-109's to his credit, two on the day that he was shot down, when twenty-seven fighter and strafing planes of that formation failed to return. He had been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. His record as a fighter pilot was superb.

This is the first NEWS LETTER. We hope you liked it. You can make the future NEWS LETTERS better if you will give us news about yourself and any of the other brothers you know. We are anxious to get correct addresses of you brothers; so let us know whenever you change your post office address. Write and tell us how to make this NEWS LETTER more to your liking, as we are getting it out for you brothers in the service. We are thinking about sending it to all of Tau Chapter's alumni, as our brothers not in the service will have an interest and pride in what you brothers in the service are doing where you are, as well as the news of how Tau Chapter is carrying on the traditions of the chapter which you brothers have helped to build.

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