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In Charleston W. Va. Aug. 28. 1906
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From Nov. 5. 1917 to July 22. 1923.

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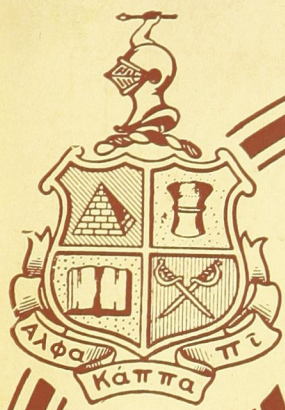
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By the way—

■ AS YOU OPEN this volume of THE ALPHA at the start of a new fraternity year you will be greeted with the account of the placing of our twenty-fifth chapter at a splendid old college, Franklin and Marshall, and at a splendid fraternity center. Only three colleges on our chapter roll, Columbia, Rutgers and Saint John's antedate the founding of Franklin and Marshall, then called Franklin College, in 1787. Those who attended the installation ceremonies were greeted by a group of gentlemen, loyal to their college and to their chapter, and a group which merits the coöperation and backing it enjoys from its alumni and the faculty. THE ALPHA welcomes Alpha Gamma chapter—a solid addition—and may she grow and prosper in Alpha Kappa Pi.

■ MANY SEVEN-POINTED STARS should be seen about the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City during the Christmas holidays. The convention, after the omission of the 1935 gathering, and staged in Alpha Kappa Pi's greatest alumni center, should be well attended. After all, she hasn't been on view *in toto* for two years, and the panorama should be enlightening.

■ This issue has been delayed more than a week by tardy chapter correspondents and still several are unheard from as we go to press. We again plead for promptness so we can meet publication dates and get this first number in the mails as soon after the colleges open as possible.

■ THOSE OF YOU who are interested in Americana will enjoy the history of the home recently acquired by Phi chapter at St. John's which is reported in this issue. Known as the Pinckney House, it dates back to 1718, is hoary with tradition, and can undoubtedly be correctly called the oldest fraternity house in North America.

■ WE RECOMMEND the Mu chapter letter in this issue for some contagious enthusiasm.

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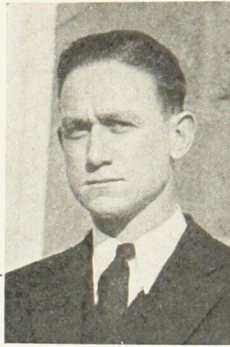
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A Few Words from the Grand President

¶ The college and fraternity year 1936-1937 opens with bright prospects for all. We, of Alpha Kappa Pi, are, and should be, particularly enthusiastic over the opportunities which this year holds for us. Let us all, undergraduates and alumni, turn this enthusiasm into kinetic energy, working for the improvement and betterment of our fraternity.

¶ To the undergraduate chapter I again emphasize the vast importance of coöperation among the brothers of the chapter, working together for the advancement of their chapter, and the coöperation of the chapter officers with the National Officers for the advancement of Alpha Kappa Pi as a National Fraternity. Through such coöperation we grow closer together, advance as a unit and are all benefited thereby.

¶ Our Alumni Chapter roll has grown and the interested brothers in these chapters will recognize the opportunity offered them to contact and help the undergraduate chapters located at near-by colleges, to encourage and aid them in starting the year in a fine and aggressive manner. Such interest evidenced by alumni brothers will be a source of pride and comfort to the undergraduate brother.

¶ Through our efforts as we strive together, undergraduates and alumni, may we come to realize more fully this year than ever before the true meaning of brotherhood, fellowship and companionship. May our vision be broader and our love for Alpha Kappa Pi be strengthened as never before.

DAVID S. BLANKENSHIP,
Grand President, Alpha Kappa Pi



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New Chapter Placed at Franklin and Marshall College

College Prepares for 150th Anniversary
Alpha Gamma Chapter Installed In September

Franklin and Marshall College

By DR. H. M. J. KLEIN

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE will celebrate its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary during the year 1937. The beginning of the college is associated, through one of its sources, with the period and with some of the leaders of the national Constitutional Convention of 1787 which resulted in the establishment of the American system of government in our Republic.

On December 11, 1786, a petition was presented to the Representatives of the Free-men of Pennsylvania in General Assembly, requesting a charter of incorporation, conferring such powers and privileges as are usually given to colleges. The motive which impelled the petitioners was "the conviction of the necessity of diffusing knowledge through every part of the State, in order to preserve our present republican system of government, as well as to promote those improvements in the arts and sciences which alone render nations respectable, great and happy."

Accompanying the petition was a general plan in which it was stated that the college was to be located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania,

because of "its central and healthy location, the character of its inhabitants and the conveniences with which students may be accommodated." In 1786 the borough of Lancaster was the largest inland town in the United States.

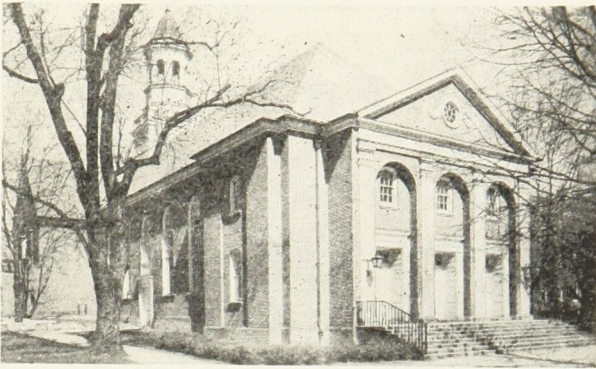
After proposing that the institution be governed by forty trustees, the petitioners concluded their plan with the suggestion that the institution shall be named Franklin College, "from a profound respect for the talents, virtues and services to mankind in general but more especially to this country, of his excellency Benjamin Franklin, President of the Supreme Executive Council."

Benjamin Franklin took a profound interest in the institution that was to bear his name. His signature appears at the head of the list of contributors to the college with a gift of two hundred pounds. He is in a real sense the founder and patron of this third oldest college in Pennsylvania which is at the same time one of the first fifteen colleges in the United States. According to all available evidence, Benjamin Franklin was personally present in the year 1787 on the occasion which was known as the "laying of the cornerstone" of Franklin College.

The charter of Franklin College was

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granted by the Legislature of Pennsylvania on March 10, 1787. In the preamble to the act of incorporation of Franklin College, the purpose of the proposed college was to join together in intimate connection "the principles of the Christian religion and our republican form of government." The formal opening of the institution was held on June 6, 1787.

The Board of Trustees, which held its first meeting on June 5, 1787, included the names of four signers of the Declaration of Independence, viz: Benjamin Rush, Thomas McKean, George Clymer, Robert Morris; of seven officers of the American Revolution, viz: Peter Muhlenberg, Thomas Mifflin, Daniel and Joseph Hiester, Stephen Chambers, Lewis Farmer and Christopher Crawford; of three men who became governors of Pennsylvania, viz: Thomas Mifflin, Thomas McKean and Joseph Hiester; together with a number of other men eminent in the affairs of Church and State in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

The first President of Franklin College was Dr. G. H. E. Muhlenberg, eminent as churchman and scientist. Concerning the faculty associated with him, Dr. Benjamin Rush wrote in an article published in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of June 28, 1787: "A cluster of more learned or better qualified masters, I believe, have not met in any university." In any record of the history of higher education in

early American life, the establishment of Franklin College has a recognized place.

The second source of Franklin and Marshall College came into existence half a century later than the first. One hundred years ago Marshall College was founded at Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

The chief interest of the founders of Franklin College lay in the maintenance of the State and the development of science. The founders of Marshall College were concerned primarily with the preparation of youth

for the service of the Church. Its emphasis lay in the mental, moral and religious sciences.

The Reformed Church in the United States opened a Theological Seminary at Carlisle, Pa., on March 11, 1825, and located it in York, Pa., in 1829. The necessity for a preparatory course of study for students for the ministry brought into existence the Classical High School of York, Pa., in 1831. The removal of this school to Mercersburg, Pa., prepared the way for the organization of Marshall College.

On March 31, 1836, the charter of Marshall College was approved by the authorities of the State "for the education of youth in the learned languages, the arts, sciences and useful literature"; and further it stated that "in testimony of respect for the exalted character, great worth, and high mental attainments of the late John Marshall, Chief Justice



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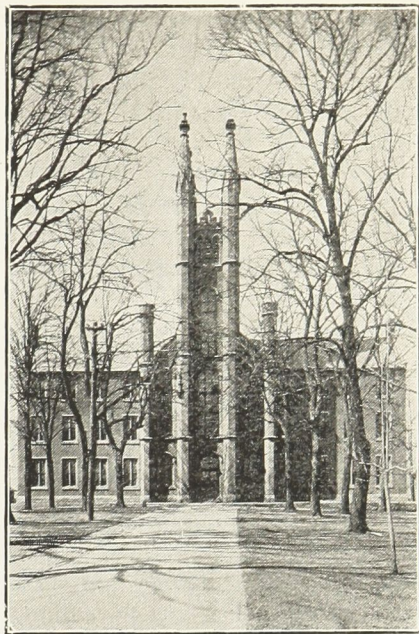
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of the United States, the said college shall hereafter be called and known by the name of Marshall College, at Mercersburg."

The liberal spirit of the college was made manifest in Section 8 of the Charter which stated that "persons of every religious denomination shall be capable of being elected trustees, nor shall any person, either as principal, professor, tutor or pupil, be refused admittance into said college, or denied any of the privileges, immunities or advantages thereof, for, or on account of his sentiments in matters of religion."

For seventeen years, Marshall College maintained its identity, and made its influence widely and deeply felt in the life and thought of the nation and of the Church. Its first president was Dr. Frederick A. Rauch, a brilliant young professor from Heidelberg University. With him were associated, Dr. Philip Schaff, one of the most promising young lecturers in the University of Berlin, whose influence in Church History has been widely recognized; Dr. John Williamson Nevin, of international renown in theology and philosophy; and other teachers of similar worth who



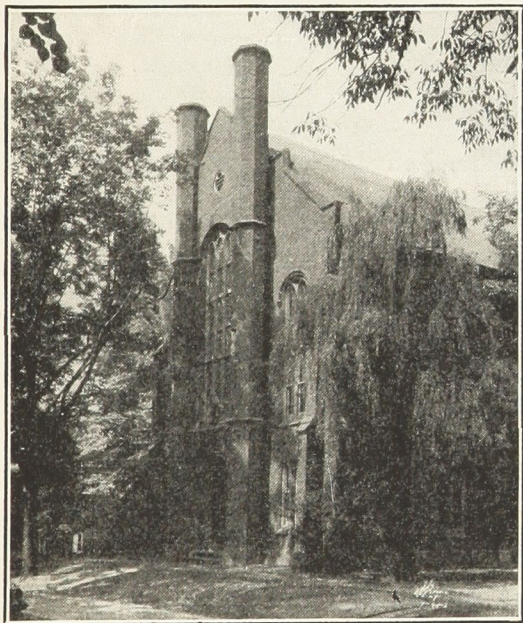
OLD MAIN, WITH ITS LOFTY TOWER,
WAS BUILT IN 1856

made Marshall College known far and wide for its Christian faith, sound scholarship and nobleness of spiritual life.

James Buchanan, later the Fifteenth President of the United States, was chosen in 1853 as the first president of the Board of Trustees of the united college, when Franklin College of Lancaster, Pa., and Marshall College of Mercersburg, Pa., were consolidated into one institution, "under the corporate name and title of Franklin and Marshall College, to be located in the city of Lancaster, Pa., or in its immediate vicinity."

On May 16, 1856, "Old Main," with its lofty tower, was formally dedicated, the address being delivered by Dr. E. V. Gerhart, the first president of the united college. On July 20, 1856, the corner stones of the two Literary Society buildings were laid, and the Halls of both Societies were dedicated during July, 1857.

On July 23, 1866, Dr. John Williamson Nevin accepted the presidency of the college and shaped its policy with particular emphasis on the idea of liberal culture. On June 27, 1877, the Board of Trustees elected Dr. Thomas Gilmore Apple as president. During this period the college maintained its high



GOETHEAN LITERARY SOCIETY BUILDING

This society was founded over one hundred years ago and was the first society in honor of Germany's great poet and philosopher. More than three thousand Goethe societies have sprung up since.

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rank. It adapted its curriculum to the changing conditions but did not depart from the educational ideals which had been its heritage from the days of Franklin and the days of Marshall.

At the Commencement, June, 1887, the Centennial of the founding of Franklin College was celebrated in a manner befitting the event. The sons and friends of Franklin and Marshall came to do her honor and gloried in her history of one hundred years. The beginning of the second century in the life of the College marked a new and advanced step in its history.

In 1889, Dr. John Summers Stahr was appointed president of the college, and in 1894, George F. Baer became president of the Board of Trustees. During the next two decades the college maintained its strong position in the liberal arts and made great advancement in the field of science. Dr. Stahr was a scientist of rare ability and with the assistance of Dr. Richard C. Schiedt, whose training in chemistry and biology in the Universities of Erlangen and Berlin had given him an early insight into the possibilities of the new methods of scientific study, a Science building was erected and equipped. This building is fittingly known today as "Stahr Hall."

In 1896-97, a Library building was erected through the generosity of General J. Watts de Peyster of Tivoli, N.Y.

In 1903, the Fiftieth Anniversary of the union of the two institutions was celebrated in a Jubilee during the June Commencement. The Commemoration Ode for the occasion was written by Lloyd Mifflin and was read by Dr. George F. Mull.

The educational policy of the college during the twenty years of Dr. Stahr's administration, as expressed in his own words, was "to furnish the mind with knowledge, discipline and culture, to exalt and glorify every power of body and soul so that a man may use every talent to the best advantage and make everything tributary to the perfection of his own being and the advancement of the race; to make the educated man and to impart that indefinable something, which is the mark both of strength and of enlarged freedom of soul."

In January, 1910, Dr. Henry Harbaugh Apple officially began a quarter century of service as president of the college. He began what might be termed, a new era of expansion for the institution. He maintained, so far as conditions would permit, the best traditions of the earlier life of the college but frankly and fearlessly faced the new era of reconstruction, adjusting the institution to the rapidly shifting educational conditions with a view to increasing the efficiency and usefulness of the college to an ever-increasing number of students.

Under the leadership of George F. Baer, William Uhler Hensel, and B. F. Fackenthal, Jr., as presidents of the Board of Trustees, and their loyal colleagues in the Board, together with the support of the Alumni, and patrons of the college, Dr. Apple was enabled to inaugurate a remarkable period of growth for the institution. Seven new buildings were erected and two residences purchased, the faculty was trebled, the enrollment of students was greatly increased, the endowment was enlarged, and the college campus was transformed.

Hensel Hall, a handsome auditorium seating a thousand persons, was dedicated in 1927 in honor of William Uhler Hensel '70, president of the Board of Trustees at the time of his death in 1915. The Biesecker Gymnasium was the gift of Fred. W. Biesecker, Esq., Somerset, Pa., vice-president of the Board. The Dietz-Santee dormitory was the gift of Miss Mary Santee of Philadelphia, Pa., and the Franklin-Meyran dormitory was presented to the college by L. A. Meyran of Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of the Board of Trustees, and by the citizens of Lancaster, Pa.

The Fackenthal Laboratories, dedicated in 1929, were the munificent gift of B. F. Fackenthal, Jr., president of the Board of Trustees. This building of Georgian Colonial design is completely equipped with modern appliances for thorough and exact work in biology and chemistry. To his many generous gifts to the college, Dr. Fackenthal later added a handsome swimming pool in a building adjoining the gymnasium.

In the past quarter century the inner efficiency of the college kept pace with its ma-

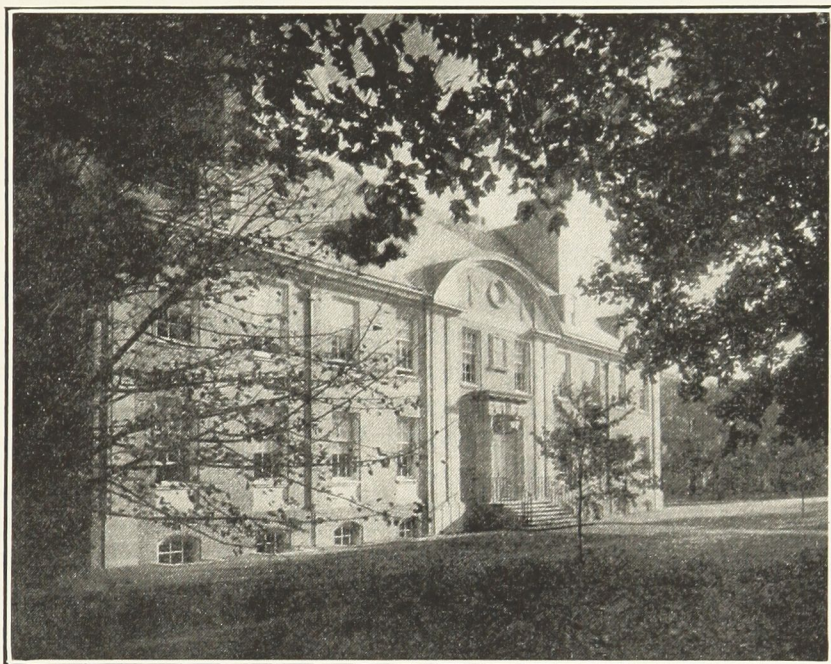
terial development. A number of new departments were added, student activities were carefully supervised and a close relationship between student and professor was maintained.

With the inauguration of Dr. John Ahlum Schaeffer as president of the college, on December 6, 1935, a new chapter in the history of Franklin and Marshall College was opened.

the fundamental principle in education which requires a sound foundation before the building of the superstructure.

"When I stress the need for a college education based on sound fundamentals I do not forget or neglect the need of a sound spiritual training and foundation, the most important part of a well-rounded life."

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In his inaugural address, Dr. Schaeffer stated the present purpose and future aim of Franklin and Marshall College as he conceives it, in these words: "To my mind Franklin and Marshall College must continue to give a broad cultural training to those who are desirous of entering the professions, research or specialized work. At the same time it must offer such educational advantages that those who do not pursue their collegiate work further can properly fulfil their functions as citizens. It must also be prepared to guide the youth of the land in such a way that one entering college with no specific goal for his future can early in his course determine the path he shall follow. We must still adhere to

education, with its present fine equipment and enlarged facilities does this colonial college seek to remain true to its heritage and adapt itself to new and changing conditions as it is preparing to celebrate within a year, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of one of its sources, Franklin College, and the one hundredth anniversary of the origin of Marshall College.

To all students of Franklin and Marshall College, new and old, this historic tradition is a challenge to face the future in the spirit of *noblesse oblige*. For, the past is important only as it guides the present and influences the future. After one hundred and fifty years Franklin and Marshall College will continue

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to prove its vitality in its ability to adapt itself to the needs of the next generation.



LEROY C. BRUMBAUGH, *Alpha Gamma*
'32. PRESIDENT OF THE ALPHA GAMMA
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History of Alpha Gamma Chapter

By LEROY C. BRUMBAUGH, *Alpha Gamma*
'32, and WALTER P. HAUN,
Alpha Gamma '38

■ "FRIENDSHIP IS NATURAL TO MAN. To gather together in select groups, inspired by the same ideals, would seem to be an instinct of the human race; and we of the Torch Club were and are guided by the same instinct"—such are the words taken from one of the early records of the Torch Club. On November 13, 1927 a small group of F. and M. students met in the rooms of one of their number and talked over the possibility of uniting themselves into a club or organization. They did not speak of it as a fraternity, but rather as a club because they decided that their organization was to be something distinctly different from any of the existing fraternities on the campus. The aim of the founders, as stated in the minutes of the initial meeting, was to form a social center for

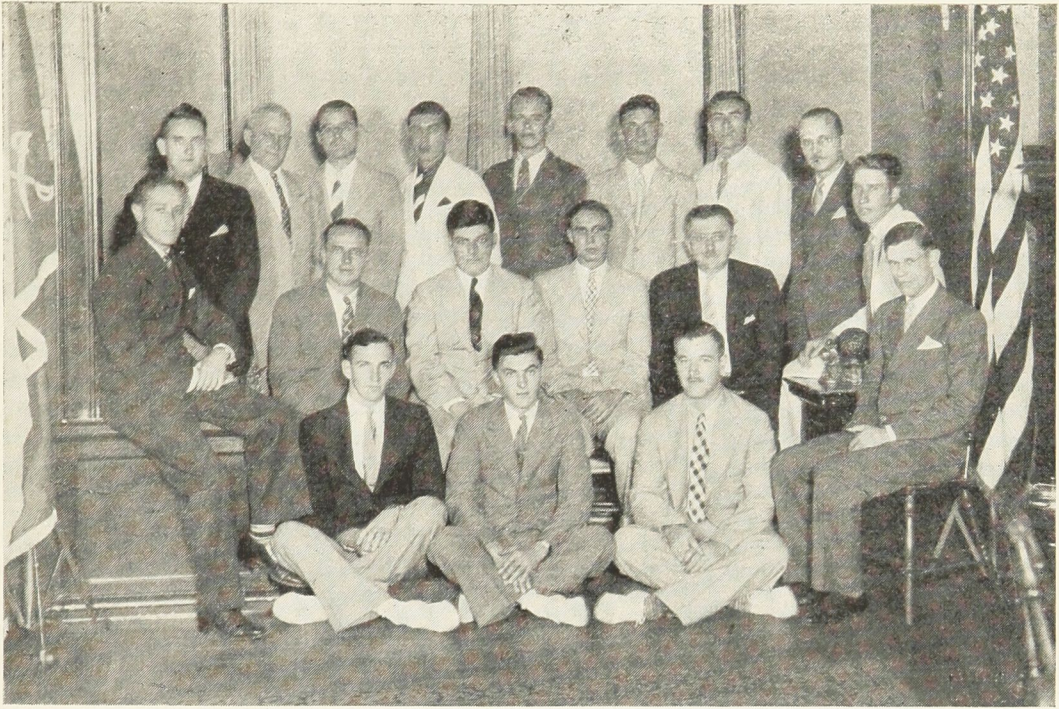
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the members, and they set their policy in direct opposition to the "campus politics" practiced by many of the fraternities.

The Torch Club was formed, the torch chosen as its emblem of idealism, and its period of infancy was entered upon. At first, the meetings were held in the rooms of one of the members but soon a house was rented. Here meetings were held, dances sponsored, initiations carried out, and in every way the Torch Club became a vital part of the organization system of the college. It was not long before her members were holding down some of the most important positions on the campus. Before the end of the first year she had four members on the Student Senate, the student governing body of the campus, including the Vice-President and the Secretary. Thus the Torch Club closed her first period of "lusty infancy," a stable club, socially successful and a new power to be reckoned with in campus affairs.

In the fall of 1928 the Torch Club opened her second year of existence. The rushing season was held at once and a goodly number were won to the ideals of the Torch. As the year went on others were added until a large, substantial and congenial group of men presented themselves upon the campus. The members of the Torch Club found their way into the various organizations of the campus and became active in many and varied fields. Until this time F. and M. had been without a swimming team, but due to the efforts of one of the members of the Torch Club such a team was organized and went forth to win new athletic honors for the college. Other members were elected to the Student Senate; the Green Room Club, the college dramatic society; the Band and numerous other organizations. Yet through these many and varied interests, the purpose for which the men came to college was not forgotten, and when the grades were published by the Dean's office, the Torch Club was in first place.

The members of the club now realized that they had reached a state of maturity, which on the basis of their records, made it possible and advisable to unite themselves with a larger organization. In the spring of 1928 the



ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER AND MEMBERS OF THE INSTALLATION TEAM

Front row, left to right: LeVan '38; Long '38; J. C. Ruth '37.

Second row: Kramer, Rho '31, Editor "Alpha"; Taylor, Tau '26, Trustee; Maginnis '38; Sprecher '37; Grand Second Vice President Fraim; Graham, Delta '32; Grand Treasurer Krebs.

Third row: Brumbaugh '32; Fraternity Adviser Wilson; Prof. Anstaett, Faculty Adviser; Kalaman '37; Zulick '38; Hegedus '38; Haun '38; Jahn, Omicron '23, Beta Province Chief.

club seriously considered amalgamating with the Star Club of Gettysburg College and forming a national organization. However, the move failed and the Torch Club maintained its independence. During the first year of its existence two members of the faculty were initiated into the club, Professor Fred S. Foster and Professor Herbert B. Anstaett. Professor Anstaett came to Franklin and Marshall as college librarian from Miami University and was made faculty adviser to the Torch Club. On his own campus he had been one of the founders of the Sigma Delta Rho Fraternity. As a result of this relationship the Torch Club successfully petitioned the Sigma Delta Rho Fraternity for a charter.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, the Torch Club of Franklin and Marshall College was installed as the Eta Chapter of the Sigma Delta Rho Fraternity. The internal growth and development of the chapter was somewhat the

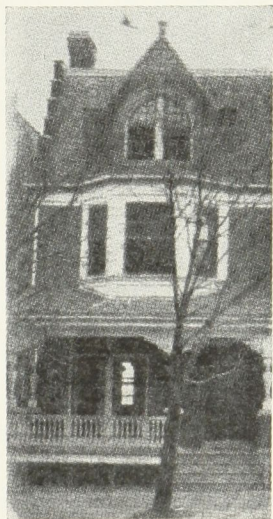
same as that of any other chapter of a national fraternity. At the time of initiation in the spring of 1929, it was the hope of every member that before many years the chapter would have a home of its own instead of having to rent a home. This dream was realized the following spring when arrangements were made to purchase a house near the college. Life within the group continued, with the members affiliating themselves with the various organizations on the campus.

The chapter continued its successful existence, specializing in Phi Beta Kappa men. In the winter of 1933-34, at the suggestion of Professor H. M. Fry and Dr. H. M. J. Klein of the F. and M. faculty, the chapter considered taking the only local fraternity on the campus, known as Alpha Pi, under its wing. This was done and on February 3, 1934, the chapter completed the merger and moved into the former Alpha Pi house at

554 W. James St., at which place the chapter is now located.

Exclusive of the semester just past, Sigma Delta Rho ranked highest in scholastic average among the fraternities at F. and M. in eight of nine consecutive semesters, winning two loving cups and gaining two legs on a third.

During the school year of 1935-36, the



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GAMMA CHAPTER

national organization of Sigma Delta Rho crumbled, caused by the existent business conditions, and lost eight of its ten chapters. Only the Alpha chapter at Miami and Eta at F. and M. remained. Through the efforts of LeRoy C. Brumbaugh, Eta chapter received permission to secure other national affiliations. Brumbaugh was contacted by Dr. Albert H. Wilson of Alpha Kappa Pi and negotiations were carried on during the early part of 1936, featured by a visit to the chapter house by Dr. Wilson.

It was decided in meeting on April 20, 1936 to petition the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity for membership, and the petition was dispatched to the various chapters on May 6. In August, President O. Daniel Sprecher was informed of the acceptance of the petition by Alpha Kappa Pi. The initiation and installation ceremonies were conducted in the

fraternity house on September 11 and 12 by the national team, headed by Parke B. Fraim, official installing officer.

Installation Program

ALPHA KAPPA PI installed its twenty-fifth chapter when the Sigma Delta Rho fraternity at Franklin and Marshall College, formerly the Eta chapter of that national fraternity, was formally installed and presented with its charter as the Alpha Gamma Chapter on September 11 and 12, 1936. This is the third chapter in the old State of Pennsylvania and will take its place in promoting Alpha Kappa Pi along with the splendid chapters at Lehigh and Penn State.

The new chapter is located on the edge of the campus in the City of Lancaster, a municipality of 60,000 inhabitants. Lancaster is the county seat of "the garden spot of the United States" and as such has been a center for alumni of Alpha Kappa Pi living in that vicinity. The new chapter starts its life in Alpha Kappa Pi surrounded with a nucleus of Alpha Kappa Pi alumni who welcome an undergraduate chapter near at hand, and who, by their presence and enthusiasm at the installation ceremonies, will prove a great source of strength to the new chapter.

The formal initiation of the members of the new chapter was held at the chapter house on Friday evening. The installation team arrived on Friday afternoon and was headed as usual by Grand Second Vice President Parke B. Fraim. The team designated by the Executive Council consisted of Beta Province Chief Albert G. Jahn, Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, ALPHA Editor C. Russell Kramer, and Clifford T. Graham, *Delta* '32. The team was ably assisted by Fraternity Adviser Albert H. Wilson, Trustee Arba S. Taylor, John F. Horting, *Omicron* '17, William J. Robinson, Jr., *Omicron* '35, and Lloyd H. Heckendorn, *Omicron* '37.

On Saturday morning the visiting brothers were conducted on a tour of the Franklin and Marshall campus, which consists of fifty-eight acres on which nineteen buildings

are conveniently grouped. The tour also covered points of interest, both historical and industrial, in Lancaster County. One of the high spots was a visit to Wheatland, the home of James Buchanan, the Fifteenth President of the United States.

On Saturday afternoon the first meeting of Alpha Gamma Chapter was held and the officers of the chapter were inducted into office. O. Daniel Sprecher was presented with the rosewood gavel as the first President of Alpha Gamma. The organization of the national fraternity and the tie-up of the new chapter and its place in the national order were explained by Grand Second Vice President Fraim.

A banquet at the chapter house on Saturday evening brought the induction ceremonies to a close. O. Daniel Sprecher, chapter president, presided. Confidence in the future of the new chapter, both on the Franklin and Marshall campus and in its new relationship with Alpha Kappa Pi, was expressed in speeches by Dr. Horace R. Barnes, head of the Department of Business Administration at Franklin and Marshall and faculty adviser to the local interfraternity council; by Professor Howard M. Fry, Professor of Physics and Electricity and great friend of Alpha Gamma Chapter; and by our own Brother Fraim who spoke on behalf of the national organization. LeRoy C. Brumbaugh, *Alpha Gamma* '32, president of the chapter's alumni association, and the man whose energy and inspiration had so much to do with the successful petitioning of the

group, spoke on behalf of the alumni and outlined the plans for the early initiation of the rest of the alumni of the local chapter. John F. Horting, *Omicron* '17, on behalf of Omicron Chapter at Penn State, presented the chapter with a bronze doorplate which is a replica of the one on the portal of Omicron Chapter. Professor Herbert B. Anstaett, faculty adviser to the chapter, was a guest at the banquet.

During the week-end Joseph A. Benner, *Omicron* '35; Rev. R. Frank Herr, *Beta* '28, pastor of the Ascension Lutheran Church in Lancaster; and a delegation from Nu Chapter, headed by Chapter President Warren W. Hill, *Nu* '37, visited the chapter house and welcomed the new group into Alpha Kappa Pi.

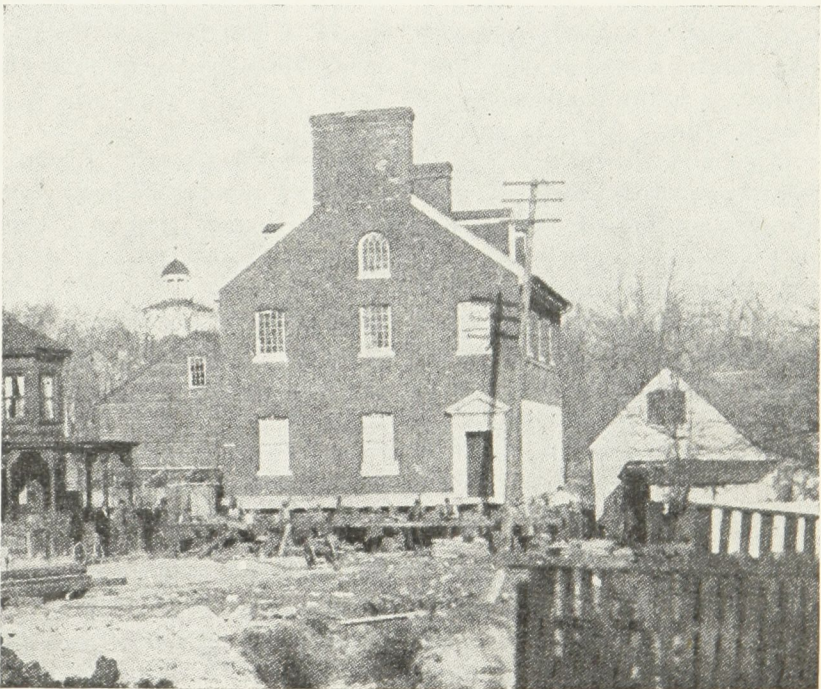
The names of the charter members of Alpha Gamma Chapter follow:

Undergraduates: Francis J. Kalaman '37, Cleveland, Ohio; Jacob C. Ruth '37, Wyomissing, Pa.; O. Daniel Sprecher '37, Hagerstown, Md.; Walter P. Haun '38, Lancaster, Pa.; Bela J. Hegedus '38, Belmont, Ohio; James O. LeVan '38, Summit Hill, Pa.; C. Glenn Long '38, Spring Mills, Pa.; Robert W. Maginnis '38, South Orange, N.J.; Lin B. Zulick, Jr. '38, Orwigsburg, Pa.; John F. Ruth '39, Wyomissing, Pa.

Alumni: LeRoy C. Brumbaugh '32, Altoona, Pa.; Charles H. Davenport '29, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ewald R. A. Kalthoff, Jr. '36, Philadelphia, Pa.; William M. Kummer '36, Lancaster, Pa.; C. Richard Sheeley '33, Harrisburg, Pa.



HISTORIC NEW HOME OF PHI CHAPTER AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE



PHI CHAPTER HOUSE, IN 1901, AS IT WAS BEING MOVED TO ITS PRESENT SITE

St. John's Chapter Moves into Historic Pinckney Home

Reputed To Be Oldest Fraternity House in Nation

By William E. Nielsen, *Phi '37*

■ THE NEW HOME of Phi Chapter at St. John's College in colonial Annapolis, Maryland, is reputed to be over 216 years old. The house was built about 1718 on the corner of College Avenue and Bladen Street by John Carpenter. A year later he bought a narrow strip of land along the edge of his property. This was to enable him to walk around his home as the house had completely filled his former holding of land. It is from the date of this latter purchase that the age of the house is computed for there is a record of a house being built by Carpenter and there is no later record of construction on that plot.

In 1727 the house was willed to Carpenter's son William. The house then came into possession of John Callahan in 1784. This is the earliest record of actual mention of the house that we have today. Callahan sold the house to William Pinckney in 1840 and it is from this party that the house gets its name.

William Pinckney was the designer of the Declaration of War in 1812. He later became Attorney General of the United States. He was elected to the office of United States Senator and later appointed Minister to England. After this date there is again a lapse of records as to ownership, although we know that it was owned for a long period of time by Pinckney's daughter.

The next time that the house again gained prominence was about 1901 when the house as a whole was moved from Bladen Street to its present site on St. John's Street. The total distance the house was moved was about three city blocks. After this it was bought by a Mrs. Davis who is alive today. She put an addition on the rear about 1915. The house now stands as it was in that year.

St. John's College bought the house on September 1, 1928 when it was buying several old colonial houses in Annapolis. At one time the College had about six of these houses among which were the Chase House, Brice House, Hammond-Harwood House, and the original Governor's mansion which is today the Administrative office of the College.

The house, from the exterior, is a perfect example of the architecture of the pre-Revolutionary period. The richness of the color of the brick, the simple and beautiful entrance, and the pleasant arrangement of the windows exemplifies the period.

Phi moved into the house in September, 1936. All fraternity houses at St. John's are owned and heated by the College. The house was occupied last year by a local fraternity that has since disbanded. On the lower floor there are two large connected social rooms with a smaller social room and a ping-pong room adjoining. The latter room is one of the most popular in the house. At the extreme rear of the ground floor there is one bedroom with private bath and a guest wash room. The second and third floors contain the residence and study rooms, some doubles and some singles. There is a total of six baths in the house so that there is never more than four men to a bath.

Phi Chapter is now housing thirteen men very commodiously. Our chapter room is one of the large social rooms which can be easily shut off from the others by large doors.

Phi's new home is the oldest fraternity house in the country and is generally conceded to be the best on the campus. May we ask all the brothers to consider Phi Chapter their home while in Annapolis or its vicinity.

Historian Trophy Goes to Psi Chapter

Chapter at West Virginia Wesleyan First Winner of Award

■ THE HISTORIAN TROPHY, awarded to the chapter in Zeta Province which has submitted the best letters to THE ALPHA for the school year, goes to Psi Chapter at West Virginia Wesleyan on the basis of the chapter letters submitted last year. This trophy was

last year, but the chapter was considered in the contest on the basis of the three letters submitted. Inasmuch as the award was announced last May, no record was kept of those chapters which failed to make the deadline for each issue. Such a record will be kept this year. Historians, beware!

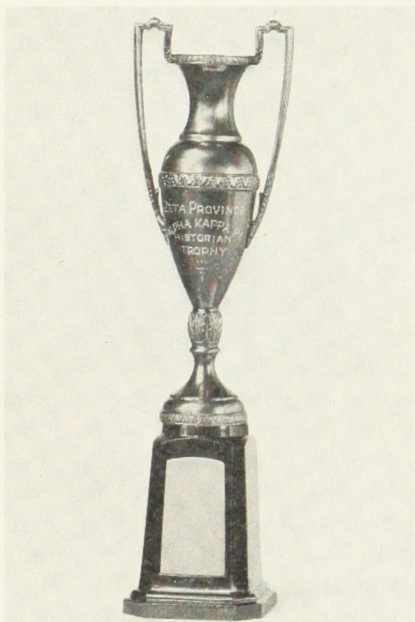
Psi was rated first with Lambda a very close second. Psi Chapter was probably the most coöperative chapter in the entire fraternity last year in furnishing news and pictures to THE ALPHA. They have lots to say, say it well, and have a keen eye to publicity. A good chapter produces good historians. A word of praise for the men who interpreted Psi Chapter to the rest of the fraternity last year—James A. Walker, Historian, and J. Brunson Williams who submitted the March copy. Our congratulations to you both!

In reviewing the chapter letters for the purpose of making this award we were impressed with several items of especial news value. Psi Chapter graduated the last of its charter members last June. The chapter is growing old in Alpha Kappa Pi. The chapter also had a venison dinner as a result of one of the good brothers' hunting expedition to Wyoming during the summer recess. One of the members of Lambda Chapter, an amateur radio operator with his station in the chapter house at Bethany, was the only one in the town able to reach the outer world from Bethany for one night during the floods of last spring. The members of the chapter were also active in relief work. Lambda, the song bird chapter, during the last year compiled a chapter song book and instituted the custom of singing Christmas carols from the tower at Bethany College.

For the benefit of the new chapter historians in Zeta Province herein are listed the points upon which the award is based. Other chapter historians may well copy for improved chapter letters.

1. PROMPTNESS

Any chapter failing to meet a deadline will



PSI CHAPTER IS FIRST WINNER
OF THIS TROPHY

presented last May by Zeta Province Chief Jackson W. Rafeld. Coincidentally, his own chapter is the first winner.

The chapters eligible for the award are Iota at Mount Union, Lambda at Bethany, Mu at Marshall, Psi, and Alpha Beta at Tri-State. The chapter letters are judged by THE ALPHA Staff on the following requirements: promptness, news, coöperation and literary style. Any chapter failing to submit a letter for an issue or sending in copy after the deadline is automatically eliminated. Mu Chapter was eliminated from final consideration because of its omission from several issues. Alpha Beta was represented in only three issues, being installed too late in the year to be included in the first number of

automatically eliminate its chances for the cup that year.

2. NEWS VALUE

The general interest of the chapter news letter to the readers of THE ALPHA.

3. SPIRIT OF COÖPERATION

Furnishing of numerous cuts, photos, and other matter for publication.

4. LITERARY STYLE

Interesting, original, well written (double space typed copy) and requiring a minimum of editing before publication.

Help Wanted to Spend \$7,000,000,000

Reprinted from "Scribner's," October, 1936

- SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS—our tax bill for one year!

As prosperity returns, the national budget may shrink a bit. But there is no reason to believe it will ever shrivel to horse-and-buggy proportions.

Isn't it time, then, for the citizens of this country to face a national problem which is becoming increasingly vital each day?

As the government takes more and more of the income from Capital and Labor, it is becoming more and more essential that better and better young men and women are trained for public careers and service to control this enormous expenditure of the public's money.

As late as 1928 it didn't seem to matter much. With business booming, youth of the finer metal prepared itself on the corporate pattern, and public service was left to the ambitious politician and ward heeler.

The depression altered the picture.

It wiped jobs out of the business structure by the thousands, but it re-created many of them in Federal, state, county and municipal offices and bureaus.

It painted on a new canvas a new conception of how vital is the need for the highest type of young men and women to prepare themselves for careers of public service—to learn to guide with intelligence and honesty every expenditure of tax monies.

In the seven deflated years since 1929,

fourteen million young men and women have cut their wisdom teeth. Schooled in the finest traditions of America, they were dumped into a world that had no place for them, into an economic structure that had failed them in failing itself.

Shaken and stripped of ideals, skeptical of big business and politics, waiting for something to happen—they have *been* called the Lost Generation.

But are they lost? Give these young men and women a torch to carry and a leader to follow, give them the hope of a new pattern of life and they will blaze the way to a better government, to a saner, more efficient administration.

Give them help in urging high schools, colleges and universities to build complete courses in public administration.

Give them assurance that vigilance will be kept on Capitol Hill to expose raids on the Civil Service.

The National Civil Service Reform League is the organization which is working to accomplish these objectives.

We believe that the League holds greater promise for the futures of young men and women than any other organization in history. Founded in 1881, it is non-partisan, non-profit making. Its principles are rooted in the very heart of Democracy. Its objective is to take politics out of public service and public careers in Federal, state, county and city administration.

The League and its work is gathering momentum daily. Thousands of individuals have contributed their influence, time and money. But its ultimate success depends upon new members and supporters in the cause.

If you are interested to know more about the League and its work, if you would like to acquaint yourself with the plans it has for helping worthy young men and women build honorable careers in public service, for protecting your tax and capital investments in years to come, why not drop a line to Robert Johnson, the League's President, and tell him so? He'll be genuinely glad to receive your letter at the National Civil Service Reform League, 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

1936 Convention at New York City On December, 28, 29 and 30

Hotel Pennsylvania Selected as Headquarters

- FATHER KNICKERBOCKER will be host to Alpha Kappa Pi when the Tenth Grand Chapter meets on December 28, 29 and 30, meeting the largest and most enthusiastic gathering in our history. This meeting will mark the first assemblage in two years, and



WILL YOU BE AT THE HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA, NEW YORK CITY, ON
DECEMBER 28, 29 AND 30?

1936. New York City has been selected as the site of the 1936 Convention by the Convention Committee, which plans to make this

it is the first time in our history that we gather after a two year interim. Heretofore, the conventions were conducted annually.

*Send to Hotel
Pennsylvania,
N.Y.C.
Mr. Rube Levy,*

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Three undergraduate chapters and four alumni chapters will be represented for the first time. Since the Ninth Grand Chapter meeting in 1934, Alpha Alpha at Hartwick College, Alpha Beta at Tri-State College, and Alpha Gamma at Franklin and Marshall College have been added to the undergraduate chapter roll. Likewise, the Baltimore, Boston, Staten Island and Ohio Zeta Alumni Chapters have been organized and chartered since the last meeting. With these new centers of Alpha Kappa Pi interest, the two year interim, and the program which has been arranged, this convention promises to be worth your attendance if you would desire to keep pace with the growth, organization and future plans of your fraternity.

The Hotel Pennsylvania has been selected as the convention headquarters. Centrally located, just across the street from the Pennsylvania Station, adjacent to the theatre and business centers, all official delegates will be registered there, and all meetings and the convention banquet will be held in rooms specially reserved for the use of the fraternity.

A reception committee will be on duty at all times and the program committee has several features under consideration, in addition to the regular convention program, one of which will undoubtedly be a trip to one of the major broadcasts.

All chapters, alumni as well as undergraduate, are urged to send as many representatives to the convention, in addition to their accredited delegates, as possible. Meeting with delegates from fourteen different states, and from chapters, some of which have the same problems, and some of which are organized on an entirely different plan, furnishes an understanding of the fraternity and its problems and successes which no other experience can give.

The Convention Committee is placing special emphasis on the banquet to be held on Wednesday evening, the closing feature of the conclave. It is hoped to make this the greatest gathering of Alpha Kappa PIs under one roof in our history. Tickets will be sent to all alumni in the metropolitan area. Chapters are urged to have all members who

will be near New York during the Christmas holidays to place the date at once on their holiday schedules.

What will the convention cost? Special rates have been secured from the hotel for all those who wish to attend the convention or any part of the program. Room rates at the hotel are as follows: single, \$3.50; double, \$5.00; and three in a room, \$2.00 per person. All rooms are equipped with baths and showers. Meals can be obtained at the hotel or elsewhere at the usual rates. The banquet tickets are \$2.00 and include all incidentals.

THE CONVENTION PROGRAM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 8 P.M. Executive Council Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 10 P.M. Executive Council Meeting with Province Chiefs
- 2 P.M. Grand Chapter called to order
- 8 P.M. Performance of Initiation ritual followed by smoker

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 10 A.M. Grand Chapter Meeting
- 2 P.M. Grand Chapter Meeting
- 7 P.M. Formal Convention Banquet

■ MIAMI UNIVERSITY, Ohio, the original home of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Tau and Sigma Delta Rho, loses one notch in the standing as one of the top flights in number of fraternities founded there since Sigma Delta Rho disbanded.

■ MANY OF THE ACTIVE CHAPTERS would not be in existence today were it not for the effective support of the alumni. More than one of our chapters has been revived by alumni support, and we will venture, all of them have been able to overcome difficulties only because of the alumni aid and encouragement. We repeat once again; the alumni of Acacia will help—but they must be requested to do so. The chapter which does not actively court alumni aid and advice is short-sighted indeed.—*The Triad* of Acacia.

Carries Uncensored News Story About Spanish Revolution

■ ACTING AS a messenger for a New York *Times* correspondent, Frank A. Osterlund, *Omicron '37*, president of the senior class at Penn State, conveyed one of the very few uncensored news stories on the Spanish situation to this country.

Osterlund, who was visiting his native land, Portugal, during the summer vacation, just returned to the United States in September.

While lunching with a business acquaintance of his father, Osterlund was introduced to the New York *Times* reporter. On learning that Osterlund was returning to the United States, the correspondent gave him the important dispatch. Previously, the reporter had failed to get the message through by wires throughout Europe.

Because of the Spanish crisis, it is practically impossible to get anything past the frontiers in that section. Osterlund related a story of how money was cleverly passed over the borders. A herd of bulls were starved for a long time and then put on a train that crossed the frontier. Gold was placed under the straw in the box cars. When officers attempted to search the train, the maddened bulls prevented them from even getting close.

The Spanish situation was directly responsible for the delay Osterlund had in returning to this country and Penn State. There are so many people trying to escape from the troubled zone that all boats are booked in advance. Most people pay fabulous sums just to procure tickets.

On the Portuguese side of the crisis, Osterlund described the crowded condition of his country. Spaniards keep coming into Portugal, selling their jewelry and other valuables in order to secure funds with which to live.

The Portuguese people welcome the Spaniards, for the most part. It seems that the greater number of the refugees are those who are neither Spanish rebels nor loyalists.

Osterlund tells the story of an American who was jailed and kept without food or communication for two days by Spaniards. It

seems that this American boy thought the Spanish custom of siestas rather humorous and at one time had imitated such by posing for a picture in a reclining position.

On crossing the border one day, the American was asked to show his passport. When he produced his wallet, the picture he had taken dropped out. The Spanish officials thought it a photograph of dead revolutionists and threw the American into the jail.

Rainy Days

By GEORGE EARLE OWEN
Grand Chaplain, Alpha Kappa Pi

I like rainy days
In many ways.
Sometimes they make me blue
But they make me glad too
So mostly I'm pleased
When it rains.

On rainy days
I can read and write,
And browse among my books.
Or near a cozy, comfy fire
I like to muse and meditate,
To plan and purpose for the morrow
To dream and sometimes doze.
And in a mellow mood
I like to rummage thru
Memory's halls
To recall the grace of days
That are dead
To re-build my dream castles
And drink the sweet nectar
From memory's goblets.

I like rainy nites, too,
When I can hear the
Drip, drip, drip of the damp
The gentle splash of rain water
As it trickles or pours
From roof and spouting.
I like to lie in bed
And indulge pleasant fancies
To be hushed by soft patter
Into semi-slumbers
Nor sleep, nor wake
But in between
In drowsy dreams
Be lulled to sleep
By the rhythm of the rain.

■ ALPHA LAMBDA TAU has placed a chapter at Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana, where Alpha Kappa Pi carries its Alpha Beta Chapter.



THE ADVISER'S CORNER

■ THERE ARE MEN in almost every fraternity who would like to make their fraternity over again, choke off certain chapters and charter others. These men have not apprehended true fraternalism—fraternities are not made, they grow. Their inner strength lies not in the list of colleges which make the sporting columns of the metropolitan journals, but in the regard and affection of men who feel that their fraternity was an inspiration and a help at an impressionable time of life. It matters not where these men find their way into the fraternity, at the big university or at the practically unheralded college. Just so there is in his heart and mind the undying loyalty to an ideal worth cherishing. Fraternity cannot be hot house forced in growth. Time and experience alone will bring the full fruition. If there are discontented souls in Alpha Kappa Pi then let us reflect on this thought of growth. Realize that the fraternity is all right and that the work of the individual is to see to it that he is worthy to wear its badge of membership. Growth and prestige, and even honor, will take care of their side of the picture. Guard well the vows that were individually taken.

■ THOUGH THE IDEA is not original it is worth while to consider the plan to fine those chapters which fail to have a letter in every issue of THE ALPHA. Other fraternities do it, and with good results. If this plan or some better one could be put into play one of the heaviest, and most unnecessary burdens would be lifted from the shoulders of the Editor of THE ALPHA. Think it over and report at the coming national convention.

■ EACH COLLEGIATE YEAR always lifts into special prominence some chapter accom-

plishment which means some Alpha Kappa Pi worth while achievement. Just to mention one or two of them for the year 1935-36 we point to the magnificent return of Gamma at the Stevens Institute of Technology. To meet the commuting situation now predominating at this famous college, Gamma revised its housing plans and to the end that Alpha Kappa Pi is tops on this campus when sheer manhood is being measured. The alumni, with Fred Weaver the spear head, did the business. Down at Marshall College it seemed that Mu Chapter had gotten too self confident and needed deflation. Sam Kitchen, with other alumni, and the full agreement of the men in college, contacted the pulmonary veins and behold twenty-two of the finest men on the Marshall campus were initiated into the fraternity. Mu is its fine self again. Work, patience and fraternal understanding will correct any situation and restore that which is worth the restoration. To these and other stellar accomplishments we lift our meed of praise.

■ ELECT YOUR BEST WORKERS for the chapter's representative at the convention. Do not permit politics or certain headline honors to make your selection for the chapter. Remember that your chapter will be placed and thumb tacked almost entirely by the gentleman who represents the group at the national gathering. Make the man speak for you even before he speaks about you.

■ IN EVERY UNDERTAKING there must be some one person a stand out as to contact man. In the establishment of the Alpha Gamma Chapter, Franklin and Marshall College, that man proved to be LeRoy C. Brumbaugh, for some few years one of the lead-

ing alumni of the group that entered Alpha Kappa Pi. Mr. Brumbaugh was not only a member of the Franklin and Marshall group, but for three years after graduation, was in intimate and knowing relation with the society, since he attended the Theological Seminary, just across the street from the present Alpha Kappa Pi house. When the old Torch Society had entered the Sigma Delta Rho fraternity, Mr. Brumbaugh became a national officer in that fraternity and held such place until the Sigma Delta Rho reached the decision to disband nationally, and it was then that his contacts were made with Alpha Kappa Pi. The result is now recorded in history, but one thing is certain, the final record of this Ideal Greek's contribution to Alpha Kappa Pi has not been compassed. At the present time Brother Brumbaugh is located in the City of Altoona where he is shedding abroad his good works in the ministry, but never too busy to make frequent visits to Lancaster and the chapter house. A power in the alumni circles, honored and respected by the active men, it is only a small tribute to state that Alpha Kappa Pi was most fortunate to have added the name of LeRoy C. Brumbaugh to its roll of members. Truly LeRoy C. Brumbaugh belongs to the American nobility of Gentlemen.

▪ LET US RESTATE the law in reference to National Convention representation. There must be no misunderstanding at this point. Here are the facts and they are to govern action at the December meeting in New York City.

Each chapter is permitted delegate expenses for one person. Money for such representation will be at the convention for the delegate thus authorized to attend the needs of his chapter. Each chapter is permitted two votes on the floor of the convention. If two men are present then each man carries one vote. If only one man is present then he carries the two votes for his chapter. To have the privilege of the floor and to receive delegate expenses each chapter must be in good financial standing with the Grand Treasurer as to national fees. Now is the time to make

such bill of rights available for the man being named to represent your chapter at convention. Excuses will not go. There must be the clean balance sheet as to national dues. The Grand Treasurer will hold the chapter balance sheet as well as the records of his own office and before the chapter is able to receive that chapter must first have met the national demands and exactions as to finance. Justice to all concerned cannot be meted out otherwise. Bring your properly signed blanks showing that you are the accredited delegate for only in that way will the delegate receive his expenses. If the chapter is represented by a member of the active group, and is in financial arrears to the national, then that delegate is entitled to sit in the convention sessions but will not be given the right of the floor or to vote on the questions brought up for such voting. A word to the wise is more than sufficient. It would be a shame for any chapter to miss the inspiration of this national gathering for the one reason, easily avoided, that national dues have not been collected and sent to the Grand Treasurer.

ALBERT HUGHES WILSON

An Invitation to All Fraternity Men

A cordial invitation is extended to all undergraduate and alumni members of Alpha Kappa Pi and presidents and deans of colleges and universities to attend the 28th annual session of the National Interfraternity Conference, to be held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, on Friday and Saturday, November 27 and 28. The 1936 session of the Conference promises to be a very interesting and important one and a large attendance is expected. Fraternities have a great opportunity to show their worth and to play an important part in the cultural education and development of our national leaders of the future. Let us meet the present day challenge and prepare together a program for great achievement in the years lying immediately ahead.

Faithfully yours,

HAROLD J. BAILY, *Chairman*
National Interfraternity Conference

COMMENTS OF FELLOW



ACTIVITIES OUR GREEKS

What of the Boarding Club "Menace"?

From the Monad of Sigma Phi Sigma

■ AT FIRST GLANCE the boarding clubs seem to have one important point in their favor—cost. Yes, fraternities cost a little more, but they *give* more. It seems to me that even a hurried investigation of the facts will prove, beyond a doubt, that the advantages derived from fraternity life far outweigh the monetary difference between the organization and the boarding club. Consider this problem briefly from three angles, social, scholastic, and sum the remainder into one group—activities.

The boarding club can, and occasionally does, give you a clean room and a bed, but nothing more. The individual choosing to live in this abode soon finds that the sweet old lady who rented him the room is now very temperamental or irritable about petty things. Perhaps she objects to smoking, or refuses to permit visitors. Perhaps the hot and cold faucets are one and the same. She may raise objections too numerous to mention, concerning subjects almost too trivial to be given a second thought. But the point is that the boarder is confronted daily with just such objections. The Dean of Men's Office will bear me out as to the veracity of this statement for it is besieged with hundreds of complaints from landladies and boarders every semester. As for the character and caliber of the other roomers, it is simply a chance every boarder must take.

Under such unfavorable conditions, individual qualities are so cramped and twisted that the individual cannot possibly put forth his best efforts. Consequently, his studies may suffer.

Continuing to the last grouping—activities, we find that activities offered by the boarding clubs are absolutely *nil*! And if the individual has the strength of character to break away from the routine of the boarding club and participate in activities, he finds himself just about three jumps behind the fraternity freshman who has been aided by interested brothers. For fraternities are very definite aids to the incoming students and to the old ones as well.

Fraternities are a definite adjunct of the university, recognized and utilized by the institution and give all possible coöperation. Fraternities, by means of houses (usually provided by the alumni) care for the housing of a third to a half of the men students, thus solving what would otherwise be an embarrassing problem for the university.

Fraternities as organizations into responsible groups, watched over by national officers, supplement the work of the school by quickly and efficiently orienting freshmen into a new environment, furnishing added incentives to achievement such as maintaining the house scholarship average, social prestige, campus activities and positions of renown, etc. Hence, fraternities simplify the university administrative work and are a recognized and fostered adjunct—not a luxury but a necessity.

Realizing that both parents and sons are often in a quandary regarding the "Why and What" of fraternity life in college, chiefly through lack of facts, Sigma Phi Sigma offers the following points for consideration:

1. Organized home life at reasonable cost.
2. Responsible group instead of rooming house.
3. Parental restrictions and home ties replaced by rules and life of group.

4. Keeps boy from being lost in the shuffle and gets him started more quickly.

5. Members personally interested in each other and the well-being of the organization.

6. Place to return after graduation and meet old friends.

7. Companions from different social and economic environment.

8. Broadens a man's life through contact with many personalities and interests.

9. City and country merge.

10. Teaches tolerance—molds character.

11. Provides life-long friendships.

12. Fraternity represents business, political, and social life of the world in miniature.

The Chapter News Letter

F. James Barnes, in the Journal of Sigma Phi Epsilon

■ THE CHAPTER NEWS LETTER! Verily reams of paper and pots of ink have gone into its defenses and condemnations, to say nothing of the hours of time given to this much mooted section of the magazine by editors of fraternal publications. The expressions of opinion have ranged all the way from eloquent assertions that the chapter letter is "the most vital part of the publication" to the recent statement of the editor of a fraternity magazine of recognized high calibre to the effect that: "If it were possible to abandon the chapter letter I should almost be willing to continue in the capacity of editor without compensation, but since that is not possible, I am resigning at the end of the year." To certain editors, as to this one, the chapter letter has no defensible place in the publication. To others it serves only the function of a filler of space. To still others it is a section pregnant with possibilities, to be nurtured not only as an aid to the magazine and thus to the fraternity, but as well for the possibilities of benefit which it has for the chapters and especially for the chapter correspondent. It is to this last view which the JOURNAL accedes, and enthusiastically.

We see in the chapter letter a tangible bond linking the alumnus to his chapter. Here he may (or should) find the names of the active delegation of his own chapter and whence

they come. Here he may look for information as to what his chapter is doing to maintain the tradition which he helped to make—news of chapter activities, social, athletic, and scholastic; honors won; positions held; chapter house innovations and renovations; news of old teachers or coaches; chapter house visitors and the like. All this is from the point of view of the alumnus. But there is another angle to the situation—that which has to do with the active chapter.

The active chapter man sees in the chapter letter (or should) a barometer by which his chapter is judged and at the same time one by which he may estimate the place in the sun of his own as well as other chapters. The chapter letter, therefore, serves as an incentive to accomplishment, not only group but individual accomplishment.

To at least one man in each chapter—the chapter correspondent—the required quarterly letter is valuable training in expression. Almost invariably the chapter correspondent is not chosen for any ability or training he may have had in narrative expression. That this fact is regrettable in no wise interferes with the fact that at least four times during his term of office he must set down before the eyes of some several thousand readers the achievements and exploits of his fraters in the chapter. It is a responsibility. If he is conscientious, and he usually is, he realizes this and does his best. It is perfectly possible in a machine age such as this when even our sentiment—messages of congratulation, condolence, and the like—is to be had ready made that this is his very first effort at spontaneous self expression. It is to be expected that the result of this his first attempt will be rough and immature requiring considerable editorial blue penciling. But if there is gradual improvement as is most always the case, the editor is glad to have had the opportunity of helping in the education of at least one man in each chapter in this wise.

For these reasons the JOURNAL will not only continue to run the chapter letters, but will devote even more time and space to them should it be felt to be necessary. The result may be a publication which is not so polished

or professional as some of our contemporaries, but we feel that there will result a SERVICEABLE publication. It is in such wise that we view our mission.

- AFTER A FEW YEARS of catch as catch can in pledging the fraternities at Mount Union College, Ohio, have returned to the six weeks hands off freshman period. During these six weeks no freshman is invited to a fraternity house or in any way cultivated for fraternity pledging. Then there is an intensive rushing period followed with preferential pledging. Fraternities are: Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Kappa Pi, Phi Kappa Tau, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Nu.
- ALPHA CHI RHO has increased its active chapter roll to 21 by the granting of charters to Johns Hopkins, Rutgers and Purdue Universities. "Curly" Walden, after a year's residence at State College, is back as the traveling secretary of the fraternity.
- DELTA TAU DELTA has crossed the Canadian border and placed a chapter at Toronto University where most of the American College Fraternities have become established.
- BETA THETA PI has granted a charter to a petitioning group at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin. Other fraternities there are Phi Kappa Tau, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, and Delta Tau Delta.
- FRATERNITIES at the University of South Carolina may be asked to give up chapter houses and take residence in the new dormitories being completed on that campus. If this order is carried through several of the groups there will be compelled to sell their homes or carry them without profit. Fraternities: Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Pi Kappa Phi, Phi Pi Phi, Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Sigma Kappa.
- ALPHA KAPPA PI will have splendid company with its new chapter at Franklin and

Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. In order of entrance they are: Phi Kappa Sigma, Chi Phi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Delta Sigma Phi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Pi, Phi Kappa Tau and Zeta Beta Tau. The one dormant fraternity being the Delta Tau Delta 1874 to 1896.

- LAMBDA CHI ALPHA has established the Lambda Chi Alpha Order of Merit as a means of recognizing exceptional service to chapters and the fraternity. The Grand High Zeta (national council) nominates eight outstanding alumni at each convention from whom the delegates may choose not more than five. The award itself is made at the following convention, with the five attending. Men so honored shall have a vote at any convention. Present and past members of the Council are not eligible.

- THE SIGMA CHIS are guilty of "ganging on Alpha Delta Phi," according to no less a personage than President Roosevelt. So he said April 18 when he was visited by and photographed with Chester W. Cleveland, editor of *The Magazine* of Sigma Chi, and three other Sigma Chis: Marvin H. McIntyre, the president's secretary, Raymond P. Brandt, Washington correspondent of the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, and Marriner S. Eccles, chairman of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve system. The picture was taken in the President's private study on the second floor of the White House.

The President chatted for 20 minutes with Cleveland in probably his only discussion of the fraternity subject with a Greek-letter editor. He asked numerous questions about fraternities in general and talked at length on the rise, decline, and fall of the organizations at Harvard. He expressed the opinion that some day there would be a return of Greek-letter societies to the Harvard campus, where now only a few are represented.

President Roosevelt's own society at Harvard has become the Fly Club, which has initiated two of the Chief Executive's sons in his presence within the last several years.



CHAPTER NEWS

Alpha—N.C.E.

Alpha is now under way in what promises to be a banner year. Last spring we won the intramural trophy as a result of championship teams in basketball, baseball, and track. Sauerborn excelled in the latter sport. Four of our members made up the backbone of the varsity basketball team. Brothers Amberg, Fehn, Hansen, and Taska won letters, while Elton Tuohig was manager. Gil Fehn, towering freshman, was the high scorer of the squad which won fifteen out of seventeen games.

Although Alpha lost such prominent activities men as Amberg and Hanle by graduation, there are several men ready to step into their shoes. Elton Tuohig holds the position of Vice-President in both the Athletic Association and the Glee Club. Bob Ward is President of the Glee Club and John Taska is President of the Junior class. In the Sophomore class all the officers are Alpha Kappa Pi men. Joe Hagen is President, Fred Dugan is Vice-President, and Ira Leonard is Secretary-Treasurer. Hansen and Richard Wilkinson are members of the Trunion, campus honorary society.

The men of Alpha are now busily engaged dividing their time between retaining intramural athletic supremacy and securing a delegation of pledges to make up for the loss of so many excellent men by graduation last June.

At an unofficial gathering of the alumni at the chapter house recently we saw Brothers Amberg, Hurlburt, Vanderbeek, Brady, Clinton, Hanle, and Stefany all of whom have lucrative engineering positions.

In closing Alpha extends to Alpha Kappa Pi a hearty invitation to visit us.

EDMUND TYNE

Beta—Wagner

Initiated: Charles De Groat '38; Christian Holmstrup '39; Roy Holmstrup '39; Norman Kraft '39, Norman Harris '37; Earl Kriby '39.

This year has all the earmarks of being a very progressive one for Beta chapter. Our first social of the year, given on September 26, was a marked success, both from the viewpoint of the brothers and the ladies whom they squired in much pomp and circumstance. Even the alumni came in droves. The affair was much enhanced by the presence of our new furniture. The next affair of this type

occurred in the form of a free dance tendered to the student body of Wagner College. This social event of the season was very well attended, and although there was no financial angle, those who attended left with a rather warm feeling in their hearts for Alpha Kappa Pi. The next event to be sponsored by Beta will take place on the 21st of November at the Elk's Club, on Staten Island, to which we cordially invite all our national brothers—and especially those of Alpha, Gamma, Delta, Theta, Rho, and the Northern New Jersey alumni chapters. It's high time we came to know a few of those brothers in at least the immediate vicinity. The distance is short for brotherhood—and we really would like to meet and know well our brothers of the metropolitan area at least. Come, we'll be expecting you. The date is November 21—the place is the Elk's Club on Staten Island—and the reason is Alpha Kappa Pi.

Among the Beta alumni, now in the crowded walks of life, we pause to watch Brothers Danielson, Pape and Schnackenberg, all of the late class of '36, scampering about trying to collect back payments for the Personal Finance Co. of Staten Island. Karl Eberhardt, also '36, has started on his course at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, followed by the prayers and best wishes of the brothers, to whom Karl, as an Alpha Kappa Pi, was an ideal. Paul Rogler ('36 was quite a graduating class!) is in the Post Office in New York just at present, while working for his M.A. at Columbia. Allan Miller '31, who tells freshmen and sophomores various things at night in the Extension School of Wagner, took a little trip on the *Queen Mary* this summer, saw quite a bit of merrie England, and returned to tell the brothers that he's now five feet three inches tall.

Among the undergraduate brothers, we find Raisch '39, holding down center on this year's football squad, with Mayer '38, and Gietz '37, acting as manager and trainer, respectively. Kibat '37, and Frank Tellefsen '38, are holding down the political side of things for Beta, while Vierling '37, and Harris '37, are doing their bit along more aesthetic lines, acting as President and Business Manager of the Dramatic Society.

But to turn from activities to somewhat sadder circles, word has just been received that Thomas Van Pelt '34, is recovering from an extremely bad fall, in which he suffered a shattered elbow. We all join in wishing him a speedy recovery, so that he

may resume his work at Hartwick Theological Seminary, from which he is soon to be graduated.

If we don't see you on the 21st, then on to the Convention of Alpha Kappa Pi! And may this be a banner year among all the chapters of the fraternity.

CHARLES H. DE GROAT

Gamma—Stevens

Initiated: Harold Bird '37; Charles Bogart '37; Dean Forrest '37; Edmond Mathez '37; Patrick Pandolfo '37; William Herrmann '38, and Francis Skret '38.

Pledged: John Spano '37.

We are happy to report that since Gamma's rebirth last winter everything has straightened itself out and the chapter seems to be on its way to big things. At the present moment Gamma chapter (house and inmates) is fresh paint from ceiling to floor and from head to heel. We are painting the interior in preparation for the rushing season which is scheduled for the middle of December. Rushing prospects are looking up this year with a bumper Freshman class to choose from.

Since the last ALPHA we have lost thirteen through graduation while we have initiated six and pledged one. In addition Brother Wiegers has come back to the fold after a year free from college cares and is again holding down the center position on the varsity soccer squad, the post he held down two years ago on our undefeated team.

The senior crew this year is an extremely busy one with four seniors trying for Honorary Degrees; two on the soccer squad, soccer being our major fall sport; Brother Bird, Captain of our rifle team and a Tau Bete; two holding down major jobs on the *Stute*, the student newspaper; and Pledge Spano leader of the college orchestra. Of the Juniors, Brothers Skret and Herrmann both hold responsible positions in the Dramatic Society.

Near the end of last year Gamma chapter held an open house dance at the Castle, the college's social center, and the dance went over with a bang with many of the alumni present. We also participated in the Interfraternity Council Ball which closed the social season at college and again we were happy to see a large alumni turnout. The chapter is certainly grateful for the support it is receiving from its alumni.

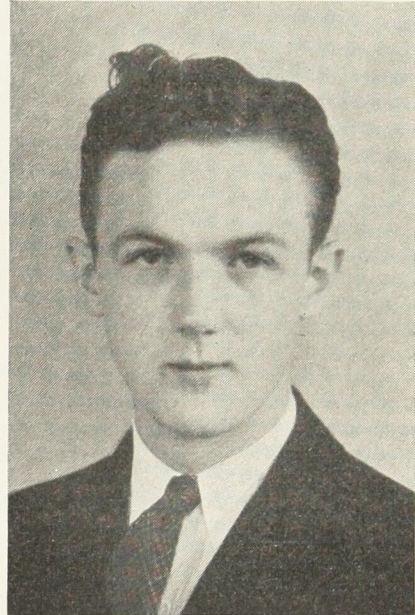
Visitors coming to the house must shake their heads and wonder to see the whole chapter down on their hands and knees peering under radios, chairs, sofas, lifting rugs, and in fact searching high and low for hours on end—all for an elusive sphere of celluloid, for the house has gone ping-pong mad. From early morning until far into the night the game goes on with plenty of comments from the spectators. Lunch is forgotten in favor of the game and the hours slide by as the ball sails back and forth. The worst of it is that there seems to be no cure. It's been going on for months!

Gamma sends its greetings to all our brothers and wishes them a successful year.

H. DEAN FORREST

Iota—Mount Union

September is always a magical month to us college students who are returning to what we may euphemistically call the halls of learning. With the opening of school each of the brothers finds his favorite hole in the wall in the chapter house in true Stalky, Beetle, and McTurk fashion; throws down his pipe and pouch on a desk; and begins to brush up on his aorist perfects.



HAMILL HARTMAN, Iota '37

President of Student Body, president of chapter, and manager of football at Mount Union.

Deferred pledging has made the first few weeks of school here at Mount Union very pleasant. Since it has been ruled that there is to be absolutely no rushing, and naturally no pledging, of freshmen for the first six weeks, we have not had to stand the strain of a mad week of rushing at the beginning of school. Pledging will be done after a week of rushing, the seventh week of school, by means of sealed bids of preference from the freshmen.

With the initiation of Frank Havill, Max Talkington, George Cukro, and Louis Morris, Iota's active membership at present in school is now placed at fourteen members. Brother Havill was elected chapter Sentinel to replace Brother Crawford who has not returned to school this semester.

A few lines about Alpha Kappa Pi on Mount's

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IOTA CHAPTER GROUP AT MOUNT UNION

Rear row, left to right: Louis Snipes, Carl Parks, Max Talkington, Harry Depew, Walter Haas, Tom Hazen, Louis Morris, Dallas Luterbach, James Weldy.

Middle row: Wendell Graening (standing), Robert Bryden, Wilson Snyder, Frank Havill, Melvin Waltz, Dean Crawford, George Cukro, Bob Palmer, Emerson Jacobs (standing).

Front row: John Woods, Kenneth Eckert, Hamill Hartman, Ralph Curtis, John Yaggi, Robert Gilcrest, Charles Hart.

campus: President Hartman is President of the Student Senate and Student Body, and is Senior Manager of the football team; Cukro should earn his letter as a guard on the football team; Hart is Physics laboratory assistant; Woods is Chemistry laboratory assistant; and Haas is continuing his assistantship to Professor Hildner in astronomy.

We have redecorated the house during the summer and are all ready to start a great year here at Mount. Come in and visit us.

JAMES A. WEST

Lambda—Bethany

Initiated: Edward J. Sparks '39.

Pledged: Joseph W. Hupp, Bethany, W.Va.; Francis J. Carbon, Sharon, Pa.; Randall B. Cutlip, Charlotte, N.C.; Alvin R. Schoenbart, Jersey City, N.J.; Paul W. Deafenbaugh, Bellaire, Ohio; James H. Doster, Warwood, Wheeling, W.Va.; Thomas A. Davis, Uniontown, Pa.; Robert L. Martin, Warwood, Wheeling, W.Va.; Donald D. Cover, Republic, Pa.; Russell D. Foster, Cardale, Pa.; Salvatore Venturella, Oil City, Pa.; and Melvin Holland, Uniontown, Pa.

Greetings and salutations from Lambda!

Alas, the happy, carefree summer months have rolled by, leaving us once again hob-nobbing with the professors; bringing us new joys, new sorrows, new worries, and best of all by far, new friendships and a chance to increase and strengthen the bonds of fraternity.

We regret to announce the loss of five fine fellows this year: Ralph H. Nestmann and Francis E. Elwell transferred to other schools; and Elmer Greskovitch, Earl Smith, and Walter Hardesty secured employment and are planning to stay out for a year.

With the falling of the leaves and the approaching of winter comes America's foremost collegiate sport—football. We have one varsity man on the football team—Anthony Bupka. Prospects are bright for a good season at Bethany.

Along with football goes cross-country. Donald McIlroy and Chuck Phillips are out for the team.

One of sport's most ardent cheering sections is found in the college band. We have a number of musicians in the house: Bart Murray, Ed Sparks, Chuck Phillips, and Don McIlroy.

Spence Adamson may be seen every Sunday riding in his Ford to West Liberty where he is the minister of the Christian Congregation.

Lambda, for the sixth consecutive semester, is proud to announce the winning of a large silver trophy, symbolic of the highest rating among the fraternities on the campus.

Various organizations around Bethany are beginning to organize and plan for a successful year with many of our fellows playing leading rôles.

The time has come to bid adieu until the next issue. So here's a toast for a banner year for good ol' Alpha Kappa Pi.

ALBERT J. KUTI

Mu—Marshall

Howdy everybody! Well, here's old Mu right back on the firing line with plenty of whim, whigger and whytality for what promises and looks like a great year ahead. Yes sir, we're back here once again in the pages of the ALPHA—and how happy we are to be back!

When vacation time ended along about the first of September and Marshall College opened wide her doors for the 1936-37 year, eighteen active brothers and two pledges scampered back to the beloved old campus to begin right where they left off last Spring—the building of a greater and more enduring Mu at Marshall. The brothers have put their shoulders to the wheel with a dogged determination that is going to do some travelling from here to 'way over yonder!

In order for us to start our story at "a" and end up at "z," we should begin right here by stating that the chapter at the close of the school term last June elected the following officers who will serve during the coming year: Nash Campbell, president; Frank Snyder, vice-president; Ray Clark, secretary; Everett Thompson, treasurer; William Stevens, chaplain; Curtis Dawson, historian; and Bernard Shannon, sentinel. Willis Stinson has since been appointed to serve as house manager. Efficient and hard-working chapter officers mean two strikes against chapter disaster, so in view of this we already have three strikes against the old codger!

Our domicile this year is located right on the campus in the midst of everything that goes on, and exceptionally convenient for those sleepy-eyed brothers (every chapter has one or more) who always seem to find it so very inconvenient to get over to an early morning class on time. Now this new house of ours is not a king's castle or a millionaire's mansion, nor is it quite the type of fraternity home you dream about some wealthy alumnus coming back and building for you. No sir, it is not a pretentious or imposing structure in the least, but somehow or other we are mighty proud of it and feel that we are going to go places in it, and that is what counts in the long run. It has the appearance of being small from the outside, but

you'll be surprised how much room we have for real old-fashioned spirit and enthusiasm on the inside. The four walls fairly bulge!

Dr. Albert H. Olson, Associate Professor of Economics, is our new faculty adviser. Dr. Olson, being a fraternity man himself, has manifested much interest in our group, and we feel we have discovered a real and sincere friend to work with us in wisely solving any problems or difficulties that may arise in the future.

A number of the brothers who were with us last year did not return to school this fall. Charlie Allen, Doyle and Pierce Fox, Otis Brumfield and Carl Powell were successful in landing teaching positions. Ed Greene, Marshall's energetic student president of last year, is now employed in the local offices of the State Road Commission; while other brothers such as Jim Shirley, Andy Allen, and Jim Reynolds secured paying positions during the summer and kept right on holding them.

Incidentally, Andy Allen finally 'fessed up and admitted that he and Miss June Garrett had been married for well over a year, but that was no surprise as most everyone seemed to be in on the secret for most "well over a year." Also, Bernard Ball seemed to weaken during the hot summer months just past, with the result that he went to the altar on August 22 with Miss Alverta McCoy. Congratulations to youse fellows!

Then there is Bill White who decided to continue his college career elsewhere, with the result that you will find him this year down at the University of Kentucky, down in the heart of the bluegrass, known the world over for its beautiful horses and fast—woah!

On the Student Council Alpha Kappa Pi is fairly well represented, having four of the nine members. Albert Hull and Bob Bunch represent the senior class, Bill Durrett, the juniors, and Jack Bates holds forth for the sophs.

In the field of music several of the brothers show indications of talent, that with proper encouragement over a period of time might develop into something really worthwhile 20 to 30 long years from now. Norman Hazeldine, only seven years removed from dear old England (by jove!), is the leader of a local dance orchestra. But his sins are atoned for by Brothers Jon Light, Bernard Ball, Bob Bunch, and Paul Dempsey. They hold forth in the choir of the First Presbyterian Church every Sunday morning. Then, too, Brother Light holds down a weekly 15 minute song-fest over radio station WSAZ, and all by himself, yes sir!

Last Spring Alpha Kappa Pi was represented on the Big Green baseball team in the persons of Al Hull, first baseman, and "Demi" Edwards, ranking south-paw pitcher. Nice thing about these two boys is the fact that they are not only good baseball players but are A-1 students as well—a rare combination, indeed!

Right now we are in the midst of fall rushing

activities, having held two successful smokers with the third and last just around the corner. Now we are not going to pull that old shop-worn, moth eaten "cream of the crop" gag. However on the other hand, you can bet your last dollar that after the smoke of battle has cleared away you won't find us holding a bottle of skim milk either! Alpha Kappa Pi is not a hard product to sell, that much we know.

The chapter has not had time as yet to open up with anything along the social line. However, we are all looking forward with great expectations to our annual Thanksgiving Eve dance, when many of the alumni brethren will be in town, as well as the Psi boys from Psi chapter at West Virginia Wesleyan. We feel certain that the Turkey Day celebration is going to be extra enjoyable this season for the reason that the Wesleyan Bobcats are going to have to content themselves with the small end of the score. Well, anyway it's our turn to win!

In closing, Mu extends to each and every chapter sincere best wishes for a successful year—exactly the kind we know we are going to have.

CURTIS DAWSON

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Shortly after the above news letter was written, a statement released from the Dean's Office at Marshall College showed that Alpha Kappa Pi led all other fraternities in scholarship for the second semester of last year.*

Nu—Lehigh

Pledged: Frank L. Benedict, Drexel Hill, Pa.; Leon B. Conant, Boston, Mass.; Loring Lane, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Robert D. Marsden, Chevy Chase, Md.; Charles G. Myers, Washington, D.C.; Richard T. Pierce, Reading, Pa.; and Walter F. Slaymaker, Harrisburg, Pa.

With the "much ado about nothing" rushing week over, Nu chapter is looking forward to a most successful year. Eighteen brothers are back to guide the welfare of the chapter, and everything is running very smoothly.

Nu wants to take this opportunity to extend to every chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi the best wishes for the coming year—a year for coöperation in and betterment of our fraternity. Nu especially wants to congratulate the members of Alpha Gamma chapter on their installation, and we are looking to our new brothers for big things.

Football season is under way here at Lehigh, and Nu has a team in one of the interfraternity touch-football leagues. We are scheduled to play six fraternities during the next month.

We are proud to announce that all of the brothers who graduated last spring are successfully employed. Lyle Geiger is employed as a chemist for the Neville Tar Company of Pittsburgh, and he is working on control and development of tar products. Theodore Hartmann is employed by the

Vanity Fair Hosiery Company of Reading, Pa., as a director of the plant's chemical laboratory. Jack Hoyt is working in the testing laboratory of the Philco Radio Company in Philadelphia. George Kalb is working for his Master's degree in Chemical Engineering as a research fellow here at Lehigh under a Hunt-Rankin Leather Company fellowship.

Nu chapter has granted house privileges to Mr. Jerry Vail, a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the class of 1933, and a member of Theta Upsilon Omega, a national fraternity having no chapter at Lehigh. Jerry is here on a research fellowship on a two-year leave of absence from the American Steel and Wire Company. He is investigating the wear of bearing metals, a research project now being conducted in the Mechanical Engineering Department of Lehigh.

Bob Neiman has returned to Nu after an absence of three years, and Harvey Young has returned after an absence of one year.

Some of the brothers are beginning to enter activities for the year. Henry Naisby has been elected historian of Alpha Phi Omega, the Eagle Scout fraternity. Herb Tillapaugh has been appointed lieutenant of a platoon in the University's R.O.T.C. Frank Jackson is assistant manager of the varsity football team. Herman Scheer is working on research as an elective in his course in chemical engineering. He is investigating the properties of sulfonated oils.

We of Nu extend invitations to all our brothers from other chapters to visit our chapter house at any time. Hope we will see some of you soon, as I say so long until January.

JOHN W. WELKER

Xi—North Carolina State

Pledged: Dr. B. E. Lauer of the Chemical Engineering Department; W. B. Coward, Rocky Mount, N.C.; Robert Grady, Kinston, N.C.; V. H. Howle, Anderson, S.C.; Carl Peterson, Leechburg, Pa.; John Barkdoll, Hagerstown, Md.; George Braswell, Rocky Mount, N.C.

On September 16, North Carolina State College opened its doors for the forty-eighth time, and Xi Chapter embarked on another year. In June, Xi lost five of its most distinguished members through graduation and although their loss will be greatly felt by those of us who are left, we expect to have a most successful year. At the present time our house is filled to capacity with twelve members and pledges calling it their home as all of those who were with us last year, and who did not graduate, with the exception of one pledge, Joe Padgett, have returned. We consider this a good start, and with it expect to do big things.

Rushing season started two days after school had opened, and we certainly were kept busy entertaining prospective pledges. After the rushing season

was over our rushing captain announced that we had been successful in having six undergraduates and one professor accept our bids.

Xi intends to initiate seven new men into the brotherhood of Alpha Kappa Pi on October 18. These men are: L. Richard Parsons, Edward K. Lovelace, John E. Williams, Herman Alexander Owens, Albert R. Anderson, Raymond C. Snook, and Dr. B. E. Lauer. This will increase our membership to the total of thirteen, which we consider a good working number.

State College's intramural athletic program opened this week with a touch football game between the Pi Kappa Alpha team and a team representing Lambda Chi Alpha, both future opponents of ours. Several new sports have been added to the sports program this year, and include soccer, wrestling and volleyball. Xi enters into active competition next week meeting the Pi Kappa Alpha team on the football field, and in the next issue of THE ALPHA we expect to be able to say that we have a championship team.

The brothers at Xi wish all the other chapters the best of luck for the coming year, and if any of the brothers from different chapters are touring this section of the country, we wish that they would drop in on us as they are always welcome.

HERBERT R. DENTON

Omicron—Penn State

Pledged: Reynolds Schwartz '38, Forty Fort; Robert Menipace '39, Mount Carmel; John Harrison '40, Schuylkill Haven; Fred and Harry Martin '40, Drexil Hill.

After a successful and entertaining rushing season Omicron chapter has finally settled down to the all-important task of matching abilities with the numerous houses at Penn State. This fall the boys have finally aroused themselves from their summer lethargies and have gone into college activities with vigor.

Senator Stockton is working every evening toward that coveted football managership, while Johnny Van Kirk, the house wit, is dodging lunges in his try for a fencing managership. Walt Jensen, high scorer on the freshman rifle team of last year, is engaged in inveigling a letter from the proper college authorities. Slocum, the suave fashion-horse (correct to *Esquire*), is interested in dramatics and two batches of his original fudge compound. Gordie Thomas is out every evening at Schwab, doing specialty tap numbers under the watchful eye of Sock Kennedy. Walt Jensen has been named for Soph Hop Committee, the dance being scheduled for December 11. Georgie Statler is a tentative Blue Border after two years of steady work.

The weather hasn't permitted much intramural football practice, but the hidden plays are worked out swell in bull sessions. The gang can be expected to give plenty of punch that first game, if

only the first. Games as yet have not been scheduled.

Joe Benner '35 waltzed in the fourth week in September. Joe is busy in the chemistry depot of Armstrong Cork in Lancaster, Pa. He trots around to the new Franklin and Marshall chapter quite frequently. Hal Spaans a brother at M.I.T. some years back, and now in Bell Telephone electrolysis work, has been a welcome guest at the house for the past two weeks. Hal's stories and advice have fallen on fertile ground according to the populated bull sessions he gathers 'round.

Frank Osterlund had a high time over in Portugal this past summer, near the civil war stricken Spain. Frank enabled a *New York Times* correspondent to get an uncensored news story into this country on his return to the United States. Souvenirs of his trip and voyage crowd his and Tubby Sherer's room. A few of the things brought back were antique Portuguese oil lamps, Scotch mufflers, tapestries, Moorish daggers, and an 18-pound shell carefully disguising a cocktail shaker. An interesting account of Frank's summer vacation appeared in the Penn State *Collegian* last month. Ah, well! Home is the sailor home from the sea, and back to the gripe of being Senior Class president.

A great time was had by all the Dads on October 3. They all witnessed the football game between Muhlenberg and State. Later on Saturday there was a smoker and entertainment for fathers and sons in the Armory. "Personal Appearance" was staged by Penn State Players and proved to be a tremendous hit. The following day Rev. Bernard C. Clausen, of the First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, spoke at the chapel services.

JOHN H. OESCHGER

Rho—Rutgers

Pledged: George Angevine and James Cortwright, Elizabeth; Edwin Perkins, Nutley; and Frederick Prosser, Hasbrouck Heights; all of the class of 1940.

Rho wishes to take this opportunity to wish all the chapters the best of luck in the coming school year.

Bill Schmidt, Phi Beta Kappa, and class of '36 is back on campus as an assistant in the English Department. He had rather an interesting summer. It seems that one of the large western railroads needed laborers, so Bill enlisted. He has come home with many of his experiences, and is now working on a treatise. He will discuss the characteristics of the labor gangs, and with his knack of interesting writing, ought to give us a very nice story.

Rho is still well represented in the Military Science Department. John Gorden and Eyvind Wahlgren are Captain and Second Lieutenant respectively, while Bill Kroemmelbein is the Adjutant of the First Battalion.

Frank Tilley is the manager of the 150 pound

football team, and Thomas Reichelderfer is rapidly becoming one of the mainstays of the team.

Rho is sorry to give news that Bobart Nanz '37 has resigned as treasurer, and at the same time is happy to announce the election of Eyvind Wahlgren as the new keeper of the books.

Since college has been open only two weeks, I am afraid that is all the news at present. In closing, Rho again expresses best wishes to the other chapters, and also wishes them success in pledging.

W.M. F. KROEMMELBEIN

Sigma—Illinois

Pledged: Zdenek Blazej, Chicago; George Rettinger, Chicago; Steven Parafink, Chicago; Thomas Cerkez, Chicago; Lawrence Hopper, Gillespie; Leo Sokol, Chicago; Rudolph Houkal, Chicago; Marty Schmidt, Kankakee; John Vinik, Chicago; Louis Piller, Chicago; Miles Bielek, Chicago; Rudolph Hulka, Chicago.

A great deal occurred at Sigma chapter since our last letter. Things started off with a bang this semester. The entire house was redecorated in buff and cream colors. Floors were refinished and all the furnishings were thoroughly cleaned. About this time the bulletin announcing the scholastic standings of the fraternities was posted and we discovered that we had climbed from forty-second to fifteenth. However, as Captain Henry says, "It's only the beginning, folks, only the beginning." Thus with everything prepared we eagerly awaited the

eventful opening day of "rushing." As the dawn of the first day of the three-day chase spread over the horizon, the members clambered out of bed, donned their newest clothes and heartiest manner and armed themselves with pledge pins. Without a murmur they plunged into the battle.

Three days and two nights it lasted and when at last the smoke had cleared, the actives, arm weary, footsore, and hoarse (from trying to get beautiful blind dates for the rushees), wearily crept into bed. Yea, gladly, even eagerly they lay down their arms and surrendered themselves to sleep. The following morning when the pledges were sorted we discovered that among other things we had bagged a football star, a saxophone playing sailor, a trumpet player and a soccer star. A star swimmer was discovered near the bottom of the heap. After observing these new pledges at the dinner table we wish to report that they are alive and healthy and completely recovered from the effects of the chase. Upon taking the roll Sigma chapter feels that it is justified in saying that "Stars Fell on Illinois" (Apologies to "Stars Fell on Alabama"). Our "Star Dust" roster is at the head of the letter.

At this point we wish to thank our guides, Jack Treece '28, King McCristal '29 and Robert Jordan '30. Without their skillful guidance we know that some of our pledges would have eluded us.

Last but not least we present our greatest surprise—a surprise so pleasant that words cannot describe it. On this page you will find a picture of our new adviser, a real fellow, Mr. Theodore Wang, and his wife, the most beautiful house mother on the Illinois campus. To them and to all the new pledges of Alpha Kappa Pi Sigma chapter extends a hearty welcome.

EDWARD FORST, JR.



CHAPTER ADVISER AND HOUSEMOTHER,
MR. AND MRS. WANG, WATCH OVER
THE ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Phi—St. John's

The new college year finds Phi in a new house at St. John's. We have spent much of our leisure time in putting our social rooms in good order. The house, incidentally, is the Pinckney House and is the oldest fraternity house in the country having been built prior to 1776 by John Callahan, a colonial Annapoliton. It has just been equipped with a new furnace and oil burner and in view of that we are looking forward to a comfortable and successful year.

In the line of football we find Alpha Kappa Pi well represented on the team. Our President, George Kopp occupies a berth on the first team. Pledges Stallings, Beneze, and McNamar are holding down positions on the squad. The college has played its first game and Kopp upheld the colors of the green and white as well as the orange and black.

Our elections were held on May 14, last, as they were scheduled, and the results were very gratify-

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ing. Brothers Kopp, Lusby, Waters, and Denny were elected to the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Phi lost eight brothers over the summer, six by graduation and two who have been unable to return to college. We wish every opportunity to these men in their new rôles in life and ask that they and all other members who are in like circumstances will not hesitate to drop in at Phi and see the new house and make or renew friendships here.

Phi takes this opportunity to extend its sincere greetings to all the Brothers and wish them every success in the coming scholastic year.

WILLIAM E. NIELSEN

Chi—Wake Forest

After one month of school, Chi is going full-blast. Rushing season, which started soon after the opening of school, has kept all of our members busy. When the rush ends October 16 we are planning to pledge ten men, more than "our share," as compared to the number pledged by other fraternities at Wake Forest.

Fraternity Adviser A. H. Wilson, paid us a two day visit, coming October 12. He seemed well pleased with our activities and expressed hopes for Chi's being the outstanding fraternity on the Wake Forest campus.

Chi has two outstanding campus leaders: Lynn Durham and Roy Evans. Lynn wears a white hat and struts in front of the band between the halves of football games in which Roy, stellar guard, does his bit—for the team.

Wake Forest, by the way, has one of the best football teams this year that she has seen in many moons. Thus far we have won two games and lost one. The University of North Carolina is the team that came out on the better end of the score. That game was a tough one to lose; we led Carolina for three and one-half quarters before they slipped over two touchdowns in a hurry to beat us 14-7. Two weeks ago Wake Forest held State College scoreless while making nine points on her own accord, beating them 9-0 in a thriller. (How're we doing, Xi?) In the other game so far, we steam-rollered Wofford last Saturday night to the tune of 32-0. That was, by the way, the first night game that Wake Forest has played in her own stadium.

E. R. PEELE

Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan

The hill-billy chapter issues greeting and salutations to its brothers. Psi's scholastic year is well under way with a large number of our brothers and pledges returned. Twenty-two active members grace the seats of our active meetings, and twenty-five returned pledges await their time to enter the closed chapter meeting. The year started with a full house of eighteen, sixteen of whom are active men.

Those who were rewarded with the coveted offices of the fraternity at the close of last year are as follows: President, William Bupp; Vice-President, George Shahan; secretary, Edward McChesney; Treasurer, William Schwartz; Marshal, Jack LaBay; Chaplain, Keith Avery; Sentinel, Paul Jackson; Historian, Brunson Williams.

Psi chapter is very proud of the house this year. Internal improvements were made on it during the summer by some of the local brothers who spent the summer in town. It is our supreme hope to get fixtures and furniture that will not put to shame the freshly decorated walls and refinished floors and woodwork.

Among our seniors of last year we find ex-president Reger in the employ of Thomas Field and Co. of Charleston, W.Va. Ex-Secretary Tucker is assistant director of the sporting goods department of Parson Souders Co. in Clarksburg. If you recall Brother Tucker was Psi's bid in the field of big-game hunting last year. Ex-Vice-President Burton is a ranging Ranger somewhere in New Mexico. Bernard Green after spending the summer months in the wilds of Wyoming has returned to his home in Helen, W.Va.

It is our pleasure to announce the marriage of one of our brothers, James W. Thornhill, Jr. Jim is one of our outstanding seniors, being one of the four oldest members of our chapter. From the type of person that both he and his wife are, it is hard to decide which of the newly-weds should be congratulated. However, all of the brothers wish them success and happiness.

Psi as usual has a monopoly on the football team at Wesleyan. We won our first game from Geneva College by the score of 7-6. At the time this letter is published we will have won several more games. Brothers of ours who participated in the game were "Cookie" Bachtel, versatile back, who, without a doubt, played better football than he ever before has played. "Twinkletoes" LaBay played his usual bang up game, and pulled out of the fray with a broken proboscis. This is a very small matter to Jack, however, as this makes the ninth time the nasal passage has been blocked with bone. Those of you who read the Illustrated Football Annual, have probably seen Brother Branchik's picture beaming from the printed page. Psi's claim on the boys of the pigskin sport are further strengthened by the names of Brother Coleman, and Pledges Gatewood, Dean, Gatskie, Gilmore, Mackey, Kurlinski, Moore and Mullen. After pledging is over we are quite confident that more football scalps will be on our belts.

It might be well to explain why the members of Psi have no names of new pledges to list. By agreement of the members of the interfraternity council, we have, here at Wesleyan, a restraining period, which this year will be until the first of November. After that time Psi will have her usual pledge delegation.

Psi closes with the hopes that some of our brothers from other chapters will be able to visit us in the near future. We have to offer attractions similar to those advertised by the leading hotels of the country, radio in every room, running water, and other accommodations. Drop in.

J. BRUNSON WILLIAMS

Alpha Gamma—Franklin and Marshall

Pledged: Robert H. Anderson, III, Amber; John L. Ryan, Harrisburg; F. Wendle McLaughlin, Hershey; Owen L. Waltman, Quarryville; George DeSilva, Summit Hill; H. Kenneth Boettner, Lancaster; Robert G. Burnight, Lancaster; Robert H. Welker, Altoona; John T. Ross, Broadtop; Ross K. Snyder, Defiance; all of the class of 1940.

Alpha Gamma, the baby chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi, makes its initial squall in this issue of THE ALPHA. Our enthusiasm aroused by the visit to our house of the national initiating team and Dr. A. H. Wilson and C. Russell Kramer, editor of THE ALPHA, the brothers dug right into Rush Week and emerged with ten pledges. Due to the installation ceremonies, all the active members were back to school early, and the house got the jump on the other ten fraternities on the campus in the matter of rushing.

The pledge banquet was held on September 22, and was attended by John F. Horting '17, and Joe Benner '35, of Omicron chapter, Penn State, and by Professor Herbert B. Anstaett of the Franklin and Marshall faculty. On Saturday evening, September 26, the brothers tendered the neophytes a Pledge Dance at the chapter house, which was attended by twenty-five couples.

The college year is under way at Franklin and Marshall, and Alpha Gamma is proud of the number of men she has participating in extra-curricular activities. The symphony orchestra has LeVan and Pledge Ryan playing flutes, while Kalaman is the organization's manager. Kalaman is the newly elected News Editor of the *Student Weekly*, and Haun is an Assistant Managing Editor. Zulick and Haun and Pledge Welker, who incidentally is a brother of John Welker of Nu chapter, tried out for the Glee Club, with the results as yet unannounced.

Sprecher is a senior member and Haun is a newly chosen member of Post Prandial, the honorary upperclassmen's after-dinner speaking society. Haun was also elected to Calumet Club, the honorary literary society, at the close of last semester. Zulick is a member of the college dramatic club, The Green Room Club, and appeared last season in the club's presentation of "Accent on Youth."

In the field of sports, Pledges Ross and MacLaughlin are playing in the backfield for the Freshman football team. Pledge Ryan is training with the Freshman wrestling squad, and Pledges DeSilva and Anderson are Assistant Football managers. John Ruth won his numerals in freshman basketball last semester.

Leon A. MacIntyre, a member of Omicron chapter at Penn State, transferred to Franklin and Marshall this year and helped greatly during the past Rushing Season. "Mac" is continuing his membership in Alpha Gamma chapter. We wish to thank Brothers William Robinson, Joe Benner, and Ray Longenecker, alumni of Omicron chapter living in Lancaster, who helped in rushing. John Horting, *Omicron* '17 presented the house with a bronze door plate cast from the same pattern from which the one at Omicron was cast.

The chapter officers for the present semester are: Daniel Sprecher, president; Jacob Ruth, vice-president and house manager; Glenn Long, secretary; Robert Maginniss, treasurer; James LeVan, chaplain; Francis Kalaman, pledge master.

Three men lived in the chapter house all summer, being employed in Lancaster. Jake Ruth and Bob Higgins were employed by the Armstrong Cork Company. Ruth intends keeping his job, working the night shift and going to school in the day-time. Higgins left on September 16 for Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, where he has received an assistantship in the chemical department—one of three such positions given to graduates in the entire country. Bob was Alpha Gamma's Phi Beta Kappa man last year. Lloyd Heckendorn, *Omicron* '37 was employed by the Hamilton Watch Company this summer and lived in the chapter house. He left for Penn State for his senior year after assisting in the initiation here on September 11.

WALTER P. HAUN, JR.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter

With the increased business activity last May our members have either been working all the time, or been taking prolonged vacation trips with their newly acquired wealth, and as a result we closed our doors and books for the summer months. The fall, however, along with its football hysteria, reawakened most of us and a full program is being planned for the winter months.

Two of our members, Arba S. Taylor, *Tau '26* and C. Russell Kramer, *Rho '31* attended the installation of Alpha Gamma chapter at Franklin and Marshall early in September. We were sorry to learn that at present there are no alumni from this new chapter located in our vicinity whom we might add to our group and acquaint with Alpha Kappa Pi.

We received the announcement from Beta chapter of their dance on November 21 and hope to have a good representation there.

The program committee is planning an informal fall dance. Our annual spring dance has proved such a success that there has been much agitation for more affairs of that nature. We hope to have

a large number attend the Convention in December and are planning to reserve two or three tables at the Convention banquet.

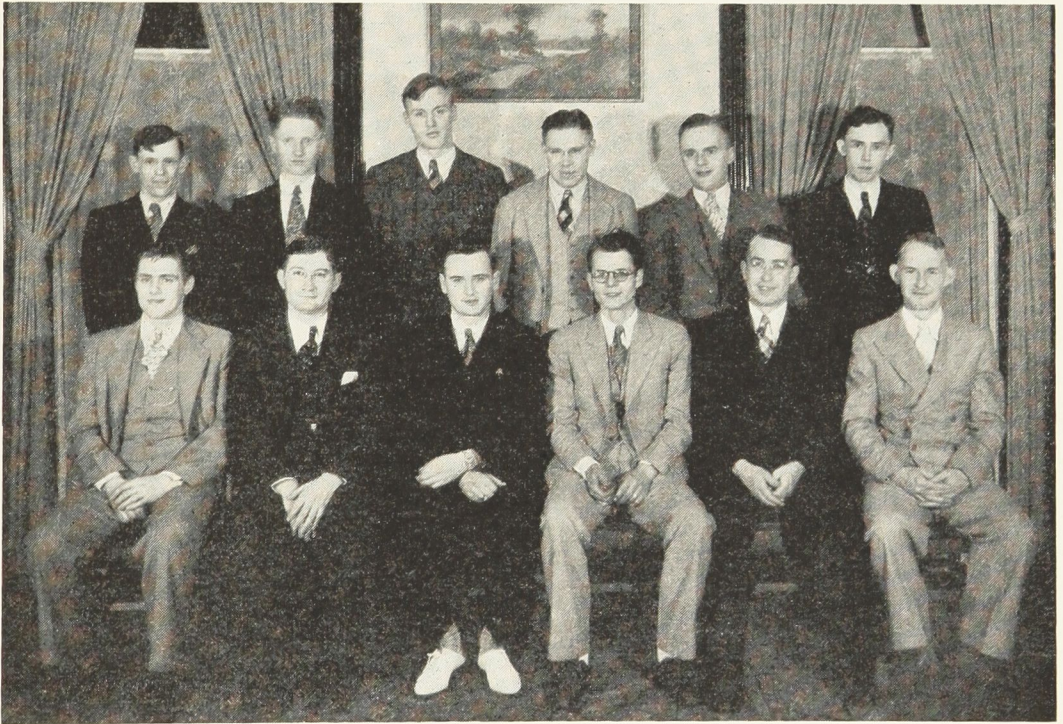
Several of our members have splashed into the matrimonial page since our last letter but we have been ordered by the editor to delete such casual news and reserve it for the alumni column which appears in the next issue.

LOUIS C. HOLMAN, *Xi '33*
Secretary

Ohio Zeta Alumni Chapter

With an active summer behind us, Ohio Zeta members are looking forward to a most successful year of activity. Our organization is comparatively loose as yet, and our meetings necessarily far apart, but being in our first year, we feel that we have made fine progress so far and we have high hopes for the future.

Three meetings have been held since the last ALPHA. The second meeting of our chapter was held May 2, at the Iota chapter house. Our eminent photographer, Brother Wehner, took a picture of the group at this time. Most of the evening



OHIO ZETA ALUMNI CHAPTER

*Sitting, left to right: Fairless, Haas, Heffelfinger, Thomas, Emerick, Hansen.
Standing: Krebs, Keller, Brady, Pickens, Rogers, Thoma.*

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was spent playing pool, cards and ping-pong, and in bull sessions. The high spot of the evening turned out to be a torrid political debate in which "capitalists," Brady and Rogers, were very ably, and very heatedly opposed by Grand Treasurer Krebs and Brother Emerick. I'm sure Roosevelt and Landon have overlooked some mighty valuable, at least vociferous, allies.

Plans were made at the May meeting, and the weekend of June 13 saw the first Ohio Zeta alumni outing on the shores of Lake Erie. Tennis, golf and swimming occupied the daylight hours, and in the evening the boys swooped down on Geneva-on-the-Lake, soon struck up an acquaintance with a party of sorority sisters from Pittsburgh, and a grand evening was enjoyed by all, swaying to the strains of Hal Goodman's orchestra. We can't fail to mention that grand dinner prepared by Brother Giusti. Ennio cooked enough spaghetti for Mussolini's foreign legions, but he had a hard time keeping up with the boys' appetites. All in all, a grand time was had by everyone, so much so, that September 12 found five cars of carefree brothers again journeying toward the lake, anticipating, and having another grand and glorious weekend. Our ranks were

swelled by numerous graduate school students, home for summer vacation, and by members of Iota Chapter.

We missed Brother Keller on our second trip, but on returning we found he had a good excuse. While we were frolicking, the stork paid a visit to the Keller household, and now Carl is the proud father of a baby boy.

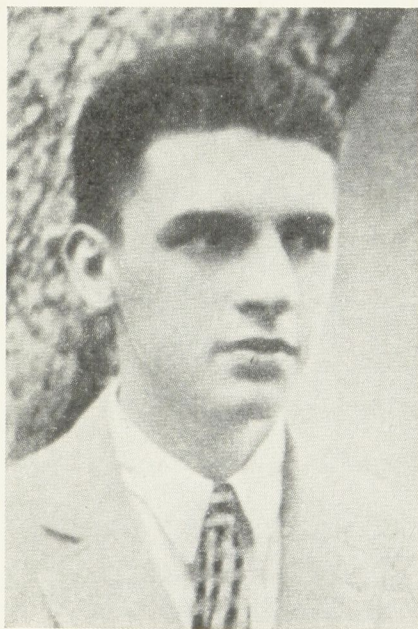
The Chapter regrets the loss of Brother Brady, who leaves for the East this month to accept a position with a New York advertising firm. We'll miss "Gerv" and we wish him lots of luck in his new job.

Our plans for the future call for another meeting soon at the Iota chapter house, and we hope to provide the active chapter with some real rushing aid this year. Several of us are hoping to be able to attend the convention this December, but if we fail to make it, we know we shall have able representation in the person of Grand Treasurer Krebs.

We extend our congratulations to Alpha Gamma at Franklin and Marshall, and send greetings and best wishes for a successful year to all chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi.

DONALD HEFFELFINGER, *Iota '33*

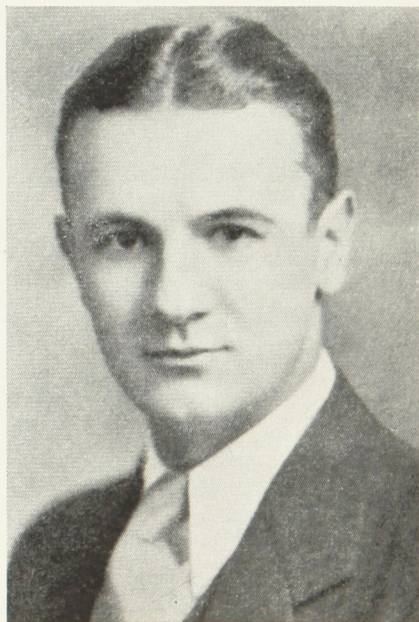
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