Santa Claus and Children

Fun for the Fraternities

The annual MIT fraternity Christmas parties, given for the benefit of local orphans and underprivileged children, were held over the past weekend. Among those Fraternity participants were Delta Upsilon, Kappa Sigma, Phi Mu Delta, Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Kappa Theta. The others were not known at press time. Delta Kappa Epsilon were enrolling at an Old Public House instead of the usual party in the Home this year. Each House had 15-40 children in for several hours either Saturday or Sunday afternoon. The 18 to 20 year olds were picked up by fraternity members from Settlement Houses and Orphanages and brought back for the parties. Among the various entertainments supplied were movies, cartoons, toys, and general horseplay. The children were well fortified with ice cream and cake and assorted other goodies.

To top off the afternoon in most houses, Santa Claus put in an appearance, generally the fittest member available, backed with a substantial gift for each child. After a chance to get used to their new toys, the children were returned, very reluctant to leave.

Christmas parties have become a great tradition with fraternity groups. As one member put it, "We just like to help. Everybody feels better afterwards."

Sophs Form Drinking Club

Tradition Followed; SIF Is Formed

SEX, SIN, SIF, and Club 60 are organized for the increased consummation and enjoyment of the boon from the bottle, Squar. These drinking organizations, unique in MIT for their spontaneity and absence of bureaucracy, sponsor highly spirited parties for all the members of their particular classes.

Formerly P-Clubs

Before 1954, a P-Club (P for party) sprang to life each year by some members of the Senior Class continued the tradition of forerunner years and worked together, without constitution, officers, directors, or even INSOMM, to provide cocktail parties and the like to brighten the final year of MIT for their classmates.

SEX Takes Over

Some members of the Class of 1959 decided that this P-Club was a fine idea for sophomores and junior presences as well. Since the P-Club of the Senior year was already in existence, a new name had to be chosen. Sigma Epsilon Chi, SEX, was the chosen name. Like its predecessor, it operated without an organization other than the common bond of devotion to Bacchus and their class.

Other Classes Follow

Club 60 became the name of the drinking club of the class of 1960. Sigma Iota Nu, SIN, became the railing cry for the drinkers of the class of '61.

In the great traditions, some of the classes of '62 recently decided their class name needed such a drinking club. As is the usual procedure for the clubs, one of the interested volunteered his living group as the place for the party. As usual, prizes and announcements were made by each of the party. The first cocktail party of the class of 1962 took place at the Swampy house, December 12. The Swampy house took cues of the advertisement, as traditionally, in the Tech, inviting all members of the class. The name of the drinking club was decided at the party. About 70 sophomores attended.

SIF Selected

Able to express their OIN and SIF name, Sigma Iota Phi, SIF is now the official name of the completely unofficial drinking club of the class of 1962.

There is a tradition at MIT.

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