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This Year's O E T - - Bigger, Better Than Ever!



Left to right, standing: Melin Sussex, Howard Fox, Evan Olson, John Roberts, Jerry Blackstone, Frank Kalk, Dick Starkel, Charles Shepard
Seated, Top Row—Gerry Haskett, Harold Martin, Jack Kallies, Don Buteyn, Bob Hine, Walter Ferguson, Gar Cooper, George Gibson
Seated, Middle Row—Jack Plano, Andy Spheeris, Bruce Hogan, Harold Talbot, Larry TeSelle, John Secinaro, Bill Steaffens, Bob Knapmiller
Seated, Bottom Row—Art Roeske, Don Thompson, Glenn Payne, Bob Wickstrom, Bill Gross, Ned Webster, Art Guenther
Seated, Far Front—Jim Cormack, Bill Huron, Bill Kurtzweg

Frat to Continue Living at "Schmidt"; Finances Strong

Expect \$1000 Balance

Theta Sigma Tau is about to finish its first year in residence in "Schmidt" Hall. Hopes were high last year that this would be the only year we would have to spend away from "home". However, Charley Shepard has been forced to relate the sad news that we may have to resign

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Campus Activities Claim Evans Men

Members Active in Sports, Music, Society

OET men are doing a great job of upholding the Evan's tradition of "everybody out for something" all of the time. The favorite extracurricular activity is located in the "Big T" Lounge which, thanks to the ingenuity of the Davis Hotel, has become the local hangout when the other local high spots are out of reach. But

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New Officers Elected; Shepard Voted Prexy for Third Term

Spring elections have come and gone, and we find some new faces. We have a very able Chaplain taking over in lieu of 'Father' Buteyn. His name is Ned Webster. If you're thinking the same thing I am, you're right, it's "Doc" Webster's son. Re-elected as Historian, Evan Olson admits exploring a musty old archive sometimes called the Cardinal. "Iron

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EDITORIAL

We Ought to Know Each Other Better; Let's Get Acquainted

Is fraternalism a bond of friendship which enables us to live and work together in close harmony during our school careers only to be forgotten upon graduation. Or is it a living, growing state of true brotherhood which will continue to hold us together through the years? Surely all of us hope that the latter is true, yet what have we done to keep this spirit alive. I think that each and every member of Theta Sigma Tau should pause for a moment and weigh his personal contributions towards this goal.

Members of Theta Sigma Tau who are still at Ripon should make it a point to learn the names and addresses of the alumni, especially those who are living in their own home towns or nearby. Thus, with this information handy many new friends could be built up during the summer vacations and after graduation. Remember, fraternity brothers are never strangers.

The task of cementing our fraternity solidly together belongs also to the alumni. We not only invite you, we beg you to attend our annual homecoming reunions each year if at all possible. During these reunions, we hope that each and every one of you make it a point to become personally acquainted with every Evans man, to the student or alumni. In addition to having a grand time, you will thus be contributing to making Theta Sigma Tau the acme of solidarity and true fraternal spirit. Let's all pitch in to attain this goal.

"Schmidt" Stinks!

Homecoming Nov 1; Gala Events Planned

Nov. 1, 1947, just another day of the year, but wait, this is Nov. 1, 1947 that I'm writing about. Yes, I said Nov. 1, 1947, and now that we have the date straight, let's all plan to be here. What for? Everybody knows that we play Lawrence in football that afternoon and it's the **HOMECOMING GAME**.

Plans are already being made for that weekend. Plans that include all OET men, so come up and join us. First, there's the pep rally and parade the night before the game. Saturday afternoon is the game itself and that night we're planning a big banquet. To top the evening off, the annual Homecoming Dance will be held in the gym.

Last year we had a big crowd, and everyone had a good time. This year, let's have a bigger crowd and we'll all have a better time. We're looking forward to seeing all of you next Nov. 1.

New Officers . . .

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Man from Iron Mountain", Bill Huron was elected Guardian of the Portals. Bill just joined the frat this year. "Buffalo Hunter" (on a nickel that is) Plano was elected our new treasurer succeeding Dick Starkel. The idol of Ripon College coeds, "Crooner Knapmiller, was chosen secretary. Andy Spheeris was elected our new vice president to succeed Bob Wickstrom.

Ripon may be the birthplace of the Republican Party, but there are some third term Democrats here. Having done a very fine job for the last two years, Charlie Shepard was unanimously elected for his third term as president.

We are looking forward to a rosy future under the guidance of these able men. They have our support and our congratulations.

Finances Strong . . .

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ourselves to at least one more year and probably more in "Schmidt".

Shaler and Wright Halls are faced with similar problems, though Wright will be housed off campus in

a large home recently purchased by the school. Our prospects for either returning to Evans Hall or of acquiring new housing may be considerably brighter within a year if building material and the school's willingness to pay for those materials increases. At the present time about 50% of our active members are being housed in temporary barracks south of the practice field on Thorn St. This condition does not add to the ease of carrying on normal fraternal life to say the least.

The fraternity's financial condition has taken a distinct turn for the better this year. There has been a slight increase in dues in order to meet the rising costs on campus for social and other intrafraternity-sorority events. In addition we have been blessed with some outside revenue from various sources.

Since the frat took up normal operations one year ago there has been continual discussions with the college about our old lounge furniture and the possibilities of refurnishing a new lounge and recreation room soon. The furniture, to our surprise, has become our biggest source of outside revenue.

An agreement with the college business manager, Mr. Ellis, specifies that the fraternity will be allowed to sell all of its furniture to the school. The school will pay the frat the original purchase price minus 15% per year for three years of past usage. The college will then completely furnish us with a new lounge and will pay for upkeep of its new furniture.

The fraternity's total receipts from this agreement will hover about the \$600 mark minus the specified deductions. Our present treasury report lists nearly a \$400 balance. Consequently OET will enter the new school year with a potential account totaling nearly \$1,000.

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**ATTEND**  
**The Homecoming**  
**Celebration**  
**Friday, Oct. 31 and**  
**Saturday, Nov. 1**

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Campus Activities ...

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we should not confine our attentions only to the pleasurable forms of activity located there.

'Father' Buteyn as usual was on the "Honor Roll", besides being a member of the varsity debate team, and writing for the College Days and the Scribbler. He is also a member of Mask and Wig, Journalistic Frat; Dramatic Frat (Theta Alpha Phi), and the National Debating Society (Phi Kappa Delta).

Jerry Blackstone and Jim Cormack have been actively working on the staff of the College Days. Jim Cormack is the Treasurer of the Freshman Class as well.

Evan Olson and Bob Hine collaborated recently at the annual presentation of the all-school musical, "Ver Adest", and presented a very excellent and very professional bit of boogie-woogie.

In sports, Jerry Haskett won his football numerals last fall and "Doc" Payne and "Spider" Hogan are now working out regularly with the track team. Jack Plano is successfully holding down the number two position on the varsity tennis team. Charlie Shepard was the regular center on the Basketball Squad last winter, while George Gibson, this year's Prom King, saw action as a guard.

"Skinny" Kalk pounded the kettle drums for the college orchestra while Dick Thrumston was back at his old stand in the college choir and incidentally assisted nobly in creating a very successful season for the choir.

Our prexy, Charlie Shepard, is also President of the Sophomore Class, a member of the Student Council, and a member of the Inter-Fraternity Council, while his roommate Andy Speheris keeps fit on the parallel bars in the gym.

Ned Webster, a busy little Sophomore, is a member of Mask and Wig and Pi Kappa Delta, the National Debating Fraternity. He was a member of the varsity debate squad and was number two man on the varsity rifle team.

Despite the loss of Dick Kate, Al Menge, and Gordon Christensen this year and the probable loss of five or six more of the old actives this spring, it appears as though the frat will be able to hold its own thanks to a very active and promising group of new actives who are right in there and raring to go.

No We're Not Strangers We're the New Ex-Pledges

After the dust had cleared from the scene of this year's Hell Week, twelve weary pledges emerged to become Evans' Actives. Disregarding their aches and pains, they did their best to prove themselves worthy members of Theta Sigma Tau. Now that the relatives of the survivors have been notified, we are at liberty to disclose their identity.

Tall, blond Jerry Blackstone, that man about the ball diamond, made his way to Ripon from Oak Park, Ill. A Sophomore, "Ichabod" has proved his versatility in the frat intramural sports events.

Rooming with Jerry is Garfield Coerper, who toured the South Pacific under the auspices of the Army Infantry. Ex-Staff Sergeant Coerper, who is much happier as plain civilian "Gar", lives in Milwaukee and has his eye on a degree in Medicine.

Al Capone lost his right hand man when Jim Cormack decided to leave Chicago and come to Ripon. Jim got a rear view look at the war as a Marine tail gunner in a dive bomber. "The Diminutive Dynamo" proved that power can come in small packages by copping the Treasurer's position of the Frosh class. He is also an authority on thirst quenching.

Walter Ferguson deserted South Bend and came to Ripon to assume the responsibility of being Dean Peterman's chief assistant. When his duties and schoolwork permit, "Ferg" is to be found in the company of a young lady by whose charms he was

captivated soon after his arrival at school. Walt is a former member of Uncle Sam's Navy Amphib's.

"Buckets" Haskett, formally known as Gerald M., left Fond du Lac to fly for the U. S. Navy. Jerry plans to look after molars and bicuspid after he is finished with his schooling.

Milwaukee's piano artist, Robert Hine, decided on Ripon rather than the Elbow Room of his home town, and made his suave presence known to our campus. A former T/5 of the Army, Bob has devoted the major portion of his energies to wine, women and boogie.

"Spider" Hogan (his mother calls him Bruce) got in shape for the Ripon track squad by running for Merrill High School of Merrill, Wisc. Though weakened by the demands of Hell Week, "Spider" gave his all for intramural boxing.

"I hate women" Kurtzweg is the mystery man of the Ripon coed, and is therefore much sought after. He eludes them by departing for his home town of Fond du Lac every weekend.

The Navy lost one of its better Aereographer's Mates when Arthur Roeske decided to forsake both the Navy and Wausau for an education. Art has slipped a ring (engagement) on the finger of his chosen, and reports indicate that he will soon be enjoying marital bliss.

William Seaffens transferred his
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See You at the

"OFFICE"
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Of course, we are glad
to see you!

Welcome Back!

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Evans Athletes Participate In Many Varsity and Intramural Sports

Intra-Bowling Team Rolls Up High Scores

The 1947 Intramural Bowling Season saw Evans reach down into the grab bag and pull out a powerful quintet which made an impressive showing in the Intra-fraternity Bowling League. Charley Shepard, Jack Kallies, H. B. Martin, Bob Wickstrom, Jerry Blackstone, and Howie Fox constituted the team.

The first round ended with the Theta Sigs pushing a mighty close first and naturally ahead of "Schmidt". Jerry Blackstone was not only anchor man for the team but high man for the entire league. Charley and Jack were right behind him with 175 and 173 respectively.

As we go to press, Evans is in the number two slot with one game still remaining on the schedule.

Team Ties "Schmidt" for Volleyball Lead

The 1947 Volley Ball program was the first sport in which two sections were formed—an A section and a B section, each playing teams in its own respective circuit. This was done in order to permit a larger number of men to participate in intramural activities. Starting the season with practically no experience and running on sheer hope and determination, Evans shared first place honors with "Schmidt" Hall in the A League, led by hard spiking southpaw Jack Kallies and agile Bill Gross. The B League got fourth place under the capable guidance of Jack Plano.

OET Took Lead in '46 Softball, Tied in Football; Frat Shows Spirit

If the fraternal spirit can be judged by the number of men taking part in intramural sports then OET is definitely on the ball. The intramural sports program got underway with an excellent shot of enthusiasm.

OET Softballers Hold First Place

The Evans softball team got off to a fine start this year, and it looks as though there is a good chance for them to take the intramural softball championship for the second time in succession. They have completed the first round of games without a loss, having defeated every team in the league. As we go to press we find them, facing the second round with plenty of hope for another string of victories.

Best game of the season thus far was the "Schmidt" game which we took by a score of 8 to 5. Charley Shepard and Bob Knapmiller have been doing some fine hurling all season. Their support has been tops.

Highest batting average goes to Dick Starkel with .714 and second highest to Jerry Blackstone with .700. The team's batting average as we go to press stands at the remarkable level of .417.

Serenade Group in Annual Campus Sing

Monday, May 19th, the songbirds from Evans Hall will compete in the annual intersorority-fraternity sing. Choir Masters Secinaro and Olson have been trying to get our voices in shape by frequent practices. Our serenade group failed to place in the 'songfest' last spring, and this year the boys are more determined than ever to do a good job. The first number on the program will be a sweet romantic ballad, "I'll See You In My Dreams". The second rendition will be a novelty version of "Blue Skies".

Evans took a predominant roll in the intramural picture last spring by attaining undisputed championship in the softball league and taking the all-star game. Thus far this season

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Basketball Team Takes 2nd Place

Intramural basketball, like volleyball, was divided into two leagues this season. Evans went undefeated in the "A" League until the last game, and ended the season in second place. The big guns for the "A" Team were Jack Kallies, Bill Gross, Gerry Haskett, Andy Spheeris, Jerry Blackstone, Jim Cormack, Bill Kurtzweg, Art Roeske, Glenn Payne, and Bill "Twitchy" Huron. Kallies was the team's high scorer for the season.

The "B" Team didn't fare quite so well but managed to salvage a fifth place tie. The team members were: Evan Olson, Don Thompson, Art Guenther, H. B. Martin, Corky Christensen, Bill Neseman, Frank "Bean Pole" Kalk, "Tarantula" Hogan, Walt "Ruby Lips" Ferguson, Dick "Fatty" Starkel, Gar Coerper, Dick (He isn't here to defend himself) Kate, Don Buteyn, and Jack Plano.

The coaching for this year's squad was in the able hands of Long John Roberts and Mel Sussex. Official scorer was Bob Knapmiller.

Spring Sports Draw Many OET Members

The spring sports schedule is crowded to the brim this year. OET is planning to enter teams in the all school track meet, the intramural golf league, and at present has a team entered in the squash paddle tournament.

Six men are competing in the squash paddle league this year. Don Thompson, Gerry Haskett, H. B. Martin, Jack Plano, Evan Olson, Howie Fox, and Gar Coerper are in there pitching, and the final outcome is still in doubt.

Howard Fox, Mel Sussex, Gar Coerper, and Don Thompson will represent the house in the golf tournament, while Glenn Payne expects about 12 men out for the track meet on May 17.

'47 Evans Barn Dance Big Success; College Frowns

The 800th Annual Evans Barn Dance was even more successful than usual this year—in fact, it could be considered as too successful. But more of that in a moment. From the strictly social standpoint the old shindig went over with a splash. It had been planned and dreamed about for years. It couldn't possibly have missed. The college considered it a crime—more or less—and though we have vigorously denied their point of view, the fact is that this year's Barn Dance was definitely premeditated.

The location of the barn was "Schmidt" Hall, that old barn-like structure frowning down from the top of the hill on which sets such other structures as East Building (The Ripon Kremlin), and West Hall, the House where the Big Wheels live. The top of the barn, the attic that is, was selected as the most likely location for the party. The pledges were duly instructed immediately as to just exactly how many "thousand" burlap sacks would be required and how many tons of scrap lumber and rusty farm machinery would be needed. A committee was appointed to deal with the care and feeding of the menagerie, and Alvin Menge was called out of retirement with his new Packard to supervise the requisition of the traditional "main entrance". Corky gave able assistance.

The "Schmidt" attic was elaborately, yes, and realistically too, decorated with all the appropriate apparatus. The pledges lived through an era of "blood, sweat, and tears". But the job was done in record time

and with record breaking results. The entire attic was covered with burlap, hay was piled thickly and conveniently in the warmly—ober not too warmly lit alcoves, and an elaborate system of gates and ladders was constructed from our third floor residences to the "hay-mow". The music of the very fine Ripon High School band was supplemented by the squawks of poultry. The final head count ran around 75 couples among whom were numerous alumni including the Williams twins, Corky Christensen, Al Menge, Henry Miller, Pete Renner, Vic Salter, Steve Halos, Fred Diedrich, and umpteen other sly and crafty individuals whose faces were seldom lifted out of the hay.

Did we happen to mention that the college frowned on this most gala of all gala Ripon social events. Well, unfortunately, 'tis true. Yea, verily, but it is a sad tale of woe we have to relate. We judiciously and properly conducted our fall formal along with Shaler and Wright, but we were accused of any number of high crimes

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New Pledges . . .

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250 pounds from Berlin to Ripon in search of learning. "Stuff" was a Navy Radioman during the war.

A resident of Ripon and the son of Professor Webster, Ned distinguished himself by "hanging" his fraternity key less than two hours after he had received it. Ned served in the Field Artillery as a Supply Sergeant.

Last and probably least, Bill Huron is the campus representative for the chamber of commerce of Iron Mountain, Mich. Struggling under a multitude of nicknames, of which "Twitchy" is perhaps the most prominent, he sincerely hopes that he has succeeded in presenting a clear picture of the men who are to carry on for our fraternity.

Flash! Ned Webster has just given Carol Thuermston, Dick's Kid sister, a diamond to go with his key.

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Welcome
Students and Alumni

Students and Alumni—You're Always Welcome at—

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Fashions for Men : Sportswear for Women
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Barn Dance . . .

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 and misdemeanors as far as the Barn Dance is concerned. We will not go into the gory details. Suffice it to say that the Powers That Be held a lengthy inquisition, even resorting to torture so we've heard, in order to pry out whatever small crumbs of evidence might be available to prove our guilt. We are not satisfied with the proof. They are, and so we may justifiably say that The 800th Annual Evans Barn Dance was such a success that we all ended up on social probation.

OET SPORTS . . .

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 Evans stands second among all the houses on the campus with respect to the total number of points gained in all the athletic activities played thus far.

Last fall Evans started right in where they left off the previous season by gaining a tie for first place in touch-football, sharing the league lead with a strong Independent Team. The season record was six wins and one defeat at the hands of "Schmidt". The squad was spear-headed by some old hands at the touch football game: Shepard, Gibson, Kallies, Guenther and Starkel.



Students and Alumni,
 Welcome to the

Little Cozy Barber Shop
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 Alumni and Students Welcome
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Welcome, OET Alumni
 and Friends

TACLOMA LOUNGE
and BAR
 HOTEL DAVIS
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OET Men Pursue Coeds and Are Also Pursued

Spring has come to the Ripon Campus as we endeavor to compile this report as to who in our little flock has been caught, and who has been doing the catching. "Father" Buteyn opened a new "Advice for the Love Lorn" service this fall, and from what we hear the boys have been busily consulting with him.

H. B. Martin is caught but good. Betty Schneider of Lyle has him tied hand and foot. Another Lyle victim is Bob Wickstrom, taken by Edie Parsons; Ned Webster was bowled over by Thrumston's little sister; Don Thompson was caught long ago by a certain wee lass, Lois Hobbs; John Covill was taken by a Lyle girl, too—Ruth Holtz.

Frank Kalk and Phyllis Kemper formed a permanent partnership last December. Mel Sussex is an old married man. Dick Thrumston is a proud papa. His little one is doing well—Dick is failing fast—no sleep, you know.

Oh, we almost forgot, Long John Roberts, Art Roeske and Dick Starke are also bound by engagement rings. The Crooner is still a woman

hater—but they love him just the same. Al Menge is still flitting from one lovely feminine heart to another. Corky is in the dog house as usual. Hine and Olson are smooth operators.

Jack Plano is going steady—they say. "Father" Pedro has his troubles in Ohio. Doc Payne is worried about a gal in Iowa, but we hear 'tis all in vain. The Prexy is hopelessly lost to Janet Fredericks. Spheeris and Kallies are wolfing it.

Our final compilation indicates that 62% of the frat is affiliated with femininity in one way or another. Of the twelve pledges taken in, seven immediately hung their keys, while the old boys held up their end with a total of six hung this year—keys that is.



Barring All Trouble
The 900th Evans
Barn Dance
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