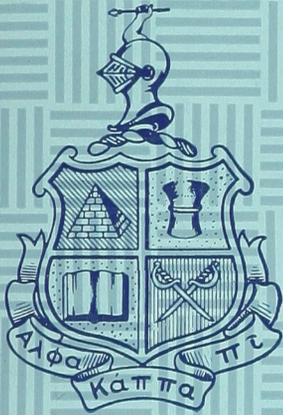


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## CENTRE COLLEGE WELCOMES OUR TWENTIETH CHAPTER

### *History of Delta Phi Upsilon*

**O**N NOVEMBER 3, 1929, six young men enrolled in Centre College joined together in forming the Delta Phi Upsilon fraternity. They included one man each from the classes of '30 and '32, and two men from the classes '31 and '33. Of these founders, three are still undergraduates.

These six men were bound to one another on the common ground of friendship, high ideals, and good scholarship. From the start, Delta Phi Upsilon took a firm stand in upholding the standards which every progressive fraternity should foster—high ideals, high scholarship, deferred rushing, and no Hell Week.

The idea of quality of membership rather than quantity was thoroughly imbedded in the minds of the members, and from the very first a policy was adopted requiring that a candidate for pledging pass the unanimous vote of the fraternity before he could become eligible for rushing. This practice is still in effect, and it assures positive congeniality, and the addition of only such men as have a basis for grasping the common beliefs of those within the fraternity.

Delta Phi Upsilon is on a sound financial basis. No Centre fraternity owns its own home, and Delta Phi Upsilon rents its house, at 481 West Lexington Avenue. Following the recent rule adopted by the Student Council, Delta Phi Upsilon appointed as her housemother, Mrs. W. R. Walker, who resides at all times on the premises. In this, Delta Phi Upsilon stands alone. All the other fraternities have visiting housemothers, and none resides on the premises of the several fraternity houses.

It is one of Delta Phi Upsilon's cardinal ideals that character and ability are to be stressed above material wealth, and though this does not bar anyone from membership, the fraternity demands that its membership be workers for the school and for the fraternity itself, and that no man rest on his monetary laurels. Delta Phi Upsilon has always had a constructive attitude toward college life, and has sought to improve each individual member by strict adherence to the spiritual values that membership in such a society entails.

Each man has been encouraged to enter some line of extra-curricular activity that interests him. The fraternity today has more

men in activities than any other fraternity on the campus, in proportion to numbers.

On March 21, 1931, the society initiated Dr. Boyd A. Wise, Ph.D., who serves as faculty adviser. Dr. Wise is listed in *Who's Who* and is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University.

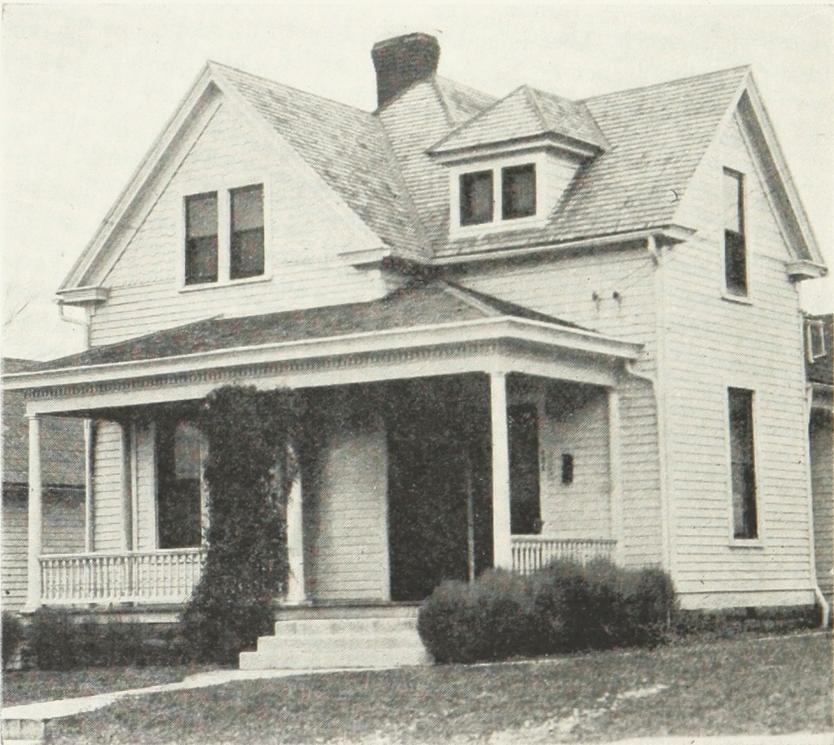
The society at present consists of twelve men, and the faculty adviser, Dr. Wise. The membership of the fraternity is held constant near this figure, though the maximum size has been tentatively set at twenty men—a little above the average size chapter at Centre. Delta Phi Upsilon is not, as at first it may seem, the smallest fraternity on the Centre campus—Kappa Alpha has a membership of ten men, and Delta Kappa Epsilon has a membership of eleven men.

Delta Phi Upsilon ranked first in scholarship among all the fraternities on the campus last year, and from all indications stands a very good chance of repeating that performance this year.

### *History of Centre College*

Centre College was chartered in 1819, and is, therefore, one of the oldest institutions of higher education in Kentucky, or in the South, having graduated the first class as early as 1824. The College has prosecuted its work successfully and without interruption from that day to the present. Not a year has passed in which it has not sent out graduates.

Centre College was founded by a group of Christian men who believed that education and religion should not be separated, that heart and mind must be trained together, that fine character and sound learning must equally mark the man. For over one hundred years, Centre College through a long succession of devoted teachers has continued that work in the spirit of the founders. Its alumni have gone to every state in the union and have made their places as useful Christian citizens in the professions, in business lines, in the ministry, and in public service.



UPSILON CHAPTER HOUSE

In 1901 Centre College was legally consolidated with Central University under the Corporate name of "Central University of Kentucky," with the provision that the college at Danville should continue to be known as Centre College of Kentucky. In 1918 the charter was amended, and the name of the consolidated institution was changed to its former name, Centre College of Kentucky.

In 1926, Centre College opened a Woman's Department in the buildings formerly occupied by Kentucky College for Women. This department gives standard four-year courses in arts and sciences for young women who are taught in separate classes and on a separate campus. Neither department is co-educational, but each department profits from its relationship with the other. Co-ordinate education avoids the distractions of co-education and also the restrictions of unrelated institutions for men and women. Centre College is the only college in Kentucky that maintains separate departments for men and women, and is not co-educational.

Centre College is on the approved list of colleges endorsed by the Association of American Universities, the highest rank that a college of liberal arts can reach. Centre College is one of the few small colleges in America with an endowment in excess of a million dollars. The endowment of the college as of May 15, 1930, was \$1,252,449.15. The first \$100,000 was raised in the administration of Dr. John C. Young, and the second \$100,000 was raised in the administration of his son, Dr. William C. Young. The greatest campaign for funds was for \$600,000 additional endowment, which was completed in 1922, and included a gift of \$200,000 from the General Education Board (Rockefeller Foundation). The present value of the plant, buildings and grounds on the men's campus is \$501,762.11 and on the women's campus \$299,213.28.

The College has always been small in number of students, but has maintained a high standard of scholarship, a very strong faculty and complete equipment for college work, and has had marked success in inspiring

young men with ambitions and ideals for noble living and useful service.

#### *Alumni of Centre*

At the close of the One Hundred and Seventh Commencement in 1930, the College had granted degrees to 2395 bachelors of arts or of sciences. A gratifying large number of the Alumni have attained prominence in the various walks of life, and they testify readily to the spirit of Old Centre, which has become part of their life.

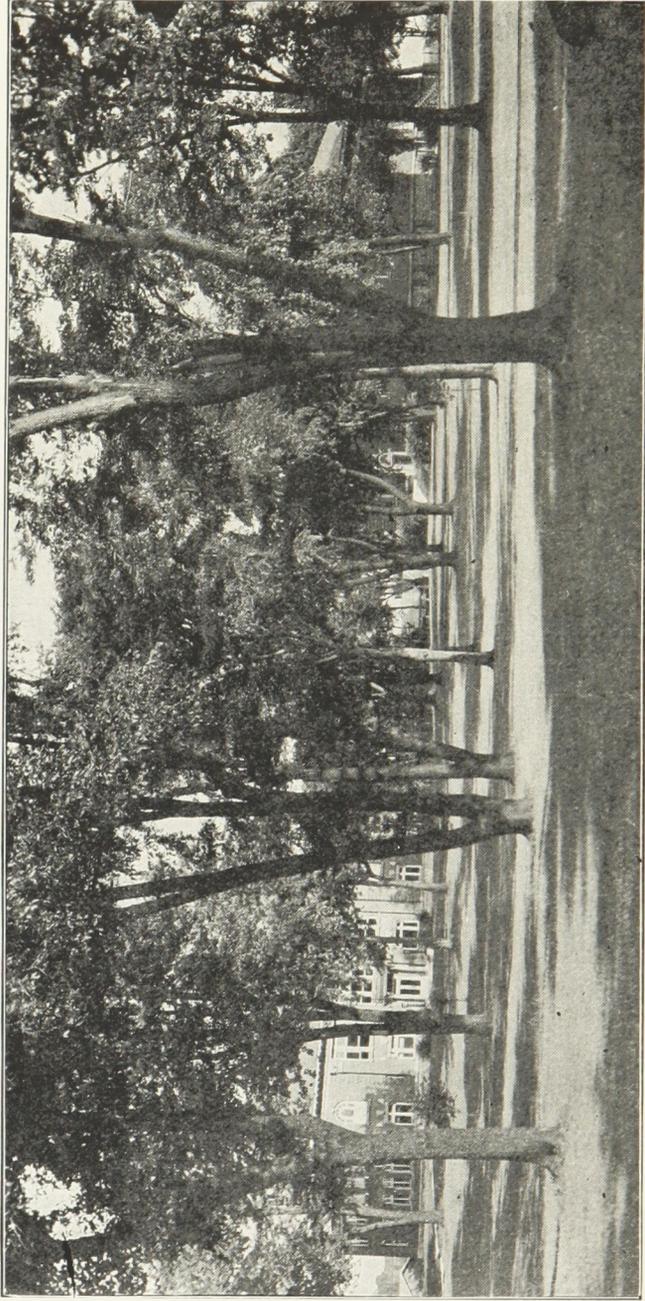
A study recently made by Professors Donald B. Prentice and B. W. Kunkel of Lafayette College showed that of the 506 colleges and universities represented by alumni in *Who's Who*, Centre College ranked fourteenth in the nation and second in the South in the percentage of living alumni who had attained this distinction. The author's remark "Colleges have been judged by endowment, equipment, faculty personnel, admission requirements, and various other criteria, but undoubtedly the most reliable measure, as in most enterprises, is the quality of the product." What have the alumni achieved? Centre College is content to be judged by this standard.

Centre College has educated twenty-nine College Presidents, one hundred and nine College Professors, forty Representatives in Congress, eight United States Senators, eleven Governors of States, two Vice-Presidents of the United States, one Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, fifty-three Circuit Judges (State and Federal), ten Moderators of the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Churches, five Ministers and Consuls to foreign countries, and a very large number of men who have been successful in the professions of Law, Medicine, Teaching and the Ministry.

#### *Student Organizations*

Though Centre has an enrollment of only 275 students the activities are many and varied.

There are seven national social fraternities on the campus, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon,



CENTRE COLLEGE—CAMPUS VIEW SHOWING LIBRARY AND GYMNASIUM



OLD CENTRE

Kappa Alpha, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Phi Kappa Tau. Delta Phi Upsilon is at present the only local fraternity at Centre.

Two literary societies, the Chamberlain and the Deinologian, supplement the work done in the classroom. Several honorary fraternities have chapters at the College. A weekly paper is published by the students, as well as the annual, *Old Centre*. Both of these publications furnish opportunity for valuable training in journalism to students with a gift for writing. The Centre College Players is the dramatic club of the college and furnishes enjoyment to the players and the students alike. The Round Table is a scholarship society of students and members of the Faculty. Round Table discussions are held dealing in literary and humanistic subjects beyond the scope of the classroom.

### *Athletics*

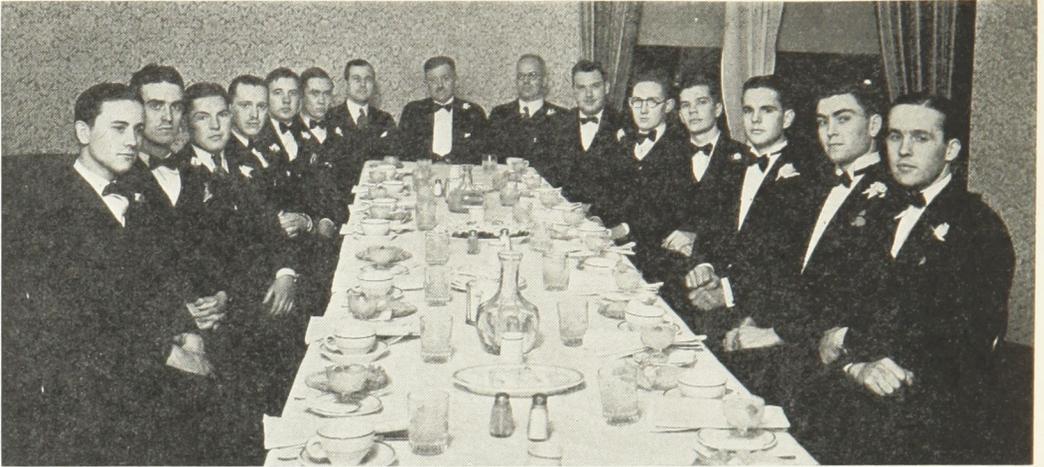
Fifty-two years ago this fall, the game of football was introduced to the Southland. Centre College met Transylvania University

at Lexington, Ky., in the first football game south of Ohio River.

During the fifty-two years that have followed this first game, the College has had several outstanding football teams. In 1893 Centre had one of the strongest teams in this section of the country and went undefeated for three consecutive years.

The teams of the period from 1919 to 1924 have gained the greatest national recognition. Three first-team all-American players were developed in those years: Bo McMillin, Red Roberts and Red Weaver. Centre's gold and white banner floated from the greatest stadia in the land, in the East, the North, South, and the Far West.

In 1929, Edwin Kubale, another famous Centre gridder, was called to the College to head the athletic department, and under his régime, Centre has once more entered a bid for national honors. In this past season, Centre met such teams as Boston College, Chattanooga U., Mercer U., Washington U., and suffered only two defeats and a tie, the



UPSILON CHAPTER INSTALLATION BANQUET, FEBRUARY 13, 1932

Left to right—Alcock, Watson, Adams, Weatherford, Bedinger, Taylor, Dr. C. J. Turck,  $\Sigma$  N, President of Centre, Grand President Fraim, Dr. B. A. Wise, faculty adviser, Woboril, McMullen, Caldwell, Willett, Williams and Gibson.

whole season. Navy, Pittsburgh, Villanova, Brown and Princeton, have asked for a place on the Centre schedule next year. Boston College, John Carroll, and Mercer have already been placed there.

Although basketball, track, tennis and golf do not compel the interest that football does, each occupies a great deal of the interest of the student body.

Intramural sports are popular, and it is estimated that more than 60 per cent of the student body participates in these contests. The intramural program embraces volley ball, basketball, free-throwing, track, tennis, horseshoe pitching, and baseball, and these activities last from early fall to late spring.

Members of the College teams are obliged to keep their scholarship records high, and low marks in two subjects make a man ineligible for competition.

### *The Installation*

At seven o'clock on Saturday evening, February 13, 1932, the final initiate had been inducted into the Upsilon Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity, by Grand President Parke B. Fraim, assisted by members of the local chapter. A banquet followed the ceremonies.

The installation ceremonies began at four-

thirty in the Deinologian Hall of the Main Building on the campus and the men were initiated in three groups of four, and Dr. Wise, our Faculty Adviser, was put through alone. The order of initiates was as follows: P. A. Williams, Jr., Russell, Ky., president; James R. Willett, Houston, Texas, vice-president; Dudley W. Caldwell, Louisville, Ky., secretary; Larry Woboril, Cleveland, Ohio, historian; Averett Weatherford, Lebanon, Ky.; Caleb J. Gibson, Jonesville, Va.; Marcus W. Adams, Whitesburg, Ky., sentinel; Karl H. Watson, Henderson, Ky., treasurer; Donald M. Taylor, Pittsburg, Kan., marshal; Haines McMullen, Danville, Ky., chaplain; Chauncey Alcock, Danville, Ky.; and George Bedinger, Walton, Ky.

At the banquet, held immediately after the initiation ceremonies, the thirteen new brothers had as their guests, Grand President Parke B. Fraim; Dr. C. J. Turck, President of Centre College; and J. Curtis Alcock, father of Brother Alcock. The meal was excellent and at the conclusion short keynote speeches were made by Dr. Turck, Dr. Wise, Grand President Fraim, and our chapter president, Brother P. A. Williams, Jr.

After the final ceremonies had been completed the chapter buckled down to finding out all pertinent information regarding the

elaborate initiation paraphernalia. This done, the chapter adjourned to the house and a round-table discussion was held to clarify any points in doubt. Professor Fraim was able to elucidate perfectly, and the chapter possesses a nucleus-idea of its duties and the things expected of it as a representative of the Alpha Kappa Pi National Fraternity.

We wish to reiterate a cordial invitation to all our new-found brothers to visit us at any and all times.

We are proud of the responsibilities that have been invested in us and will do our utmost to measure up to Alpha Kappa Pi ideals and traditions.

DUDLEY W. CALDWELL

#### SCHOLARSHIP FOR BEST ESSAY

Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, has offered a \$500 scholarship at any college in the United States to the winner of an essay contest on the topic: "What is College For?"

—*Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*

#### ON HIS SNEEZE

St. Peter—"How did you get up here?"

Latest Arrival—"Flu." —*Jack-o'-lantern*

Man: "What does your father do when one of his horses is ill?"

Small Boy: "Do you mean just unwell or very ill?"

Man: "Very ill. Why do you ask?"

Small Boy: "When a horse is just unwell, dad gives it medicine, but when it is very ill, he sells it."

—*Die Woche im Bild, Olten*

Dartmouth students recently made the Hanover Town Council look like a bad case of acne on the body politic. Not long ago the municipal stepfathers discovered the town needed some money and started in to rib the collegiates to get it. Poll taxes were forced on them and then the students brought in their answer. They attended a Council meeting and put through two bills. One provided for the construction of a City Hall a foot wide and a mile high; the other a wall eight miles around the town.

And now Hanover is in a jam. It has appealed to the Attorney General of New Hampshire to learn whether it has to go ahead on the building program. And the "studes"? Glory be! Their poll tax receipts were cheap at the price!

—MORGAN COOK in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*

Judge: "How far were you from this spot when the cars collided?"

Witness: "Eighteen feet and ten inches."

Judge: "How do you know it was exactly that distance?"

Witness: "Because I measured it, thinking some fool might ask me the distance."

—*Line Material Magazine*

#### TWENTY YEARS TO BUILD PYRAMID

The famed pyramid of Cheops, also called the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, near Cairo, Egypt, was twenty years in building. Cheops was an Egyptian King of the fourth dynasty, who lived about 2900 B.C. The Egyptians called him Khufu and the pyramid, "the glory of Khufu." It took 100,000 men at labor constantly to complete this work of wonder.

—*Philadelphia Inquirer*

An elderly lady on her death bed called her son-in-law to her bedside and told him if he did not treat her daughter better in the future that she would dig her way out of her grave and haunt him the rest of her life.

"But boys, I fooled her," said the son-in-law, telling of the experience; "I buried her face down and said, 'Dig, doggone it, dig.'"

—*Line Material Magazine*

#### VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY

"Can you operate a typewriter?"

"Yes, sir, I use the Biblical system."

"I never heard of it."

"Seek and ye shall find."

—*Widow*

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NATIONAL INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE

**G**ATHERING together from all points of the compass to discuss the affairs of the interfraternity world, 169 delegates and officers of 67 national fraternities, met in the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City on November 27 and 28, 1931, for the twenty-third Annual Session of the National Interfraternity Conference. Fifteen college and university deans were likewise present. The total attendance, with accredited visitors, was just over the two hundred and twenty-five mark.



ALVAN E. DUERR, Δ T Δ  
*President 1931-32,  
 re-elected for 1932-33*

The high spot of the Conference was an address delivered by Dr. Henry Suzzallo, President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and former President of the University of Washington, who delved into the past and peered into the future with such authority that, to use his own statement of purpose, he was "provocative in the way of discussion."

One of the characteristics of American education is its concern for the whole man in the living process of education, Dr. Suzzallo said. Colleges have become more interested in the physical and emotional well-being of their students. The psychiatrist has become a very important addition to the personnel administration along with professors of physical education and directors of intramural sports. There was one

basic thing which the earlier institutions neglected and that was the social life and expression of the students. The American fraternity system therefore came into being by the spontaneous efforts of the student body itself.

If the fraternity system is to come into any organic relationship with a life as a whole during the collegiate period, it cannot be counteractive or even neutral to the original intention of developing well rounded men, Dr. Suzzallo maintained. The fraternity must not only be an influence for the fostering

of intellectual interest and achievement, but, because of the increasing interest in the personality as a whole, it must contribute to the strengthening of character and to the type of recreation and sociability which are conducive to the enhancement of human power.

If this is the goal, Dr. Suzzallo pointed out that fraternities could no longer be absolutely independent of the whole collegiate and university policy. Education is finally and completely responsible to American public opinion so that if an organization refuses to perform its function, it is sooner or later coming under the domination of the university and Dr. Suzzallo believed that if the universities were forced to take over the management of fraternity policies by a series of restrictions, there would be great losses. "It will be a great gain to have such bodies as the

National Interfraternity Conference engage in a program of heightening power of the fraternity to contribute to the main and secondary intentions of university life," he said.

#### *Fraternities Must Face Trends*

The fraternity must therefore be ready for the future. The earlier a trend is dealt with, the more intelligent the solution and the less the resistance. It was Dr. Suzzallo's conviction that because of the inadequacies of the fraternity system, which was the American substitute for the residential colleges in England, there was a trend which had to be faced. He believed that for financial and other reasons, it was an open question just how far the residential type of institution could progress. "I think the issue is unsettled," he said, "and whether we shall develop something out of our fraternity system to provide this human want and necessity depends largely upon what this Conference and the respective fraternities do in the course of the next fifteen years. You must get into action in terms of thought and of deed."

In answer to the question, "How can the fraternity system be reconstructed so it will minister to all the objectives of universal life?" Dr. Suzzallo outlined two points:

1. The fraternity system is over-democratized. There is too much control vested in the undergraduates. The associations in college days are largely with immature people whereas the mature sentiment and tradition of a fraternity is more largely locked up in its elders. Ideas come by discussion and feelings by companionship. A man is known by the company he keeps, but not if he doesn't keep it. A large amount of control over tradition and administration, or its ministry into the hearts of the young undergraduate, is a prime responsibility of alumni.

2. There must be developed an intrinsic interest in intellectuality which comes from within rather than from external compulsion to make fraternities more respectable in the eyes of administrative authorities. Fraternities and alumni must support those experiments in colleges which are aimed directly at the vitalization of college instruction. The

danger is that alumni, steeped in tradition and love for the "old college" as he knew it, will resist these changes, not realizing that there are great pushing, shoving, social forces at work.

#### *Educational Revolution Coming*

In Dr. Suzzallo's opinion, a revolution is coming in the problem of educating the individual. The junior college system is sweeping over the West, into the South and is even affecting the Middle States and New England. As the residential system comes in for the senior college, the old collegiate organization of fraternities tends to be pushed up. Rushing comes as a later event. Will it push the fraternity system out because the students begin to lose interest?

As the junior college becomes the top appendage of the secondary school system, which way will the fraternity system go? If the move is downward, fraternities will be on immature levels. If it goes up with a selected clientele, amendment of the system will be necessary.

"I haven't attempted to answer these questions," Dr. Suzzallo said. "The whole attitude of fraternity men is to look back sentimentally and emotionally. But I say to you in these changing times we must do more of that which you have been doing for some time. You must begin to put new emphasis upon looking into the future.

"The fraternity is a partner with the college. It is more than a supplement. I am for fraternities. They are too deeply rooted in our academic and collegiate life to be torn up by the roots without giving as much time to reforming them as they have had time to grow defective in certain places. The way out lies in the thoughtfulness of just this group of men here. The gap between the university and the fraternity will become greater if you lag behind. I suggest that you make such speed that it may be you can not only overtake the university, but perhaps get a little ahead and lead the university system as well as your own, doing a double job where now you are only doing half of one," Dr. Suzzallo concluded.

A FIVE YEAR RECORD OF SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT  
NUMBER OF COLLEGES WITH FRATERNITY AVERAGES ABOVE OR BELOW  
THE ALL MEN'S AVERAGE, 1926-1931

GEOGRAPHICAL SECTION	1930-1931		1930-1931		1929-1930		1928-1929		1927-1928		1926-1927	
	COLLEGES	CHAPTERS	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
New England	*18	200	7	10	5	10	3	10	6	8	3	11
Middle Atlantic	30	378	14	14	12	13	10	12	6	16	8	18
North Central	35	512	25	10	16	13	14	11	8	15	9	19
Southern	28	384	18	9	8	13	9	12	10	7	7	12
Western	34	392	22	10	15	11	12	12	10	11	5	13
Pacific Coast	9	220	2	6	3	4	2	5	2	4	1	4
TOTALS	154	2086	88	59	59	64	50	62	42	61	33	77
PERCENT OF COLLEGES ABOVE ALL MEN'S AVERAGE			60		48		44		42		30	
WEIGHTED INDEX OF ALL FRAT IN ALL COLLEGES			+.1671		+.0697		-.0223		-.3398		-.5842	

\*Seven colleges have not furnished the All Men's Average for their institutions; consequently this vertical column totals 7 more than does the third column. This record embraces 154 colleges, with an undergraduate enrolment of approximately 250,000 men, of whom nearly 70,000 are members of the 2086 chapters of the 71 national fraternities of the Interfraternity Conference.

### *President Points to Problems*

Taking as his theme the fact that the college world, especially college authorities, are looking to the Conference for real leadership of the million fraternity men among their alumni and the twenty-five hundred groups on their campuses, Chairman Alvan E. Duerr pointed out in his report that if the fraternities are to survive and keep pace with the rapid changes that are taking place in education, the cause cannot be allowed to drift; it must have leadership.

The trends in the educational world which fraternities must study and anticipate before they become established, Mr. Duerr said, are the higher educational standards of colleges, the college policy of more careful selection of students, the indeterminate college course, the junior college, housing plans and the end of fraternity isolation. Most of these subjects were either subsequently discussed on the floor of the Conference or were referred to special committees for study and later report.

In commenting on some of the problems met during the past year, Mr. Duerr told about an attempt to exploit the name and

history of a fraternity which had ceased to exist about fifty years ago and consequently could not defend itself. He mentioned the high death rate of chapters at some institutions, expressing the belief that fraternities have been too prone to grant charters on the word of enthusiastic alumni without intelligent analysis.

"I believe that the college fraternity is one of the greatest forces for good in undergraduate life, that potentially it is far greater than any of us has ever attempted to make it realize. No matter what solution we find to any of these problems, it should be in the spirit of perpetuating the idealism and the traditions that have meant so much to fraternity men for more than a century," Mr. Duerr concluded.

### *Scholarship Averages Are Higher*

For the second year in succession, the scholastic average of fraternity men has exceeded the all-men's average on more than 50 per cent of the campuses, Mr. Alvan E. Duerr, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, reported to the Conference. In fact,

in 60 per cent of the institutions, the fraternity men were leading. Forty member fraternities had improved their records over the previous year. One of the noteworthy facts in the situation is the improvement, almost without exception, of the larger fraternities. The lowest averages, as well as the highest, are now found among the smaller fraternities. Mr. Duerr believes that more complete organization is producing more uniform performance.

Mr. Duerr warned that just because fraternity scholarship was now better than non-fraternity scholarship, efforts and interest would not be relaxed. The goal has not been reached, he said. The campaign was not for grades, gratifying as it has been to see the fraternities on the right side of the academic ledger, but the ambition has been to identify the college fraternity more completely with the finest purposes and ideals of college life. Members must be helped to develop a real love for intellectual things and for the finer and less tangible spirit that differentiates so patently the gentleman of real culture from the man of mere learning.

"Our goal," Mr. Duerr concluded, "has been to create in our chapter houses the sort of atmosphere that will stimulate our most eager members, and that will give to them an intellectual technique that will make them more capable and an intellectual interest that will make them more self-contained in facing the problems of life that no one can solve for them. These, coupled and tempered with the definite social advantages and the idealism of fraternity life, and with that fine spirit of self-effacing service that pervades it, will make for a completeness of college living that will leave little to be desired."

#### *Southeastern Group Considers Fundamentals*

Fraternity men in the Southern part of the United States have responded amazingly to a program inaugurated by Dean Floyd Field of the Georgia School of Technology. Chairman of the Southeastern Regional Committee of the National Interfraternity Conference. The Dean issued a call to all the fraternities in Georgia for a state student

conference and 40 men, representing 27 fraternities from the campuses of the three colleges in the State attended. A similar conference was held in June at the Blue Ridge (N.C.) student conference at which ten of the Southeastern States were represented. Men from 33 fraternity groups on the campuses of twenty colleges participated. The Dean has likewise called conferences, including alumni, at both Georgia Tech and Emory University in Atlanta.

Taking the ritual as a basis for common interest and acknowledging that all rituals acknowledge faith in God, clean life and high character as requisite for good membership, these groups considered the fraternity's part in character building on the college campus. It was agreed that the college fraternity has assumed, somewhat at least, the influence of home in the life of the undergraduate and so it must necessarily recognize certain responsibilities to its members including the need for character building activities during the four years of college life.

Constant stress on the adherence to the teachings of the ritual and to the high ideals and principles set forth by it, vocational talks, quarterly interfraternity conferences of leaders, pledge training classes, discussion groups, encouragement of members to maintain close relationship with religious organizations, a big brother system of upper classmen to freshmen, well defined scholastic betterment programs, development of friendly attitudes to establish contact between fraternity groups and non-fraternity men, interfraternity pledge gatherings and the development of fraternity libraries were some of the recommendations made and discussed by these groups.

"This work is challenging, the results are amazing," Dean Field said. "The response of the active men is most encouraging. They are ready to take hold and clean house or fire disorderly alumni, if someone will steady their hand and point the way. The Conference has done wonders in improving scholarship during the past five years. May we not do as much for this basic principle of our fraternity life—character building?"

We must bring to full fruition the marvelous seed our fathers and brothers planted in the college fraternity."

#### *Audit by College Proposed*

The need for chapter financial stability and a practical method of cooperation between chapter and college to assist in reaching such a goal was the subject of an address by Dean J. A. Park of Ohio State University. His college furnishes an auditor at a cost of about \$90.00 per year to each chapter who assists in the preparation of a budget and performs the usual auditing services. The local city credit bureau rates the chapters and these ratings are known to all other chapters and trades people.

Ten or twelve of the fraternities on the Ohio State Campus have requested the audit. Chapters whose credit rating is as low as C are now required to subscribe to the service until such time as the rating is raised to B. The control of chapter business, the Dean declared, is in the hands of the chapter officer.

"As fraternity programs become increasingly ambitious," Dean Park continued, "they become increasingly liable to disaster and if the institution has accepted the chapter, it has some responsibility for successful operation of the organization. Hitherto most of us have been operating on a 'sink or swim' philosophy. If a chapter failed financially the charter was withdrawn and the matter was considered closed. Our point is that since the supervision to prevent this must come in many cases from outside the chapter, it may better be done by the college than by a commercial service, the national office of the fraternity or the more or less interested alumnus, useful as these may be. The colleges are not, so far as I can discover, pleading for the opportunity to do this but if asked to will, I am sure, do it purely on the basis of a service which will make possible a continuity and financial stability which the American College Fraternity is now denied."

After long discussion, the Conference adopted a resolution referring the matter to a

special committee for study and report at the next Conference.

#### *Tutorial System Explained*

"A Tutor in a fraternity house," Prof. R. H. Jordan of Cornell University said in discussing the subject, "The Opportunity of the Tutor," "acts as a stabilizing influence who will, by strength of his character and position, dignify a respectable position in scholarship and, more important, intellectual development." He will act as a rallying point for types of discussion which will be considerably above the point on which it is frequently found. He will stimulate the college man, particularly the freshman, to do better work and to greater endeavor.

It was not Dr. Jordan's thought that the tutor would conduct formal classes but that as a real friend, a guide and especially as an individual, he would be able to render helpful assistance. Tutors are often graduate students, usually members of the fraternity, and in some instances the alumni or the college have cooperated with the chapter in the cost of his room and board.

#### *Co-operative Surety Bonds.*

Material pertaining to the costs of surety bonds for chapter and national financial officers was likewise collected by the Information Service and studied by Mr. Cecil Page as chairman of a special committee. It was found that the rates varied from \$2.50 per \$1000 to \$5.00. He found that a blanket bond covering those fraternities which cared to participate could be secured at savings from 25 per cent to 30 percent and he was hopeful that an application made recently to the Central Rating Bureau might bring even greater savings.

The psychological effect of bonding chapter officers, Mr. Page said, was very great. It tended to reduce the loss incurred through carelessness which he thought was greater than through maladministration.

[EDITOR'S NOTE—We wish to express our thanks to the Committee on Public Information of the National Interfraternity Conference, J. Harold Johnston, Chairman, for the information contained in this article.]

# INTERFRATERNITY EXCHANGES



## *What Makes Strong Chapters?*

Generally there are three types of strong chapters. There is the one that has developed its personnel to the point where leaders of various endeavors exist and naturally attract strong youngsters to it; again, there is the one which has a chapter adviser who sees that strength is maintained; and finally, there is the group who has a powerful, loyal group of alumni, many of whom watch carefully and are ready to step in at any crisis. As I think back over the best chapters I came into contact with, the better the chapter the more invariable these three contributions to strength played a fairly equal part. Those chapters whose comebacks from slumps were amazing always had two things responsible for it: one was an indefatigable adviser and the other was a group of loyal alumni, intent on returning the group to its former glory. A chapter can keep up its pace with a fine personnel and very little help; but once the personnel slumps, it takes alumni to help it out of the rut. Every chapter should work for the three things: Have a good personnel, be interested in a good adviser, and help keep the alumni interest strong.

—*The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta*

## *Chapter Praeceptors*

And now comes Delta Tau Delta with a new plan of chapter praepceptors. Some object to the name, but the functions of a praepceptor are important. A praepceptor is a graduate student from another chapter who, while finishing his work for advanced degrees, lives in the house of the chapter to which he is a praepceptor.

His work there is to guide the undergraduates in the work of the chapter, primarily, to tutor and instruct the student who is down in his subjects—a prod to the chapter's scholarship standing.

The chapter he serves remunerates him to the extent of his living expenses and tuition for the year he is at the chapter. Its benefit is through his efforts as a graduate student in guiding the chapter and as scholarship mentor. In chapters where the plan has been tried, the scholarship standing took an upward jump the first year.

We have heard plans for undergraduate exchange among chapters, which would give opportunity for exchange of ideas on chapter operation and finance. But the graduate praepceptor plan provides for that, with the excellent additional feature of inducing better scholarship.

—L. H. R. in the *Triad of Acacia*

## *A Review of Progress*

It is the custom of most business concerns to make an inventory at the beginning of each year in order to determine accurately whether there has been a loss or a gain. A similar study might be an excellent thing for the officers of a fraternity chapter, and while the conclusions of such a balancing of assets and liabilities might not be as accurate as the business man is able to secure, it would be extremely helpful in determining policies for the remaining months of the year. The inventory should not stop with the financial status of the organization, but should consider such determining factors as scholarship, division of delegations, fraternity morale, good fellowship, social limitations, intellectual honesty, harmony, attitude toward other fraternities, alumni interest and contacts, relationship with faculty and administration leaders, representation in the fraternity publication, co-operation with fraternity officers, credit rating with business concerns, reputation among other fraternities and among independents, training of pledges, initiation programs, and other qualities and activities that determine the strength or the weakness of a chapter.

Rate your group honestly in all these different categories and then bring before your chapter the results as a challenge to maintain whatever high standards you think have been set and to improve weak spots.

—George Starr Lasher in *The Rattle of Theta Chi*

## *A Collection Plan*

And here is a plan worthy of consideration by others! Through the *Teke* of Tau Kappa Epsilon news is given of a successful plan for collecting fraternity dues. Under this system every man is responsible for the bills of all other men in the chapter. When a bill becomes delinquent it can be prorated among other men in the active chapter. So far, according to the report, only those bills granted an extension of time by chapter action are delinquent.

—*The Laurel of Phi Kappa Tau*

Quiet minds can not be perplexed or frightened; but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.

ROBERT LOUIS STEPHENSON

## INTERESTING ALUMNI



COL. JOHN T. AXTON, *Rho*  
*Chaplain of Rutgers University, Former*  
*Chief of Chaplains of the United*  
*States Army*

### *Colonel John T. Axton*

No faculty brother of Rho has taken a more active interest in the chapter's activities and progress than Brother John T. Axton, chaplain of Rutgers University. "The Colonel," as he is known to all Rutgers men, has won the deep respect of every man in Rho Chapter, and it is always a happy evening when he comes to the house for dinner. Hours mean nothing when we become wrapped up in his absorbing flow of conversation.

Colonel Axton was born at Salt Lake City, Utah, July 28, 1870, and was educated at Salt Lake Academy. He served as general Y.M.C.A. secretary from 1893 until 1902, at which time he was appointed a chaplain in the United States Army with the rank of captain. He served twice with troops in the

Philippines, was on the Mexican border for five years, and was made a major in 1917. Colonel Axton is known to New Jersey residents for his work during the world war at the post of embarkation, Hoboken, where he was in charge of philanthropic, social, and religious organizations. For his services in the World War, Colonel Axton was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1919, the French Chevalier Legion of Honor in 1922 and the Croce di Guerra from the Italian Government in 1922. He was appointed Chief of Chaplains with the rank of Colonel on July 15, 1920, and served in that capacity for eight years. In this office he directed the religious work of the Army, supervised the selection of chaplains, arranged for training them in the ways of the service, and assigned them to various posts.

Colonel Axton received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Middlebury College in Vermont, Ursinus College in Pennsylvania, and Elon College in North Carolina. He was the first Army Chaplain to be given this degree, receiving it from Dr. John M. Thomas, then president of Middlebury, and president of Rutgers at the time of the Colonel's appointment to the chaplain's office here.

The retirement of Colonel Axton from the United States Army was announced by the Secretary of War on December 8, 1927 and he assumed the office of chaplain of Rutgers University on January 2 of the following year. He succeeded Dr. Stanley White who retired because of illness. Since that time he has had charge of all chapel services at Rutgers and has acted as advisory secretary to the College Y.M.C.A.

We take great pride in presenting Colonel Axton to Alpha Kappa Pi as a brother of Rho chapter.

### *Professor Frank G. Helyar*

We, of Rho, take pleasure in introducing another of our faculty brothers to Alpha Kappa Pi in the person of Professor Frank

G. Helyar, of the College of Agriculture. We have the good fortune to be able to introduce him as the High Censor of Alpha Zeta, national honorary agricultural fraternity, to which office he was recently elected at the society's biennial conclave at Chicago during the Christmas recess.

Professor Helyar earned his B.S. degree at the Vermont Agricultural College in 1905. While an undergraduate at that school he first became interested in Alpha Zeta, being a charter member of the Green Mountain Chapter at Vermont. From Vermont College, Professor Helyar went to Mt. Hermon School for Boys. While there he supervised the development of a nationally known herd of cattle.

In 1918 Professor Helyar came to Rutgers and he has remained ever since. For a short period he acted as assistant dean of the College of Agriculture and later transferred to his present position as director of residence instruction. In 1922 he aided in the organization of the Cook Chapter of Alpha Zeta at Rutgers. He has acted as faculty adviser since then.

Congratulations, Brother Helyar.

N. ELLSWORTH WHEATON, JR.



PROF. FRANK G. HELYAR, RHO  
*Director of Residence Instruction  
at Rutgers University  
Chapter Adviser*

## THE ADVISER'S CORNER

THERE IS ALWAYS a tendency to make comparisons and they are odious even in fraternity endeavors. Alpha Kappa Pi has a golden opportunity to become traditionally freed from this disruptive idea. Here is the one sure way, to wit: Never make a cut-and-dried plan in the matter of extension work—that is, refuse to group colleges and universities in two classes, namely, big and little. Do not get the small college complex and at the same time refuse to acquire the big university complex. Rate each college big or little as to student body along lines that really count and not just for total enrollments only. Some smaller colleges never will reach the status of fraternity life and by the same token there are big universities where the program of work is such that fraternities

would be wholly out of place. That both university and college have much to offer the fraternity system no true student of such things ever will doubt, so, let Alpha Kappa Pi refuse to discuss size but always demand quality and assurance as to stability of the student body and proper moulding of the American life by the college or university. Both university and college have much to give Alpha Kappa Pi and may the fraternity be wise enough to accept that service. The great State University of Illinois cannot be excelled as a center for fraternity life and yet that does hinder the recognition of the fact that, among the leaders in fraternity life, Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, stands as a model for campus and fraternity achievement. Fortunate indeed is Alpha Kappa Pi

to carry splendid chapters on both campuses. Not size but quality counts.

Three things must be considered, to maintain an outstanding chapter in any fraternity, and no matter how great or old that fraternity may be. These three things are: Fraternity Spirit, Finances, and Scholarship. The first is needed to make possible a congenial living together of men with different up-bringing, notions, and inherited traits and inclinations. The second, to keep a good name within the group and among the tradesmen of their particular center or community. While, to stay in college and be of service to the chapter, and therefore the fraternity, the member must carry on his work in a way that will permit him to remain on the campus. If your chapter is sagging and you honestly desire to find the reason, then check up on these three things and discover how quickly, once they abound in your chapter, ninety-nine per cent of all your troubles disappear. I do not say one hundred per cent of all your troubles for I have come to look with a small bit of suspicion upon the individual or the group of individuals that proclaim perfection. These three things: Fraternity Spirit, Finances, and Scholarship are the three main pillars on which the group interests depend for strength and influence.

The one ranking need in Alpha Kappa Pi right now is the creation of a central office, not so much to manage the fraternity as to attend to its correspondence and to keep the chapters and alumni in a more knowing contact. It need not be an extensive or elaborate affair, but sufficient to function for the good of the order. Perhaps the ideal way, as the beginning, would be the part time service of some young man who has completed his college course and is desirous of going on with some graduate work. This man and a capable stenographer could make of such an office a real asset to the fraternity. Think it

over. Even a full time central office may not be out of reach. Consider that angle also.

EVERY CHAPTER in Alpha Kappa Pi, as elsewhere, runs the big risk of carrying in its membership a man who imagines he is the sum total of all that a perfect fraternity man should be. He is a plain pest at pledging season and it takes a great amount of patience and diplomacy to please this person. Arguing with him gets nowhere. He is too self-centered to perceive a point unless it agrees with his own narrow ideas. As a rule this individual is a smooth talker, and a gifted user of the black ball. Too often he uses the weapon not to protect the chapter but to "get even" with some fellow member he does not fancy. Watch for this destroying influence and scotch it gently if possible, if not, then open the back door and let him pass out to rest with his own arrogance and self-conceit. Happy is the chapter who has not felt the sinister influence of the self-styled protector of his chapter's membership—the black ball artist—and in other matters usually a nonentity.

THE ALPHA: The following letter expresses exactly the views of the Adviser's Corner when THE ALPHA is mentioned, and we use it verbatim as inspirational material to challenge other members of Alpha Kappa Pi to get back of this publication. The letter is from "Bob" Foster, Kappa, and Chief of Epsilon Province: "The last ALPHA was one of the best yet published. It has become an interesting and instructive organ as well as a unifying force for Alpha Kappa Pi. Every active man should read each issue of THE ALPHA and every alumnus should be a paying subscriber and reader of it also. Make it 100 per cent effective."

A. H. WILSON

# PHI CHAPTER TO BE INSTALLED AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

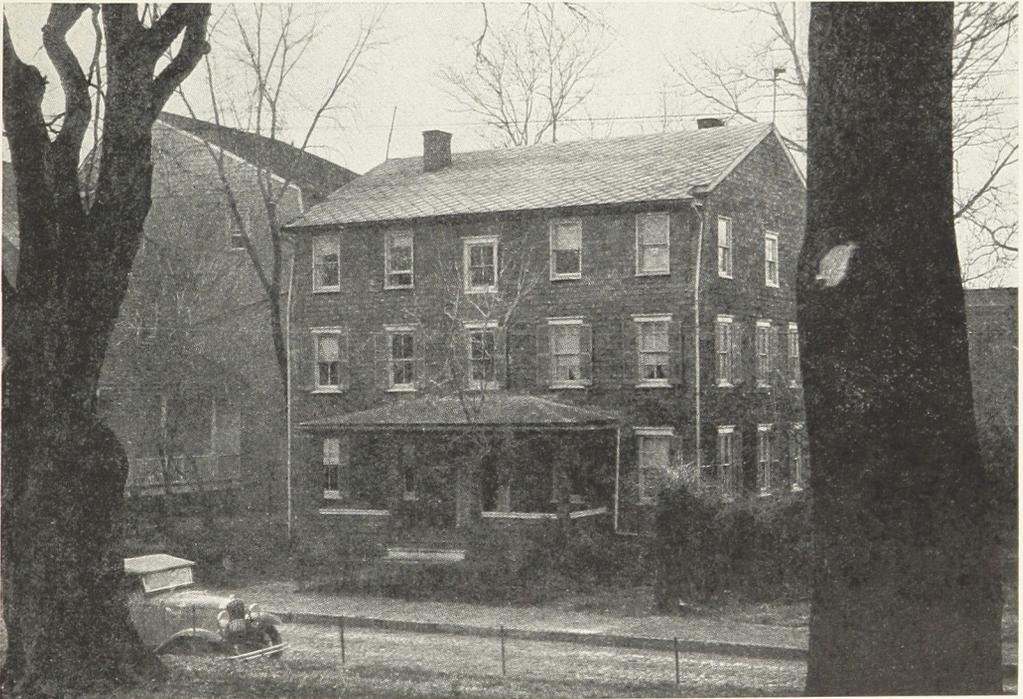
## *The Development of Sigma Tau Omicron*

Sigma Tau Omicron Fraternity was founded on March 1, 1928 and at that time it was recognized as an organization of students at Saint John's College. At its first meeting the next school year, the Panhellenic Council admitted this new group to full membership.

In September, 1928, the College—as it is the custom of the College to furnish the fraternities at Saint John's with houses, and the students dine in the College Commons—assigned Sigma Tau Omicron a house specially converted for its use at 61 College Avenue. This was the fraternity's residence until September, 1931; when because of the lack of sleeping quarters for the brothers in that house, the College transferred the fraternity to larger accommodations at 9 Saint John's Street, a former private residence affording five social rooms and ten sleeping

rooms. The house has no debts, and a progressive financial plan is being followed.

There were eleven founders of Sigma Tau Omicron Fraternity, a group of men well representing every area from which Saint John's men hail. Since that time there have been forty-eight other men who have affiliated with the fraternity. In pledging, the fraternity has always been fortunate as the number of men pledged each year has always been well over the average of the other houses on the Campus and these men who have joined Sigma Tau Omicron have diverse extra-curricular activities. As the College does not allow participation in recognized extra-curricular activities unless the student has a passing average, it will be noted that the members have kept well up in their scholastic endeavors. The fraternity has had many of its number in high rank groups and has many "key positions" in the affairs of the College.



THE HOME OF PHI CHAPTER, 9 ST. JOHN'S STREET, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND



MCDOWELL HALL—ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

*Begun in 1744 by Thomas Bladen, Fifth Colonial Governor of Maryland, for a "Governor's Palace." It is the student center of the college; it contains the offices of administration, recitation halls, the Student Union, and the Great Hall.*



ST. JOHN'S NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP LACROSSE TEAM IN ACTION

*Saint John's College*

Saint John's College is a non-sectarian college for men situated on a campus of thirty acres in the city of Annapolis. The enrollment is about three hundred. The course of study is arranged with a view of providing the individual student with the courses necessary for a well rounded education in the liberal arts.

The story of Saint John's College begins in 1696 with the establishment of King William's School. In 1784 the legislature granted the charter for Saint John's College; in the following year an act was passed which transferred the masters, students, and funds of King William's School to Saint John's. The college has, therefore, a tradition reaching back to the earliest colonial times and is the third oldest college in the United States, having had continuous existence except for the period during the Civil War when the college was used for a Union Army hospital.

During the early part of the twentieth century, the college, along with so many other educational institutions, suffered a severe slump; but it was rescued in 1923 by Major Enock B. Garey, a graduate of Saint John's, who immediately dropped the preparatory school department, the military régime, and built up the college in the short space of two years to the point where it was approved by the Association of American Colleges and the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Middle States and Maryland, in its work of the liberal arts curriculum.

On the College campus are many reminders of the early history of Maryland. The most ancient is the Liberty Tulip-Poplar under which in 1752 the Colonists concluded a treaty of peace with the Susquehannock Indians. During the troubled days before the Revolution, the patriots gathered there to discuss their wrongs. The Annapolitans assembled there to greet General Lafayette in 1824.

The college buildings are known as McDowell Hall, Humphreys Hall, Biology Hall, Woodward Hall, the Matthias Hammond House, and the Gymnasium. There are two

halls of residence on the college green, Pinkney Hall and Randall Hall.

Saint John's has not, by any means, one of the outstanding teams in football. It is, however, noted for its spirit. Every Saint John's man is ready to give the best in him for the college. It is because of this Saint John's is held in high esteem by her opponents. It has become the custom for the college to play teams that are considered stronger than her instead of weaker.

Saint John's has always produced good basketball teams and with very few exceptions has had successful seasons. Most of the teams encountered have been State and Southern teams.

The principal sport is lacrosse. In 1929 the lacrosse team was recognized as unofficial National Inter-Collegiate Lacrosse Champions. At that time Saint John's did not belong to the Inter-Collegiate Lacrosse Association. However, in 1930, the school joined the association and in that year won the National Inter-Collegiate Lacrosse Championship by defeating every opponent. Again in 1931, the team won the National Championship losing but one game. An extra honor was bestowed on St. John's this year. She was chosen to represent the United States in the Lalley Cup Series and her opponent was a picked All-Canadian Team. The result of the two game series, played in Baltimore, was victory for the United States and the Lalley Cup was brought back to the United States where it will remain until 1933. The Cup Series will not be played in 1932 on account of the Olympic Games. For the past three years Saint John's has lost but one game. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Army, Dartmouth, Union, Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland, Georgia Tech, University of Georgia, and New York University are among the teams encountered.

The minor sports supported by the school are: cross-country, boxing, tennis and fencing. An extended program of intramural athletics is carried on. There is keen competition between the fraternity and dormitory teams. This enables every man in college to take part in athletics.

*Chapter News*

The members of Sigma Tau Omicron of St. John's College in Annapolis were pledged to Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity under the supervision of Grand Secretary Adelbert W. Heinmiller on February 3, 1932, and were given the Chapter name Phi.

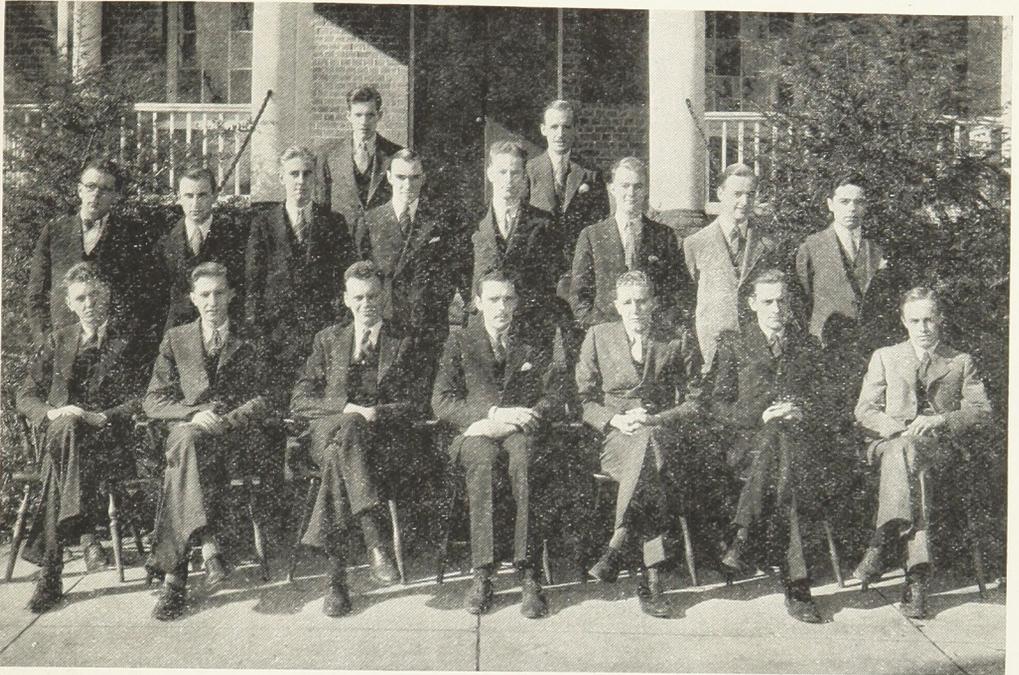
At our annual Rush Party, February 8, we gave a dance and buffet supper. Grand Secretary Heinmiller came over from Washington later in the evening.

During the last days of Sigma Tau Omicron two Sophomores were pledged, and of these two, Lawrence Palmer Crawford Brown of Mohegan Lake, N.Y., was pledged and inducted two weeks later. He is the manager of the college band and ex-president of the King William Players, the dramatic club. Harry Wellington Stevens, Jr., of Winchester, Mass., was pledged. He is a trumpeter in the college band and orchestra, manager of the Freshman Lacrosse team, and is on the staff of the college weekly and the year book. The following Freshmen have recently been pledged to Alpha Kappa Pi; Edmund John Pacocha, Gardener, Mass., a member of the Social Committee; Henry Reginald Weeks, Little Neck, N.Y., who was a tackle on this year's freshman team; Milton Howard Traynor, Rockville, N.Y., manager of the freshman team this year; James C. Wilson, Wethersfield, Conn., a center on the freshman football squad and Robert Sage Woodman, Tenafly, N.J., the only freshman intramural sports manager. During the past week the following alumni have visited the house and have been pledged; Homer Ulric Todd, Jr., and Harry Robert Rudy of Baltimore; Glenn Harrison Warner of Deposit, N.Y.; and Robert Wood Minnick of Great Neck, N.Y. With all of these men in Phi Chapter, we feel that we will be off to a good start and all of them are very anxious to do their part in putting Phi Chapter up in front.

The chapter is very active in extracurricular activities. The Editor-in-chief of the *Rat-Tat*, the college yearbook, is E. I. Smith of our chapter. He has the following men in our house on his staff; Sandrock, Boss,

Woodman, White, Crawford, Woodle and Stevens. In the college band we have eight men, seven of them are players and one is the manager. Brown serves in the latter capacity and the players are: Stevens, trumpeter; White, trombone; Crawford, clarinet; Woodle, snare drums; Sandrock, bass drum; President Lingo, cymbals; Baldwin, drum major. Since the total enrollment of the band is thirty-two, we feel that we are well represented. Brown is ex-president of the King William Players, Baldwin is ex-business manager and Woodman and Mayer are members. White has acted in plays, and Smith has the leading male part in the play to be given in March. He was also the leading man last year in the annual "big play." Jund represents the college in boxing in the 145 pound class. He has had a very successful year so far, and several times he won the bout, which determined the collegiate victors of the evening. On the first string varsity football team we had Jund for center and Woodman as manager. Last year Hoddinott was a tackle. Pledge Weeks completed a most successful season on the freshman team at right tackle and Pledge Traynor was manager. Smith has been elected to manage the varsity team next year. Woodman and Stevens are on the weekly paper's staff, the *Collegian*. The chapter is well represented in the college orchestra by Stevens, trumpeter; Crawford and Zarr, clarinets; and Faculty Advisor McFarlin, baritone.

Lacrosse is the sport at which St. John's leads the world. That is a very broad statement, but it has been true for the past three years and we look forward to our fourth year as champions. St. John's has won thirty-four games out of thirty-five during these years. Among the teams played were the Canadian champions and an English team composed of men from Oxford and Cambridge who were the champions of England. This year it is very hard to find opponents who are willing to risk, by playing St. John's, their chances of going to the Olympics. Incidentally, if we are international champs this year, the entire first team will play at the Olympics. In our chapter we have the fol-



## PHI CHAPTER GROUP

*Front row, left to right—E. R. Smith (house manager), W. C. Sandrock (treasurer), W. G. Woodman (secretary), J. L. Lingo (president), K. F. Jund (vice-president), Prof. G. H. McFarlin—Σ Φ Ε (adviser), Prof. P. Allen Jr. (adviser)*

*Second row—J. W. White, D. B. Zarr, C. E. Jenkins, B. M. Whiting, W. C. Hoddinott, A. S. Woodle, R. C. Crawford, C. W. Baldwin—Α Δ Φ*

*Third row—J. G. Boss, V. E. Mayer*

lowing players; Jenkins, Mayer, and Jund. Stevens was the Freshman manager last year.

Sigma Tau Omicron was the intra-mural basketball champion last year and they have very good chances for this year but, of course, representing Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity. Our chapter holds the highest scholastic averages on the campus. I believe that is about all that we can pat ourselves on the back for at the present time.

In closing we wish to extend our heartiest invitation to all members of Alpha Kappa Pi to come and visit our chapter whenever they are near Annapolis. We go over to the Naval Academy whenever they have athletic engagements with colleges which have an Alpha Kappa Pi Chapter to see if any of the players are our prospective brothers. However, there is always the chance that we might miss someone, so don't wait for us to find you, just walk across the street

to St. John's College and visit your latest chapter, Phi.

Our latch-string is always out to the Fraters of Alpha Kappa Pi. As the first week in April has been tentatively decided upon as the date for our installation we are making preparations for that event. There will probably be an all-Executive Council initiating team here to introduce us to the brotherhood of Alpha Kappa Pi. Grand President Park B. Fraim, Grand First Vice-President David S. Blankenship, Grand Secretary Adelbert W. Heinmiller, Grand Second Vice-President Arthur N. Kugler, and the Province Chiefs will serve on this team if it can be arranged. We are going to show the other houses on our campus what a progressive youthful-minded fraternity we are. We expect the week-end of our installation to be the gala event of the year.

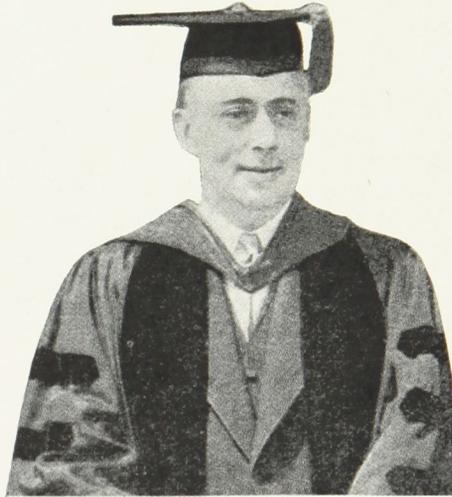
ROBERT G. WOODMAN

# THE AMERICAN FRATERNITY SYSTEM

☾ An Address Delivered by President Harry Woodburn Chase before the Interfraternity Council of the University of Illinois, last spring.

**B**ELIEVE in fraternities. I think they have been and are of great value in our institutions. It would be possible for me tonight, therefore, simply to eulogize the fraternity system. But this a gathering of serious and interested men, of men who are concerned about problems of the fraternity and fraternity life. I have chosen, therefore, rather to talk to you about some facts in the fraternity situation

which we must all reckon with if the fraternities are not to lose ground. I am not concerned solely with fraternity life as it exists here at Illinois. I am, rather, speaking about the American fraternity system. I am not speaking, either, about that system wholly in its undergraduate aspects, for it is, unfortunately, a general impression that with certain very definite and honorable exceptions the national leadership of many fraternities has been ineffective and in some cases thoroughly unwise. Too often national leadership in fraternities has been in the hands of men who were more concerned with immediate boosting than with final results, and who have not taken the trouble to inform themselves of modern tendencies in education. I am not even concerned solely with fraternities. The prevalent sorority system can be characterized in pretty much the



*President Chase of the University of Illinois—one of America's foremost educators*

same way, and shows pretty much the same tendencies.

You will be thinking, I suppose, that I am trying to take in a good deal of territory. That is true, but many of us are so close up against specific phases of this problem that it is hard to see it in the large, and that is what, very inadequately, I am trying to do tonight.

Faculties, trustees, and the public generally, have had varied

attitudes toward fraternities. There was a time, a generation or more ago, when they were frowned on in a good many places, and when a good deal of active hostility to them existed. Here at Illinois, for a long time students were required to sign pledges not to join them, and not until the early nineties were they formally recognized. Then came a time when people began to recognize the natural character of the group associations that they involved, and there came a period of rapid growth all over the country. In spite of occasional newspaper headlines, very few people now-a-days believe seriously that fraternity houses are hot-beds of immorality, or that membership in them is only for the rich. But there is, I must say, once again a rapidly rising tide of criticism against the fraternity system. One hardly attends an educational gathering in these days without hear-

ing it voiced, sometimes in emphatic terms. One national educational organization has gone as far as to have a committee studying the situation for the last year or two. The extent and emphasis of these criticisms is, it seems to me, rapidly increasing, and not in educational circles alone. All in all, the fraternity system is rapidly finding itself face to face with a new situation, with which in the next few years it will have to reckon. Let me indicate to you very briefly what some of the factors in this situation seem to me to be.

First, there has been the mistake of overbuilding in a period of prosperity. This is not so much the fault of the fraternities as it has been a part of the spirit of the times in a period of rapid expansion all over America. In educational institutions it has been a real assistance in many places in helping to solve the housing problem, but nevertheless it must be recognized that this era of large and in some cases costly buildings has been attended by consequences to the fraternities which are not all desirable. It has in many cases not been a good thing for the very spirit which the fraternity is supposed to foster. The fraternity is fundamentally a group of college students congenial in tastes and character, living together happily because they have something in common with each other. It is something which should be described in terms of friendship and brotherhood.

Now one of the serious consequences of large and elaborate buildings has been too often the necessity of subordinating other interests to the necessity of maintaining without a deficit a sort of private hotel, equipped with all modern conveniences, under the circumstances which sometimes make the size of a man's pocketbook more important than his congeniality. I think the maintenance of these large houses and large chapters is one of the serious problems now confronting the fraternities. For one thing a fraternity ought to maintain a careful system of selecting men who are, to be sure, not all alike but who are congenial. After all, it is in terms of undergraduate life that the

fraternity must be viewed. The long lists of distinguished alumni that play such great part in most rushing seasons mean practically nothing in comparison with the question of the undergraduate chapter itself. My advice would always be that a man join that fraternity which as an undergraduate concern he thought most congenial to him, regardless of age, number of chapters or distinguished alumni. That is really the only sensible way to look at the question.

Now there ought to be the most intelligent system possible for fraternities and prospective fraternity men to select each other. I should like to see this body, for example, take up the question of the type of rushing system and season which is best calculated to do that. I am not at all sure that anybody has to have a satisfactory solution to that problem, but it seems to me one of great importance in a situation of this size and complexity.

Again, let us look for a moment at the cost element in the situation. Some of you are already, I am sure, beginning to feel the effects of a changed economic situation in the country as a whole. The fact is that the fraternities, like the rest of America, are facing hard times financially and the thing to do is to try to be as intelligent about it as possible. I think we ought to recognize the fact that if general depression is long continued alumni are by no means going to be as responsive to fraternity appeals as they have been during these last ten years. Furthermore, and very seriously, there will be more fathers who, while they are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to send their sons to college, will not be able or willing to pay expensive fraternity dues.

Then, as all of you know, there is an increasing interest in dormitory life for men all over the country. There are a good many people who prefer dormitory life to life in fraternity houses and with this fact the fraternities are having to reckon more and more. All in all, I think that nothing is to be lost by reminding the fraternities frankly that the scale of financial expenditure on which many of them have been living during the

past ten years will be maintained only with increasing difficulty. Just as the standard of living in America as a whole is up against economies and thrift, so must be the standards of fraternities. Fees ought to be kept as low as possible. Wherever there is any carelessness or extravagance it ought to be safeguarded against. I am preaching economy because in view of all the factors in the situation as a whole, I believe the fraternities which do not practice economy, which do not keep their costs as low as possible and which do not frown on any sort of extravagant expenditure, are going to find themselves caught in increasing difficulties.

There are a good many other things which are being said freely in criticism of the fraternity system as it has developed. There is, for example, the criticism that it exerts a tremendous pressure on its members in the direction of a uniform pattern of acting and thinking and point of view. In other words, the question is being persistently raised now-a-days whether it is not more difficult to develop individuality and personality inside a fraternity than outside. College campuses as a whole are conventional enough at best. We all know how any sort of fad or standard tends to spread over a whole campus. But there is an even greater pressure toward conformity in the fraternity system than there is outside. When a man joins a fraternity he does not merely join one chapter; he joins a system, and that system is characterized by having much the same ideas, viewpoints, and standards. We all know how powerful these intangible things are. The fact that it is or is not good form to do anything or to think anything is a more potent factor than all the rules and regulations which any institution can make. Now, like any other organization, fraternities want their members to do the conventionally accepted things. That is human nature. They are helped by the fact that men who live, eat, and sleep in the same surroundings day after day find it pretty difficult to work against this unconscious pressure. Now at a time when we are hearing so much about the evils of mass production in our institutions

and about the evils of standardized thinking and behavior, fraternities ought not to lend their influence to this attempt to turn out a standardized product. They ought to respect individuality. As it is, there are many people who feel that the existing fraternity system is one of the great forces which is at work today in turning out people who have been molded and stamped into the same type and pattern. We need individuals in American life, and the fraternities can help in that situation.

Further, there is the criticism that fraternities persistently hold themselves aloof from the central purposes for which colleges and universities exist; in other words, from things which stimulate people's minds to a richer and better appreciation of life. The comment is constantly made that any particular interest in intellectual things is not good form in most fraternities. There have been very few attempts, so far as I know, to build up collections of books, for example, that really make for cultivation. There has been, of course, a largely artificial interest in scholastic standings. I am not speaking of this. I am asking the question, rather, whether the influences of the average fraternity house are for or against the development of a richer intellectual life. That is, whether they are for or against the very thing for which the university is striving. That seems to me a tremendously significant and vital question and I want to leave it to you for consideration. I know one or two national fraternities in which the problem has at least been recognized and stated. The question itself is one of those which I have heard myself most persistently raised during the last few years.

I am sure you will understand that tonight I am not trying to find good things to say about the fraternities. I could find plenty of good things to say. I am trying, rather, to point out certain widespread points of criticism in the system as it exists.

It is in that spirit that I wish now to consider the freshman and pledge rules of the fraternity and sorority system. They are, of course, an outcome of tradition, but that

does not mean that they ought not to be examined carefully to see whether the tradition is right or wrong. Now, as a matter of fact, what I should like to point out to you is that the attitudes embodied in these rules and regulations are things which have been tried out and abandoned years ago everywhere except in the fraternities and sororities. Colleges and universities used to have regulations about people being in their rooms at certain hours. They were abandoned because they did not work. There used to be prevalent, up until twenty-five or thirty years ago, in colleges all over the country, the idea that freshmen were an inferior species to be treated by upperclassmen in a way usually known as hazing. Now it is a curious thing that hazing has disappeared from colleges and universities practically altogether except in the fraternities. It disappeared because men came to feel that it was wrong and its effects were bad. It is, on the whole, a rather disappointing fact that in the general advance of civilization on college campuses the fraternities are so in the grip of tradition as to continue a system which has passed into the discard as a general attitude.

Let me take an illustration of what I mean. I take the regulation which requires that a freshman, or possibly an upperclassman who is a pledge, be in his room by a certain hour every night. This is supposed to be in the interest of scholarship. As I have said, it is the sort of device which universities and colleges as a whole have discarded long ago. But let us see what the facts are with regard to the particular group of fraternity freshmen under this regulation during this last semester.

Last fall we gave to all members of the entering freshman class certain tests which are given in a great many universities and colleges today all over the country. These are not tests of subject matter. They are tests designed to evaluate, so far as possible, the kind of mental alertness and capacity which a student needs if he is going to do successful college work. Naturally they cannot predict exactly what is going to happen to any individual but they do show something

of what ought to be expected in a large group. Now on these tests fraternity freshmen made a higher score than the freshmen not in fraternities. I am speaking of men in both cases. Their score was several points higher. In other words, the fraternity group started out with what we might call an expectancy of scholastic success which was higher than that of the independent group. They ought to make higher grades than the independent group.

Now let us come up to the actual grades which were made by these two groups last semester. Curiously enough, the situation is exactly reversed. The Office of the Dean of Men took a random selection, including about half the fraternity men and half the non-fraternity men at the end of the first semester. This sample is large enough to mean something. The grades of the independent group averaged 2.9, while those of the fraternity group averaged 2.8. While this difference is not tremendous, it indicates simply this fact, that a group of men starting out in the fall with a higher scholastic expectancy made a less substantial record. They should have surpassed the independent men. As a matter of fact they fell below them. The only thing which can account for this is the fact that the conditions under which the two groups of men have lived were not equally conducive to scholarship. The independent men, free from supervision, free to go and come as they chose, to study wherever they wanted to, though starting with a lower scholarship expectancy came out with higher grades.

Now I will leave to your own consideration what has happened to these fraternity freshmen. They ought to have made considerably higher grades than the independent students. As a matter of fact they did less well. You cannot escape the conclusion that it is your own fault that they did less well. In the first place, you kept them constantly harassed and distracted from their work by doing all sorts of unnecessary and tedious work and by doing services at any time at the command of individuals. In the second place, you shut them up in their rooms at night, which is an

interference with freedom productive of resentment against study. Now you are naturally concerned about the scholarship of your freshmen. You have a real opportunity to guide and stimulate these men. In the first place, you can take some sort of interest in their work and give them advice and stimulation. In the second place, I believe that any chapter which paid the room and board of a senior or graduate student on condition that he was to give a certain number of hours a day to freshmen who came to him for help about their work would find that a very paying proposition. You cannot raise the scholarship of these freshmen by insisting that they stay in at night and you steadily interfere with it by your arbitrary demands on their time. Your present plan of stimulating scholarship is simply not working out.

Furthermore, with regard to the whole treatment of freshmen I feel that there are even more important issues than scholarship at stake. The fraternity attitude toward freshmen, when we call it simply and plainly as its right name, is a hazing attitude. Now a hazing attitude is a bad thing on both sides. I know some people say that freshman rules and regulations tend to make men out of freshmen. As a matter of fact, that was precisely the argument that was used in favor of hazing many years ago. Nobody ever developed a man out of anybody by treating him as a child. I must say that, in my judgment, one of the serious failures of the fraternities is that they do not recognize the fact that their attitude toward freshmen should be precisely that of older brothers toward younger brothers in whom they are interested and not that of masters toward servants. The very word fraternity means brotherhood. You have a splendid opportunity to help develop men. As it is, you are putting a handicap in the way of that opportunity.

Now may I speak briefly for a moment about this business of corporal punishment for freshmen. Corporal punishment for people of anything like the age of college students is, in my judgment, both inexcusable and degrading. It is degrading both to in-

flict and to receive. It has disappeared, with very few exceptions, from the criminal codes of most civilized nations. It is scarcely a pleasant thing to see continued in fraternities at centers of culture, practices which penitentiaries and convict gangs are abandoning. For my part, let me say that the only place for a freshman paddle, in my judgment, is in a museum of antiquities, and my devout hope is that the remnants of Hell Week may soon return forever to the inferno from which they sprang. You may think I am speaking strongly about these things. I want to ask you to consider honestly how much of this prevalent attitude toward freshmen, when you strip off all camouflage, is due to the sense of flattery and power that comes to people when they are in a position to exercise arbitrary authority over other people who are helpless to retaliate. This exercise of arbitrary power over any group of people is a bad thing. If the fraternity system wants to save itself against one of the most vigorous of the criticisms that is made against it, it must re-examine its attitude toward this whole matter.

What I am arguing for is nothing less than an entire re-definition of the fraternity's attitude toward freshmen. It is a bad thing to take these pledges and deprive them, in the first place, of the sense of freedom, a deprivation which results in the fact that they do not develop a sense of responsibility as they should. Furthermore, I ask you to remember that one of the fraternity's problems is a sophomore problem. It is the problem of getting proper coöperation and responsibility from sophomore members of your fraternities. Now, in my judgment, this sophomore problem is due very largely to the fact that a sophomore is reacting against the condition of serfdom in which he has been kept as a freshman. If you want to get coöperation and responsibility out of your sophomores the way to start is by revising your attitude toward freshmen. Let us not be deceived by any such childish argument as that freshmen ought to be put in their places or that you are making men out of this people

by keeping them in this childish attitude of subjection. You simply cannot grow men without freedom and without that sense of inward responsibility that develops through freedom. I am interested in the development of a sense of student responsibility in the University. I confess that when I see what has happened in the treatment of freshmen in this sphere in which students have been altogether responsible, I feel like challenging the fraternities as a whole to see whether that is the best they can do when responsibility is thrown definitely on them for the development of men. Learn to treat your freshmen as free human beings. They need guidance and stimulation from you. They do not need regulation and subjection.

I have spoken strongly about this matter because it seems to me that the whole present practice is in opposition to the ideals that a university ought to stand for and therefore that a fraternity ought to stand for. May I

express the hope, as I said when I began, that you will take my remarks as applying not only to what goes on here but as something which the American fraternity system must examine. Here at Illinois we ought to lead in such matters. We can lead in such matters. I hope simply that you will take what I have said tonight as a challenge to see what we can do to correct these prevalent abuses which mar a thing which I believe to be of value and of significance in American education.



#### TEN MISTAKES OF LIFE

1. To attempt to set up your own standards of right and wrong.
2. To try to measure the enjoyments of others by your own.
3. To expect uniformity of opinion in this world.
4. To fail to make allowance for the inexperience of others.
5. To endeavor to mold all dispositions alike.
6. Not to yield to important trifles.
7. To look for perfection in our own actions.
8. To worry ourselves and others about what cannot be remedied.
9. Not to help everybody, wherever, however and whenever we can.
10. To consider anything impossible that we ourselves cannot perform.

—JUDGE McCORMICK of San Francisco

#### GOOD CONVERSATION

"Good conversation, like good manners, depends chiefly on two main factors—good sense and good taste. If we all had a full share of these qualities, our manners and conversation would be uniformly and universally good. But unfortunately people do

not agree on what is good in both sense and taste—especially in taste, which is an expression of personality, and we ourselves are likely to be blind where we ourselves are concerned.

—From *How to Improve Your Conversation*

#### A FUTURE DIPLOMAT

Little Boy: "Mummy, which is worse, to break one's arm or to tear one's trousers?"

His Mother: "Why, to break one's arm, of course."

Little Boy: "Then what a good thing I fell and tore my trousers."

—*Schweizer Illustrierte, Zafingen*

"Now tell the jury, lady," instructed the young lawyer, "just where the prisoner was milking the cow."

The young lady, a trifle embarrassed, smiled sweetly and replied:

"Why, I think it was just a little back of the center, sir."

—*Line Material Magazine*

Magistrate (to prisoner): "How big was the brick you threw? Was it as big as my head?"

Prisoner: "Yes, your honor, but not so thick."

# INTERESTING NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

## *Front Page News At Rutgers*

### *Robert C. Clothier Elected President*

Since the last writing, Rutgers has seen a new president elected to her administration. Robert C. Clothier, who is at present the dean of men at the University of Pittsburgh,



DR. ROBERT C. CLOTHIER  
*President-elect of Rutgers*

was the man chosen for the office and he will be the fourteenth to guide the destinies of Rutgers since the college was granted its charter in 1766. Dean Clothier succeeds Dr. Philip M. Brett, who has been acting president since October, 1930, and he will assume office on March 1, 1932.

The new president-elect is an executive as well as an educator. Coming from the famous Clothier family of Pennsylvania, known for its merchants and bankers, Dean Clothier

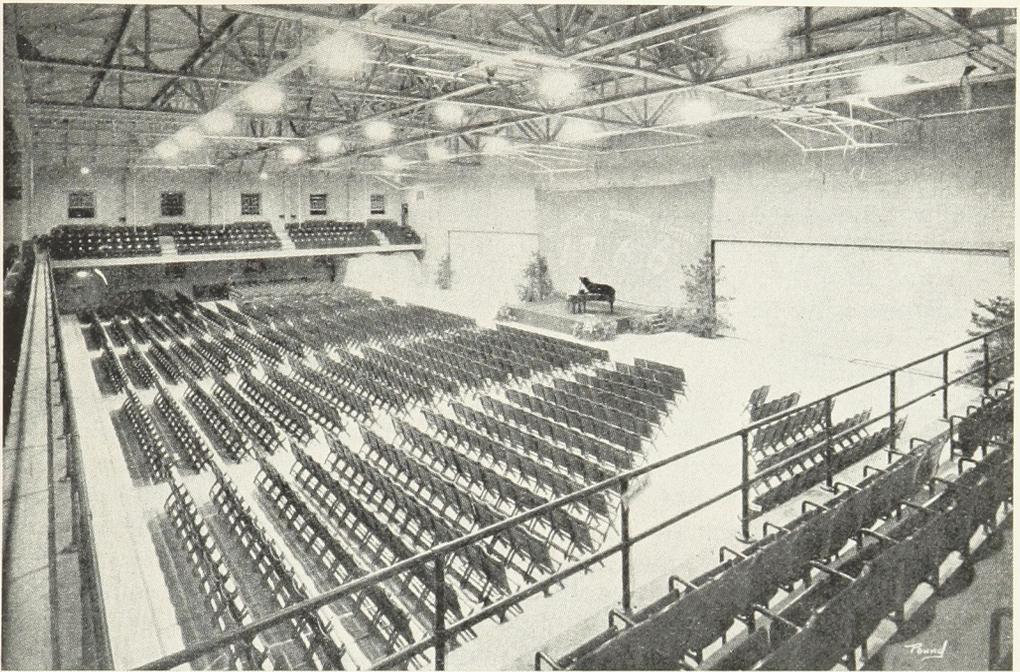
was educated at Princeton University. He has specialized in personal research both in business and education.

Dean Clothier was born in Philadelphia, January 8, 1885. He attended Haverford School at Haverford, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1903. He worked for a year in the office of a Philadelphia banking concern and then matriculated at Princeton in 1904. During his undergraduate days, he majored in political economy and history. He was active in campus affairs, being a member of the senior council and editor-in-chief of the *Daily Princetonian*. He was graduated in 1908 with the degree of bachelor of literature.

Dean Clothier's second entrance into the business world came immediately after he received his diploma. He worked for one year with the *Wall Street Journal* as a reporter, but left in 1909 to join the staff of the Curtis Publishing Company in Philadelphia. He was subsequently made employment manager of the concern.

When the United States entered the World War he was called to Washington as a member of the Committee on the Classification of Personnel in the Army of the War Department. This organization was charged with discovering the industrial and technical skills of the recruits flowing into the army in order that each man might be placed in the service where he might employ to highest advantage his special abilities. Later in the year he went overseas to study the personnel procedure of the British and French armies and to establish liaison between the personnel work in the United States and in the A.E.F. Before the conclusion of the war he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel on the General Staff.

In 1923 he resumed his pedagogical career returning to Haverford School in the



INTERIOR OF NEW RUTGERS GYMNASIUM

capacity of assistant headmaster. He did not, however, give up his interest in personnel work, making a special study of personnel as applied to educational procedure. In 1929 the University of Pittsburgh called him to be dean of men, where he has carried out a program of promoting relationships between students and faculty members. He believes that education is interested not only in the student's knowledge of certain subjects but also in making him use his capacities for growth in intellect, character and social responsibility.

He has made a successful record in the various works he has attempted, which is a guarantee of his continued efficiency. The new president is a capable man and with the loyal, tangible and enthusiastic support of the trustees, alumni, faculty and students, we can be assured that the immediate future of Rutgers will be an illustrious one.

#### *New Rutgers Gymnasium Opened*

1932 brings Rutgers a new gymnasium as well as a new president. The new structure replaces the old Ballentine gymnasium, which was burned last year, and is a \$700,000

building which is the fourth largest of its kind in the East in respect to size and equipment. Its only rivals in these respects are the Palestra at the University of Pennsylvania, the Harvard gymnasium and the Yale gymnasium. One of the inconveniences of the old gym was its location, a quarter of a mile from the main athletic field, but the new structure is located directly opposite Neilson Field, on the college avenue campus. The site, known as College Field, is where the first intercollegiate football game in America was played between Rutgers and Princeton in 1869.

The architecture of the new gymnasium is colonial, in harmony with other Rutgers buildings. It serves many purposes; besides being equipped for all indoor sports, provision has been made for instruction in military science, concerts, banquets, commencement exercises and dances.

As an auditorium it can seat 3000 persons comfortably, and at least 2888 seats are available for basketball games. Swimming being the most popular sport at Rutgers, where 35 per cent of the student body takes part, there are two pools, one for instruction and

one for exhibition. Partitions are so arranged that there can be an attendance of 2000 persons at exhibitions. The main gymnasium is 160 feet long and 82 feet wide. The auxiliary gymnasium is 105 feet long and 42 feet wide. In the basement are four squash tennis courts, and there are five outdoor one-wall handball courts against the rear wall.

With the additional facilities which are afforded, sports at Rutgers should receive an added impetus. Especially do intramural athletics promise to see boom times with the opening of the new gymnasium. Handball will be revived, and teams will be organized in basketball and swimming, in an effort being made by the department of physical education to have every student who so desires participate in some form of athletics.

N. ELLSWORTH WHEATON, JR.

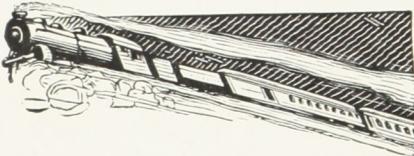
#### *Grand President Frain Installs Upsilon Chapter*

Midnight of Thursday, February 11, found your Grand President speeding toward Danville, Kentucky, to install the twentieth chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi at Centre College. The next evening, approximately twenty-four hours later, or to be exact 10:15 Central Time, "The Ponce de Leon" pulled into the Danville station and I found a large group of my brothers-to-be at the station to welcome me. From that minute until I left the members of Upsilon Chapter at Sunday noon I can assure you I was a busy person. As we passed along the Centre College Campus on our way to the house the various buildings were pointed out to me and I saw them for the first time silhouetted against the clear southern sky. As I entered the house, which after the morrow's work was to be the chapter house of Upsilon Chapter, I instinctively felt the traditional Southern welcome. In the living room, grouped around a blazing grate

fire, were the active chapter and alumni members. Formalities of introduction being over we went into conference with regards to the plans for the installation the following day. Many interesting questions were put to me, all of which I tried to answer to the best of my ability. At the close of the conference the men present were pledged to Alpha Kappa Pi. In the wee hours of the morning the conference disbanded formally only to be continued on the upper floor in the sleeping quarters. Finally quiet reigned and we sought rest for the strenuous day ahead of us.

The next morning after a truly southern breakfast, hot biscuits and all, I was whisked away on a sight seeing tour of that section of Kentucky. First to Harrodsburg to view the reproduction of the Fort Harrod of colonial days. A most interesting place filled with many curios of colonial days. The block houses, the first school in Kentucky, the settlers' log cabins put together with wooden pins, doors swinging on wooden hinges, the spring in the corner of the fort that supplied the settlers and their stock with drinking water. One could have spent the whole day examining the many keepsakes housed in the fort but we had to hurry on. Out through Shakertown where a group of Shakers had settled. Then on to High Bridge to view this wonderful engineering feat over which thunder the trains of the Southern Railroad. The bridge crosses a deep gorge and is said to be the highest bridge in the world. The hydro-electric plant with its beautifully constructed dam, another testimonial of engineering skill—the dam holding back the water of the river formed a lake extending as far as the eye could see. We turned homeward and passed country homes where the yards belied the fact that it was the thirteenth of February for the daffodils were in full bloom as well as the forsythia with its shower of golden bells and the flaming red japonica.

Returning to the house we had just time to spruce up for the luncheon engagement which we had with Dr. Charles J. Turck, President of Centre College. Dr. Boyd A. Wise, faculty adviser of the chapter, and the



officers of the chapter were the President's guests as well as your Grand President. Luncheon was served in Old Centre, the oldest building on the campus, which houses the President's office, a dining hall and student recreation rooms. Dr. Turck has been responsible for the restoration and refinishing of this grand old building. As I stood at the foot of the stairs I could not help but think of the many footsteps that had resounded through the halls. Centre is known as a father and son school for there is a tradition that fathers who have attended Centre send their sons to Centre. At present I am told the fifth generation of one family is attending the college.

After a delicious luncheon, including in the menu fried chicken, fried as only southern cooks can, we retired to the President's office where we enjoyed a social hour which had to be terminated all too soon in order to prepare for the installation. I wish that each and every member of Alpha Kappa Pi might personally meet this young, energetic president of Centre College, Dr. Turck.

The chapter assembled in the chapel of the main building and endeavored to placate the goat by weird strains, which came from the various instruments which the orchestra had left behind while Deinologian Hall was being prepared for the initiation work. At four-thirty the work began and by the time the banquet was scheduled to take place in the Gilcher Hotel, thirteen men had taken the vows of Alpha Kappa Pi. Nothing superstitious about this group for thirteen men were initiated on the thirteenth of February. It should have been Friday to round out the cycle.

Having arrived at the hotel we went to the banquet hall where we found the official college photographer patiently waiting for us. After many twistings of the neck and arrangements of the group he set off a blast that must have shaken the city. Not being satisfied with this he set off a second blast more violent if possible and departed with his machine. In true New York style he hastened to develop the exposure and shortly appeared with the picture a copy of which



DR. CHARLES J. TURCK  
*President of Centre College*

is included in this issue. If some of the newly initiated members seem frightened do not charge it to the initiation but rather to the blast of flashlight powder. I think the Centre men will agree with me that you must see the photographer to appreciate fully the picture and the conditions under which it was taken.

That ordeal over with we proceeded to enjoy a delicious banquet. The menu included everything from soup to nuts and in between were sandwiched Kentucky turkey and Kentucky ham. To appreciate the latter you must have tasted it. Songs and speeches followed. I brought back my first two songs for the songbook from Upsilon Chapter. Now add to it and we will shortly have a songbook.

President Turck in his apt remarks gave the men of Upsilon Chapter a wonderful recommendation to Alpha Kappa Pi and I am sure they will live up to every word of that recommendation. The faculty adviser, Dr. Boyd Wise, followed Dr. Turck. I covet for each member of Alpha Kappa Pi the privilege of knowing Brother Wise. He possesses a genial, friendly personality that is at once inspiring. Upsilon will surely prosper under his wise guidance. Your Grand President was next on the program and Chapter President Williams concluded the

program with his talk. Brother Larry Woboril acted as toastmaster and held that position with great credit.

The banquet having been concluded the chapter adjourned to Deinologian Hall to be instructed in the equipment necessary for the staging of the ritual.

The first regular meeting of Upsilon Chapter was held Sunday morning, February 14, in the Chapter House. The following officers were installed: president, P. A. Williams, Jr., of Russell, Kentucky; vice-president, James R. Willett, of Houston, Texas; secretary, Dudley W. Caldwell, of Louisville, Kentucky.

Twelve-thirty Sunday morning found me speeding toward Cincinnati and thence on to New York, leaving behind me a loyal group of thirteen new brothers in Alpha Kappa Pi, strong in their desire and willingness to carry the banner of the fraternity's ideals and precepts on the Centre College campus.

To Dr. Turck, Dr. Wise, and each member of Upsilon Chapter I wish to express my appreciation of their kindness and helpfulness in my installation work. My visit to Centre College will long be recalled with pleasant memories of my new friendships formed and my new brothers residing there. When any of the brothers of Alpha Kappa Pi pass that way do not fail to stop and make yourself known. The address is 481

West Lexington Avenue, Danville, Kentucky. Should all the active brothers be on the campus you will be invited to enter and await their return by Mrs. Walker, that motherly house-mother, who sees that Upsilon Chapter members are properly taken care of and housed.

PARKE B. FRAIM

*Small Colleges Gaining in Favor*  
*Says Bowdoin President*

Dr. Kenneth C. M. Sills, president of Bowdoin, in a recent address at the annual dinner of the Bowdoin Alumni Association of New York, predicted the collapse of what he termed the "university system" and the growth of small colleges to replace large "education centers."

"Twenty-five years ago virtually all the small colleges were doing their best to become large," said Dr. Sills, "and today all the large colleges seem to be doing their best to become small. The house plan at Harvard, the college plan at Yale, both are great compliments to the small college. Most large universities supplying a liberal education have forgotten their urge for numbers and have begun to realize that in the small college plan there is an unusual opportunity to develop the character of the individual student which is far more important than molding his character with the mass."

TACT

That a young man was wise beyond his years was proved when he paused before answering a widow who had asked him to guess her age.

"You must have some idea," she said.

"I have several ideas," said the young man with a smile. "The only trouble is that I hesitate whether to make you ten years younger on account of your looks or ten years older on account of your intelligence."

For nearly twenty years I have played golf. Here is something I have noted about myself, as well as others. Often a hole is played rather poorly, after several good holes, and the immediate thought is: I wish I could play that hole over. But, alas! You always have to wait for another round, or another day, for that. How many strokes in life we wish we could play over. But here again we must go on with

the game, hoping for better skill and control next time. Nothing troubles more than regrets. . . . We must learn that the past is something that is gone forever. Life must always be ahead. And so we must try to play the next hole better. Perhaps it will be our best hole! Some of us will never be golf champions. But the simplest and humblest of us may become champion friends! I would like to perfect my game to that end, wouldn't you?

—GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS

M. A. W. sends in another Pennsylvania Dutch brain twister. Says she: "A tourist stopping at a Berks country village heard a girl call her brother to dinner with: 'Sammy, come on in and eat yourself once. Mom's on the table now, and Pop's half et already.'"

—MORGAN COOK—*Philadelphia Inquirer*

# GREEK NEWS

Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon have both planted chapters at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, this college year.

The State of Delaware possesses but one degree conferring college and that the State University at Newark, Delaware. The fraternity system in that state consists of five chapters of national fraternities: Kappa Alpha (So.), Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Chi and Phi Kappa Tau. In the Woman's College, sororities are banned. This is not a coeducational college but is co-related.

Phi Delta Theta has dedicated a new house at Dickinson College where this chapter has flourished for a great many years. It is of native stone and presents a most attractive picture.

Theta Delta Chi has built the first chapter house at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia, in the "Old Colonial Williamsburg" architecture, and no doubt will be followed by the other groups there. This is in keeping with the wish of the college.

The State of Missouri, with the return of fraternities to the Missouri Valley College, owns eight fraternity colleges in the State University, Washington University, William Jewell College, Missouri Valley College, Drury College, Westminster College, Culver-Stockton College and Missouri School of Mines. Kappa Alpha and Sigma Nu with chapters in six of the eight named colleges hold the highest number within the state. Sigma Nu is the only national at Missouri Valley and Theta Kappa Nu the one national at Culver-Stockton. Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon also have dormant



chapters at Central College, Fayette, where fraternities were banned some years ago. The oldest chapter of any fraternity within the state is the Beta Theta Pi founded at Westminster in 1868.

Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana, has become a new field for fraternity endeavor and chapters of Sigma Mu Sigma, Beta Phi Theta and Alpha Delta Alpha are established on that

campus. There are also local groups petitioning for charters.

Toronto University, Toronto, Canada, is not only the largest university within the Dominion but also carries the greatest number of fraternities on its campus. Fraternities established there are: Zeta Psi, Kappa Alpha (Northern), Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Theta Delta Chi, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Sigma Phi and Phi Kappa Pi.

Theta Kappa Nu has placed a chapter at Muhlenburg College, Allentown, Pa., where she meets Alpha Tau Omega, and Phi Kappa Tau. Dormant chapters at this college are Chi Phi and Phi Gamma Delta.

The report that Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, had opened her doors to the Greek letter fraternities, was a bit premature. The fact is that Hiram has opened her campus life to local fraternities but has reached no decision whereby these locals may enter the national fraternities. Hiram College is located a short distance south of Cleveland, Ohio, and is under the direction of the Disciples of Christ Church. The college is a member of the different intercollegiate organizations of the state and is a high ranking institution in

every particular. One of her great prides is the fact that President James A. Garfield is an alumnus of the college. It is co-educational.

The State of West Virginia now carries four colleges where fraternities are found; the State University, Bethany College, Marshall College and the West Virginia Wesleyan University. At West Virginia University are: Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha, Theta Chi, Pi Lambda Phi, Theta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Gamma Rho, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Kappa Tau. Bethany carries chapters of Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Nu, Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Tau and Alpha Kappa Pi. Marshall College: Kappa Alpha and Alpha Kappa Pi. West Virginia Wesleyan has one chapter, Kappa Alpha. Bethany College owns the oldest living chapter of any West Virginia fraternity in the Beta Theta Pi founded there in 1860. However, Phi Kappa Psi carried a chapter at Bethany from 1859 to 1882 while Delta Tau Delta was founded at Bethany in 1859 and died out in 1895. Kappa Alpha (So.) is the only fraternity with chapters on all four campuses.

Phi Gamma Delta, on December 12, 1931, placed a chapter at the University of California, at Los Angeles. The entrance was made through the absorption of the Delta Rho Omega local society. This chapter was delayed in its installation until the group had corrected unsatisfactory housing conditions.

The Sigma Chi house at Dartmouth College was destroyed by fire not long since. The fire was noticed early in the morning but had gained too much headway to be subdued. The loss is stated to be \$40,000.

Sigma Chi at the University of Oregon recently absorbed a local society on the campus. Twenty-three men were initiated from this local group.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has recently placed chapters at Howard College, Birmingham,

Alabama, and at the State University of Texas.

Lambda Chi Alpha has placed its Dartmouth College chapter under suspension for not conducting its affairs as the general fraternity demands of its collegiate chapters.

"From what I have seen of their members both in and out of college, however, I do believe that Theta Delta Chi is based more solidly and enduringly on friendship than any of the others,"—convention banquet speech reported by the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi. "Where have we heard that before?"—comment in the *Phi Gamma Delta*. "At every fraternity convention where some speaker is either a bit hazy or plugging for a specific effect in gaining sophomore applause."

Who says fraternities are not counted among those things that follow the leader? One fraternity enters a certain college and the whole tribe of Greeks hasten to jump the preserve also. The University of California, at Los Angeles, is the example positive. Here is the order of entrance: Phi Beta Delta entered in 1922, then came Sigma Pi, Zeta Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Mu, Beta Theta Pi, Zeta Beta Tau, Delta Sigma Phi, Theta Xi, Tau Delta Phi, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Nu, Kappa Alpha (So.), Theta Chi, Chi Phi, and Phi Gamma Delta. Delta Kappa Epsilon is preparing to follow and both Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi are colonizing toward placing chapters there.

Kappa Alpha has builded up a very commendable group of chapters in the far Southwest country. This strictly southern territory fraternity has chapters at Stanford University, University of California, University of New Mexico, University of Southern California and University of California, at Los Angeles. The officials of Kappa Alpha look upon this part of the country as Southern in sentiment and life, and then, if the Mason-Dixon Line were extended across the continent the chapters would fall within the southern part of the country.

# EDITORIALS

## Welcome, Upsilon

In a little college town down in Old Kentucky an earnest group of young men, on February 13, 1932, became our brothers in Alpha Kappa Pi. To them we extend our hands in friendship and we bid them a hearty welcome into our brotherhood—to them we extend our best wishes for a splendid future in Alpha Kappa Pi.

Founded in November, 1929, and based on high ideals and scholastic standing the chapter has maintained these attributes on a high plane. The chapter was fortunate in attracting to its ranks in March, 1931, a member of the college faculty, Dr. Boyd A. Wise, Ph.D. He has, since his induction, shown a keen and active interest in the progress of the group. Thus, well-advised and possessing a fine spirit and interest among its members, the chapter should continue to advance under the banner of Alpha Kappa Pi.

Centre College, the home of Upsilon, is an old and honorable institution of learning and our fraternity is to be congratulated on having placed a chapter there. It is an excellent fraternity school where Alpha Kappa Pi will progress with the select group now on its campus. We hope that, with the location of our new chapter at Centre, it will be the center of future growth of Alpha Kappa Pi in that section of the country.

## At the Fraternity Editor's Banquet

It happened at the Fraternity Editors' Banquet in New York last fall. An individual wandered into the banquet hall lobby in the New Yorker, gazed about, and seeing no acquaintances seated himself on a settee. Shortly thereafter there entered a tall gentleman in a tuxedo. He, too, gazed about,

apparently did not see those he sought, and then proceeded to occupy the opposite end of the same settee. The first occupant, endeavoring to be sociable, introduced himself with, "My name is Jahn—of Alpha Kappa Pi." The gentleman addressed responded with "My name is Chenery." The former recalled having seen that name but a short time before and tried to remember with which fraternity magazine the latter was affiliated but could not quite place him. He then said, "I've seen your name somewhere but I'm sorry I can't quite place it." To which Mr. Chenery replied, "Oh, I'm the editor of *Collier's*." Was the Alpha Kappa Pi embarrassed? Not at all!—Mr. Chenery isn't the type who gives one that feeling, but it was a pleasure for an embryo editor to meet a real editor so informally.

Mr. Chenery was the guest speaker of the evening and after the banquet he gave a very interesting talk on determining the policies and gathering the ingredients for one of America's most popular weeklies.

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The assembled editors had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Francis W. Shepardson, President of Beta Theta Pi, relate an interesting history of fraternity magazines of which the *Beta Theta Pi* is the oldest. This history well illustrated the interfraternity relations of former years and they were far from pleasant—slander and vituperation of other organizations was the favorite sport of editors in those years long past. We may be duly thankful that fraternities have abandoned that policy and have reached, with the assistance of the National Interfraternity Conference, a better understanding and appreciation of each other and are now working shoulder to shoulder in solving the problems that they have in common.

### We Have Recommenditis

Have you or has your chapter subscribed to *The American Scholar*, the quarterly published by Phi Beta Kappa? If not, we should like to recommend it as being worth while, that is, if you like to have thoughts offered to you through the medium of well-written literature. We loaned our copy of the recent issue to a friend who reads widely and well and the reaction was:

"This is a splendid magazine. I greatly enjoyed the articles that I read. How could a magazine such as this help but be interesting when such high types of persons write for it? And their choice of words. Speaking of increasing one's vocabulary—reading such as this will do it."

If you are interested in improving yourself culturally, good reading is an excellent aid—and *The American Scholar* will fit into your scheme of self improvement.

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Since we cannot, all of us, attend the annual meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference, which is held during the weekend following Thanksgiving, the next best thing we can do is to read a résumé of the thoughts and ideas offered at the meeting by the college and fraternity leaders present. The article, "Highlights of the National Interfraternity Conference of 1931," in this issue will give you a comprehensive viewpoint of the problems which the fraternity world must face. The address by Dr. Henry Suzzallo, President of the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of teaching, presents to the fraternities a challenge that they cannot ignore.

The report of the Conference Chairman, Mr. Alvan E. Duerr, supports the statements of Dr. Suzzallo. But Mr. Duerr's Scholarship Committee report is quite favorable—fraternity scholarship has been steadily improving during the last few years and we sincerely hope that it will continue to do so. To the thinking fraternity man, this résumé of the Conference, should offer many problems for

thought and discussion and we recommend that it be read thoroughly.

In fact, since this magazine is published for your benefit we recommend that you read it from cover to cover. The address by Dr. Harry W. Chase, President of the University of Illinois and nationally known educator, calls to your attention defective features that should be corrected if fraternities are to continue to grow. And the "Adviser's Corner" always offers some pertinent comments and suggestions that we would do well to consider. And so each part of the magazine represents some feature of fraternity interest and, we feel, is well worth reading.

### Phi Chapter Installation, April 1-2-3 and Alpha Kappa Pi Executive Council Meeting, April 1

Sigma Tau Omicron Fraternity at Saint John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, will be installed as Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi during the weekend of April 1-2-3, 1932. The plans for the festivities are as follows: April 1, Friday, evening, formal dance; April 2, Saturday, afternoon, installation; evening, banquet after which there will be an informal dance either at the house or at the gymnasium; April 3, Sunday, open house. The chapter extends a hearty greeting to the Fraters of Alpha Kappa Pi and bids them welcome on this gala occasion. Phi chapter house is located at 9 Saint Johns Street, Annapolis, Maryland.

On Friday evening, April 1, there will also be a meeting of the Executive Council of Alpha Kappa Pi at the chapter house. We have been informed that quite a large number of brothers from various chapters will attend the installation. Thus this occasion offers those attending an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with our new brothers, the officers of our fraternity, and the brothers from other chapters.

We are hoping for good weather to attend what promises to be an interesting and enjoyable gathering of the clan of Alpha Kappa Pi at Annapolis.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## Alpha

Alpha Chapter of the Newark College of Engineering has full plans under way for their 8th Annual Spring Dance, which is usually held at about the middle of April. Carlton Werner has been selected to act as chairman of the committee and he will be assisted by George Wilkinson, Carl Huebner, Stanley Byrd and Ed Haldeman.

We have been confidentially and reliably informed that Alpha Kappa Pi has two new sisters affiliated with the Alpha Chapter. Miss Margarie McGregor of Chatham, fiancée of Kenneth Feister, and Miss Jeannette Schmidt of Newark, fiancée of Carlton Werner, are the proud possessors of sister pins. Our greetings are extended to the couples, and we wish them much happiness. Note to the boys; don't forget the brothers when the wedding invitations are mailed.

The mid-year exams at school have been weathered without any losses to the chapter, and with the second term approaching, the brothers look forward to the finals in June with confidence.

Alpha Chapter men were well represented at the recent basketball game between Newark College of Engineering and Brooklyn Poly, at which occasion many of the Delta boys were on hand. Unfortunately the Newark team ended on the low end of the score.

Alpha Chapter extends greetings to Upsilon Chapter at Centre College, Danville Kentucky. Best wishes are also extended to Phi Chapter-to-be at St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland. We hope that both these chapters will experience success, financially, scholastically, and otherwise, in their affiliation with Alpha Kappa Pi.

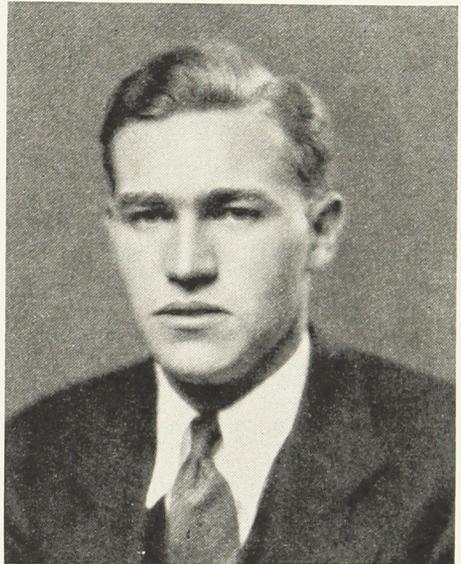
Following a long felt need to better acquaint the brothers with the character and habits of the pledges, a committee has been appointed to investigate and report on all prospects. This committee comprises Halsted W. Baker, Albert Day, Carl Huebner, Wilbur Kupfrian, Richard Lemasena, Charles Washburn, and George Wilkinson.

Alpha is pleased to announce that Brother Wilkinson has been pledged to the Trunnion, the local scholastic honorary. George comprises one of three juniors that were selected. Our hats off to George and his scholastic prowess. Brother Kupfrian, owner and operator of amateur radio station W2BVA extends 73 to all brother hams. All brothers familiar with the subtle art of pounding brass are invited to arrange for a sked or friendly

rag chew. W2BVA is at present operating in the 7000 kilocycle band.

Alumnus James A. Gibbons was married to Miss Marion E. Houck at Indiana, Pennsylvania on December 31, 1931. Our congratulations and best wishes to the Brother and Mrs. Gibbons.

All plans have been completed for the Junior Prom, the first formal affair of the class of 1933. The committee is headed this year by Brother Mortimor Hull. From all indications the affair



WILLIAM ARNOTT  
*President of Alpha Chapter*

will be especially lavish in nature, and the usual social success is predicted.

The men of Alpha Chapter take pleasure in presenting to the brothers of Alpha Kappa Pi, Brother William Arnott, president of Alpha Chapter and presiding officer of the Student Council.

Bill has been especially active around the campus, and his smiling face is familiar to every student. He was elected class president during his sophomore year, and during his junior term served as editor of *The Technician*, the local school paper. Besides these activities he was also active in the Student Branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and served on the Press Board. This year he was elected to the highest posi-

tions in both the Student Council and the local chapter of the fraternity. During his co-operative periods, Bill is employed by the school to do publicity work, and he has developed a highly efficient system of keeping news of college activities before the public.

Although Bill is physically handicapped, his disability has been eclipsed by an exceptionally keen mind and a sunny disposition which has won him many lasting friends. Bill is well read, and he is well adapted to talk on any subject from the elektra complex to politics and religion. His subtle humor has gained him wide popularity.

WILBUR J. KUPFRIAN

## Beta

Beta Chapter had the great pleasure of inducting five of the pledges voted upon earlier in the season. These men are as follows: Carl Langner, Avery Smith, Jimmie Robb, Gunther Voiges and Jack Berglund. After the gruesome and harrowing details of the initiation had been successfully surmounted, the brothers were formally inducted on Friday night, February 5, in the chapter room. The induction was a most impressive ceremony, as it always is and inspired the older brothers as well.

After the induction the brothers went down the hill to the Villa Telmani to attend the induction banquet. The dinner, as usual, was excellent and the brothers had the pleasure of hearing a few and well chosen remarks from Brother Dr. De Walsh. We also had the pleasure of the company of two of our alumni, Brothers Hoppe and Gornick, who brought back with them many memories and traditions.

On the following evening the chapter held a supper dance at the Fraternity Club rooms. The evening was a most pleasant one and, as they say in the country, "a good time was had by all."

The new brothers have not been installed and have had no trouble in finding their places in the life of the fraternity. It is our purpose, on April 1, to hold a dance at the Hotel Pennsylvania to raise funds for replenishing our treasury. We all hope that it will be a success and will provide a splendid evening's entertainment.

J. EDWARD VESPER

## Gamma

February has started the last lap for seven members of this chapter. As matters stand now, this will cut our active membership almost in half. However, with the open rushing season now in force, we confidently expect to bring our ranks back to normal. So far this term we have pledged one new freshman and have a number of good

men in view as prospective pledges. The newest addition to our ranks is James C. Quinn of Franklin Square, L.I., N.Y. We have also recently initiated into membership in Alpha Kappa Pi, two members of the class of 1935, John A. McSweeney, and Walter S. Rogers. On this occasion we had the honor of having Grand President Fraim and John Everetts, Jr., Alpha Province Chief, take part in the initiation ceremonies. This was followed by a dinner at the chapter house attended by all the actives, a number of alumni and guests.

In addition to the usual holiday dances, the chapter acted as host to the members of the Stevens Interfraternity Council at a dinner preceding the regular monthly meeting of that group. Plans are in progress for a spring dance and Mothers' Day at the house this spring.

Our chapter basketball team, captained by Bob Dietz, with George Green as manager, succeeded in defeating the Pi Lambda Phi and Chi Psi teams, only to lose to the strong Delta Tau Delta five. One more game with Phi Sigma Kappa will determine our standing in the class II league of the Interfraternity Tournament, the winner of which plays the class I winner for the trophy. The regular lineup has been: Dammers and Lugosch at the forward positions, Keowen at center and Captain Dietz and Huntington as guards. Grupe and Sundberg are also injected into the lineup at times to boost the team strength.

In the forthcoming Varsity Show, prominent roles have been assigned to Jus Hayes and Bob Keowen, who have already made a name for themselves in former shows. Bob Dietz was the Student Council member chosen as committee chairman for the annual Faculty-Student Council Banquet held at Castle Stevens.

This about cleans up the news to date, so we'll sign off until the May issue. The best wishes and luck to our new chapters in Alpha Kappa Pi.

ROBERT B. MARTIN

## Delta

The "half-mile" mark has just flashed past and we are now on the home stretch of the 1931 school year. With the "exams" of the first half year just a memory, although a somewhat tenacious memory, the boys here at Delta are launching a campaign, the results of which they are sure will firmly anchor the Ellis Derby scholastic cup to the living room mantelpiece where it now rests peacefully.

Since the last issue of the ALPHA came out, five new pledges have been added to the ranks of Delta. Four of the men, Donald A. Cozzens, Wilfred Hansen, Frank Holuv and John Zieher, are freshmen. The fifth man, George Christopher, is a special student.

The Christmas vacation here at "Poly" was just an opportunity to clear up back work which seems

to accumulate with surprising rapidity. One man, however, managed to divorce himself from his books and spent a week and a half of the Christmas vacation in the wilds of New York State. This brother was Roy W. Seaholm and his "hide-away" was the little town of Paleenville.

The Christmas vacation in no way impaired the workings of the chapter. On the contrary, it was during this time that the plans were made for the initiation which was held on the first evening of our return to school, Monday evening, January 4, 1932. At this initiation the brotherhood was conferred upon Pledges John Baffa, George Burpo, Henry Vaiden, and Edward B. Terry. The first mentioned man is a freshman, while the latter three are sophomores, Brother Henry Vaiden being the present president of the Sophomore class. Following the initiation ceremony a banquet was held, and after that a regular formal meeting of the chapter.

There has recently been some discussion during interfraternity meetings, among the representatives of the various fraternities here at "Poly," as to the advisability of discontinuing the February rushing season. At the last meeting of the council, however, a vote was taken, the results of which indicated that the majority were in favor of the continuation of the policy of having a February rushing season. The dates which "Delta" obtained to hold social functions for the benefit of the new freshmen, are Saturday, February 20 and Friday, March 4. An informal dance has been planned for February 20 and a smoker for March 4.

It is the policy of the "Polytechnic Institute" to hold an annual open house at which time the buildings are "thrown open" to the parents of the students, prospective students, their parents, and guests. During this open house all laboratories are in operation. The boys of "Delta" did their part to make the open house, which was held this year on Friday evening, January 15, a success. Brothers Walford Johnson and George Burpo assisted Professor Parke B. Fraim in the electrical measurements laboratory, demonstrating various types of electrical equipment. Brother Douglas Fronmuller exhibited some of the apparatus used by the physical chemist. Brother William Venson's exhibit was "pretty hot." He was demonstrating the use of the oxy-acetylene blow torch. It has been established by custom that the evening is always brought to a close by a performance of the Play-Workshop, "Poly's" dramatic society. Here also Delta was represented, for the cast included Pledge Benton Stewart. This is Stewart's second public appearance, and, for a beginner, we must admit that he's pretty good. "Yours truly" walked around all night with a carnation in his button-hole. He was supposed to be ushering, but the funny part of it was that most of the time the "mob" was doing the ushering!

#### *In Memoriam:*

It is with deepest regrets that we announce the death of Mrs. Brunjes, mother of Brother Austin S. Brunjes. Brother Brunjes is an alumnus at Delta and is at present an instructor of chemistry at "Poly." To Brother Brunjes and the entire Brunjes family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

CONRAD JAKOB

## Eta

When the forty-four branches of the Peoples State Bank of South Carolina closed Eta suffered a loss, not in the treasury of the chapter itself, but four of the ten pledges that were taken in the first semester have had to leave school on account of financial reverses. However, six good boys are left and we are planning to initiate at least five of them the third week in February. This will give us a total of twelve, eleven of whom will be back in school next year if everything goes along smoothly. By this time we will be in fine shape financially as well as from every other point of view.

The first semester ended January 31 with all our men feeling pretty good, the freshmen all having passed the required number of hours for initiation.

Presbyterian College enrolled two hundred and seventy-four, the largest number in the history of the school to be matriculated for the second semester.

A fine boy, William Albert Galloway of Florence, S.C., was pledged to Alpha Kappa Pi soon after registration. We are delighted to have him among us.

Personally, and upon behalf of Eta Chapter, I want to take a few lines to express our appreciation for the patience and steady work put forth by the staff of the Alpha in publishing the various issues. Also, I wish to extend our congratulations to the Grand Officers and others concerned in the wonderful work of expansion. I am glad to see Alpha Kappa Pi gradually growing in the South.

Our best wishes to our new brothers at Upsilon.

JAMES F. DAVIS

## Theta

Once more we take up the reins of pleasant collegiate life, and begin again where they were hastily dropped when the spectre of exams loomed too large and full of foreboding to be ignored. And there is much to be done.

There is, of course, the problem of finances to be tackled, maltreated, and thrown bodily out of the lot. The consensus of opinion has it that the would-be football players ought to be put on the

line, and the sons of the captains of industry in the backfield, well fortified with check books. This, it has been agreed, should get rid of the old bugbear; the only difficulty so far encountered is that of locating enough backfield men.

There is another problem which is annoying. We don't know whether or not any of the other chapters are bothered with it, or whether it is strictly a Theta disease. Incidentally, we'd like to know. It is, if you must know, Married-itis. With three brothers married, and one pledge in the same state of bewilderment, we find ourselves constantly bothered with the injection of the feminine veto into our deliberations. The married one's must always pause to reconsider, and we blissfully single fellows have to delay along with them. It has come to such a pass that we are beleaguering all our prospective pledgees for their views on women and marriage. It takes more thought now to decide whether or not Jones with his decided partiality toward women will make as good a brother as Smith, who is antagonistic toward them.

On top of all our worries in this regard *Spectator*, the campus paper, publishes an account of Columbia men's preferences in choosing their mates. It seems the majority are in favor of a raving beauty with a capacity for learning, and a sizable bank account. This may, however, make things simpler. If the prospect is in favor of such a dream it is a couple hundred points in his favor. We have yet to come across a girl who measures up to his standard, so that he may be reasonably safe for several years, and for us.

Mr. Wilson, thank the Lord, hasn't forgotten us. He has a remarkable system of arousing the somnolent, the flustered, and those merely tired in general. God bless him!

But we all want to congratulate the new chapters at Centre College and St. John's on their coming into Alpha Kappa Pi, and wish them success and happiness under the seven pointed star. Best of luck!

BERNARD J. HANNEKEN

## Iota

With the passing of mid-semester exams seven Iotans are remorsefully beginning to spend their free time in scrutinizing Graduate School catalogues, scanning the want-ads in the newspapers, writing lengthy epistles to school boards, etc. Del Gard, Paul Haas, and Bill McGlaughlin are hoping to enter medical school in the fall. Rufus MacDonald will enter law school in the East, and Brother Rothlisberger has been accepted at the Graduate School of Theology at Boston U. Lowell Lamb is looking forward to a business career, while Don Thoma is going to cast his lot with the school teachers.

Five of the men, Gard, Haas, MacDonald,

Thoma, and Lamb are the last of Iota's forty-one charter members to graduate from Mount and their graduation will leave gaps in our ranks that will take a long time to fill.

Although the many bank failures in Alliance and vicinity have more or less cramped social events on the Mount campus, Iota sponsored two successful Yuletide events, the annual Christmas dance at the Alliance Women's Club and the annual big-little brother stag at the chapter house.

The stag, with Pledge Ted Earle as maestro, was one of the best ever. Faculty guests for the evening were Professors Wm. M. Morgan and Eric A. Eckler. The two big upsets of the evening were the single handed defeat of Brothers Wehner and Jerry Brady, the elite of the chapter's self-styled bridge players, by Professor Morgan with Brother Kohl as the "dummy" and Amos Sweet's spectacular uphill battle in his cribbage match with Professor Eckler.

The beautiful gold-finished brass safety razor prize, for which all were striving in the course of the evening's parlor sports, was won by no one else than Pledge Frank Leyda. Upon receiving the award, emblematic of victory, Pledge Leyda turned to the disappointed brothers and disdainfully sneered, "Heh! Heh!" After the professors had gone, house rules were suspended temporarily much to the discomfort of Leyda who was properly disciplined for the manner in which he had accepted the prize.

Amos Day Sweet has been appointed an acting assistant professor at Kent State College, Kent, Ohio. Brother Sweet recently conducted research at the Mount chemistry laboratories on the pyrolysis of acetone before assuming his duties at Kent. Sweet has his M.S. from Northwestern where he was a member of the Alpha Chi Sigma Professional Fraternity and Sigma Xi Society.

Brother George Ferner visited the house during the Christmas vacation and told the boys about his work at Purdue. Ferner is an assistant in the School of Chemistry and has completed the required work for his Ph.D. degree.

The honor societies at Mount will soon be electing their new members and we hope to place brothers in the various groups.

MATHIAS KOHL, JR.

## Kappa

The finishing touches have been applied to Kappa's initiation plans. Several new men will be taken into the chapter during the second week of February. In comparing these plans with the old formulae, the difference is striking. Many can no doubt remember the old "Hell Week," identified with paddling on any and all occasions, plus antics which remain unforgettable. The substitution

of a program more in keeping with the aims of the fraternity has been in force at Kappa for the past two years. Under this system, the neophytes are taught the ideals of the fraternity, its chapters, and the personalities of the men founding it.

The first week in February was a mid-term recess, during which the brothers retired to their respective homes. Several of the men have taken advantage of this respite to do thesis work.

Charlie Northam, our president has been taking the physical examinations for active duty in the Army Air Corps, after graduation. We all hope for a successful outcome. Some of these days Charlie will give us a free ride—maybe.

Plans for the big dance of the season are underway. It will take place shortly after the initiation. Recently, "diddling" with the feet has been replaced by "diddling" with cards. The brothers have become afflicted with bridge mania! This time it is contract—and the weird systems which are in use would put Mr. Lenz to shame!

The chapter is fortunate in having several of the Alumni close at hand. Frank Horn, who is associated with Horn & Horn, Boston architects, lives in the suburbs. Wym Boynton continues to give a large part of his time and energy to the chapter. Jack Vennard is still at the 'Stute, going after his M.S. degree.

News of the Alumni afield has filtered back to the house. Bill Eaton is connected with the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce as an airport surveyor. Hank Halberg is a civil engineer on a municipal project in Rhode Island. Bob Foster is also in that part of the country, working for the American Bridge Company. Hal Spaans continues to keep the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania from going on the rocks. We recently received an announcement of his engagement to Miss Marguerite E. Nason of Brooklyn, New York. Our congratulations, Hal. Hank Ahlberg is with the Chase Copper outfit.

RALPH PETERSON

## Lambda

Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity entertained with an informal dinner party Saturday evening, January 9, 1932. A delicious dinner served at the chapter house was followed by a dance at Cochran Hall. Special musical numbers were given by our talented brothers McIlroy and Greskovitch. Bridge was also on the program. The hall was beautifully decorated in the green and white of our fraternity colors. Honor guests of the evening were Dr. and Mrs. Weimar and Prof. and Mrs. Cothrane.

Some of the boys are doing good work on the basketball squad this season; Schaffer, Gilson, Wells, and Worsencroft have been conscientious candidates. Schaffer and Worsencroft are in keen

competition for first team positions. George Ferguson is a promising candidate for the Bethany debating squad.

Lambda regrets the possible withdrawal from college of Brothers Bramhall, Longstreth, Montgomery, and Pratt. We will certainly miss them but hope they will be with us again next fall.



Interfraternity basketball is developing a great deal of enthusiasm among the "Bisons" at this time of the year. A probable lineup for Lambda will be as follows: forwards—Sowers and Greskovitch; center—Wells; and guards—Davis and Ferguson. Other candidates are: Oyer, Gilson, Livingston, Hanes, Wagner and McIlroy.

The heyday of the school year is here—semester exams are over and all are hoping that the harvest of grades will be profitable.

We extend a hearty welcome to our new brothers at Centre and at St. John's College. May their experience in our brotherhood be one of growing friendships and continued successful progress.

J. BYRON K. HORNER

## Xi

On December 12th James Van Arsdale of East Orange, N.J., and Edward P. Galba, McKee's Rocks, Pennsylvania, were initiated into the brotherhood of Alpha Kappa Pi. Van Arsdale is a Sophomore in Business Administration; and Galba a Junior in Mechanical Engineering, Ed plays in the band and orchestra, and is a member of the A.S.M.E.

Two days before school closed the chapter was given a delightful Christmas present in the form of a bank failure, the bank in which the chapter kept its working capital closed its doors, which is nothing unusual in this part of the country. However, despite this setback, the chapter is financially fit to carry on its work without curtailing any of its activities. Henry Saunders, in spite of his gunman-like tactics in extracting money from the brothers, is really to be complimented on the fine manner in which he has handled the finances of Xi.

Senior Keys were awarded the last meeting in

December. Ed Karig won the scholarship key and "Bunky" Bennett the activity key; both by unanimous vote of the chapter.

Xi wants to express its appreciation for the appropriate Christmas cards sent them by other chapters.

Henry Saunders entertained with a party New Year's Eve at his residence in Newark, N.J.; and Alpha Kappa Pi was well represented. Among those present were Ed Karig, Jack Lindstrom, Bill Henry, Lou Holman and wife, and "Bunky" Bennett, all from Xi. There were several brothers from Rho chapter present also. During the Christmas holidays Ed Karig visited the Rho chapter house as the guest of Ed Baumer and expressed himself as highly impressed by the appearance of the house; unfortunately, all the brothers were home for the holidays.

When Xi Chapter returned from the holidays they found that Jim Van Arsdale, who was initiated only a few days before the holidays began, was unable to come back to school; we all hope he will be able to return next September.

People are very particular about starting a quarrel with an Alpha Kappa Pi man on State's campus these days. Ed Karig, captain of this year's scrappers, won his first fight of the season recently by a decisive victory, and Pledge Sauls has made the Freshman Boxing Team. Dave Whitehead is firing in all the matches the rifle team has participated in and ranks with the best shots on the team.

On Friday evening, January 8, the chapter entertained with an "open house" dance. All members, their guests, and several prospective men expressed themselves as highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The chapter is starting a scrapbook—one was recently purchased and contributions in the form of clippings, programs, snapshots, and so on are handed over daily to the scrapbook keeper.

Since the last report Xi has pledged W. A. Pye, a freshman from Southern Pines, N.C. Pye is a member of the Freshman Boxing Team and all the men feel that another real fellow has been added to Xi's list.

Many of the men are planning on attending the National Convention this year. Here's one for you engineers—Xi is willing to bet that they have the largest number of man-miles; that is, the number of men making the trip times the miles each travels, of any other Alpha Kappa Pi chapter—who says they can beat us? Anyway, we will see you at the convention.

W. G. KIRCHHEIMER

## Mu

Mu Chapter begins the second semester of the year with a feeling that a very successful semester has just passed, and a most promising one is in

view. The grades for the last semester are just out. Some are high; others not so high, and we are almost certain of winning the Shouse Scholarship Cup again this semester.

Plans for chapter activities for next semester are already materializing. Rush parties and smokers promise a good list of pledges. We hope that Brother Verne Brooks again shows his ability to make a good "punchless" punch for refreshments for our smoker next week. His punch is becoming a tradition. We are wondering if his being married has anything to do with it. Until we learn definitely, we will have to give him the credit, and not Mrs. Brooks.

While Brother Brooks is married, we're wondering how seriously Brother John Conser is considering marriage with Miss Virginia Shewey, popular Alpha Sigma Alpha co-ed. She is wearing a seven pointed star, and they seem to be an ideal couple. We'll each try to be the first to congratulate them when it comes to that.

Mu Chapter welcomes Brother Herbert Allen '33, Kenneth Mann '34, and Garnet Lester '32, back this semester as active members. While we were fortunate in adding the above brothers to the roll of active members, we were just as unfortunate in losing our historian, Donald Baker, to the ranks of the alumni. Reuben Osborne, Jr., has been elected to fill the vacancy. Our alumni association has been very active. A number of the alumni members are always present at our regular meetings, but usually one is appointed to talk before the active chapter to keep it in close touch with the alumni activities.

Brother Brammer, usually the spokesman for the alumni, announces the plans developed by the alumni association for the largest and most colorful dance ever given for the fraternity. That will have to go far to beat the Fall Formal, but they always keep their promise.

But the dance is not all. They have scheduled a number of programs to take place after our regular meetings. The first one, a talk by Dr. Corbly of the faculty is scheduled for the next meeting. These programs promise to be very instructive and entertaining, and if one has heard Dr. Corbly, enough has been said.

It is with great pride that we mention Brother Harper "Hip" Grimm, the president of the Marshall Student body, as one who did much toward securing legislation for the erection of a student union building on the Marshall Campus. Construction will begin soon, and it is expected that the much needed building will be completed by next fall.

Mu Chapter is in excellent financial condition, in spite of Old Man Depression. All the fellows have heartily cooperated in a most successful movement to clean up our debts. We are very grateful to Brother Paul Winter our chapter treasurer, for the

very efficient manner in which he has handled the books.

We regret very much the resignation of Brother John Conser, our chapter secretary, also the absence of Brother Ed. Gruber, forced by their night drafting classes in Mechanism. Brother Ralph Cobun was elected to the office vacated by Brother Conser, while Herbert Allen was again placed in charge of the pledges.

The most sincere sympathies of the chapter go out to Brothers Conser, and Templeton in the death of Brother Conser's Mother in November, and Brother Templeton's Father in January.

Our greatest problem at this time is trying to cure Brother Harry Moreland of the "yo-yo" fever. A sad case, the only one in the group.

Mu Chapter sends heartiest congratulations, and wish much success, and progress to our new brothers at Centre.

REUBEN OSBORNE, JR.

## Nu

Since the last issue of THE ALPHA we have all enjoyed a two-week Christmas vacation, but we are all back now to rest up after the strenuous holidays and possibly to prepare for "these" final exams.

Thursday evening, December 17, 1931, Nu Chapter held their annual Christmas party. Officially, the vacation started December 19, 1931; but actually, it started that Thursday night. Each fellow in the house was given the names of two other fellows, and he was required to present these fellows with a gift. Naturally, the present had to be cheap—extremely cheap, in fact—and of a humorous nature. No names were attached to the gifts—nothing except a very "lovely" note of a slightly deprecatory nature. Shortly after dinner we all assembled around the dinner table. Sprigs of evergreen were strewn on the table, and by the light of six candles the "gifts" were passed out. Each fellow was asked to read the note attached to his present for the sole purpose of increasing the effect the gift was supposed to bring about; that was a good laugh for everyone. Each present seemed to bring a bigger laugh, and by the time the party was over everyone was in an hilarious mood and in no mood for study. The remainder of the evening was spent as we chose; at a theatre, on a date, or in one of those lowered bull sessions.

What could be worse than after a three-month crack at Electrical Engineering problems to spend the Christmas holidays in bed? Brother Lubbers became ill the day school closed and did not recover until shortly before school opened. We sympathize with you, Bill.

Brother Sheen '31, who has been working in Anniston, Alabama since his graduation last June,

spent the Christmas holidays with his family in Philadelphia. Bob came to Bethlehem during his stay in Philadelphia, but unfortunately none of us were at the house during vacation. Sorry, we missed you Bob, but nevertheless we're glad to know that you got back to Lehigh.

Brothers Rankin and McConnell spent the last week of their vacation touring Connecticut and New York with the Brown and Maroon Col-



legians. The orchestra, as has been mentioned before, is composed of Lehigh and Lafayette fellows. The trip offered plenty of diversion and fun, and thoughts of engineering and psychology were completely lost by the time we reached Bethlehem January 4, 1932.

The Alpha Kappa Pi basketball team has two brilliant wins and no losses to its credit so far in the Interfraternity competition. Brother Dengler who injured his knee in his freshman year and for that reason has been unable to go out for the school team has been playing forward position, and displaying some nice work. Not to pass over Brother Gibbons and Bill Carpenter and several others who have been playing "right smart" basketball. The team really has several veterans of the game and plenty of reserve, and we should have little trouble dropping many of our opponents behind.

More basketball news. Pledge Rowe has secured the position of center with the frosh regulars. The freshmen have a good team this year and have won all their games so far. But where would they be without that big, tall center?

The interfraternity sports seem to have no end at Lehigh. This year we are organizing pool, bridge, bowling teams. In fact, the teams are organized, but they haven't gotten under way as yet. More dope concerning this in the next issue.

Several brothers from Delta threatened to pay us a visit some time ago, but—no Deltas. Sorry that our plans didn't agree at that time. However, we're still expecting you down if you can make it.

Nu Chapter was expecting to have Grand President Fraim as a guest at the annual birthday dinner of Brother Oppelt. However, we received word from him at the last minute saying that it would be impossible for him to attend. Nu Chapter as a whole expresses their regrets that you could not

be here, President Fraim, to enjoy the marvelous meal. For an hour and a half we sat at the dinner table while we were served a six course meal that was truly one of the best that Brother Oppelt



has ever given us. Everyone but the freshmen knew what to expect before the dinner chimes sounded, and we had all tried our best to convince them that it would be an occasion more than unusual. The Class of '35 are now awaiting a particular Sunday in January 1933.

Due to the death of one of the trustees of Lehigh University the school has declared a half holiday today, and all the fellows around here are havin' fun except the historian—he's trying to put together this bit of news.

In closing, mention must be made of two important events forthcoming. Final exams and initiation. Fortunately for the upperclassmen—unfortunately for the frosh Hell Week comes immediately after exams. So it happens at this school. A bit of diversion for the upperclassmen.

A short paragraph of last minute Alumni News. Last week we received a letter that looked suspiciously like a telegram. Upon opening it we found that it was a babygram from Charles S. Thaeler Jr., informing us that he had arrived safely, and that his Mother and Dad, Brother and Mrs. Charles E. Thaeler, were very happy. Nu Chapter extends its congratulations.

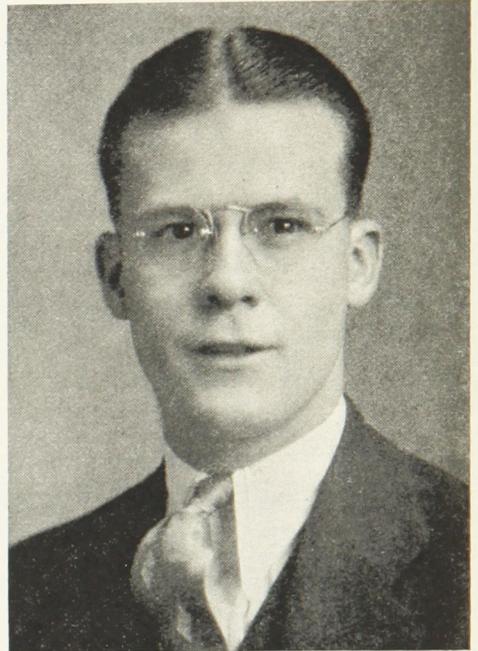
JOHN H. MCCONNELL

## Omicron

*R. Arthur Carvolth*

The activities key for the year 1931-32 has been awarded to Brother R. Arthur Carvolth, our retiring president. His interest in the fraternity and the prestige he acquired for our chapter by means of his outside activities make him deserving of the honor. Carvolth entered the fraternity in his sophomore year and from that time on he attained such phenomenal scholastic success that he is able to graduate in less than the usual four years. He will graduate as a pre-legal student but has not decided where to continue his study. On the other hand he is eligible to qualify for an instructorship in the political sciences. "Artie" is a member of Pi Lambda Sigma, pre-legal; Kappa Phi Kappa, educational; the Interfraternity Council and the International Relations Club. He has taken active

part in the Forensic Council, a debating organization. Carvolth was also appointed to the chairmanship of one of the Interfraternity Ball Committees. He was always conspicuous in intramural



R. ARTHUR CARVOLTH

*President of Omicron Chapter—excellent in studies and in campus and chapter activities*

athletic competition. Although his administration was inopportune with respect to the general economic condition, it was highly successful. May his success continue after he bids farewell to Penn State!

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The beginning of a new semester is more or less characterized by a lull in activity; however the initiation of our freshmen this month undoubtedly counteracted that lack of interest. A very excellent informal initiation of three days duration was planned and executed by Brother Bailey, chairman of the Initiation Committee. An outstanding feature of this plan was an examination in which the prospective brothers were quizzed in regards to a thorough knowledge of the significance of Alpha Kappa Pi. The men were held responsible for the entire contents of the Neophyte Guide, the location of each chapter and a history of the Omicron Chapter. Throughout the program the freshmen were constantly reminded of their inferiority by being subjected to infantile behavior. The informal initiation was terminated by a musical comedy offered by the pledges and this

innovation was of infinite delight to the upper-classmen. The formal ritual of Alpha Kappa Pi was administered to the neophytes on the fourth day and later in the day, a banquet concluded the inauguration. We are proud to welcome Brothers Stone, McDermott, Widney Keech, Simpson, Clark, Kurtz, Benner and Robinson into our midst. Congratulations!

Omicron is in the process of a slight renovation. By unanimous acclaim of the house the chapter room will be converted into some sort of a recreational center. Ping-pong tables, a victrola, a piano, bridge tables, chess and checker sets have already been agreed upon and within two weeks of the date of this writing the process will have been completed. The present victrola will go to the chapter room and in its stead will be a late model combination radio-victrola. The fireplaces, which have always appeared bare, will be outfitted by the necessary andirons and metal work. The card room is being remodeled into a reading room. For this change, quite a few sets of books have been purchased and it is our intention to add to this collection from time to time. These adjustments involve the expenditure of several hundred dollars but we feel that the expense is worth while.

The winter competition of fraternities has been functioning for several weeks. Our basketball team had a flying start with victories over Sigma Tau Phi and Alpha Zeta but lost the critical game to Delta Upsilon. This loss prohibits our further bid for recognition since aspirants for the final elimination must have three wins and no losses. Approximately twelve of our brothers participated in the three game series. The squad consisted of Keech, Leight, Hartman, Beagle, Peters, Carvolth, McCarter, Hartzell, Widney, Battersby, Simpson, and Kurtz. The chairman of the Bridge Tournament announced that four men would represent each house and our representatives are Brothers Becker, Naylor, Keech and Widney. Brothers Moon and Knoll will play in the contract bridge tourney. Arrangements have been made to have these games played at different houses and this move will tend to promote familiarity between individuals of the respective houses.

Congratulations and best wishes to our new brothers at Centre and St. John's Colleges.

Brother Grand President and Brother Frommiller of Delta were guests of Omicron on February twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh. It was Brother Fraim's desire to attend the banquet which formally opened the Interfraternity Conference, a bi-annual convention at State College. However he was detained in New York City and did not arrive in time to be there. Our chapter was represented at the occasion by Brothers Uhle, Miller and Longenecker. Mr. Morse, private secretary to President Hetzel, delivered the welcoming address to the contingent

of visitors and Mr. Conway, the traveling secretary of the Phi Kappa Fraternity, replied to the address. The principal speaker of the evening was Assistant United States Attorney-General, James Fassett. In his dissertation, Mr. Fassett stressed the idea of co-operation within a fraternity and also between upper and lower classes. Then he brought forth the value of a more friendly attitude among fraternity brothers in solidifying the organization and in preventing the formation of demoralizing cliques and factions. To pay especial attention to the pledges because they ultimately comprise the fraternal nucleus was another suggestion by Mr. Fassett. Mr. Walden, a national officer of the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity, presented some very interesting statistics in regard to the fraternities of State College. By means of charts projected on a screen Mr. Walden showed that over a period of approximately thirty years the percentage of men joining fraternities has been declining. One of his reasons in explaining the phenomenon was the present economic condition but this does not justify the existence of the decline before the depression. According to data which he has compiled from actual investigation he finds that the fraternities do not offer a man very much more than he can have without becoming a member of a fraternity. At least, the slight benefit that he derives is not worth the added monetary consideration. What the fraternities of Penn State must do in the future is to distinguish themselves in every possible way and one of these ways is scholarship. A method for better scholarship and also for general improvement is by the instigation of a sophomore rushing code. The present enforcement of a freshman rushing code is responsible for a high scholastic mortality affecting the men who are pledged in their first year. This wholesale rushing system prevails because of the expensive and elaborate fraternities that have been erected in the past few years. If the Greek-letter organizations to come reduce their membership, which today averages thirty-five, build houses more conservatively, and install the sophomore rushing project, they will undeniably become an asset to an educational institution. Until our fraternities develop to that stage we can definitely say that their progress is static. The above mentioned facts constitute a résumé of the banquet speeches which took place in the spacious dining hall of the Nittany Lion Inn on Friday night. On Saturday afternoon there were miniature gatherings at the various fraternity houses—the presidents lunched at one house, the historians and paper editors at another, etc. At the presidential luncheon Alpha Kappa Pi was distinctive in having a national officer as a representative, Brother Grand President Fraim. He was accompanied by Brother Frommiller of Delta and Brother Miller of our chapter. Brothers Bailey and Adam were at the scholarship meeting; Brother Leight was in the group of

caterers; Brothers Knoll and Widney took part in the meeting of the historians. In the evening the entire fraternity assembled in the club room by the fireplace and conducted an informal review of the occurrences at these luncheons. (I can emphasize the word informal, for if I correctly recall, Brother Fraim was among those who were seated on the floor.) The reports from each meeting were offered and thoroughly discussed. The Freshmen were free to give their opinions in matters that were vital to them and everyone was free to fire questions at President Fraim. With such a reliable source for solving our queries, the informal session was of immeasurable benefit to all of us. We feel that the Interfraternity Conference was a success and that our members have a better conception of fraternalism. In conclusion we express our gratitude to Brothers Fraim and Fronmiller for their visit to our chapter and hope that they avail themselves of our hospitality whenever they can.

ALFRED F. KNOLL

## Pi

We extend our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to our new brothers in Alpha Kappa Pi at Centre and St. John's College.

Rushing season is always a thrilling period in our fraternity life. All fraternities do their best to pledge the men they most desire. Then there is the tenseness of the pledging hour and finally

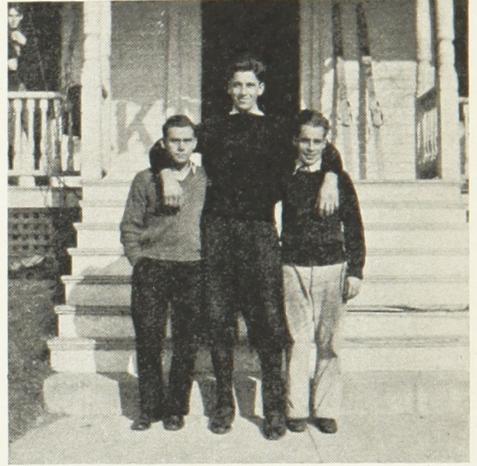


PLEDGES AT PI—21 OF THE 25

Front row—Left to right—H. Jordan, E. Reney, D. Vangas, F. Beale, E. De Vittori, E. Andberg  
 Second row—E. Colby, C. Butler, H. Brooks, C. LeBlanc, R. Plaistaid, F. Rosi  
 Third row—J. Romeo, A. Burt, W. Cole, R. Smart, C. Hayward  
 Back row—R. Hawcliffe, R. Larkin, H. McLane, H. Kimball

the rejoicing when the pledges have been announced. Dear Old Pi rejoiced 'til the rafters rang. We had made our comeback, twenty-five men had pledged their best to Alpha Kappa Pi.

Our "rush party" was held at the Elms, in Manchester, N.H. Harry Coldwell '30, was our host. Winter sports of all types were held throughout the day, also shooting, bridge, and songs. As the sunset closed our day, the "Coldwell Cuisine"



THE LONG AND SHORT OF PI

Left to right—"Dick" Scott, 125 pound boxer; "Howie" McLane, 195 pound football man; "Sparky" Elmer, officer in charge of pledges and Director of Rushing

served one of those good old-fashioned New England turkey dinners which "hit the spot" with the boys.

Then the "stogies" were lighted—yes, some of the boys paled, but managed to survive nevertheless. Meanwhile, President Rogers presented Jake Cummings, a former president of the local house. Alex Currie then took his bow with a story. He was followed by President Luther Child of Tau. Then to climax the already eventful day, a real, inspiring address by Pi's favorite son, "Pete" Hedman—and that, folks, is the story of a perfect "rush party."

The first pledge meeting was held January 19, President Rogers presiding. The following pledge officers were elected: president Robert Plaistaid; vice-president Charles Butler; secretary Erich Andberg. Orien Reid cares for the finances in conjunction with those of the house. Harrel Elmer is the officer in charge of Pledges. Paul Chapman conducted a "Vic" party as a reception to them.

Intramural Boxing Championships have held the sport light the past week. Our team was—Richard Scott 125 pounds, Richard Larkin 145 pounds and James Romeo 160 pounds. Our

team is one of three tied for first honors. However "Jim" won the title of his class. His excellency, Mayor Croke contributed his services as announcer.

Others participating in the sports field this term are, Waldorf Bartlett, varsity hockey, Edward Colby, assistant Winter Sports Manager to President Rogers. Henry Brooks holds a like position in hockey.

The Sphinx '34 elected Ralph DeRonde and Paul Chapman as Pi representatives. Dixon Turcott, Art Editor of the Junior yearbook, *The Granite*, is now busy assembling his department for the publication this spring.

Ralph DeRonde, Chairman of the Winter Formal Dance Committee now has his committee busy decorating the house for that event the coming week-end. Our Winter Carnival is on January 29-30. We are expecting a large group of alumni back for the holidays. The Carnival Ball and House Dances will provide the exercise for those who "do not choose to ski."

University of New Hampshire still reigns supreme in the realm of Winter Sports. Having won the College Week Competition at Lake Placid, Coach Sweet again points for the Intercollegiate Title at Lucerne, Quebec, the latter part of February. New Hampshire University's star ski jumper, Edward Blood, won both the Marshal Foch and the President Harding trophies, which seem almost permanent possessions here. He has recently been selected to represent the United States at the Olympics.

CLARK E. SWAIL

## Rho

The week-end of December 11 and 12 was a gala occasion at Rutgers—the week-end of the Sophomore Hop. The fact that Brother Baumer was the chairman of the Hop made it all the more interesting for the men of Rho and the house was represented by thirty-two couples at the dance on Friday night, held at the Masonic Hall in Highland Park. The music was furnished by Ozzie Nelson, Rutgers graduate of the class of '27, and his Original Glen Islanders, who always use LOYAL SONS OF RUTGERS as their theme song at the beginning and conclusion of their radio broadcasts. Cherry blossom decorations on the dance floor and in the lobby carried out the theme indicated in the official title "A Night in Japan." Vari-colored lights were thrown from all sides of the hall onto a perpetually revolving crystal ball suspended from the ceiling. The effect was very unique and received much comment from those in attendance.

Classes were suspended on Saturday morning by order of the Dean of Men and so a little sleep was gotten in then. An expedition to the shore was arranged to pass the afternoon which was left

open by the cancellation at the last minute of a scheduled basketball game between Rutgers and Princeton. At night we held a closed house party to finish up the week-end in royal fashion. Christmas decorations of evergreen branches covered with rain were used and a Christmas tree in the living room was trimmed with lights and rain. The Rhythmic Jesters supplied the rhythm as usual and the good old Christmas spirit prevailed to make the party a big success.

On the evening of December 16, a smoker was held at the house for the entertainment of the brothers in the faculty. At the start a chicken dinner was served to get everybody in a good mood; and the freshmen then did their bit with a "hick" minstrel, which served its purpose well, to say the least. The frosh included subtle cracks about all the brothers in the house, but some of them were pretty clever so we didn't take it out on them too hard. Refreshments were served after a few rounds of bridge and we hope we sent the pros home feeling good.

At a meeting of the Alumni Association of Rho Chapter early in the school year, it was decided that deputations of about eight alumni should visit the chapter house once a month, the groups to be made up of different men each time. The purpose of these visits is to give to the various alumni who are no longer in close contact with the undergraduate body an opportunity to become more familiar with the chapter house and those of us who are now in college.

The first of these deputations was received at the house on December 7. The group was composed of Brothers Strassburger '03, Connors '04, Doan '06, Kalma '26, Triolo '29, Holloway '29, and Bert Kusanobu '31. They visited the house for dinner, after which a brief report was made by Brother Dede Kusanobu, house president, on the activities and progress of the house, both on and off the campus, since the beginning of the year. During an informal smoker which followed, the active brothers joined the alumni brothers in cards and in general conversation.

The second deputation was entertained at dinner on February 3. It was composed of Brothers Helyar of the faculty, Gloeckner '26, Stockbridge '27, Nischwitz '29, Triolo '29, Meseroll '31, and Russ Kramer '31. This meeting chanced to fall during the official "Hell Week" of the fraternities of Rutgers, and the proceedings that took place brought back many "pleasant" memories to the alumni. An inspection of the house was made, and although it was a bit disorderly in parts because of some painting that was being done by the pledges, the general impression expressed by the alumni was quite favorable. At the meeting which followed, the main thing taken into consideration was the standard of the freshman marks for the first term, which were unprecedentedly low this

year. Three major suggestions were made to remedy this condition. First, that each new delegation of freshmen be given a strict talk, by one of the brothers in the faculty, upon the importance of high grades and upon the average they are expected to maintain in keeping with the standards of Alpha Kappa Pi. Second, that each freshman be assigned to an upperclassman, who should be at his disposal at all times to answer any questions which might arise concerning his studies and who should see that the freshman receive any help necessary, in these respects. It was further suggested that certain hours be set aside each night as study hours, during which the freshmen must do their studying under the supervision of an upperclassman. These suggestions are being put into practice at the house, and it is felt that they should benefit the freshmen as well as the house.

From all indications, this innovation of alumni deputations is proving quite successful in its endeavor to increase the interest of both the alumni and the undergraduates and to instill greater cooperation within the chapter.

At a formal initiation held at the house on February 6, the following men were taken into brotherhood in Alpha Kappa Pi: Professor Frank G. Helyar, Professor John W. Bartlett, Clinton Spencer '34, Kenneth Ayers '34, Robert Adams '34, and Paul J. Strassburger, Jr., Thomas Blair and Fred Schaffert, all of the class of '35. After the initiation ceremonies, a formal banquet was held at the Woodrow Wilson Hotel in New Brunswick, and between courses short speeches were rendered by each of the new undergraduate brothers. To start the after-dinner speeches, Professor Bartlett, who is to act as adviser to Rho Chapter and who is known to all of us here as "Pop" gave us in a short talk, his first bit of advice as a brother. He was followed by Professor Connors, Chairman of the Board of Governors at Rho, and Mr. Paul J. Strassburger, Sr., of the class of '03, President of the Rho Chapter Alumni Association, who told us how they used to run initiations in his day. Colonel Axton remained ever-faithful and turned out to the banquet in spite of his lingering physical handicap. The affair was concluded with the singing of the Rutgers Alma Mater, "On the Banks of the Old Raritan."

#### *Alumni News*

In checking over our alumni, we find that two of the brothers of Rho have joined the Benedicts' club not long since. On New Year's Day, Russ Peters '29, was married to Miss Alice Easton of Maplewood, New Jersey. Several of the brothers were present at the wedding and Henry Fell '31, and George Goewey '28, were included among the ushers. On December 23, Malcom Dougherty '30, became the life partner of Miss Edna Higgins of

Montclair, New Jersey. To both couples we extend our congratulations and best wishes for happiness and prosperity on their journeys through life together.

Ted Koerner '22, Al Grimminger '26, and Felix Rospond '26, are all successfully following the legal profession in and around Newark. Ted, incidentally, was recently elected Treasurer of the Rutgers Club of Newark. Congratulations Ted.

"Buck" Buckelew '27, Al Dimero '28, and Milt Stores '30, are also located in Newark. "Buck" is teaching biology in night school at Barringer High, Al is a salesman in a Ford agency and Milt is working for the Prudential Insurance Company.

We have just learned that Al Meseroll '31, is following in his father's footsteps and has taken over the latter's insurance business down in Manasquan, N.J. He says it's a man-size job but we feel that he is capable of doing it justice.

Ed Holloway '29, in addition to teaching English and History at Rahway High School, is giving a series of lectures on Russia, taken from his experiences on his trip through that country during the past summer. Leave it to Ed to capitalize his resources.

At New Jersey Law School we are represented by George Duffy '29, George Ort '29, and Russ Kramer '31. Russ, in addition, is holding down a part time job in Bamberger's Department Store in Newark, selling men's furnishings. Visit Bam's, fellows, and let Russ fix you up.

N. ELLSWORTH WHEATON, JR.

## Sigma

The din of the finals is nearly over; the smoke has begun to clear away. Many who were burning the midnight oil can now get a good night's sleep. The strained look upon many faces is beginning to relax. New men discovered the philosophy that it pays to do each day's work with a will and to meet life's problems with courage. Since there is nearly a week before registration for the second semester many brothers are making a brief visit home.

Even the weather is unusual during this remarkable year. We have had no temperatures below zero. We have had little snow but considerable rain. Some days are so pleasant one senses spring in the air, and one's fancy turns lightly to thoughts of—steam tables, business law and economics.

The Division Soccer Cup reposes on our mantel. The boys who entered the water polo and volley ball tournaments got plenty of exercise and enjoyment. Intramural basketball will not be underway until next semester.

A very worth-while addition has been made to the chapter library. A set of the "Harvard Classics"

and Colliers' "History of the Nations" are available to the brothers for their pleasure and benefit.

F. H. Norris, Jr. '33, Junior Mechanical Engineer from Joliet, has been pledged. There is to be an initiation the first part of the second semester. The date however has not been set. Illinois rules require that freshmen have an average of C before initiation.

This community has been upset by three banks closing their doors. One is liquidating. There is a great deal of agitation on the part of the local business men for people to help open the other two which are downtown Champaign banks and which were regarded as being sound and time honored. They argue that liquidation will not be to the best interests of the community but rather the re-establishment of confidence upon the part of the citizens. There is a great deal of propaganda to this effect. During the height of the excitement runs were made on other local banks. The mayor of Urbana gained considerable publicity by declaring nearly a week of holidays—and thus effectively stopping runs. Armored trucks brought Federal Reserve funds from Chicago when the runs first started. Sigma had chapter funds in one bank and many of the brothers have their personal accounts in one or another of the banks. We can only hope some speedy action will be taken for the best interests of all concerned.

We have recently become acquainted with the brothers Allen from West Virginia. We find them good fellows and worthy Alpha Kappa Pis.

Just before Christmas an informal house party was held. Radio Music inspired those brothers who wished to dance. The front parlor was set off by a sizable tree appropriately decorated and illuminated. Several tables of bridge were started. Santa Claus appeared as a miniature ice cream figure; coffee and cake were also served. Social events of the second semester have not begun to materialize as yet.

Forecasts predict a marked drop in the enrollment for the second semester.



Brother Couch, who stayed with us at the chapter house last summer with Mrs. Couch, reports the arrival of Robert Manson Couch, January 12, 1932. Congratulations, Brother Couch.

We received a Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wickland. This is the first intimation of Brother Wickland's embarking upon the sea of matrimony. Good luck Ed. We understand he has recently taken an examination for Junior City Engineer of Atlantic City and hope he gets it.

Carl Lehwald, an old L.A.L. man, paid a brief visit at the chapter house. He is in the medical school at Chicago and was on his way home for a brief visit. He picked up his brother John, our Chaplain, en route.

D. M. Knotts says he has been transferred to Detroit by the Kresge Stores. Al Krsek is now planning to take graduate work in engineering for a while or until business turns that proverbial corner.

Two of our alumni are distinguishing themselves in dramatics. K. J. McCristal played one of the leads in "Trelawney of the Wells," presented by the Faculty Players Club. W. D. Teare took part in "Submerged," a one-act play which won all state in a contest held at the University recently.

FRANK E. HANGS

## Tau

Mid-Years! Bless them, they're gone! The really important Tau news of this period is that every one survived the exams; survived them to the extent that at least they are still in college. During this period practically the only activity was in preparing, cramming, struggling, passing and recuperating.

That all our energy was not lost may have been seen at the house party we staged a week after the mid-year vacation. It was the first dance held in the house since Christmas, and it helped to start the second semester right. About thirty couples attended the party, and according to comment now going around, the social appetites have only been whetted.

Athletics around mid-years are more or less at a standstill. In the fraternity basketball league the Tau team was composed of football stars, tennis players, baseball men, sprinters, jumpers, skaters and a student or two, but lacked one basketball player of experience. This team composed of the finest athletes in college; this team that has speed and aggressiveness—occupies the cellar position in the league standing. No one knows where the fault lies. But everyone is willing to take a guess. Some of them are positively insulting!

On the college wrestling team Alpha Kappa Pi has "Gabe" Buonagurio as 135 pound representative. Brother Buonagurio is a sophomore and his ability to make a college wrestling team of the Tufts standard at this early stage of his edu-

cation testifies to his skill. He appears to be a fixture on the team and in March will have the privilege of aiding Tufts defend her New England Intercollegiate wrestling championship.

In the 118-pound berth of the freshman wrestling team is Alex Della Paolera, a wrestler who has a finish which is unusual in a first year man. The only member of Alpha Kappa Pi on the varsity basketball team is Harold Kaese. Brother Kaese is a junior; this makes his second year on the varsity.

On the evening of December 7, 1931, six pledges were formally initiated. The six new Alpha Kappa Pi men at Tufts are: Russell Peverly '32, Thorburn Kennedy '32, Robert Bradley '35, Dana Lewis '34, Gabriel Buonagurio '34 and Frank Murray '35.

Besides this formal addition to our group, several fine fellows have been pledged: Harry Kurchian of Belmont '32, Reginald Geer of Somerville '33, Robert Lewis of Lexington '33, Edward Hanley of Concord '34, and Alexander Della Paolera of Watertown '35.

Tau has several members in the Glee Club again this year. Those able to make this organization are Luther Child, Robert Bradley, and Clifford Dow. Brother Dow is an assistant manager of the Club. Ronald MacDonald '32, has been appointed advertising manager of *The Jumbo Book*, the yearbook of the senior class. "Ronnie" who spends his afternoons doing engineering work for the state, is well qualified for his new position. We are sure the advertising end of the book is in capable hands.

Three of our prominent seniors have been elected to the commencement committees. The three "prominents" are Brothers Child, Kennedy, and Hatch. George Jewett '33, has been chosen as assistant treasurer to Treasurer John Milo '32. George has all the ambition and persistency which such a post necessitates. He is bound to be a big help to Johnny.

The next big event, now that Tau Chapter has been shut out of the basketball championships, is the interfraternity wrestling meet that comes in March. The candidates for the house team are already getting into condition. Some are playing basketball, some are doing a little track work, a few work out on the weights, most are dancing to strengthen their legs, and at least two have been caught on the wrestling mat practising holds. Alpha Kappa Pi has no defending champions—but some of the men who have made good show-

ings in the past,—Frank McNiff, Joe Moran, Jim Levesque, Johnny Milo, Bill Ellsworth and Eddie Monier—are ambitious to win crowns. We hope they all do, and we'll tell you all about it in the next ALPHA.

Welcome to Upsilon and Phi Chapters.

HAROLD KAESE

## Upsilon

Upsilon Chapter wishes to thank the Executive Council, the several chapters, and the alumni of the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity for the honor



bestowed upon us in the granting of our recent charter. We shall do our utmost to justify the faith manifest in us.

We wish to issue a cordial invitation to each "Alpha Kap" to visit us when anywhere near Danville. The latch-string is always on the outside, and we want every man to feel free to drop in anytime.

Upsilon is at present very much interested in the intramural sports program which is on in full swing. After breaking even in basketball and volleyball, Upsilon is training steadily for track, tennis and horseshoe pitching.

Although the actual figures for the fraternity scholarship report have not been issued at the Dean's office as yet, Upsilon is pretty sure to occupy one of the top positions, and perhaps first place, for the first semester's work.

Woboril, recently appointed editor, Willett, business manager, and Taylor are working busily on the college paper, the *Centre College Cento*. Caldwell occupies a Key position on the annual staff and all other men are active in other positions of trust here and there on the campus.

In "signing off" for this issue, Upsilon Chapter again thanks everyone for past favors, and repeats the invitation to each Alpha Kappa Pi brother to visit us sometime.

LARRY WOBORIL

First Cannibal: "What's the matter with me, doc? I feel mighty sick."

Cannibal Doc: "What'd you have for dinner?"

First Cannibal: "A gangster."

Cannibal Doc: "Lead poisoning!"

—Line Material Magazine

# JUST A FEW THOUGHTS

Half the value of anything to be done is doing it promptly.

—Unknown

No man can live happily who regards himself alone, who turns everything to his own advantage. Thou must live for another, if thou wishest to live for thyself.

—Seneca

Study without reflection is a waste of time; reflection without study is dangerous.

—Confucius

A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong; it is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

—William Penn

Energy will do anything that can be done in this world; and no circumstances, no opportunities will make a man without it.

—Goethe

He that will not reason is a bigot; he that cannot reason is a fool; and he who dares not reason is a slave.

—Sir William Drummond

There's a great deal of good that can be done in the world if we are not too careful as to who gets the credit.

—Talcott Williams

If you want knowledge, you must toil for it; if food, you must toil for it; and if pleasure, you must toil for it. Toil is the law. Ease comes through toil, and not by self-indulgence and indolence. When one gets to love his work, his life is a happy one.

—Ruskin

## A-JOGGIN'

De da'kest hour, dey allus say,  
Is des' befo' de dawn,  
But it's mighty ha'd a-waitin'  
W'ere de night goes frownin' on.  
W'en de clouds is big an' black,  
An' all de tings you's waited fo'

Has failed er gone to wrack—  
But des' keep on a-joggin'  
Wid a little bit of song.  
De mo'n is allus brightah  
W'en de night's been long.

—Paul Lawrence Dunbar

Give me a man who holds on when others let go; who pushes ahead when others turn back; who stiffens up when others retreat; who knows no such word as can't or give up; and I will show you a man who will win in the end, no matter who opposes him, no matter what obstacles confront him.

—O. S. Marden

When a man becomes bitter and sour and begins to think and feel that everyone is against him, he will inevitably begin to treat them in such a manner so that they will be. If he thinks and acts as though everyone is a friend, unconsciously he will so conduct himself that all will be his friends. If we put into our relations with our fellowmen a full and overflowing measure of cheer and goodwill, we may rest assured that even so will it be returned unto us. The hand may be cunning and the head may contain the brain that can conceive the most brilliant thoughts, but every good worthy impulse comes from the heart. Strengthen your faith in men, think kindly of them, believe that they are your friends, and in the long run they will be.

—*The Kalends*

Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions.

—Longfellow

Failure after long perseverance is much grander than never to have a striving good enough to be called a failure.

—George Eliot

Never dodge your facts. Face them squarely. Do the best you can and you'll be surprised how much better the result is than you had expected. And remember that you have no greater enemy than your own closed mind.

—Sumner Blossom

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