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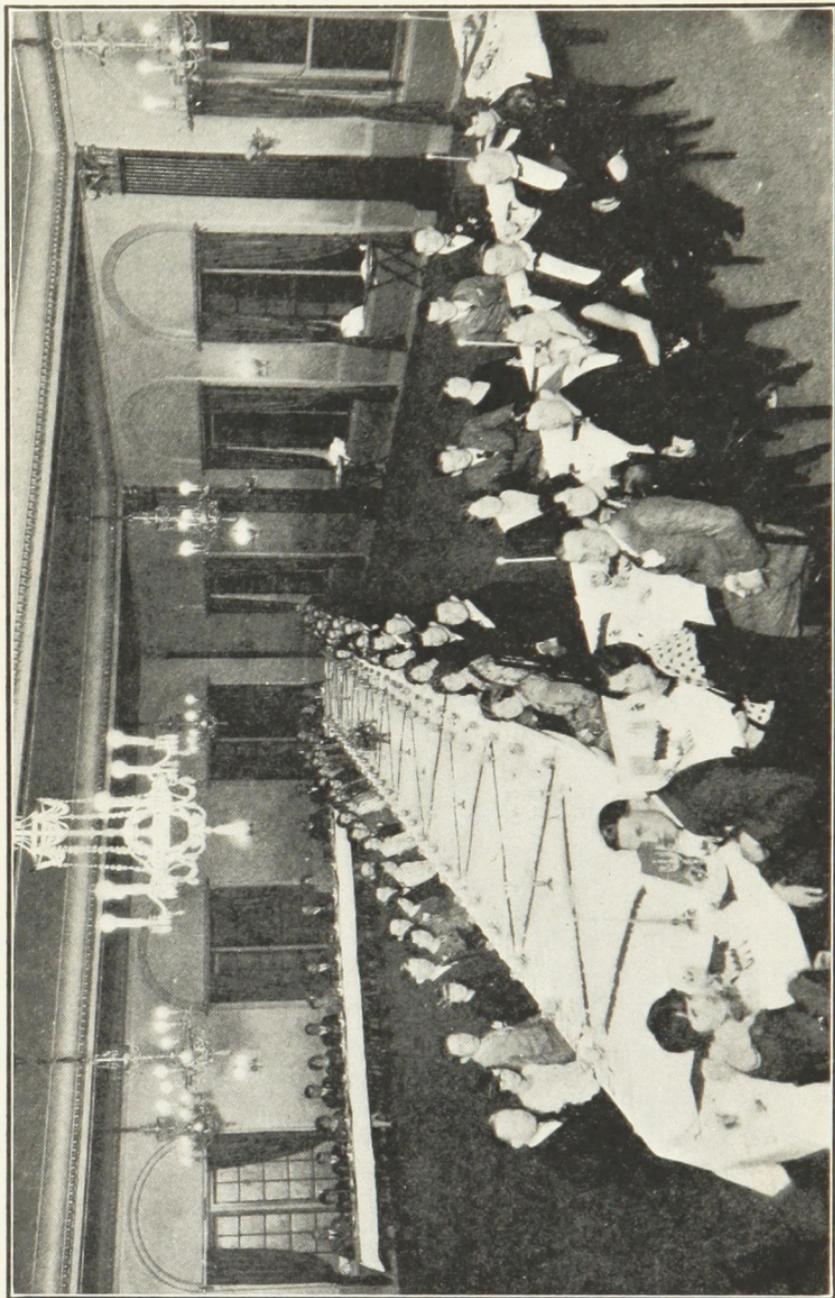
ANOTHER CHAPTER FOR ALPHA KAPPA PI

Lambda Tau Delta of Coe College Installed as Zeta Chapter

THE roll of Alpha Kappa Pi was increased by another chapter when Lambda Tau Delta of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was installed as the Zeta chapter on January 6, 7, and 8 of this year. The installation began Friday afternoon, January 6, at the Corn Room of the Hotel Montrose, and continued Saturday and Sunday. Adelbert W. Heinmiller, Western representative of Alpha Kappa Pi, was in charge of the ceremonies, and was assisted by four members of the Epsilon chapter, Kermit Mendell, John Jackson, Ralph Rankin, and Robert Hay.

C. Ivan Yenney, president of the local group, and Dwight E. Mound, treasurer, were the first two of the new chapter to be instructed in the mysteries of the national; and were followed by Robert Dukworth, vice-president, and Roy Chapman, secretary, during the same afternoon. On Friday evening, Mr. John R. Stockton, a member of the Coe faculty, and Howard Helscher, one of the most outstanding of the local alumni, were taught the seven points, along with Warning Brinacombe and Harold Speer. On Saturday morning, Kenneth Clark, Kenneth Morehead, John Moninger, William Gremmels, James McMechan, and Harry Prugh were conducted through the ritual. In the afternoon, Roscoe Beedee and Doyle Stonehocker, actives, and William Spencer and Raymond K. Thompson, alumni, were made new sons of Alpha Kappa Pi.

The first regular meeting was opened late Saturday afternoon, with Brother Heinmiller in charge. The constitution was discussed, policies of the national gone over, and the new mem-



INSTALLATION BANQUET OF ZETA CHAPTER
January 7, 1928, at the Hotel Montrose, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

bers given the opportunity to ask any questions that they desired. The local officers were also installed.

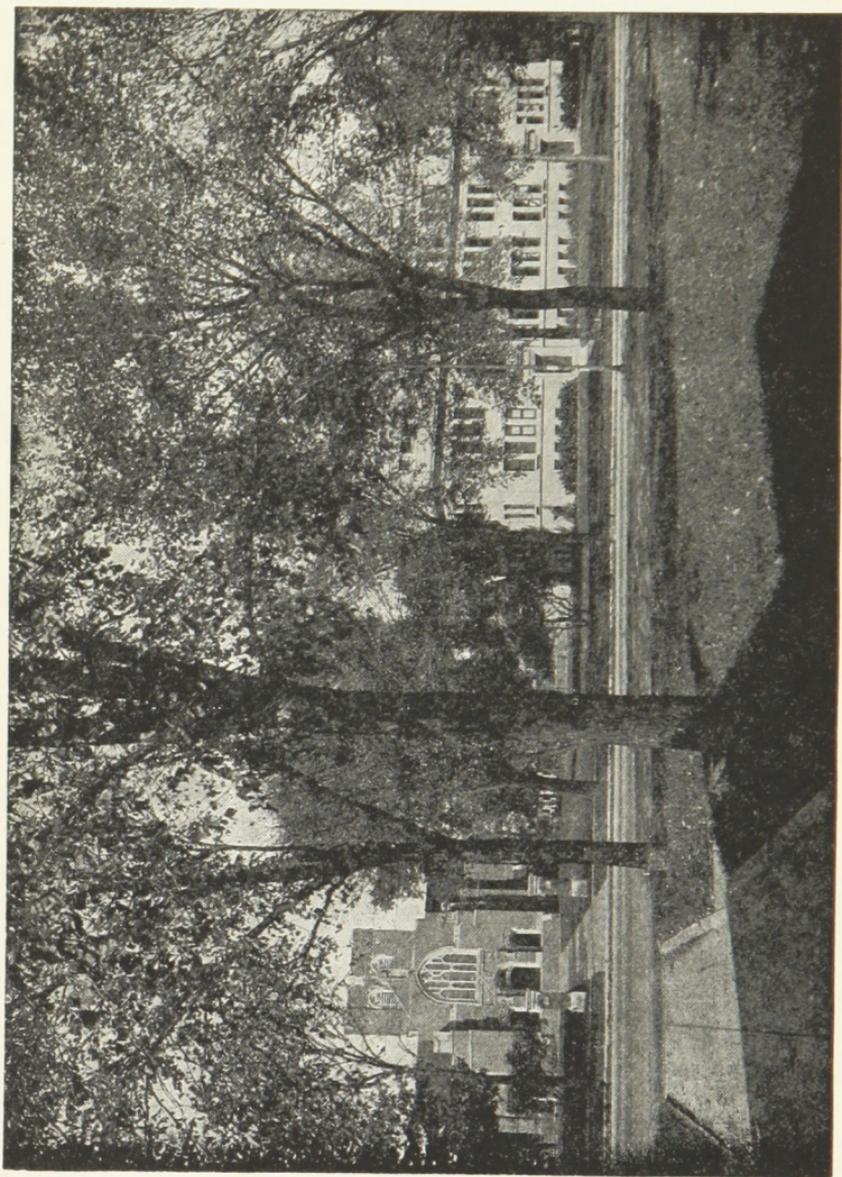
On Saturday evening at six-thirty the new chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi was host at a banquet given in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Montrose. The tables were arranged in the shape of a large "Z." A delicious four course dinner was served to about one hundred guests, and was followed by a toast program on the subject of "Nationalization," presided over by William Spencer, an alumnus of the class of '27 and at present a law student at the University of Iowa.

Dwight P. Mound, '28, spoke first on the "Organization" of the local group. John Moninger, '29, came next, with a toast on the "Anticipation" of going national, and the future of Zeta chapter. Adelbert Heinmiller, '28, then talked on "Realization," in which he told of the realization of the hopes of the group, and the place they held in the national folds. Eugene Arnett, '31, set forth the life of a "prep" in his toast of "Subordination"; then Dr. G. N. Quam spoke of his "Affiliation" with the group, and what it meant to him. Mr. John R. Stockton then set forth the benefits to be derived from "Co-operation," and why we should strive to attain it, especially in fraternity life. Dr. S. W. Stookey, dean of the college, gave an interesting toast on "Conservation" of the local group as a chapter of a national fraternity, and was followed by Dr. Harry Morehouse Gage, president of the college, who gave an excellent talk on "Interrelation," in which he pointed out the relation of the administration to the chapter, the interrelation among ourselves, and the splendid work of the group.

The banquet was followed by an informal dance at the chapter house at 1316 First Avenue. The house was decorated with the colors of the fraternity, Dartmouth green and white, and music was furnished by an electric panatrophe and loud speaker, which carried the syncopation to all parts of the house.

On Sunday morning Lloyd Gregory, another alumnus, took the national work, and following the ceremony the Board of Governors was organized. Howard Helscher, of Cedar Rapids, was elected chairman of the Board.

Open house was held Sunday afternoon, and the event was well celebrated. Various kinds of entertainment were in order,



FRONT VIEW OF COE COLLEGE CAMPUS

Showing on the left the Sinclair Chapel, and on the right,
a view of the new Science Building

and all guests left with a favorable impression toward the new fraternity.

The installation of this fraternity at Coe College will mean much, both to the local group and to the national. For the Zeta chapter it will mean a broadening out of the viewpoints of the Coe men, and will raise the standards of fraternalism, often neglected and sometimes lost in the too long standing of a local fraternity. For the national it will mean a very strong base from which to broaden out the policies and aims of Alpha Kappa Pi in the West; for this chapter is composed of an exceptionally energetic group, and Coe college stands out as one of the best colleges in the Middle West, ranking in standards alongside many state schools. With this combination, the future for Alpha Kappa Pi in the West is unquestionably optimistic.

ADELBERT W. HEINMILLER

THE STORY OF LAMBDA TAU DELTA

LAMBDA TAU DELTA fraternity of Coe College was organized in the fall of the year 1920. A group of men, all belonging to the Olio Literary Society, had independently taken rooms in the same house opposite the college campus. From a friendship begun in the literary meetings, a kindred spirit developed; and as the men became more intimately acquainted by association together, there grew a spirit of longing that this bond be strengthened.

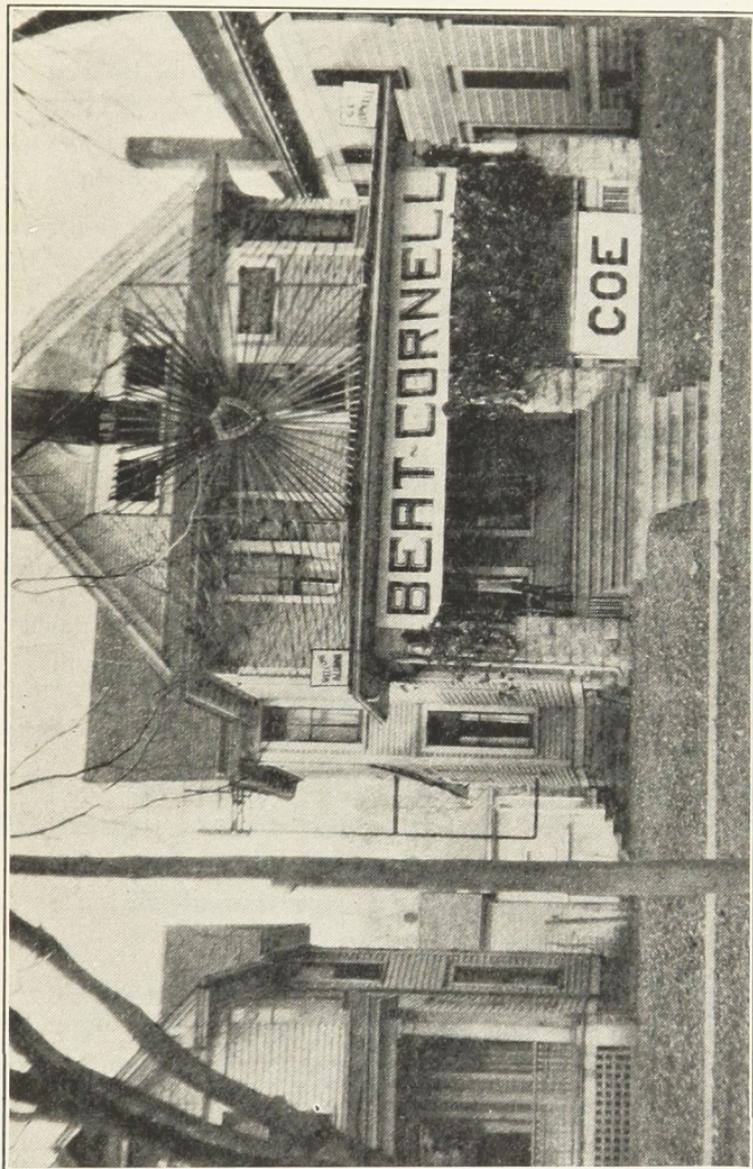
These men, Paul Grove, Lloyd Spencer, Nyal Witham, Charles McCoy, Carl Deichman, Paul Weatherbee, Merle Laird, Jason Brunk, Paul Jones, Floyd Diehl, and Ralph Blaylock, came to the conclusion that the organization of a fraternity was the best way of perpetuating their friendship throughout the years to come. The name of Lambda Tau Delta was finally decided upon, and the work of organization begun. The new organization petitioned the faculty for recognition, and was soon recognized by it as a new factor in the fraternal life of Coe College. The badge selected was in the form of a shield containing eighteen pearls. The pin for charter members had a star in the corner; others had solid gold triangles. Several men were pledged and initiated this year.

The school year 1921-22 found the fraternity located at 1053 Fourth Avenue. Everything went fine that year, and under the leadership of Nyal Witham the young organization progressed steadily. The Men's Panhellenic Council for locals at Coe was then little more than a name, and as it had no functioning power, Lambda Tau Delta felt it useless to try to join. It had become a fraternity recognized by the college, and with the other fraternities was taking an active part in the school activities.

The greatest accomplishment of the year 1922 both for the fraternity and for the entire college, was the formation of the local Interfraternity Council. Lambda Tau Delta proved to be one of the leaders in the promotion of this organization, and before Christmas of that year the Interfraternity Council was functioning as the old Panhellenic Council never had. Fraternities were placed on an equal basis by this move, and even today the guiding force in fraternity life at Coe is the strong Interfraternity Council.

In the fall of 1923, the fraternity decided that the chapter house was located in such a disadvantageous position that it would be advisable to search for one nearer the college campus. Consequently, after a summer's search, a house at 1121 First Avenue, just across from the campus, was leased. Because of the exodus of many of the brothers to professional schools, the financial burden seemed almost too large to be overcome. However, the men met the tasks without flinching, and before Christmas the fraternity was well on the way toward a sound financial basis. Then came the climax at the close of the year, when the final marks showed that Lambda Tau Delta led all the Coe fraternities in scholarship. Only a careful selection of men, with careful supervision, could have made this possible.

The following year found the fraternity well on the way to a still more successful season. It was located at the same address which had proved so convenient the year before. Eleven men were pledged that year, and each one proved to be capable of attaining prominence in collegiate activities. A definite system of pledge training was installed, and proved very beneficial in orientating the pledges to the atmosphere of the fraternity. Of the eleven pledged, nine were initiated, a very high



ZETA CHAPTER'S HOUSE AT 1316 FIRST AVENUE EAST,
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

percentage as compared with those of other fraternities. Eligibility rules in the Coe campus were becoming very strict, and men who failed to meet the grade requirements of the Interfraternity Council could not be initiated.

Under the capable leadership of Brother Hintz, the first volume of the fraternity paper, *The Owl*, was published in the spring of 1925. The paper was received with acclaim by the alumni, and the success of the publication in its first year assured it continuance.

During the following summer, negotiations were put under way for another house. After interviews with several real estate men, Lambda Tau Delta contracted to buy the house at the present location, and drew up a plan for financing it. During August the fraternity moved, and great was the surprise of the men when they returned to college in the fall, to see the new home. Articles of incorporation were taken out, to enable the fraternity to act as an individual. This move has proved beneficial in many instances.

This year a dining-room system was established and meals were served at the house. Practically the entire chapter gathered for Sunday dinners, and, with many alumni in attendance, these occasions proved very enjoyable. The second volume of *The Owl* made its appearance that spring.

The next fall, at the beginning of the year 1926-27, fifteen men were pledged. Besides the regular dinners, dances at the chapter house were started that year, and these informal occasions proved to do much for furthering the cultivation of fraternalism.

Every man was on the job when the school year 1927-28 opened, and as a result eighteen men were pledged, among them one senior, Brother Heinmiller, through whom came the opportunity for the petitioning of Alpha Kappa Pi. The actives considered the new step from all angles, and finally voted to petition. The few following days seemed long, and finally the suspense became so great that some of the men telephoned to New York City. On the morning after the phone call, the welcome news was received from Reverend A. H. Wilson that the petition had been accepted and the charter granted. After a brief period of excitement, the men settled down to make ample

preparations for the installation, which came on the week-end of January 7, 1928.

The present officers of Zeta chapter are:

<i>President</i>	C. Ivan Yenney
<i>Vice-president</i>	Robert Duckworth
<i>Secretary</i>	Roy W. Chapman
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dwight E. Mound
<i>Historian</i>	Doyle Stonehocker
<i>Chaplain</i>	Warning Brinacombe
<i>Sergeant-at-arms</i>	William Gremmels

In addition to these, the chapter has the following active brothers:

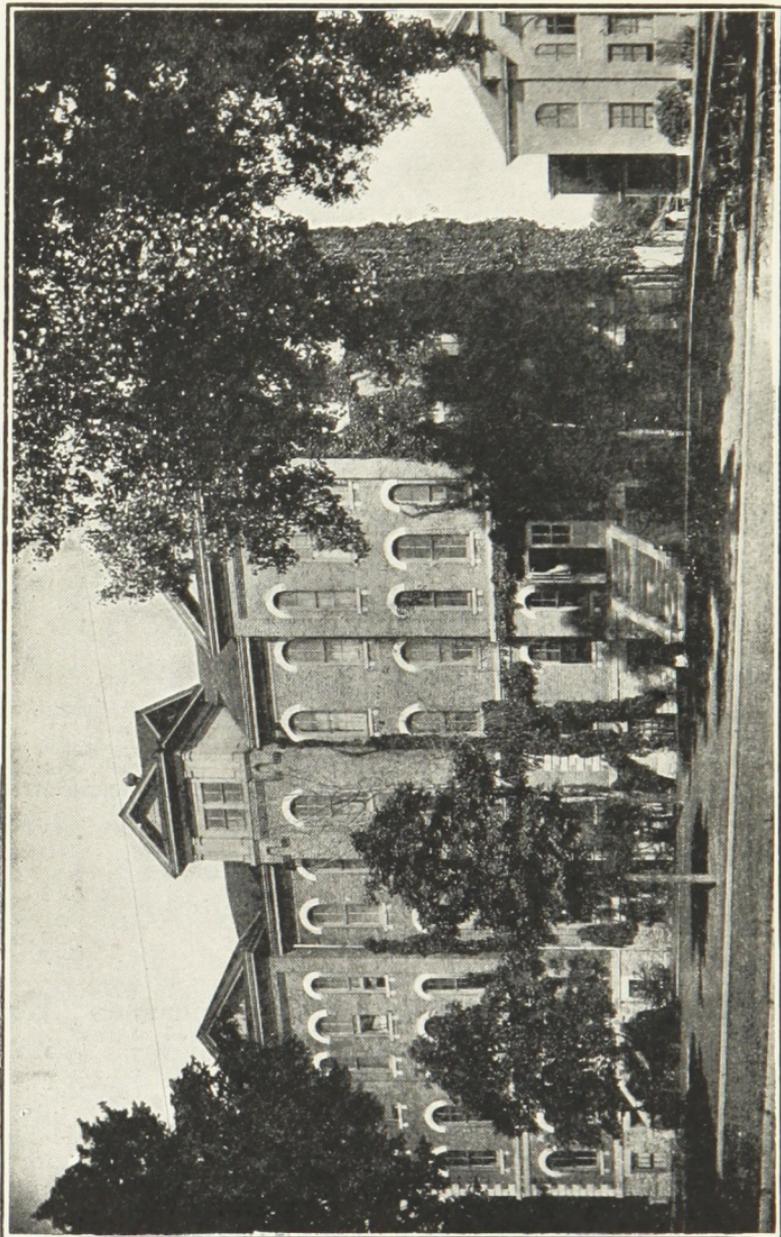
Frank Beebout	John H. Moninger
Roscoe Beedee	Kenneth Morehead
Kenneth Clark	Harry I. Prugh
Dave Cook	Harold Speer
Adelbert Heinmiller	Clarendon Wertz
J. Stewart Jackson	

Besides these, there are twelve pledges, and three members in the faculty of Coe College, Professor G. N. Quam, Mr. John Stockton and Mr. Salem G. Pattison.

ADELBERT W. HEINMILLER

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IN OUR last issue we spoke of starting a column on "Advice to the Lovelorn," for the benefit of discouraged brothers. However, those men whom we had mentioned for the positions of columnists, when we broached the subject, flatly refused to commercialize their experience; and to date no one has offered his services. Nevertheless, from the current rate at which the boys from Zeta appear to be disposing of their newly-won pins, it seems that any one of them possesses potentialities as an author for lovers' advice!



"OLD MAIN," COE COLLEGE

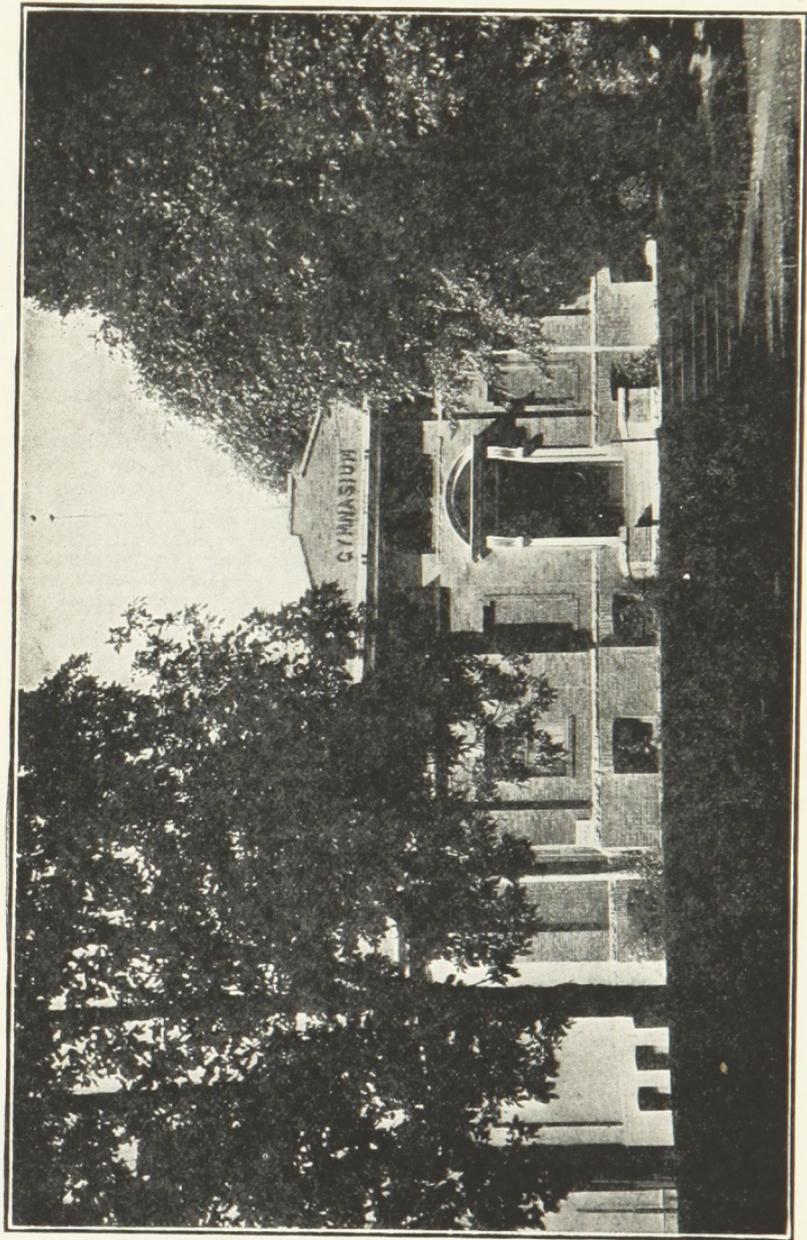
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT COE COLLEGE?

COE COLLEGE, located at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is one of those liberal arts colleges which, found in many parts of the Middle West, are a tribute to the desire of the people in that territory to obtain higher education. It is located in a residential district of the city, but a short distance from the business section; the main campus fronting on First Avenue between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets. In addition, the college owns other land nearby, which is used for athletic fields. There are seven buildings on the campus: the Main Building, Williston Hall, Marshall Hall, the Gymnasium, Science Hall, T. M. Sinclair Memorial Chapel, and Voorhees Quadrangle.

The college is a co-educational institution with about eight hundred students, of which approximately half are women and half are men. Counting those taking the summer and evening extension courses, the total enrollment is 1,150. The college offers a four-year liberal arts course with the degree of bachelor of arts, and a music course with the degree of bachelor of music. As mentioned before, there are summer courses, and evening extension courses, for those who wish extra work, or are not able to attend during the day. Masters' degrees in the two courses are conferred after one year of graduate work. The faculty which disseminates the knowledge for all these courses is composed of eighty-two members.

The history of Coe College is the story of a long fight under adverse conditions, and a final triumph in the establishment of the school in its present status. In 1851, the Reverend Williston Jones, then pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Cedar Rapids, was requested by a young man to give instructions to serve as a basis for training for the Christian ministry. When others joined in this request, Mr. Jones started a private school in his home. This gradually expanded, until in 1855, Daniel Coe, of Durham, Green County, New York, endowed it to the extent of \$1,500, which was used to purchase an eighty-acre tract of land in Cedar Rapids, a portion of which is still used

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MEN'S GYMNASIUM, COE COLLEGE

FOUNDERS' DAY FITTINGLY CELEBRATED

ALPHA KAPPA PI celebrated, on March 24, another anniversary of its founding as a national fraternity. Each year, on or around this date, a banquet is held as a birthday party for the youthful organization, to mark another step upwards in its climb to a ripe old age. This year the four metropolitan chapters, Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and Delta, again combined, and held forth at Caruso's Restaurant, New York City.

The banquet was opened with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the assemblage, followed by an invocation by Brother Harry T. McKnight, Beta. After a very fine meal, Brother Vincent Tobin, Gamma, took charge as toastmaster, and paved the way for the interesting and inspiring speeches which followed.

The first speaker on the program of the evening was Mr. Harold Riegelman, Chairman of the Interfraternity Conference, who painted a verbal picture of the brilliant future for any well-conducted young national fraternity. He was followed by Mr. A. Perry Roberts, associate professor of mechanical engineering at the Newark College of Engineering. He spoke on "The Fraternity and the School," bringing out many interesting features. Brother Pache B. Fraim, faculty adviser of Delta chapter, pointed out the fraternity's part in the life of every college student.

Our fraternity adviser, Brother Albert H. Wilson, left with us his conception of the fraternity a year hence—it looks as though he has planned a very good extension program.

Due to illness, Grand President Wilson R. Hull was unable to attend the banquet and speak. Edmund Redmerski, chairman of the Banquet Committee, gave a few words in his place, thanking the brothers for their co-operation in putting the banquet over so well.

A résumé of the progress made, and of plans for the future, was given by the president of each chapter: William Falconer, Alpha; Frank Herr, Beta; B. H. Oliver, Jr., Gamma; and

Clinton C. Ammerman, Delta. From what was reported, things look bright for Alpha Kappa Pi.

The program was interspersed with violin solos by Brother Walter Kastner of Alpha chapter.

At 10:00 P.M. the brothers drank a toast for the future success of the fraternity. Through a previous arrangement, the men of Zeta chapter, at Coe College, Iowa, joined in the toast with their eastern brothers at the same time, in spirit if not in body.

The banquet, arranged for by a committee of Edward S. Redmerski, Alpha, chairman, and John Everetts, Jr., Delta, was a fitting celebration for Alpha Kappa Pi's anniversary. We could generalize on various things brought out or suggested by the banquet, but we will forego the opportunity, and only remark here that we do not believe that anyone, after glancing over that assemblage of Alpha Kappa Pi brothers, could ever doubt the future growth and success of the organization.

E. S. REDMERSKI, *Alpha*

EASTERN CHAPTERS PLAN DANCE

ALPHA KAPPA PI will hold its first interchapter dance on the evening of April 21, 1928. This will, in a way, mark the social début of the national fraternity, for heretofore all dances run under the name of Alpha Kappa Pi have been more or less local in scope. The four chapters in the metropolitan district—Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and Delta—are working hard for this dance, so that everything augurs well for its success. The affair will be given in the Red Ballroom of the Hotel Warwick, located at Fifty-fourth Street and Sixth Avenue, New York City; and Don Marcotte and his "Vagabonds," of broadcasting fame, will furnish the music. The dance will be semi-formal as regards the character of the dress. Tickets are on sale at each chapter, at four dollars per couple.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Brother Mennie, Gamma, intends this, our first dance, to be a success; but for this it needs the loyal support of the brothers.

JOHN H. MENNIE
Gamma

THE EXTENSION OUTLOOK—

As it appears to Reverend A. H. Wilson

WHILE ALPHA KAPPA PI has been advancing along this line, we still find our list of active chapters standing the same. The Executive Council, with reluctance, withdrew the charter of Epsilon chapter at Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls, Iowa, because of the state assuming control of the college, and making it a secondary institution. Naturally, there was but one thing to do. However, Brother Edward Allen, Epsilon's representative to the last national convention, is now the head of the Ellsworth school, and thus keeps Alpha Kappa Pi known on the old campus. Epsilon chapter has more than justified its brilliant if brief existence. Besides initiating a group of splendid men, this chapter has been the means whereby other fine colleges are making application to Alpha Kappa Pi for charter privileges. During the present school year, Brother Adelbert Heinmiller, Epsilon, has entered Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and has given to Alpha Kappa Pi the wonderfully progressive Zeta chapter.

It is the very sanguine belief of the members of your extension committee that before the college year ends other worthy petitions, from fine colleges, will be brought to your attention. It is our hope that most careful consideration be given these petitions before accepting them, or refusing them a place among us. During the year two applications have been refused acceptance at this time, owing to some matters not being satisfactory to our contemplated growth.

It is well to state, in conclusion, that Alpha Kappa Pi fully intends to increase her borders, but it is the hope of your committee that this shall be done with great care, and never with the idea of hurriedly building up a great chapter list. Let us be patient and, as we extend our order, let it be in a way that will command the respect and confidence of the very best orders to be found in the college world today. If all plans carry, it may not be long until another chapter will have been placed within the metropolitan area, and thus join with Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and Delta in making this part of the east a veritable stronghold for the forward-going fraternity.

The Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity

Founded January 1, 1921, at the Newark College of Engineering, Newark, New Jersey. Incorporated under the laws of the state of New Jersey.

GRAND OFFICERS

Wilson R. Hull.....	<i>Grand President</i>
Harry T. McKnight.....	<i>Grand First Vice-President</i>
Harry W. Dierman.....	<i>Grand Second Vice-President</i>
James A. Gibbons.....	<i>Grand Secretary</i>
Ralph A. Brader.....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
Paul H. Clemen.....	<i>Grand Historian</i>
John W. Kern.....	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
Albert H. Wilson.....	<i>Fraternity Adviser</i>

THE CHAPTERS

Alpha.....	Newark College of Engineering <i>Correspondent:</i> George W. Dorn, 153 Greenwood Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey.
Beta.....	Wagner College <i>Correspondent:</i> William Zundle, Wagner College, Staten Island, New York.
Gamma.....	Stevens Institute of Technology <i>Correspondent:</i> Thomas H. Phelan, 509 River Terrace, Hoboken, New Jersey.
Delta.....	Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute <i>Correspondent:</i> John Everetts, Jr., 1819 E. Forty-eighth Street, Brooklyn, New York.
Zeta.....	Coe College <i>Correspondent:</i> Doyle Stonehocker, 1316 First Avenue East, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

NATIONAL NOTES

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL has been busy since the last issue of the ALPHA went to press. Many things of various degrees of importance have come up for discussion and action. Unfortunately, it is impossible to set forth here a detailed report of the business transacted. However, an endeavor will be made to briefly relate a few of the activities.

The event of greatest importance was the petition from Coe College. This petition arrived at about the same time that others were under consideration. However, it was deemed inadvisable to consider these others at that time. The Coe petition was particularly fine and complete in every respect. That the chapters thought the same resulted in the installation of Zeta chapter.

At this point a few words might be said relative to petitions and expansion. The committee for this work is doing particularly fine work. It considers and carefully investigates every petition before it is presented to the Council. At present the outlook is very promising, and the tendency is to become optimistic. This is partly justifiable, but it is well to remember that there is a vast difference between a promising prospect and a satisfactory petition. The correct viewpoint is to be optimistic about the future, but at the same time realize that a prospect is a prospect, and nothing more. This will save considerable disappointment. The best time to consider a new chapter is when the petition has been sent to the chapters for consideration.

Several committees have been appointed during the past season. A committee is now functioning to standardize the ritual robes and, from progress reports, the work is advancing in a fine manner. The ritual is receiving the attention of a committee headed by Brother Herr, of Beta. Certain articles adopted at the last convention are being incorporated in it. Another committee headed by Brother Dierman, Grand Second Vice-President, is working on the scholarship question. The suggestion for this latter work was obtained from the Interfraternity Conference held last fall, and more will be heard on it later.

WILSON R. HULL

Grand President

EDITORIALS AND COMMENT

GREETINGS!

IN THIS issue we greet, as brothers, the men of the Lambda Tau Delta Fraternity, of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which has recently been installed as Zeta chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi. We wish to welcome their entrance into the fraternity, and the appearance of their chapter activities in written form on the pages of this magazine. They have our heartfelt wishes for a most successful and happy existence as brothers in Alpha Kappa Pi.

SCHOLARSHIP

Since fraternities first were started, it has been the general impression among non-collegians that they existed for purely social reasons, and therefore tended to distract the members from their real purpose in attending college—to get an education. It is because of this misunderstanding that Greek letter societies have been banned from some colleges, and that people often speak disparagingly of fraternities and fraternity men. All who are members of some fraternity know that these are not the true facts. While of course there are some organizations which exist only because of the social benefits, the majority are based on sound, mental, moral, and physical standards. They are intended to raise and maintain the characters of the brothers.

In recent years, much has been said and written concerning the scholarship of fraternity men. Surveys have proved both that the average marks of such have fallen below or surpassed those of “neutrals”; but because of the conflicting statements, these statistics are of little value. Nevertheless, the idea still persists among many people that a fraternity man has lower grades than others, because—well, just because he is a fraternity man, and consequently does not study.

It is not our purpose here to discuss the question; that has been done too often. It is our opinion that one of the aims of every fraternity should be to maintain a high standard of scholarship among the brethren. We wish to stress this fact for Alpha Kappa Pi; not because we believe our men are less intelligent than any other groups of students, but because we believe that

almost anything can be improved upon, no matter how good it may seem. Midyear's examinations have come and gone, and perhaps some of the unsuccessful brothers have been dropped from school; but it is not too late to attempt to prevent a like occurrence at the final exams in June.

Of course there is no method whereby a fraternity can increase the native intelligence of its members; but by closer application to studies, the scholarship standard must inevitably be raised. We do not mean that all spare time should be devoted to studying; but that a fair amount of time be allotted for this—what is necessary to get the lesson properly. There are undoubtedly some brothers in each chapter to whom learning comes easier than to others. These should, if they are true fraternity brothers, aid those who are in danger of flunking. To stand by and see a brother dropped from college when a little help might have pulled him through, is no example of fraternal spirit.

This raising of the scholarship standard will benefit not only the brothers involved, but the chapters and fraternity as well, by raising these latter in the estimation of the faculty and administration of the colleges. The thought is one which should be borne in mind. Let us see if the brothers in college cannot all come through this year with flying colors; that is, with no cases of "flunks" or demotions. If this can be attained, by a little harder studying and fraternal aid or tutoring, Alpha Kappa Pi may well be proud of its record.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

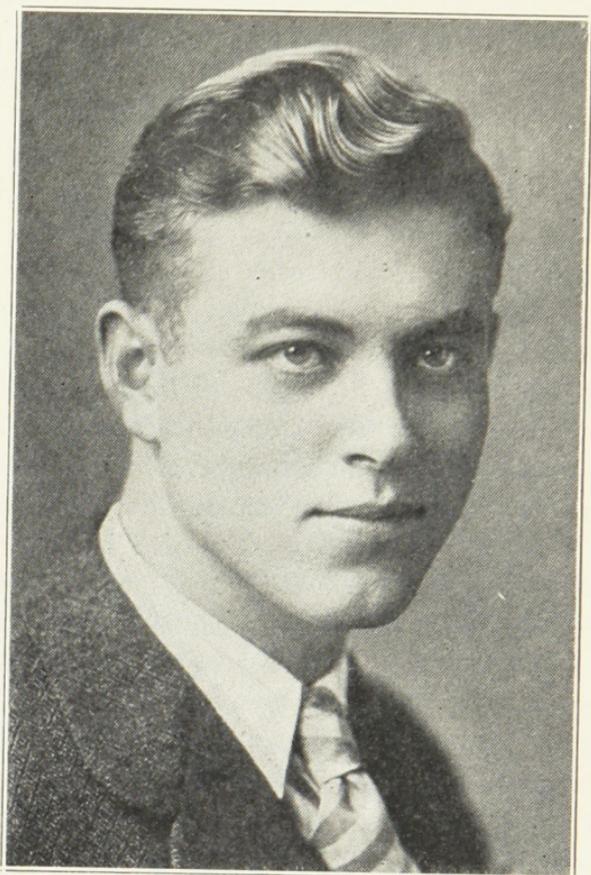
To the Brothers of Alpha Kappa Pi:

To one who has been with the new chapter since early fall, when it existed as a local, and who has followed closely that organization up to, during, and after the granting of the charter by the national, it has been a pleasing experience, and one that is not altogether easy to forget.

To be with them in moments of suspense, and then in celebration of that highest realization after the official chartering, is well worth remembering. I do not believe there is anything that I could ask to take the place of my experience in obtaining the connection between Alpha Kappa Pi and Lambda Tau Delta.

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NEW MAN ON EXTENSION COMMITTEE



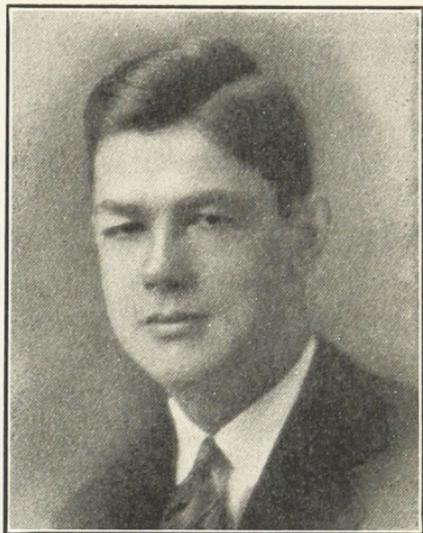
DWIGHT E. MOUND

DWIGHT E. MOUND, Zeta, has been added to the membership of the Extension Committee of Alpha Kappa Pi, to aid Brother Heinmiller in the western expansion of the fraternity. Brother Mound is a member of the class of 1928 at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is very active in student life there. He is business manager of *The Cosmos*, the college publication; adjutant of the Coe unit of the R.O.T.C.; member of Phi Delta Upsilon, honorary journalistic fraternity; and a member of the honorary military fraternity of the Scabbard and Blade. In the Zeta chapter he holds the office of treasurer.

In Memoriam

LENARD WEEKS

Brother Lenard Weeks entered Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute as a freshman in September, 1927. He graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School with high scholastic honors and with many coveted awards for extra-curricular activities. He was pledged to Delta chapter on November 10, 1927, and was initiated on January 5, 1928. Brother Weeks was ever faithful in the performance of his duties, and always had a cheerful word for everyone. His scholastic record in college for the first semester ranked among the best, and even though he was a freshman, his outside activities were drawing comments of approval. On March 8 he was taken to the hospital and operated on for appendicitis, and on Sunday, March 11, at 7:30 P.M., he answered the call of the Supreme Creator. Those brothers who knew him are agreed that he was the type of brother of whom we hope the fraternity will eventually be composed.



We cannot say, and will not say
 That he is dead. He is just away!
 With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
 He has wandered into an unknown land;
 And left us dreaming how very fair
 It needs must be since he lingers there.
 And we—oh we, who the wildest yearn
 For the old-time step and the glad return—
 Think of him faring on, as dear
 In the love of There as the love of Here;
 Think of him still as the same, we say;
 He is not dead—he is just—away!

James Whitcomb Riley

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Alpha During the past few months, Alpha chapter has been fairly active. Although the midyear's examinations slowed up our activities a bit, we are now in full swing once more.

Due to the efforts of our Grand Secretary, the members of Alpha chapter have received their shingles and membership cards. The committee has done a good job, and is to be commended.

At a recent initiation, Alpha welcomed seven new brothers. They are Frank Coe, '31, Walter Frohbrese, '31, William Lanterman, '31, William O'Connor, '30, Richard Varndell, '30, Herman Herr, '29, and Charles Hull, '31. The last-named is a brother of Wilson Hull, Grand President of the fraternity. Following the ceremony at which these men were taught the seven points, a banquet of welcome was held at the Windsor Tea Room, Newark. Many of the brothers turned out to greet the new men. It is expected that several more candidates will be pledged in the near future.

Brothers Ralph A. Brader and James A. Gibbons were named as the recipients of Activity Keys, and Brother Robert E. Mayer as the recipient of a Scholarship Key. These men are all members of the 1928 graduating class at Newark.

Plans are under way for the chapter historian to write a "biography" of each member, including his activities and other happenings during his college career.

GEORGE W. DORN

Beta We came back from the Christmas recess full of vim, vigor, and vitality. At that time, we possessed many unbroken New Year's resolutions. In point of fact, too many!

One cool crisp Sunday evening, we paid a visit to Brother Wilson's church. Indeed it was a very enjoyable event in our lives—we even enjoyed the sermon. The young ladies of the Christian Endeavor are, by far, the most charming hostesses imaginable.

Then, on a dark and dreary night, Bill Voss, Siegwalt Palleske, Austin Bosch, and Bud Miller were initiated into the fraternity. Some of these brothers still think that the moon treated them very unfairly, just because of the fact that it forgot to send forth its light on this memorable occasion. On the night of the induction of these men we had a very distinctive pleasure given to us. Dr. Faust C. De Walsh, head of the German department, was taken into our midst as a brother. After this induction ceremony, we had a banquet at the Villa Telmany. Is it necessary for me to add that Brother Wilson was as interesting and as affable as usual? We are always glad to hear his message. Really, his optimism and industriousness in furthering the cause of Alpha Kappa Pi are indispensable to us.

Then, as the year progressed, we "threw ourselves" to countless "feeds." These usually followed our rigorous business sessions, mainly because we felt the need of material sustenance upon the completion of our transactions.

Another high light in our existence came on a very auspicious night in the full of the moon. This was the induction of Brother Frederick C. Genzmer, head of the mathematics department, and of Harold Lucas, a most deserving and erudite young freshman. We expect a great deal of "Luke," considering that the moon surely was in his favor.

A few weeks ago, Brother and Mrs. De Walsh entertained us at their delightfully cosy home in New Dorp. If any of you other brothers have proclivities for oatmeal cookies, call on Mrs. De Walsh. Personally, I shall never forget our evening spent with these "real folks." They are far above par in the world of entertainers.

Last, but not least, comes the Founders' Day banquet. The 99 per cent of the brothers of Beta who attended the banquet are impressing, in no uncertain terms, on the minds of the 1 per cent who were not present, what they have missed.

BUD MILLER

Gamma Now that the exams here at Stevens are over, and our ship has hit clear weather again, we are glad to say that for the most part we all weathered the storm pretty well. Just before this storm, we added to the

crew of our ship Brothers Bennett and Krause, of the class of '31. We are planning to add several more before we sail many more months.

Prior to Christmas we held a house dance which was well attended by the brothers and their guests. Excellent music was available, and all present enjoyed themselves. Our brothers from other chapters are more than welcome at these dances, and whenever possible we try to notify in advance all the neighboring chapters of the date of the dance. We are glad that plans have been formulated for the National dance. We cannot say too much in urging support for this event, as its annual occurrence will mean a closer contact between chapters and a revival of interest among our alumni brothers. It will help to give Alpha Kappa Pi greater social prestige.

Shortly before our rushing season opened we formulated plans and discussed our prospects; and now that the season has opened, we are carrying out our plans, and hope to add to the ranks of Alpha Kappa Pi.

With the zealous work the extension committee is doing, we feel sure that before long several more chapters will be added to our now growing list. We take this opportunity to thank the committee on behalf of the members of Gamma who are eagerly following its progress.

THOMAS H. PHELAN

Since our last letter was sent in to the ALPHA
Delta many things have happened. It will perhaps be
advisable to state them in chronological order.

Christmas week, the chapter held its dance at the Hotel St. George, and a good time was enjoyed by all who attended. Some of the brothers were away for the holidays, and were unable to participate in the activities of the evening.

With the ringing in of the New Year, the brothers earnestly got together to make this year the biggest in the history of Polytechnic fraternities. On January 5, Edmond Burke, '30, Louis Schofield, '31, Henry Bruns, '31, and Lenard Weeks, '31, were duly initiated. At about this time our first sorrow fell upon us. Henry Penchoen was quite ill with pneumonia. He

was confined to bed for several weeks, and is now on a vacation in the West Indies, to recuperate. We wish him a speedy and healthy return. On January 26, James Hughs, '31, and Henry Weinkauff, '31, brother of big "Bill" Weinkauff, were taught the precepts. March 5 opened the rushing season, and we came out one man better than we stood before. On March 8, another initiation was held, at which neophytes Ruck, '31, and Houke, '31, were instructed in the seven points.

Everyone was feeling happy and enjoying a prospective good future, when a blow greater than mortal hands could deliver descended upon us. Brother Lenard Weeks, '31, was taken to the hospital on March 8, and was operated on for appendicitis. At 7:30 P.M. Sunday, March 11, the Supreme Creator of the Universe called him from us to that greater life where reigns eternal peace and happiness.

JOHN EVERETTS, JR.

Variety seems to have been running rife in our social **Zeta** calendar this year. Carrying out our usual plan of variation in the fall dance, we all reverted to type on October 21, wore the other fellow's clothes as laugh provokers, and appeared at Dreamland ballroom decked out in hobo attire. Most of the fellows looked like the answer to a hobo maiden's prayer, or an advance showing of hobo styles for Kansas City, as they swarmed around the cider barrel.

Don Stow's Collegians, assisted by Alberta Haynes, blues singer, furnished the music and entertainment for the evening. The programs carried out the colors of the fraternity, blue and gold, and their covers were graced with a very aristocratic looking "Bo," sporting a shiny pledge pin, and carrying a red bandana "gladstone" over his shoulder. The chaperons were Professor and Mrs. G. N. Quam, and Professor and Mrs. J. E. Anderson. About thirty-five couples attended the dance.

Our excellent pledge organization this year surprised the actives one evening at meeting with the announcement that the actives were to be guests of the pledges at a house dance on November 25. Most of the men stayed at the house over Thanksgiving, and ordered boxes from home. The kitchen looked like

a veritable warehouse of cakes, pies, and chicken, but miraculously no one foundered.

When the dance took place on the night following Thanksgiving, some new art was discovered, for the chapter house was better decorated than it ever had been before. Programs were in the shape of miniature paddles with the Greek letters in gold on the cover. A large victrola with amplification carried its syncopation to all parts of the chapter house. After the dance, about twenty-five couples assembled at the Commonwealth tea-room, where refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Anderson chaperoned the party, and John R. Stockton and friend were faculty guests.

The night of December 19 found the pledges entertaining the actives at the annual Christmas party at the chapter house. Alumni as well as actives will remember this night as one of frivolity, good fellowship, reminiscences before the open fire, and thoughts of home and the holidays and of prospects for the future. Presents by individuals and groups were formally given to the house as a fitting conclusion.

We recently held an initiation, and six men were instructed in the seven points. A banquet was held in their honor at the Mandarin Inn.

On March 2 we entertained at a house dance five members of the basketball squad from Monmouth, Illinois. The affair was exceptionally unique, and was a great success from all angles.

March 23 will find us celebrating Founders' Day in an appropriate manner, probably with a stag banquet; and as soon as the weather is favorable, later in the spring, the local chapter will stage its annual spring dance, probably at Manhattan. The annual stag banquet, followed by a barge party up the Cedar during Commencement Week, will conclude the social season for the year.

D. DOYLE STONEHOCKER

PERSONALS

Engagements and Marriages

We have again a few more brothers who have strayed on or nearer the path of matrimony. Considering the fact that this is Leap Year, the mortality has been unusually light. However, the year is not yet over—and spring is coming!

We announce, rather belatedly, the marriage of Barney Diebold, of Alpha chapter, member of the class of '27 at Newark. Brother Diebold is now living at Pearl River, New York, and working at the Dexter Folder plant in that town.

While not married, Brothers Lawrence Koch and Charles Bauer, of Alpha are now well on their way. The engagements of both have recently been announced.

Zeta chapter adds to the list of men who expect soon to leave the realm of bachelorhood. Brothers Harold Speer, Sheldon Morris, and Dwight E. Mound did not manage to keep their new Alpha Kappa Pi pins very long. These badges soon became, instead of fraternity pins, pledge pins—pledging three young ladies to that organization called Matrimony.

Alpha Reports That—

Brother Goldbach has turned into a Shylock. Can you blame him? He is treasurer of the Senior class!

Much honor has been given to our Grand Secretary James Gibbons. He presided over the convention of the Student Branches of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, in the Metropolitan Section, held at New York City on March 14. He also took charge of the Senior meeting in the evening.

One of our yearling brothers, William Lanterman, is vice-president of the Freshman class.

Brother MacFadyen held a private celebration the other day—his fraternity pin came home to roost.

Brothers Drake, Herr, and Townsend were members of the Junior Prom committee. Brother Drake is also editor-in-chief of the *Technician*, the college paper. Brother Clarendon is on his staff as assistant business manager.

By constant practice, Brother Cozza has become the champion of Alpha chapter on the bowling alleys.

We are pleased to announce that Brother Cox has opened a marriage bureau, to disseminate his store of worldly knowledge to brothers not so fortunate as he is. If you are interested, please get in touch with him.

Brother Balenson, our heretofore confirmed bachelor, has, we understand, lost his heart to the fair sex.

We wonder what it is that has made Brother Drake indulge in "night life"?

From the Old Stone Mill

Since all the chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi are telling what their brothers are doing for their schools, we thought we would let you know that Gamma is by no means inactive in this line.

Brother Castle has the second highest average for the class of '28 during freshman, sophomore, and junior years, and highest average for the first term of the senior year. And that's that.

Our musical brothers: Mennie and Border are members of the Stevens Concert Orchestra; Cyriacks, Koven, and Straub are all on the Glee Club; and Zwack is a member of the Banjo-Mandolin Club. In addition we have Schraeder and his sax, and Ernisch and Bennett, who pound the ivories. Here we have harmony personified.

Brother Hendrick was out for assistant tennis manager.

Brother Eberle is on the *Stute* board. On the staff of our other college publication, the *Stone Mill*, we have Brother Krause, our budding young cartoonist.

Hear ye all! Brother Wilson has reformed. He comes to school early—there's a reason!

Jack Mennie and Bob Keowen are members of our Varsity Show chorus.

Brother Kleiber, our diminutive engineer, is still keeping Standard Oil guessing. Good luck to him!

Leap Year has not affected our brothers to a noticeable degree, but a few pins are still unaccounted for.

Brother Oliver is writing about "models" for his senior report.

At last our confirmed bachelor, "Captain" Mariner, has fallen. "A girl in every port" is his slogan.

Brothers Wilson, Cyriacks, and Straub spent an enjoyable evening at Delta's smoker in February.

From the West

Zeta has a tendency to monopolize the *Cosmos*. Brother Mound is business manager, Brother Moninger acts as managing editor, and Brothers Poldervaart, Morehead, Clark, and Prugh are reporters.

Brother Yenny and his cohorts gave the student body the once over a short time ago, to find out if any of the students were engaged in too many activities.

Brother Morehead is in earnest. We are sure that he will run the two miles in record time this year, for he has given up his favorite foods, and begun to train as the "Phantom Finn" would.

Zeta seems to have speakers galore—some say too many. At any rate, Brothers Duckworth, Clark, and Stonehocker are showing their wares from the platform this year. These men are all fluent speakers, and will undoubtedly give visiting debating teams some trouble. All are working hard in hopes that they can go to Tiffin, Ohio, in April, where Coe will have two teams at the Pi Kappa Delta tournament.

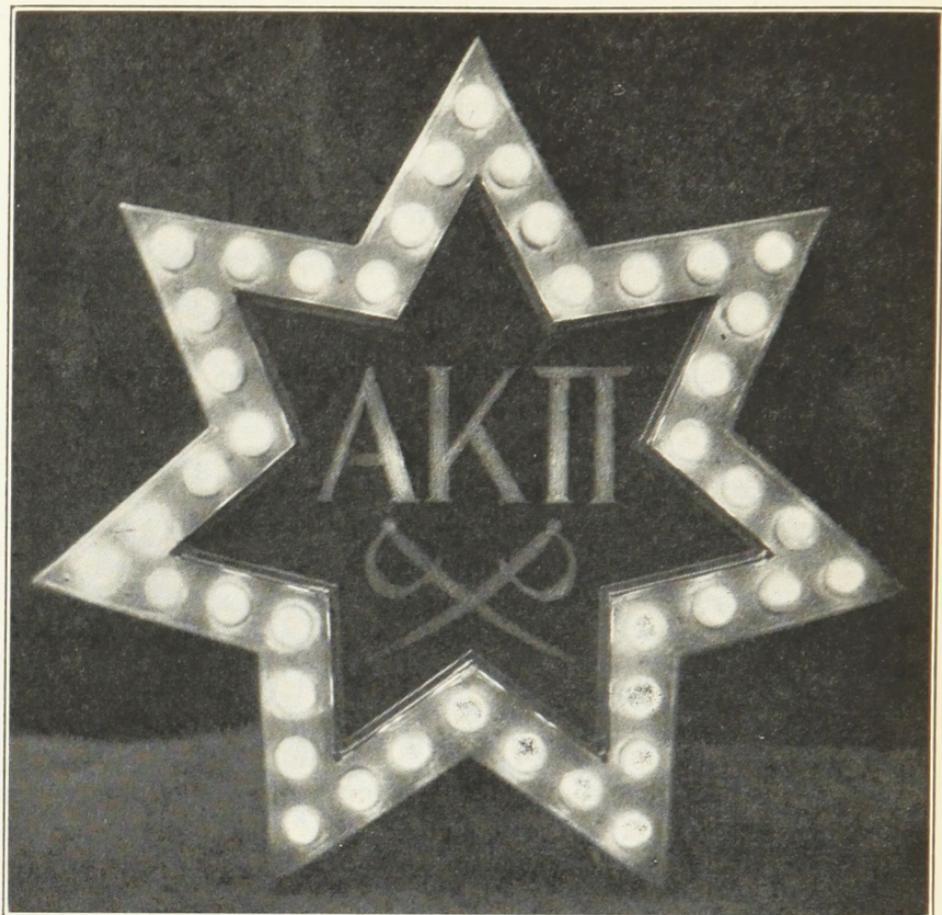
Prugh and Beedee have formed an alliance. Lately, Harry doesn't date unless Roscoe goes along. We might ask them to explain.

Brother Morris surely is a genius. He constructed an electric replica of the jeweled badge of Alpha Kappa Pi that stands forty-five inches in height. It displays some wonderful workmanship. A picture on the following page shows how this appears.

A new magazine appeared on the Coe campus, and the editors published an editorial giving Brother Poldervaart credit for the wonderful work he has been doing in his studies.

Brothers Brinacombe and Chapman are still in the buggy, but are worried. However, we are sure that Brothers Heinmiller and Speer will enjoy the "feed" which Briny and Chappy will "throw."

Among our alumni, we have one man who is connected with Hedges Real Estate Company, and needs to be watched; for he is buying altogether too many apartment houses.



ELECTRIC REPLICA OF THE JEWELLED BADGE
Constructed by C. Sheldon Morris, *Zeta*

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT COE COLLEGE?

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by the school. As a result, the name of the school was changed to the Coe Collegiate Institute. In 1881 it was incorporated in Iowa as Coe College, and given full power to confer college degrees. From then on, success became more certain.

Up until 1907, Coe College was directly and legally connected with the Presbyterian Church. In that year the Synod assented to an amendment to the charter of the college, whereby its legal independence was established. In June, 1919, Leander Clark College of Toledo, Ohio, was consolidated with Coe, the combined school retaining the name of Coe College.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

WHY I BELIEVE IN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES

I believe in college fraternities because *as fraternities*—associations in a close, compact *brotherhood*—they are in their fundamental idea really ennobling. I can remember yet the thrill of an almost more than religious exaltation that swept over me as a boy of seventeen; there was stripped from my eyes the blindfold, and I beheld the robed circle of my new brothers, and received from each the fervent elevating; and the solemn and thrilling effect of it has, thank Heaven, never quite departed from me. To some, perhaps, the term “brother” implies in fraternity affiliation a merely conventional connotation; but to most fraternity men, of whatever college or society, the word is more than an implication of mere friendliness and good fellowship. It is a word that means what it says, and that binds together in close bonds congenial men for social and moral betterment. The friendships cemented in my own fraternity when I was in college have remained as the most potent factors in my later life; and friendships later formed with brothers from other chapters have, in some cases, been of no less vital influence.—*The Kappa Alpha Psi Journal*

WHAT MAKES A CHAPTER STRONG?

What is the most essential factor in developing and maintaining a good fraternity chapter? Is it a splendid chapter house? the prestige of a strong national fraternity? high scholarship? the possession of a goodly number of campus leaders? fine fellowship? satisfactory financial credit? social poise? an aggressive spirit?

No, it is strong internal organization. Given this, practically all things are added unto it; without it, apparent strength is merely deceptive.

A strong internal organization quickly becomes hereditary. It seems to persist, as does no other one quality, probably because the persistence of the other qualities are due to it. In some chapters one finds a continuous record of worthy achievement: correspondence is attended to immediately; obligations, financial

and otherwise, are met promptly; guests are cordially received and properly entertained; the activities of the chapter are carried on quietly and efficiently, co-operation being a habit, and the direction of the chapter officers being accepted with a willing spirit.

And how can a chapter build up its internal organization? First, by the careful election of officers, selecting men because they will be capable executives rather than because they are popular; second, by outlining a program of the chapter's activities for the entire year and distributing the responsibilities of that program wisely, with the executives keeping a check to see that each does his share in carrying out the program; third, the intelligent training of pledges so that they may fit into the scheme of things understandingly and easily.—*The Rattle of Theta Chi.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

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The granting of Zeta chapter to Coe will mean perhaps the most important step in the expansion of the national. Coe stands well out here in the West, and with the comparatively fertile field surrounding it, there is no reason why we should not extend the realm of the seven-pointed star over other campuses that will add much to our growth.

The men out here are energetic and anxious to put their fraternity no matter what it may be, to the front; and the Zeta men are no exception to the rule. With such a future, we are working unceasingly until the day when Alpha Kappa Pi will extend across the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Canadian line to the Gulf. It is to that aim that we of Zeta have pledged ourselves, and it is with that policy that we are entering other schools; not forgetting, however, a careful and guarded selection of prospective locals, with the intentions and designs of a firm, sound, and conservative expansion.

ADELBERT W. HEINMILLER,
Western Representative

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