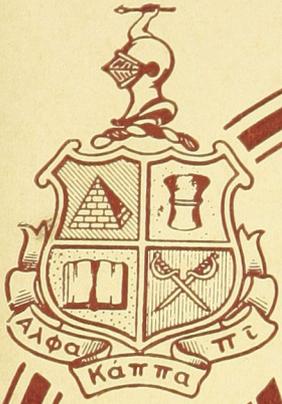


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By the Way—

▪ WE WISH to call special attention to the very way an unknown brother used to pay his sincere appreciation to his old chapter. A gift of fifty dollars as a token of what his chapter had done for him. It is safe to say that if we were able to bring to light the records of this brother, while in active service, it would be found that he was always prompt to meet not only his fraternal but his financial obligations to the chapter and the fraternity at large. It is of and from such men that appreciation most always comes. We not only congratulate the unknown brother for his knowing how to make his fraternity serve, and that by first serving his fraternity, but herewith compliment Alpha chapter in that the chapter has been able to so touch the true sentiments of the men they have honored with initiation.

▪ THE little tribute herein paid to that outstanding fraternity worker, the Honorable Francis W. Shepardson, *Beta Theta Pi*, should be read and pondered. Not for the sake of the article but for the lessons to be learned by being challenged to study the life of this Ideal Greek and see wherein you may become as devoted and as high standing in the annals of the Alpha Kappa Pi, as the years come and go. We feel that if Mr. Shepardson could speak in answer to such a challenge he would say: "Only through service do we achieve in lines fraternal. The individual cannot take out of any institution more than he has been willing to put into that same organization."

▪ ONCE more THE ALPHA heralds the admission of another collegiate chapter to the surely lengthening rolls of this fraternity. This time it is the Alpha Epsilon, University of Cincinnati, Ohio. An old local, with much background, this chapter will be a fine success from the very beginning. Naturally Alpha Kappa Pi is proud to add this third Ohio college to the rolls.

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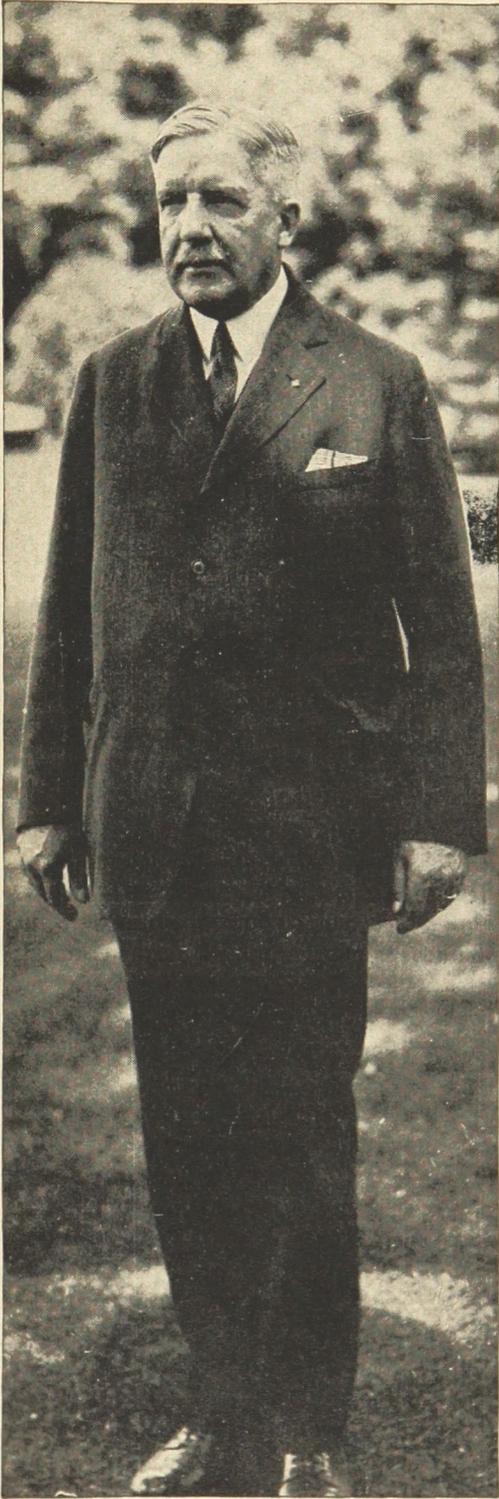
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Francis W. Shepardson



THE fraternity world, and indeed the entire nation, has been called upon to mourn the death of one of the great fraternity and national leaders. When Francis W. Shepardson passed from this life it was a personal sorrow.

“When Caesar fell,
Then you, and I, and all of us fell down.”

Not only a great leader in the affairs of his own fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, Francis Shepardson was keenly interested in the success of all fraternities, and never hesitated to extend the helping hand to any fellow Greek, or fraternity chapter, wherever that help might be desired. He was so innately fine and noble that he could not help being just that way. During the years of this fraternity's life the Alpha Kappa Pi has on more than one occasion felt the beneficent touch of his kindly spirit and whole hearted advice. So, with all the other Greeks, we say farewell to this Mountain Peak of fraternalism, and extend to the members of the Beta Theta Pi, who shall through sheer nearness to him, miss him most of all, the sincere sympathy of the entire brotherhood of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity.





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Why Not Music for Your Chapter?

By H. G. Steffens, *Alpha '39*

IT IS HARD to discover a better method of education than that which the experience of so many ages has evolved; and this may be summed up as consisting in gymnastics for the body and music for the soul.

—EDGAR ALLAN POE

▪ IT IS QUITE NATURAL that Poe, the one-time West Pointer, should thus exalt the value of physical exercise, since much of his early life was spent in an atmosphere of strictest military discipline. Yet there is no probable explanation for his attitude toward music other than that he understood life. If he were responsible for the social activities of a modern fraternity, I think he would be prompted to re-edit his statement so that he could mention the benefits of encouraging his brothers to help make the "music for the soul." Irrespective of the fact that Poe cannot restate his paragraph, it is education itself to create and execute music, be it good, bad, or indifferent.

There is a definite place in every social organization for the appreciation and production of music, because music is a social art. Your own chapter should represent to you the zenith of social organization—fraternalism—and most certainly a social art is not out of place there. Evidently the only excuse (and a plausible one at that) for the absence of musical activity in the average social group is the belief that years of preparation are

necessary, and that without them, such undertakings as glee-clubs are destined to become "dead issues." This is true if one is considering the concert stage, but what of groups for mere social enjoyment? That, surely, is a different matter. Music, in itself is a complicated art, but music for pleasure and stimulation may serve quite efficiently as an integrating factor in programs of fraternal organizations if employed wisely.

The average person, unless specially educated and trained along artistic lines harbors no irrepressible desire either to hear or produce music, although he may appear outwardly tolerant to a certain extent. It is to this group that musical activity holds the greatest promise; the awakening of heretofore latent talents and appreciations results in a renewal of interest for the medium responsible. Why should not the chapter then take upon itself the task of creating musical activity if, in the long run, the interests in chapter functions will be stimulated?

Of course, there are limitations to the possibilities that such musical activity holds for the chapter. In the first place, much depends upon the chapter enrollment. A group of brothers who are more or less musically-minded, and who have had personal connections with one or more branches of musical culture will be found quite receptive to suggestions of glee-clubs, quartets, etc. Then

secondly, the variety of college curricula, and also extra-curricula opportunities, is responsible. In institutions where extended courses in music are given, and where glee-clubs and orchestras are maintained, music is often taken for granted. It is nothing unusual, and more to be expected than not. This is, without doubt, the ideal atmosphere for such attempts at promoting a musical program within the chapter. For the most part, the faculty of the Music Department will look with favor upon attempts to install music into the Fraternity, and oftentimes it will be a simple matter to encourage their aid. Thirdly, the success of a venture of this sort depends, for the most part, on the support of the brothers, and upon their ambitions for the promotion of fraternity ideals. Each should realize that a good musical group may easily become a distinguishing element that adds to the prestige of a fraternity, even as a majority representation on the varsity football team might. In any event, should there be a doubt, give music the benefit; this may be just what your program is lacking.

Careful analysis of the situation within your chapter is a highly individual one. Often the variety of the curricula in various sections of the country influence the average interests of the group to the extent that generalized attention may not be effective. However, a few steps may prove helpful if outlined here:

1.—The well-equipped house should have a piano, preferably one that is kept as a musical instrument should be. Some of the larger music houses have been known to give pianos away if the receiver be willing to pay for the moving charges. In this case, it should not be a difficult task to get a piano, if one is lacking.

2.—In planning to organize vocal groups, and also instrumental groups, it is well to investigate the material at hand. There should exist a sufficient regard for music that will enable the person to at least be able to follow music and to give a fair impression. It may be found, during the course of such an investigation, that certain individuals have a particular leaning toward composition and arranging. (Such has been known to happen, even among students in curricula other than

music.) In this case, the program may be a building-up, so to speak, between the musical group and the composer or arranger.

3.—Investigate also the possibilities of using such units in the social life of the chapter. A banquet, for instance, would not be complete without a few selections by a male quartet. Perhaps, if your chapter indulges in this kind of social affairs, a musical group will prove very useful. Also, the relations between different fraternities are strengthened by either consolidation with a view toward mass choruses or bands, or by good-will participation in public affairs that are sponsored by other fraternities on the campus.

4.—Often it is true that in metropolitan areas, there is a demand for well-trained vocal groups, either in radio or church work. This should prove not only an incentive, but a distinct advantage for the metropolitan chapters.

In the pursuit of ensemble work, either vocal or instrumental, there must be a complete understanding that everyone in the unit is working to one end—the moulding of an ensemble as a unit. There should be no individual ambitions as far as the group is concerned. This may mean the tempering of a strong-willed soloist, and often such must be attempted with diplomacy, but nevertheless, none must overshadow the other. The true ensemble is one polyphonic instrument, not a soloist with accompaniment. Many times the absence of perfect intonation is overlooked by the audience if the performers show a knowledge of shading and phrasing, and sound as if they have sung together for many years.

The most popular of male vocal groups is the quartet—two tenors and two basses. Other combinations such as three tenors, or two tenors and baritone are possible, but there is less variety of published music than for the quartet. A very necessary addition is an accompanist, preferably one who can act in the capacity of a director. As a director, he can best judge the musical effect of the group. It is not necessary that all five be talented artists; in fact it would be desirable if they were not. If they agree well enough, the

success of the organization is dependent only upon regular rehearsals, coupled with an unrelenting desire to "put the thing over."

During the rehearsals, it should be the duty of the accompanist to severely criticize the group, and clean up matters of what may seem to be of small importance. In this manner, perfection may be best approached. In addition to balance of voices, intonation, and enunciation, facial expressions should be watched. Many failures in Hollywood are attributed to the lack of control that some very talented singers have over their facial muscles when endeavoring to reach high notes. Such grimaces often make production impossible. Have your group engage as many public appearances as can be arranged. This will develop their poise and confidence, two major assets to good stage-presence.

If after the group has been singing together for a while there are signs of marked improvement, make arrangements to appear on the radio with such programs as Mission and good-will hours. The amount of talent on these programs is surprisingly small, and the demand is so great. Perhaps, if the group has been properly trained, such a step may be quite remunerative in the years following graduation from college. Radio experience is quite unique in its advertising power.

With instrumental ensembles, the same method of attack is possible. Balance and intonation should be striven for, and above all, the performers should play the composition the way a good singer would sing it—with feeling.

The most popular of instrumental groups is probably the string trio—violin, cello, and piano. If the scope of talent permits, trumpet trios, saxophone quartets, and possibly mixed woodwind ensembles may be formed. There is considerable variety of music published for the above-mentioned groups, as well as a number of practice folios.

In ensemble rehearsal, especially with the brass and woodwind groups, the church hymns and Bach chorales are the ideal compositions for the development of tone. The players will have ample opportunity to listen

to their own tones, as well as the general effect. In group work, it is very important that a tone free from tremolo, and only sparsely colored with vibrato be produced; the individual is no longer a soloist, but a supporting voice. Rapid-moving compositions are excellent for finger and lip dexterity, but unfortunately they do not cater to tone-building as the slow-moving, sacred music will.

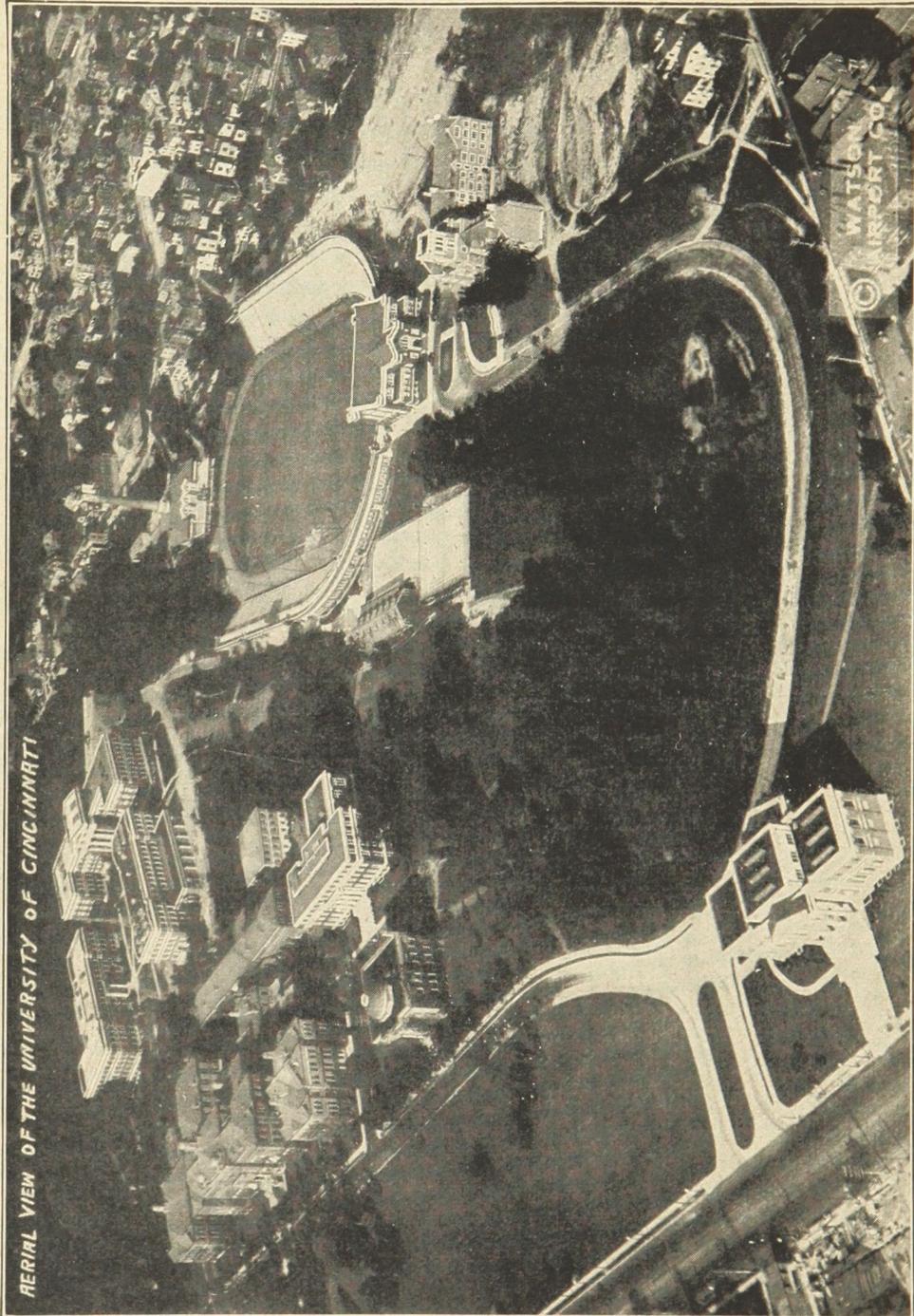
The opportunities of performing are none the less inviting because the group is instrumental instead of vocal. On the contrary, it has been the writer's experience that people are more inclined to favor the instrumental ensembles. Another advantage that this type of group enjoys is that a piano accompaniment is more or less elective, because instrumental groups are in less need of rigid background than voices. This facilitates outdoor appearances where the piano would not be available.

In any case, be it with voices or instruments, start small groups in your chapter for the enjoyment of the players, at least, and see how quickly it will be for everyone's enjoyment, if the efforts are sincere.

Unknown Giver

■ AN ALUMNUS of the Alpha chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, Newark College of Engineering, has done a very gracious thing in sending to his chapter a gift of fifty dollars, but with the name of the giver unrevealed. In order to express their sincere appreciation the following chapter expression is set forth:

The brothers of the Alpha chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, wish to express their gratitude to the anonymous brother who so kindly donated fifty dollars to the chapter. The money was accompanied by a note expressing the brother's appreciation of all the chapter had done for him. Our fondest hope is that every brother of the Alpha Kappa Pi will derive as much benefit from his fraternal relations as this brother. The money will be spent on fixtures which will be of permanent value.



AERIAL VIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, THE HOME OF ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER

New Chapter Placed at the University of Cincinnati

Third Ohio Chapter to Be Known as Alpha Epsilon

History of the University of Cincinnati

By G. G. SHRIVE, *Alpha Epsilon '39*

THE FOUNDATION of the University of Cincinnati can be traced to the Cincinnati Lancaster Seminary founded in 1814. In 1819, under state law, the Cincinnati College was incorporated and the seminary merged with it.

The Cincinnati College consisted mainly of an academic department, but in 1834-35 the departments of Law and Medicine were added. The Cincinnati Law School founded earlier in 1833 became a part of the Department of Law. However, within a few years all of the departments except the Law Department passed out of existence.

The actual University owes its beginning to Charles McMicken who, in 1858, left his estate of \$1,000,000 to the city of Cincinnati for the purpose of establishing and maintaining two colleges for the education of white boys and girls. Much of the estate was lost in a court decision in 1860.

By 1870, the city was proceeding toward the incorporation of the University. Legislation passed in 1872 enabled the city to issue bonds for the erection of a building on the McMicken Homestead. The building was ready for use in 1875. Previous to the opening, the College of Liberal Arts gave courses through teachers in Woodward High School.

Shortly after the formal incorporation of the University of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Astronomical Society gave its 11 inch equatorial telescope on Mt. Adams to the new institution. The society was noteworthy for its promotion of daily weather reports and meteorological observations.

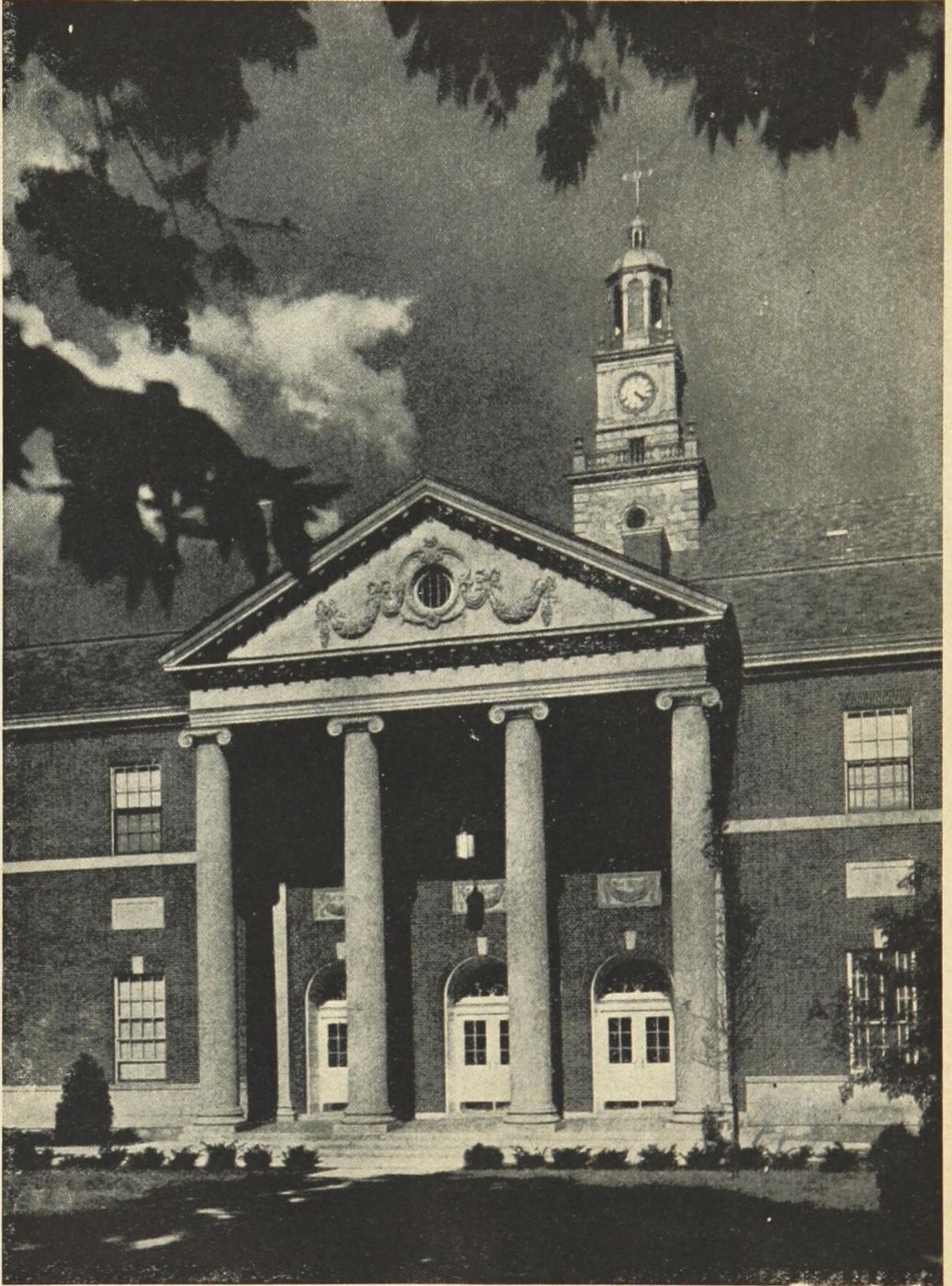
In 1887, the Clinical and Pathological School of the Cincinnati City Hospital was established and became affiliated with the University as the Medical Department. Nine

years later the Medical College of Ohio, the oldest of its kind west of the Alleghenies, became the College of Medicine of the University of Cincinnati since which time the Clinical and Pathological School has been known as the Department of Clinical Medicine.

The McMicken Homestead proved to be an unsuitable location for the growing institution, so in 1895, the city set aside forty-three acres in the southern part of Burnet Woods Park for the new University site. The College of Liberal Arts was the first to move to the new location.

The College of Engineering developed from the chair of civil engineering in the College of Liberal Arts and became a distinct department with a dean as its head in 1904. Two years later, 1906, it inaugurated the unique plan of the coöperative system.

The Teachers College was organized in 1905 through the coöperation of the Board of Education. In 1906, the Graduate School became a distinct part of the school. In 1909, the Miami College of Medicine became an integral part of the University establishing the new College of Medicine. In 1916, under a new city charter, the Medical College and the General Hospital were fused into a single organization administered by one board of directors. In 1912, night classes were started in the Liberal Arts College. The same year saw the beginning of the College of Commerce which in 1919, became with the Engineering College, the College of Engineering and Commerce. In 1914, the School of Household Arts was established and became in 1919, the Department of Home Economics in the Teachers College. The Department of Hygiene and Physical Education was established in 1916. In 1922, the School of Applied Arts was established, and in 1924, the School of Household Administration was organized.



STUDENT UNION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Photo by Paul Briol

Thus the University today consists of nine colleges with a campus of forty-three acres upon which there are nineteen buildings, and has a total student enrollment of approximately 11,000 with a faculty of 625.

History of Epsilon of Sigma Delta Rho

By W. B. ELAM and R. B. HOWARD

■ IN 1925 a group of nine students at the University of Cincinnati banded together to form a new local fraternity on the campus, calling it Kappa Alpha Chi.

The financial status of so small a group was necessarily low. This required that the first "house" be unpretentious, and so it was. The rooms occupied were on the second floor of a four family house, but the boys were proud of it and worked hard first to round up furniture from relatives, friends, and sales, and then, when the rooms were furnished, to build up an active membership in every sense of the word.

The organization grew rapidly and in a short time was forced to move to new quarters in order to accommodate the growing membership.

In 1927 Kappa Alpha Chi successfully petitioned Sigma Delta Rho, a national fraternity, for a charter, and in the spring of that year was installed as Epsilon of Sigma Delta Rho.

As a chapter of a national fraternity the group expanded more rapidly than ever, so that in 1930 the chapter house had seventeen rooms and was rented at a cost of \$150.00 per month.

The members of the fraternity were active in campus affairs, holding in 1930-31 and 1931-32 two of six places in the Engineering Tribunal, three of six places in the Applied Arts Tribunal, two offices in the Student Council, two in the University Band, and four out of five offices in the Men's Glee Club. The chapter roll at that time was forty-four, and twenty-six new members were initiated in one school year.

Then came the depression. Members were

forced to drop from school for financial reasons. Freshmen coming in did not have the means to pledge a fraternity, and other active members were being lost annually by graduation.

In 1933 the chapter moved to a smaller house of 10 rooms (which it still occupies).

At one time the active chapter consisted of only three men, but that was the bottom. Since then there has been a slow rebuilding and, at present, the active roll consists of sixteen men. All of these are really active, interested workers. The total membership of initiates of Epsilon of Sigma Delta Rho is one hundred and twelve men.

In the meantime, the National of Sigma Delta Rho had been slowly weakening due to the loss of chapter after chapter which had not been able to weather the depression. And at the same time the National and Epsilon chapter grew farther and farther apart due to internal conflict.

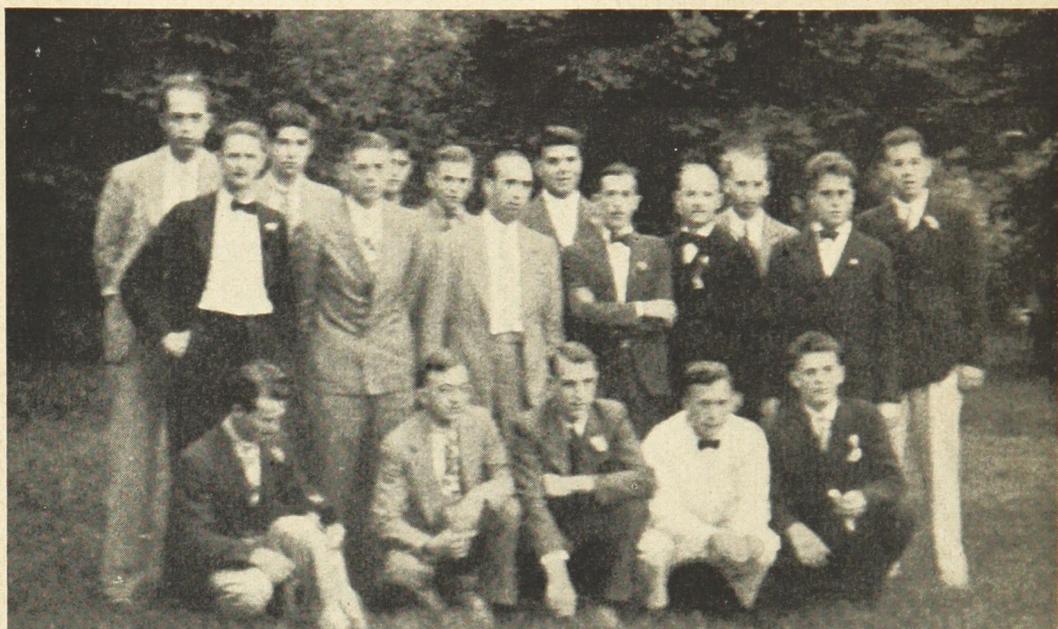
In the fall of 1935 at a Senate meeting of all the chapters, each chapter was given permission to withdraw from the National if it so desired; and in the spring of 1936 the National became officially non-existent. The Epsilon chapter, however, elected to continue as a local under the name of Sigma Delta Rho, and to rebuild it to such a point that it could again successfully petition a National organization.

At the present time, the chapter consists of twelve actives and four pledges. They maintain an active and commendable standing on the campus and at this time are financially solvent.

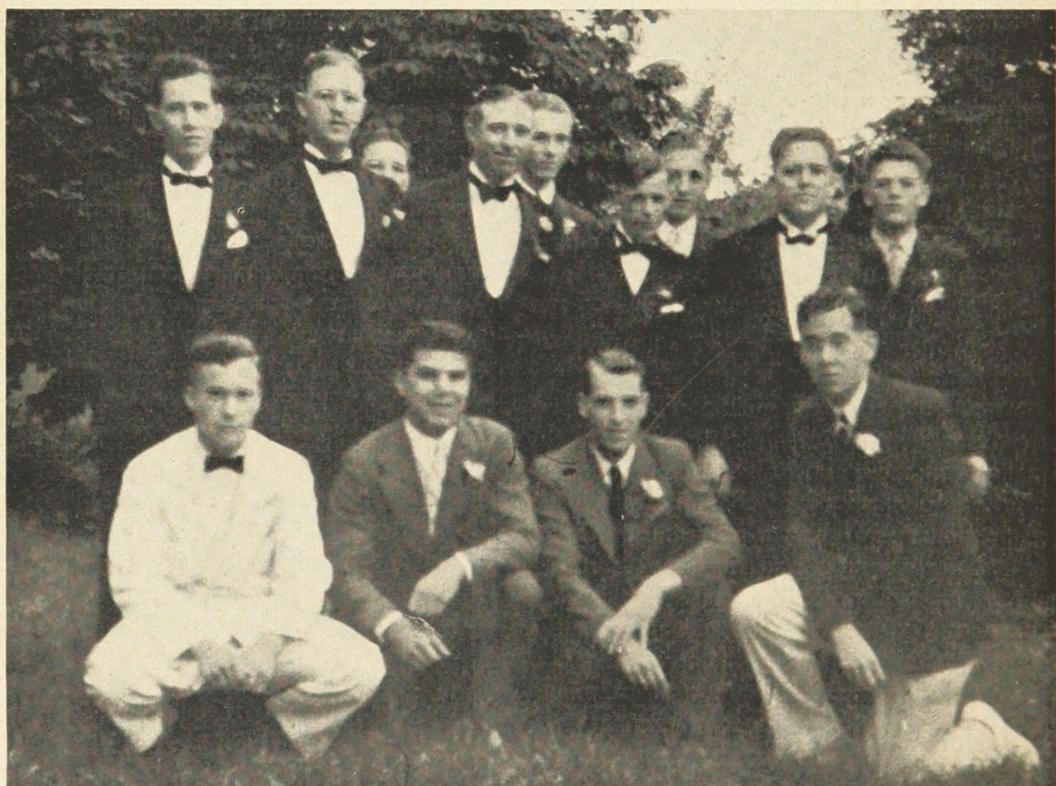
Know Cincinnati

By FORD B. PFEIFER, *Alpha Epsilon '39*

■ KNOWN as the "Gateway to the South" and the "Queen City of the West," Cincinnati enjoys a reputation for its hospitality, culture, and civic achievements. The business section of Cincinnati occupies the area along the Ohio River at the foot of the hills, while most of the residential sections are divided among the various hilltops. There are 27 miles of frontage along the Ohio River taken



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INSTALLATION TEAM AND THE OFFICERS OF ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER

up by Cincinnati, which has a total area of 72 square miles.

On Christmas Day, 1788, a party of settlers under the leadership of Benjamin Stites, left Marietta, Ohio, and sailed down the Ohio River to what was known as Yeatman's Cove, where they landed on December 29. Cincinnati was founded in 1788 as Losantiville, by General St. Clair, who commanded Fort Washington on this site. Incorporated as a village in 1802, Cincinnati became a city in 1819.

In 1925 a new city charter was adopted, and the existing "City Manager" form of government was inaugurated in January, 1926.

The city has 104 public parks at the disposal of its citizens. Baseball diamonds, football fields, tennis courts, and supervised playgrounds are scattered throughout the downtown district and suburbs. The Cincinnati Zoo was founded in 1875 and contains one of the finest and most complete collections of animals in the world.

Few cities possess so many things of interest to the man or woman abreast of the times as does Cincinnati. Widely famed as a music, education, and art center, she possesses a number of excellent music and art schools, and the great University. The first endowed arts academy was established in Cincinnati in 1859. The College of Music and Conservatory of Music attract hundreds of students from all over the world. The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra is recognized nationally, while the Cincinnati May Festivals which have been presented biennially since 1873 are the most notable musical meetings in the United States.

Cincinnati's natural waterway has not been disregarded. The improvement of inland waterways was inaugurated here. An extensive system of locks and dams permits navigation at all times on the Ohio River. Its importance is demonstrated by the fact that 30,000,000 tons of freight are shipped annually on the Ohio River and its tributaries is equal to that normally shipped through the Panama Canal. This combination of rail and waterway facili-

ties makes Cincinnati one of the leading bituminous coal distributing points.

Two hundred and fifty lines of manufacturing represented by more than 2,200 plants is evidence of the industrial diversification. Soap, foundry and machine shop products, slaughtering and meat packing, printing and publishing, clothing, radio, and ceramic ware are the leading industries.



RAY D. ALLISON, *Alpha Epsilon '38*
First President of Alpha Epsilon Chapter

The Installation—Alpha Epsilon, University of Cincinnati

By GRAND SECRETARY W. S. KITCHEN

- ON JUNE 12 and 13, 1937, down in the southwestern section of Ohio, a region deeply imbued with fraternity traditions, Alpha Kappa Pi was busily engaged in establishing its Alpha Epsilon chapter on the campus of the University of Cincinnati. The teachings of the Ritual were being unfolded to the members of the Sigma Delta Rho fraternity who, earlier in the year, had petitioned Alpha Kappa Pi for charter privileges.

Ordinarily, the middle of June each year

is not a particularly busy season for fraternal accomplishment. The regular collegiate year has just been completed, chapter houses have closed their doors for the long awaited summer vacation, and even the national administrative officers are beginning to capitalize on a few leisure hours that they may call their own. So truly, indeed, the installation of Alpha Epsilon chapter was a belated but fitting climax to a crowded year of fruitful activity for Alpha Kappa Pi.

Arriving in Cincinnati on Saturday morning, June 12, and establishing their headquarters at the Netherland Plaza, the city's nationally famous ultra-modern hostelry, members of the installation team were warmly greeted by a delegation of Sigma Delta Rho men, headed by the energetic and capable chapter president, Ray D. Allison. The installing team included Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs; Zeta Province Chief Jackson W. Rafeld; Dr. J. B. Brandeberry, *Alpha Delta*; Burton MacRitchie, *Alpha Delta '38*; Cecil L. Brammer, *Mu '22*; and Grand Secretary William S. Kitchen.

Following a delightful luncheon at the chapter house, the initiation equipment was promptly arranged, and shortly after began the impressive ritualistic induction of the first Sigma Delta Rho men into the brotherhood of Alpha Kappa Pi. Initiations continued during the remainder of the afternoon, and after a brief respite for dinner further induction ceremonies were held. The activities of this eventful day were concluded with a model chapter meeting, during which administrative policies were thoroughly discussed and chapter officers of Alpha Epsilon formally installed.

Sunday, the second day of the two day installation program, saw the initiation in the late morning of several more alumni members who found it impossible to be present the preceding day. Incidentally, the installation of Alpha Epsilon was characterized by the initiation of quite a large group of loyal Sigma Delta Rho alumni.

The entire program was brought to a fitting

and impressive close Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock, with the installation banquet held at the Kemper Lane Hotel. This occasion proved a very enjoyable and inspiring one, as each member of the chapter was given a brief opportunity to express his deep feeling concerning the past history of Sigma Delta Rho and his abiding faith in the future promise of Alpha Epsilon. Perhaps the prevailing sentiment and emotional feeling of the entire occasion was no more adequately expressed than in the few forceful words as suggested by an old alumnus of Sigma Delta Rho—"The King is dead! Long live the King!"

There is no doubt but that Alpha Epsilon is destined to play an important part in the future progress of Alpha Kappa Pi. Closely associated with the everyday life of the University of Cincinnati, an institution well established in the educational world of today, Alpha Epsilon chapter will prove a distinct asset to both college and fraternity. Alpha Kappa Pi is to be rightfully proud of its third Ohio chapter.

The list of initiates is as follows:

Actives: John J. Abel '38, Cincinnati; Ray D. Allison '38, New Philadelphia; Marvin V. Ayers '39, Cincinnati; Joseph J. Baffa '39, Cleveland; Robert R. Braunberns '39, Warren; Ford B. Pfeifer, '39, Cleveland; George G. Shrive, Jr. '39, Cleveland; Ray D. Tilton '37, Caldwell; Donald B. Tschudy '40, New Philadelphia; Fred R. Ulrich '40, Harrison; Dale E. Weaver '39, Piqua; and Howard Werle, Jr. '38, Cincinnati.

Alumni: Frank S. Backus, Jr., Cincinnati; George G. Baetz, Cincinnati; Arch Brannen, Norwood; Frederick A. Breyer, Cincinnati; Norman J. Durst, Cincinnati; William B. Elam, Cincinnati; John R. Hahn, Silverton; Harry A. Hines, Cincinnati; Willard B. Hopper, Cincinnati; Robert B. Howard, Cincinnati; William H. Kemp, Cincinnati; Lester L. Leever, Norwood; Warren R. Oder, Jr., Cincinnati; Harry O. Power, Cincinnati; Stanley W. Trosset, Jr., Cincinnati; Homer C. Van Atta, Cincinnati; and Adolph H. Wulff, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Relationship of Fraternities to the Real Work of the College

By Dr. Kenneth C. M. Sills, *Delta Kappa Epsilon, President of Bowdoin College November 27*

▪ THE FRATERNITY is now in many places under fire; it is being subjected to the same kind of criticism which is directed against the church, the college and other institutions. It is well that the friends of the fraternity system should realize this attitude and not be guilty of avoiding discussion of some of the issues that have been raised at Dartmouth and elsewhere.

First, it should always be remembered that the college comes first, the fraternity second. The fraternity is the handmaiden of the college and exists to serve the best interests of the college. These interests are both intellectual and social, and we find that the fraternity is criticized on both these lines.

On the social side the fraternity performs many useful functions for the college. It often furnishes dining room facilities for a large group of students, and through chapter houses supplements the dormitory facilities of the college. There are many good things to be said for the service which the fraternity renders. Both in large institutions and in small colleges it is a good thing to have a unit such that the administration can easily handle. It is not beyond the truth to assert that the fraternity in many American institutions may be made to play something of the rôle of the college at Oxford or Cambridge. There is one point about the national fraternity that it seems to me quite worth while to emphasize at the present moment; that is the opportunity which it affords for natural contacts for boys from other colleges. We are all too prone in our academic life to have a very narrow nationalistic collegiate outlook. A boy while he is in college forgets that after graduation most of his friends will come from other institutions; if while he is an undergraduate he can broaden his acquaintance and broaden his collegiate horizon,

he will be better able to take into his acquaintance in later years graduates of other colleges than his own. Now the fraternity through its chapters scattered in different colleges offers just such opportunities as I have in mind, and it seems to me that the proposition to change chapters of national fraternities into local clubs would retain most of the evils of the old system and do away with most of the good.

When I was a visitor a couple of years ago to the Naval Academy at Annapolis I was much struck by the remarks of a young man soon to graduate there. He told me that in the four years at the Naval Academy he had seen practically nothing of other men of his own age in civilian institutions. What undergraduates at Harvard, Columbia, Princeton, Williams were thinking was to him a closed book, and college men knew as little of the ideas and views of the young men who were preparing for service in the Army or Navy. I believe it essential that we should keep channels of communication open so that men of one college may find a natural welcome in the fraternity home of a sister college. This particular kind of service may be exaggerated, but I believe that it is of very great importance and influence.

But in order to make such service really effective there must be real distinction between different institutions. In other words, we must avoid so far as possible over-standardization. This means that so far as the fraternity is concerned each local chapter should have a great deal of liberty. Advice and counsel from headquarters may be helpful, but too much advice and too much counsel and too much direction and too much control will not only be resented because of the inevitable financial burden such inspection entails, but because it takes away something

from the responsibility of the local chapter for its own development. It is a splendid thing to have members of one fraternity brothers whether they live in Maine or the United States, whether they come from Texas, Toronto, California, or Connecticut, but it would be too bad to lose the differences and distinction that belong not only to localities but to institutions. Walter Pater, of Oxford, remarked at one time "These young men want to grow up like wild rosebushes, here and there, in their own way. You want to root that all out and turn them into a field of turnips." The fraternity can render a splendid service by emphasizing the independence of the local chapter, independence both from the purse strings of headquarters and from too much direction and control.

On the social side, the fraternity must of course be on guard to preserve a healthy and sane attitude on such questions as drinking, house parties, dancing, and the like. Unfortunately there has been a good deal of ground for the unfavorable criticism passed upon the conduct of house parties in various parts of the country. This problem indeed is not local but national. The fraternity ought not to strive to emulate Hollywood at its worst, or even a country club at its best. The fraternity is an institution connected with the college; it ought to have standards suitable for young gentlemen in the college. I feel very sure that such standards could be measurably raised all over the country without interfering with the natural and proper gaiety of social affairs.

On the vexed question of regulation of house parties, I for one believe that there must be coöperation between the college and the fraternity. I have no patience with the idea that the college should keep its hands off social affairs where its young men are concerned, for I hold that education includes the whole man, and the man in college is being educated all the time, both in and out of class-room. The college cannot escape responsibility for the proper conduct of social affairs conducted by its undergraduates, and I think sometimes that we have been too remiss along these lines. But the relation between the college and the

fraternity requires that the members of a fraternity have a double responsibility, that of maintaining the reputation of the college and of the chapter. Somehow or other a plan must be worked out for promoting more harmoniously these interrelations. It may be through a dean of fraternity men, as suggested at Dartmouth, or through a council of faculty advisers, or through a group representing alumni, faculty and undergraduates. But the administration must regard the whole problem as one that vitally concerns the real work of the college. And on the social side, the fraternity is of very real importance. Yet it must always be remembered that when in the college there are too many organized groups there is also an unorganized group the problems of which are even more intricate. It happens not infrequently that the boy in an American college who needs the influence of group reaction upon him most is liable to be left out of the organized group altogether. Whenever I talk to fraternity men I want them to remember the non-fraternity man.

When we turn from the social to the intellectual side of college life, I am not so clear about the rôle of the fraternity. If we could be sure that the influence of the fraternity was sane and wholesome and friendly on the social side, we could solve also many of the problems connected with the intellectual side of the college. The fraternity must always remember why the college exists, must always put in the forefront of requisites for membership in a fraternity the attainment of a proper academic standard. The fraternity should encourage scholarship in every reasonable way, and the publication of comparative statistics is no doubt of some use. I think it also highly desirable that there should be in every fraternity house a library at least as attractive as the pool room, and I think also that there should be provision for undisturbed periods of study, for after all a fraternity house being an annex to an institution of learning is not like the ordinary club. But it is the business of the college, not of the fraternity, to arouse intellectual curiosity and to awaken scholarly ambition. It is the business of the college, not

of the fraternity, to set reasonable standards. I sometimes feel that the problem of the college would be solved more easily if the distinction between the chief purpose of the college and the chief purpose of the fraternity were kept separate and distinct. In other words, the college is the end, the fraternity the means. A boy comes to an institution to go to college; he uses the fraternity as a means to help him in that ambition; if he comes to an institution primarily to join a fraternity, or leaves an institution with the idea that the fraternity has given him more than the college, he has probably been in the wrong kind of college and in the wrong kind of a fraternity. But if the fraternity can be looked upon as the handmaiden of the college, as an institution just as American as the college of liberal arts itself, and if we can get back to some of the earlier traditions of local fraternity independence, we should find that the fraternity has indeed an important rôle to play in the real work of the college.

Alpha Epsilon's Mothers Club

By RAY D. ALLISON, *Alpha Epsilon '38*

■ FOR THE PAST ten years this chapter has enjoyed the existence of a club made up of our mothers. During this time we have found it to be a very efficient and helpful organization in many ways. Its primary purpose is to keep a close relationship between the home and fraternity life in the house and to act as a guide in certain domestic problems. The Mothers Club have been very helpful financially in purchasing equipment for the boarding club and various other necessities for the house in general.

We have found that in having a Mothers Club it adds a great deal to the fraternity's prestige and to the personal opinion that outsiders have of this chapter. We feel that it is an excellent selling point in talking to new men and establishing a prominent position on the campus.

One of the greatest reasons for the success of this organization is the fact that it has



MRS. HUMM
*President of Alpha Epsilon's
Mothers Club*

always been well managed by a competent group of officers and has had the coöperation of every mother. At present Mrs. Humm of Cincinnati is president of the club and is well suited for that office. She is very efficient in business matters and has the disposition it takes to deal and work with a group of young fellows.

The Mothers Club is responsible for the wonderful house mother we have at present, Mrs. Tyson, who at all times works with the club and together they make an excellent combination in helping the fellows and keeping up the morale of the chapter.

The Mothers Club sponsors several social events during the school year among which is the annual Christmas Tea Dance. We have found that any event backed by the Mothers Club is well worth while and the fellows turn out one hundred per cent.

From our own experience we would like to recommend an organization of this type for every chapter of any fraternity and especially Alpha Kappa Pi. After all a fellow's best friend IS his Mother.



THE ADVISER'S CORNER

▪ IT MIGHT be well to speak a word to the new initiate. THE ALPHA, for the first time, will carry your name and bear a more personal message for that very reason. Therefore the word of hopefulness is given. If you shall continue faithful to the fraternal obligations, you so recently have taken, then your life will be enriched in many ways. It will give you the opportunity to make lifelong friends who will stand by you in every time of need. This fraternity, if you grasp its deeper meaning, will not only throw about you the glamour of college friendships, but it will provide also the radiant ideals of virtue, culture and service, and these gifts to go with you into the bigger world after college days are ended. The only price asked of you, and of any other Alpha Kappa Pi is that you shall respect its traditions, exemplify its doctrines, and give yourself to your fraternity in joyful realization to her right to expect, if not demand, your best thought and care, your love and enthusiasm. Now is the time to settle what sort of service you intend to offer Alpha Kappa Pi for the way she now honors you.

▪ IT IS WELL also to speak a word to the alumnus. Time and again the alumni make requests to discover how this or that chapter is making out. Then again they make a mild complaint that the chapter does not keep the alumni properly informed. Here we believe is the solution to both rightful needs: Do not stop subscribing for and reading THE ALPHA immediately you have left the college campus. THE ALPHA is published and maintained, at no little expenditure of both labor and money, and for the big purpose to keep the alumni informed as to the progress of

both the college chapter and the other advances of the fraternity. It is quite wonderful what a thorough reading of THE ALPHA will do for the man who finds himself slipping away from his college and his fraternity. Make it a point immediately you become an alumnus to keep your Alpha contacts and through this contact to have a close-up knowledge of the ways of your old chapter.

▪ THESE two observations lead to the third and that is a word to the executive council. It appeals to us that the time has come when there should be a plan set up whereby each collegiate initiate should be made a paying part of that plan, which, after he has left the chapter permanently, he will have become a life reader and an already paid up subscriber to the fraternity's magazine. Why not name a committee to work out this life subscription plan to THE ALPHA? No finer service could be performed for the active and the alumnus brother.

▪ FINALLY let us appreciate that the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity is already standing in the way of the light of a better day. Her youth is not only its strength, but its opportunity. Its past is rich in the brave struggles of young men who sought only to exalt fine ideals and to hate only sham and pompous arrogance. Let us then as we move into the highway of sturdy growth, forget not to recall to mind and heart what has already been accomplished, and then pursue our plan to make the Alpha Kappa Pi a great and far-reaching brotherhood. In the sincerity of such a purpose success is certain.

ALBERT HUGHES WILSON



TAU CHAPTER HOUSE, TUFTS COLLEGE, DURING RECONSTRUCTION, JULY AND AUGUST, 1937



TAU CHAPTER HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 15, 1937
Note construction work at right of photo on new Delta Upsilon house

Grand Treasurer Marries

At high noon, June 30, 1937, Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, Dellroy, Ohio, and Miss Ruth Magee, Carrollton, Ohio, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. The wedding took place in the study of the Church of the Saviour, with the pastor, Albert H. Wilson, reading the marriage ritual. The best man for the occasion was Rufus D. McDonald, a chapter mate of the groom while they were students at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, and active members of the Iota chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. Miss Ethel Schwann, New York City, was the bridesmaid. Others witnessing the happy event were Messrs. Renato D'Angelo, Harold Tyrell and Richard Schwartz, all members of the Theta chapter, Columbia University. It is needless to tell the members of the fraternity about Frank Krebs for he has become a chapter name to set forth the ideals of financial integrity and fraternal accomplishment. As Grand Treasurer of the Alpha Kappa Pi he has established our going on a firm and enduring basis and his unselfishness is so colossal that none speak his name but to praise. Miss Magee comes from one of the oldest families in that part of the state of Ohio and these splendid persons have been sweethearts

for lo these many years. After the services Mr. and Mrs. Krebs left for an automobile trip through the White Mountain country and Niagara Falls and other historic points. Mr. and Mrs. Krebs are now at home in Dellroy, Ohio, where Mr. Krebs is the head of the township high schools. THE ALPHA joins the great host of friends and well wishers in speaking for a long life and a happy one.

Entertains Alumni

Tuesday evening, October 19, 1937, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lubbers, Takoma Park, Maryland, one of the aristocratic suburbs of Washington, D.C., entertained the alumni of the Capitol City. Plans were laid for many interesting events during the coming months. Mrs. Lubbers supervised the serving of refreshments and a most delightful evening was enjoyed at the Lubbers home. As we know Brother Lubbers is the Province Chief of Eta Province and one of the stalwarts from Nu chapter, Lehigh University. Among those present was Past Grand Secretary A. W. Heinmiller, now in the administration department of the public schools of the City of Washington.

By the Way

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- **MUSIC**—Herbert C. Steffens, Alpha, herein presents a most exhaustive, and illuminating article on music. Read it in the active chapter meetings, and see if there is not some lesson there that will make your chapter a more inspirational one. It is a known fact that a singing chapter is always a happy and progressive chapter.
- **COPY** for the January issue of THE ALPHA is due December 15, 1937. Please be prompt and do not retard the printing of the January number. Again we ask, if not implore, that you write on one side of the paper sheet only. Also send chapter let-

ters and articles typewritten. It is almost impossible to decipher names of pledges and initiates when written in the usual style of long hand. This is all for your own best interest and comfort.

- **BEFORE THE ALPHA** makes another appearance the New Year of 1938 will be with us. Therefore a Happy New Year is set forth in this pre-Holiday number. Remember also that Alpha Kappa Pi will celebrate another birthday on January 1, 1938. Start now to make proper recognition of this occasion.



CHAPTER NEWS

Alpha—N.C.E.

Initiated: Harry Forristel '39, Plainfield; Louis Wenzel '39, Union; Ralph Fiorentino '39, East Orange; Donald Bolton '40, East Orange; and Douglas Benedict '40, Newark.

Although Alpha chapter lost, through graduation, many members who were prominent in both social and athletic activities, the coming year has exceedingly bright prospects for us. A stag party was held on October 8 for the purpose of entertaining and becoming better acquainted with the large number of prospective pledges who were invited. The brothers turned out in full force to mingle with the guests and participate with them in the scavenger hunt which was the piece-de-resistance of the evening. The assorted and de-luxe junk that was brought in is slowly being disposed of, although our dumping grounds are rather limited.

The chapter elections were held this spring, the results being as follows: John Taska, president; Robert Ward, vice-president; Elton Tuohig, secretary; and Theodore Feuerbach, treasurer. Under their guidance the chapter promises to have one of its most successful years.

The new school year finds many of Alpha's members engaged in a multitude of college activities. Elton Tuohig is president of the Athletic Association and senior manager of the basketball team, while John Taska is chairman of the Senior Fall Dance, a new affair to be held this year for the first time. In the junior class Bob Horrocks is chairman of the Junior Prom Committee, while the sophomore's traditional Soph Hop is to be run in the fall under the guidance of Doug Benedict and Don Bolton. Athletic activities claim the attention of Gil Fehn, demon civil-engineer and star in basketball and tennis; John Taska, flashy forward on the basketball team; Gene Sauerborn as track man; and Ted Feuerbach in wrestling.

The college faculty, already enriched by the presence of Brothers Arnott, Schweizer, Kohler, Zelliff, and George Wilkinson, has been enlarged this year by the addition of three more brothers from Alpha chapter: Kenneth MacFayden, Oliver Sizelove, and Richard Wilkinson. It's amazing and also almost unbelievable that these Alpha men should be so learned while the rest of us are, at this stage of the game, anything but.

Joseph Parsons, initiated into Nu chapter at Lehigh, has matriculated at Newark as a sophomore and is now affiliated with Alpha chapter.

Stan "Stosh" Pasternak, former vice-president of Alpha chapter, has offered to donate his mighty Model T to us for use as official chapter car and bearer of the records or anything bearable. The thing runs, too, but closer study of the offer reveals the expense and risk involved when twenty-five brothers attempt to drive one car at the same time.

In closing Alpha wishes all the chapters every success throughout the current year, and extends a most hearty invitation to all to visit us.

FRED DUGAN

Beta—Wagner

Greetings, and heartiest good wishes for a successful year to all other chapters, from Beta—the only national at Wagner College.

Beta starts off the new year with eighteen brothers returning, plus a valuable addition from Alpha Alpha chapter in Philip Luther of Albany, New York. Under the careful guidance of our new president, Charles DeGroat, we expect a banner year in which Alpha Kappa Pi will strengthen its already prominent place "on the hill."

Since deferred rushing is the rule at Wagner, we have no report as yet on pledges, but all indications are for a large and strong group of new men. Quite a few of the brothers have had outside acquaintance with new and desirable men which ought to count a great deal when pledging time comes.

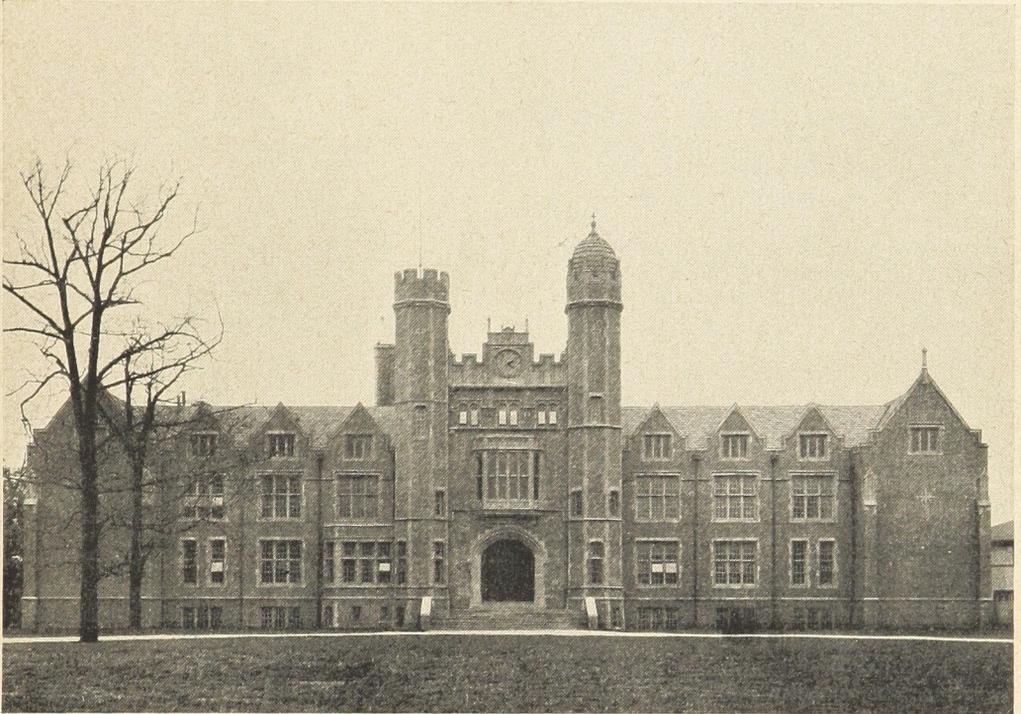
Beta's new social program for the Fall season was inaugurated with a mixed-social for last year's pledges and brothers on September 25. The Alumni was very well represented at this affair. On October 7 the first stag-social was held. Over thirty prospective pledges were present. Brothers Al. Corbin and Freddie Schnackenburg of the Alumni briefly outlined the methods, program and ideals of A K Pi, and also entertained in an informal way. The evening was climaxed with songs and cheers led by Brother DeGroat, followed by refreshments. To see the boys go for those eats reminded one that "a man's heart is often won through his stomach."

On October 12 we had an afternoon affair in

the form of a Columbus Day Tea Dance. Prospective pledges were invited, and the affair was so successful that we will consider the idea again soon. Wednesday, October 20 the chapter will have a luncheon for a new men at the fraternity quarters, and with the exception of the Fall Open Dance on October 29, this will end our deferred rushing season. The Third Annual School Dance is the formal dance given to the students of Wagner College by Beta chapter. This dance has be-

and Gamma chapters. Dance from 9:00 till 2:00 A.M. to the music of a swell orchestra and in a real A K Pi atmosphere.

Social life, however, is not Beta's only interest, and we are well represented in football this fall. Brothers White, Graewe, Gollnitz, and Scala are fighting for the green and white. Brother Norman Kraft is manager of football, and Brother Ed Sheldon is Assistant Manager. Two of our men hold major Student Body Offices. Ralph Tellefsen



WAGNER COLLEGE

In this splendid building, with its spacious rooms and corridors, the Trustees of Wagner College, Staten Island, New York City, have graciously provided lodge rooms for its fraternity units. In one of these allotments the Beta chapter maintains a most attractive and commodious headquarters. For the College of Wagner the fraternity set up is practically an ideal one.

come a school tradition, and we expect it to be as successful this year as in the past. It is one of the few social functions "on the hill" which draws nearly all of the students. An Alumni Social given by the active chapter will be held in the middle of November, and our regular Christmas Social will end our program for the first semester. The only other social affair to be mentioned—and this is by far the most important—is Beta's Annual Fall Formal, to be held on Saturday, December 4 at the ballroom of the Hotel Winfield-Scott in Elizabeth, New Jersey. We'll be looking forward to seeing some of our brothers from neighboring chapters—especially from Alpha, Rho,

is Vice-President of the Student Body and President of the Senior Class, and Brother Roy Holmstrup is Financial Secretary of the Student Body, and Treasurer of the Junior Class. A K Pi also controls the four class Presidencies, the Head of the German Society, Presidency of the International Relations Club, and is represented on the school publications.

Our new major officers for the school year—1937-38—are: President, Charles DeGroat; Vice-President, George Mayer; Secretary, Edward Jones; Treasurer, Henry Raisch.

CHRISTIAN P. HOLMSTRUP

Gamma—Stevens

Gamma chapter opens the year with news of a flock of initiations. At the end of the '36 school year Hart Keeler, Albert Beaufriere, Ralph Anselmi, Harry Anastasia, Anthony Frio, Richard Spann and Julian Foehl were admitted into membership. Keeler was managing editor of the class of '38's yearbook. He is also associate editor of Stevens' student newspaper, the *Stute*. Spann and Frio are both varsity lettermen. Spann earning his honors in soccer and lacrosse, while Frio played second base for the Stevens' nine.

With the opening of the new school term the following became members: Melville Hartman, editor-in-chief of *The Stute*, Rudolph Denzler, circulation manager of the same paper, Anthony Vadino, Donald Groome, letterman in soccer and lacrosse and Theodore Gela, varsity soccer and tennis player.

With the completion of two new dormitories, one with the facilities for a social center, a new era has just commenced at Stevens. Heretofore, known principally as a commuter's college, Stevens has begun what many believe is the first step of a transformation of the school into a resident college. Some are predicting a blow to the fraternities but time alone will decide whether or not they are right. Others say that a resident college is just what the doctor ordered for injecting some good old college spirit into the student body and cite that 'do or die' is synonymous with fraternities. Time will likewise decide this point.

The new dormitories, incidentally, are only the first step in an immense building program that looms on the horizon. The school is to be altered radically along both academic and athletic lines. One of the many steps to be taken is the building of a new gymnasium and a field house. The old 'gym' is to be converted into a theater to be used by the Stevens Dramatic Society to which Prexy Ed Herrmann lends his capable talents.

From the last reports, Brothers of the class of '37 have had a successful time with their job seeking. The fortunate ones are Charles Bogert, Harold Bird, H. Dean Forrest, Andrew Kornylak, Edmond Mathez, Patrick Pandolfo, John Spano and Mario Goglia; the last mentioned an instructor at Stevens.

Officers for the new year have been selected as follows: President, Edgar Herrmann; Vice-President, Hart Keeler; Secretary, Albert Beaufriere; Corresponding Secretary, Richard Spann; Treasurer, Panos Yeannakis; Sentinel, Harry Anastasia; House Manager, Anthony Frio and Historian, yours truly.

JULIAN FOEHL

Delta—Brooklyn Poly

Pledged: Carl Braun, Elmer Davison, William Hunter, Albert Johanson, John Lerstang, Robert

Lindemann, Richard Schwarting, and George Wambold.

Initiated: Albert Braummuller, Charles De Carlo, Vincent McCabe and James Seelig, Jr.

After working hard during the pledge season, and after a most successful smoker given in honor of the Class of '41 and an outing at the summer home of Brother Heinzelman, the chapter pledged eight outstanding men. We are proud to own these pledges as future brothers in the Alpha Kappa Pi.

Sunday afternoon, October 24, a formal initiation was held for Albert Braummuller, Charles De Carlo, Vincent McCabe and James Seelig, Jr. After the ritual work a banquet, honoring these new brothers, was held at the Candlelight.

First Grand President Parke B. Fraim, our brother Professor at Polytechnic, due to a previous illness, which requires that he conserve more carefully his strength, has moved to an elevator apartment at 38 Livingston Street, Brooklyn. We, of Delta, regret very much the moving of Professor Fraim from our chapter home. He and his mother have been our dearest and most faithful friends, having devoted unlimited time to help us make Alpha Kappa Pi the leading fraternity on this campus. We wish for Brother Fraim and his mother the best of happiness in their new home. Only two city blocks from the chapter house we know that their fine concern for Delta chapter and the fraternity will not be lost in any measure.

At the present time we have in membership nineteen initiated and seventeen pledged brothers. Delta faces a most hopeful year and extends the fraternal greeting to all the chapters, with a special welcome to the Alpha Epsilon at the University of Cincinnati.

ROBERT MEAGHER

Eta—Presbyterian

This year the Eta chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi, at Presbyterian College, has the prospects of the greatest year in its history. At the beginning of the College year we had a fine beginning when nine old members returned. Thirteen old pledges also returned College. Although some did not return this misfortune was offset by the fine group of freshmen that we pledged. At the end of the regular pledge season we pledged nine freshmen and have at present several other fine prospects.

At the beginning of the year the Eta chapter was fortunate in being able to initiate three new members. This brings our total number of initiated members up to twelve. The total number of men in Eta chapter is thirty-one (31).

We are well represented in all phases of the College work and athletics. We have several outstanding men on the football team and also in the other fields of sport.

JOHN D. LATIMER

Theta—Columbia

Initiated: Augustin Schatzel '40, Roy Mitchell '40, Philip Unhoch '40.

Theta picked up momentum for a successful year with the initiation of three fine men. Gus Schatzel is a handsome 6 foot 2 specimen of blond manhood. Roy and Phil, while not displacing as much physically, are good looking men with attractive personalities. Three such sophomores are quite an asset in the rushing of desirable freshmen. If like attracts like, we will have no trouble in building up a chapter of congenial and worthwhile men.

At present, we occupy a suite of rooms overlooking the campus. It is an ideal location with ready access to all parts of the university. Being in the men's dormitory, 434-5 Livingston Hall, we receive furniture and service without extra charge. Lately much of our efforts have been directed toward decorating the rooms; obtaining curtains and drapes, getting hold of the fraternity insignia, and designing wall decorations have taken much of our time. Brother Lawler with a javelin, a pair of deer horns, and a lariat is overflowing with ideas for their utilization.

October 2 and 3, Brother Lawler accompanied Brother Schultz on a visit to Alpha Alpha at Oneonta. Brother Schultz, an Alpha Alpha brother now studying at N.Y.U. School of Law, had such praise for the Hartwick chapter, and the Hartwick girls, that great expectations were aroused. Due to a late arrival and a curfew hour for girls, the demonstration of the women situation had to be deferred. This was more than compensated for by meeting the A K II men. A great group of fellows with a grand sense of humor helped to pass a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and indicated how well A K II can bring together fine men and weld them into a harmonious whole filled with the joy of living.

October 9, Brothers Schatzel and Lawler attended a rushing party of Delta chapter at Brooklyn Poly-Tech. An entirely different atmosphere prevailed. Instead of the quiet upstate way of enjoying things, all the rush, vim and enthusiasm of a big city was concentrated in Delta's house. The plan seemed to be that of playing games of increasing intensity of sound, the climax being reached with the playing of Stock Market. Rushees, rushers, officers and visitors lost all identity in a mad bedlam of buying and selling while prices fluctuated enormously. This served to banish all self-consciousness and to accomplish a magnificent job of mixing. Needless to say, the party went on to a successful conclusion.

With the visiting of two chapters over two hundred miles apart in the space of one week, Theta has started on what promises to be traveling year. The other chapters in Alpha Province may expect a visit from us any one of these days. And our doorbell is always available with a welcome hand extended to our Brothers in A K II.

JOSEPH LAWLER

Iota—Mount Union

Initiated: Robert Palmer '37; James Weldy '39; Clyde Parks '39.

With the colorful initiation of the above three men on April 19, Iota raises its membership to seventeen, the highest number for many years. Since ten of these men will be back in school next fall, Iota stands in fine shape for a big 1937-38. Grand Treasurer Krebs attended the initiation. On the same night a representative to the Student Senate, and new officers were elected. Brother Louis Morris was elected to the Student Senate and will be eligible for its presidency in 1939. The new chapter officers are: president, Robert Bryden; vice-president, Melvin Waltz; secretary, Louis Morris; chaplain, James Weldy; treasurer, Walter Haas; historian, Max Talkington; sentinel, Clyde Parks; marshal, George Cukro.

Iota is indeed grieved to lose seven outstanding seniors, men who have displayed undying loyalty and service to Alpha Kappa Pi. Hamill Hartman was, in addition to being chapter president, president of the Student Body and Senior Manager of the football team. He expects to take up teaching.

Kenneth Eckert, of New Philadelphia, will take his graceful, scintillating dancing ability with him, and he also expects to teach.

Malvern, Ohio's, John Woods, a brilliant chemistry student, has already landed a graduate assistantship in Chemistry at Purdue University.

Charles Hart of Alliance will leave the Physics lab. assistantship here at Mount to add integrity and dignity to the teaching field.

Wendell Graening, Canton, will be missed for his brilliant wit, and sparkling piano playing, and his moustache. He also expects to teach.

Bob Palmer of Alliance will probably plant his pin on beautiful Arlene and go into teaching on the partnership basis.

Bob Gilcrest is at present in love, so we don't know for sure whether or not he will have the application to graduate, but in case he should, we will be losing a good friend and good student as well as a lot of noise around the study rooms.

Iota dearly will miss this fine bunch of boys, but the new administration has all the possibilities in the world for carrying onward Alpha Kappa Pi next year.

Saturday, May 15, is a big day for Iota. At six in the evening, the Board of Governors, of which Hugh Niuman, New Philadelphia, '33, is the president, will fete this year's pledges with a dinner. In the evening, at the Alliance Country Club, Iota's big spring formal will take place, and, to the music of Bill Penn and his orchestra, the brothers will have a big time.

Brother Waltz is the chairman of the dance.

We are playing a lot of indoor baseball now, and A K II has been holding its own in the fierce competition of the intramural games. Wendell Graening and Mel Waltz are proving the best pitchers in the league.

Brother President Bryden has been appointed managing editor of the *Dynamo* for next year; so that Iota should not be lacking in news in our college paper.

Time moves swiftly on to commencement. With a prayer in our hearts for the success of our seniors in the cold cruel world, we say good-bye and good luck to all Alpha Kappa Pi boys everywhere.

Addenda: Iota came back in fine spirit for the new college year. We find that A K II stands second among the five fraternities in scholarship. A big rally for alumni and actives will take place Friday evening, November 13, the evening preceding the homecoming football game with Ohio Northern University.

New pledges are: Malcolm Kiensle, Canton; Robert Untch, Canton; Wilbur Hogen, Canton; James Richardson, Canton; and Nelson Hawk, Fairhope.

MAX TALKINGTON

Lambda—Bethany

Initiated: Spencer M. Adamson '39; Randal Cutlip '40; Arnold Davis '40; Clifford Thomas '39.

Pledged: Robert Coon '40, Glens Falls, New York; Harry Clemens '40, Wheeling, West Virginia; George Clemenson '31, Avalon, Pennsylvania; Bert Decker '41, Scranton, Pennsylvania; Thomas Grim '41, Wheeling, West Virginia; Francis "Milt" Parker '41, Glens Falls, New York; Jas. F. Ryan '41, Waterford, New York; Jas. "Jack" Ryan '41, Elyria, Ohio; Allen Shaw '41, New York, New York; Robert Sovetts '41, Glens Falls, New York; Marvin Robinson '41, Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Darrell Wolfe '41, Hammond, Indiana.

Here we are once more, among the falling leaves of beautiful Bethany, on the banks of the Olde Buffaloe. Why not rejoice! Why shouldn't we say we have the best chapter on our campus? Notice again that list of pledges. They are the best going; they are all-around men. Settle back in your chair a moment and drink deeply of the good things of Lambda chapter.

We are proud to have Pledges Coon and Decker on the first string varsity football squad. Pledge Coon is also welter-weight golden glove champion boxer of New York beside being proficient in field events in track. Pledge Jim Ryan is the middle-weight golden glove champion of New York.—You want to take us on?—Pledge "Milt" Parker has already taken third place in our cross country



IOTA CHAPTER RALLIES

Here is the chapter house of the Iota chapter and where a great Alpha Kappa Pi gathering was held on the evening of Friday, November 12, and the night before the home coming football game, Mount Union College vs. Ohio Northern University. Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, Province Chief Jackson Rafeld and Adviser A. H. Wilson were among those present.

meet with Pitt's varsity men, while Brother Don McIlroy added more points by taking sixth place. We are looking forward to more laurels coming to Lambda and our Alma Mater through fleet-footed Pledge Sovetts, one of the fastest track men Bethany has had in many years.

Next spring the track season will open on Bethany's new athletic field. It will be one of the largest and best equipped in the country when completed. Plans at present call for three football fields, tennis courts, at least three baseball diamonds, a quarter mile track with a 220 straight-away, and a modernly equipped field house, including an indoor track.

It might be interesting to you to know that our alumni organized last June into an unusually efficient group with Brothers John Sokol, Fredricktown, Pennsylvania president, and Bill McIlroy, secretary-treasurer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Our house here at Bethany is comfortably and beautifully swathed in new coats of paint, inside and out. The whole house has taken on a new air of beauty and homelikeness. The walls of the living room have been paneled in a light green and cream making one feel that he is in a new world of soft colors and dim lights. Practically every room in the house has been redecorated with every stroke of the brush coming from an interested and enthusiastic brother or pledge.

Speaking of decorations—our college has been making a big spread this summer. During the course of our vacation thousands of dollars were spent in the renovation and construction of fourteen

new class rooms on the ground floor. In one of these rooms Brother Barton Murray will soon be operating his new phone broadcasting station. October 20, Pledge Professor Carter will render to the student body the first notes they will have heard from our new organ in Commencement Hall.

We are proud to announce that Brother Kuti is president of the German Club, Brother Gorsick president of the Physical Science Club, Brother Miller president of the Ministerial Association, Brother Murray president of the Radio Club and Pledge Clemens Vice-President of the Sophomore Class.

Last but not least may we announce our first fall dance to be held in the men's lounge at Cochran Hall. We are looking forward to one of the best of social evenings in the history of Lambda chapter dancing to the music of Tom Care and his orchestra. Our cordial invitation is extended to YOU.

We'll B C'n U.

SPENCER M. ADAMSON

Nu—Lehigh

Pledged: John Hood, Washington; Richard Shepherd, Wynne, Pennsylvania; Harry Adams, Ocean City, New Jersey; Robert Wilson, Williamsport, Pennsylvania; James Mannion, Washington; Howard Donohoe, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania; Jack Betz, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

To all our brothers, Nu sends greetings. With the memories of summer still fresh in our minds we find it hard to get back in harness again. Activity started here September 7 when the officers returned to reopen the house. Five days they wrought mightily, and by the sixth they had not only cleaned the house, varnished and waxed the floors, but had also bought new furniture and rugs for the living room and wall paper for the downstairs. By midnight the rest of the gang was back, and the next day the frosh poured in. The usual busy ten days of rushing at Lehigh followed—a very successful ten days for Nu, for following the Case football game we pledged seven men, thus filling the house to capacity.

The new men are already into the swing of things, as is shown by their interest in extra-curricular activities. Pledge Wilson is on the freshman soccer team, and Pledge Betz is out for wrestling. Pledge Hood is outstanding among the frosh mermen. Nu is represented on the freshman football team by Pledge Shepherd, who also plans to go out for wrestling. Pledge Donohoe is likewise an aspirant for the wrestling team. Judging by Pledge Adams' showing in the Founders Day track events, he should have no trouble winning his numerals.

The brothers are also continuing to make a good showing in activities, both varsity and intra-mural.

Brother Myers, who is one of the fastest 440 men on the squad, won another medal in the Founders Day sports. Our vice-president and rushing chairman, Brother Thierry, is playing right end on the varsity squad. Brothers Lane and Weaver are out for soccer. Brother Breidenbach shows good prospects as a future wrestling champ.

Nu continues to get more than its share of offices. Brother Welker, our hard working head of the house to whom great credit is due for our present high scholastic and social position, was elected treasurer of Arcadia, student governing body. "Johnny" is already president of the A.I.E.E. and secretary of Eta Kappa Nu. Brother Nelson was chairman of the Engineer's Ball committee, a very successful dance inaugurating the Lehigh social season. Brother "Rick" Brown, who left us two years ago to study advertising at the University of Akron, has returned this year. "Rick" is very active on the college paper and is sports editor for the Lehigh Alumni publication. Recently he was initiated into Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalism fraternity.

We feel justified in being proud of our scholastic average. This average of 2.023, based on 4 as perfect, places us sixth out of 29 fraternities at Lehigh. Brother Marsden not only made freshman honors, but also was third out of his class of 550. Sophomore honors were made by Brother Jackson.

Prospects for winning the intra-mural football cup look especially good this year, as we have a light but hard-driving forward wall and a fast experienced backfield. In our opening game of the year we beat one of the strongest teams of the league by 27 to 6.

On October 22, 23, 24 Lehigh will hold its fall house party. Sammy Kaye has been signed to play for the prom Friday night. Following the Gettysburg game Saturday there will be a tea dance at the Maennerchoir. In the evening the revelers will go from house to house in search of friends and amusement, as each chapter has a house dance.

Plans have been made to build a game room in the cellar in addition to the present chapter room. We have, moreover, started to replace all study desks in the house with new metal ones.

October 15 about a dozen from Nu went to Penn State to visit Omicron. A swell bunch of fellows, a luxurious chapter house, and wonderful hospitality combined to make the trip a memorable one. Many thanks again, Omicron. We wish to extend a hearty invitation to all our brothers to visit Nu.

And now the end is reached, so until next time, "Success and good luck!"

FRANK L. JACKSON

Xi—North Carolina State

Once more the brothers of Xi chapter have started the ball rolling at the good old North

Carolina State College. Xi has all sails set to the breeze and is moving along under full steam. We lost but one brother through graduation, H. R. Denton, Rahway, New Jersey. Two other brothers failed to return. F. S. Kugler is enrolled at Guilford College, North Carolina, and J. E. Williams has connected himself with a business firm in Alberta, Virginia.

Thus far Xi chapter has repledged five good men and added two new ones for bigger measure. We are still in the field and have many fine prospects under consideration. During the early weeks of the new college year we have had many good social times together; a dog roast, several smokers, and a dance. October 1, Xi chapter took a step forward when we took part in the Annual Stunt Night preceding the homecoming football game. We plan to make this participation an annual part of our program here at the North Carolina State. The homecoming game was lost but a fine spirit was evident among the students. That evening we held a banquet and among our guests of honor were: Mr. Baerthlein, Pawling, New York; H. R. Denton, teaching at Hampstead, North Carolina; and G. J. McArthur, who is employed in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. After the banquet the guests, brothers and the ladies took part in the college dance held at the college gymnasium. A wonderful time was happily enjoyed.

Xi chapter has a good football team of its own and we are entered in the inter-campus contests. Thus far we have defeated Phi Kappa Tau 24-0, and have three more games in our bracket to play. Last year Xi finished fifth among the many fraternities here on our campus in these inter-sport games.

Here are the men in Xi this year:

Pledges: J. N. Barkdoll, G. T. Braswell, W. B. Coward, W. B. Dunn, H. M. Peninger, M. Woodruff and C. R. Andrews.

Initiated brothers: A. E. Anderson, Wm. Baerthlein, J. A. Boykin, Jr.; A. J. Honeycutt, Jr.; R. H. Grady, A. L. Livera, E. K. Lovelace, H. A. Owens, C. H. Peterson, E. W. Ryder, R. C. Snook and L. R. Parsons, Jr.

L. R. PARSONS, JR.

Omicron—Penn State

Pledged: John Dornsife '41, Pottsville; Milton Sheen '41, Philadelphia; Herbert Rickert '41, Lancaster; Benny Moss '41, Westlyville; Art Christman '41, East Greenville; Sheldon Nichols '41, Wilkes-Barre; Louis Van Antwerp '41, Montrose; John Hoffman '41, Upper Darby.

Eight new pledges were the result of this year's rushing season. In the face of strong competition from the other houses on the Penn State campus Alpha Kappa Pi again came through with the best. Now after the excitement of rushing has died down we are again ready to enter into the swing of

things here at State. Omicron has entered the Locust Lane and College touch-football tournament and with the support of the new pledges should have a very strong team.

October 9 was Alumni Day and we were glad to welcome many of the Grads home. State played Bucknell in football and made the homecoming day an entertaining one by beating the Bisons 20-14 on a sloppy field with plenty of rain. One of our charter members, John H. Savalaine, returned for the week-end for the first time since he left the old homestead. It seems that he was going to Altoona, but decided to stop and see how things were getting along. We persuaded him to stay for the entire week-end, and now he says he plans to make it a yearly affair.

Again House Party time draws nigh. This year, as last, we are going to dance with the local chapter of Alpha Chi Rho. The orchestra will also be the same, Zel Smith and his Pennsylvania Aces. There will be a dance at Omicron on Friday, November 12, and at Alpha Chi Rho on the following Saturday night. If any of the brothers can attend they will be very welcome.

It looks like a big year for Omicron in extra-curricular activities. Pledge Sam Beck will captain the Gym team, Brother Bill Fenner is stage manager for the Thespian dramatic and musical comedy club, Brother John Van Kirk is first manager of the Fencing team, Brother Pete Greiner and Brother Art Hicks will assist Bill in the Thespian shows on the stage crew, Pledge Max Houser will resume his duties on the pitching staff of the baseball team, Pledge John Hoffman is out for the Freshman Lacrosse team, and Brother Gordie Thomas will be dancing in the Thespian Shows.

On Saturday, October 16, Penn State plays Lehigh in their annual football feud. We are expecting some of the Brothers from Nu chapter to visit us for the week-end to see the football game.

This year two of the Brothers transferred to other schools to continue their work. Brother George Statler is now registered at Temple, and Brother Fred Karn is at Carnegie Tech. Brother Lin Zulick came from Alpha Gamma chapter at Franklin and Marshall and is living in the house. He is doing graduate work in Forestry. Also among the new arrivals is Brother "Doc" Creasy who returns after a year's absence which he spent getting practical training in Hotel Managing in Bermuda.

GORDIE THOMAS

Rho—Rutgers

Pledged: George Conlon, Kenneth Deith, both '38; Ellsworth B. Beyer, Andrew A. Kroessler, George L. Van Dillen all '40; R. F. Gladwin, Gilbert Hill all '41.

Another year has begun and by now we are well engrossed in our work and play.

In September we elected a new President—C.



RHO CHAPTER

Righter Dixon '38, a new Vice-President, Kenneth W. MacWhinney '38, and a new Sentinel, Frank N. Kuszen '40.

This fall we are well represented in the seasonal athletics. "Fuzzy" Darby, out for the first time, is on the varsity 150 lb. team in the capacity of half-back. "Girv" Cuthbert and "Frank" Kuszen are back with the crew and doing a swell job of managing. "Zolie" Takacs is on the Varsity football team and he plays end. "Ken" Moss and "Bud" Gladwin are our crew men. "Jim" Dean is now a Junior Song Leader.

Brother MacWhinney '38, is now one of the big bugs on the campus. A member of the Cap and Skull, senior honorary society, president of the senior class, varsity debater, varsity swimmer, and member of the interfraternity council.

Brother Dean '39, is now editor of *The Triangle*, Rho's publication, and is proving himself to be just the man for the job.

Rho chapter is in the midst of the college intramural football program and so far is undefeated. This fall the chapter secured a new ping pong table and shortly a house tournament will be conducted to determine who is the "champ."

Rho's first house party is to be held on October 30. Needless to say we are all looking forward to

it. The function will be attended by many of the alumni as it is on the same day as Rutgers Homecoming Day.

PHILIP M. STOWELL

Sigma—Illinois

Under the guidance of seven able active members Sigma chapter has started another year. Through the inspiring efforts, of President Powie, Sigma chapter has moved into a new and bigger house. The house was completely refurnished by an excellent committee composed of Brothers Pyden, Schmalenberger and Block. With our new and beautiful home we found pledging a simple mat-



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Here is where Mr. and Mrs. Carter Williams are spending the winter. Province Chief Williams is residing at 602 East Chalmers Street, Champaign, Illinois, and taking a special course at the University. Illinois is the home of Sigma chapter. Sigma is at home in a brand new home this year. Brother Williams is in close contact with Sigma men.

ter. Sigma chapter pledged twenty splendid men and these pledges are now being prepared, as neophytes, to be brought into the initiated ranks of the A K II. We are proud of these splendid young gentlemen.

With our new home Sigma decided to bring a new fad to the vast campus of the University by purchasing a green neon sign in the fraternity letters. This is the first sign of its kind on our campus. Within one week, after the placing of this sign, the entire campus population of some 12,000 students was talking about the A K II.

Among the large pledge class we have several very outstanding men. John Conway promises to be the spark of all house activities. E. Lasko appears headed for a berth on the varsity tennis squad. Hudson Foremann has proved, on several occasions, that he is the most economically minded agricultural student, in the house. Sanders De Laney has some very predominate vagabond taste, while Bert Vollumstad finds it difficult to secure enough sleep some week-ends. Every one of our pledges possesses some fine points and we are sure all of them will prove to be true and worthy brothers.

The Fall pledge dance was held on October 15, at the chapter house. The living room was decorated with green and white ribbons and orange

and blue balloons. The ribbons representing the fraternity colors and the orange and blue the university's colors. Attractive souvenirs, in the form of pledge paddles, were used as programs.

Last year's championship soccer team has been practicing for the coming season. A great deal is expected from this year's combination.

WARREN SCHMALENBERGER

Chi—Wake Forest

Initiated: Bookie Shields '39; Finley Snipes '40.

Pledged: Robert M. Keron, Wilmington; Marshall Durham, Burlington; I. C. Prevette, Jr., Pontiac, Michigan; H. L. McManus, Sanford, Rhode Island; R. I. Moore, Mount Holly; R. C. Darling, Trenton, New Jersey; J. W. Roberts, Trenton, New Jersey; Frank Thompson, Jr., Trenton, New Jersey; Buck Ewing, Trenton, New Jersey; Philip Latta, Atlanta, Georgia; J. E. Armstrong, Parbin, New Jersey; O. L. Mathias, Mathias, West Virginia; H. L. Hinson, Charlotte; Woodrow Nelson, Petersburg, Virginia; George Lancaster, Marion; Buck Stephenson, Seaboard.

Chi is happy to report the best pledging season in its history. Not only have we numbers but we also feel that we have the very outstanding men of the campus. Since the time that we moved into our



FIVE FRATERNITY HOUSES UNDER ONE ROOF AT WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

The second house or doorway from the left is the home of the Chi Chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity. Theta Kappa Nu and Kappa Alpha along with two local societies occupy the other houses. The fraternity unit stands on the college campus and presents a most beautiful and striking appearance among the great trees surrounding it.

new house everything has been going smoothly, and success has been knocking at our door—the dreams of Chi are surely coming true.

We are represented in nearly all the college activities; especially in sports and music. Many of the brothers are pre-medical students, and four are law students, and the Scribe, having passed the North Carolina bar examination, during the summer, is now a licensed attorney-at-law.

Saturday, October 16, Wake Forest celebrates homecoming, and many of the older brothers in Chi will be back to renew their college contacts and to witness the football game with the University of North Carolina team. That night the pledges will be entertained with a dance given in the City of Raleigh and Freddy Johnson will render the music.

ROBERT M. MARTIN, JR.

Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan

Initiated: Earl Martin '38; James Campbell '40; Donald Baughman '40; Woodrow Wilson '40; Bill Wilson '40; Joseph Galusky '39; Donald Gatewood '39; Allen Mackey '40; Bill Kiddy '40; and Matthew Edmiston, Jr. '40.

A cordial greeting to everyone from the chapter 'way down in the hills of West Virginia!

After building up to an active roll of 36 last year, Psi had to start from scratch again this fall, when only 17 actives returned to school. Happy to say, however, we have swelled the ranks to 27 at the present writing and in a short while many, many more new names will be on the record books.

The chapter house, beaming from a thorough going over a short while back, is buzzing with excitement, instigated no doubt by the fact that one of its ablest staffs is back on the job. Those who are guiding the destinies of Psi this year are: President, Michael Branchik, Akron, Ohio; Vice-President, Donald Crane, Buckhannon; Secretary, Browning Coleman, Buckhannon; Treasurer, Cordis Hanna, Charleston, West Virginia; Marshal, Harry Widney, Frank, West Virginia; Chaplain, Delmar Walker, Toronto, Ohio; Sentinel, James Moyer, Cass, West Virginia.

Sorry to say, two of the officers elected last spring did not return to school this year. They were Jack Minnear, treasurer, and Tom Ross, Sentinel. As much aggrieved as we are with the losses of these men, we feel proud with the excellent replacements that have been seated.

One big formal initiation was held but a short while back and another just as large is slated for November 14, when at least ten proven knights will have made their entry. The local dopesters have figured (on a scientific scale, of course) that by the end of the first semester the actives should number 40 strong, which amount will be constantly added to after the rushing and prepping campaign is over.

No doubt an explanation is in order as to why Psi does not have any new pledges as yet. As was the case last year, the inter-fraternity board has decided to hold rush week a little later in the semester than was done in previous years. This is done to give the freshmen a chance to look around and somewhat accustom themselves with the "new" college environment. Our rush week here at Wesleyan comes this year on November 16, 17, and 18.

Brother Branchik, our capable prexy (and incidentally a spearhead when it comes to staging a membership drive), succeeded by some clever ingenuity to draw the last night of the three, which should be by far the best for our purpose—and all may rest assured that after the smoke has cleared old Psi will come out with its usual cream of the crop in new material.

As always Psi dominates the varsity football players this year at the Bobcat school by placing no less than eight regular starting men and six others who are seeing plenty of service. Coleman, Campbell, Gatewood, Gatskie, LaBay, Mackey, Mullen, and K. Moore have all been big guns of the Methodist starting eleven, most of them pulling down big praise for their sensational play. And furthermore Psi claims Kurlinski, Grubb, Branchik, Walker, Tennant, and B. Wilson, all able gridders. As managers the combined forces of Jimmy Herndon and Jim Cox uphold the local chapter's tradition.

Anyone who glances at the sports galleys should by now be familiar with the excellent job of punting "Albie" Coleman has been doing. The rangy halfback-quarterback has been averaging around fifty yards per boot which ranks him among the top-notch punters of the east.

Moore, playing his third year as a first-stringer, has alternated at both the center and tackle posts, where in each he has proven the brunt of the Wesleyan forward wall. After he was switched to a tackle, Don "Cassanova" Gatewood commanded the pivot spotlight and is handling it like a veteran.

And if you've heard about the Bobcats at all, surely you've not escaped the description of those bullet-like passes "Red" Mackey fills the air with, the bruising brand of ball Campbell and Gatskie display, and the rapier-like thrusts of "Moon" Mullen, Psi's human stick of dynamite.

Jack "Schoolboy" LaBay (he prefers the nickname) saw old man fate cast a mean glance his way when, on the first play of the opening game, he was severely injured. Due to this he was kept out of most of the two or three games that followed, but, showing a steady recovery, he threatens to make a strong finish and should hang up perhaps one of the most brilliant seasons of his career.

Incidentally somewhere among the pages of this year's football annual you may find the beaming pictures of LaBay and Branchik.

Fourteen actives and pledges grace the rooms of the chapter house this year. New men who have

moved in include Snyder, Rickards, Hanna, Arnett, Steurer, Kurlinski, Grubb, Gatewood, and Mullen. But many more than these come to the house now for their "three squares" every day, and one might say in passing that the place is building quite a fine reputation for the excellent meals served.

A training table has been maintained by our new cook (and what a cook she is, too) for many of the football boys who have made this their eating quarters. By the way, one of her chief ambitions is to save up enough to secure an unpickable padlock which will stamp out those midnight ice-box raids!

Several new improvements worthy of note were made on the house during the summer months, including the constructing of two new toilets and lavatories (there's one on every floor now), and an enlargement of the kitchen to twice its former size. Brother Branchik, who stayed in town all summer, supervised the work (on college time).

So many of the fellows have taken up residence elsewhere it's difficult to keep track of the changes. Several transferred to West Virginia University—John Hann, Leigh Lowman, Sexton Linger, James Hoffman, Wendell Folsom—and according to unbiased reports they're feverishly trying to establish a new chapter at the Mountaineer school. To which we add—lots of luck, boys, in this noble effort on your part.

Brother Thornhill is the proud father of James Thornhill, III—the blessed event happened around the first of October. Congratulations Jim.

It was a long time before Brothers Hicks, Morgan, and Coleman recovered from their cruise down on the Kanawha River just prior to the opening of school. The boys worked most of the summer in building an inboard motor boat (all by themselves). Their reward was the cruise—and from what we have heard it must have been a daisy! P. S. Morgan has the boat now somewhere in the immediate vicinity of Charleston, West Virginia.

Everyone is looking forward at the present time to the Inter-fraternity dance which will be held December 6 at Weston. Last year the movement was inaugurated and it was our A K II turnout that really put the thing over. Jack LaBay heads the social committee for the function and from indications the event will be staged this year in colossal style. Our swingsters can be counted on to give the thing another boost.

Probably just a little bit far off, but nevertheless not an unthought of event at this time is our annual mid-winter formal dance. The date is Saturday, January 8. And we want a hearty coöperation this year, alumni!

In parting may we extend to all the chapters our sincere wish for much luck in the future and a triumph at all corners of the current rushing season!

JAMES L. ELLIS

Alpha Alpha—Hartwick

Scholarship—The much despised cuspidor, given by the interfraternity council of Hartwick College for poor scholarship, has been lost by us. Our scholastic record for the last semester of last year was second highest among the fraternities of the college. We lost the honor of being first in rank by only .066 of a point. The first semester of last year we were given the cuspidor for having the lowest standing among the fraternities. By the end of the present semester we hope that we will once again have the loving cup, given for highest scholastic average.

Sports—Our sports record of last semester was not particularly wonderful. There was a series of softball games held last spring between the different fraternity and independent groups. Although we didn't win very many games, we were given the honor of being the most "sportsman-like" group.

Society—We have moved to the first floor of the same house in which we lived last year. We have three double bedrooms, two single bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, bath, and a very large game room in the basement. There are nine men now living at the house. We are the only frat on the campus which has a house.

We wanted to have a house party after the first home football game. However, we could not obtain permission from the college authorities in time to have the party after the first home game. We hope to be able to have a house party in the near future.

Brother Lawler, president of Theta chapter, made us a visit recently. Brother Shultz, formerly of our chapter and now a student at New York University, brought Brother Lawler with him to spend a week-end.

Quite a number of alumni have been visiting at the house during the week-ends when there were home football games.

Rushing—The biggest affair during the rushing season was a roller-skating party followed by a pancake supper at the house. There were only a very few men who were eligible to be rushed this fall. Freshmen and transfers can not be rushed until after they have been in college for one semester. We received one pledge, Bob Reynolds, a sophomore.

Our real rushing season does not begin until early next spring.

J. MERRITT ANGELL

Alpha Beta—Tri-State

Initiated: Bruce Deyoe, Westkill, New York; Lenfred Zerkel, Luray, Virginia; Joseph Poweska, Oil City, Pennsylvania; Edward Neekamp, Ironton, Ohio; Michael Rocco, New Haven, Connecticut; Arthur Coval, Parnassus, Pennsylvania; and Lester Heustis, Leominster, Connecticut.

Alpha Beta is very busy this term. The most important task confronting us at present is to find a new home for the chapter. Because of unforeseen circumstances beyond our control we are without a house.

Pledging has been delayed because of the house situation. We are planning a pledge dinner to be held within the next week or two. It is expected that about ten men will be pledged this term.

Graduation has greatly diminished the roll of Alpha Beta. The loss of Brothers McCormick, Girtton, Ferris, Kaufman, Pigman, Roffee, Boden, Gregory, Koski, Stemples, and Dreher is deeply felt. It is regretful that they must leave us, but their loyalty and faith in A K II will surely be an incentive to those who follow.

The Annual Spring Formal, held in June, was a brilliant success. The alumni were well represented.

A B did not make out quite as well as expected in the inter-fraternity baseball league. A knee injury prevented our star pitcher, Joe Poweska, from playing at the crucial point of the series.

The following men were elected to pilot Alpha Beta through the fall term: Henry Hamburg, Vice-President; Edward Stearns, Treasurer; Frank Le Feuvre, Chaplain; George Clarke, Historian; Harley Sutton, Sentinel; and Francis Hoagland, Marshal. President Robert Patterson and Secretary William Hartsook remain in office, being elected last spring.

Alpha Beta now says "Good-bye" and hopes the next edition of the chapter news will originate from its new home.

GEORGE CLARKE

Alpha Gamma—Franklin and Marshall

With President Hegedus at the helm, Alpha Gamma got off to a flying start this year. At the close of a very successful rush week A K II emerged with eleven worthy pledges. They are: John Hershey of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; J. Edward Long of Altoona, Pennsylvania; Wayne Winters, Paul Marple, Harry Winnerling, Robert Haun and Joel Haines all of Lancaster; Robert Bickerton of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Wm. Richley of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Thomas Hickey of Saxton, Pennsylvania; and James Shenk of Quarryville, Pennsylvania. In honor of the new additions to the fold, Alpha Gamma will hold a pledge dinner September 24, and a dance on the following Friday evening. Initiation of the previous year's pledges will follow in the near future.

Alpha Gamma is well represented in extra-curricular activities this year. Brother Haun will again perform on the stellar cross-country team, while Brothers Ruth and McLaughlin and pledge Haun will boot the ball on the soccer field. Brothers Long and Ryan are in the band, while Brother

LeVan and pledges Richley and Winters are in the orchestra. Several brothers will also represent Alpha Gamma in the Glee Club.

Brother Waltman has issued the call for intramural candidates and has already started giving Brother Maginniss, our 300 lb. center, daily work-outs.

Brother McLaughlin was named on the committee for the sophomore hop which will be the first ever held at Franklin and Marshall. The announcement of the date is eagerly awaited by all.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Brothers "Jake" Ruth and "Bill" Kummer for their splendid work during rush period.

Although A K II is the newest fraternity at Franklin and Marshall it is making a strong bid for top honors. Being blessed with a host of men, both old and new, equally adept in scholarship and extra activities, Alpha Gamma is looking forward to a banner year.

F. WENDLE McLAUGHLIN

Alpha Delta—Toledo

Pledged: Douglas Wyrick '40, Toledo.

The new College year found Alpha Delta chapter with eighteen actives and two pledges returning. Brothers Palm, Streit, Brooks, and Frick received their diplomas last June, while Brother Merrill has transferred to Ohio State. Officers for the year are Burton MacRitchie '38, President; Vern Nickle '38, Vice-President; Raymond Ahrberg '39, Secretary; John Landwehr '40, Treasurer; James Foulk '39, Chaplain; Dean Powers '40, Historian; and Robert Schmeltz '40, Sentinel.

Brother Jennings has been appointed Editor of the 1938 *Blockhouse*, the University yearbook, to succeed Pledge Drager, Editor for 1937. Brother Foulk was selected by Brother Jennings for business manager. This is the tenth year the annual has been controlled by our fraternity, of which fact we are quite proud. The 1937 *Blockhouse* was given first class honor rating by the National Scholastic Press Association.

The annual rushing season has just begun. A millionaire's party was given Monday, October 11. Several other events, the last of which will be our traditional dinner at Jake Folger's cottage, have been planned by the rushing committee; Brother Foulk is chairman.

The University of Toledo dedicated the new stadium Saturday, October 16, with the homecoming football game with Akron. A bonfire and pep rally followed by a parade were held Friday night.

Scholarship standings find our actives fifth, while the pledges top their list. We expect to do still better this semester than last. Best wishes from Alpha Delta.

DEAN POWERS

Alpha Epsilon—Cincinnati

Pledges: Grover Church, John Dodson, Earl Ganslein, Guy Gessendorf, William Hammerin, Edison Henderson, Robert Henning, Benjamin Hudson, Louis Karably, Albert Mechem, Otto Scharfschwerdt, Ray Semmler, Ralph Swartz, Gayle Shearer, and Joseph Wachsmith.

Alpha Epsilon as one of the newest chapters in Alpha Kappa Pi is highly elated. We are out for more men and to make this a real chapter at Cincinnati. We say, "fifteen pledges or bust." The best way to know us better is to give a brief account of what happened before we became affiliated with Alpha Kappa Pi.

At the beginning of the school year of 1936 and 1937 we had seven actives and no pledges. For the first two weeks of rushing we pledged only two men. With seven actives and two pledges our first encounter was a float at the homecoming game. This float had as its main idea ridicule of the school student activity department. We did not win the prize, but received a lot of publicity. This started the ball rolling and we have been going ever since. With this publicity we were able to pledge two more men before Thanksgiving holiday.

On December 5 we had a house dance for the four pledges and for prospective pledges. We had a five-piece dance band and, "Boy did they go to town on the music." We all had a good time.

In January President Allison said he was corresponding with the advisor of a National Fraternity which had about twenty-seven chapters. This sounded good to us as we wanted to join a National Fraternity so we started working all the harder to better ourselves.

With this Brother Baffa and Brother Karably entered into lighthheavy intramural boxing. They trained for about three weeks and Brother Baffa was first to fight the champion of the year before. He went all right for the first round and was giving the champ a run for his money. In the next round the champ opened up and knocked Brother Baffa out for the count of ten. The next day Brother Karably fought the champ in a three round bout. This fight was a very good one and Brother Karably won by a decision. This gave him the honor of being the Lighthheavy Champion of the University of Cincinnati.

In the latter part of January Mr. A. H. Wilson came to Cincinnati and visited our chapter house. This date will always be in our minds, because it was the first time we had heard the name of the National Fraternity which President Allison was

corresponding with. The following month just after the great flood of 1937 (in which we all enrolled 100% for flood duty) we all signed the petition and started to prepare the formal petition which was finished before March 4. Then our thoughts turned to the question, "Will we be accepted into the National Fraternity?" When we received a letter telling us that we were accepted, we were the happiest fraternity on the campus. The following meeting we voted on the date of installation and decided to have it on June 12 and 13.

On April 23, 1937, we had a Co-op Day Dinner and Dance at the chapter house. The mothers, fathers, and girl friends of the active and pledges were asked to have dinner with us; in the evening they went in a body to Co-op Day (an exhibition of the works of the various departments of the College of Engineering and Commerce and the School of Applied Arts) at the University. Every one had a great time.

Mr. J. B. Brandeberry and the installation team came to Cincinnati on June 12 and pledged and initiated 36 men into Alpha Kappa Pi which was followed by an installation banquet at the Kemper Lane Hotel.

To finish out the school year the actives and alumni had a picnic at one of the largest picnic grounds near Cincinnati. We enjoyed tennis, swimming, and baseball. With this thirteen actives and one pledge were waiting for July 23 so we could go home for our summer vacation.

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▪ THE interfraternity conference will meet this year on the days of Friday and Saturday, November 26 and 27, and at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. The Alpha Kappa Pi delegates will be Vice-President Parke B. Fraim, Brooklyn; Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, Dellroy, Ohio; and Editor of THE ALPHA, C. Russell Kramer, Newark, N.J. All fraternity men are given full rights to attend the sessions. Professor Fraim is the official voting delegate of the Alpha Kappa Pi.

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