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Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,  
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel;  
But do not dull thy palm with entertainment  
Of each new-hatch'd, unfledged comrade. Beware  
Of entrance to a quarrel, but being in,  
Bear't that the opposed may beware of thee.  
Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice;  
Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment.  
Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy,  
But not express'd in fancy; rich, not gaudy;  
For the apparel oft proclaims the man.  
Neither a borrower nor a lender be;  
For loan oft loses both itself and friend,  
And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.  
This above all: to thine own self be true,  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

Hamlet, Act I, Scene III

# The Alpha of Alpha Kappa Pi

## By the way—

THE article by Alvan E. Duerr of Delta Tau Delta, past chairman of the N.I.C. and Chairman of its Scholarship Committee for so many years, presents the clearest exposition of the place the fraternities command in the field of higher education today which we have yet seen. It is the address he delivered before the Twenty-Eighth National Interfraternity Conference last November.

THE N.I.C. meetings are not reported as we feel that the average reader is not interested in detailed accounts of them. Each chapter has a copy of the Yearbook and can find there the full reports of the Conference.

IT WAS a genuine pleasure to attend the biennial chapter meeting at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, on December 28, 29 and 30. A full account will appear in the March issue together with the news items on the men elevated to national office. We were particularly interested in the discussions of chapter publications and would request those chapters issuing the same to send copies to THE ALPHA.

PSI CHAPTER is making a noble effort to gain the second leg on the Rafeld Historian Trophy. The report submitted for this issue sprang out of the envelope like a jack-in-the-box. By actual measurement it was five and one-half feet long.

TWO more alumni chapters are being formed. One is located in Philadelphia, Pa., and the other in Washington, D.C.

WE ARE still endeavoring to secure larger pictures of the chapter houses for a special section in THE ALPHA. Chapters which have not yet complied with our request are urged to cooperate.

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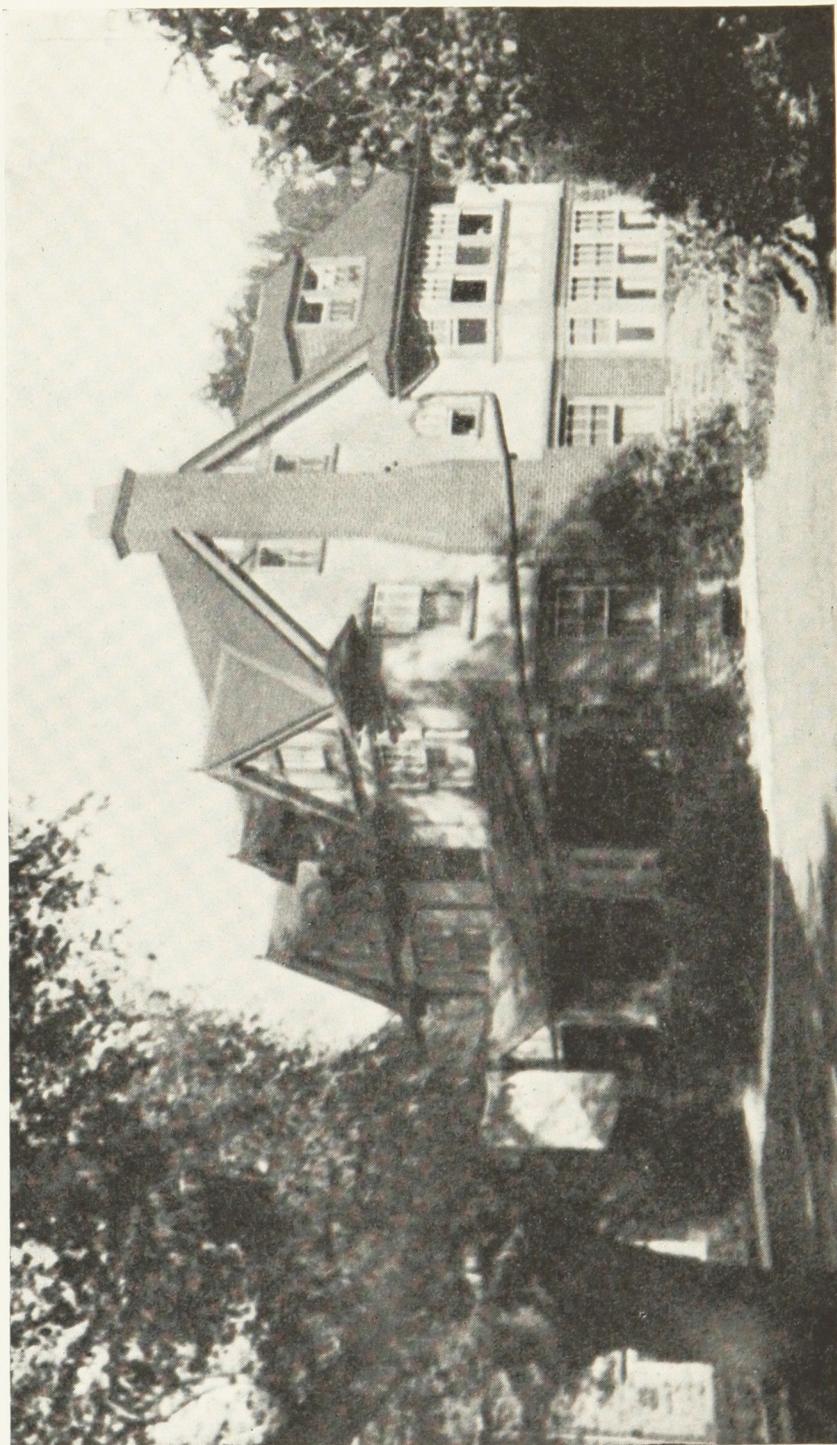
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# The ALPHA

## of Alpha Kappa Pi



## Fraternities in a Changing Educational World

### The Problems They Face, and How to Meet Them

By *Alvan E. Duerr, Former Chairman of N.I.C.*

▪ IF I WERE to compress into a single sentence the problem which confronts the fraternities today, it would be this: to discover that there is a problem; for then we should all probably get busy and do something, and with intelligent action our problems would disappear. Or, more seriously, the problem of the fraternities is to become distinctive and significant, and today we are neither.

Some years ago a group of Oxford students made a tour of American colleges and universities, and one evening attended a fraternity dinner and listened to a fraternity song. And one of them asked: "Is not the whole philosophy of loyalty to a fraternity a great fraud? To what is this loyalty? There is no way of life of the Alpha Beta Gamma fraternity different from that of the rest of the world. How can a man serve three Greek letters? What result does the attempt bring but terrible and crushing sameness, man to man, and fraternity to fraternity? It is just the wrong size. It is too small to be a permanent and enduring society, too large to be a body of boon companions. What is it, and why?"

Do the fraternity men of the country know

either the *what* or the *why*? I read a good many fraternity magazines, but they haven't the answer. I have listened to a good many fraternity speeches in my time, but they have given me no idea what it is all about. I have heard many a fraternity man proclaim that his fraternity was a great burning force for righteousness, but it wasn't clear just where the fire was. And yet, if we would but sit down and force ourselves to a sane and logical answer to our young Oxford student's questions, we should independently arrive at every answer that I can hope to offer.

Our problem is to become distinctive and significant enough that no one need ask *what?* or *why?*

Let us at least formulate the theory. Fraternities originated purely to satisfy a social need, and their early efforts to add to the scanty menu furnished by the college were never intended to array them with the learned societies on the campus. And any criticism of the fraternity on the score of its failure to promote sound scholarship is not germane, because it was never meant to do so. But we may properly criticize the fraternity for accepting a static definition of the social needs of the undergraduate, and for accepting as

the pattern of the social life of the undergraduate the same objectives which may be found in hundreds of athletic and social clubs in the small towns of America. For if the fraternity is to be distinctive, we must keep it off Main Street.



ALVAN E. DUERR

And so there should be something distinctive about the life of a young man who is embarking upon the greatest intellectual adventure that he may ever have. He should certainly live in an atmosphere that will stimulate him and induce him to the utmost use of the opportunities offered him by the college. Moreover, if a college course is a training for life, then almost the major responsibility, as certainly the major opportunity, falls to the fraternity rather than to the college. For the determining factor in a successful life is not what you know, but how you use it; is not your technical training, but your strength of character and your social vision, which will serve to direct your energies into channels which are wise for you and helpful to your fellow men.

Now the college concerns itself little with the character of its students. If the fraternity

neglects this also, its members will leave college with the same pattern of conduct which they brought from high school. If the fraternity wants to make itself really significant to its members, and thus acquire a first lien on their loyalty and affection, it will become more aware of the fact that the most important thing to youth is what is to become of it. Youth will offer no end of resistance to the flames which will temper its steel, but at heart it yearns for them and the courage to stand the gaff; and if many of us find our alumni luke warm to the value of fraternity life, is not the answer that in their own crucial years the fraternity failed to furnish the inspiration and the direction which would have sent them into paths of greater usefulness?

College men will undergo infinite hardship in order to qualify for an athletic team. Why does training for life warrant less sacrifice? And why is the fraternity house not the ideal laboratory where men may learn to assay what gold they have, to discard the slag, and then to discover how best to use the finished product? That is not taking life more seriously than life itself is. Nor does that mean taking the fun out of life. It is merely an effort to get a better balance and a more rational approach, and to make a man's four years in the chapter house really contribute to what is in store for him after graduation. But this should be the responsibility of the alumni, for we can not expect the undergraduate to pull himself up by his own bootstraps.

That, it seems to me, is the place of the fraternity, and that its function: To furnish a wholesome and stimulating social life for its members, altogether in harmony with the objectives of the college, thus making possible the fullest development of the individual's capacities. The college can hardly compete with the fraternity on this ground, if the fraternity is really functioning; and so the fraternity might easily make itself indispensable to the college, because it can influence so deeply what practical value the college's intellectual training shall have for both the individual and the community in which he is to live.

Our problem is to inculcate two things: how to live with one's fellows, and how to take a sane view of one's personal assets and liabilities, to the end that one may make most of the capital with which one is endowed. That is purely a social problem; but it is significant beyond any mental or economic problem that any of us will ever have.

Woodrow Wilson once said that "the college is a process of slow evolution from the school boy and the school boy's attitude into the man and his entirely altered view of life. It can be accomplished only in the college environment. The environment is of the essence of the whole effect."

Now officially the college preëmpts only 25 per cent of the student's time in recitations and preparation. The remaining 75 percent, which constitutes the student's leisure, and socially is of far greater import to this "process of slow evolution," is, with many, surrendered to the fraternity. Hence the importance of the fraternity, and hence its opportunity and its responsibility.

Let us then examine the environment which these two agencies, the college and the fraternity, are furnishing for the process of gradually moulding the boy into the man. For the fraternity man we may divide it into seven categories: 1. The educational objectives of the college. 2. The faculty. 3. The fraternity home. 4. Extracurricular activities. 5. Upper classmen and their traditions. 6. The alumni. 7. The national organization of his fraternity.

1. *The Educational Objectives of the College*: If we define objectives as a clear conception of function and service, the college can hardly be said to have objectives. Education has been just muddling along, looking for the prophet who would tell them too the *what* and the *why*. And if the college has not yet discovered where it is going, is it any wonder that the fraternity, which is to accompany it on its journey, should be rather hazy about *its* destination? Or is it surprising that youth, travelling in this rudderless boat, should be more marked for his cynicism than for his constructive thought? In passing we may note that it is not easy for the fra-

ternity to create a purposeful environment for its members when the very purpose of their being in the institution is not yet defined.

2. *The Faculty*: Men and not institutions are the great influences in life; hence the faculty is a major factor in the student's environment.

The successful teacher must be the moral superior of his pupil; but how can anyone who is socially unsatisfied be morally superior? And how can anyone who is unadjusted in his relations to society possess that detached outlook which is indispensable to real scholarship, and is the only guarantee of sound conclusions? And more important still, can such a man teach his students how to use their knowledge to the good of an order which disturbs him? This seems to me the explanation of the negative and iconoclastic character of college instruction. And if you are inclined to wonder why the present generation are not good fraternity men, it is worth noting that we have here a fundamental antagonism between the influence emanating from such teachers and the selfless thinking which the fraternity would inculcate.

Now this is of greater importance to the fraternity than merely its influence on fraternity men in their capacity of students. For such an attitude fails to stimulate and promote any proper maturing of social concepts and any constructive attitude of social obligation. And since the fraternity is definitely social, this means that the college as such is contributing far less than it should to high standards of social conduct and to that beneficent regard for one's fellows which induces a social-minded attitude and effort.

There is little hostility to the fraternity among college administrators; they are nearer to its spirit, and see more clearly what it could be made to do. The indifference and even antagonism comes, as might be expected, from the members of the faculty who are apathetic to merely human considerations, even when these have supreme educational significance, and whose ruthless emphasis on intellectual gymnastics seems to be almost a defensive complex. And such

opposition is a stumbling block to both college administrators and the fraternities themselves.

But is it not a mistake to meet such indifference and antagonism with an antagonism of our own, and to transfer it to wholly innocent sources? Fraternities have become so sensitive to this attitude that they classify all criticism as hostile, and so miss altogether the stimulation to better things which can come only from constructive analysis. And this defensive attitude of ours has tricked us into refusing to turn the search light of truth upon ourselves, and has thus made us miss many an opportunity for cooperation with college administrations that are as deeply concerned as we that our organizations should be a vital force in undergraduate life. This is a major problem for the fraternities.

What can we do about this problem of the college faculty? Nothing, except to bring home to the college its full significance, to suggest a closer scrutiny of the personal background of their candidates, and to urge that a Ph.D. should not cover such a multitude of sins. And secondly, we may properly urge upon the college the importance of providing for its faculty a personally satisfying and stimulating environment.

That is the extent of the environment of the student for which the college is primarily responsible. But before we pass on to the fraternity's share, let us think more clearly on one subject. Scholarship is the business of the college, and *its* responsibility. That does mean that we are not interested in the scholastic standing of our active members; for study is the job of the college student, and good scholarship means that he is acquitting himself like a man, and has a sense of responsibility to himself and his environment. And that is a social problem.

Moreover, it is our responsibility to create such an atmosphere in the environment which we furnish that men may utilize and enjoy to a maximum the opportunities which the college holds out to them. But the fraternity is not called on to convert its chapter houses into nurseries and tutoring schools

which shall vitalize the uninspired and ineffectual efforts of such members of the faculty as do not know what it is all about. It is the problem of the faculty to inspire a zeal for its teachings, and not to use the fraternity as a club with which to compel it.

And now let us examine the fraternity environment. First comes

3. *The Chapter Home*: If one's own home is the source of most that is fine in life, so one's college home will make or break one's college career. The fraternity home is in many respects the best place to live that the college student can find; however, we have not come to praise. And it is not in a spirit of unsympathetic criticism that I refer to the average chapter house as a false front, with its imposing exterior, its impressive reception room, its cramped study rooms, its unclean lavatories, and the skeleton in its closet in the form of a large mortgage to which the neophyte may not be introduced until he has his badge of eternal membership. This is a serious problem, but a simple one. We can easily be more honest in our representations, and more business-like in our finance. It would not take too much courage to *seem* what we are. And we could easily convert our chapter houses, not into places where we may impress an occasional guest, but where members may live comfortably and richly in the delightful intimacy of men who have much in common and who are partners in one of the most glorious adventures in life—acquiring the art of living. The chapter house *is* a club house, but a club house for men whose job is study.

It is not easy to maintain intimate living in a congenial group when chapters run as high as one hundred members, and if the fraternity wants to remain a fraternity in fact, it must discover some way to keep its numbers down. But unfortunately so many of us have built houses on a shoe string, that now our problem is not so much how we may budget our chapters as how we may chapter our budget.

4. *Extra-curricular Activities*: Although these occupy a great deal of the student's time and energy, they require little discus-

sion. They have unquestioned value in developing self-confidence and social facility. They become a problem only when the side show encroaches upon the big tent, or when through them the individual is exploited for the aggrandizement of the chapter.

5. *The Upper Classmen and Their Traditions*: The upper classmen exert a powerful influence upon the younger members, but their influence merely reflects their own response to all these factors of environment, and is therefore nothing more than a barometer. If then a spirit of group responsibility has been instilled, and our other factors are operating satisfactorily, upperclassmen will do all that can be asked.

It is well known that the attitude and personnel of the average chapter change constantly and rapidly, and that there is consequently no persistence of type. This indicates the absence of a controlling agency, which might well engage the attention of the alumni and the national organization.

To be sure, the undergraduate spends one third of the year at home, which will affect the chapter's problem one way or the other; and this points directly to our being more aware of home background in the selection of members.

6. *The Alumni*: Every fraternity in the country is wrestling with the problem of alumni interest, because an active and intelligent group of alumni are the surest guarantee of a good undergraduate chapter. But we treat alumni loyalty as if it were something that we may demand. What right have you and I to tell a man that just because years ago he gave us what we wanted particularly, his prestige and his financial support, he must be actively loyal to our organization for the rest of his natural life, if nothing but pep talks and dues have happened since?

We may not expect every alumnus to be a crusading undergraduate. Even though he is aware of a deep debt to his fraternity, and is social-minded, there are more immediate demands on his time and energy. And perhaps he is giving himself to his community because years ago he learned to give himself to his chapter; and our objective then was

to prepare him for larger usefulness in his environment, not for larger usefulness to us.

Perhaps the fault lies with us, for few of us have stressed the fraternity and its young members as a rare field for social usefulness; few of us have emphasized the fraternity's obligation to its youth, and so it has lost much of its appeal to its social-minded alumni; and these would normally make the best fraternity men. I suspect that if we were more clean cut in formulating vital objectives for our undergraduate chapters, our thoughtless and carefree brothers would be less inclined to use their old chapter house as a playground, and men who could make a real contribution would feel a greater urge to come back.

The great need of the fraternities is good men. We must not heed the charge of snobbery and class distinction. Let us glory in being an aristocracy of decency and altruistic endeavor. The chapter house must be a breeding place of leaders of thought and action, who appreciate their opportunities and foresee their responsibilities; of men who learn at college to assume with dignity and effectiveness the high places in the world. When you will offer to your alumni a share in such vital work, you will not find them wanting.

And this is perhaps the place to point out that if you complain of less undergraduate interest in the fraternity at this time, it means that you will have an even more serious alumni problem in the years ahead, unless you adopt a more constructive policy.

7. *The National Organization*: It is a mistake to assume that the national organization of our fraternities is the most important and the most influential factor in the environment of a chapter, and has therefore the greatest responsibility. As a matter of fact, it is the least important; and if we remember Aristotle's dictum: "That State is the best governed which is the least governed," we may well be satisfied that it should be so.

We have always talked as if the national organization were the final arbiter of what should prevail within a given fraternity. In a measure this is true, for that is what dif-

ferentiates one fraternity from another; but reduced to its fundamental principles, it is not at all true; for it is the local campus which determines what form its fraternity life shall take. And all of you know how successful you have been in purging your own initiatory rites of the excrescences of Hell Week.

Isn't it the part of wisdom then to approach local problems locally? Instead of passing resolutions at the National Interfraternity Conference, which will change history about as much as a Soviet broadcast determines American elections, and instead of wasting time passing laws which will never be enforced, why do not the secretaries involved meet in a body with the local interfraternity councils and together arrive at a solution, which by that very fact *can* be enforced. If our secretaries are looking for a real job, the most constructive thing they can do at the present time is to help our good friends the deans to build up a really strong and responsible interfraternity council on every campus, and throw the weight of their national influence and experience into the solution of local problems which interfere with the proper development of their chapters.

But we need to remember that the fraternity idea is consistent only with the theory of democracy, where men may govern themselves and do for themselves. For the prerogatives of our undergraduate chapters have been preempted more and more by their national organizations, until these are not unlike the modern holding company. And I believe that we have here an important reason for the fainter interest of men in their fraternities, because we have taken from them too much of the need to do for themselves, too much of the stimulus to initiative and independent thinking, and too much of the responsibility for the well-being of their chapter. For these are the things which make for enthusiasm and loyalty.

What then are the functions of the national organization? They are many and indispensable. It is a guarantee of permanence and stability. It multiplies friendships. It

counteracts provincialism. It fosters local competition and differentiation, which are essential to healthy growth. It consolidates interests and agencies, and furnishes supervision which will serve as a guide and a check. It is the clearing house of common experience under differing circumstances and of mutual problems, and is the source of inspiration and leadership. On occasion it substitutes effective group action for ineffectual individual effort. It harmonizes techniques and effects economies through collective action. It is the cohesive force which vitalizes the constituent parts, and lends to them dignity and that sense of power and worth which comes with sharing in a significant movement.

That completes our analysis of the environment of the undergraduate at college. It has necessarily been cursory, and yet sufficiently detailed to reveal many a task to which we may address ourselves. Let me restate some of the more important of these:

To make the fraternities more distinctive and more significant.

To keep fraternity traditions and attitudes in harmony with modern thought and modern educational movements.

To make fraternity life vital enough to engage the interest of the undergraduate and the support of the alumnus.

To avoid antagonism where there is only common purpose and common interest.

To court constructive criticism as the only assurance of progress.

To maintain a proper balance within the chapter between "activities" and the real work of the college, and to avoid exploiting the individual.

To strengthen our financial structure and to make it more honest.

To remove the front from our chapter houses and to adapt them better to men who are seeking an education.

To inculcate a finer sense of obligation to youth.

To make our national organizations serve our chapter rather than regiment them.

To promote democratic self-reliance rather than paternalism.

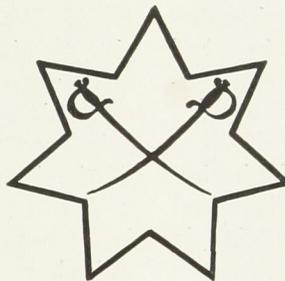
To urge the college to provide instruction which will promote better its own avowed objective of social responsibility.

The college fraternity was born in the most romantic and artificial century of modern times, and the ear marks of those days, with their forced loyalties, and their regimented enthusiasms, are shot all through fraternity traditions and attitudes. Doesn't that in itself account for many of our problems, as does the fact that fraternity leadership too often has its roots in the gay nineties, either in fact or because that was the source of its training? And so fraternity concepts have changed little in a changing world. Too much of our thinking is an emotional glorification of the past instead of a dynamic realization of the present. And youth is living now, and so much has happened during the past generation that youth does not find it easy to bridge the gap, and scarcely understands our jargon.

The fraternities are therefore confronted with unusual unrest and dissatisfaction with

in their own undergraduate ranks. Personally, I do not deplore this, because dissatisfaction with the old must always precede reform and new growth. We older men have a gift of self-deception which makes it possible to love our fraternity and to believe in it, although it do nothing. But it is the legitimate function of youth to challenge the older generation and to ask it to justify its philosophy. And in our attempt to answer their challenge we often fumble the ball, either from a lack of conviction or because we have become confused and have forgotten toward which goal we were headed.

There is not much in college life which is able to produce more lasting pleasure and satisfaction than vital living with a group of intimate friends. And nowhere can this be found better than in a good chapter of a fraternity. Its possibilities are so great that it would be a pity if fraternity men missed the chance because they are not realistically alert and unfailingly honest with themselves.



# Annual Scholarship Survey

By George Earle Owen, *Chairman of Scholarship Committee*

CHAPTER	COLLEGE	NO. OF FRATERNITIES	1933-34 STANDING	1934-35 STANDING	1935-36 STANDING
1. Gamma	Stevens	11-10	8	10	—
2. Delta	Brooklyn Polytechnic	5	—	1	3
3. Eta	Presbyterian	5	5	5	5
4. Iota	Mount Union	5	1	1	2
5. Kappa	M.I.T.	24	1	1	—
6. Lambda	Bethany	5	1	1	1
7. Nu	Lehigh	27	10	16	14
8. Xi	N.C. State	13	3	1	2
9. Omicron	Penn State	41	27	32	37
10. Pi	U. of N. H.	13	11	12	—
11. Rho	Rutgers	17	1	6	7
12. Sigma	U. of Illinois	49	—	34	31
13. Upsilon	Centre	6	6	4	6

\* This rating includes only those institutions which submit a report to National Interfraternity Conference.

FRATERNITY men extended their scholastic lead over non-fraternity men in 1935-36, Dr. Alvan E. Duerr, *Delta Tau Delta*, showed in a comprehensive survey presented at the 28th annual sessions of the National Interfraternity Conference, Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. Dr. Duerr, twice chairman of the conference, has long been chairman of the conference committee on scholarship; his efforts undoubtedly have had a remarkable influence for good in scholarship matters in fraternities generally.

The Greeks led the non-fraternity men during the year in 53 per cent of the institutions from which reports were available and actually increased their relative standing in 60 per cent of the institutions.

The figures undoubtedly give a remarkably accurate picture of the scholastic situation as it exists in colleges and universities fortunate enough to have chapters of the 62 general fraternities having membership in the conference. The survey considered statistics from 172 colleges and universities having an undergraduate enrollment of 250,000, of whom more than one-quarter are members of the

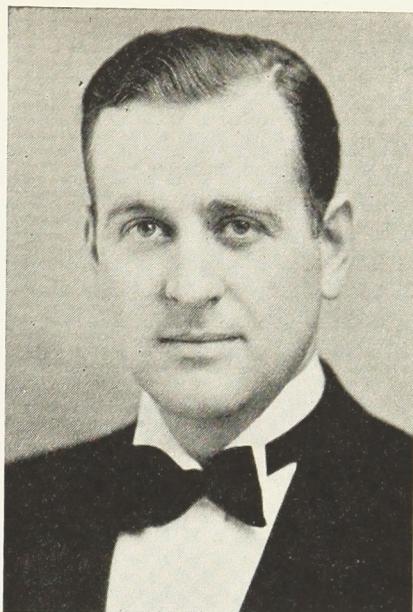
2259 chapters operating on these campuses; the 62 members of the conference include on their rolls 1978 of these chapters with an undergraduate membership of 57,703.

This year's index for all fraternities in the country, local and national, irrespective of membership in the conference, is plus .799. Last year's was .276, and that of 1933-34 was .362. "During the past five years," Dr. Duerr pointed out, there has been a consistent gain throughout the country in the quality of college work as indicated by the all-men's average. In 1932-33 there was a gain over the previous year in 79 per cent of the institutions; in 1933-34, in 50 per cent; in 1934-35, in 52 per cent; in 1935-36, in 49 per cent. This means that the fraternities have gained on the non-fraternity men in spite of a constantly rising base."

The index represents approximately the percentage by which a given grade is above or below the all-men's average. By this method the all-men's average of an institution is represented by the arbitrary value of zero; all grades are computed in terms of this base, and a plus or minus value, or index, is assigned them.



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# Alpha Kappa Pi in North Carolina

## Fraternity Adviser Makes Inspection Trip

By Albert H. Wilson, *Fraternity Adviser*

▪ AT THE request of the Grand President, David S. Blankenship, the chapters in North Carolina were visited the second week in the month of October, 1936. It is a pleasure to report the findings at North Carolina



ALBERT H. WILSON, *Adviser*

State College and Wake Forest College where the Xi and the Chi chapters of the fraternity are established.

It is well to speak briefly of the colleges wherein the Alpha Kappa Pi chapters are found. At North Carolina State there is a most wholesome life and the fraternities are given splendid coöperation on the part of the college. Another favoring feature is the fact that the wild ogre of mansion building has not as yet reached this campus and the fraternities are domiciled in adequate and pleasing chapter homes. The upkeep of these houses is such that the memberships therein are still selective and not just to make certain that the numbers will fill the needed financial help. The groups are fraternally minded above every other asset. The student

body numbers 2000 men and the fifteen fraternities have a splendid field to cultivate. Alpha Kappa Pi has one of the best and most attractive houses on the campus and it is situated at the main gates to the campus. The chapter stands high at North Carolina.

Wake Forest is a splendid old line college with 1000 men in attendance. Here we find also a close coöperation between fraternities and the college. The plan at Wake Forest is to eventually house all the fraternities in dormitory sections, and one building, to take care of four of the fraternities, is now in course of construction. This campus is noted all over the South for its sheer beauty. The tree life is one to marvel at when the number and life of these trees are considered. At the present time, owing to the small town in which Wake Forest is found, the housing of fraternities is not an easy task. However the situation gives evidence of becoming better and all the social groups are established in their own homes or suites on or near the campus. Alpha Kappa Pi occupies a recently built stone house equipped to handle fifteen to seventeen men. None of the fraternities board at their houses. Alpha Kappa Pi rates with the leaders on this campus.

More specifically as to the chapters:

Xi, as stated above, is well nigh a model chapter. Always high rating in scholarship and well known in the life of the campus the chapter is a distinct credit to the fraternity. No debts and a tidy sum in the bank speak well for the past and the present treasurers of this chapter. To name all the members would be too tedious, perhaps, but suffice to state every member of the Xi Chapter is a gentleman and an enthusiastic wearer of the badge. Besides the financial status of the chapter being just right it is also to be noted that the chapter meeting records show almost one hundred per cent attendance.

Chi, the second chapter to be established in North Carolina, had some hard going immediately at the time the chapter was installed. The great depression struck this community a most paralyzing blow and for a time the boys were either compelled to drop out of college or to just remain at their studies. The past year finds the clouds lifting and with it the life at Chi is bound to take an upward swing. Heretofore the chapter has been making its way with pledge members. From now on this will be changed. When college opened this fall one initiated man who had been in the chapter last year returned to Wake Forest and with him came one member who had been out of college for one year, and is now enrolled for the present year. Since then the active chapter has been lifted to eight wholly interested members and three pledges soon to be given the ritual. After pledge day, set by the college, it is certain that Chi will have more than doubled its active membership and will be set for a great future, and a splendid service, in the fraternity.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Chapter strength at Chi at present time is as follows: Members, 10; Pledges, 12.)

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### License Plates Support Football Team

■ DOWN in the south, the subsidization of athletics is now legal, as you know. One of the most interesting methods of raising funds for attracting and feeding good football men is that employed by the University of Florida. Florida is one of the few states which requires motorists to have only one license plate—attached only at the back of the car. So the University has created some plates to fit the empty holders on the car fronts. Similar in color and design to the State's plates, the University plates are sold to Florida's fans all over the state. The money goes to build up the University's athletics.

### Finding Jobs for Alumni

#### ALPHA TAU OMEGA HAS PLACEMENT SERVICE

■ FINDING jobs for college fraternity alumni through a nation-wide placement service is a new fraternity project described in the December issue of "Occupations," official organ of the National Vocational Guidance Association, published by the National Occupational Conference, New York. It is the story of a successful guidance and placement service started two years ago by Alpha Tau Omega, told by Dr. Harry D. Kitson, Teachers College, Columbia University, chairman of the fraternity's vocational advisory board.

In the Alpha Tau Omega plan, qualifications and type of job desired are listed for each senior in every chapter, and published once a year as a supplement to the fraternity magazine. The information goes to all graduate members of the fraternity and to a selected list of 1,500 employers. Seniors are listed by case numbers, and names and addresses are given only on request by a prospective employer. In addition, a nation-wide committee solicits jobs in person.

After the first year it was found that placement service alone was not sufficient. Undergraduate and alumni members frequently needed job guidance to get them directed into vocations for which they were best fitted. National Alpha Tau Omega officers then set up a guidance service directed by a vocational advisory board of which Dr. Kitson was made chairman. It has 19 members, each chosen with reference to his occupation, personal adaptability to the work of advisement, and geographical distribution. Members hold individual conferences with undergraduates and alumni of the fraternity who seek their advice, and help make job contacts. They also recommend books on choosing a vocation and finding a job that should be added to chapter libraries.

# Fraternity Management

By Robinson Abbott, *Tau '18*

▪ THIS is the first of several articles dealing with fraternity chapter management and alumni relations; and submitted at the request of the Editor of the ALPHA. These articles will discuss Scholarship, Finance, Recruitment and Alumni relations.



ROBINSON ABBOTT

As we pass to another year and emerge from depression we noticed that the important note of the 1936 Convention of the fraternity appeared to be: "How may the local chapters consolidate and solidify their position?" Delegates repeatedly discussed the personal relations within the chapters and asked for ways and means to help in attaining local solidarity.

The ancients had a diety whom they worshipped under the name of Fides or Faith. This symbol was represented by two right hands joined in a handclasp. This has been handed down through the years as a sign of friendship and brotherhood. With this symbol go the attributes of friendship, unity and personal trust; the taking of a man on faith.

All of us understand the meaning of and what is meant by the term trust fund. How many realize that a college fraternity is in effect a trust fund left by those who have

gone out and to those who may come after and carry on the good work. The basic relation is a fiduciary one; a trusteeship. The founders have left behind a trust fund of personal relationship, a way of extending personal help, each man to the other. The trustees under this agreement are however self nominated even from the newest pledge to the senior president. Each and every one of these are obligated to "keep faith with the past" and also to build in their own time for the future, for the sons of the founders and in turn for sons of their own. May I ask "How has this faith been kept?"

All chapters have fundamentally the same problems, Scholarship, Finance, Pledging, Alumni.

## Scholarship

Scholarship at least to a reasonable extent is necessary in order to remain in any reputable college. Without decent scholarship a chapter does not deserve to exist. Scholarship is first and foremost a personal matter; a matter of keeping faith with one's own best self. Secondly, it becomes a chapter's moral duty to assist and guide a needy brother. Many times more than assistance is a prime necessity, and occasionally strong arm methods are needed to make a man see the error of his way and show him his duty before it becomes too late.

Your chapter is derelict in its duty when it neglects such cases in its membership. It is also derelict in its duty when it allows its collective average of scholarship to fall below the general college average or below the place in the scale traditionally held by the men of the group who have gone before. The all-too-customary "gentleman's C" is usually not an achievement to write home about. In general this level of work is the badge of hopeless mediocrity. When faith has been kept in scholarship then can be said in Kipling's words "You're a man my son."

### Finances

Finance in any chapter can be a touchy problem or a very simple one. At the convention there came up the discussion of "carrying" men in a chapter. There are two ways to do this. First and easiest, is to just let him owe it, let a debt pile up, let the chapter live on the I.O.U. Sooner or later some one tries to collect, possibly the next college generation, and finds an individual who may then be able to pay up, and may or may not be willing to do so. In most cases, only hard feeling is the result. Certainly no brotherhood or personal appreciation is served in any way. "Fraternity" in nine out of ten such cases has failed. A second way as outlined at our meeting in New York was the method of "pro rata" or spreading the deficient payments over the fraternity bills of the other members.

Deficiencies in finance within a chapter come about from one of three sources—either insufficient assessments per member, lax collections, or unwise spending.

Insufficient assessments may be either the result of too few members or a "pledge poor" chapter which is a condition of unbalance due to too many non-initiated men for the number of full members. Either of these conditions can be cured by the desire to be a truly loyal fraternity man. Another condition in this connection is not so easy to cure. It is that of a fraternity chapter trying to live in a style not commensurate with the pocketbooks of the men available as members. The help of alumni to cut down overhead is the wise way to attack this.

Lax collections are usually the result of past delinquent officers in charge of the finances. Procrastination in this connection is the rock on which the chapter will be most damaged. When a member does not pay up his share when it is due, it is because of one of two reasons, either he cannot or he will not. Which of these is the case is usually very easy to determine if the answer to this question is sought. How about parties, dances, theatre, automobile, and other things too numerous to mention which are indulged

in by the average young person with a little spare cash? Too often the funds allocated at home to meet fraternity costs and through which the frivolities are enjoyed, are spent for the frivolities themselves. The man who really denies himself the ordinary little indulgences of social life probably in reality cannot spare money from home for more than the bare necessities. He is indeed one of the spartans of college life. Between these two there can be no choice as to who shall be called brother in or out of a college fraternity.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This discussion will continue with the subject of finance from the point of view of the budget and the Board of Governors of the chapter in the next issue.)

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### Accepts Professorship at Johnson Bible College

By E. DANIEL O'HARA, *Alpha Beta '37*

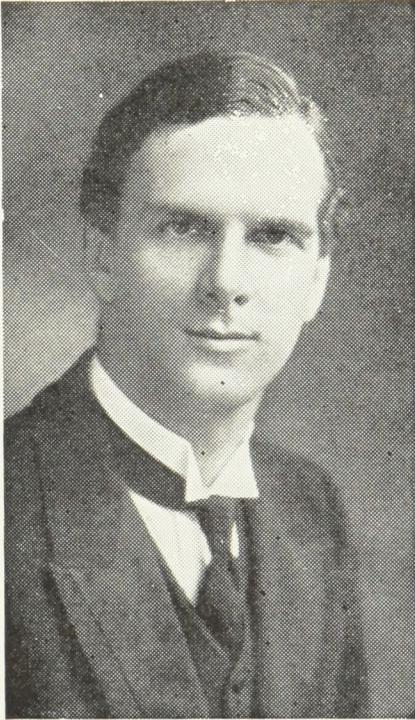
▪ It is with deep regret we report the departure of the Reverend Basil Holt, Pastor of the Christian Church, and an honorary member of Alpha Kappa Pi, from these surroundings to accept a professorship at the Johnson Bible College.

His brilliant career in the field of ministry has gained for him many friends, both here and abroad. A great traveler, he has visited many countries carrying out the duties of his holy office.

Born in the Umtata region, South Africa, October 10, 1902, his early childhood was spent in this territory. He assisted his father, a missionary, in various religious duties at the age of fifteen; therefore, it was but a natural sequence that he should follow his father's vocation.

After the necessary preparation and the completion of his undergraduate work, he was ordained into the ministry in 1926. His first assignment was in the capacity of minister of the Baptist Church, located at Benoni, in the Transvaal. Here he remained for a number of years, carrying out the work to

which he had dedicated his life. In 1927 he was appointed minister of the Christian Church in Johannesburg, the largest church of this denomination in Africa.



REVEREND BASIL HOLT

The years 1929 and 1930 found him traveling as an Evangelist, in charge of Christian Church work. It was about this time that he became noted for his sincerity and outstanding zeal.

He came to America in 1930, traveling over this country holding meetings and addressing various conventions assembled from Christian Churches, until he settled in Angola in 1931. He became very active in the community affairs, a member of the Lion's Club, Committee of North American Christian Churches, President of the Lake James Christian Assembly and the author of two well-known religious books.

It was while located in Angola that he became a member of Alpha Kappa Pi, and has been chapter spiritual adviser since his admission. Ever eager to assist, a splendid

speaker, and a great loss to this chapter, we regret his leaving. He will be hard to replace, but to him go our sincere wishes, and we bid him godspeed.

### **Bethany Alumni Organize**

By WILLIAM J. McILROY, *Lambda '35*

■ THE Class of '35 decided that the alumni of Lambda Chapter should be organized. After making the necessary plans, a meeting was called and on June 7, 1935 the first meeting of the Lambda Alumni Association was formally opened. Fourteen members were present and it was decided that all those who met certain requirements by the following September would be considered charter members. The result was really encouraging inasmuch as twenty-two men answered the call. Officers were elected at the first meeting and the results were: Thomas Addleman, President; Tony Marion, Vice-President; and W. J. McIlroy, Secretary-Treasurer.

We have since held semi-annual meetings at the chapter house, and with the coöperation of the actives have had several enjoyable stag banquets, smokers and business meetings.

It was our intention to keep this association local until we were sure of its success. The active chapter accidentally let our secret out so it seems that now THE ALPHA wants to know what we are doing.

At the end of 1936 new officers were elected and we now have as President, Tony Marion, and as Secretary-Treasurer, W. J. McIlroy.

Although we are not strong financially we have been able to make several small donations to the active chapter. Our real objective is to bring back to the circle the drifters and in many cases we have succeeded.

Being an infant organization we have not much to offer but we will welcome, with open arms, any suggestions from you older organizations. This is a definite invitation for you to write to me and give me all the dope on your materials and methods. Address is 129 Wynoka Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Philadelphia Alumni Meet

■ AS THE result of invitations sent out by Province Chief Albert G. Jahn sixteen alumni met in Philadelphia for the purpose of organizing a regular functioning Philadelphia Alumni Chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi. The following temporary officers were elected: President, Robert T. Sheen, *Nu '31*; Vice-President, W. Reeve Noble, *Omicron '29*; Treasurer, Charles H. Davenport, *Alpha Gamma '29*; Secretary, Albert G. Jahn, *Omicron '23*; and Assistant Secretary, Paul L. Brogan, Jr., *Omicron '36*. The next meeting is planned in January and Bob Sheen will present some of his travel pictures.

## A Haven for Lost Fraternity Pins

■ RESTORING long-lost fraternity pins to original owners is a specialized business with J. B. Koplik & Co. of 101 Park Row, New York City. They have assured Alpha Kappa Pi of their desire to be of what assistance they can at all times in this work. *Fortune* magazine for October 1936 contained the following interesting account of this strange enterprise:

Until Daniel M. and Jerome S. Koplik took a hand in the family pawnshop about eighteen years ago, most pawned fraternity pins were broken up and sold as old gold and second-hand gems. But Daniel and Jerome Koplik went to Columbia University, became members of Phi Epsilon Pi, and were quick to realize that there would be more money selling fraternity pins whole instead of in

bits. They set up a secondhand-fraternity-pin department in Koplik's Manhattan pawnshop, which was founded by Grandfather Joseph B. Koplik in 1860, and are now considered the biggest second hand-fraternity-pin dealers in the United States. They sell as many as 700 pins a year at prices ranging from \$4 to \$25. Average price is \$12, which is about half what a new pin would cost.

The Kopliks get most of their pins from old-gold dealers and pawnbrokers all over the country. They sell most of them in June when college graduates come to New York to work and want a pin to replace the one they gave a girl back home. This year has been the best since 1930, which the Kopliks consider a valuable index of industrial recovery. Orders from the South, for no apparent reason, have been especially heavy. Many a fraternity member has beaten a path to the Kopliks' door looking for a pin, but he can't get one unless he identifies himself as a member of the fraternity. He is subjected to a searching quiz about the fraternity—the president, the date it was founded, etc. Since the Kopliks know all the answers, they are adept at tripping up men who want a pin just to impress a girl. The Kopliks wouldn't sacrifice their integrity even to help true love along. It would lower their standing in the eyes of the hundreds of national and chapter secretaries they correspond with about pins that have come in.

It is a good idea usually to locate the owner of a pin because if he has lost it, he usually wants it back, and if he has pawned it, loyal fraternity members, who hear about it, often chip in to get a destitute brother's pin out of hock. About half the business is mail-order, Koplik fame reaching from coast to coast. The pin in best demand and in least supply is Sigma Chi's. The pin of which there is the most plentiful supply is Phi Gamma Delta's—whose membership, irrelevantly enough, includes two notable Republicans, Calvin Coolidge and Alfred M. Landon.

# COMMENTS OF FELLOW



# ACTIVITIES OUR GREEKS

## The Relation of the College Fraternity to the University

By Emmett Lee Irwin, *Kappa Alpha*

■ GOING to college is a great event in the life of the young man or young woman and rightly the thought of such should be cherished as a happy reward for effort well spent. It signifies progress along the scale of preparation for life's battles and carries with it many delightful associations and experiences.

This business of going to college is a serious problem and yet how many parents or students stop to reflect in the thought of "Why go to college?" Strangely enough, I dare say, many parents neglect to consider, with any degree of seriousness, the possible best vocation to be followed by the boy or girl, just being anxious for him or her to be afforded the chance to go to college. Yes, going to college is a wonderful opportunity. It affords the privilege of making observations of others, obtaining new ideas, broadening one's viewpoint through contact and association, and above all, it gives one the chance to develop one's personality, to build broadly upon the framework of character inherited from nature. Through friendships one is able to correct defects in thought and ideals and by diligent application to study, to cultivate, more deeply, the natural intellectual endowments.

It has been said that the advantages of one's associations at college outweigh one's scholastic benefit. In some instances this may be true, but certainly association means much in the development of both mind and character.

Man is, by natural instinct, a social animal and seeks companionship among his fellows in accordance with his likes and dislikes—this instinct pulls men together in groups regardless of what is done to divert it. There is an old saying that "Birds of a feather flock together" and so it is with man, who wishes to associate himself with persons who enjoy the privilege of fostering the same ideals of principle and of character, and this human trait is largely the reason for college fraternities, societies and clubs.

Fraternities, in the last quarter century, have undergone a great transformation. The time was when a fraternity consisted of a very loosely connected group of local clubs, called chapters, each left to work out its own destiny, but today these loosely connected local clubs have been strongly tied together through efficient centralized national headquarters with full time paid personnel coordinating the efforts and activities of the organization with a desire to bring into practical application the teachings of the institution.

The college fraternity came into existence in the period of the birth of our nation, and is a part of our university system. In general, it has for its purpose the same objects as the college or university—the training of youth in the better and finer ways of living accomplished through improvement in moral, mental and social habits. The college fraternity realizes a great obligation to the university or academic body and endeavors to discharge this debt through coöperation, loyal support, development of leadership, and improvement in standards of scholarship.

The college student is at the period of life

when imagination is keen, idealism is impressive, when courage and endurance are unlimited. During this period, youth needs most the guiding influence of age and of experience and example; this aid may be effectively given through the teachings of the fraternity, which are so impressively presented in solemn ritualistic ceremony appealing to the sensitiveness of the inner being. The example of those who have gone before is utilized in an effort to stimulate the desire to become an example for one's associates, thus constituting an elevating influence. The student may be more deeply impressed by the teachings of his fraternity than from any other source, for he feels it belongs to him and he is a part of it, having voluntarily assumed its obligations which make for him close lifelong friendships. In this way, the idealism taught by the college fraternity to its members is disseminated throughout the academic body and becomes a beneficial influence in helping to make better men and women for the community.

It is only natural that members of the fraternity will seek to persuade their younger friends at home to come to their university or college with the hope that they, too, may become their fraternity associates. Once the individual comes to college, the competitive spirit of good sportsmanship certainly causes every member of the fraternity to improve himself so that his organization may enjoy a favorable reputation on the campus and in the community, thus serving as a means for bettering the individual student.

Each fraternity holds district or province (interchapter) visitation or meetings as well as annual or biennial conventions, where the students of the various universities meet together in friendly social intercourse, thus through interchange of ideas bringing about a more congenial understanding of one another, tending to cast aside provincialism and to tear down intercollegiate hatred.

The fraternity of today places great emphasis upon the desirability of participation in curricular and extracurricular activities upon the campus because it is realized the fraternity is a part of the university and the

experience of this service develops in the individual a certain consciousness of loyalty and duty to his school, inspires leadership and prepares him for the future contests of business and citizenship.

The national organizations of the various college fraternities realize their opportunity for service as worthy adjuncts to the college discipline and organization, and conscious of their assumed duty to aid in the preparation of youth for better citizenry, are working diligently through the system of chapter advisers and visitors, traveling secretaries and whatnot, to further improve their service to the universities.

The college fraternity, after all, is in a measure comparable to the service clubs of our community, which have voluntarily assumed certain duties for the advancement of community endeavors.

In conclusion, it may be well to repeat the words of the late Dean Thomas Arkle Clark, of the University of Illinois, that, "The fraternity, as an organization, helps materially in the training of college leaders. My experience as an executive officer is that Greek-letter fraternities in college have been to me of the greatest service in advancing the best interests of the university. I am glad to encourage them because in them I see an easier control and direction of student enterprises, student activities and student thought, and an easier development of the right sort of student morals and ideals."

## What Is to Take the Place of Hell Week?

*The Rattle of Theta Chi*

- UNLESS there is an unexpected change of front on the part of college and university administrators and of national fraternity leaders, Hell Week will soon be obsolete, rather than obsolescent. The case against this menace to fraternities is a convincing one, but in order to prevent a recurrence of the evil, there must be substituted for it an intelligent training period that will prepare the pledge for a deeper appreciation of the advantages and the responsibilities of

fraternity membership and of the opportunities offered by college.

Material to be covered in such a course of training might well include: the origin and history of the college or university; memorization of the institution's songs; the institution's present scope and educational offerings; the contributions of its outstanding alumni to society; the contributions of members of the faculty outside of their classrooms; the relationship of the institution to its alumni, to other educational institutions, and to the state.

There certainly should be instruction in the history of the chapter from the time of its origin as a local to the present, the history of the national fraternity, and the history of the social fraternity system from its beginning. Pledges should be made acquainted with the activities of outstanding undergraduates and alumni members of the chapter and of the fraternity. There should be a careful study of the fraternity's constitution, and of its various projects and policies.

Specific instruction should be given in regard to social customs and manners of the campus and in general with a considerable amount of dramatization of social situations. Other things that also enter into making a favorable impression upon others, such as cordiality, matters of dress and personal appearance, correct correspondence, speech habits, and conversational ability, should receive attention. If pledges do not know how to dance well or to play bridge satisfactorily, they should be taught.

In addition to this educational program, pledges should have definite duties assigned to them, duties that will not take a great deal of their time and will be constructive in character. These should not be allotted as discipline, but as a device for making the pledges realize that they as well as the initiated members are part of a coöperative society and have their contribution to make. Failure to coöperate should be accepted as evidence that the pledge lacks the essentials of a desirable fraternity member, and he should be made to understand that, not with

senseless paddling, but by suspension and in persistent cases by depledging. Fraternity membership is a privilege, and if pledges indicate that they are not worthy of that privilege, the sooner the relationship is severed the better for all concerned.

The proper handling of pledges is the test of whether a chapter has intelligent, constructive leadership.

▪ PROBABLY the most expensive initiation paddle extant is owned by Robert Rautstadt, pledge of the Phi Delta fraternity at Hamline University, located in St. Paul. It cost 15 cents and one right forefinger.

In the process of cutting wood for the paddle on a circular power saw, Otto Lange employed by the S. Berglund Lumber Co. of St. Paul, cut the forefinger off his right hand.

This is just another example of the "tragedy of the paddle"—incidents attributable to Hell Week, which fraternities have been attempting to curb. *The Fraternity Month*.

▪ WHAT seems like an all-Theta Chi record, if not an all-fraternity record, has been established by Epsilon Chapter at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. For the past three years all accounts due from the actives and pledges have been paid each month. It has thus become a habit for the chapter treasurer to be able to report at the end of each month: "One hundred per cent collection of all accounts due the chapter."

▪ THE TEKE of Tau Kappa Epsilon tells us that her Xi chapter's Mothers' Club has contributed \$1,321.85 in furnishings to the chapter in eight years. Among the contributions have been chairs, tables, couches, lamps, rugs, curtains, drapes, pictures, a hall clock, a water cooler, and a kitchen stove.

▪ AN ADVERTISEMENT appeared in the *Syracuse Post Standard*, local daily newspaper, recently. The ad read: "Lost—lady's purse, containing Psi U, Phi Psi and Beta Theta Pi fraternity pins. Valuable to owner for sentimental reasons." *The Fraternity Month*.



## AMONG THE ALUMNI

### **At Large**

Walter Olsen and Edward Carroll, *Alpha Alpha '36* and *'38* respectively, have left Oneonta, N.Y., in search of adventure in the golden West. They are traveling by hand and expect to arrive in San Francisco when the work's all done next fall. Anyone seeing or hearing from them please keep Oneonta posted.

### **District of Columbia**

Robert Ferner, *Iota '35*, has left his position as laboratory assistant at Purdue to accept a place in the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

### **Hawaii**

Lieutenant Wilfred E. Voehl, *Gamma '31*, has been transferred from Fort Totten in New York to Fort Ruger in the Hawaiian Islands.

### **Maryland**

Lieutenant A. C. Harris, Jr., *Omicron '35*, is now on duty with the 12th Infantry at Fort Howard in Maryland.

### **Massachusetts**

Ira Sherman, *Alpha Alpha '35*, is continuing his studies at the Boston University School of Theology where he has been joined by Wilfred Lyon and Arthur Mayo, both *Alpha Alpha '36*.

### **Michigan**

Charles Coleman, *Psi '33*, is working in a chemical works near Flint, where he played quarterback on the company football team during the past season.

### **New Jersey**

Kenneth Kuett, *Rho ex-'35*, is employed with the Lightolier Company, manufacturers of lamps and fixtures, in Jersey City.

Day B. Landis, *Alpha '32*, is with the Real Estate Management Corporation in East Orange.

Charles Fleming, *Alpha ex-'32*, is employed by the Manhattan Rubber Company in Passaic.

Howard Brown, *Iota '34*, has been coaching football as a sideline while attending Drew University in Madison.

Ralph Sayre, *Alpha '34*, is working in South Kearny with the Egyptian Lacquer Manufacturing Company.

### **New Mexico**

Woodrow Burton, *Psi '36*, is a ranger at Carlsbad Caverns.

### **New York**

Rufus McDonald, *Iota '32*, received his LL.B. degree from Fordham University in June and has accepted a position with Attorney J. W. Davis at 15 Broad Street in New York City.

Herbert Eccleston, *Pbi '36*, is attending the University of Buffalo Medical School in Buffalo. His address there is 39 St. Paul Street.

Russell Peters, *Rho '29*, is at present employed by the Berst-Foster-Dixfield Company in New York City.

Carl Huebner, *Alpha '32*, is holding a position as a supervisor in the real estate Department of the Metropolitan Insurance Company in New York City.

Frank Leyda, *Iota '35*, is serving as a chemistry assistant at Syracuse University this year in Syracuse.

Theodore Earl, *Iota '35*, is attending Long Island Medical School.

William Simms, *Iota '34*, has a position with an investment company in New York City.

Reginald Dietz and Henry Schumann, both *Alpha Alpha '35*, are located at Hartwick Seminary in Brooklyn.

Francis Georgia, *Alpha Alpha '36*, has a position teaching science out in Long Island.

Malcolm Piester, *Alpha Alpha '36*, is also teaching science, but in the Junior High School in Mohawk.

Harold Taylor, *Alpha Alpha '35*, is studying medicine at Syracuse.

### **Ohio**

Gervis Brady, *Iota '34*, has accepted a position with the Canton Y.M.C.A., leaving the Goodyear

plant at Akron where he was formerly employed.

James Jackson, *Iota '30*, is now practicing dentistry at Louisville.

Dale Van Hyning, *Psi ex-'38*, is working at the American Anode Company in Akron.

Eric Brady, *Iota '35*, is now employed with the Timken Sheet and Tube Company in Canton.

Grant Hansen, *Iota '34*, is with the Motor Express Company also in Canton.

Alton E. Wholf, *Psi '33*, formerly budget manager of the Goodrich Service Store in Marion, has been promoted to manager of the Goodrich Service Store of Fostoria.

Paul Ingledue, *Iota ex-'32*, is employed at the Mullins Manufacturing Company in Salem.

James Thomas, *Iota '35*, has taken a position with the Stewart Brothers Paint Company at Alliance.

William Thacker, *Iota '35*, has left the Republic Steel Company to accept a position as field executive for the Boy Scouts of America at Canton.

Ennio Giusti, *Iota '36*, has recently had several new Italian words accepted to be placed in use instead of the words now being used by people who speak that language. Brother Giusti received a personal letter of appreciation from Premier Mussolini. He is employed as a notary public and steamship agent in Alliance.

Ralph Keller, *Iota ex-'35*, is employed in Cleveland as a chauffeur.

Victor McFarland, *Iota '28*, is still operating his poultry farm near Ravenna.

## Pennsylvania

Zaner Post, *Psi '34*, is at Pittsburgh University for his last year of dental school where he has several classes with Franklin J. Widney, *Omicron '35*.

LeRoy Brumbaugh, *Alpha Gamma '32*, has recently been called to the Grace Reformed Church in Mt. Carmel.

Paul Haas, *Iota '32*, has also been taking graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh.

## West Virginia

Nicholas Cody, *Psi '35*, is a DuPont research chemist stationed at the Belle plant. He was recently elected to the Psi Board of Governors.

Roy Reger, *Psi '36*, is now working with Thomas Field and Company in his home city of Charleston.

Arnold Chatfield, *Psi '28*, is Educational Director of CCC Camp Hardy, located at Mathias.

James Furbee, *Psi '34*, is connected with the Harner-Gaylord Company, wholesale distributors, in Clarksburg.

Edmond Tucker, *Psi '36*, big game hunter, is now employed with Parson-Souders Department Store also in Clarksburg.

Richard Hudson, *Psi ex-'36*, is assistant sports editor of the *Charleston Daily Mail* in the state capitol.

Charles Green, *Psi '35*, is sales manager for the Poling Appliance Company in Buckhannon.

Tyson Kishbaugh, *Psi '26*, is teaching at the Summit Park Junior High School in Clarksburg.

Paul Rogerson, *Psi '35*, is teaching mathematics at the Moundsville High School in that city. Miller Mellott, *Psi '33*, is teaching at the same school.

William Perry, *Psi ex-'36*, is working for the Monongahela West Penn Electric Company in Clarksburg.

Robert Layfield, *Psi '32*, is working for a lumber company in Weston.

Earl Strohmeyer, *Psi ex-'35*, is teaching in the high school at Wayne.

Ernest Bentfield, *Psi ex-'36*, is working for the Pure Oil Company in Wheeling.

Kenneth Stewart, *Psi ex-'37*, is with the State Road Commission in Buckhannon.

Paul Weaver, *Psi '25*, is a successful Chesterfield salesman in and around Elkins.

## Marriages

XI (NORTH CAROLINA STATE): Grand Historian Albert E. Bennett '32 was joined in matrimony with Miss Louise Emma Lau of Newark, New Jersey on Saturday, August 15, 1936. Brother Bennett and his wife are now living in Dover, New Jersey.

ALPHA (NEWARK COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING): Kenneth A. MacFadyen '30 and Miss Anne Simpson Mullan of Kearney, New Jersey, were married on Wednesday, July 29, 1936. Brother MacFadyen is still connected with the National Geodetic Survey in New Jersey.

IOTA (MOUNT UNION): On New Year's Eve, a year ago, Ruskin Lamb '29 was married to Miss Hermine Schneider, Mount Union Student Health Nurse. The ceremony took place in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Alliance, Ohio. Brother Lamb has taken graduate work in science at Western Reserve, Pittsburgh, Ohio State, and Johns Hopkins Universities and at present is superintendent of schools at Mesopotamia, Ohio, where the couple resides.

IOTA (MOUNT UNION): John W. Fairless '35 was married to Miss Joan Ellis of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, February 1, 1936. Mrs. Fairless is a former Mount Union student and a member of Kappa Delta sorority. Brother Fairless is employed by the Republic Steel Corporation in Massillon where the couple resides.

OMICRON (PENN STATE): William J. Simpson '35 was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Frances Smathers of Big Run, Pennsylvania, in September, 1936. The couple are now living in Glenolden, Pennsylvania.

ALPHA (NEWARK COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING):

Arthur MacPeck '32 was married to Miss Ruth Weber of Bellville, New Jersey, recently. Brother MacPeck and his wife are now living at 60 Lindberg Boulevard, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

ALPHA ALPHA (HARTWICK): An announcement during the summer informed the world that Edward J. Simpson, Jr. '35 had been married for a year to Miss Althea Perry of Oneonta, New York. Brother Simpson is continuing his studies in the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ALPHA ALPHA (HARTWICK): Charles Teed '35 was married to Miss Lois Ackert in July, 1936.

IOTA (MOUNT UNION): At high noon on Sunday, June 30, 1936 Herman Lutz '33 became united in marriage with Miss Naomi Finefrock of Robertsville, Ohio. After a six weeks' tour of the South and West, the couple returned to Robertsville to live.

PSI (WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN): During the summer Joseph Hall '34 journeyed from his government position in Washington to Buckhannon where he entered into the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Clementine Lorentz. The wedding was one of the high spots of the summer social calendar.

BETA (WAGNER): Carl B. Voiges '34 was married to Miss Doris Caroline Stein of Staten Island on Saturday, April 25, 1936. The ceremony took place in the Trinity Lutheran Church of Staten Island. Carl Ludders, *Beta* '33, and John H. Berglund, *Beta* '35, officiated as best man and usher respectively.

RHO (RUTGERS): David S. Kusanobu '32 was married to Miss Marion Ruth Smith of Bloomfield, New Jersey, at the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield on September 24, 1936. Brother Kusanobu is associated with the Takamine importing and exporting firm of New York and Tokyo. He and Mrs. Kusanobu are residing at 28 Gates Avenue in Montclair, New Jersey.

PSI (WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN): E. Hansford

McCourt '33 was married to Miss Georgia Frances Kidd of Webster Springs, West Virginia, in October, 1936. Brother McCourt is employed as a Ford dealer in Webster Springs.

PSI (WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN): Roy E. Bachtel '37 was recently married to Miss Evelyn Ward of Buckhannon, West Virginia.

### Births

IOTA (MOUNT UNION): Robert Mumaw *ex*'33 became the father of a seven pound boy, Myers Jay, on August 23, 1936.

NU (LEHIGH): Charles Austin '31 is now the father of a baby girl born on September 27, 1935. He is now living at 119 College Avenue, Elmira, New York.

IOTA (MOUNT UNION): Mendell Rimmell '29 is the proud father of a baby girl born last spring.

### Betrothals

BETA (WAGNER): The engagement of Wesley Rogler *ex*'32 to Miss Elizabeth Tully of Union City, New Jersey, was announced on June 3, 1936.

ALPHA ALPHA (HARTWICK): The engagement of Reginald Dietz '35 to Miss Margaret Pfeiffer was announced in September, 1936.

PSI (WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN): The engagement of James W. Furbie '34 to Miss Virginia Holloway of Westfield, New Jersey, was announced during the recent Christmas holidays.

RHO (RUTGERS): The engagement of Richard F. Newcomb, *Rho* '36, to Miss Alice C. Erwin of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., was announced on December 18, 1936. Miss Erwin is a graduate of Goucher College, class of '36, and is a member of Delta Delta Delta. Miss Bety Zane Wilson, daughter of Fraternity Adviser Albert H. Wilson, and a classmate of Miss Erwin attended the engagement party.



# CHAPTER NEWS

## Alpha—N.C.E.

*Pledged:* Herbert Steffens '38; Ralph Fiorentino '39; Harry Forristell '39; Louis Wenzel '39; Irwin Muench '39.

Alpha starts off the new year with all men returning, and a cheery outlook toward successes in sports, studies, and activities. Our delegates to the National Convention, Roy Cleveland and Stan Pasternak, returned with good reports of the spirit and good fellowship shown to them by all chapters. Twenty Alpha members were present at the formal banquet which closed the convention.

Newark Engineering College has launched what promises to be a successful basketball season with two victories. Brother Hansen captains the team, and is ably supported by Brothers Taska and Fehn, all varsity letter winners last year.

The wrestling team is strengthened by Brothers Bob Ward, captain, Fuerbach, and Hansen.

This season inaugurated a new social program providing numerous parties of different natures. Until the present time all the affairs have been held at the house, but skating and skiing parties will be held as soon as the weather permits.

At the Christmas convocation of the student body conducted by Brother Tuohig, the glee club under the direction of Pledge Steffens rendered several selections. At the same meeting Bob Ward sang with the college quartet, and President Cullimore presented the Alpha Kappa Pi scholarship cup to the Phi Delta Mu fraternity.

The student council elected Elton Tuohig as President and Bob Ward, Secretary-Treasurer.

Brother Hagen, President of the Sophomore class and Brothers Dugan and Leonard successfully ran the Sophomore Hop on December 18.

In closing, Alpha wishes to extend to all a happy and prosperous New Year.

EDMOND V. TYNE

## Beta—Wagner

Total = 9

*Initiated:* Emil Bommer '38; Ernest Graewe '40; Robert White '40, at Tenth Grand Chapter Meeting.

Since the system of deferred rushing is in practice at Wagner, we could have no report on pledges in the last issue of the ALPHA; but since the pledging is such a good barometer of the way in which

the school thinks of Alpha Kappa Pi, we thought it would be very pleasant to mention it now. We received twenty-four pledges in response to our bids, leading the next highest fraternity on the campus by thirteen. Among these are some of the most promising men in the class of 1940—we wouldn't use the old saw, "The Cream of the Crop," in discussing these pledges—we got the whole crop!

On December 16 the brothers, alumni, and pledges assembled with their companions of the fairer sex to participate in one of the gayest events on the Alpha Kappa Pi calendar, the Christmas social, at which the brothers received appropriate gifts in appreciation of their work during the year.

Several of the brothers visited the Rho chapter house over the 18th. They should like to express their appreciation for the hospitality and warmth accorded them.

On January 13 a banquet was tendered the brothers who were inducted at the Grand Chapter meeting.

May we thank all our brother chapters for their beautiful Christmas cards, and may we take this occasion to extend to all our best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

CHARLES H. DE GROAT

## Gamma—Stevens

*Pledged:* Ralph Anselmi '40; Harry Anastasia '40; Joseph Ferraro '40; Anthony Frio '40; Morris Noyer '40; Anthony Scelba '40; Anthony Vadino '40.

As this is being written, Gamma chapter is rejoicing over the results of the Freshman rushing season. We have just gone through two hectic but successful weeks and it looks as though we had hauled Tech's future basketball team. The brothers look like ghosts of their former selves and can hardly wait for Christmas vacation which is now only three days off, and with a social and formal dance between now and then. Bed begins to look enticing after crawling between the sheets at 2:30 in the morning for two weeks in a row, but a good time was had by all and no complaints were registered except for a, "hey fellows, it's 2:30 and we've got a quiz tomorrow. Let's get some sleep." The house drew much closer together during this

period so in the future you can expect bigger things from Gamma.

Rushing was held late this year due to the Senior Inspection Trip being scheduled for the only two weeks available earlier in the term. Gamma's seniors report a swell time on the trip, during which they went as far West as Detroit, and beg to apologize, if they were in your city and did not come around. The trip was so planned that you were lucky if you had time to brush your teeth more than once during the week, much less going visiting. The Seniors returned to Hoboken and the chapter house to find that three new pledges had arrived during their absence. Mamma cat had had kittens. The only one left is a pure white one which has the happy faculty of acquiring more dirt in a given period of time than any two normal cats. It's fortunate that we have some pledges or it would be impossible to tell the cat from the coal.

Gamma came through in a big way this fall as far as campus honors are concerned. Three of the seniors, Bogert, Forrest, and Mathez, were taken into Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering society. Brother Bird was already a member, making four Alpha Kappa Pis in the society which compares favorably with the other houses on the campus, one of which has two Tau Betes among its brothers while the rest have a maximum of one. Brother Forrest was also taken into Pi Delta Epsilon, national journalistic honorary society. Five Seniors are candidates for Degrees with Distinction which are awarded for thesis similar to that required for Master's Degrees. It's a sin and a shame to see those poor fellows working. There seems to be no rest.

On the social side things have been going smoothly. One advantage of a metropolitan college is that the alumni can come around frequently and that has been our experience. During the last two weeks we have had a couple of alumni around every night to help us with our rushing and frequently a half dozen or more have shown up. One night Brother Kleiber '26 entertained us with moving pictures of his trips into the Canadian wilds and of the Aruba works of the Standard Oil Company.

About a month ago the alumni held a joint alumni-undergraduate smoker which started out at the Union Club and ended in the chapter house. The alumni were there in droves. An alumni house dance is scheduled for New Year's Eve and all indications are that it will have been a great success by the time this letter is published.

We have been holding informal socials after the games and these have met with great success and will be continued, so if by any chance you happen to play Stevens in basketball, drop around after the game and get in on the fun. We are strategically situated on the campus, right in the center of everything, so you can't fail to find us.

We hope to meet you at the Grand Chapter

Meeting in New York, which we plan to attend en masse. A successful year to you all.

H. DEAN FORREST

## Delta—Brooklyn Poly

*Initiated:* Serafino Ferrante '39; John Laestadius '39; Andrew Schaefer '39; Casimir Mrowka '39; Robert Meagher '39; George Meagher '38, Gustave E. Holst '38; Ted Jorgensen '37; and William Luxton '37.

*Pledged:* Gil Kenngott '40; Frank Abrams '40; George Mexicon '40; Howard Wittmann '40; Walter Messner '39; Andrew Melynychuk '40; John Percy '39.

After a late start in rushing, which may be attributed to the graduation of "Pickles" Heinzleman whose fire and spirit kept the brothers busy in previous rushing seasons, the brothers finally settled down to this important task, and Delta obtained seven fine pledges. In addition to these men, Delta chapter expects to secure several more from the men who matriculate in February.

The social life at the Brooklyn chapter has been going strong from the moment the men registered for the fall session. The first affair to be held at 54 Sidney Place was a very enjoyable open house on October 10. The boys followed this affair with a stag rushee smoker which upheld the tradition of all previous Delta smokers. After pledge day, Delta extended an invitation to the Kappa Delta sorority of Brooklyn College for a joint dance. This gave the new pledges as well as the older brothers a chance to practice their dancing technique. October 23, which marked a return affair with Kappa Delta, was enjoyed even more than the previous dance. For the Hallowe'en dance, the house was gaily decorated with orange and black which made this a gala function. On November 20, the alumni of Delta chapter gave a formal dance in the oval room of Hotel Ritz-Carlton.

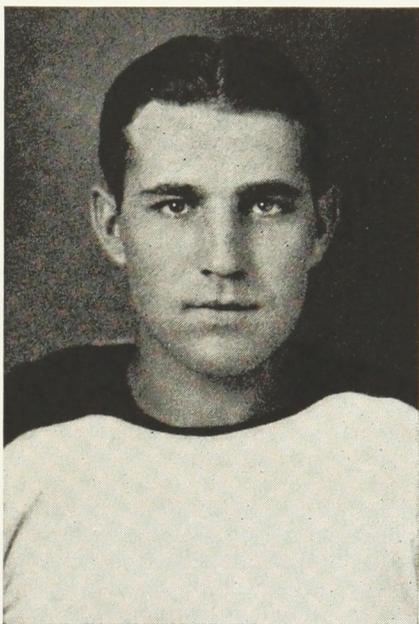
Brothers "Chet" Hutcheon and Mike Zemetra are back with the rifle team, busily banging up the scores for dear old Poly. "Mike" is the captain of the team while "Chet" takes care of the managerial end as well as scoring in the first five. Brothers Schaefer and Mrowka and Pledge Branmuller are also trying for a place on the team. Brother Luxton is back with the varsity basketball squad which is managed by none other than Brother Ed Hayes. Brother Johny Laestadius is the Sophomore Assistant Manager. Delta is also well placed on the Poly wrestling team for Brothers Bob Meagher, Sam Ferrante, and George Meagher take care of the 135-lb., 145-lb., and 155-lb. berths.

The brothers are now participating in the interfraternity handball contests which will be followed by the interfraternity basketball games.

Brother Gus Holst, one of the newly initiated men, has been elected to Eta Kappa Nu, the national honorary electrical engineering fraternity.

Gus is also the Secretary of the local student branch of American Society of Electrical Engineers.

On October 17, a formal initiation was held to induct Serafino Ferrante, John Laestadius, Andrew Schaefer, Stanley Mrowka, Bob Meagher, and George Meagher into the brotherhood. This makes a total of three Meagher brothers in the Delta



MARION BIRD, *Eta '37*  
*Varsity guard at Presbyterian*

house. These men were honored that evening by the presence of the Fraternity's Adviser, Dr. Wilson. A second induction was held on November 28 to initiate Gus Holst, Ted Jorgensen, and Bill Luxton. For this initiation Grand Treasurer Krebs honored Delta with a visit from the grand chapter. This brings our active brothers list up to 22.

Brothers Lou Lento and Don Edmonds, both '35, are back in school on fellowships studying for their master's degrees in Chemistry and Civil Engineering respectively.

Frequently seen about the house is Brother Ed Weiler who left Poly to study to be a harbor pilot. Eddie has four more years to go in his six year course before he is able to pilot the great steamers into New York Harbor.

GEORGE J. SCHAAF

### ***Iota—Mount Union***

*Pledged:* Lawrence Bennett '40, East Liverpool, Ohio; Henry Boehm '40, Sebring, Ohio; Carl Campbell '40, Alliance, Ohio; Robert Havill '39, New York City; Robert Ogle '39, Alliance, Ohio; Harley Roth '39, Alliance, Ohio; Lawrence Craw-

ford '38, Canton, Ohio; Alfred Shreve '39, Alliance, Ohio; Allen Adams '40, Cadiz, Ohio; Fred Hofer '40, Homeworth, Ohio.

With the return from New York City of the delegation of eleven Iotans, both active and alumni, to the Alpha Kappa Pi national convention, Iota chapter finds itself incalculably benefited by the contacts of its members both with the Grand Officers of the fraternity and with the delegates of our brother chapters.

It was a great convention, to all concerned, and all delegates not only were more endeared to Alpha Kappa Pi through national contacts, but had a very enjoyable time sightseeing in New York City.

With pledging week over, we have settled down in our fraternity life here at Mount Union to more or less desultory studying, but yet have found time to sponsor several social events, the most important of which was a dinner in honor of our pledges. A theater party in Canton followed the dinner and all returned pleased.

The chapter basketball team is engaged in the school intramural games. We have an excellent team this year and hope to come through at the top.



GEORGE CUKRO, *Iota '39*  
*Varsity Guard at Mount Union*

Class elections have been held at the college here, and two Alpha Kappa Pis have been elected to office. Robert Havill has been elected president of the Sophomore class and Bob Bryden secretary of the Junior class. Iota now holds a leading place in Mount Union politics.

Alumnus Brother Ralph Wehner has been em-

ployed by the college to teach English Composition. We wish him luck in getting along with freshmen.

Our formal dance, to be held Saturday, January 23, is being anticipated pleasantly by the brothers. We are expecting a large delegation of alumni.

JAMES A. WEST

## Lambda—Bethany

All historians in Zeta province, no doubt, had a very keen interest in the November issue of the ALPHA, which announced the first winner of the Historian Trophy. To Psi chapter, for their splendid reports, goes the beautiful trophy; to Psi chapter goes Lambda's hearty congratulations; and to Psi chapter goes our best wishes for continued success.

The hills and dales of Bethany are still resounding with the echoes of the celebrations held in the Panhandle for Bethany's most successful football season in years. The season was completed with a record of six wins and two losses. Although Lambda had no varsity letter winners this year, three of our fellows—Tony Bupka, Earl Whiteman, and Melvin Holland—saw much service during the season.

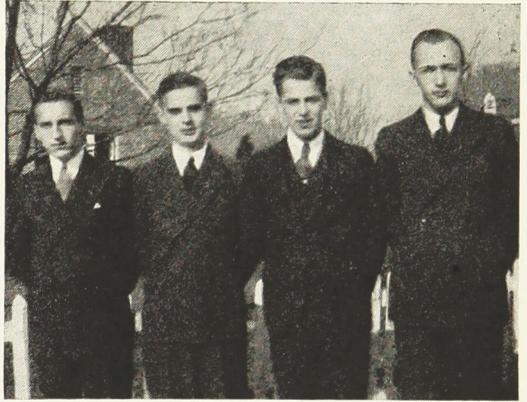
The Bethany cross-country team completed a very successful season, winning the National A.A.U. Junior Championship. Brothers Don McIlroy and Al Kuti were on the varsity five, the former being the outstanding performer of the team.

Door prizes are given away at Bethany's theater. It is a substitute for the bank night craze that has swept the country for the last year. On Friday, November 20, with the vision of roast pig before us, we banded ourselves together and went to the movie, determined to cop the door prize, which was a handsome little porker. True to our hopes, Brother Woltz held the lucky number. A huge feast was had with the unlucky little pig serving as the main dish, along with the other appetizing foods that make life so enjoyable. Brother Woltz, as the honored purveyor of fresh pork, did the carving.

On Saturday, November 28, the pledge group gave their annual party. The party was in the form of a scavenger hunt with refreshments and prizes being served at the house after the hunt was over. Many a maiden's heart, even the brothers' hearts, were throbbing with fear—or shall we say, ah—well, skip it—as the hunt for odds and ends of articles took them through the dark streets and out into the country, through the cemetery with its ever spooky atmosphere. A grand time was had by all.

Debate season is here again with Lambda being well represented on the squad. Brothers Phillips, Bovan, Miller, Perry, and Thomas are all on the team. Prospects are bright for an excellent season.

'Twas a big day in Bethany on December 12 for all the kids and their little girl sweethearts. The kids were none other than our own fellows, all dressed up from the Fauntleroy to the Mickey McGuire type, to typify the occasion. It was Lambda's annual "Kids' Party." Boys and girls walking along holding hands and sucking lolly-pops, pushing and shoving each other, sprawling all over the floor playing jacks, playing ping-pong, were typical scenes portraying the tremendous hilarity of the whole affair.



OFFICERS OF LAMBDA CHAPTER

*Albert J. Kuti, Treasurer; James B. Miller, Secretary; Donald D. McIlroy, Vice-President; Charles W. Phillips, President.*

We have constructed a new sidewalk in front of the house, and with the new addition, have begun a definite program of relandscaping the entire yard. Brother Murray is in charge of the program.

A new program has been drawn up by the Interfraternity Council of Bethany College for the purpose of securing a better and a more coöperative fraternity spirit between the various groups. Part of the program includes the exchange of fellows for the evening meals. A huge gathering of the fraternity men was held Wednesday, December 17, and an interfraternity sing took place. Songs from each fraternity were sung in addition to many Christmas carols. More sings are to be held later.

With best wishes to all the chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi.

ALBERT J. KUTI

## Mu—Marshall

*Initiated:* Jack Bates '39, Syracuse, N.Y.

*Pedged:* James Brady, Barboursville; Ralph Cline, Gilbert; Ray Cook, Gary; Maurice Ellis, Gilbert; Willard Farley, Rossmore; Raymond Hage, Huntington; Joe Hermann, Ambridge, Pa.; David Hill, Lumberport; Cleon Janos, Hinton; Robert McNamara, McKeesport, Pa.; Ted McCoy, Huntington; Jack Morelock, Moundsville; Thurman

Poling, Point Pleasant; Dick Pugh, Rowlesburg; William Ranson, Dunbar; and Carl Winter, Chapmanville.

Whew, how times does fly! Here it is almost the middle of another school year, and that means one mighty important thing to the campus boys—the old semester exams are right around the corner waiting to pounce out upon us. Ugh!

Last semester we stood first in scholarship among the fraternities, and it is our ambition to stay



ALBERT N. HULL, Mu '37  
Listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

there. So when the brothers return from Christmas vacation, we expect to see the electric meter do some fast spinning from then until time for the professor to say "Question No. 1."

Well, Thanksgiving has come and gone—but not forgotten. There was an intermingling of happiness and sorrow for the brothers of Mu, but for the Psi boys we hope it was all happiness. Yep, we pulled off the usual Thanksgiving Eve dance in honor of the visiting brothers from West Virginia Wesleyan, and as usual everybody seemed to enjoy themselves to the greatest extent. Yes sir, all the brothers were happy that night but—the next day was a horse of a different color. Marshall was all set to take the Wesleyan "Bobcats" in the annual gridiron fracas, but in this the Big Green slipped up slightly. They forgot to stop setting and our side lost 6-0. Oh, well, there'll be another year and another game—so here's hoping! You know, the penny can't fall tails every time.

Pledge William (Farmer Bill) Ranson, the farm-yard playboy, who is as accurate with horseshoes as monkeys are with cocoanuts, pitched his way to the finals of the intramural horseshoe tournament, beating out his "Big Brother" Don Miller, who likewise is a pretty good flinger of the good-luck token.

Pledge Raymond Hage captured the intramural ping-pong championship, while Pledge Dick Pugh came through in grand style to win the pentathlon contest.

Albert Hull, student and athlete, has been chosen as one of the students of Marshall College to be listed in the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Congratulations, Al!

Plans are rapidly developing for Marshall's great centennial celebration next June, and the brothers are expecting to play a big part in helping to commemorate this important milestone in our college's growth. All hail Alma Mater!

Until ye editor drops us another green postal card, we'll be saying goodbye, everybody!

CURTIS DAWSON

### Nu—Lehigh

*Pledged:* Jacob S. Hartzell, Nazareth, Pa.; Frank S. Nelson, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.

Nu chapter is plenty busy these days. Most of the brothers here are engineers, and needless to say, that means work at Lehigh. There are lights on in the house most mornings until three or later, but with all this, we've managed to have a very successful fall season of fraternity activity.

Alumni week-end, which by tradition has been held the week-end of the Lehigh-Lafayette football game, was a greater success this year than Nu chapter has seen it for quite a while. Brother Jahn, our province chief, and sixteen alumni including Brothers Lubbers, Austin, Brown, McConnell, Gallagher, Geiger, Hoyt, Rankin, Hemphill, Horn, Sheen, Laschober, Kostenbader, Herrick, Kalb, and Clifton were our guests during the week-end.

We also had a pleasant fall house party week-end of October 30 to November 1. The Senior Ball was held Friday night featuring Charlie Barnett and his orchestra and Hudson-DeLange and their orchestra, and the chapter house dance was held on Saturday night. The house dance was enjoyed by all, and we entertained many guests throughout the evening (and morning).

We seem to have some "crack shots" among our number here this year. Brother Dick Blanchard has competed in all intramural rifle matches to date, and he has been shooting an average score of 275 out of a possible 300. Brother Herb Tillapaugh was awarded a pistol sharpshooter's medal at the R.O.T.C. summer camp held at Fort Washington, Maryland, this past summer. Herb also collected another medal for being the 165-pound boxing champion of the camp.

We also have a rifleman among our pledges. Pledge Loring Lane by virtue of the fact that he is high score-holder for the Freshman Class is automatically captain of his class team.

Brother Phil Davis has recently been awarded a varsity letter in soccer. Phil played first-string right

halfback all season, and he played in thirty-two out of forty quarters.

Brother Harvey Young was out for varsity football the last few weeks of the season. We expect Harvey to land a berth on the team next fall.

Brother "Chick" Breidenbach, our "swing man," is playing with the Lehigh Collegians Orchestra again this year, and also with another local band. He is a "sliding trombone" artist.

Pledge Frank Benedict is holding down the position of assistant manager of Freshman wrestling.

Two brothers have made honorary societies this fall. Brother Frank Jackson was made a member of the Newtonian Society, honorary Freshman mathematics society, and Brother John Welker was initiated into Eta Kappa Nu, national honorary electrical engineering fraternity.

With the holiday season pending, we of Nu extend greetings to all the members of Alpha Kappa Pi, and we are hoping that 1937 will be another big year for our fraternity.

JOHN W. WELKER

### *Xi—North Carolina State*

Well, the brothers at Xi have just completed their examinations, and the first term of the school year. It may make many of the brothers of other chapters envious of the fellows at Xi for having exams so soon, but we are behind all of you who have still to face the day of reckoning, and we wish you all the best of luck.

Brother A. H. Wilson came south during the early part of the fall, and paid us a very delightful visit. We are very proud to say that he found things at Xi in first class order, and was very much pleased with our set-up. Many of us begged him, almost on bended knee, to spend the night with us, but we are poor persuaders, and he left us to spend the night in Wake Forest. Visitors are always welcome at our chapter house, and we would like to see more of the brothers come south and pay us a visit.

The North Carolina State intramural program was not much of a success as far as Xi is concerned. We had teams entered in all of the various sports, but none of these were very successful. The football team led by Brothers Snook, Honeycutt, and Baerthlein won one game (a forfeit), and lost three. The horseshoe team lost out in the semi-final round. During the winter term, we expect to enter teams in the basketball league, soccer league, and handball league. Xi has always had a very fine basketball team, and although this year's team will be built around five new men, we ought to have a fine season.

Brother Honeycutt is our lone representative in varsity competition. He is making a fine showing as a forward on the basketball team, and if he keeps up the good work, and the other members of the team live up to expectations, State should have

little trouble in annexing the Southern Conference Basketball Championship, even though Carolina and Duke are in the conference.

The fall social season, as far as the brothers of Xi are concerned, was a great success. Beside participating in all the campus social functions we held a scavenger hunt and two house dances. Xi is noted for its house dances, but the ones held this year were more successful than any held during preceding years.

Many of our alumni returned to visit their Alma Mater during the homecoming week-end. Charlie Garner flew down from Fort Monroe in an old plane that we thought would crack up any minute. Charlie Norlander motored in from Canton, North Carolina, and George McArthur blew in from Rocky Mount. Carter Williams, now a married man, visits us every once in a while, and Pop Sauls, no longer a bachelor himself, dropped in for a few minutes several weeks ago. Alumni are always welcome. Visit us often.

Well, now in closing, the brothers at State College wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year, and hope that the new year will bring great things to the brothers of Alpha Kappa Pi.

HERBERT R. DENTON

### *Omicron—Penn State* *Total = 6*

*Pledged:* James Albert Wunderlich '40, Collingdale, Pa.

Omicron has a football team of which she can be justly proud. Most of the fraters participated in the several games we played. The line was outstanding, but the backfield was a little too light, else we would have gone places in the intramurals. We rendered Sigma Chi a defeat on downs, but lost a close contest to Alpha Zeta. An effort was put forward to play the traditional game between Theta Xi, but the affair never came about. Having danced together and rushed the same frosh, there has always existed a most friendly feeling between the two houses.

Basketball comes in for its share of honors, too. We hold practice games at least once a week at Rec Hall, or in the Armory. Brothers Fenner, Ed and John Oeschger, Way, Osterlund, Slocum, Jensen, and Pledges Schwartz, Menapace, and Harrison comprise the tentative team. We are well represented in the intramural boxing and wrestling schedule. Pledge Schwartz and Brothers Thomas and Jack Horner garnering the laurels in the fraternities' slug-fests. In wrestling Pledge Johnny Harrison shows great promise on the frosh wrestling squad. He wrestles the lightweight class and is putting serious effort toward being a varsity squad member next year. In the intramural wrestling bouts we are represented by Brothers Jensen, Horner, Sherer, Ed and Johnny Oeschger, and Pledges Menapace and Harrison.

Scrapbox stuff: Pledge Harry Martin, the fun-

loving frosh, wore a sign for a week previous to Thanksgiving vacation, for non-apparel of frosh customs. Harry mystified the Frosh Tribunal by getting his sign signed by Bernice Henry, Bucknell's one and only woman drum-major and by being seen in her company at the Bucknell game. Harry is also out for the Freshman rifle team.

Brother Frank Osterlund visited St. John's chapter after playing his last game at Navy and reported a fine time and an outstanding bunch down there in the oldest fraternity house in America. Frank was named by eight coaches for all-American soccer team, inside right. He was also instrumental in getting Ray Conger, frosh track coach at State, to show the 1932 Olympic newsreel games to the brothers of Omicron. Max Dercum, skiing and winter sports coach, showed several reels on that particular bug, skiing, at Penn State where he is attempting to spread and encourage that sport.

For the Christmas banquet the fraters are giving their tonsils an airing by practicing the Alpha Kappa Pi songs. Puss Hayes and Pledge Al Wunderlich tickle the keys. We have a trimmed Christmas tree in the club room so that it is visible all along Locust Lane. For the banquet we secured the services of Charley Hogarth, P.S.C.A. adviser, and also of fraters and Professors Dengler and Wyand. Charley, along with Frank Osterlund, has donated a Scholarship cup to Omicron, complete with a shingle. The names of the winners will be engraved upon it each semester for the highest scholastic standing in the house. Brother Osterlund, to mention other outstanding work he has done in the house, purchased a room banner with Alpha Kappa Pi inscribed on it. This is given to the roommates having the neatest, cleanest, and most decorated room in Omicron chapter. Each month the banner is expected to change hands.

More Scraps: Brother Pennypacker, prominent in Landscape Architecture circles, was initiated into Pi Gamma Alpha, honorary art fraternity. Penny is also a member of Scarab, honorary architectural fraternity. Pledge Sammy Beck is an outstanding member of the varsity gym team. Senator Stockton slaved all fall for a second in football management, didn't make out, but deserves considerable praise for his effort. Ollie Oliver, Coach Galbraith's second place man in the breast-stroke on the varsity swimming team, still has to contend against Burleigh, his annual nemesis in that swimming class. Johnny Van Kirk is still out for a second in fencing management, while Freddie Karn, his side-kick and Rathskellar roommate, is out for a management in track. Walt Jensen was a member of the successful Soph Hop committee, and, like Doc Creasy (of another year), has filed his talons for the distribution of the money-bags. Walt is also a member of the varsity rifle team.

JOHN H. OESCHGER

## Rho—Rutgers

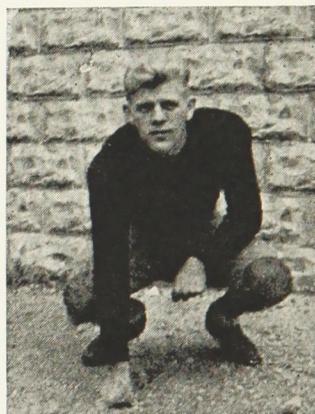
*Initiated:* Randall B. Dodge '39, Red Bank; Edward Allen Walsh '39, Highland Park; C. Righter Dixon, Jr. '38, Ridgefield; and Alvah Rarick '37, Flanders.

*Pledged:* George A. Casparian, Somerville; Walter N. Connors, Audubon; Wilbur S. Darby, Elizabeth; Frank N. Kuszen, New Brunswick; Otto R. Stack, Jr., Elizabeth; Zoltan Takacs, New Brunswick; William K. Moss, Stelton; all of the class of 1940; Raymond A. Quadt, Fords, of the class of 1939; James W. Laubach, Somerville, class of 1938; and John L. Obal, Sayreville, class of 1937.

At the close of the deferred rushing season at Rutgers, Rho was fortunate enough to find that it had twenty-eight pledges. Since that time, we take pleasure in announcing the initiation of the above four men into our fraternity. This now brings our total of active pledges to twenty-four.

Big doings were the order of the day during the week-end of December 4. The fourth was the day of the annual Sophomore Formal, and the next day saw the usual house party week-end at its height.

Woody Wright '37 came to school the first of October. It seems that he was employed on an estate during the summer as a landscape architect. He now tears around the campus getting orders for corsages. He and another fellow run a prosperous



THOMAS REICHELDERFER,  
Rho '39

*Guard on Rutgers' famous  
150-lb. team*

business making the dates look pretty at the various social functions.

Rutgers is building a large concrete football stadium about two miles from the campus. Our school paper decided that it would be a very good idea to have some statistics on the time required to travel the distance to the stadium. All modes of transportation were used, and Rho had its part.

Frank Tilley '37 pushed another fellow in a wheelbarrow, thus clocking out the time for Alpha Kappa Pi.

Tilley managed the 150-pound football team through another successful season.

The brothers are planning a party at the Biltmore Hotel in New York the evening of the 28th. Rho tries to have one of these affairs each year during the Christmas vacation.

Ken McWhinney is again practicing for the varsity swimming team, and Pledges Darby and Stack are out for the freshman team.

Pledge Angevine is working hard for the school paper, and Pledge Cortwright is out for the freshman wrestling team.

Brother Walsh is again on the Honor School and is heading for Phi Beta Kappa.

Rho closes with the season's greetings and best wishes for a successful new year.

WM. F. KROEMMELBEIN

## Sigma—Illinois *Johels 14*

*Pledged:* Emil Sasko, Chicago.

Fall with its social whirl has progressed rapidly. Our Pledge Dance, one of the most spectacular on the campus, has already become history. Those attending, however, are still complimenting the decorations so cleverly designed by Brother Ray Costabile. Some very flattering remarks were made about the "Star Motif" so successfully used. The large green star, ten feet in diameter, suspended below a sky of snow-white, hung above the dancers while the indirect lighting system caused the sky to glow with soft colors. This was one dance where we took the lead. At present Ray is now at work planning a dance that is to be the most unique and novel dance ever held on the campus, rivaling even the "Tekes" spectacular "Apache" dance.

The season's sports have been to our advantage. At present we are the proud possessors of the first place cup symbolizing the championship of our division in soccer. Entering, more or less, as a dark horse we were promptly placed in the division containing those houses prominent in sports. You can imagine our feelings when, to top it all, we discovered that our first opponents were last year's champions. This game, however, proved to be the only game that ended in a tie. After this game we won the following three games, winning the division championship. As soon as the other divisions finish we will enter the semi-finals in order to determine the university champions which we hope will be Alpha Kappa Pi.

Hockey has begun and with it came the pledging of a new man, Emil Sasko. Emil has an excellent record as a hockey player and thus with his pledging we have assured ourselves of an excellent chance for the hockey crown. At present we are busy practicing, but, in the one practice game we

played, a brief scrimmage against another house, we scored two goals in five minutes. This has helped to substantiate our hopes.

As for individuals engaged in the field of sports our chapter boasts of two—George Rettinger, freshman football star who has been rated as one of the finest prospects in years by the coaches, and John Vinik, a member of the wrestling squad. Pledge Rettinger has shown excellent promise starting in the various games and imitating other college stars during practice against the varsity. George has ranged from one star to another, from the elusive Don Heap of Northwestern to the hard driving Davis of Southern California. The cheerful note in this is that George has lived up to the ability of those for whom he has doubled. Furthermore, he has developed into an excellent defense man in hockey.

Our other member, John Vinik, has turned out to be an excellent wrestler. Entering the heavy-weight division he even attracted the attention of "Ruffy" Silverstein, National Big Ten Champion, who honored him with a scowl in the two minutes that John managed to survive after he entered the ring against him. John has the necessary things needed for a wrestler, including Russian parentage and facial gestures. Several of the fellows have complained that John carries things too far for he even grunts and groans during his sleep.

One of our other pledges, Leo Sokol, has turned out to have a unique hobby—he's a dog fancier. At present his favorite is a dark-haired one bearing the quaint name of "B.J." Much to everybody's distress he continually annoys everyone by describing her better points.

Comment was aroused when Pledges Rettinger and Blazej accompanied by their Pledgemaster went skating in their pajamas. It wasn't the result of an election bet either, for the lads were only attending a "Hard Time Party" held at the rink. Thus it is with regret that we come to the end and bid you farewell till we meet again in the next issue.

EDWARD FORST, JR.

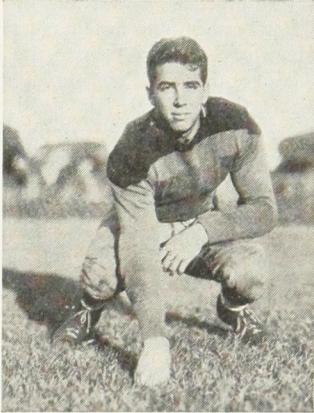
## Tau—Tufts

*Pledged:* David Pollard, Frederick Dickerman, Lauris Grant, William Leigh, Clyffeton Hill, John Bielechi, Perry Cumming, Alfred Budzynkiewicz, J. William Harrison, Arthur Griffen, Robert Hawkins, Winslow Stringer, Melvyn Haas, all of the class of 1940; Ralph Lovering, class of 1939; and James Shand and Robert Newell, of the class of 1938.

At the close of the rushing season, and when the general knifing in the fraternal backs had subsided, we pulled sixteen pledges out of the melee. From the freshman group we have Dave Pollard and Perry Cumming as Vice-President and Marshal, respectively, of their class. Pollard, Bielechi, Griffen, Hill, Harrison, Budzynkiewicz, and Haas were all regular players on the freshman football team.

On the track team are Pollard, Cumming, Grant, Griffen, and Hawkins. Hawkins and Leigh are the freshman socialites, Leigh taking quite a bit of the campus spotlight when he attended classes in a tuxedo.

Ralph Lovering, captain of last year's freshman wrestling team, promises to be a leader on the varsity team. With this talent we have good cause to snap the buttons off our chests.



PAUL PHILPOTT, *Tau '37*  
*Sensational passer at Tufts*

Looking over the varsity fall sports season, we have a few more luminaries among the upperclassmen. At the close of the football season, the campus talk was centered on our Paul "Chessy" Philpott, the most sensational passer seen here at Tufts in a long time. Philpott was the dark horse this year and was no mean flash in the pan. Whitney Lawrence, Vice-President of the chapter, promised to be a strong bid for an end position, but an unfortunate knee injury in the early part of the season kept him out of the limelight.

Dave Quinlan, cross-country regular, was elected as one of the co-captains of next year's harriers. Dave, like Philpott, really came to the front this year and placed in all of the meets.

Concerning the internal bedlam—Bob Lampard, wielder of the coal shovel, flirts with death when he throws the coal on the fire lump by lump. Obsessed with the scientific theory that cold is only the absence of heat, he smiles coyly when the inmates shiver and shake in our fraternal refrigerator. . . . Will Hawkins, "The Man With the Grasshopper Mind," whips out the daily sports issue for the *Tufts Weekly*, and the Boston papers. As a side-line he practices head massaging and encourages hair on the dandruffed knobs in the house. Hawkins Tonsorial Emporium, second floor front. . . . "Woofie" Errgong, New England champion 135-lb. wrestler and dog fancier of late, has just invested in a Scotch collie, which has suc-

ceeded in consuming two of his roommate's shirts, several socks, and is now working on a hat. . . . Will Ward and "Windy" Newman were the recipients of an attic attack. Their beds are now put up in boxes and are sold as a jig-saw puzzle to defray expenses of house parties. . . . Armand Veilleux, the "Frog," and "Bright-Eyes" Whittam, the inseparables, are busy straightening out "les affaires d'amour" of the former. Veilleux is house steward and dotes on pear desserts and tuna fish. . . . Ken Hay and Ed Crowley, chemical engineers, are both Tau Beta Pis. Brother Hay, it is rumored, will let down the bars this year. . . .

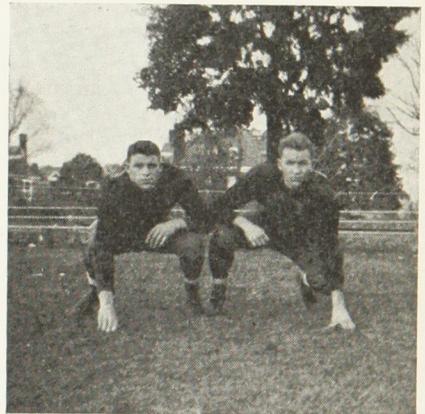
Bod Abbott, engineering professor and hard working alumnus, is giving strong support to the new house drive. He is personally conducting a wide canvass among the alumni for the "filthy lucre." Bob has been our alumni adviser for a number of years, and is attending the national convention to get backing for our new house. With all new houses here at Tufts we need one too, and Bob will get it for us if anyone can.

This effort may seem unduly long, but I am making up for our absence in the last issue.

PAUL FLAHERTY

### *Phi—Saint John's*

*Initiated:* Rudolph C. Albera '39, Glastonbury, Conn.; Charles Mosby '38, Jersey City, N.J.; and Charles G. Beneze '39, Annapolis, Md.



W. D. STALLINGS, *Phi '39*, and  
G. W. KOPP, *Phi '37*  
*Varsity football men at Saint John's*

*Pledged:* Phippen Sandborn '39, Boston, Mass.; Hayes Brian '39, Odenton, Md; Ballard Cambell '40, Passaic, N.J.; James Cook '40, Annapolis, Md.; Frederick Feldmeyer '40, Annapolis, Md.; Reginald Lamb '40, Annapolis, Md.; Henry Myer '40, Annapolis, Md.; William Seamon '40, New York City; Fred Niel '40, Punxsutawney, Pa.; and Ellsworth Nowell '40, Lythicum Heights, Md.

Phi's rushing season has finally become past his-

tory. After a three months' period the rush week arrived and passed with the usual rush and fury that accompanies it. Phi had the last night of the week allotted to it and celebrated it with a supper at the "Blue Lantern Inn," after which a smoker was held at the house. At the supper President Kopp acted as master of ceremonies and Faculty Adviser Allen gave a brief history of the local chapter and its value to the man at St. John's College. The talk of the evening was made by Grand Chaplain Owen. This address was of the cheery and yet serious nature that Brother Owen is known for throughout Alpha Kappa Pi.

Upon looking over the records we were pleased to find that Alpha Kappa Pi is well scattered about the campus in extracurricular activities this year. Pledge Cambell is the publicity director for the entire school. Brother Waters is publicity chairman for the athletic department. Brother Boeris and Pledge Tindall are on the court squad this year.

In the recently closed football season Alpha Kappa Pi took its share of honors too. Pledge Stallings earned a letter and by his keen playing and alertness in receiving kicks and passes he enabled the team to go through its schedule with six wins, one tie, and one defeat. Pledge Stallings was accompanied in his activities by Kopp, who played excellently too, but unfortunately could not earn enough minutes to get a letter. Brother Beneze and Pledge Macnemar earned places on the second string.

So with much behind us and more ahead Phi closes in anticipation of great things in her own right and in the right of Alpha Kappa Pi.

WILLIAM E. NIELSON

### Chi—Wake Forest

*Initiated:* Robert Martin '38; Frank Holoman '40; Paul Plybon '40; and Lynn Durham '38.

*Pledged:* Tom Gammage, Tom Param, B. C. Hinson, Jasper Shields, Claud McCall, J. B. Stephenson, G. W. Bellamy, Jr., S. M. Dunn, L. E. Willoughby, W. L. Lane, Jr., James Bannister, and John Crater.

At the end of a six week rush season Chi pledged twelve men which is far above the average of other fraternities on the campus.

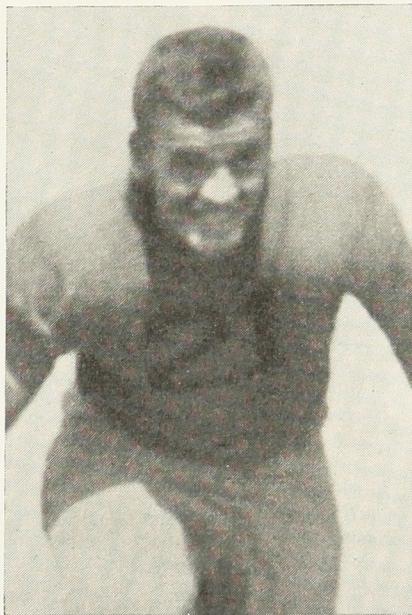
Roy Evans, who was an outstanding guard on the football team, is now representing Alpha Kappa Pi on the basketball team. Brother Bill Cherry, who was the playboy of the house, is now carrying the responsibilities of a married man.

Lynn Durham was selected as delegate to the national convention and completed his Christmas vacation with a call upon a fair maiden in Pennsylvania.

Chi is moving its domicile next semester into a new dormitory which the school is building for the housing of five fraternities. This we believe

will be the foundation stone which our chapter has long needed, a more permanent location.

E. R. PEELE



ROY EVANS, *Chi '39*  
*Varsity guard at Wake Forest*

### Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan

*Initiated:* Howard Reppert '37, Howard Arnett '39, John Arnold '37, Jim Ellis '39, Tom Ross '38, John Hann '39, Edward Sullivan '37.

*Pledged:* Fred Arnold, Buckhannon; Donald Baughman, Philippi; James Cox, Ravenswood; James Campbell, Buckhannon; Charles Cullings, Derry, Pa.; Mason Darnell, Buckhannon; Willis Drummond, Buckhannon; Earl Ellert, Plainville, Conn.; Matthew Edmiston, Buckhannon; George Grubb, Charleston; Cordis Hanna, Charlestown; James Hoffman, Buckhannon; Bill Kiddy, Buckhannon; Fred Linger, Buckhannon; Macie Van de Linde, Griffithsville; Stickley Martin, Buckhannon; Frank Scarzinski, Rivesville; Bradley Squires, Avalon, Pa.; Kenneth Steurer, Tarrytown, N.Y.; David Tennant, West Union; Dale Turner, Akron, Ohio; Delmar Walker, Toronto, Ohio; William Wilson, Clarksburg; William Woodrow Wilson, Buckhannon; William Whaley, Athens, Ohio; Llewellyn Wilkes, Beckley.

You have listed above the result of Psi's efforts in the pledging field. Due to the fact that only a certain number of pledges were allowed to enter the folds of the chapter, we can add no more names to our list. We were fortunate this year in getting a group of boys whose primary interest is



ROY BACHTEL '37  
*Halfback*



JACK LABAY '38  
*Quarterback*



MIKE BRANCHIK '38  
*Tackle*



JOE GILMORE '38  
*Halfback*

#### PSI CHAPTER AGAIN CONTRIBUTES HEAVILY

to be an active member. May we congratulate them on their selection and wish them the best.

Seven men were initiated into Psi chapter since the last writing. John Arnold '37 is on the varsity tennis team. Jim Ellis '39 is Assistant Manager of varsity football and a sports writer on the *Pharos* and the *Republican Delta*, a local publication. Edward Sullivan '37 is a letter man in varsity track and a bio-chem enthusiast.

Wesleyan's football team had an exceptionally good year under the directorship of Brother LaBay in his position at quarterback. Brothers Branchik and Bachtel, two Akron boys, were also seen in the starting lineup for every game, but need I tell you more about Wesleyan's football team? Brother Walker again had the full responsibility, as manager, in taking care of several tons of football beef. This Walker boy is very versatile—football manager, editor of the school publication, *The Pharos*, past Historian of the chapter, member of the Student Council, and officer in his class for two years.

Brother Walker is assisted by Brother Ellis in his duties as manager. Jim seems to be in line for the managership for next year. The two "Jims" seem to be similar in activities as there interests are centered in publication and sports. Pledge Stickley Martin is assistant trainer and in all probability will be the "Doc" for the '37 squad. Pledge Herndon can also be seen in the group that has monopolized the managers' positions.

In looking forward to the coming basketball season we see Brother Ross our 6' 6" candidate for the pivot position. Tow saw a lot of action last year and will see a lot more during this season. Brother La Bay goes back into action after a years layoff due to a leg injury. Jack will in all probabili-

ty hold down a regular guard's berth as he did two years ago. Brother Long will take again the forward position which he so ably held down last year. Another candidate will be that diminutive personality, Pledge Herndon, boasting 130 pounds of masculinity. Brother Thornhill is again manager of the squad, and is assisted by Brother Hann and Pledge Cox. Another monopoly.

Before we get too far away from the football feeling let me throw a congratulatory quip to Mu of Marshall. Firstly, the best of luck for future years with a reorganized chapter. A lot of credit is due to them for their rapid successful comeback. Just take my word for it that they really have a chapter now that rates the tops. Secondly, while we're in a gratuitous mood, let us say that a better host couldn't be found than that one that afforded us such a grand time at Thanksgiving. The pregame dance was really a well conducted dance and we all had a good time. We would like to thank them for the victory over Marshall in the pigskin encounter but that would hardly be the thing to do. Nevertheless we wish to give them the handclasp for "the Perfect Host" of the '36 season. We'll be back next year!

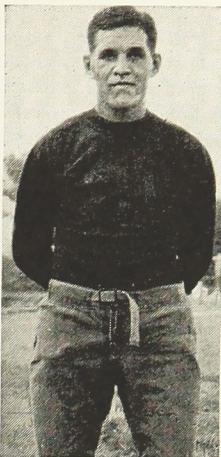
On the night of December 15 the Wesleyan Play Shop presented its annual Lyceum production. The title for this presentation was "Criminal At Large" in which several of the good brothers did themselves proud. Brother Stewart carried the comedy lead and Brother Murray carried the regular lead. To Brother Avery we give every bit of credit. It's not very often that one can carry his part in the production as well as manage the play. Incidentally, Keith was just initiated into the honorary dramatic fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, of which Brothers



LEE COLEMAN '39  
*Quarterback*



MOON MULLEN '39  
*Fullback*



PAUL GATSKIE '39  
*Guard*



KEN MOORE '39  
*Center*

#### TO SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL SEASON AT WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN

Murray and Williams, and Pledge Saunders are members. Pledges Saunders, Linger, and Perkins and Brother Williams also had parts in the production.

Psi came through in true form this year and walked off with the honors of the Annual All-College Christmas Party. The idea originated in the spermatic mind of Brother Morgan. For the last four years, whenever the occasion arose there was always a plan of some kind that was fomenting in "J.P.'s" mind. Our dance decorations for the past three years, our homecoming stunts and decorations, as well as little decorating improvements around the house, have usually resulted from his stuttering brainstorm. Out of cheese-cloth was constructed a cow creation that would make a bull below. This animal covered the figures of Pledges Edmiston and Loman and as usual Edmiston was the "butt" of the joke. This creature was led in by Brother LaBay who was outfitted to represent the typical back-woods station agent. Under one arm he carried and dragged a large five foot by six foot letter addressed to the student body of West Virginia College. Upon opening the letter the greeting could be read "A Merry Christmas from the men of Psi,—and this ain't no bull!" Somebody suggested we all sing the song "There's no Udder One" but this was vetoed in one full sweep.

Homecoming this year was a gala occasion with several of the old boys back for a visit. Some of the boys grabbed about four hundred pounds of lime and trotted over on the hill opposite the stadium and did a little lime writing in the form of a ten foot "Greetings To You from A K II." Others did their duty in making a silhouette greet-

ing around the porch of the chapter house. Brothers McCourt, Bennett, Cody, Reger, Hudson, Mathes, Hall, Chapman, Furbee, and Tucker were among those to return for the occasion. Alumni Brother Thomas was down for a visit about two weeks before Homecoming. Brother Thomas is employed in Boston and has the job he wanted all of his life, the directorship and control of about fifty girls.

Psi's winter formal dance will be held on January 9, following the return home from Christmas Vacation. Brother Morgan and the social committee are hard at work on the plans. Through the generosity of Alumni Brother Warner, we are going to be financially able to have his WCHS broadcasting orchestra. Kent has the top band of the southern West Virginia, so we're all looking forward to the big dance of the year.

The Active men of the chapter gave a Prep Dance in honor of the incoming preps at Whitescarvers Hall on December 5.

The Christmas Dinner at the chapter house was given in honor of two eight year old news boys. All of the brothers bought gifts which were given the boys. This will be an annual event from this time on, the pleasure manifested by the kids is payment enough, you may be sure of that.

The hunting season didn't net as much this year as in past years. Of course the house was overrun at all times with "good huntin' dorgs," but the dogs left with the hunting season, and the "lost dog" ads were removed from the newspapers. Brother LaBay did bag a lame wild turkey, but, upon close questioning, he finally confessed that he was pretty near the State Game Farm when he shot it. Nevertheless the boys ate it and picked shot from their teeth for days after.



Badders had the honor of flying the head of this college, President Handy, to Indianapolis a short time ago. The flight was made in record flying time and complete safety. Covering distances in a hurry no longer worry the members. If in a hurry call the pilots, is now the watchword.

Alpha Beta loses two more charter members, when Brothers Rice and O'Hara graduate in December. Brother Rice has held the offices of vice-president and secretary in the chapter; is a member of the Tau Sigma Eta, honorary engineering society; and is the first to be presented with the Alpha Kappa Pi Scholastic Key in this chapter. We shall certainly lose an energetic member, a good comrade and a pillar of intellectual support.

Basketball is one of the few sports that is coming to life. The interfraternity teams have been playing real hard. One of the best is Dustin Girtton, whose speed and size certainly give him an edge over his opponents and his team mates.

E. D. O'HARA

### Alpha Gamma—Franklin and Marshall

*Pledged:* Kenneth I. Greisen, '38, Fords, N.J.; H. Clifford Schmutz, '39, Belleville, N.J.; Kenneth McCormick, '40, Upper Darby, Pa.

*Initiated:* George L. Thomas, '37, Frederick, Md.; Curtis Thomas, '37, Adamstown, Md.

A Christmas formal dance held on the evening of December 18 climaxed Alpha Gamma's winter social season. A banquet in the chapter house preceded the dance and was attended by many of the guests of the brothers. On November 6 the neophytes gave an informal dance in the chapter house in honor of the brothers, and it was very successful. Music was furnished by a band composed of college men and directed by Pledge Boettner.

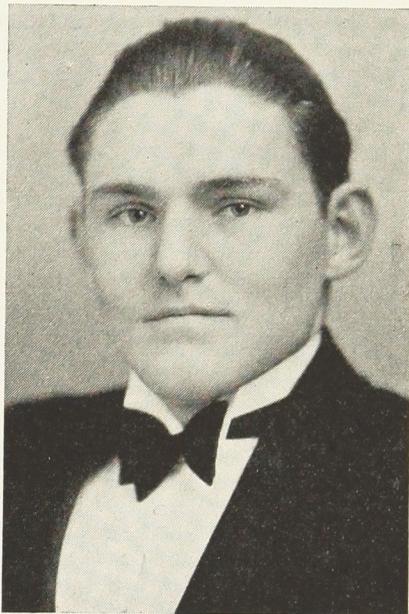
Alpha Gamma conducted its first initiation on November 24, at which the Thomas brothers became members of Alpha Kappa Pi. The formal initiation ceremony followed a banquet which was attended by several alumni from Penn State's Omicron.

Four of Alpha Gamma's men have made the Franklin and Marshall glee club this year. Brothers Zulick and Haun, and Pledges Welker and Greisen. Greisen, recently pledged, was a member of this year's varsity cross-country squad along with Brother Haun. Greisen is also a member of Post Prandial, the honorary upperclassmen's after-dinner speaking society, and of Calumet Club, the honorary literary society.

Pledge McCormick is a member of the freshman basketball squad, while Pledge Ross gained his numerals on the frosh football squad. Brother Haun was appointed recently to the college Junior Prom committee, and President Sprecher is chairman of the Key committee of the Inter-Fraternity

Council, as well as treasurer of that organization.

A Wednesday Rush Nite has been instituted recently at Alpha Gamma, in which each Wednesday evening the brothers take turns in inviting faculty members as guest-speakers and to which several men in whom the chapter is interested are



E. DANIEL O'HARA, *Alpha Beta '37*

invited. Thus far the system has worked out very satisfactorily.

We have been favored by visits from several of our alumni recently. Everett Bostetter, '35, former president of the chapter and now in graduate school at Princeton, and Ewald Kalthoff, '36, last year's chapter president and at present a chemist in Philadelphia, have visited the chapter. George Thomas, who was initiated into Alpha Kappa Pi in November, was a member of Alpha Gamma when it was a local on F. and M.'s campus. He is now a prominent business man in Frederick County, Md.

We wish to extend our thanks to the sister chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi who have exchanged pennants with us as we understand this is a custom of some standing. Also we wish to express our very belated thanks to all the active and alumni chapters for their very sincerely appreciated telegrams received at the time of the chapter's installation as Alpha Gamma of Alpha Kappa Pi.

Brother Walter Haun and Brother Robert Maginis have been elected delegate and alternate to the national convention on December 29 and 30, and through them Alpha Gamma hopes to extend personally the invitation to visit our chapter house to all Alpha Kappa Pis which we are extending here.

WALTER P. HAUN, JR.

# ALUMNI CHAPTERS

## *Baltimore Alumni Chapter*

On Sunday night, December 13, the Baltimore Alumni chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi gathered for a buffet supper at the home of Brother Crawford. Our meeting was attended by the largest group we have ever had here in Baltimore. Brother Richard Williams and Brother Charles Wescott, members of Phi chapter, were the two recent St. John's graduates present. Williams has entered the University of Maryland Medical School; Wescott is now working for the Baltimore Employment agency. Pledge Sanborn and Dr. Paul Allen represented Phi chapter. Brothers Lubbers and Clifton of Nu attended their first meeting. Brother Lubbers is working for the Western Electric Company in Washington; Brother Clifton is engaged in engineering work in Baltimore. Brothers Bob Lance of Delta, Sandrock of Phi, Kurtz of Phi, and Gessner of Phi represented the Baltimore area. Brother Lance is connected with a Baltimore engineering concern; Kurtz is now a junior at the University of Maryland Medical School; Sandrock is a chemist with the Baltimore Gas Company; and Gessner is a graduate student in gas engineering at the John Hopkins University.

Brothers Woodle and Stevens drove over from Washington for the evening. Brother Woodle claims that he is still happily married in spite of the fact that his wife buys ten dollar hats. He has had a recent advancement in his job with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board Review. Brother Stevens still claims that he is playing a bang up game as chief stooge for Department of Justice in Washington.

We understand from Brother Lubbers that plans are being made for an alumni association in Washington. Brother Lubbers' address in Washington is 1519 Rhode Island Avenue N.W.

The alumni chapter wishes to congratulate Phi chapter for getting the largest number of pledges on the St. John's campus.

Our next meeting is to be held on February 6 at the new home of Brother Clifton.

Best wishes for the New Year to all the brothers of Alpha Kappa Pi.

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, *Phi '34*

## *Staten Island Alumni Chapter*

Greetings, fraternal and holiday, from the brothers of Staten Island Alumni chapter. The spirit of

happiness fills your correspondent's soul, and why not? The holidays approach, the convention is coming to town and Beta chapter has shown a definite progress. Our new president, Brother Danielson, who guided the destinies of our active chapter during the year 1935-1936, was chosen to head the alumni chapter during a recent meeting. We feel sure that the alumni chapter will show the same progressive results as the active did when Brother Danielson was at the helm. Brother Voiges '35, is our new vice-president and promised his unflinching support despite the fact that he is now a much married man.

Staten Island alumni chapter is planning a busy season due largely to the fact that our meetings have shown an increased attendance. Especially heartening was the presence of some of the brothers whom we had given up as lost. Brother Luders '33, who will long be remembered for his wit and sociability by brothers of our own and other chapters, has emerged from hibernation and has returned to the fold. The brothers Rogler, Wes and Paul, and Henry Wintjen have shown enough interest to make the trip from Jersey to be present at meetings.

Our recent bridge held in the fraternities was a great success. Fifteen tables were in action (?) at the fraternity and others were held in homes over Staten Island. Brother Danielson has announced that we will hold a supper dance at the Hotel Pennsylvania on February 6. So we will expect all you devotees of Swing to be present to dance to very modern arrangements of the King of Swing, Benny Goodman. We hope that some of the brothers from New York and New Jersey will join us at that evening of festivity. Full particulars may be had by addressing a letter to Brother Danielson care of the chapter.

The entire alumni chapter is looking forward to the convention on the 28th, 29th, and 30th. We all hope to renew some of our old friendships that sprung up at the last meeting at the St. George Hotel. Reports from the active chapter show that a great many of them also plan to attend the sessions.

The brothers of Staten Island alumni chapter wish to extend sincerest greetings for the coming holiday season and hope to see a great many of you at the convention. Best of luck for the actives and plenty of success for the alumni. *Au revoir* until the convention.

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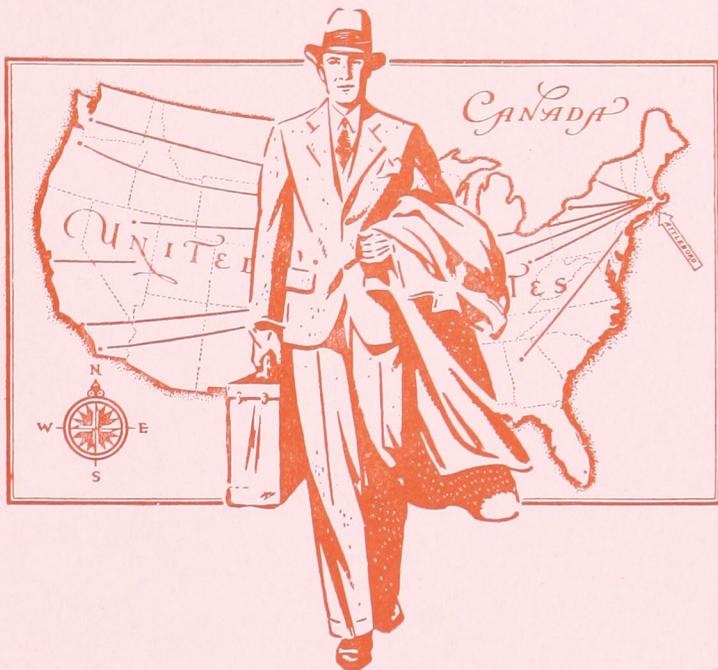
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