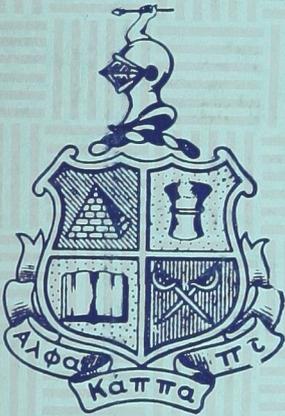


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—WILLIAM DE WITT HYDE

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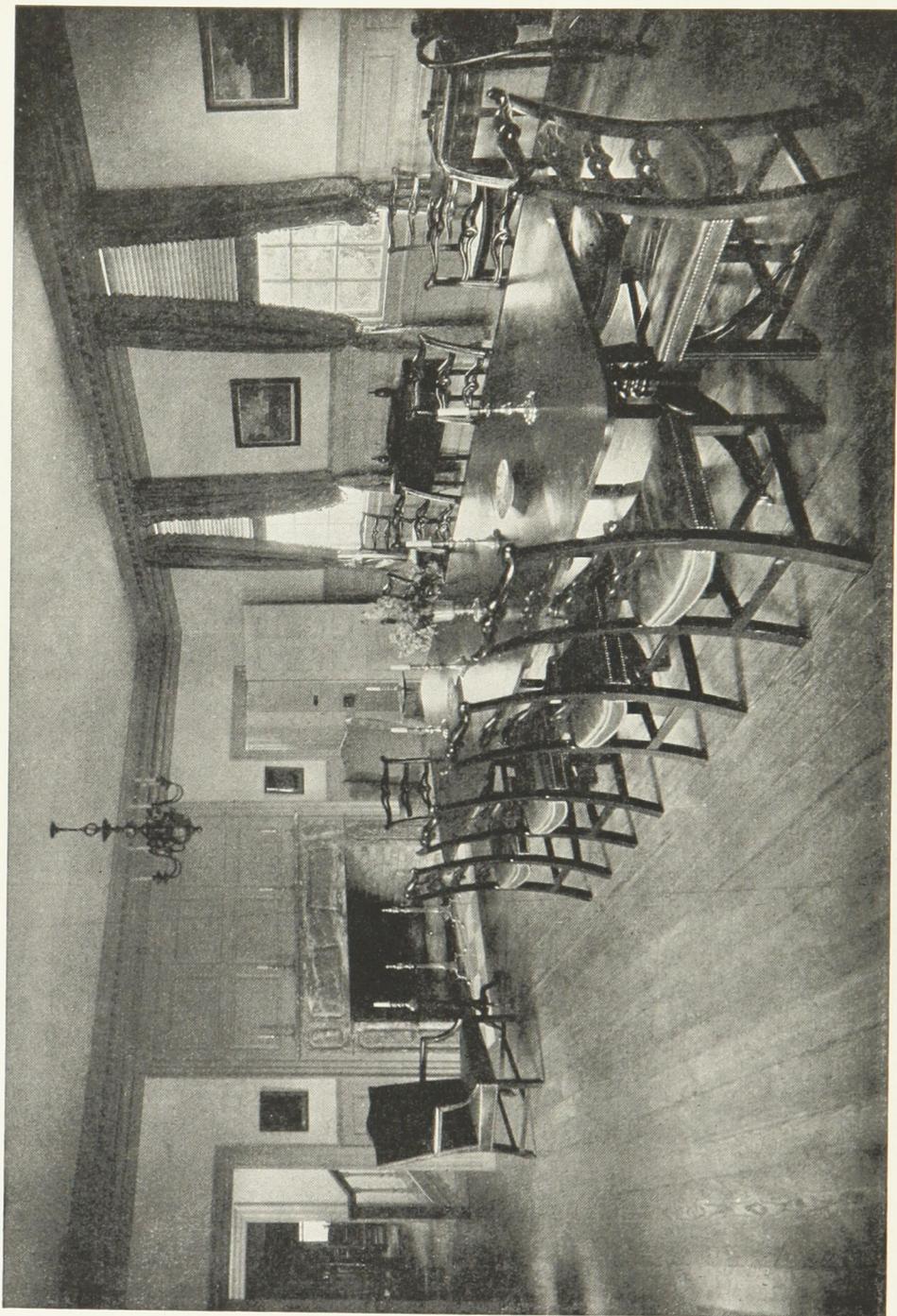
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THE BIRTHPLACE OF PHI BETA KAPPA

The Apollo Room in the restored Raleigh Tavern, Williamsburg, Virginia. Tradition says that in this room Phi Beta Kappa was founded, and here the members held their meetings.

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MEDIAEVAL COLLEGE LIFE *

By JOHN ODDY, *Assistant Professor of History, University of Cincinnati*

WHAT is a university? We conceive of it as an established institution composed of numerous buildings, a well-defined faculty, a board of directors and a miscellaneous student body. Any course of study ranging from clog dancing to paleontology can be here pursued. The students, according to latest developments in some institutions, are lapped in luxury, living in suites of domestic elegance. A spacious study for which Oriental rugs can be readily and reasonably rented, individual bedrooms with an all-tile bath between, deep cushioned lounging chairs invitingly grouped about an enchanting memorial reading room where books bound in red and blue morocco all but speak for themselves—these are the surroundings which endowed wealth has associated with the modern student in the hope of intriguing him into literary elegances or philosophical obscurities. But turn back to the origin of this institution. To the mediaeval mind a university meant nothing more than an association—an association of tailors, fishmongers, butchers, or even students. A group of mediaeval students congregated in one

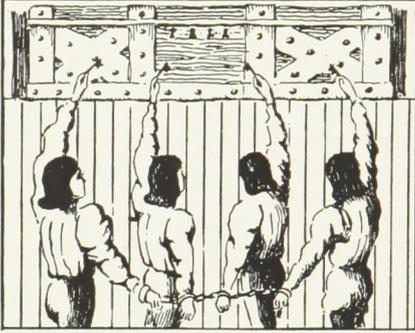
place for the purposes of study could constitute a university—an association of students.

If the mediaeval student wants a course in law, he goes to Bologna in Italy where Innerius has established an enviable reputation for expounding the intricacies of Roman legal institutions. For theology one goes to Paris, famed through the unique doctrines and expressions of Abelard, and Montpellier has become the recognized center of medical erudition. The students come from far and wide to follow their intellectual ambitions. To facilitate international relationships, Latin is the universal medium of expression and the student body itself is grouped into nations over each of which is a president who possesses one of the numerous keys to the university treasury box, and this valuable chest cannot be opened unless each president is present to open with his key his individual lock. Thus is dissipated all financial corruption!

Since dormitories are unknown, the student must house himself as best he can. Usually his room is conducive to anything but study. In his cold and bare cell, furnished with a single desk, a chair, a bed and a chest, the ambitious youth exists for intellectual rather than social or fraternal distinctions. At 5:30 o'clock he must be out of bed even

* This article, which first appeared in "The Cincinnati Alumnus," and the cartoons are reprinted here through the courtesy of "The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma."

in freezing weather in order to hear the first lecture of the day, which starts at six o'clock and continues until eight in the master's lecture hall. The teacher or master chooses his own schoolroom where, seated on a raised platform at one end of the room, he ex-



pounds to and reasons with eager students squatting on the straw-covered floor. Few notes are taken, since parchment is expensive, and the mediaeval student, through the power of concentration, is able to remember almost verbatim every expression of wisdom uttered by his teacher. For five years the pupil thus lives, until he finally comes up for his examinations covering the entire five years' work, and he is either sent home in disgrace or covered with an effulgence of intellectual glory.

The masters are of varying fame and quality. Some there are who draw their lectures not from organized minds, but from books and chests, who obtain students less by merit and more through personal solicitation and even hire.

Stringent are the laws by which the professor is bound to the student body. He must dress according to prescribed qualifications; he must be at the lecture on time and begin at the stroke of the clock and end not later than one minute after the two-hour gong has sounded, else he will be talking to empty benches or beds of straw, as the case might be. He must cover the course of study thoroughly and completely, and under penalty of fine he must not leave difficult and abstruse passages until the end of the class period when time would not permit a careful exposition.

At first the master was paid by each student, but embarrassing financial complications made it advisable that this important function become the special concern of the administration itself.

With the seriousness of study are mingled volumes of "college life." One finds much mention of gambling, which became such a fad that at Paris a statute was enacted whereby students were especially forbidden to cast dice during the celebration of high mass. One hears almost endless tales of nightly brawls and questionable intrigues with disreputable college widows. But in the latter case the laws are not overly severe. The wine cup and frothy beer jug are the constant associates of the mediaeval student whom we see in every phase and condition of life. Witness them playing pranks upon one another in their studies, or in saner moments contemplating philosophy. We see them visiting and receiving visitors from distant towns and brushing up the room, conspicuously arranging the books and cultivating a profoundly scholarly air—all of which will duly impress the outcoming parents or sometimes a tell-tale brother. Or observe them sitting during a Summer's evening at the open window mocking a neighbor for her false hair, sticking out their tongues at passersby or carefully aiming vessels of water at the heads of unfortunate pedestrians. Nor indeed were they deficient at marksmanship, for numerous are the serious wounds or even casualties from student escapades.

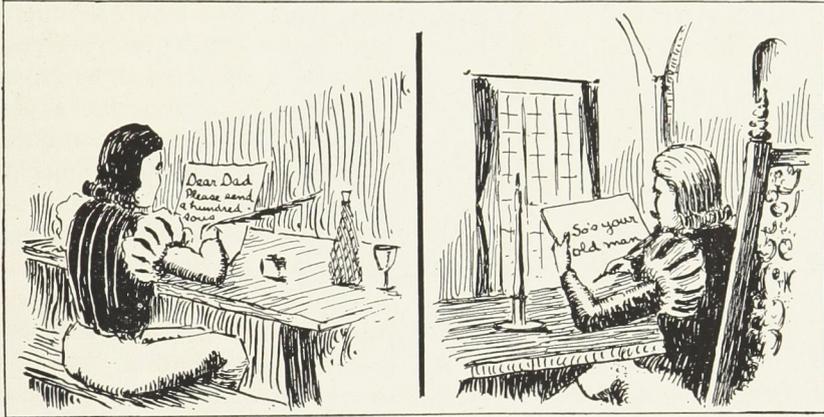
The age is an age of violence and force. The students and faculty of the University of Paris are constantly at bloody strife with the monks of St. Germain, and brawls in which the students are the customary aggressors are episodes of nightly occurrences.

Great were the tribulations of the aspiring university, and the town in which the school had become established was often found a trialsome aggravation. Listen to the ordeal endured by Oxford on St. Scholastica's Day. On Tuesday, February 10, 1354, three Oxford students go to sample the wine of a certain vintner, and finding it not suitable to their discriminating taste they hurl saucy

abuse at the owner. The innkeeper, after being thus verbally bullied for his poor wine, heaps vituperation on the students, who forthwith cast at his head wine and pot altogether. Instantly the bells of St. Martin's are sounded, and the townsmen come rushing up, well armed. The chancellor of the university being shot at, and fleeing for his life, calls out the students by ringing the bells of St. Mary's. Armed with bows and arrows the obedient

student which culminate in an armed conflict. The monarch intervenes, the case is tried and judgment is handed down in favor of the university. Such was the relationship between town and gown.

The letters of the university students are among the choicest of mediaeval documents. Human nature does not change; it is the same today, yesterday and forever. What fond parent has not received tearful supplications such



students advance, eager for the fray. The townsmen are met and the brawl is on! But the struggle is undecided, and the next day the townsmen get the jump on the students and catch them defenseless in the study halls. A wild slaughter begins and even the student clutching the frock of the priest bearing the host is cut to pieces, nor does the altar or even the tabernacle offer to the helpless student any sanctuary. Awful is the bloodshed, and in terror the scholars flee the place and seek security in the countryside. But the king now enters, and the day of vengeance comes. The university is made the veritable ruler of Oxford Town, and the citizens have to humble themselves annually and offer bountiful prayers and offerings for the souls of the dead students. Not until 1825 did the town of Oxford finally exonerate itself of the atrocities which its citizens had promulgated on that St. Scholasticas Day, 1354.

This is but one of the innumerable instances which could be cited. But it indicates the general situation to perfection. A town rebels against the arrogant affronts of the

as this one written in the Thirteenth Century. "To our dear and revered parents—greetings and filial obedience. May you be pleased to learn that, thanks to God, we continue in good health in the city of Orleans, and that we devote ourselves entirely to study, bearing in mind what Cato has said, 'It is glorious to know something!' We live in a good stylish house, separated from the schools and market only by a building, and we can, therefore, attend our daily courses without getting our feet wet. We also have some good friends who are well advanced and thoroughly desirable in every way. We heartily congratulate ourselves on it. But because lack of equipment hinders us in the aims we have in view, we believe we ought to appeal to your parental love and to ask you to have goodness enough to send by the bearer sufficient money with which to buy some parchment, ink and an ink stand and such other things as we need. You will not leave us in embarrassment and will insist that we finish our studies properly so as to be able to return to our country with honor. The bearer

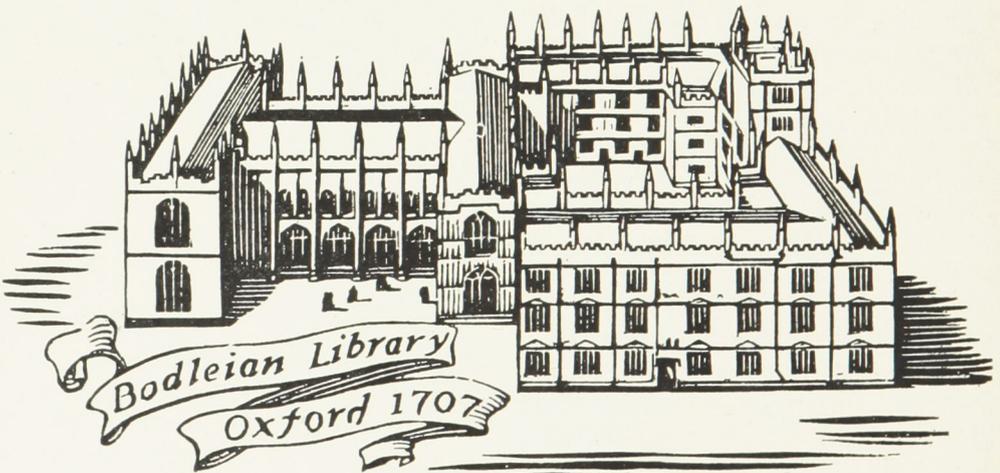
will also take charge of the shoes and hose you may have to send us. You can also send us any news of yourself by the same means." What proud mother could resist that!

Another letter introduces us to a student breathing on his frosty fingers whining all the while that it is two years now since he has enjoyed the taste of wine or even washed his face or trimmed his beard. From the prison depths comes the choice bit of the unfortunate student who needs must drink water salted with his tears and eat bread hard and mouldering with age. Yet still one more lies on straw with no covering. Neither shirt nor shoes has he, and his dire condition forces him to eat—he will not say what. These awful conditions call for the pity of a more fortunate sister, and from her the student requests 100 sous, two pair sheets, 10 pounds of fine cloth—but all without her husband's knowing!

Of equal interest are the letters which travel in the other direction from father to son. How characteristic is this letter—"I have recently discovered that you live dissolutely and slothfully, preferring license to restraint, and play to work and strumming a guitar while the others are at their studies—whence it happens that you have read but one vol-

ume of law, while your more industrious companions have read several. Wherefore I have decided to exhort you herewith to repent utterly of your dissolute and careless ways, that you may no longer be called a waster and that your shame may be turned to good repute."

Thus does the student manage himself. But the five years are up, and the youth is told he has been at the school long enough, and it is high time he took his degree and came home. Evil have been the days he has spent at the school; no work has been done and examinations must be passed. All his books and possessions the unfortunate student sells, and with the money thus obtained he gives a sumptuous banquet preceded by the memorable extravagance of a warm bath. His guests are the examining faculty whom he reminds all the while to be mindful of him in the disputation of the coming day. And it is not unusual to find the mediaeval professor thus mindful. At Oxford violent scenes must have been experienced, because the candidate must enter the examining room unarmed and must swear under oath not to knife the professors if unsuccessful in his ordeal.



THE ENGINEER STUDIES STATECRAFT

By W. KENNETH FIESTER, *Alpha '32*

DEPRESSION-MAKERS as depression - breakers! That's the spirit behind an educational innovation at the Newark College of Engineering, seat of Alpha chapter. Engineers have created many of the problems confronting society today. It is time that they gave some consideration to the broader aspects of their work. With that end in view, a course has been initiated to present in a simple and straight-forward manner certain specific steps any one can take to become a better citizen.

It seems incredible that this has not been done before. Great numbers of men are graduated each year from colleges and universities, and the majority have received at least a share of their education at public expense. Yet there is almost no school which attempts to make its graduates more fit to take part in the affairs of the state which provided for them. There are, of course, classes in the workings of government and most high school alumni have a fair idea of our political layout. It is conceivable that in some cases men are told that it is their duty to take part in civic affairs; but there is no recorded instance, at least among technical schools, of an effort to definitely point out certain very concrete ways in which a man may enter, and have a voice in, the actual control of his community, state, and nation.

It has been said for many years that the primary object of higher education was improvement of the nation by increase in the individual quality of its citizens. Unfortunately, the theory that learning, in itself, resulted in a more intelligent electorate has proved fallacious. The better class in any



W. KENNETH FIESTER
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city has very little to do with the election of its officers. Those who should mold our national policies sneer at government as corrupt, without the slightest attempt themselves to uproot that corruption. Even the past year, which has seen an unprecedented revolt against the "ins," has merely succeeded in establishing a group of former "outs" who are little better than those before them. The most inspired public interest rarely extends to the primaries—the only true place to

select a candidate. As a result, actual elections are too often merely a choice between the pawns of one machine and another. Thus this attempt at Newark College of Engineering.

Needless to say, such instruction would be appropriate for undergraduates in any school. However, it is rather fitting that it be launched at a technical institution. President Allan R. Cullimore of Newark College of Engineering compares the advance of civilization to a battle-line, in which engineers, by simplification and specialization of their tasks, have established a salient far ahead of the general front. The irregularity threatens the safety of the whole body; there is grave danger that science, through its very progress, may become a "lost battalion." Some economists advocate abandonment of the ground gained until social and economic forces are equipped to keep pace with industry. Mr. Cullimore feels that engineers should incorporate the indirect consequences of their progress into their own problem, and help pull the rest of the line abreast. Therefore, although the technical curriculum is already overcrowded, room is being found for this

attempt to give future alumni a greater sense of their obligations as world-citizens.

Putting this idea into execution was far more difficult than its conception. Fortunately the College secured the co-operation of Dr. Roy V. Wright, managing editor of *Railway Age*, editor of numerous other publications, and a past president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The original plan called for a series of lectures by him. But lectures tend to deaden any subject. In this case, it is desired, not merely to shove the material at men as a part of their formal education, but to arouse them to the realization that certain postgraduate, non-technical activities must become a definite part of their lives. Consequently, Dr. Wright prepared a pamphlet, a rough outline of which follows:

- I. What the engineer has done for humanity.
- II. Economic, social, and political complications and evils growing out of the engineers' work.
- III. The engineers' responsibility for these results.
- IV. Importance of citizenship in a republic in this mass-production era.
- V. The engineer as a citizen.
- VI. How the engineer can discharge his civic duties:
 - a. As an individual.
 - b. As a group in the local community.
 - c. As a group in national affairs.
 - d. With a view to international relations.

Copies are given to students of the junior and senior classes for advance study, and the three two-hour periods (all the time which could be allotted) conducted as open discussions. In the first of these, the first five sections—largely background material—are disposed of. All of the second session is given over to section VI.a, and it is on this that most of the emphasis is placed. Remaining points are cleared up in the final meeting.

Six hours a year seems sadly inadequate for a subject of this breadth, even though

both juniors and seniors participate, and in the future, a man will have two years of it before graduation. Still, there is cause for optimism. Interest among students is great. Classes are lively, and the various points are the subject of many a Hot-Stove-League controversy in locker-room and fraternity house. If that enthusiasm outlasts the college term, no more can be asked.

Dr. Wright also distributed these leaflets among prominent engineers and educators throughout the country and they have produced an unbelievable percentage of replies. Outstanding men everywhere have greeted the experiment enthusiastically; nearly all agree that the effort is needed. In fact, a number of college officials expressed the intention of initiating a similar course in their own institutions.

Those of you who have read this far are probably wondering how all this affects Alpha Kappa Pi. In just this way: those who strive to promote better, cleaner administration of government are attempting, on a larger scale, just what the fraternity attempts within itself—individual effort for the betterment of the whole. And if this larger work fails—if the social changes to come are brought through anarchy and bloodshed—all the work of fraternities, and of every other American institution, will be wiped out at a stroke. It is to the interest of every Alpha Kappa Pi to have a voice in the affairs of his government, and to promote civic responsibility within the organization. In the words of Leonor F. Loree, outstanding railroad executive and trustee of Rutgers University, "You may find political work repugnant, but to neglect it is to do so at your own peril and to the embarrassment of those who come after you."

The statesman of the future will not boast that he was born in a log cabin. He will begin his autobiography: "My people were a one-car family."

Many a man today is living by the sweat of his frau.

—O. O. McINTYRE

A liar is one who has no partition between his imagination and his information.

—*Daily Cardinal*

Wisdom is knowing what to do next. Skill is knowing how to do it. And virtue is doing it.

—DAVID STARR JORDAN

AN INTERESTING ALUMNUS

DR. CHARLES H. CONNORS, Rho '13, is Professor of Ornamental Horticulture and head of that department at Rutgers University. This past winter Dr. Connors was director of short courses for garden enthusiasts sponsored by the New York *Herald Tribune*. He is much in demand as a radio and garden club lecturer and as a judge at flower shows. His reputation in the field of horticulture and floriculture carry him up and down the Atlantic seaboard each year on lecture tours.

Despite an unusually busy life Dr. Connors, or Chuck, as he is known to the brothers of Rho chapter, is one of the most interested and active members among the alumni. He became a member of Rho chapter when the Collegiate Brotherhood, a local fraternity which had existed on the Rutgers campus from 1893 until 1903, amalgamated under his leadership with the local fraternity which subsequently became Rho chapter. A past chairman and present member of the Board of Governors of Rho chapter, he is always ready to advise on chapter matters and is an especially steadying influence where the purse strings are involved. As each Rho man is pledged he learns to know Chuck and returning alumni are assured of a warm welcome from him at all fraternity functions.

Dr. Connors was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on July 2, 1884 and was commencement orator when he graduated from New Brunswick High School in 1902. He then entered Rutgers College with the class of 1906, majored in chemistry although he expected to go into the ministry, was a member of the Student Self Government Board, but was forced to leave college in his junior year. For the next six years he engaged in various jobs including stock clerk in a Woolworth Store, machinist, telegraph operator, salesman of refrigerating machinery, and assistant cashier for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Finding nothing satisfactory Chuck returned to Rutgers in 1910 as a

sophomore in the Agricultural College and majored in Horticulture. At this time he wore a full beard and was accused of being a "ringer" from the faculty. Dr. Connors graduated in 1913 with general honors and special honors in Horticulture.

After his graduation Dr. Connors entered the service of the New Jersey State Agricul-



DR. CHARLES H. CONNORS, *Rho '13*
Prominent Horticulturist

tural Experiment Station and soon was placed in charge of all research work. He was instructor in Plant Breeding from 1918 to 1926, was made the head and Associate Professor of the Ornamental Horticulture department in 1926 in both the Experiment Station and the University, and was given title of Professor in 1932. Dr. Connors taught at the Massachusetts State Agricultural College during the summer of 1927 and received his Ph.D. from Rutgers in 1928. He is internationally known for work in the genetics of the peach, in color control in hydrangeas, and in the culture of the dahlia.

The New York *Herald Tribune* has this to say about him:

Among his honorary titles and memberships are: Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science; member of Sigma Xi, honorary scientific society; member and president of the Rutgers chapter of Pi Alpha Xi, honorary floricultural society; member of Botanical Society of America; past president Dahlia Society of New Jersey and life director; honorary director of Federated Garden Clubs of New Jersey, and president of the New Brunswick Garden Club since 1923. Dr. Connors is a member of many societies relating to gardening and horticulture, including the New York Florists' Club, New Jersey Florists' Association, Society of American Florists and Ornamental Horticulturists, American Rose Society, American Iris Society, American Carnation Society, American Dahlia Society, New

Jersey Gladiolus Society and the New Jersey State Horticultural Society.

In addition Dr. Connors is a member of the Masons, Junior Order of United American Mechanics and is very active in Boy Scout Work. He has been a Scoutmaster, a Scout Commissioner and has earned 33 merit badges. In 1933 he was awarded the Silver Beaver for "distinguished service to the boyhood of his locality."

Dr. Connors married Miss Jennie R. Mark in 1916. Mrs. Connors is a descendant of Dutch and English families in Middlesex County which date back to 1630. Brother Connors has one daughter of high school age.

NEW PROVINCE CHIEF

FRED CARTER WILLIAMS of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Xi chapter at North Carolina State, is the new Province Chief of Delta Province. A gentleman, a faithful and inspirational worker, and a



F. CARTER WILLIAMS, Xi '35
Delta Province Chief

true Alpha Kappa Pi in every sense of the word Brother Williams, though still an undergraduate, will guide and lead the progress

of the fraternity in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida.

Brother Williams entered North Carolina State in the fall of 1930 but was forced to leave college after a year. He re-entered in 1933 and is at present a junior in Architectural Engineering. It is rather significant that although only a junior he has already been elected to Tau Beta Pi, the honorary engineering fraternity. Brother Williams is also on the staff of the school magazine, a member of the band, an officer in the R.O.T.C. and prominent in Y.M.C.A. work. Those who attended the last national convention will remember Brother Williams as the delegate from Xi chapter.

Xi chapter seems to be a great training ground for outstanding fraternity workers. Past Delta Province Chiefs Bennett, who is now our illustrious Grand Historian, and Saunders and Trustee Karig all claim Xi chapter as their own. Williams succeeds Henry K. Saunders who left the sector last year after his graduation thereby finding it necessary to resign. Brother Williams has already visited Chi chapter at Wake Forest and without a doubt will be a worthy successor to his predecessors in office.

THE ADVISER'S CORNER

AS WE APPROACH the end of the college year, and it will be here before we really expect it, the collegiate chapters should be making preparations for the opening of their fraternity activities next September. See to it that enthusiastic leaders are placed in the offices, and that the pledges, insofar as possible, have been initiated. Fill up the ranks and do not be lulled to sleep for reason of present strength or prosperity. Like salvation the success of a fraternity chapter rests on the price of an eternal vigilance. How about a friendly rivalry among the Alpha Kappa Pi chapters to see which one is going to end the year with the most promising set up for the opening next fall?

IT MAY SEEM a bit previous to speak about the next national convention, but certain conversations at the last convention at New Brunswick, make it quite apropos at this time. Some of the delegates were remarking that an earlier notice of the time and place of the convention should have been given the active chapters. True enough. Why was that notice not possible? Simply because the executive council was waiting, and to the very latest possible moment, to hear what the collegiate chapters had to say and where they might desire the first national meeting to be held outside the City of New York. Even then no returns were received from some chapters. Now let's begin talking places for the next national convocation, and early. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that we should again meet away from New York City and some suggestions were made. Among the places named as most popular we heard mentioned Annapolis, the home of the Phi chapter, St. John's College; Raleigh, North Carolina, the home of Xi chapter, North Carolina State; and Chi chapter at Wake Forest, only fifteen miles away from

Raleigh. One thing must be born in mind and that is the selecting of a place where the equalization of the delegate's traveling expenses may not exceed the budget for that purpose. The more we think of these two cities, as a place for the next convention, the more we are inclined toward them, and the more to express a personal opinion to name Annapolis, with all its historical significance, as well as the more centrally located for travel, as almost ideal for such a gathering of the fraternity. However Raleigh is so close that it would take a real connoisseur to tell why one of these cities should be given the preference over the other. However, begin talking convention and let the Grand President and the Grand Secretary have your well thought out conclusions.

WE AGAIN appeal to the alumni to become readers of THE ALPHA. Next to attending a national convention THE ALPHA is the best means whereby we are able to keep in touch with the Alpha Kappa Pi life, and to be enthused by the fraternity's most remarkable progress. Read the article "Wanted: 1000 Alumni Readers," in the January, 1934, issue of THE ALPHA, page 56, and then become one of the one thousand. Do it now and give evidence that you are still interested in the fraternity that rests on the foundation stones of truth and fidelity.

THEN PERMIT US to call attention also to the splendid contribution, in this same January ALPHA, and from the facile pen of Larry Woboril, Cleveland, Ohio, entitled "Hell Week—A Relic of the Past." Brother Woboril has caught the real meaning of such outmoded antics and it behooves the chapters not only to read but to heed this most excellent fraternal advice.

ALBERT HUGHES WILSON

LOOKING INTO THE PAST

By GRAND HISTORIAN ALBERT E. BENNETT, *Alpha-Xi '32*

CHAPTERS OF ALPHA KAPPA PI FRATERNITY

	<i>Local Name</i>	<i>Founded</i>	<i>Installed</i>
A	Φ Δ Z	1920	May 8, 1926
B	Α Κ Π	1923	
Γ	Φ Ν	1923	June 24, 1926
Δ	Φ Ψ	1922	Nov. 19, 1926
E	X Π Θ		Jan. 1, 1927
Z	Λ Τ Δ	1920	Jan. 6, 7, 8, 1928
H	Φ Δ T Club	1926	May 12, 1928
Θ	Σ Θ Society	1927	June 1, 1928
I	Σ Ξ Λ	1927	May 3, 4, 1929
K	Α Club	1929	May 4, 1929
Λ	Α Π Α	1925	June 1, 1929
M	Σ Ψ	1923	Dec. 14, 1929
N	Howard Hall	1926	Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 1930
Ξ	Α Klub	1929	May 26, 1930
O	Δ Σ X	1920	June 6, 7, 8, 1930
Π	Δ Π E	1921	Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 1931
P	Φ Λ Σ	1926	Mar. 27, 28, 1931
Σ	Λ Α Λ and K Z P	1926	May 29, 30, 1931
T	Δ Φ Σ	1908	May 30, 1931
Υ	Δ Φ T	1929	Feb. 13, 1932
Φ	Σ T O	1928	April 1, 2, 1932
X	Λ T	1927	May 18, 1932
Ψ	X A T	1923	April 22, 1933

THE above list of chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi and the information relating to them furnish us with a host of interesting facts if we but pause a moment and delve beneath the surface. It seems as though "Phi, Sigma, and Alpha" were the 'favored sons' when it came to selecting Greek Letters for the various locals which are now chapters. Phi and Sigma were included in six and Alpha in five of the names used by the early organizations.

Despite the proximity in location of Kappa and Tau the two chapters offer a decided contrast in the length of time that they were organized before joining the ranks of Alpha Kappa Pi. Delta Phi Sigma, formerly the Tufts Commons Club was founded in 1908

and existed as a local for twenty-three years before becoming a chapter on May 30, 1931. The Alpha Club, which first saw the light of day in 1929 was installed as Kappa chapter in the same year. It so happened that the local at North Carolina State was also known as the Alpha Klub. The phonetic spelling in the latter case was no doubt an indication of their future hopes of joining the brotherhood of Alpha Kappa Pi.

There are no records to indicate the brother who has attended the greatest number of installations, although we can find the names of the men who installed or helped to install the various chapters. The honor of being a member of installation teams the greatest number of times goes to our Grand President, Parke B. Fraim. Brother Fraim has installed, or helped to install no less than nine chapters. His various travels in behalf of Alpha Kappa Pi have taken him as far north as Pi in New Hampshire, as far West as Sigma at Illinois, and as far south as Upsilon in Kentucky. The records disclose that Past Grand President Wilson R. Hull and Past Grand Secretary Adelbert W. Heinmiller each have taken part in six installations. Other brothers who have assisted at more than one installation are: Past Grand Treasurer Ralph Brader (3), Past Grand Secretary Harry Dierman (2), Rennie D'Angelo, Theta '30 (2), and Robert A. Foster, Kappa '30 (2).

Our Fraternity Adviser, Albert H. Wilson, has assisted the fraternity in ways too numerous to mention but as far as my records show the first time he has ever acted in his official capacity as the Rev. A. H. Wilson was on last Thanksgiving Day when he officiated at the wedding of Brother H. K. Saunders, Xi '33 and Miss Mary Reed of Newark, New Jersey.

COMMENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF OUR FELLOW GREEKS

TALKING VERSUS WORKING FRATERNITY MEN

By F. JAMES BARNES, II, *Editor, Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal*

THE TALKING fraternity man is in evidence at very nearly any gathering of fraters whether it be at Conclave, an alumni gathering, or in the active chapters. If you haven't seen one recently, attend the next function at which a sumptuous meal and plenty of good cigars are used. He will most certainly be there. He may not have attended a Conclave, visited the chapter in his own or adjoining town, subscribed to the journal, answered requests from the Central Office for information as to change of address, recommended a man, or any of those things which are looked upon as alumni privileges and even duties, for years, but he will make the most stirring addresses about the fraternity, 'its glorious past, its brilliant future' and other prettily phrased whoop lah by which he seeks to cover up a colossal ignorance of what is actually going on in the fraternity. Having delivered himself with this, and having replaced it with a goodly portion of the food, topped off with several of the cigars, he goes home with the smug and complacent feeling that he has 'inspired the boys,' to be heard from no more until another chicken and another box of cigars

are offered on the altar of good fellowship. Whatever may be said for his having inspired the boys it is usually true that he does fool them into believing that he is a 'real fraternity man' to be compared with the 'dull and meddlesome' alumni treasurer or such other alumnus as 'keeps his principles pure and uncontaminated' by serving as a liaison between the active chapter and the administration of the college or university, and by keeping them in good standing with both the tradesmen with whom they deal and the national fraternity, by checking and advising as to accounts—all this at the expense of considerable time and effort. It is needless to carry this further. It is all too plain to make necessary. The difference between the two is simply that one is a TALKING fraternity man, and the other a WORKING fraternity man. The difference, sir, between a TALKING and a WORKING fraternity man is immense. And the difference boils down to the fact that the one eats the chicken, whereas the other makes that which the chicken symbolizes and all the other things which make the continuation, the advancement and progress of the fraternity possible."

◆ Fraternities are still having rough sledding at Columbia University although conditions are much better than during the past two or three years. Better pledging rules have given the fraternities a chance to approach the freshmen without being insulted at any rate. The pompous attitude of the newcomers to the campus has been greatly deflated.

In the interim, however, it is reported that Zeta Psi is leaving the campus and that Phi Sigma Kappa has withdrawn her charter.

◆ Yale University is undergoing a complete change in her physical life. As the new house plan is nearing completion all students will be required to reside in the dor-

mitories and to take their meals at the college dining halls. Such changes have made chapter houses not only out of date but an absolute debit. Fraternities will remain at Yale but under greatly changed conditions. To the casual observer the change will be for the better interests of all concerned. The groups will be smaller and therefore more congenial. The elaborate houses and lodges will be dispensed with as unnecessary and the accompanying decreased financial outlay will make fraternities possible to the boy of the average expense account. There is such a thing as being kicked upstairs. To dare a prediction: In the near years to come there will be a great number of fraternities enter chapters at Yale, and they will be welcomed so long as they meet the life as set forth by the University.

- ◆ Delta Kappa Epsilon should be commended for her loyalty to her chapter at the College of the City of New York, founded in 1854. Deke remains a virile part of the college life there, while from time to time the following fraternities have withdrawn from that campus: Alpha Delta Phi, Chi Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Upsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Sigma Kappa and Delta Sigma Phi, the latter being the Alpha chapter.
- ◆ Acacia, whose constitution previously required a membership of 50 per cent Masons and 50 per cent sons of Masons, has amended its constitution and now extends membership to Master Masons in good standing, a son or brother of a Master Mason, or a person who has been recommended by two Master Masons.
- ◆ The latest issue of *The Triad* contains a pre-view of about half of the new pledge manual of Acacia. The remainder will be published in a subsequent number. Handling it in this manner will save cost and give readers an opportunity to correct the historical data before it is issued in bound form. It is planned to require each pledge to purchase two copies, one to be retained by him and

the other to be forwarded to his parents. This arrangement is similar to the one recently instituted in Alpha Kappa Pi wherein all pledges pay for a "Neophyte Guide" which cost is later deducted from the initiation fee. The sending of the pledge manuals to the parents should help stimulate their interest in the fraternity.

- ◆ Any fraternity houses which are owned by colleges which are supported by public funds are eligible for free beautification by the C.W.A., according to Clifford M. Swan, Delta Upsilon and Past Chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference. Artists who are out of work will, at government expense, design murals, bas-reliefs or busts for chapter homes. Applications may be made to the C.W.A. at the capitals of the states in which the chapter houses are.
- ◆ The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* has this to say about Sigma Chi: "Sigma Chi appears to have gone commercial. In New York there was shown, last fall, a motion picture sponsored by that fraternity entitled "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi," which we heard described as "saccharin claptrap." Be that as it may, if the purpose was to advertise for new Sigma Chi blood, Sigma Chi may expect to get the sort of chap who would be enraptured by the movie. Good business."
- ◆ Alpha Sigma Phi, Lambda Chi Alpha and Kappa Sigma are reported as out of Harvard. This leaves only the national fraternities Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Delta Upsilon on that campus.
- ◆ *The Teke* of Tau Kappa Epsilon celebrates its Silver Anniversary this year with a special edition of *The Teke*. *The Teke* has had eight editors during the quarter century of its existence but Leland F. Leland has been at the helm for the past eleven years.
- ◆ Lambda Chi Alpha has entered the State of Florida and the University of Florida by installing the nine-year-old Sigma Lamb-

da Tau local fraternity. This new addition raises the active chapter roll to eighty-three.

◆ Within the past year Sigma Pi has been forced to withdraw her charters from the University of Pittsburgh and The University of Michigan. The Sigma Pi chapter at North Carolina State has a most attractive "Cabin in the Pines" not far from the campus which it calls its "ace in the hole" during pledge season. It is a most attractive cabin at any rate.

◆ Life subscription plans of fraternities vary. Phi Gamma Delta with a \$25.00 life subscription has 543 Life Loyal Fijis. Sigma Chi with a \$50.00 life subscription has a total of 1,911 Life Loyal Sigs, while Sigma Nu, also with a \$50.00 life subscription, has 3,100 life members.

◆ The new U. S. Minister to Egypt is Sigma Nu's Judge Bert Fish, a charter member of the Stetson University chapter.

◆ Gordon S. Cochrane, new manager of the Detroit American League baseball team, reputed to have been "sold" for \$100,000 is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha from the Boston University chapter.

◆ Delta Zeta sorority has withdrawn from Cornell University. This is worthy of note in that Cornell is the only inactive chapter on the rolls of this far flung sorority.

◆ The sororities at Swarthmore College have definitely withdrawn from that campus. Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma, Phi Mu and Pi Beta Phi are among those losing charters. It is rumored that the fraternities may follow the lead of the sororities and withdraw also. Fraternities there are Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta and two or three local societies. The president of the college is Frank Aydelotte, a graduate of the University of Indiana and of Oxford. He is a member of Sigma Nu.

◆ Phi Kappa Tau has absorbed the local Alpha Delta Beta at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

◆ The *Delta Chi Quarterly* says that the "best fraternity is the one where you feel you can live with the greatest degree of comradeship, happiness, and comfort, with the sort of fellows you would be glad to take home and introduce to your mothers and sisters during the holiday seasons."

◆ The younger fraternities still outstrip the older scholastically, but the most steady improvement is found among the larger national groups. This fact is attributed to the more extensive programs carried on by these larger organizations.

◆ The *Birmingham Age-Herald* tells the story of a lost Phi Delta Theta fraternity pin, the finding of which on the clothes of a slain negro turned back the hands of time nearly 40 years, at least for Judge William M. Walker. For the pin belonged to Mitchell Porter Walker, brother of Judge Walker. It was lost shortly after he attended the University of Alabama in 1895. How the pin came into the possession of Fred Robinson, Negro, who was slain by another Negro, probably will never be known.—*The Teke of Tau Kappa Epsilon*.

◆ A fifty-year-old chapter of Kappa Alpha has succumbed to unfavorable economic conditions. The charter of the Omega Chapter, established in 1883 at Centre, has been withdrawn. Others in the field are Beta Theta Pi, 1848; Phi Delta Theta, 1850; Sigma Chi, 1876; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1882; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1885; Phi Kappa Tau, 1914; Alpha Kappa Pi, 1932. Other tombstones are those of Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Sigma. Kappa Alpha has sixty-seven chapters.—*The Cross and Crescent of Lambda Chi Alpha*.

◆ A wandering brother in Pi Kappa Alpha read of a formal dance being sponsored by Pi Kappa Alpha in Sioux City, Iowa. Whereupon, he donned a tuxedo and attended. Much to his surprise, and somewhat to his amazement, he found that those in charge were not male Pi Kappa Alphas, but female Pi Kappa Alphas. A clipping in the *Sioux City Tribune* set him straight by informing him that Pieria Society of Morningside College had as its Greek-letter name Pi Kappa Alpha. The Grand Chancellor of Pi Kappa Alpha, Clarence O. Tormoen, convinced the co-eds that it was best to relinquish the name.—*The Teke of Tau Kappa Epsilon*.

THE EDITOR'S DESK

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KNOW YOUR FRATERNITY

One great advantage of being affiliated with a national fraternity is the chance to extend your fraternal relationships beyond the confines of your own campus and chapter house. Too few of us, however, pursue this advantage and throw away the golden opportunity of fraternizing with the brothers of other chapters. What do you know about your fraternity and the men who compose it? Do you read the chapter news letters and find out what the other chapter is doing on the other campus? Do you make it a point to look up visiting Alpha Kappa PIs on athletic teams, debating teams, glee clubs and other organizations which visit your campus or city? Do you invite a representative from a neighboring chapter to your initiations, house dances and other chapter activities? Do you take pride in recounting the number of chapters it has been your good fortune to visit? Some of us do, but do YOU?

KNOW YOUR CHAPTER MATES

A fraternity affords a background for living, working and playing with other individuals. It presents an opportunity for understanding each other to a greater extent than any other college relationship. Friendships which enrich the more mellow years of life should be and are formed in this fraternity atmosphere. But how often does a man graduate after four years of fraternity life and count not one friend among his chapter mates? How often does a brother graduate to never be seen thereafter within the portals of the chapter house? There are more than there should be.

The self-centered individual, not in the greater things in life, but in the many details of everyday routine; the selfish individual who drifts along banely from day to day

placing himself first and the other fellow second is usually the cause of this apparent failure of the fraternity in its purpose. He not only forbids the other fellow to approach and understand him but he likewise cuts himself off from his chapter mates. This individual appears for dinner in the evening and immediately retires to his own room to attend to his own studies and letter writing. He forgets to take a few minutes to inquire how the other fellow made out in the last quizz. He forgets to spend a few minutes with the dinner guest, be he alumnus, faculty member, prospective pledge or stranger, unless the guest be a peculiar friend of his own. He forgets to talk over plans for the next house dance or banquet with the other chaps. His fraternity brothers seldom figure in his social engagements unless they would prove convenient to his own arrangements. It is not because he doesn't think of these things that he fails to devote a few minutes of his day to a suggestion to the other fellow who is carrying out a fraternity program or who is thirsting for some companionship. His resolutions are good but laziness and selfishness soon dissipate them.

And so the days, months and years roll on. Commencement arrives with its mingled joy and sorrow of a task completed and the realization that the four best years of one's life have been spent. But what is left after another year? Are there friendships which make him anticipate the first alumni reunion or a visit from a fraternity brother? Or has his fraternity meant nothing more than just a mere pleasant place to eat and sleep while in college?

If one of these individuals haunts your chapter help him emerge from his shell.

TARDINESS

When the task of editing *THE ALPHA* became our privilege we placed this motto in

a conspicuous place on our desk: "The Alpha must be out on time."

The last two issues did not even appear in the month of their intended publication, let alone the first of that month. The majority of chapter historians and other contributors have had their copy in very close to the deadline, but the material at hand has often been valueless without the information from the

other five or six. And there, gentlemen, lies the real tragedy; the waste of time and effort because of the sheer irresponsibility of the few.

We are not going to berate further anyone for his lack of cooperation, but we vow that before your present scribes lay aside the quill—the fraternity permitting—THE ALPHA will have lost its tardy habits.

What About That Song Book?

SOME TIME AGO, a committee headed by Byron K. Horner, Lambda '34, sent letters to all chapter presidents requesting material and suggestions for the Song Book. Many of these letters have not as yet been answered. If you are interested in having an Alpha Kappa Pi Song Book, best results will be had by corresponding with this committee. The fraternity at the last National Convention appropriated a fund for this purpose so that all that is lacking is a little enthusiasm.

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BACK ISSUES OF THE ALPHA

Copies of *The Alpha* prior to the October 1930 issue are needed for the records of the Grand Historian and for *The Alpha* files. Inasmuch as no copies of some of these back numbers are available, it is quite evident that work on the history of Alpha Kappa Pi which is at present underway, is greatly impeded. Kindly send all back copies in care of the editor.

THE NEXT ISSUE

The May issue of THE ALPHA will be dedicated to the alumni. The activities of hundreds of alumni will be listed according to the states where they are now located. W. Samuel Kitchen, Mu '31, Zeta Province Chief, writes on "Keeping the Alumni Interested." Another innovation in content will be short articles on outstanding undergraduates.

An old Yankeeism: Fish and visitors spoil after the third day.

—*House & Garden*

I'm proof against that word "failure." I've seen behind it. The only failure a man ought to fear is failure in cleaving to the purpose he sees to be best.

—GEORGE ELIOT

BRIEFLY TOLD

In Wales fires are often burned on New Year's day to purify the house for the coming year.

Ninety-nine per cent of the land in Alaska is still owned by the Federal government.

A golf ball has been driven three times as far as the record baseball.

Butterflies are so-called because they once believed they stole butter and milk.

It is estimated that every person in the United States has 185 telephone calls a year. It is not estimated how many may be on other person's telephone.

The pyramids of Egypt were built for tombs of kings. They were also used for astronomical and religious purposes.

The right and left banks of a river are determined by facing down stream.

Cuba is claimed to be the healthiest country in the world. Its death rate is the lowest despite the revolutions. Australia is next without the revolutions.

—*The Trumpeter*

Do not forget the fact that you are using only a fraction of the power and ability that is in you. The remainder is ever waiting and watching for a chance to be used. Why not swing ajar the gates of your mind and let yourself loose?

—*Selected*

To be able to ask a question clearly is two-thirds of the way to getting answered.

—RUSKIN

The mind only grows when actively engaged.

—*The Watchman*

A loving act does more good than a fiery exhortation. What mankind needs is not more talkers, but more good Samaritans.

—*Anonymous*

CHAPTER NEWS

Alpha—N.C.E.

Initiated: Frank Labiaux, '36, Bill Andresen, '36, Andrew Hofer, '36, and Howard Wilkinson, '36.

The brothers of Alpha experienced their usual worrying and concern prior to the mid-year exams. I trust, however, that we all weathered the storm without mishap.

Alpha held their first formal initiation on January 12. After the ceremonies the chapter held its annual banquet at the distinctive Fulton Towers Dining Room in East Orange. The active brothers were indeed gratified to see such a fine attendance by the alumni members. The depression must be surely a thing of the past. Among many other notable speakers the brothers enjoyed a few words from the illustrious C. Russell Kramer of Rho and now editor of the Alpha.

As an aid in producing a closer relationship between the actives and the alumni members and also to determine the disputed superiority in the sport, Alpha and the Alumni had a rollicking Ping-pong tournament. The alumni pleaded old age as an alibi for losing, but the score was a trivial matter compared to the evening of good sport and fun enjoyed by those present.

This present school year is the first in which the officers of the honor society, The Trunion, have been undergraduates. Alpha is extremely proud that two of these officers are Brothers Oliver (Jake) Zizelove, President (also our president), and Stanley Horrocks, treasurer. It is also worthy of note that Alpha has the lions share of Trunion members who are in the same fraternity.

Now that the first semester has come to an end and the pledging of Freshmen is allowed, Alpha has sent applications to about ten likely men. Competition in pledging men has been unusually keen this year, but Alpha is not in the habit of losing good men and does not intend to start now.

In response to the plea issued by the Grand Chapter, Alpha has taken immediate action on the collection of outstanding dues. Secretary Al Day and Treasurer Harry Ritterbusch are working together to this end and with success.

Alpha has donated its house to the newly-formed Northern New Jersey Alumni Association for their meetings. While being of considerable aid to the alumni, this plan has enabled many actives who have been at the house at the time of these meetings to meet graduated brothers with whom they would not have a chance to become acquainted at any other

time. By the way, brothers, keep your eyes open for the announcement of a dance to be given by the N.N.J.A.A. in the middle of March.

In the field of sports Alpha is well represented. Dick Amberg and Bill Brady are on the basketball team with the mighty RRRitterbusch as manager. Stanley Bird and Charles Spencer are our varsity wrestlers with Bill Vanderbeek manager and Jack Connell assistant manager. Brother Lewis Connor is editor-in-chief of the College's newspaper, the *Technician*; he is also treasurer of the local branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

PAUL NORDT, JR.

Beta—Wagner

Initiated: Michael Horgan '35 and Harold Gietz '37.

Beta has finished her semester examinations and is starting on the second "lap." The examinations were "pips," but the brothers made out very well. Unfortunately our pledges did not do so good. Only three have made the necessary average. They are Jim Donovan, the president of the freshman class; Walter Kibet, and Frank Tellefson. These men will be fine members of Alpha Kappa Pi. Mike Horgan, the president of the junior class, and Harold Gietz were taken in a short time ago. We lost two fine pledges—one left school, and one was unable to meet the financial requirements of the chapter. We have told our pledges just what it will cost them to be a member of the fraternity, feeling that it is better to settle the question before it has gone too far. Beta is very proud of her pledges, and is sure to have one of the strongest chapters ever before the close of the year.

On January 18, we held a pledge meeting. The coffee and sandwiches, as usual, were a big part of the evening. We had our "bull sessions," played cards, and amused ourselves in an informal manner. Dr. DeWalsh arrived later in the evening, and stayed for a short time.

Brother Carl Voiges hasn't admitted it yet, but we all know he will be married shortly after his graduation in June. Brother Walters arrived in class the other day with a cut forehead, swollen elbow and knee, skinned nose and chin, and wrenched back. He had gone skiing and had hit a tree. Winter sports seem bigger and better than ever this year. The zero weather has kept the skating ponds in good condition, and the frequent snowstorms make the hills ideal for skiing. Brother

Corbin has that queer look in his eye, and I caught him looking at a pressed rose that he had taken out of an envelope postmarked "Nutley, N.J." Brother Gross is so interested in his biology work—they are taking cats apart—that he carries an embalmed feline around with him to "show you." Brother Koch is nursing a badly strained ankle which he received in a basketball game.

Beta's mid-winter formal will be held in the East Room of the Hotel New Yorker on March 3. We expect that it will be a big success. By the way—how are chances of my visiting you southern chapters until about June or July? I don't like so much snow and ice and zero weather.

HERBERT VAUGHAN

Delta—Brooklyn Poly

Initiated: Frederick Rosebrock '34, Manhasset, L.I.; Eugene Steneck '35, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Michael Vetere '35, New York, N.Y.

Once again the exams have come and gone, as exams have a habit of doing, and calm once more pervades the atmosphere of Delta. The storm was weathered successfully and we are already well settled in the old grid.

Looking back over the activities of the past term we see that Delta was pretty active socially. The first affair that comes to mind is the house dance on November 4. Thirty-five couples tripped the light fantastic to the music of Gill Kretzman's orchestra. Although 54 Sidney Place was as crowded as an I.R.T. subway pulling out of Grand Central at rush hour, everyone was sorry when "Home Sweet Home" finally echoed through the house.

The next outstanding event on the social calendar was the Father and Son smoker on January 3. It is the custom at Delta to hold this affair once each year to bring the fathers together and let them see just what Alpha Kappa Pi is like. Some of the dads may be bashful about coming for the first time but wild horses can't keep them away after that.

On January 5 the pledges prepared for the exams by holding their annual dance. Even the zero weather furnished by the weatherman couldn't cool the holiday spirits of the thirty couples who attended the affair. The neophytes easily upheld the records set by their predecessors and the shindig will long be remembered at Delta.

For a select three men January 7 was a red-letter day. For on that date Frederick Rosebrock, Michael Vetere, and Eugene Steneck became full-fledged members of Alpha Kappa Pi. Delta is proud to present her new brothers.

The final and most important act of the term was the election of officers. When the ballots were counted Albert Laukaitis was the new president and Vincent Eckstein his able assistant. Edward Garbe is secretary; Albert Emilian holds the key

to the strong box; Louis Lento is chaplain; George Wohlers, marshal; Fredrick Heinzelman, sentinel; and this humble scribe, historian.

Athletics also have a prominent place in the house. Five men have positions on the rifle team and five on the wrestling team. Brother Garbe is captain of the nimrods and Brother Hank Vaiden is manager. Brothers Laukaitis and Don Edmonds and Pledge Dave Doherty are the other marksmen. Brothers Fred Heinzelman, Al Emilian, Joe Meagher, and Bill Lawler and Pledge Bill Jennings are the exponents of the manly art of bone crushing.

Literary lights are commonplace, too. Brother Ed Kroepke, who held up *THE ALPHA* with his late copy last year, is associate editor of the *Polywog*, the yearbook; and Louis Lento is feature editor of the *Reporter*, Poly's weekly. Al Emilian, Don Arundel, Bill Lawler, and George Wohlers and pledges Bill Jennings, Fred Muller, Jerry Tichy, and George McFarland are on the *Reporter* staff also.

Late flash! Brother John Baffa, a civil engineering junior, has just been elected to Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity. Johnny has been looked on with awe since he knocked down an A in calc from one of the toughest profs in the school.

And now, brothers, we bid you goodbye until the next ALPHA and extend our heartiest Easter greetings. If anyone is in the vicinity of Delta over the holidays drop in, there is always someone around the house. Welcome is the byword.

WILLIAM LAWLER

Eta—Presbyterian

Pledged: W. H. Cranford, '34.

The first semester has passed away and Eta is enjoying one of her greatest years. In football and basketball Eta had her share of men. In the classroom also the men are holding their own.

W. H. Cranford, a senior, has just been pledged. He is one of the outstanding men on Presbyterian campus. He is a member of the student council, member of the Chi Beta Phi scientific fraternity and manager of the varsity track team this year.

One of the best socials that was put on by Eta this year was on January 8. All the members were present; men from other fraternities were invited. It is still being talked about as one of the best ever to be given at P.C.

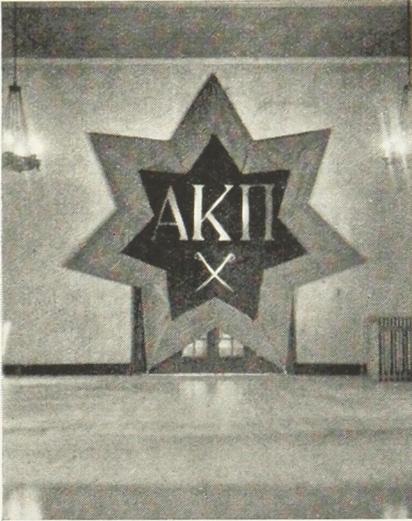
The Panhellenic dances are to be March 2, and 3. Jimmie Gunn's orchestra is to furnish the music. There will be two night dances and one tea dance. This dance is rated one of the biggest social events of the year.

We read of the great work of our brother chapters in the Alpha and we are proud of them. Here is hoping that the good work will be kept up.

B. B. REDMOND

Iota—Mount Union

Iota's spring formal was held on January 26 at the Alliance Country Club. It was a clear moonlit winter's night and about thirty-five couples were present. Included among those present were



IOTA'S 15 FT. SEVEN-POINTED STAR

six representatives from the other fraternities on the campus. Dr. and Mrs. Morgan and Prof. and Mrs. Englebert discharged the duties of chaperons to perfection. Brother Thacker was in charge of the entire program and secured Pop Crawford (a road band) to furnish the music. A fifteen foot seven-pointed star dominated the hall. One of the brothers remarked, "People are not going to dance here all evening and not notice it!" It sure was the first thing that struck your eye as you entered the hall.

The intramural basketball teams are not doing so well but the class B team is batting a .500 average. Mount Union, the home of intercollegiate basketball, usually produces good teams.

Radio has begun to affect our chapter strangely. A couple of the brothers are operating a short wave phone station, W8EK, Alliance, Ohio. It sounds like CQ, QRM, etc. In fact, the other night we were awakened by one of the fellows telling us he had talked to Australia.

The following article appeared in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* on February 16, 1934:

WINNING CUPS HABIT WITH ALPHA KAPPA PI

Three Members of Fraternity Have Perfect Semester Marks

For the seventh consecutive semester, Alpha Kappa Pi, national social fraternity at Mount Union College, has been awarded the scholarship cup. The fraternity already has permanent possession of one cup and this is the first leg of a new one.

During the last semester three members had perfect grades. They are Brooks Fortune of Atwater who received 17 hours A; Richard Goldrick and Robert Ferner, both of Alliance received 16 hours A. Fortune and Goldrick are seniors and Ferner is a junior.

Out of 340 semester hours, Alpha Kappa Pi held 112 hours A, 129 hours B, 87 hours C, eight hours D and only one hour F. The average of the fraternity for the last semester was 89.3 per cent.

Members of this fraternity hold the offices on the campus. Fortune is president of Beta Pi Theta, national honorary French fraternity, secretary of the Alembroic Society, honorary chemistry society; a member of Phi Sigma, national honorary biology fraternity and has been assistant in the Analytical Chemistry laboratory for two years. Goldrick is president of the Alembroic Society, treasurer of Beta Pi Theta and has been laboratory assistant two years. Ferner is an assistant in the Physics laboratory. Gervis Brady is president of both the fraternity and the senior class besides being a star of the varsity basketball team. Grant Hansen is business manager of the *Unionian*, the college yearbook.

The grades of this fraternity ranked not only above those of the other four fraternities at the campus but also above those of the non-fraternity group.

And in the new method of signing off among ourselves—Bleep, bloop gang.

THEODORE R. EARL

Kappa M.I.T.

Initiated: Wilfred D. MacDonnel '34, Dorchester, Mass., and William G. Cragin '35, Hartford, Conn.

A school term has come and gone and the brothers all successfully coped with those demon exams. Fact is, we knocked 'em for a loop—and is it a grand feeling!

The seniors in Kappa have been unusually quiet so far this term—they are busy with thesis plans and work. One of the requirements at M.I.T. for graduation with degree is the completion of a thesis, entailing some original research into various scientific problems. The requirement is a good one, and some very constructive work is done by the students.

Our junior membership is preparing for its big affair of the season—the junior prom. Brother Blair, the latest addition to the ranks of men with "women," has decided to hie himself to the affair. Incidentally, Tom Blair has been very active in track competition this year, having made the Tech cross-country team. Cross-country season over, he is running the middle distances and doing very well. Blair was recently initiated into Psi Tau Pi Sigma, national Signal Corps fraternity. Brother Sam Rulon is following in the footsteps of Ralph Hamilton, now an alumnus, who was one of the most capable fencers the 'Stute has ever produced. Sam forms part of the backbone of the fencing team this year, and occasionally brings home his equipment for the other brothers to play with.

Carlton Cook is president of the Ordnance society connected with the R.O.T.C. unit at Tech. Cook and Hofmann together help, as senior directors, to run Corporation XV, the business administration society.

Aaron Redcay and Ed Locke are active in Scabard and Blade, honorary military society. Aaron is secretary, and Ed sometimes goes to meetings and makes noises.

The chapter's social bright light, Bill MacDonnell, supplies amusement to the brothers telling of his many escapades. He is an authority on "crashing" and invites questions from any brothers as to how it is done.

Kappa extends her greetings and wishes it to be remembered that there is always "open house" to visiting brothers.

WALTON W. HOFMANN

Lambda—Bethany

Pledged: Charles Lewton '35 and Craig Sipe '37.

More news of Alpha Kappa Pi triumphs!

First we must tell you of Lambda pulling out of a short scholastic slump to capture first honors among the fraternal organizations on Bethany's campus. The grades were all excellent and we take a just pride in them. George Ferguson and William Castellano are to be especially commended for their fine work.

We also wish to share with you our pleasure in having Mr. Charles Lewton and Mr. Craig Sipe added to our pledge roster. Lewton is a junior and excels in many fields. He was elected the most valuable football player on the football team this last season. Charlie is also doing a great piece of work in taking charge of Boy Scout troops in Bethany and nearby towns. Sipe is a freshman hailing from St. Clairsville, Ohio. He is a good student and is planning to major in the physics department.

Hell week has just passed and it is felt to have been the most successful ever experienced here. The plan followed was to have every item of the week be of a type that would benefit actives and pledges alike in becoming better fraternity men.

Interfraternity basketball is well under way and our boys have split even in the two games. Much faith has been placed in the team under the leadership of Captain Sowers and a nice showing is sure to result.

Alumni Brothers Bryan, Addleman and Bramhall favored us with short visits during February.

Herbert Balcolm was chosen soloist and William McIlroy was selected for the varsity male quartet in the Bethany Glee Club. These two as well as Haines and Zingle will appear with the glee club in programs to be presented to Pennsylvania and New York audiences in the near future. Our president, Byron Horner, is pianist for both the glee club and the orchestra.

Tony Marion headed the social committee for the opening college ball this semester. Brother Marion also was chosen as a representative of the

college at the Intercollegiate Conference of Human Relations held in Pittsburgh recently and gave a fine report in chapel the following week.

Thus you see Lambda is pushing ahead. We get a great deal of satisfaction from telling you of these group and individual triumphs; we get a great deal of encouragement in reading that Alpha Kappa Pi is also doing as well on other campuses. Let's continue to move forward in our program to keep Alpha Kappa Pi the best fraternity in existence.

CHARLES B. WAGNER

Mu—Marshall

Pledged: John Parker '34, Robert Bunch '36, William Steves '37, Ernest Newton Merritt '37, Leiland Burch '37, and George King '37, of Hunting-



ROBERT G. BUNCH, Mu '36

"Your Uncle Dudley"

ton, West Virginia; Jack McClaire '37, of Weirton, West Virginia and Woodrow Allen '36, of Hinton, West Virginia.

Initiated: John Parker '34, and Robert Bunch '36.

Mu Chapter started the new school year with an active membership of nine men who made up in spirit and enthusiasm for their small number. We have a new house which is closer to the college, more spacious, and better arranged in the interior than our home of last year. We have further established dining service in our house this year for the first time and it has added considerably to the comfort of those staying at the house making it seem like a glorified home.

In the realm of college activities, Mu is represented as follows: On the Student Council are

Brothers Garner, Winter and Durham. Brother Winter is President of the Interfraternity Council and Brother Garner is Head Cheerleader at Marshall. Brother Bunch has appeared in two of our college theater productions this year—"Your Uncle Dudley" and "The Bat." Pledge King, who was editor-in-chief of his high school annual, is now active as a reporter on the college newspaper along with Brother Anderson.

On November 29 we gave the initial dance in the newly opened Marshall College Student Union Building. This dance was given in honor of the twelve visiting brothers from Psi Chapter who were here for the annual Marshall-Wesleyan Thanksgiving Day pigskin duel.

Since Marshall College is a school for persons with little money, we have been hard hit by the depression. Now, however, Mu has wintered the worst of the storm and is on the NRA, ready for the New Deal.

STERLING N. VINES

Nu—Lehigh

Pledges: Jack G. Hoyt '36, Berwick, Pa.; Kemble Widmer '36, Ridgefield, Conn.; Charles E. Brown '37, Akron, Ohio; and Joseph Parsons '37, Stroudsburg, Pa.

Initiated: Jack G. Hoyt '37 and Charles E. Brown '37.

Nu Chapter enjoyed another of her traditional Christmas parties on December 16. It is the custom at this event for both the brothers and pledges to buy small gifts for those whose names are previously drawn from a hat. The success of the party lies in the fact that the donor of the gifts which are distributed at the party is unknown.

After Christmas vacation Nu Chapter launched an extensive rushing campaign and in a short time four men had pledged themselves to Alpha Kappa Pi.

We were happy to find that all the brothers remained in good standing scholastically at the university, when post-exam reports were received.

Nu Chapter danced to the music of Jean Cardoso and Don Bestor at the annual Interfraternity ball on February 3. This dance is sponsored by the Interfraternity Council in which Nu Chapter plays an active part.

On February 17, Nu Chapter welcomed pledges Hoyt and Brown into brotherhood. Province Chief Al Jahn, Brother Spaans, Kappa '30, and Brother Knoll, Omicron '33, attended the initiation ceremony and the banquet which followed at the Old Sun Inn in Bethlehem. Professor J. L. Beaver, professor of electrical engineering, and Dr. C. G. Beardslee, professor of moral and religious philosophy, both members of the Lehigh faculty, addressed the brothers at the banquet. The humor to which Professor Beaver exposed us and the thoughts which Dr. Beardslee brought forth were enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Brother Hemphill has returned to the university after suffering from a severe nasal operation for the past six months.

LYLE M. GEIGER

Xi—North Carolina State

Initiated: William Baerthlein '36.

Hello, Brothers! Xi has started another year, and another term at State with high spirits. We were presented with a dandy Christmas gift when we came back after the holidays. The walls, woodwork, and floors of our chapter rooms had been given a coat of paint. It made the interior of our home a hundred per cent better looking. We are plenty proud of the place now. When the brothers gather round the open fire on Saturday nights, and start up a good bull session, that is the time that college life is appreciated to its fullest extent.

Xi's social activities for the new year began with a bang. January 19 was the date of our first dance, and it will certainly be remembered. The rooms were decorated in fraternity and school colors, with the insignia of the fraternity occupying a prominent position. Our guests of honor for the evening was the entire wrestling squad of V.M.I., which had just dropped a close decision to State in a match a few hours before. Representatives from practically every other fraternity on the campus were to be seen on the dance floor. That the refreshments were good was evident by the crowd that hovered around the punch bowl throughout the evening. "Best dance Xi has given during the school year" was the comment of those present, and all the brothers heartily agreed.

That certainly must have been a swell convention, if the opinion of our delegate, Brother Williams, is correct. He came back to us, full of news about our national organization and the good time he had meeting brothers from our other chapters. Too bad every A K II can't attend that gathering every year.

Intramural sports are taking a large part in Xi's campus activities now. The basketball season is well under way, and we are placing a fast quintet on the floor. Brothers Sutherland, Baerthlein, Schoof, and Norlander, and Pledge Ward, Yankees all, except Ward who is a Virginian, are representing Xi. The first game was won by a score of 24-4. Boxing is next in line, and we hope to enter several men in that sport.

We had a little excitement down here the other night when we received a long distance call from Newark, New Jersey. It was the alumni, some fifteen of them, of this chapter. Of course everybody wanted a chance to talk to everybody, and we kept the wires hot for a few minutes.

Xi has placed another man on the list of National officers. This time it is Brother Carter Williams, of Greensboro, North Carolina. Carter is a

junior this year, and we expect him to do some good work as province chief of Delta Province.

State College is looking forward to the football season in the fall with the new coach in charge. Hunk Anderson is sure staring off good at any rate. He is holding the most extensive spring practice that any coach has ever held here. If everything works out as expected, Hunk will produce a team that will give plenty of trouble to State's opponents. Xi is represented in this sport by Pledge Moore, who is sophomore manager.

So long until the next ALPHA. Hope you will all have a successful new year!

W. A. BAIN, JR.

Omicron—Penn State

Initiated: George Magdeburger '36; John Oeschger '37; Frank Osterlund '37; and John Vogt '37.

Omicron Chapter held informal initiation exercises during the week of February 18, at the completion of which four neophytes were initiated into the brotherhood of Alpha Kappa Pi. Having proven themselves worthy of the name of Alpha Kappa Pi, these new brothers are presented to the fraternity by Omicron Chapter, which wishes for them the best of fraternal success and inspiration.

Frank Osterlund accompanied the Penn State track team to the West Virginia University Indoor Relays at Morgantown, West Virginia, on February 10. Frank won third place in a special 70-yard dash for freshmen. This was the first time that Osterlund had competed in this event, the hurdles being his particular specialty. Omicron is expecting a great deal of Frank in his track career in the next three years, for in addition to this initiation into college competition he is the possessor of twenty-two medals in scholastic competition in Suburban Philadelphia meets. State took eighteen men to the Relays and garnered fourteen medals, which is an excellent performance, since the meet included many great track teams from Middle Western and Mid-Atlantic institutions.

The week of February 4 was a banner one in sports for Penn State, the boxing team, the wrestling team, and the basketball team turning in two major victories each. In boxing State defeated Bucknell 7 to 1 and Western Maryland 5 to 3; the basketball team turned in victories over Army 28 to 24 and Colgate 39 to 22; the grapplers conquered Columbia 15 to 13 and subdued Washington and Jefferson 34 to 0. To complete the week the freshman basketball team opened their season by defeating Bucknell Frosh 29 to 22. To our Brothers at Rho we promise a cheery welcome and a fine game of basketball when Rutgers meets State here on March 3.

At a recent meeting the Interfraternity Council created a new secretariat composed of three members, out of which the president of the Council probably will be elected for the year 1934-35. Brother John Keech was elected to one of the posi-

tions in this newly-created body, and it is with interest that Omicron looks forward to spring Council elections. Best wishes for John's success is the keynote of Omicron hopes!

On February 9 Penn State was the scene of the first formal college dance of the new semester, Senior Ball. It was a gala occasion for Omicron's members, who were well represented at the function.

Brothers Lewis and Hancock and Pledge McIntyre engaged in tryouts for the Penn State Thespians, a dramatics organization which is casting for a new production. From all indications Omicron will be represented in this new presentation by one or all of the A K II's who went through the tryouts. Brother James Hamilton is now president of the Thespians, and Brother John Adam was stage manager last year.

Brother John Eck was seriously ill in the college infirmary with a complication of diseases due to colds. The illness was instrumental in causing him to begin his work for the semester two weeks late. All the Brothers of Omicron welcome him back to their midst and hope for his freedom from further ailment.

Omicron Chapter is pleased to announce the marriage of Brother Warren Johnson, of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, to Miss Jane Ross, of State College. The simple but impressive ceremony was conducted in the Reformed Church on the morning of February 10, in State College, Brother Johnson having graduated from Penn State on the preceding night. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross, the bride's parents; Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Johnson, the bridegroom's parents; and Brother Max Miller and Miss Sally Miller. Following the nuptials the couple entertained at a luncheon at the Centre Hills Country Club, after which they left for Florida on their honeymoon. They will be at home at R.F.D. 1, Nottingham, Pennsylvania, after March 1.

FRANKLIN J. WIDNEY

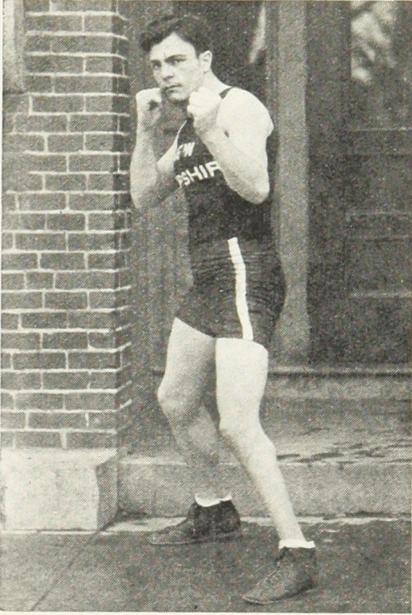
Pi—New Hampshire

Pledged: Clyde Smith, New London, N.H.; Albert Rosi, Colebrook, N.H.; Eugene Madison, Greenville, N.H.; Cesar Bertagna, Wilmot Flats, N.H.; Winthrop Wells, and Howard Thurston, both of Concord, N.H.; Morris Couraget, Willard Holt, Leonard Moore, all of Milford, N.H. All the new pledges are of the class of 1937.

The Brothers of Pi Chapter returned to Durham for the Winter term accompanied by freezing temperatures and wintry blasts. Rushing season started on the second day of the term, and nine fine pledges, the pick of the freshman class, were obtained. A banquet was held for the new pledges, with President Andberg officiating as toastmaster. "Jake" Cummings, "Jimmy" Boyd, Waldorf Bartlett, and Orrien Reid comprised the alumni present. A fine talk was given the pledges by Brother Boyd on the

new phase of life into which they had just stepped, and an enjoyable evening was had by all present.

Pi Chapter regrets to announce that Brothers Laurence Blackey, Herbert Kimball, and Jean Paul Carter were unable to return to school this term. Brother Carter had one big reason for leaving school



JAMES ROMEO, *Pi '34*
175-lb. Varsity Boxer

this term, and the truth must be told; therefore, at this time Pi Chapter is very happy to announce the marriage of Jean Paul Carter to Miss Grace Kart of Lowell, Massachusetts. Good Luck, Jean!

Due to the absence of Brothers Carter and Blackey, new officers were elected to fill the vacancies left by them. Brother Thomas Atherton, '36, and Brother Samuel Gordon, '36, were elected treasurer and chaplain, respectively.

Brother James Romeo has been elected President of Delta Chi, an honorary mathematics society. Brother Raymond Smith and Brother Salvatore Grasso have been pledged by the Sphinx, a Junior honorary society.

Pi Chapter is advancing in the athletic field at New Hampshire. Pi tied for second place in the intramural boxing this term, winning a final bout by virtue of the stellar work of Brother "Wally" Kimball in the 125 lb. class. "Wally" is now holding down the 125 lb. berth on the varsity boxing team, and has been engaged in several bouts. Brothers Harold Nossiff and "Gene" Madison are to be commended for their fine work in intramural boxing also. Brother James Romeo is fighting in the 175 lb. class on the varsity boxing team, after a strenuous term of teacher training at Nashua, N.H.

The intramural hockey team has not played as yet, but the prospects are very bright.

We are happy to announce that the latest reports show that Pi retained their fine scholarship record for the fall term.

The most important social affair of the winter term was the formal dance, which was held during the winter carnival here at N.H.U. The dance was a very colorful affair. The beauty of the house was greatly enhanced by the decorations of ice and snow erected on the lawn. A large group of alumni were present. The chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. T. Burr Charles, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tepper.

Several "Vic" parties have been held this term and have been attended by all members and pledges in addition to persons from other houses.

Pi Chapter extends wishes for success to all other chapters, and wishes to remind them to be sure and drop in and see us if they are in New Hampshire.

RALPH W. MORANG, JR.

Rho—Rutgers

Initiated: William F. Krommelbein, Willis P. Brewer, William N. Oland, Frank E. Tilley, Jr., and Willard O. Wright, all of the class of '37.

Mid-term examinations have come and gone at Rutgers with no casualties among the brothers of Rho. Fraternity standings have not been announced as yet, but we have every hope for holding our position among the high average groups on the campus. The passing of examinations means the beginning of "Hell Week" and on January 29 we had ten freshmen sentenced for a week of hard labor. In carrying out our policy of a constructive initiation period, we set the pledges to all sorts of necessary improvements under the supervision of house-manager, Ken Ayres, and the big stick of "Freshman King," Dick Newcomb '36. A day was cut off of the period and we held our formal initiation Friday afternoon, February 2. Five pledges were inducted into the chapter. The annual initiation banquet followed, being held this year in the chapter house. A jolly affair it was with high spirits and good fellowship prevailing. George Kramer '34, chapter president, acted as toastmaster and called on Brothers Helyar, Connors and Bartlett of the faculty to speak for the occasion. Each initiate was then called on for a few words.

Winter sports and activities find the brothers very active. Debating has claimed most of the activity as in the past. Brother Kramer has been appointed assistant debate coach and is shaping the freshman debaters into a talking mood. Brothers Smith and Spencer along with Kramer are completing their debating activity for Rutgers this year.

Brother Baumer's superior playing was a big factor in the upset of the Yale water-polo team, undefeated until they met Rutgers. Ed scored thirteen of the eighteen points credited to the Scarlet. Brother Sturgis '35 is also a member of the winning

team. Sam Burnett '34 and Bud Law '34 have won places on the Scarlet wrestling team and are returning to the house bruised but happy. Bill Krommelbein '37 has made the frosh fencing team. Brothers Oland and Wright, both '37, work out daily with the track squad in preparation for spring competition.

Bill Schmidt '36, has recently been elected to the presidency of Queen's Players, the Rutgers dramatic organization. The chapter's representatives to the Interfraternity Council are Clint Spencer '34 and Fred Schaffert '35.

The annual Rutgers winter sports week-end was held at Buckhill Falls, Pennsylvania, on January 27 and 28. Many of the brothers attended and had a great time. The week-end is sponsored by the Glee Club of which George Kramer '34 and Richard Newcomb '36 are members. The biggest social event of the year, the Junior Prom, was held on February 23. Rho attended almost one hundred per cent and enjoyed the lively function. On the following evening we held our formal house party. The house being decorated to carry out a colonial theme. We are arranging for a parents' bridge party to be held in the early part of March.

The Rutgers alumni mid-winter gathering brought back a good number of our alumni brothers on February 12. F. CLINTON SPENCER

Tau—Tufts

With the end of the mid-year examinations, things at Tufts are once again normal. Of course, the examination period meant that extra-curricular activities were temporarily halted, and scholastic difficulties claimed the attention of the members of Tau Chapter. In the last issue of the ALPHA, we stated that the house basketball team was practicing in preparation for the interfraternity basketball league. That preliminary practice must have done some good, for in the first three games played, Tau Chapter has yet to taste defeat. As a matter of fact, the sports editor of the Tufts *Weekly*, in a recent article, stated that the A K II's were strong favorites to win the league. But, that remains to be seen, and the cup and title are not won yet, although we have our hopes. The team is composed of Hammonds, Leary, Lewis, McGonagle, Bradley, Crowley, and O'Grady. Our coach is none other than Jack Rogean, who is a guard on the varsity basketball team.

During the vacation period, the house was cleaned from the "boudoir" to the cellar. The downstairs floors were sanded, shellacked, and waxed, so that they looked like new. From now on, jamming is forbidden on the ground floor, and a strict penalty is inflicted on the brother found guilty of so doing.

One of the smartest house parties in a long time was run just before the exams. Bob Bradley '35, and Ken Hay, one of our energetic freshmen, acted

as the hosts, and presented some novel ideas and surprises. Those attending the party acclaimed it as a good time, as indeed it was. Previous to the party, which started at 10 P.M., the brothers attended the Tufts-Springfield basketball game at Cousens Gym, which the Tufts team won. All things considered, it was a very enjoyable evening.

We are planning to publish a fraternity newspaper here at Tau. The suggestion to do this came from Bill Patrick '35, and he was unanimously appointed as editor-in-chief of the *Tau Chapter News*, the first issue of which will be out in the near future. He will be assisted by that able columnist and persistent news-gatherer Joe Palmieri, Jerry O'Grady and Dana Lewis, assistant editors, along with Chick Chalmers, sports editor.

John McGonagle has been elected as a member of the Class Day Committee of the senior class, an important position, inasmuch as the committee has complete charge of the class day activities.

DANA B. LEWIS

Upsilon—Centre

Pledged: William Morey '35, Frontenac, Kan.; William Vallingham '37, Owenton, Ky.; and Byron Shipley '37, Louisville, Ky.

The first semester ended successfully for Upsilon Chapter as a whole. Although a brother or pledge failed a subject here and there, all are still in school and working for higher scholarship. First semester scholastic averages of the different fraternities on the campus have not been computed, but we have high hopes of having made the highest again for the seventh straight semester.

Upsilon has secured three new pledges recently—Bill Vallingham and Byron Shipley, both popular members of the class of '37 and members of the college orchestra, and William Morey, a junior, who graduated last semester from junior college at his home in Frontenac, Kan., with a good football and basketball reputation, and has just transferred to Centre. Bill has been a welcome addition to the varsity basketball squad, captained by Pledge Worley Hawthorne, and he will probably do the 1934 varsity football team no harm at all.

We regretted our inability to send a delegate to the national convention at Rutgers in December, and hope to have better luck next year.

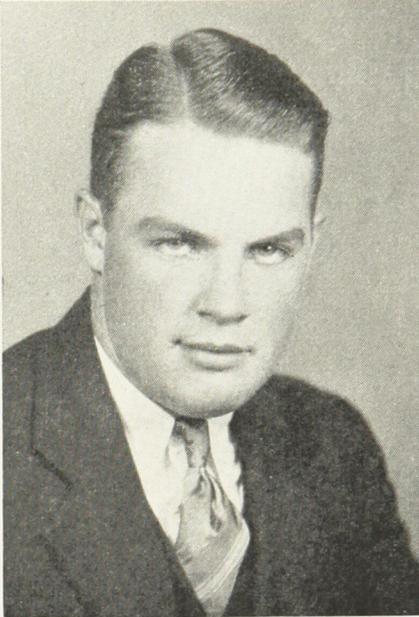
Most of us at Upsilon are in narrow financial straits; although our house is self-supporting, our running expenses are higher than we would like them to be. We have initiated no men since the opening of the school year, but are planning to put several through some time in February. This, coupled to the fact of our not losing a single active by graduation this June, and the possibility of a second initiation this semester, means that Upsilon Chapter should be stronger in every way next year.

GEORGE G. BEDINGER

Chi—Wake Forest

Initiated: Robert Slate '36, King, N.C.

Imagine the embarrassment of the brethren at Chi when we found that Chi's prospective new house was not vacated by the local Theta Kappa



THOMPSON GREENWOOD, *Chi* '36
Editor and Chapter President

Psis! Fraternity houses not being very plentiful here at Wake Forest, Chi will be forced to remain at her present quarters at College Hall until a better place can be found.

Two Chi men were listed on the first semester honor roll of scholarship: Louis Ballenberger, pledge, and Wellington Dunford. Requirements for this honor roll are good attendance of classes and a subject average of 90 or above.

Chi Chapter is pleased to announce that pledge Robert E. L. Slate, of King, N.C., now a sophomore at Wake Forest College, has announced his intention to join the ranks of Alpha Kappa Pi. His initiation will take place very soon. "Bob" is making a good record here at college, and we feel that he will be a valuable addition to our chapter and to Alpha Kappa Pi as a whole.

The sophomore class recently elected Wellington Dunford, class poet. His poem will appear in the *Howler*, Wake Forest annual, which is scheduled to appear about the middle of May.

Emmett Hedgepeth, one of Chi's charter members, is back in the college medical school this semester.

We are planning to celebrate Founders Day, in a big way, having begun preparation for a party, with girls 'n' everything.

Chi's second semester pledging season starts soon. We have a very lively prospect of a good bunch of new fellows.

WELLINGTON DUNFORD

Phi—St. John's

Pledged: Gerald I. Kurtz '34, Paterson, N.J.; and A. Robert Smith, Oradel, N.J.; George W. Kopp, Oradel, N.J.; Herold Brooks, Washington, D.C.; Richard L. Waters, Jr., Rockville, Md.; Thomas Lusby, Prince Frederic, Md.; Lewis B. Bevier, Elkridge, Md., all of the class of '37.

Pledge Kopp is a member of the varsity boxing team, being the heavyweight representative of the college. He has made a very creditable showing in view of the fact that this is his first experience in boxing.

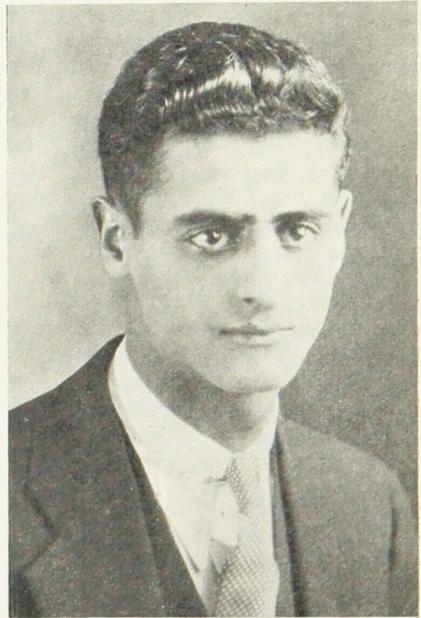
At the annual pledge party which was held Feb. 6, 1934, we were honored by the presence of Brother Owens, Grand Chaplin, and Brother Kramer, editor of *THE ALPHA*. We feel that their presence and fine talks to the freshmen aided considerably in making the party a success.

CHARLES J. KIBLER

Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan

Initiated: William Lowry '34, Zaner Post '34, Woodrow Burton '36.

In accord with the accounts of the convention



NICK CODY, *Psi* '35
Fraternity Man Par Excellence

as presented to us by *THE ALPHA* and our own representative, Nick Cody, we of Psi are more

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Omega

Wayne Heaston, Iota '29 was one of the charter members of Iota Chapter and was initiated when Iota was installed. He entered Omega Chapter on Dec. 10, 1933.

Heaston was born on May 17, 1904, and graduated from the Bowerston High School, Bowerston, Ohio, in 1922. After graduation he taught in the Harrison County rural schools and for a time sold life insurance. Thereafter he entered Kent State Teachers College and subsequently transferred to Mount Union College. While at Mount Union he sang in the glee club and was a member of Iota's intramural baseball team. After his graduation in 1929, Heaston served as a rural mail carrier working out of Conotton, Ohio, the home of his parents. He was serving in this capacity when his death occurred from a complication of pneumonia and scarlet fever.

Iota deeply mourns the passing of Wayne as he was well thought of in fraternity circles. To his friends, relatives and parents we send our deepest sympathy.

GRANT HANSEN, *Iota '34*



WAYNE MCCARTY HEASTON, *Iota '29*

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Huntington Alumni Chapter

To the Huntington Alumni Chapter goes the distinctive honor of being the first association of alumni to be chartered by the Executive Council of Alpha Kappa Pi. We are very proud of this distinction, and intend always to be worthy of it. The entire Huntington Chapter offers heartiest congratulations to the Northern New Jersey Chapter, and wishes it every possible success. To this group and others which we hope will be organized soon, we offer this friendly challenge: Just try to beat us in interest and activity. (It'll be hard to do.)

As it happens, all the members of the Huntington Chapter are alumni of Mu Chapter. From the very day Mu was installed, there has been some semblance of organization within the alumni group. On that day, which none of us will ever forget, a Board of Governors was elected, and with the aid of a few other interested members in town, formed the nucleus around which the present chapter was formed. Few then realized how powerful and helpful an alumni organization could become, but several years of participation in national affairs

brought this vividly to our minds, and now we are fully aware of our great possibilities.

In December of 1930, the first suggestion that the Huntington alumni group petition for an alumni chapter was made. At this time, however, a decided slump in alumni affairs set in, and for many months there were no regular meetings. In the fall of 1931 it was learned that the Executive Council was prepared to grant a charter to the Huntington group upon formal petition, so on the night of November 25, 1931, a large meeting was held at the Hotel Prichard and the petition drawn up, and dispatched to the Executive Council. Almost by return mail came word that the petition had been accepted, and that henceforth the petitioning group would be known as the Huntington Alumni Chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi, the first organization to receive such a charter. A charter bearing the names of the members of the chapter was promised us, but this tangible evidence of our recognition as an integral part of Alpha Kappa Pi was not necessary to spur our interest; the fact that we were recognized was enough.

Immediately after our petition had been granted,

interest in the new organization took a sharp upward trend. Members wholly lacking in interest before began to take an active part in meetings. Officers were elected and at once took charge of the reorganization. Our sphere of influence widened and became stronger; activities increased; national events began to take as much of our time as did purely local affairs; our interests became more varied. In fact, our whole spirit was revived. We took on new life; our whole being was rejuvenated; our existence took on a real significance; we were an entirely new group.

The first officers elected were: Frank C. Watson, president; W. Samuel Kitchen, vice-president; Cecil L. Brammer, secretary-treasurer; and Durward D. Darnell, historian. Brother Watson skillfully conducted the chapter through its first year as a unit of Alpha Kappa Pi, ably assisted by Brammer who gave of his experience gained as chairman of the old group. Of the other offices, that of vice-president was just a name as usual, though always ready to take over the duties of the president, while the historian was given the specific duty of compiling a history of Mu Chapter.

During the first year much of the time was spent in perfecting and strengthening the organization. No great deeds were performed during the first year, but it and the year following were considered successful from an organization standpoint. Dues were placed at \$5 per year, this total to include \$2 for a year's subscription to *THE ALPHA*, \$1 for a year's subscription to the *Contact*, our own alumni bulletin, and two dollars for general dues. This rate was found to be too high, so later the dues for members living outside the city were reduced to \$3.50, while the dues for the members in town remained the same. This proved more acceptable, and quite a few collections were made. The regular monthly meeting was set for the first Thursday in each month, and so it remains at the present.

The Huntington Alumni Chapter elected to take over the sponsorship of the *Contact*, a bulletin designed to carry news of the activities of Mu Chapter and the alumni chapter to alumni and members out of college, and to be issued at least once each two months. The *Contact* originated with Sam Kitchen, who has always emphasized the need and importance of such a paper. He put out several issues by using borrowed equipment, and received congratulations from all who read the paper. When the Alumni Chapter decided to sponsor the paper and publish it regularly, Kitchen was selected to be its editor and have full charge of it, but during the past year, lack of proper equipment, and a decided lack of finances forced a temporary suspension of publication. However, plans are being made now to purchase a duplicating machine and other necessary equipment for the express purpose of publishing the *Contact*, and in the near future it is hoped that the paper will appear regularly during the school year.

Because all members of the Huntington Alumni Chapter are alumni of Mu Chapter, naturally much time is devoted to the interests of Mu. Last year a committee from the Alumni Chapter worked in conjunction with the active chapter in preparing a plan of instruction for pledges. Regularly once each month a committee of alumni checks the treasurer's books, and once each year makes a complete audit. Three members of the Alumni Chapter, composing an advisory committee, are available to the active members at all times when advice and suggestions are wanted on any kind of problem. At every weekly active meeting there are four or five alumni present, sometimes more. The Alumni Chapter is quick to command an especially good piece of work on the part of an active, but it feels just as free to criticize helpfully when things do not go so well.

Last year Kitchen and Darnell designed a novel house plaque in shape similar to the badge, and made one for Mu. The Alumni Chapter was so pleased with the design that a resolution was passed immediately offering one to each new chapter installed. When Psi Chapter was installed at West Virginia Wesleyan, the presentation of the first plaque was made by the delegation from Huntington who attended the ceremonies and aided Brothers Fraim and Krebs with the work of installing the chapter. This offer still holds good for new chapters, and any other older chapter expressing a desire for one.

A few of the earlier meetings of the chapter were held at various hotels after a dinner, but the financial outlay involved each month soon forced the chapter to abandon these dinners and hold the regular meeting at the chapter house. Now we are going to try to combine a business meeting with a social gathering at the homes of various members. This should work, now that prosperity has returned somewhat. The financial depression caused the temporary abandonment of another enterprise which the chapter had hoped to make an annual affair. This was the Annual Midnight Frolic to be held each spring just before the close of school. The first one held in May, 1932, was such a grand success and excited so much comment, that it was planned to have it each year, but flattened pocket-books grew flatter, which necessarily meant postponement. Even weak pocketbooks, though, are not allowed to cause the failure of the annual Farewell Banquet honoring the graduating members of the active chapter. At this banquet the active chapter bids farewell to the departing brother, and the alumni chapter bids him welcome to its ranks. Also on this occasion, the alumni chapter presents to the outgoing active president a small golden gavel in appreciation of his services to the chapter. Plans are under discussion now to present to each active officer a similar token symbolic of his office. Another annual affair which the alumni chapter helps to make a success is the Founders

Day Banquet. This year the alumni are co-operating to the fullest with the active body, and intend that this shall be the most successful event in the history of either group.

After two years of success under the direction of Frank Watson and Cecil Brammer, new officers were elected in October, 1933, and intrusted with the future success of the chapter. Cecil Brammer was elevated to the office of president in recognition of his splendid assistance in the past; Durward Darnell was elected to fill the dual office of secretary-treasurer, and requested to continue as historian until the history he is writing is finished; James Bobbitt was elected vice-president, succeeding Sam Kitchen. With these men, who have long been working together in fraternity affairs, leading, much can be expected from the Huntington Alumni Chapter.

In closing, we repeat the challenge to the Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter and any other that may be formed, which we expressed in the beginning; Just try to beat us in interest and activity. If you can, we'll give you plenty of credit and ask for suggestions and advice. If you can't, we'll give you suggestions and advice—if you want them. An exchange of ideas would be a good move for all of us, we think.

DURWARD D. DARNELL, *Mu '31, Secretary*

Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter

Fresh from the National Convention, which was a source of real inspiration, the members of the

chapter turned out in goodly number for the January meeting. This was the annual meeting and the following officers were elected for the year 1934: President, Albert E. Bennett, Alpha-Xi '32; First Vice-President, Louis C. Holman, Xi ex-'33; Second Vice-President, David S. Kusanobu, Rho '32; Recording Secretary, N. Ellsworth Wheaton, Rho '33; Corresponding Secretary, William J. Opdyke, Alpha '27; and Treasurer, Kenneth A. MacFadyen, Alpha '30. A smoker in honor of the officers of all the chapters in the metropolitan district was planned for the February meeting.

The February meeting produced the largest attendance on record. Over 35 alumni attended and the number was swelled by several undergraduates from Alpha Chapter who were guests for the evening (even though the meeting was held in their own house) and who were introduced to the alumni and shared in the refreshments after the business meeting was over. Although the Alpha men were the only undergraduates to attend the smoker we will keep on trying and hope to impress the other metropolitan chapters with the fact that there really is an active alumni chapter functioning in their vicinity.

The first large-scale event to be conducted by the chapter is a formal St. Patrick's Dance which will be held at the Maplewood Tennis Club on Saturday evening, March 17. Advance returns promise an unusually large attendance and it is hoped that this will become an annual affair.

We were glad of the opportunity to submit a chapter letter to THE ALPHA and to keep the fraternity at large informed of our activities.

N. ELLSWORTH WHEATON, *Rho '33, Secretary*

Chapter News

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and more aware of the true Alpha Kappa Pi spirit. Brother Cody returned full of enthusiasm and fraternal spirit, and his reports have added to our determination to press on. By the way, Psi is extremely proud of the excellent manner in which Cody represented our chapter at West Virginia Wesleyan.

As this is being written, rush week is just around the corner, but by the time of publication, Psi will have its quota of pledges. The Panhellenic designated February 21 to 26 as rushing period.

Since the January issue of THE ALPHA, we have initiated into our brotherhood, Woody Burton, Bill Lowry and Zaner Post: Lowry and Post, members of our old local, were pledged and shortly received their formal. We have initiated five men since the school year began.

Brothers Bentfield and Lowry have moved into the house, making a total of thirteen men now liv-

ing at the house. Pledge Harry Spears, senior, who was married at the close of the first semester to Miss Goldie Crews, has dropped out of school and is living in Stotesbury, W.Va. Brother Bentfield acted as best man at the wedding ceremony.

Brothers Furbie, Howell and Rosselle are on the basketball traveling squad. Brother Furbie, has been acting in the capacity of captain as no captain is elected for the season. Brother Baughman has been the main cog in the offense of the powerful junior varsity team.

The activities of the chapter which have been hindered due to the delayed pledge-period will be resumed with an extra amount of energy at that time. Psi hopes to have much to report concerning new pledges and their activities by the next issue of THE ALPHA.

Psi wishes to congratulate the editors of THE ALPHA for the splendid January issue.

F. DICK HUDSON

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GOB HUMOR

"What shall I do?" said the sweet young thing.
 "I'm engaged to a man who says he just can't bear children."

"Well, my dear," said grandma, "you should not expect too much of a husband."—*From the Pearl Harbor Mokulele.*

Those who are quite satisfied sit still and do nothing; those who are not quite satisfied are the sole benefactors of the world.

W. S. LANDOR

The important thing in life is to have a great aim and to possess the aptitude and perseverance to attain it.

—GOETHE

Folks used to be willing to wait patiently for a slow-moving stage-coach, but now they kick like the dickens if they miss one revolution of a revolving door.

—ED WYNN

O. K. WITH HIM

An ambitious young man heard of the death of the junior partner of a big firm and lost no time getting to the office.

"How about my taking your late partner's place?" he asked the head of the concern.

"Excellent!" was the reply. "If you can fix it with the undertaker."

Tit-Bits

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'Tis with our judgments as our watches, none go just alike, yet each believes his own.

—POPE

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE

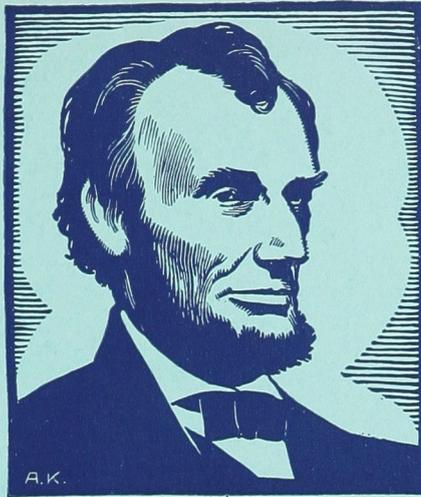
Teacher—"How many bones have you in your body?"

Willie—"Nine hundred."

Teacher—"That's a good many more than I have."

Willie—"Yeah, but I had sardines for lunch."

—*Traction Shop and Roadway*



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