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## By the Way—

▪ RESPONSE to the article in the last issue concerning the Centennial Celebration at Bethany was so enthusiastic that it has been decided that short thumbnail sketches of the various colleges where Alpha Kappa Pi is located, together with the relationship of the chapter to the growth of the college, would be of interest to our readers. We present in this issue a review of Alpha chapter at Newark College of Engineering for which material we are in large part indebted to the very able assistance of Henry O. Meyer, *Alpha '40*, and chapter historian.

▪ WE AGAIN present the All-Alpha Kappa Pi Football Team. This annual feature is always awaited with much interest. Your editors, however, approach this task with much trepidation, as the selections always produce letters to the editor. Nevertheless, here is the team and we await your response.

▪ THE Executive Council has announced that the petition of the Epsilon Fraternity at Milton College, Milton, Wisconsin, has been accepted by the chapters. It is the thirtieth charter grant and will be known as the Alpha Eta chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi. The installation date will be announced shortly and at that time THE ALPHA will formally introduce Milton College and Alpha Eta through the pages of THE ALPHA. The Editors extend their congratulations to this group of men, representing the entrance of Alpha Kappa Pi into the State of Wisconsin for the first time.

▪ WE WISH to express our appreciation to the chapter historians for their fine response to notices for this issue. A shorter notice than usual was given to make chapter news more current. The results speak for themselves.

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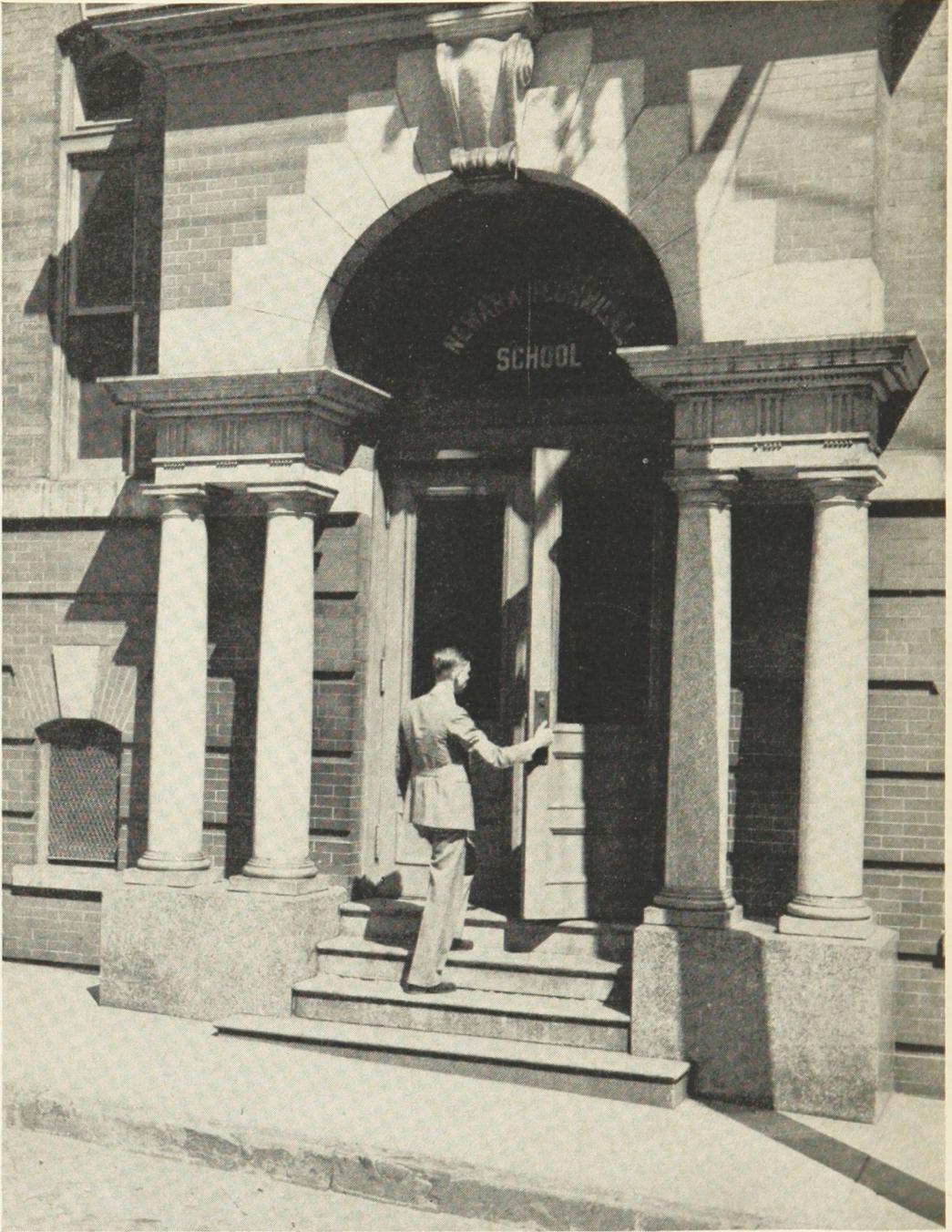
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DOUGLAS BENEDICT, CHAPLAIN OF ALPHA CHAPTER, SYMBOLIZES THE QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE AS HE ENTERS THE PORTALS OF THE LABORATORY BUILDING AT NEWARK COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING



# The ALPHA

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## Alpha Chapter in Review

### A Picture of Its Yesterday and Its Today

By Henry O. Meyer, Alpha '40, Chapter Historian

THE history of the Newark College of Engineering is closely interwoven with the development of the City of Newark. The City of Newark, being a manufacturing city of note since its founding, felt the need for a school for the vocational training for its men. In 1881 the state legislature approved the establishment of a technical school if the city funds would equal an appropriation set up by the state. In December of 1884, Professor Charles A. Colton of Fulton, New York, was appointed Director of the Newark Technical School. Dr. Edward A. Weston, the inventor gave time and money to the enterprise. Classes began on February 10, 1885 with an enrollment of 100 students. In 1896 the present administration building was built and the courses modified and improved. In 1911 the present laboratory building was completed. Day courses were started but because of the small enrollment the idea was dropped. In 1919 Dr. Hodgdon, the newly appointed director of the Newark Technical School, obtained the right to grant degrees for a four year engineering course in day school. The first class of the Newark College of Engineering started in September 1919. Co-operative work was given in the Junior and Senior years. In 1931 the co-operative work

was dropped in the Junior year but maintained in the Senior year. The class of 1940 will be the last class to receive co-operative



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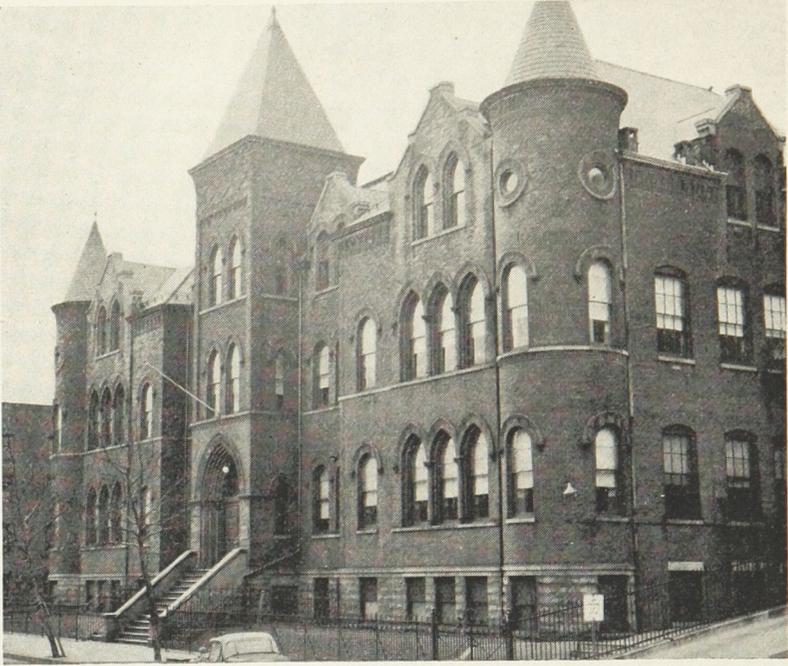
*Meyer, historian, Bolton, treasurer, Mallon, vice-president, Muench, president, Skinner, house chairman, Benedict, chaplain.*

work in the Senior year. In the future a special group called the Honors Option Group will receive work in the summer following the completion of their Sophomore and Junior years.

Doctor Hodgdon left in 1920 and Allan R. Cullimore was named the directing head of the college. Under President Cullimore's inspirational guidance the growth of the college has been phenomenal. Not only in

the gradual betterment of the professorships but in the matter of attendance. From an enrollment of thirty men in 1919 the student

usefulness as well as an even brighter future of the Newark College of Engineering. We are all proud of our college.



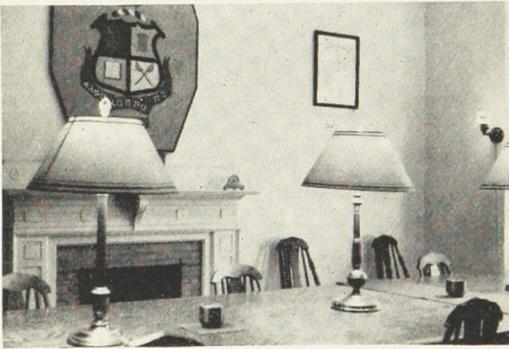
HISTORIC MAIN BUILDING AT NEWARK SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

body has increased in 1940 to more than 800. The new academic building, Campbell Hall, was finished in 1927 to begin meeting

### Alpha Kappa Pi

Into this life the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity made its initial bow almost twenty years ago, and was known at that time as the Phi Delta Zeta Fraternity. For five years it remained a local organization and then on March 23, 1926, a committee composed of members of the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity of Wagner College and Phi Delta Zeta decided to organize their own national fraternity. This move came as a direct result of a suggestion made by our Fraternity Adviser, Dr. Albert H. Wilson, who directed the plans of organization. Organizing a national fraternity from two comparatively small local fraternities was no little job, but those men had initiative and spirit, and successfully formed the foundation of a great organization.

By the fall of 1926, two chapters in the metropolitan area, Gamma, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey, and



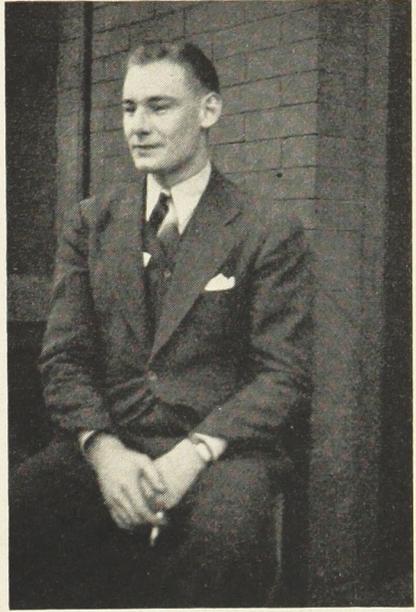
MEETING ROOM AT ALPHA CHAPTER

this increase in numbers. The growth of the college is the direct evidence of the interest that the industries of the City of Newark, and the State of New Jersey, take in the college. This same interest indicates an even greater

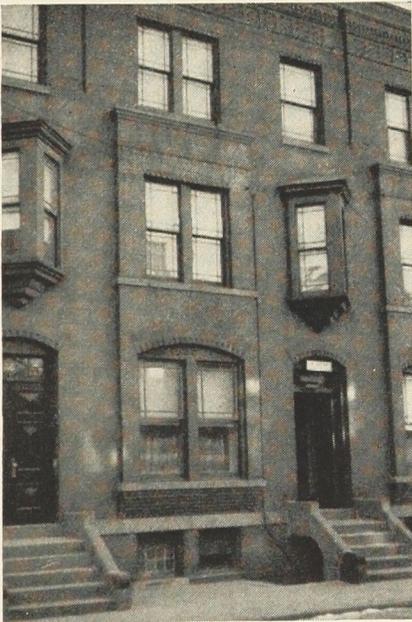
Delta, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, New York, were added and a strong nucleus was formed, about which the fraternity expanded to all parts of the eastern states. At present there are twenty-seven active chapters and nine alumni chapters extending into the middle-west.

Alpha chapter has flourished from the very beginning and today is one of the forceful, as well as one of the useful fraternal units, at this college. A very excellent chapter house is the center of fraternity activities, and some two hundred Newark College of Engineering men pay homage to this chapter and the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. Not only locally but nationally the Alpha has been contributive for from its numbers have come one national Grand President, one Grand Secretary, one Grand Vice-President, and THE ALPHA for a number of years was edited by an Alpha brother. Brother Albert E. Bennett was not only the Grand Historian for a time but while at-

ter. Then with the able assistance of Brother Henry Saunders, Xi, the equally successful Chi chapter was instituted at the Wake



FRANK MUENCH, *Alpha '40*, CHAPTER PRESIDENT



ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE

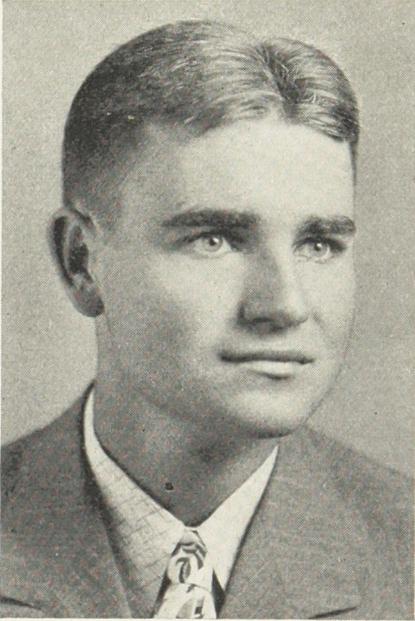
tending the North Carolina State College, organized The Alpha Club and out of this club came that rather remarkable Xi chap-

Forest College, North Carolina, and only sixteen miles distant from the North Carolina State campus. Men from the Alpha chapter formed the ritual teams that installed the Gamma, Stevens Institute of Technology; Delta, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute; Epsilon, Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls-Iowa; Zeta, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Eta, Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina; Theta, Columbia University; while representatives from this Alpha group assisted in the installation of chapters Iota, Mount Union College, Ohio; Kappa, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Lambda, Bethany College, West Virginia. Many alumni from Alpha have been firm and faithful supporters of the North Jersey alumni chapter and of the national conventions held in New Brunswick, New Jersey and New York City. At the present time the chapter, in active service, consists of thirty two brothers and eight sophomore

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# The All-Alpha Kappa Pi Football Team

▪ THE game of football, as played among the different colleges and universities the past season, according to official reports, was far above the average in skill and true

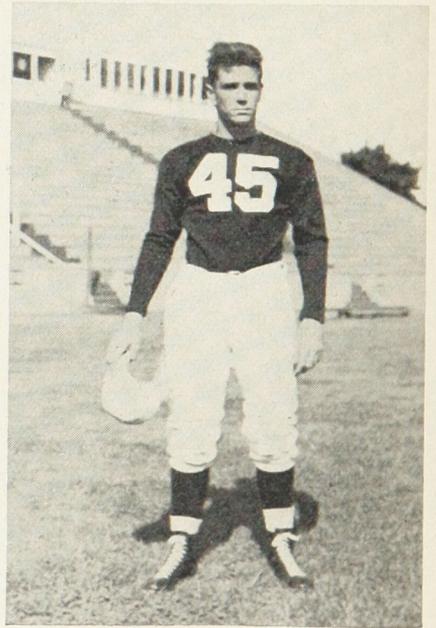


DAN BIRD, *Eta '41*

sportsmanship. More and more the men in the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity are making their presence felt in this line of collegiate activity.

In choosing the All-Alpha Kappa Pi team, for the year 1939-40, we ask that the reader of this arrangement, bear in mind certain facts, that will be set forth, showing why some Alpha Kappa Pi colleges are not mentioned, as contributors to the team, and by the same token, why certain chapters are not given place along with the chapters mentioned. One of the facts is self evident in that some of our best chapters are in colleges where the game of football is not played as an inter-collegiate sport. This naturally precludes representation among

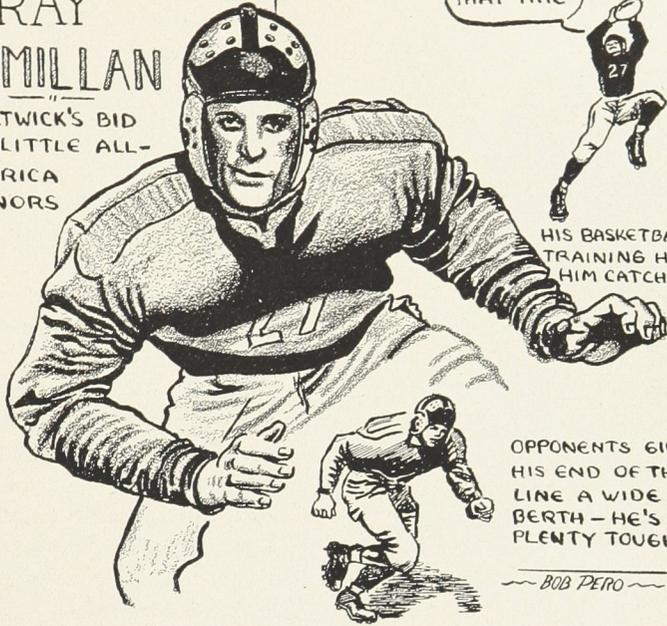
the selections herein set forth. These colleges, not playing intercollegiate football, are Newark College of Engineering, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Stevens Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and St. Johns College. It is well to state, however, that football, as an intramural pastime, has reached a very high stage of perfection at the Newark College of Engineering, and, if inter-collegiate games were played, it is evident that many of the foremost performers would be wearers of the fraternity emblem. There is no overreaching in this statement since it is well known that annually many of the outstanding athletes, from the New Jersey high and preparatory schools, enter this college, and, from these young men, Alpha Kappa Pi



JOSEPH N. AMBROGI, JR., *Nu '42*

makes certain selections for membership. When the fraternity games are played there it is almost like an intercollegiate contest,

RAY  
MCMILLAN  
HARTWICK'S BID  
FOR LITTLE ALL-  
AMERICA  
HONORS



"GOTCHA  
THAT TIME"

HIS BASKETBALL  
TRAINING HELPS  
HIM CATCH THOSE  
HIGH  
PASSES

OPPONENTS GIVE  
HIS END OF THE  
LINE A WIDE  
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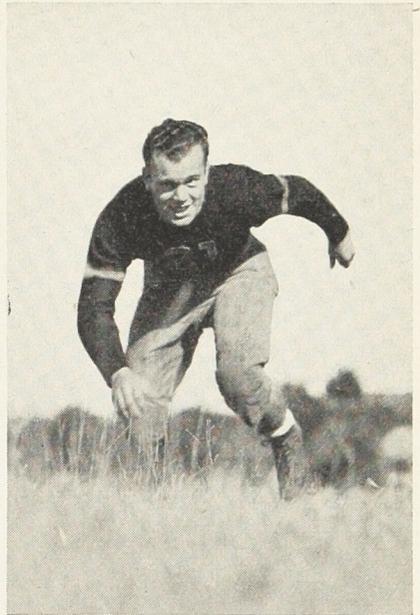
~ BOB PETRO ~

RAY MCMILLAN, Alpha Alpha '42 From the Oneonta News

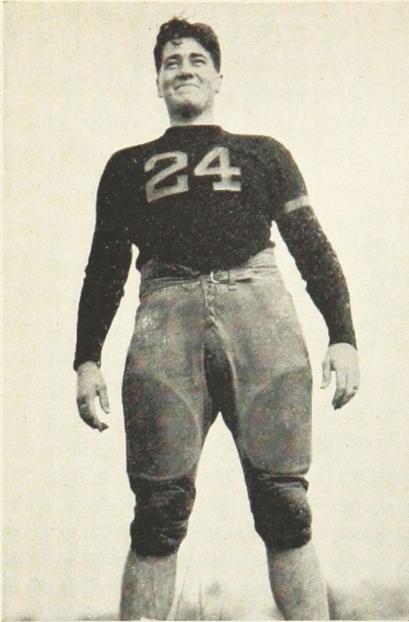
since enthusiasm and numbers in attendance would do credit to many a college contest.

Then we might make these selections a very simple matter, and with one stroke of the pen, or the use of a single sentence, name the All-Alpha Kappa Pi team as coming from our Psi chapter, West Virginia Wesleyan College. It would not be a team to be considered lightly were we to say to all and sundry: Here is the team! Fourteen members, from this year's chapter, helped to make up the football team on this athletically minded campus. This chapter has stood supreme in the game of football, not only as the Alpha Kappa Pi, but while yet the old local society Chi Alpha Tau. While in this crystalizing state of a local fraternity two All-Americans came from this college and this Chi Alpha Tau fraternity—Edmundson and Battles—room mates and fraternity brothers. Edmundson, now a successful business man, in Bridgeport, Ohio, has returned, as an alumnus, to be initiated into the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. Battles, none other than the nationally known Cliff

Battles of Washington "Redskins" professional fame, and now assistant coach, under Mr. Lou Little, Columbia University, has

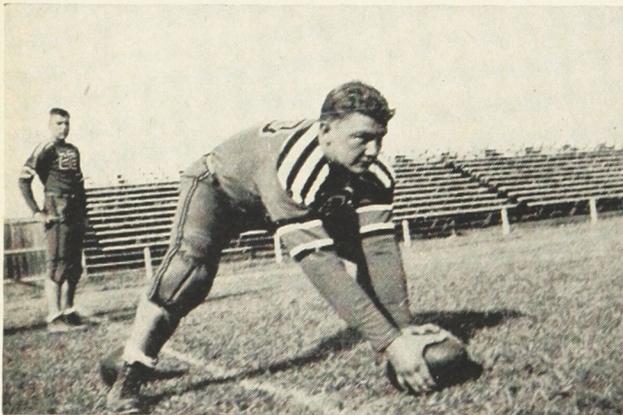


GEORGE SNYDER, Psi '40

WILLIAM WILSON, *Psi* '40

not been able thus far to return to his alma mater for initiation. However, since Mr. Battles, is still actively engaged in college football affairs as a coach, we have named him as the coach for the All-Alpha Kappa Pi team. With such a background it is little wonder to know that football achievement has become a tradition at Wesleyan and at Psi chapter.

It might be well to set forth this fact also that the work, of naming this team, has been made a bit more difficult in that cer-

JAMES BEER, *Psi* '43

tain chapter historians have been quite remiss, in some instances, in sending in the names of their players and their recorded accomplishments. However from chapter letters sent to The Alpha, from newspaper reports of games, and from personal contacts, we are able to present a most representative group of gridiron artists, and a team of stalwarts that would be able to give a glowing account of themselves, and the fraternity, on any field of play.

The line up:

Coach—Cliff Battles, Columbia University.

Captain—White, Wagner College.

Manager—Morrison, West Virginia Wesleyan.

The team:

Left End—McMillan, Hartwick College.

Left Tackle—Wilson, West Virginia Wesleyan.

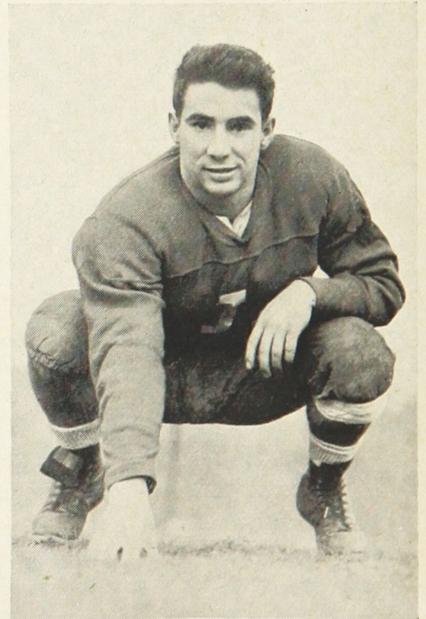
Left Guard—Snyder, West Virginia Wesleyan.

Center—Beer, West Virginia Wesleyan.

Right Guard—White, Wagner College.

Right Tackle—Campbell, West Virginia Wesleyan.

Right End—Ambrogi, Lehigh University.

WILBUR DARBY, *Rbo* '40

Quarterback—Bird, Presbyterian College.

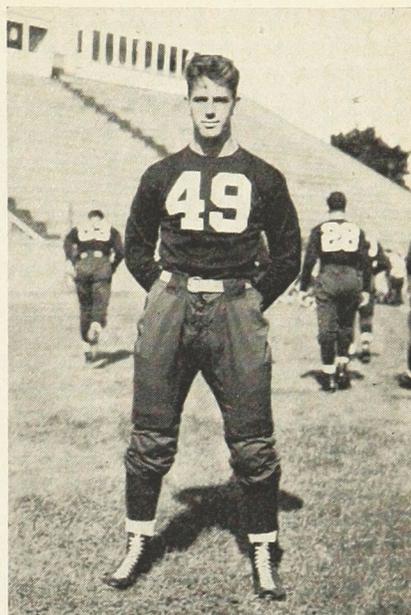
Halfback—Harrison, Tufts College.

Halfback—McKown, West Virginia Wesleyan.

Fullback—Cain, West Virginia Wesleyan.

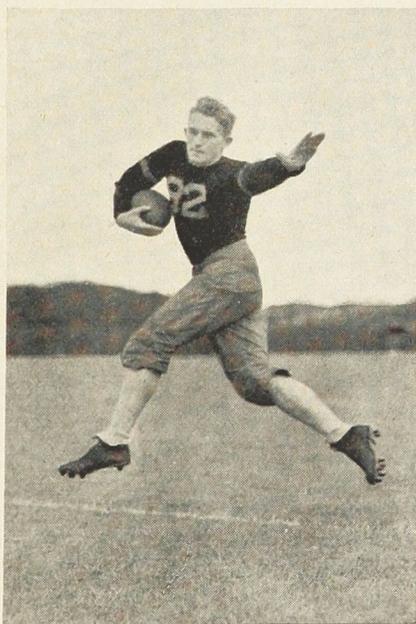
Then as an all-round replacement, for either end or back field play, we name Darby, Rutgers, and the big sensation among all Eastern colleges, when the one hundred and fifty pound teams got into action. Darby is a veritable dynamo for action and has exploded his wares on such campuses as Lafayette, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Columbia, Yale et als, and is known along the Banks of the Old Raritan, as the most inspirational leader produced at Rutgers in a decade. Weight, and the desire of the Rutgers coaching staff not to rob the lightweight team of its winning leader and spark plug, kept this man from starring on the Varsity. Had he been played carefully, as a varsity contender, it is certain he would have carved out an even more astounding record than he now holds.

In placing these men, in actual alignment, we have taken the liberty to shift two or three of the players and to the end that a

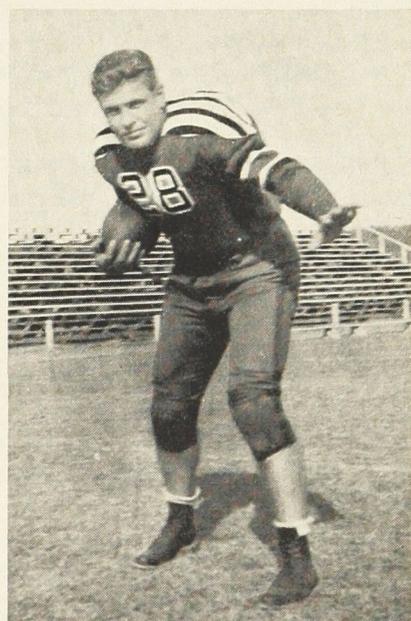


EMMET T. WHITE, JR., *Nu '42*

greater efficiency might be gained in line attack, or in versatility of backfield action. With this set up let us set forth some of the outstanding capabilities of these men. McMillan was the mainstay of his very excel-



ADDISON MCKOWN, *Psi '40*



JAMES "SUGAR" CAIN, *Psi '40*

lent team at Hartwick College. His speed and alertness in taking passes turned many a seeming defeat into a splendid victory. Ambrogi played in every game at Lehigh and was not only a great end but also the kick-off man and the point kicker after touch-downs. These two men are novices, despite their great playing gifts, since they each have two more years of varsity playing ahead of them. In taking the line as a whole we find here a most powerful combination from tackle to tackle. Quick thinking, aggressive, it is capable of always carrying the burden of play to the opposing team, and thus breaking up all line-directed play before reaching the line of scrimmage or becoming dangerous. Bird, the quarterback, is peculiarly fitted for this place on the team. Gifted with that fiery acumen that always gives a verve and daring to his fellow players, and to cause them to break through to the opponents field of play. The most versatile back, perhaps, is Harrison, Tufts, a triple threat man, who runs, punts and passes with the best of them. Not far behind if indeed not the equal of his running mate, we have McKown, the elusive and quick thinking West Virginia back, who caused many an opponent to wonder where that streak of lightning came from and when it might strike again. At fullback we have Cain, a magnificent blocker and when needed a powerful man to crack a line. He has played so acceptably that his doings have

actually sweetened the tongues of his fellow college mates and they have nick named him "Sugar." To captain this team we have named White, Wagner College, who, under the stellar coaching of Ray Kirchmeyer, an All-American choice, while fullbacking for Columbia University, lead his Wagner team to the best season ever recorded at that campus. White deserves this captaincy as well as he deserved the one he held at his own campus. We are not at all hesitant to say, in closing, that these men, with the redoubtable Cliff Battles devising and pointing the play, would form an array of mighty players able to hold their own against all comers, and who would shine, in actual contest, with the lustre that might well be likened to the brilliancy, of a scintillating diamond adorning the index finger of the darkest night. Definitely the honor of the fraternity, insofar as this part of the fraternal expression is concerned, would be safe in their keeping.

Other Alpha Kappa Pi men worthy of special mention in this game are: "Whiffer" White, Lehigh University; Kosko, Moore, Glad, Poundstone, Burke, Marker, and Walker, West Virginia Wesleyan; Deer, Bethany College; Tannery and Gettys, Presbyterian College; Cortright and Gebler, Rutgers University; Bill Harrison and Cioffine, Tufts College; Schroeder, Scala and Deitrich, Wagner College.

# The Purpose of an Education and the Place of the Fraternity

## An Open Letter to the Pledges

By George E. Owen, *Lambda '31, Grand Chaplain*

AIM OF EDUCATION: *To give to the body and soul all the beauty and all the perfection of which it is capable—PLATO.*

■ YOU have matriculated and been pledged and now stand upon the threshold of some new experiences, which it is hoped will be both pleasant and profitable. Four years of adventurous exploration into new realms of human thought await you. Perhaps you have already begun some intensive and extensive study. It is still not too late to ask yourself this question: What is the purpose of education? Emphasis in the past has been too much upon the going rather than the goal, on the machinery rather than the motive, and on the means rather than the end. We have been living by the speed-meter rather than the compass. In the words of one, we have improved the means to an unimproved end. The world today is not so much in need of skill as of character. We do not lack ability so much as we lack purpose.

Education without a purpose ends in frustration and futility. Determine your direction. Try to ascertain what you are after and what you expect to get.

It is not so much where you stand,  
As to what you are trying to see;  
It is not so much what you are,  
As the man you aspire to be.

In the first place an education should teach you how to think, much more than what to think; how to study as much as what to study; it should stimulate as well as illuminate the mind. Scholarship is becoming more a matter of initiative, of intellectual awareness, amounting to eagerness, rather than credits, hours, and statistics. Your experience here should also liberate you from your mental bondage to certain

fears, prejudices, and ill conceived notions. It should help you to think clearly and act courageously. No man is so free or so fearless as he who knows the truth. An education has been defined as what you retain after you forget what you have learned. Learn to think. Learn to express your thoughts. Your investment here will then prove to be a profitable one.

A true education should not only teach you how to think but how to act. Education goes beyond simply the acquisition of knowledge to habits of behavior. It cannot be restricted to sheer study; its ultimate aim is to help you find your place in the world, and fill it. It must build not only mental muscles but behavior patterns. Here is where the fraternity must make its contribution. One of the elementary ideas of education was that it was a bread and butter preparatory course. But an education must do more than help us make a living, it must teach us how to live. It must be thought of in terms of building a strong and useful life. Since we live in a world—a world of leisure, this is particularly true. Education is more than a process of academic procedure; it is growth; it is the response of every individual to every item of his total environment. In the words of Ulysses: "We are a part of all we have met." Just as the flame is controlled not only by the combustible material upon which it feeds but by the quantity and quality of oxygen available, so our lives burn, kindled by inner passions and fed by outward experiences. Experience is still our greatest teacher. Every person, said the historian Gibbon, has two educations—one

which he receives from others, and one more important, which he gives himself. It is in this respect, the education that comes from associations and influences, the unconscious impressions that are indelibly stamped on character, that the fraternity plays an indispensable role in your education.

One of the fundamental functions of an education is to teach one how to enjoy life. Life becomes banal and study insipid without cultivated tastes, which we call culture. Each pledge should ask himself these questions: Am I learning to enjoy the most worth while things? Have I acquired an appreciation for real beauty? Am I able to appreciate the enduring values of life? Enrich your life by feeding it with the best art and literature have to offer. Give your personality a healthy tone by learning how to entertain and enjoy people. The chapter house endeavors to contribute to your culture by aiding you in the cultivation and development of good taste, manners and poise. Education should awaken the mind to its great possibilities. The tragic thing in life is not our disappointed hopes but our unawakened aspirations. He who is blind to beauty, who makes no response for the

raptures of music, and who is not responsive to the overtures of friendship is dull indeed.

Life has been defined as the adjustment an organism makes to its environment and personality as the product of intersocial stimulation. We know today that education must do more than instill knowledge and inculcate culture; that it must do more than teach us how to think and act; it must teach us how to live together. With all the accomplishments we have to our credit, we still haven't learned the fine art of living together. So many persons are misfits; they are intelligent enough, but are maladjusted and subsequently unhappy. They haven't learned the rudiments of social intercourse and cooperation. In this technique of adjustment, the fraternity is unique. Each pledge is induced to ask: Am I acquiring a vital knowledge of the world and its real problems? If experience is our greatest teacher in education for life, no man is fully educated who is not socially awakened and who cannot make social adjustments. From the culture of individuals to the socialization of persons, the idea of education has developed. Education then is to unfold the truths of life. Fraternity is to teach the application.

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and junior pledges. Freshman pledge comes late in the college year on this campus. In all the activities of the college the Alpha men play a stellar part. Alpha Kappa Pi stands high at the College of its founding.

### Fraternities

There are five social fraternities on this campus. Two national and three local in character. All of them in good working organization. The national fraternity Sigma Pi placed its Alpha Mu chapter at Newark some two years ago and Alpha Kappa Pi was happy to extend the welcoming hand to these men who took over the long established local society Beta Alpha Theta.

The local groups are Delta Sigma Zeta, Phi Delta Mu and Phi Sigma Omega. The interfraternity council composed of representatives from these organizations handles all college affairs relating directly to fraternity life. It is a very forceful and fraternal group of leading men on the campus.

### Chapter House

The home of the Alpha is found at 38 James Street, Newark, and is easily reached by every means of travel. We are just a short run from New York City, and Alpha Kappa Pi brothers visiting in the East would find it worth while paying us a visit. Come and try us. Alpha is most cordial.

## Alpha Beta Contracts for Home

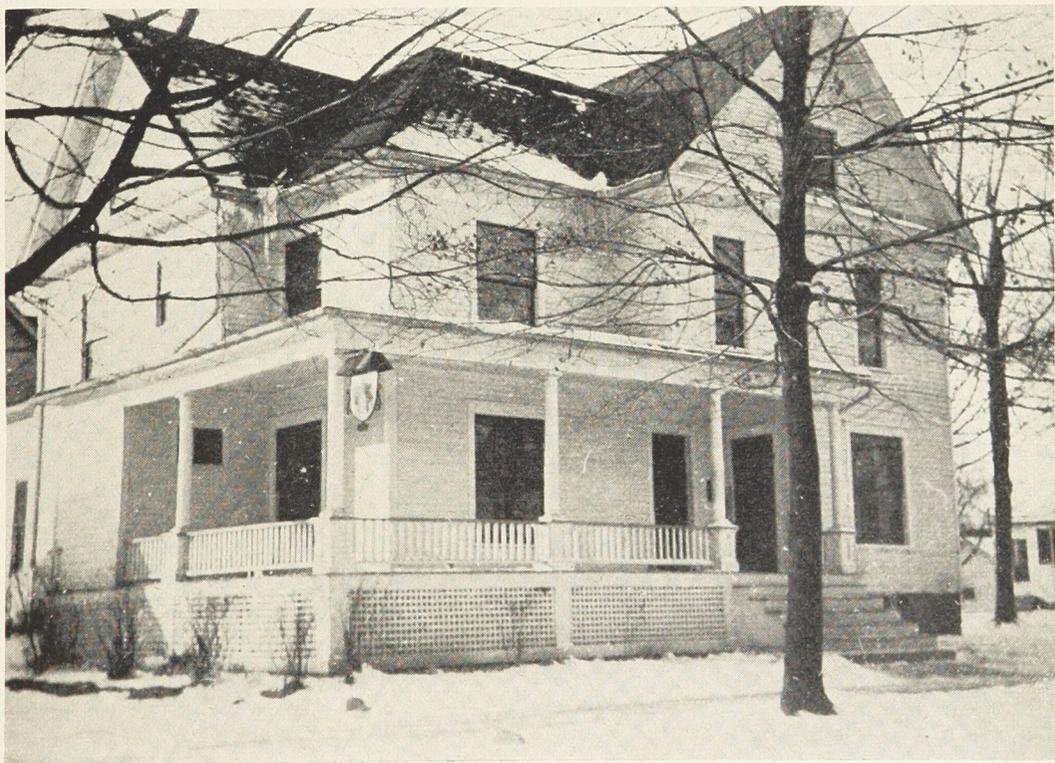
By Gene Grove, *Alpha Beta '40*

■ HAVE you ever wanted to hold title to your own chapter house? Yes, of course you have, for that is the aim of every chapter, but the obstacles often seem insurmountable. That is exactly the way we felt at Alpha Beta chapter.

Ever since our chapter was installed, at Tri State College, ownership of our home has been the goal toward which we have been working. Our first abode was the second floor of a very excellent residence. After making this house headquarters for three years we rented a house nearer the campus. This was a step in the right direction for here we started learning how to operate a chapter house and the membership grew in a most satisfactory manner, but the

rent was rather exacting not to say expensive. Besides the \$75.00 monthly rent we had our other financial outlay for water privileges, light and heat, and all these were rather excessive. This house, even by crowding, accommodated just seventeen men, so when we had an opportunity to move into a much larger house, which had been remodeled to suit fraternity needs, we decided that such a change would be our best plan, and the increase in rentals would be made up by the increase in our housing capacity. The house stood in a very favorable location, convenient to both college and town. So we signed the lease for \$100.00 per month, and we were to meet all expenses except the taxes and insurance.

During all these years a committee was trying to foster interest in our alumni to help us buy or build a house of our own. Many different plans were suggested and a heavy correspondence was carried on, but all efforts failed to get us anywhere. The big-



ALPHA BETA CHAPTER HOUSE AT TRI STATE

gest reason for little if any success lay in the fact that our alumni are scattered from coast to coast, and from Canada to Mexico, and probably not more than two alumni residing in the same town or city. It was at this point the active brothers, in Alpha Beta, decided that if anything was to be done at all it must be done, or at least gotten under way, by the men in college. Two weeks after we made up our minds that the house, in which we are now living, was the one we desired to purchase, the contract for its purchase was drawn and legally signed. From now on Alpha Beta instead of paying \$100 per month in rents we are making payments on our own house at \$90 per month and thus will continue such payments until we have become owners of the same in fee simple. The owner, who has a deep seated regard for the Alpha Kappa Pi chapter here, asked no down payment, but from now on the chapter assumes besides the \$90 per month payments the taxes and insurance, and this is made up by the difference in the \$90 paid on the house each month and the old \$100 per month that was required when we were just renters. Now we are paying for a live horse and not a dead one.

As for the house itself there are fourteen rooms combining the count for the first and second floors, a large dorm, and three basement rooms. On the first floor we have three large living rooms and able to be

thrown into one large room for social purposes. Just back of these rooms we find the dining room, pleasant and capable of seating comfortably thirty-six persons, and the kitchen with all the modern equipment even to the installing of a restaurant range and a complete set of china and silver. The smaller room on the first floor we use as an office room and file holder, and the storing of our fraternity equipment. On the second floor there are five large study rooms and easily accommodating twenty-one men. In the third or dormer room there are twenty one beds, clean and comfortable, with coil springs and inner spring mattresses. In the basement are found the chapter gymnasium, the furnace room with stoker, and the stock room for kitchen supplies. So now the general fraternity may number Alpha Beta chapter, Tri State College, among the fast growing number of chapters that own their own homes, and reside under their own vine and fig tree. If any chapter is interested as to how we did it we shall be pleased to enter into an illuminating correspondence. It is needless for us to state that we are both proud and happy in being able to do this constructive work for the Alpha Beta chapter and for the national Alpha Kappa Pi. An invitation goes out to all brothers in Alpha Kappa Pi to come and see us and to make use of this new home bearing the name of our fraternity.



## THE ADVISER'S CORNER

■ HISTORIANS must learn the lesson that their lines written in jest are too often taken in earnest by the readers. Therefore great care should be used in picturing the chapter life and the chapter atmosphere when sending in letters to THE ALPHA. Too often every statement is taken literally and no allowance made for the ebullency of college extravaganza in speech. Recently a prominent alumnus wrote to fault a certain letter wherein the writer said: "Our president has requested that everyone follow his example and remain sober that night, at least partly sober. What a joke!" Here we have a false notion expressed toward this splendid chapter, in a fine college, and all because the Historian was bubbling over a bit with college talk. In this same letter there is a statement of the Dean addressing the chapter and complimenting the members for their fine manners about the campus and for having won the highest rating in scholarship for the past three years. This real picturing of the chapter's life and ideals was entirely passed over by the alumnus and the extravaganza of the writer taken as the real status of things fraternal. To guard against such false ratings of the chapter let the Historian keep before him the fact that he is writing not for local consumption, where his sporting gestures are understood and appreciated, but that he is writing also for the countless readers, strangers to his college and chapter, as THE ALPHA is sent broadcast over the nation. It is only natural and human to hold the desire to be judged by our best efforts instead of by our poorest showing in all things. No where is this desire better expressed than in the fraternity world.

To pay tribute to a good chapter is never

out of place and always satisfying. November 17, 1939, in company with Grand President Parke B. Fraim, we visited the Alpha Gamma chapter, Franklin and Marshall College. It was high tide in that seven outstanding men were being given the Alpha Kappa Pi ritual. The opportunity was offered to see the chapter in full action and it is a happy augury for the future to state Alpha Gamma is a model chapter in every way. Home beautifully kept, alumni interested, brothers on the faculty, and fine group of pledges being trained for a later initiation ceremony. Franklin and Marshall is one of the outstanding colleges in the nation and Alpha Gamma chapter is an outstanding fraternity group on that campus. It is a pleasure to pay this tribute to this group of college men and wearers of the seven pointed star. John Hershey is the president of this chapter.

It is always satisfying to know that a man has been well born. The same holds with a fraternity order. That Alpha Kappa Pi may be proud and satisfied with its origin we need only to point to the fact that the Alpha chapter is found at the Newark College of Engineering, a college where there is growth and a marked emphasis placed on scholarship and high character. The college is city and state supported and the finest families in the old and historic State of New Jersey send their sons to Newark Tech. in ever increasing numbers. Alpha chapter pledges and initiates the very pick of these young men and each year adds to its alumni membership men who are not only well schooled in their college work but fully equipped to play the part of good citizenship.

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# THE EDITOR'S DESK

## Past Grand Secretary

■ IN THIS issue of THE ALPHA we take pleasure in presenting the features and the little article concerning Past Grand Secretary, A. W. Heinmiller. Brother Hein-



A. W. HEINMILLER, *Epsilon-Zeta '29*  
*Past Grand Secretary*

millier is one of the earlier workers in the fraternity and comes to the East by the way of the West. It was through the efforts of Brother Heinmiller that Epsilon chapter was installed at Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls, Iowa; and then wholly through his labors as a senior at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that Zeta chapter was installed. As Grand Secretary Heinmiller he visited several of our petitioning groups and then later took part in the ritual work at installation. After taking up residence in Washington,

D.C., as head assistant at Strayer College, he found his work too exacting to maintain his fraternity office and resigned but has been loyal always to the Alpha Kappa Pi teachings. His success at Strayer College attracted the attention of the Superintendent of Public Schools in the District of Columbia, and he was induced to take up his present position with that system of instruction and was made and now is the Director of Procurement with headquarters in the Franklin Administration Building, Thirteen and K Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Alpha greets this successful past officer in the fraternity and takes pride in setting forth the successes he has achieved.

## Grand President Visits

■ GRAND PRESIDENT PARKE B. FRAM was a guest of the Alpha Gamma chapter, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, during the month of November, 1939, and assisted in the initiation of seven splendid young men in the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. The chapter spread a most tempting dinner at the chapter house and several alumni of the chapter were present to meet the Grand President and to witness the ritual service. It was a most hopeful and fraternal occasion and Alpha Gamma was made richer and more forceful by both the visit of Grand President Fram and the addition of these seven outstanding Franklin and Marshall gentlemen. Advisor A. H. Wilson accompanied President Fram on this visitation.

## Interfraternity Conference Holds Annual Meeting

■ THE annual gathering, of the Greek Letter Fraternities, took place at the

Hotel Biltmore, New York City, on the days of Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, 1939. It proved a most interesting and profitable interchange of ideas and the plans were many and well founded for the betterment of all the fraternities.

Rather stiff attacks were made on the candid camera and certain pictorial magazines and films, which, it was stated, were giving a false interpretation of fraternity and college life. The exaggerated exploiting of hell-week and other side shows were doing the entire fraternity set-up no good if not doing it actual harm.

Another topic that held a great deal of attention, particularly among the secretaries, was "The Fraternity House Versus the Glorified House." Mr. Norman Hackett led in this presentation, and is a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

One of the high lights of the Conference was the address by Dr. Robert C. Clothier, president of Rutgers University, who spoke on the "Fraternity a Proving Ground for Democracy." This was aided and abetted by three other splendid addresses. Hon. Arthur T. Vanderbilt, past president of the American Bar Association, who gave the citizen's viewpoint; Dr. Henry W. A. Hanson, president of Gettysburg College, who spoke from the college president's viewpoint, and Dean Frederick Stecker, Ohio State University, who read a most enlightening and complete paper on the campus viewpoint. This program was given to the combined gathering of the Fraternity Conference and Undergraduate Conference.

The Conference Chairman, Dr. Harry Rogers, president of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, gave a remarkable report on the aims and accomplishments of the conference the past year.

Alpha Kappa Pi was officially represented by Grand President Parke B. Fraim, and was named a member of the conference credentials committee. There were present also Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, and Editor C. Russell Kramer. Brother James J. Seelig, Brooklyn Poly., was in charge of the registration desk of the undergraduate

conference and gave a fine account of his services.

L. G. Balfour, Sigma Chi, Attleboro, Massachusetts, was made Chairman for the ensuing year, and Dean George Lasher, Theta Chi, Athens, Ohio, vice-Chairman.

### From the President of Kenyon College

▪ DOVETAILING perfectly with the educational article, by Grand Chaplain Owen, appearing in this issue of THE ALPHA, we make free to use the following address from the brain and pen of President Gordon Keith Chalmers, Kenyon College, Ohio: "The studies necessary to a college education are few. They deal with what man has done and what he has found out about the natural world. . . . The best start college can give you is to help you understand the important things—history, the masterpieces of literature and art, mathematical and natural laws, and the few happenings in our own life time which have a clear meaning. A strong and lively teacher will teach any of these subjects in such a way that now and then you will see its relation to other courses and to life, even your own life. Your next four years may be made the most exciting and the most rewarding you have yet known. Things will happen to you within yourself which will call forth ability and powers you never thought you possessed. You will become excited about ideas and persons you have not yet heard of or that now seem to offer you nothing at all. To put yourself in the way of the numerous discoveries which you may be able to make, it will be important to find the people who can teach you well—the instructors and the classmates. For the most important thing about a college is the people there—the faculty and the students.

"I hope that you will put into your college years all your energy, deriving from sports, dramatics, college publications, seminars, laboratories, discussions, and your reading the numerous magnificent benefits which will be yours for the asking. By concentrating all your efforts on the job, you can learn the ways of liberal education."

### Balfour Applauded

THE Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity wishes to greet Mr. L. G. Balfour, Past Counselor of the Sigma Chi fraternity, and now Chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference. A more fitting successor to Dr. Harry Rogers, Alpha Tau Omega, and President of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, would be difficult to find in all the reach of the Greek Letter kingdom. Alpha Kappa Pi has experienced years of business dealings with Mr. L. G. Balfour, Attleboro, Massachusetts, and always found him to be not only our efficient business counselor, but a fraternal friend and courteous gentleman. So long as the interfraternity conference is able to hold the attention of such men, and keep them serving in the higher brackets of officialdom, just so long will there be progress and worth while accomplishments. It is with sincere esteem toward Mr. Balfour, and cordial friendship backed with pride, that we hail the new chairman of the conference, as well as to wish for him a most happy and prosperous season in leadership. Alpha Kappa Pi holds it a distinct honor to serve under the command of so outstanding a fraternity personage.

### Fraternity Ties Hold

FROM far away Philippines comes a story in Alpha Kappa Pi that is not only interesting but very appealing as to the ties that bind in the ways of fraternity.

Glenn A. Siker spent two years as a student in Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia and there was initiated into Mu chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. At the end of his sophomore year at Marshall he received an appointment to West Point, and there graduated as a Second Lieutenant. Arthur C. Harris, Jr., spent four years at Pennsylvania State College and there became a brother in the Omicron chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, graduating in 1935. He served a year as a Reserve Officer at Fort Howard, Maryland, and in 1937 received a commission in the Regular Army. Both brothers served in the same regiment for two years. Brother Siker at Fort Washing-

ton, Maryland and Brother Harris at Fort Howard, Maryland.

In May 1938 Lieutenant Siker was sent to the Philippines and assigned to the Fifty-



ARTHUR C. HARRIS, JR., *Omicron '35*, and GLENN SIKER, *Mu '35*, meet in the Philippines.

seventh Infantry. In March 1939 Lieutenant Harris arrived in Manila and joined the same Regiment. They were not only in the same Regiment all these years, but were actually next door neighbors for some six months, yet neither realized that they were brothers in the bonds of the Alpha Kappa Pi, until one day during the time of leisure, and conversing over some highly appreciated refreshments, they made the discovery that they were members of the same fraternity and that the ties of the Alpha Kappa Pi still held. Brother Siker is now a First Lieutenant and Brother Harris will be promoted to a First Lieutenant in July of this year. The Alpha is happy not only to present this little article to its many readers but also to show a likeness of these two brothers now serving their country, and still loyal to their fraternity, ten thousand miles from home and from their respective almaters. Truly the ties of fraternity hold.

### Fraternalism

▪ THE following article on Fraternalism appeared in the most recent issue of *The Seven Points*, chapter paper of the Alpha Beta, Tri State College, and is so well expressed, that we take the privilege of using it in THE ALPHA for the purpose of giving a wider reading. Do not fail to read and cogitate carefully. Brother George Campbell Smith is the author.

The word fraternalism has a latin root—Frater, and this word means brother. All of this is an accepted fact and understood by all, but unless a person is a fraternity man he can have no idea as to the true meaning of the word. Are we our brother's keeper? That is a saying in which a great many people do not believe. In a fraternity we do not bother to quibble about the argument which might be launched on this saying. If a brother is in trouble, we help him. We are our brother's keeper. That is fraternalism.

Fraternalism extends beyond the borders of a man's fraternity or his home chapter. Other fraternity men do not look upon their fellow Greeks as brothers, but then again they do consider them as relatives, say a cousin. That is also fraternalism.

Amongst ourselves, we may not be polite to one another but we are blunt and to the point. Rather than overlook a brother's faults, we try to correct them. Maybe his best friend would not tell him, but his fraternity brothers will. Much is written and spoken about fraternalism, but we practice it. This world would be a better one in which to live if the nations would practice a bit of fraternalism. In the eyes of our Creator, we are all brothers: could not we all practice a bit more fraternalism both within the fraternity and without; within this country and without it? True fraternalism has the power to correct all our ills—locally and nationally. Try it.

### Scholastic Honors

▪ THE ALPHA is very grateful to the Executive Council of Tau Beta Pi for

sending to us the most recent names of the Alpha Kappa Pi brothers to have won election honors into this society. As we all know the aim of this society is "to mark in a fitting manner those who have conferred honor upon their Alma Mater by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as undergraduates, or by their attainments as alumni." In electing men to membership these qualifications are considered in voting upon men who are scholastically in the upper eighth of the junior class or the upper quarter of the senior class. However, while scholarship makes a man eligible, high character, integrity and unselfish efforts for his college and fellows are given due consideration. The following members of this fraternity have recently attained to such distinction:

Carl G. Bruan, 1941; Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

Joseph A. Cipolla, 1940; Stevens Institute of Technology.

Irving W. Jackson, 1912; Tufts College.

Edward A. Plumley, 1940; Tufts College.

Igor H. Sugarman, 1941; Stevens Institute of Technology.

### Alpha Alpha Alumni

▪ THE Alpha Alpha chapter, Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, has organized its alumni into a working unit and with Philip Frisbee, 1909 Riverview Drive, Endicott, New York, as president and Raymond Beecher, 61 Church Street, Oneonta, as secretary. The usual objectives will be to keep the alumni in knowing touch with each other and the college, and to give the rightful aid and direction to the active chapter at Hartwick College. This is a most laudable undertaking and there is no doubt great good will accrue for alumni and active brothers.

It was in May 1935 that Alpha Alpha was installed and from a former local fraternity known as the Alpha Sigma Chi, and a potent factor on the Hartwick campus. Since that time there has been continual growth in numbers and prestige and the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity stands at a high

place at the college and the City of Oneonta. Some forty men have become alumni of Alpha Alpha and in June of this year fourteen seniors will receive their degrees and go out to join this alumni association.

THE ALPHA takes this opportunity to compliment the alumni in this desire to stand back of their chapter and college and to congratulate the collegiate chapter in possessing such loyal and aggressive alumni brothers. May this spirit of true fraternalism never grow less at this outstanding chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi family.

### *Likes The Alpha*

▪ APPRECIATION is one sure sign of a generous and outstanding character, as well as a pleasing personality. Therefore we make bold to set forth in print the sentiments of one Gene Grove, president of the Alpha Beta chapter, Tri State College, Angola, Indiana, in his estimate of THE ALPHA: "Our allotment of THE ALPHAS arrived in good shape and I think this is the best issue we've ever received. It shows more work in collecting material for the various departments, and the chapter letters are exceptionally noteworthy and filled with news. Alpha Kappa Pi is surely on the move and in the right direction. THE ALPHA is the binding link among all the chapters." For these fine sentiments THE ALPHA expresses sincere thanks to Brother Grove.

### **Plaint Unnecessary**

▪ THERE is one plaint that comes regularly to the offices of THE ALPHA. It is mostly concerned with the Chapter Historians, but includes now and then the Secretaries of the alumni associations. It is so stereotyped that it can be summed up in this one sentence: "When is the copy due for the next issue of THE ALPHA? Let us know so that we may get the material in on time." Here is really waste of time, energy and to say nothing of postage stamps, for the whole matter has been answered and from the first issue of THE ALPHA. To call special attention let us repeat in this article what is already printed, and as a standing guide, on the very first page of every copy of THE ALPHA, lower right hand corner of page one, we read: THE ALPHA is the official publication of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity and is published in the months of NOVEMBER, JANUARY, MARCH, and MAY. Then lower down in this same presentment: Matter intended for publication should be in the hands of the Editor at least ONE MONTH preceding the month of publication. Then again: ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO 163 EAST 111 STREET, NEW YORK CITY. We trust this little diatribe will be taken in the spirit with which it is written and that the plaint set forth above will have been thrown into the discard. Almost we might say the blind man need not err therein.

## **The Adviser's Corner**

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Read the history of the Alpha Kappa Pi and then read the history of the Alpha chapter and again we say that Alpha Kappa Pi is proud and satisfied with its Alpha chapter and made fully aware that we have every reason to be satisfied with our birth and place of origin. One day the fraternity must assist Alpha in placing a proper memorial, at the Newark College of Engineering, to properly extoll the campus of our origin.

In season and out of season Alpha is loyal and progressive and as the Alpha chapter sets the right standards for all other chapters to emulate. There is no question but that all members in the Alpha Kappa Pi are proud to point to this group of gentlemen as the Alpha chapter of this fraternity.

ALBERT HUGHES WILSON

# COMMENTS OF FELLOW



# ACTIVITIES OUR GREEKS

- WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, Fulton, Missouri, is one of the better smaller colleges in the Middle West, and under the direction of the Presbyterian Church. Three fraternities have been there a great many years: Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Alpha. Delta Tau Delta has just entered there to make the fraternity life a foursome. Delta Tau Delta recently withdrew its charter at Syracuse University.
- SIGMA PI has placed a chapter at the Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois, and there meets with Kappa Sigma where the Kappa Sigma has been in establishment for a great many years. Several sororities are in action on this campus.
- ALPHA CHI RHO has restored its Phi Omega chapter, Columbia University, and is headed up in the Livingston Hall, one of the better dormitories for men. Alpha Chi Rho first entered Columbia in 1900 and was the fourth chapter of the fraternity to be established. Alpha Chi Rho now carries nineteen active collegiate chapters.
- SIGMA PHI EPSILON has seen fit to withdraw chapters from North Carolina University and the Carnegie Institute of Technology.
- CHI PHI is now established at Duke University. This is the restoration of the old Chi Phi chapter that existed at Trinity College out of which Duke University evolved.
- DELTA SIGMA PHI has revived its Eta chapter, University of Texas, and starts out with much promise. The work of restoring this chapter was carried along by the Delta Sigma Phi chapter, at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.
- THE faculty and fraternities agreed that fraternity chapters were too big, as to numbers, on the Ohio University campus, Athens, Ohio, and have settled on fifty-five men as the highest point for any chapter membership. The further study is to prove whether or not more fraternities are needed at Ohio University. Fraternities affected are: Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Pi, Phi Kappa Tau, Theta Chi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha.
- KAPPA SIGMA has restored a dormant chapter at Centenary College, Louisiana, and here meets Kappa Alpha and Lambda Chi Alpha. Dormant chapters are Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha.
- DELTA KAPPA EPSILON has withdrawn its charter from Columbia University. Delta Kappa Epsilon was one of the oldest chapters at this university. Delta Kappa Epsilon is still represented on Manhattan Island with an old and lively chapter at the City College of New York.
- PHI DELTA THETA has lifted its charter at the Colorado State College. Still here are Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Gamma Rho, Lambda Chi Alpha.



# CHAPTER NEWS

## *Alpha—Newark College of Engineering*

*Initiated:* Frank Turley '41, Walter Petrosky '41, Thomas Books '42, Benjamin Morgan '42, Robert Swenson '42, John Hermann '42, William Ballentine '42, Edward Higgins '42.

Alpha chapter has been a beehive of activity for the past few months. Sports, socials, pledging activity, and school work have kept the brothers of Alpha busy and active.

The brothers had a very interesting trip around Manhattan Island on the yacht of Mr. Studerus. Ten of the brothers led by "Admiral" Jack Stillwaggon and "Commodore" Frank Muench enjoyed the kind hospitality offered by their host. Mr. Studerus, a kind friend of our advisor, Professor Schweizer, thoroughly enjoyed the company of the Alpha men and livened the trip with salty yarns and jokes.

Parties before several of the dances at school, namely the Soph Hop and the Interfraternity Dances, have added a great deal to the enjoyment of these events. At these gatherings before school dances, Alpha men break the ice and as a result the dances are livelier and merrier.

When the word party is mentioned at Alpha right now, the brothers turn their thoughts to the Christmas Party given by the brothers for the pledges on December 22. Social Chairman Wilbur Zuest ran an affair that will live long in the memories of Alpha men. The surroundings were perfect. A gayly lit Christmas tree was the center of a mass of decorations that adorned the party rooms of our chapter house. Brother Hank Pruner, with the help of three pillows, played Santa Claus and presented the brothers with gifts from his filled sack. Brother Smith and the Glee Club led the gathering in carol and hymn singing. The activity and the scholarship keys which are awarded each year to the graduating seniors for their first three years in college were presented. Brother Gil Fehn became proud possessor of this year's activity key. Gil is well known for his athletic, social, and fraternal activities. The scholarship award went to Brother Fletch Overman. Fletch is the plugging type who sticks on a job until it is completed. Besides his brilliant scholarship, Fletch manages to be a jitterbug and can name orchestras and arrange-

ments without a moment's thought. A description of the party would not be complete without a mention of the fact that Pledge Petrosky (I won't dance) actually loosened up, danced, and confessed on the next day that he thoroughly enjoyed it.

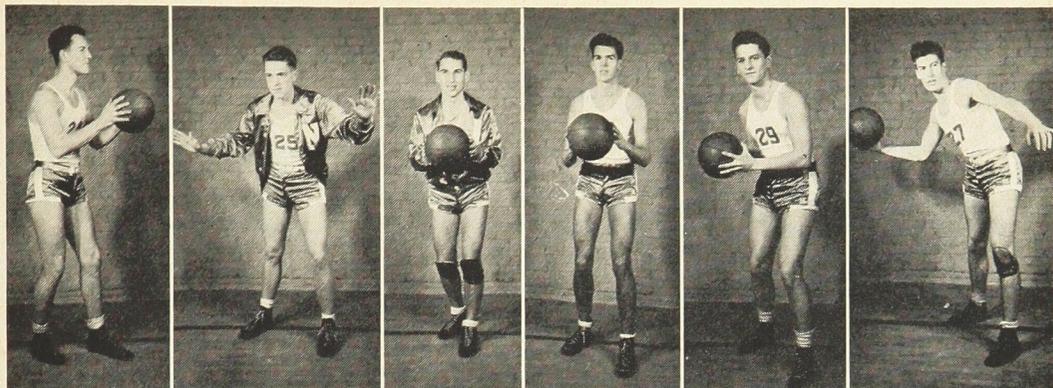
Since the last writing, Alpha chapter finally lost an interfraternity football game after being undefeated for three years. Alpha Mu chapter of Sigma Pi turned the trick to the sad tune of 18-7. Alpha led at half by 7-6 but, weakened by injuries, allowed Sigma Pi to push two touchdowns over in the last quarter. "Digger" Stillwaggon and "Chug" Mallon starred in the Alpha backfield while Hank Meyer at end spent a good deal of time in Sigma Pi's backfield before retiring in the third quarter due to injuries. The Alpha touchdown was scored on a well executed pass play from Mallon to Meyer. Stillwaggon added the extra point on a fake kick formation plunge. The team as a whole played well but lacked the reserves to fight back the last quarter attack of the aroused Sigma Pi team.

At this writing five Alpha brothers are representing the college on the basketball court. Brother Raymond Hall captains the varsity squad which consists of Brothers Hank Meyer, Jim Ellor, Gil Fehn, Pete Skurla, and Don Bolton. To date the team is doing well after losing a heartbreaker to Panzer College. Brother Dave Mallon is senior manager of the quintet and receives able assistance from Brothers Ernie Fischer and Matt Cole, both sophomores.

In fraternity sports our bowling team lost a close match to the alumni but is looking forward to a successful season. The ping pong team has also started warming up and will soon start its schedule. Brother Bill Hoffmann will lead the bowlers while the ping pong team will be led by Brother Harry Forristel.

The first tea of the season was held on November 18 and was a social success. Mrs. Schweizer poured and was ably assisted by the Misses Mary Atkinson and Marion Rogers.

The *Alpha News*, the official organ of the chapter has appeared and was enthusiastically received. The editorial by our advisor and the Alpha Bits column received special commendation. Who "slipped the sherbit" in the Alpha Bits column is



#### VARSITY BASKETBALL MEN AT ALPHA

*Left to right: Gil Febn, '40, center; Don Bolton, '40, guard; Hank Meyer, '40, forward; Jim Ellor, '42, center; Peter Skurka, '41, forward; Raymond Hall, '40, guard.*

still being debated hotly in all corners of the house.

Several of the Gamma brothers visited us and spent a quiet Saturday afternoon in a bull session. The Alpha brothers were glad to receive their brothers' and hope to visit Stevens in the near future. Visits to Rho chapter have also been made to the great satisfaction of both chapters. It is hoped that these visits will continue and help cement the bonds that exist between the various chapters.

That just about concludes the doings of Alpha for a short while but before the next issue more interesting events are sure to occur at Alpha that will be passed on to you subsequently. So long until the next issue.

HENRY O. MEYER

### Beta—Wagner

*Pledged:* Edwin Bischoff, Paul Dukeshire, George Fischer, Thomas Franzreb, Eric Grosse, Harold Hammond, Edward Hayes, William Hayes, Carl Heilsberg, Harold Husted, Richard Izard, Randolph Johnson, James La Hart, Walter Luders, Charles MacCarthy, Jack Merikle, Leon Miller, Harold Ringen, Gordon Sahloff, George Schipani, Arthur Schneider, Robert Schwartz, Wilbur Sterner, Frederick Vollweiler.

Since our last chat in THE ALPHA the most important thing that has happened at Beta is our pledging. This year we again had a late pledging season and we are proud to announce that we were able to attach twenty-five pledges to the ranks of Alpha Kappa Pi. To some chapters this may seem a large number but it represents the cream of the crop at Wagner and it would be absolutely wrong to pass one good man by. Last year we had an equal number and we are getting along well indeed. Already the newly inducted pledges are planning to give a social to the brothers as soon

as exams are over. The pledge captain for this year is Werner Johnson with Dick Izard acting as treasurer.

Our really big social event of the year, the Fall Formal Dance, was a huge success due entirely to the exacting work of the committee headed by Brother Len Klemann. It was held in North Caldwell, New Jersey, at the Green Brook Country Club with Don Weeden's Omegans supplying the music. Representatives from Alpha and Theta chapters attended and the dance was voted an outstanding event of the year.

Brother Fred Mische played the role of Santa Claus at our annual Christmas party held just before the holidays. There were comical presents for all the brothers that were enjoyed by all those present. This year as last the three fraternities at Wagner held their Christmas parties on the same night and at ten o'clock the brothers and guests of the respective groups began to drift to the other fraternity rooms to wish each other a merry Christmas, thus making for an evening of good fellowship.

This year Alpha Kappa Pi is well represented on the basketball court. Pledge Bud Sahloff is a member of the varsity while Brothers Bob Vomacka, Ken Rogler, and Ed Saul, and Pledge Wil Sterner are on the J.V. squad. When Wagner travelled to Brooklyn to engage Brooklyn Polytechnic a number of the brothers were present. After the game they were cordially entertained at the Delta house by several of the brothers there. Our thanks to Delta and its swell president, John Laestadius.

An Interfraternity Dance is scheduled for the night after exams end, January 26. Brother Bob Vomacka is our representative on the dance committee due to his fine leadership as head of the Junior Prom Committee.

Beta chapter's annual Spring Formal is to be

held on March 30. The orchestra and the place have not as yet been selected but it will probably be at some country club in New Jersey since our last dance was so successful there. The committee in charge consists of co-chairmen Bob Intemann and Herb Gibney with Connie and Marty Schroeder to assist. The brothers in the metropolitan chapters especially are requested to watch for further notices of the dance as special arrangements regarding the price of bids will probably be made as is our custom.

Brothers Connie and Marty Schroeder, Ken Rogler, Bob Vomacka, Herb Gibney, Frank Betancourt, and pledges Randy Johnson, Charlie McCarthy, Jack Merikle, and Paul Dukeshire met in New York during Christmas week to celebrate the holidays. From all reports they had a good time and the holidays were properly celebrated.

To all the chapters Beta extends its wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. To the metropolitan chapters in particular, we hope that you will visit us at any time or call and make arrangements for a joint meeting.

HERBERT GIBNEY

### ***Gamma—Stevens***

*Initiated:* Igor Harry Samuel Sugarman '41, Henry K. Ostrom '41, Carl William Riedel, Jr. '41, Michael John Scales '41, Charles Fishkin '41, Orlando Biamonte '40, Edward John Israel '41, Herbert Atkins Cumming '41, John Valentine Menig '42, Leonard Daniel Mayo '41, Joseph Anthony Cipolla '41.

Since last hearing from Gamma by way of THE ALPHA the above brothers have been initiated at the Stevens Institute of Technology. All of them loyal and enthusiastic workers for the chapter and fraternity.

Two major matters have occupied the minds of the Gamma brothers during the past few weeks: examinations and the fraternity basketball games. By the time this letter is in print the examinations will be memories and hope pleasant ones. As for the basketball games with the other fraternities there is more pleasure in anticipation. Alpha Kappa Pi hopes to win the plaque as we did two years ago, and at this time we are in the lead.

Gamma spent a most enjoyable Christmas holiday season and wish to thank all the other chapters for their cards in greeting. To climax the vacation days a New Year's party was held at the chapter house, 636 Hudson Street, Hoboken, and a splendid turn out of the brothers and their friends practically filled the house to capacity. Every one passed an evening that will be a pleasure to hold in memory. Many guests and numbers of our alumni were present.

We are proud to announce that two of our brothers have won the signal honor of membership in Tau Beta Pi. These men are Joe Cipolla, senior,

and Harry Sugarman, sophomore. The last named has been first and second ranking in his class since the time of his entrance at Stevens.

It is most hopeful to add in conclusion that with the full-hearted support of our alumni brothers Gamma has become well entrenched in its new home. Six of the members are making the house their home during the college session. Gamma has made many advancements during the past few years. Its standing is unquestioned on this campus and we are set for bigger and better things in the future. Come and see us. Will meet you again in the March issue of THE ALPHA.

HERBERT CUMMING

### ***Delta—Brooklyn Polytechnic***

Delta chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, and at the fine old Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, is optimistically looking forward to a most successful semester, and under the devoted guidance of a new and capable group of officers. These men are: Dick Schwarting, president; George Wambold, vice-president; Robert Mac Indoe, treasurer; George Loock, secretary; John Carlson, chaplain and historian.

For reason of the masterful leadership of past president, John Laestadius, the chapter as a whole contributed to the purchase, of a very beautiful golden gavel, and presented this memento to John to show our sincere appreciation for the work he has accomplished for this chapter. Brother Laestadius set a standard in leadership that will long live at Delta to inspire present and future officers in their services for the fraternity. A good man is about to leave Delta through graduation.

During the month of January we were honored with visits from Grand Chaplain Parke B. Frain and Advisor A. H. Wilson. Their visits came when all the brothers and pledges were assembled for the luncheon hour and thus all of us were able to become better acquainted with these men.

Three of our brothers represented Delta chapter and Brooklyn Poly. at the most recent interfraternity conference, Hotel Biltmore, New York City: James J. Seelig, Jr.; Thomas Foster, Jr.; and Robert Mac Indoe. Brother Seelig, who is chairman of the fraternity conference on this campus, was in charge of the registration desk at the interfraternity meeting. From all accounts Jim did a good job at the Biltmore and we know he had performed nobly here at the Institute.

Delta chapter is now preparing eleven fine pledges and we hope to initiate the greater number of these men before the year ends.

With the definite assurance that this year is going to be one of the best in the history of this chapter we say so long until the March issue of THE ALPHA.

JOHN CARLSON

## Eta—Presbyterian

Judging by the success attained by Eta chapter in the student body elections for the three major positions on our weekly student newspaper, *The Blue Stocking*, one might be led to believe that Alpha Kappa Pi is the only fraternity represented on the Presbyterian College campus. Eta placed in two out of the three elections for the major positions when Dan Bird, a junior from Columbia, South Carolina, was elected managing editor and Allen Fessenden, a junior from Atlanta, Georgia, was elected business manager. The placing of these two men in these offices helps the fraternity greatly on our campus and should be a real aid in fraternity rushing next fall.

The members and pledges of this southernmost chapter of our fraternity, along with the other members of the student body, are engaged in rather horrifying mid-term examinations as THE ALPHA goes to press. We hope that the other chapters have successful examination periods and we're sincerely hoping that our own members all have as pleasant a time as possible.

Eta extends thanks to the chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi who remembered us with Christmas greetings during the Yuletide season.

The close of the football season at Presbyterian College brings thoughts of the excellent football ability displayed by three brothers of our chapter in varsity competition this past fall. Dan Bird, of Columbia, South Carolina, and Hugh Gettys, of Camden, South Carolina, playing the positions of quarterback and center respectively, added much to the ability of the local gridiron eleven. And Pledge Fred Tannery of Newry, South Carolina, helped to lead the football men to glory in the position of halfback.

Pledge Bill Culp of Rock Hill, South Carolina, was one of the most outstanding men of the freshman football aggregation during the past season. His playing in the fullback position brought predictions of important varsity service next season.

With the announcement of the football schedule for Presbyterian College in 1940 comes the interesting news that P.C.'s genial coach, Walter A. Johnson, dean of Southern football coaches, will be honored at the beginning of his twenty-fifth coaching year at this institution when the local gridiron representation meets the mighty "Cotton Bowl" Clemson Tigers in our own stadium. Eta plans to join in the festivities in honor of our famous athletic mentor.

Comes the announcement that Pledge William S. Kinsey, freshman from Silver Springs, Florida, has withdrawn from school and Eta is minus one pledge. However, Bill hopes to return for the second semester and we will be glad to once more welcome his name to the rolls of Alpha Kappa Pi.

The student body elections in which the majority

of student body offices are to be filled will soon take place here, being scheduled for the first week in March. Eta hopes to place a number of men in these positions.

The interfraternity mid-winter dances are scheduled for February 2 and 3 with a well-known orchestra giving out with plenty of swing for this school of mad jitterbugs. The six Greek letter social fraternities sponsor the dances.

Until the next issue of THE ALPHA, Eta bids you a fond farewell and a cordial invitation to visit your southernmost group. But don't come here expecting warm weather! Our campus also is blanketed with ice and snow!

CHARLES MACDONALD

## Theta—Columbia

*Pledged:* Alfred Granatelli '41 New York City, Howard Morgan '42, New York City.

A note of regret sounds discord at Theta chapter at this issue of THE ALPHA, Philip Unhoch, our brother president, has been forced to leave his studies at least temporarily, due to a protracted illness which requires that he conserve more carefully his strength. We, at Theta, feel uneasy over the loss of Brother Unhoch as an active officer, since he has for several years been associated under the aegis of two of our former presidents and alumni, Joseph Lawler and Richard Shepard, and like they, has carried on in the true Theta tradition. We hope earnestly for his complete and speedy recovery to health.

In his absence the gavel has been placed in the less experienced but willing hands of Brother John Castronuovo, under whom a "new regime" is destined to take shape. Brother Castronuovo bears watching, for we have more than a suspicion that under his leadership Theta will continue its evolution toward expansion, reaching greater heights than ever in its history.

Pamphratia, the campus Interfraternity Council, is hesitant at opening its portals to our chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi, which only goes to prove our potential strength, since possible competition with the other fraternal organizations seems to be the primary objection. Theta therefore sponsored a social for the Pamphratia delegates of the other fraternities in an attempt to win them over by a show of good fellowship and cooperation. There is every indication that the event has served its purpose, and it is hoped that its success will be a reality in the very near future.

In spite of the proximity of the semester exams and the Junior Prom, plans are being made for a dance in conjunction with an associate dormitory fraternity, Sigma Nu. Why, there is even talk of making it strictly formal, and at the St. Moritz no less.

Pledge Morgan is one of these amateur camera

demons who is going at it in such a big way that several of the brothers are taking "pointers." So don't be surprised if you happen to see Columbia and Theta chapter "profusely illustrated" in the next issue of THE ALPHA.

JOSEPH S. BZDYK

### *Iota—Mount Union*

The pleasant duty of writing another chapter letter for THE ALPHA has arrived. Iota sends warmest greetings to all members of the fraternity, and know that we are all working to the one end of making Alpha Kappa Pi tops on every campus where established.

After the Christmas vacation we discovered some damages had been done to the water pipes of the house but with that old Alpha Kappa Pi spirit the repairs were made in no time worth mentioning. The "Old Red Brick" is back in full service once more.

Examinations are with us while this letter is being written and Iota is out to regain that highly prized scholarship cup which we lost by the merest fraction last semester. Here is hoping.

We are sorry to report that our chapter president, Francis Havill, New York City, has finished his work for graduation and will leave us at mid-year to enter the Theological School, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. He will receive his Mount Union College degree at commencement in June. To take his place as chapter head we have already installed our former vice-president, Robert Hoiermann, as president and everything is in good shape at that point of the chapter's program.

Iota has planned a very intensive pledging season at the opening of the second semester and has its eyes on several likely prospects. Two of our very active and younger alumni are not far from Mount Union and we count on their assistance in this good work. They are Hamill Hartmann, teaching at Minerva, Ohio; and Malcolm Kienzle, studying law in Canton, Ohio. Also Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, Dellroy, Ohio, and Brother Grant Hansen, secretary-treasurer of the house corporation, Canton, Ohio, are ever on the job with Iota and their loyalty is a constant inspiration to all Iota men.

At the time of Homecoming Iota entertained all our dads at a most enjoyable stag dinner after the football game. The dads seemed highly pleased with the attention.

Iota is making plans to initiate a great number of their pledges and faces the future with fine expectations. Good luck to our brothers everywhere.

ROBERT HAVILL

### *Kappa—M.I.T.*

*Pledged:* Burdette Walter Holmes '41, Detroit, Michigan.

The old saying goes, "Sturdy oaks from little acorns grow." That is how we feel. Kappa chapter has been progressing this collegiate year. Major consideration has been the rushing program of course. Several successful parties have been held, and our brothers of the Tau chapter, Tufts College, very kindly invited us to bring our pledges to their formal pledge dance held at the Kenmore in Boston, December 19, 1939. The dance was a bright spot in the fall program and Tau is to be congratulated in the splendid success of the evening. At a future time Kappa hopes to reciprocate.

As a result of these activities we have pledged Bert Holmes '41, a Mechanical Engineering student, and have several other prospective pledges in line for the first of the coming term. Pledge Holmes is on leave of absence from the Ford Motor Company and is very well indeed here. He will return to the Ford company after he has received his master's degree, at which time he will take up his work as a research engineer in the city of Detroit. He joins our resident quarters in February and he will then be 100 per cent Alpha Kappa Pi.

Spring term will find us active rushing freshmen. The first year men all cross their fingers until the first term is over, and as a result do not do much pledging during this first term of the year.

We visited Tau over at Tufts before the Christmas holidays and enjoyed ourselves thoroughly at an open meeting. Santa Claus presented our apartment with some new furniture and we are gradually adding improvements as we go along.

Thanks to both Alpha and Alpha Alpha chapters who have spurred us on with some real newsy letters. We also enjoyed the Christmas greetings from all our chapters. So long until the March issue of THE ALPHA when we will be with you all once more with further reports of the activities at Kappa.

FRANK A. YETT

### *Lambda—Bethany*

Winter has come to Bethany again, and the college is really beautiful under its blanket of white. It is really hard to determine in which season Bethany makes its most beautiful appearance—in the new and brilliant green of spring, the reds and golds of autumn, or under the pure white of winter. Of course we are enjoying the sports of the season as furnished by a bountiful nature. The boys of Lambda and their girl friends are enthusiastically indulging in ice-skating, sled-riding, skiing, and tobogganing.

On the evening of December 9 we held our annual Christmas party at the house. This year we presented a streamlined version of the "Mikado" under the title of the "My Gawd-Oh." Brothers Belluardo, Carr, Decker, Weber, and Pledge Deer ably collaborated to present this masterpiece. In

the cast we heard Brothers Decker, Grim, Seidel, Pledges Deer, McKenna, and Sowers, and House-Privileges Bob Williams singing their roles in the best of style. Several of the boys have been offered careers in opera by reason of their splendid performance, but they have refused them all—choosing instead to learn to keep in tune before venturing into a musical life. At the conclusion of the opera, we enjoyed cards, games, and in-



LAMBDA ALUMNI AT HOMECOMING

*Front row, left to right: Marion, Pritchard, Gilson, Bryan. Back row: Ferguson, Dietz, Sokol, Moyer.*

formal dancing until a late hour when a delicious luncheon, in the holiday theme, was served to climax the evening.

On Friday evening, December 15, the entire faculty and student body of Bethany College enjoyed their annual Christmas Party and banquet in Phillips Hall. The high mark of the evening was a play completely produced by the faculty of the college. To say the least, it was very funny, and the students had the privilege of seeing their professors placed in ridiculous positions.

The most important event of the Christmas vacation was the marriage of our president, Randy Cutlip, to Miss Agnes O'Masta, which was held at the home church of the bride (St. Paul's Episcopal) in Farrel, Pennsylvania on Saturday evening, December 16. Brother Frank Belluardo acted as best man for the groom. Seven brothers and four pledges attended the wedding ceremonies, and participated in the festivities of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Cutlip spent their honeymoon in Sharon, Pennsylvania and Charlotte, North Carolina. After his graduation in June, President and Mrs. Cutlip intend to make their future home in Charlotte.

We all returned to Bethany on January 2 prepared to do or die for the remaining three weeks of the semester. However on Saturday, the 13th, we took time out to have an informal party at the Chapter House. Brothers Carr and Siemon served as the committee for the evening. Informal

dancing, games, and a late luncheon were the main attractions of the evening.

Basketball has taken over the athletic spotlight at Bethany for the winter season. Lambda, as usual, has its team in the interfraternity league. Brothers Belluardo, Decker, Siemon, Weber, Pledges Committee, Deer, McKenna, Morris, and Otto are out there fighting. Few games as yet have been played, but the season will be in full swing after semester examinations.

A new addition to our chapter room has been the placing of three new trophies on our mantel. These were placed there in honor of our having won first places in boxing, cross-country, and swimming last year.

With only a week remaining in this semester, at the time of writing, the brothers and pledges of Lambda are sweating over their books. The time of trial and tribulation is at hand! If only we had studied before!

Best of wishes to all of our brothers everywhere.

PAUL W. DEAFENBAUGH

#### ALUMNI NOTES

Announcement has just been made of the birth of a baby girl to Brother and Mrs. George Ferguson at the Wheeling Hospital (West Virginia) on January 11. The baby has been named Joyce Adele Ferguson. Brother Ferguson is a past-president of Lambda chapter and a graduate of Bethany College in the class of 1934. Mrs. Ferguson was the former Ferne Wilson and a graduate of Bethany in 1934. The Fergusons make their home in Conemaugh, Pennsylvania.

On December 27, during the past Christmas holidays a group of the active and alumni brothers of Lambda chapter, Bethany College, held a reunion at the McIlroy home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. No formal entertainment was planned, but a general reminiscing of college days was enjoyed throughout the afternoon and evening. Those present included Brothers: Michael Bovan '38, Max Carr '42, Wellman Dietz '36, Herbert Grosick '38, Walter Hardesty '38, Albert Kuti '38, Donald McIlroy '38, William McIlroy '35, James Miller '38, Barton Murray '38, Ralph Nestman '37, Charles Phillips '38, Craig Sipe '37, Edward Sparks '39, and John Weber '42.

#### Mu—Marshall

*Initiated:* Ralph Dye '41, James Chilton Bobbitt '40, Val Stanley Griffiths '42, Oran Dale Mills '41, Andrew Joseph Kantor '42, Russell Hatfield Varney '43.

In the very midst of the mid-season examinations at Marshall College this letter to THE ALPHA is being forwarded to the editor of that greatly prized magazine.

Mu chapter has planned to begin the second semester with a great big splash in the social pool. Under the direction of our social activities committee Brothers Simmett, Evans and Griffith, an informal and a formal dance will be enthusiastically entered into by the entire chapter membership.

News trickles in from the wilds of Mingo county that the alumni in that part of the state are busily engaged in organizing another alumni chapter, the name of which association has not as yet been decided on. Mu is always pleased to note the interest so prevalent among the alumni of this chapter. It means much for Alpha Kappa Pi everywhere.

Two more brothers will make their home within the walls of the chapter house for the rest of the college year. Brothers Sinnett and Belcher will call the chapter house home.

Since the last issue of THE ALPHA, Mu chapter has lost a most active brother. Harry Nenni has forsaken his search for academic lore to accept a very lucrative business offer. The departure of Brother Nenni left the office of secretary open and Brother Hutchinson was named to fill that important post.

Mu has long recognized the fact that a chapter paper was necessary to hold closer contacts between the alumni and collegiate brothers. With this thought in mind, Brothers Hutchinson, Barnett and Belcher were named editors and assigned the task of editing a publication which is to be known as the *Mu Star*. Already one edition has appeared with another scheduled for appearance during the month of February.

In the field of intramural sports Mu is the choice for capturing the fraternity league trophy in basketball. As yet we have not lost a game and naturally are in full possession of first place. Outstanding on the team is Brother Douglass who set a new scoring record on this campus with twenty-five points in one game. The team is made up of Brothers Thompson (captain), Napier (coach), Barnett, Griffith, Douglass, Peery, Nestor and Tauney. The only game that Mu has lost was to the Marshall College freshman five. In intramural bowling Mu presents a team that averages above the 150 marker. As yet the team has not lost a game. The Mu basketball team has been challenged by those Gilbert County "Hill Billies," an independent team led by alumnus Brother Stinson. The game is to be played on February 23, and are we going to tame those "Hill Billies"? You bet!

Mu has one entry on the college Golden Glove team—Pledge Bus Tauney, a lightweight, who has shown much promise.

Brother Mills participated in the college radio series recently. He is, as may be known already, the leader of the popular "Mountain Music" band on this campus.

Graduation, this semester, transferred Brother Ray Clark to the ranks of the alumni. It is with

sincere regret that we see this outstanding campus leader leave us. He was a sociology major and plans to enter welfare work, and is a junior member of the organized reserve corps.

At the most recent pledge meeting the following officers were chosen: President, Kenna Pridemore; vice-president, Roy Nester; secretary, Frank Quilla; treasurer, Ed. Atkins.

Mu is enjoying a splendid year of Alpha Kappa Pi achievement and so we say so long until the next time.

RALPH BELCHER

## Nu—Lehigh

*Pledged:* Leonaard H. Miller '42, East Orange, New Jersey.

At Lehigh, as at most colleges about this time of year, exams are in progress. The effect that these necessary evils have upon the youthful spirit is legend. However, we'll try to rise above the prevailing gloomy atmosphere and knock off a cheery word or two.

Though one month of 1940 has already nearly passed, we wish to take this as our first opportunity to wish every Alpha Kappa Pi chapter and member a full and enjoyable year.

The biggest event since our last letter was Alumni Homecoming which took place at Lehigh November 25, concurrently with the Lafayette football game. The week-end might be summed up by saying that the homecoming was as successful as the grid classic was not. The Alpha Kappa Pi alumni returned to the chapter house in numbers sufficient to give many a brother and pledge a fine opportunity to sleep in places other than his customary bed. Yet the possible discomforts were more than offset by the friendly fellowship of the returning graduates.

Nu's social life has not by any means been neglected. In the middle of December we held a dance and party which followed the Mustard and Cheese Society's production of "Dead End." You may be assured that the conduct of the party was much superior to that of the "Dead End" kids. Then, December 19 was the date of our annual Christmas Party when each and every brother gets his presents. By tradition these presents must be accompanied by a poem, the significance of which, as well as the gift, has to do with the recipient's more humorous characteristics or previous missteps. Well, as always, an enjoyably embarrassing time was had by all.

Dick Shepherd and Howard Donohoe are trying to equal or better the debating record of Brothers Benedict and Breidenbach who last year won the intramural debating tournament. Dick and Howard successfully argued their way through the first round and are raring for a chance at their next victims.

In the athletic world, Nu is holding its own.

Joe Ambrogi and "Whiffer" White got their letters for playing right and left ends respectively on the Brown and White team last fall. As both Joe and "Whiffer" are only sophomores this year, it is expected that they will blaze a notable trail before their college careers are up. In the swimming pool John Hood is splashing his way with the varsity via the backstroke and medley events. This year John is trying to make up for the time he lost because of an appendectomy.

Harry Boyer, who last year was named Lehigh's outstanding freshman wrestler, has secured his place on the varsity squad in the 136 pound division. In the first meet of the year against Kansas State (the Big Six champions) Harry won a decision, and, incidentally, Lehigh won the meet. He's planning on a fall for the Yale meet next week. Dunc' Randall is a member of the freshman basketball team and Dick Hopkins is one of the managers of the same sport.

Charles Myers has become president of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, for which he had previously served as vice-president. This organization is now sponsoring a finger-printing campaign at Lehigh in co-operation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. So Brother Myers has his hands full.

Well, brothers, that is about all of the important news for the present. And as this is still exam week—it's back to the books.

ROBERT D. MARSDEN

### *Xi—North Carolina State*

*Initiated:* Alexander Anthony Novitskie '42, Theodore Edward Gerber '40.

The Xi chapter, North Carolina State, is experiencing a very successful college year. The chapter returned to the campus strong in numbers and enthusiasm. These men set to work and added a number of outstanding pledges who one day will be brothers in the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. We are proud of these newcomers among us.

New strength from an old source came to Xi chapter when Brother Carter Williams, at one time chief of this province, returned to his alma mater as an instructor in the architectural department of the college. Brother and Mrs. Williams had spent two years at the University of Illinois, and are happy to get back in their native home state. At a recent chapter formal we were pleased to have Brother and Mrs. Williams with us. Carter also attended our first initiation of the year.

It has happened! After years of planning and thinking how to do it the down stairs or first floor rooms of the chapter house have been entirely refurbished. New drapes and good quality leather covered furniture has made these rooms most attractive. Xi is proud to show their home to all friends and visitors.

Word has come to us that a little daughter has come to the home of Brother and Mrs. Henry Saunders, at their New Jersey home. Xi chapter sends sincere best wishes to the entire family.

Alpha Kappa Pis going and coming from the North to the South or in reverse will find a cordial welcome at 6 Ferndell Lane, Raleigh, where Xi chapter is doing its best to add honor and prestige to the national fraternity.

J. N. BARKDOLL

### *Omicron—Penn State*

*Pledged:* Warren G. Manley, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Warren H. Raab, Dallastown, Pennsylvania; Herman E. Staub, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania.

*Initiated:* William C. Ritzel, Minersville, Pennsylvania.

From Old Penn State, Jack Frost and Omicron say a cheery "hello" to all Alpha Kappa Pis everywhere. Ol' man winter is favoring us with plenty of snow and cold weather for our skating and skiing, so mufflers and fur-lined gloves are the order of the day.

Quite a few events have occurred here at Omicron since we last wrote our little bit for THE ALPHA, so let's go back to late November and pick it up from there.

Thanksgiving furnished Penn State with one of the biggest week-ends in years, for did not Thanksgiving, Soph Hop, and the annual Pitt-Penn State football battle follow each other in rapid fire order? After stuffing themselves on Thursday, the boys donned their "stuffed shirts" on Friday night and escorted their favorite gals to Soph Hop, where Hal Kemp and his great band held sway. On Saturday afternoon everyone made their way to New Beaver Field where a powerful Penn State Nittany Lion football team clawed its way to an impressive 10-0 victory over the Pitt Panther. Alpha Kappa Pi celebrated the victory that night with a victrola dance. The house was beautifully decorated with the colors of Pitt and Penn State, and numerous balloons hung from the ceiling added to the party "air." During the dance the news arrived that the president of the college had declared a holiday the following Monday in honor of the victory over Pitt! So, on Tuesday morning everyone returned to classes after a week-end unrivaled in Penn State's history.

On December 18, 1939, Omicron held its annual Christmas Banquet, a formal affair. At this time more than forty actives, pledges and alumni gathered around the festive board for several hours of delightful fellowship. After the meal, Alumni Brothers Kissinger, Dengler and Wyand each gave a short talk. Brother Wunderlich, our prexy, presented Joseph Craddock '42 with a cup and a key, emblematic of the freshman who last year had the

highest scholastic average in the house. This cup and key will be presented each year from now on. During the banquet the cook and the maid presented the house with a pair of quilted card table covers.

From all reports, everyone had a good time over Christmas vacation, and when we returned on January 3 we discovered there were only three weeks left before final exams, so the boys have really been hitting the books. Meanwhile, Brother Dave Morgan has been named one of the co-chairmen for Senior Ball, to be held late in February. Dave announces that Jan Savitt and his Tophatters have been signed for the dance, and since we've heard several records made by the latter, we'll say—bring 'em on Dave!

Brother John Dornsife was elected to Kappa Phi Kappa, the National Education fraternity. Congratulations, John! Pledge Warren Raab is going places on the swimming team. He swims free-style and anchors the relay team besides doing his best in the hundred. Pledge Boyer has just completed a road trip with the Penn State Thespians, presenting "Swing Pinafore." Brother Dave Morgan is stage manager of this active group. Yours Truly was lucky enough to be elected to The Druids, an honorary sophomore society.

A minor revolt resulted recently when Pledge Russ Bear questioned the standing of the Penn State Engineering School in comparison with the engineering school of another well known Pennsylvania university (we can't mention the name because of the Alpha Kappa Pi chapter there!). Pledge Bear was fully chastised with the name of the school in question written on his chest with iodine, to say nothing of other trademarks. Exhibit "A" was proudly displayed as a warning to all other upstarts.

Omicron hopes that every chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi will have a great year, and we send our best wishes particularly to Kappa chapter at M.I.T., for the great effort they are making for Alpha Kappa Pi at that place. That's all for now. We'll see you later.

R. MILTON ERWIN

### *Sigma—Illinois*

*Initiated:* John McDowell White '40, William Elifus Fosnaugh '40.

Since the last letter to THE ALPHA this chapter has had the honor of initiating two outstanding men on the Illinois campus. Their names appear above this article and both brothers call Monticello, Illinois, home. We are now in the process of training our several pledges to receive the ritual some time during the second semester.

The call of THE ALPHA editor for this letter came while we were undergoing the usual mid-year examinations and so it is rather difficult to

get the mind away from these university demands to tell about the ways and doings of the Sigma chapter. However plans are already made for several successful parties as soon as these examinations are over and Sigma, and our friends, will be back in the usual swing of things.

All the brothers came back from their Christmas vacation in high spirit and the chapter is really doing a fine piece of work for the fraternity here at Illinois. In this spirit we send our greetings and wish for all the chapters a most successful and enjoyable second semester.

EARL W. MATHEWS

### *Tau—Tufts*

Our winter social season was started in grand style by the Annual Winter Formal held this year in Hotel Kenmore, Boston. Over fifty couples enjoyed the smooth rhythm of Bob Henry and his orchestra. Four delegates from Kappa chapter at M.I.T. were our special guests along with four couples from the faculty and alumni who acted as chaperons. These chaperons were entertained (?) most of the evening by Dave Smith and his latest magic tricks. The dance was planned by the entertainment committee: Buzz Haas, Parker Bartlett, and Dave Smith.

In the realm of sports we had only one man who played consistently on the varsity football team this year—Pledge Art Harrison who substituted for Captain Griffith and did the signal calling, kicking, and passing for the team when he was in there. Charlie Ciaffone also won his numerals in football and subbed in the line.

We have several shining lights in winter sports. Brightest of all is Captain Charlie Tibbs of the great Tufts basketball team. At this writing the team has won eight and lost two with Tibbs at center averaging nearly twenty points each game with a high of 24 in the M.I.T. game and a low of about 16 or 17. We have yet to see a player with a better one hand shot than Tibbs.

In track we have indoor-captain Lauris Grant on the high jump and running broad and outdoor-captain Dave Pollard in the shot put and high jump. We expect these two boys to pile up plenty of points for Tufts in our track meets this year.

President Brad Lawrence was all set for a berth on the varsity wrestling team but unfortunately broke a rib in a practice session the other day and will be forced to watch the grunt and groaners for the rest of the season. Lew Loring has filled in, however, and is sure of a starting place in his weight class. Ed Cleary is out for the heavy class crown in frosh wrestling.

In intramural sports in the interfraternity league, Tau is well on top in the bowling league with several of the brothers rolling a mean average. The basketball team has just started rolling with Buzz

Haas, Art Sundermann, Johnnie McNaught, Larry Snow, Ed. Quinn, Lew Loring, and Laurie Grant doing their best to help the team win.

The squash team is sure of a few points this year with Coach Dave Pollard of the varsity team putting the boys through their paces. He has Perry Cumming, Buzz Haas, Ed. Plumley, Bill Mann, Johnnie Bielecki, and Bill Harrison swinging the racquets at the little black ball.

We have been experiencing an unequalled period of cold, zero weather and can be truly grateful (?) for the Heat-your-House-with-Haas system used at Tau for the last two years. But it is still plenty cold outside for the autos, and various schemes have been started. Harry has a brand new gasoline heater in his coupe while Bielecki has a kerosene lamp in his LaSalle to keep his "boat" from catching cold.

Poor Dave Smith's car tried to push a street car that was stuck. The street car remained stuck and now poor Dave's Buick is stuck in the back yard.

The favorite pastime of some of the boys around the house is a certain brand of cards just at present, but with mid-years just around the corner, the boys are sure to hit the books for a change.

As this goes to press, we are still wondering where the wandering Blossom is tonight.

FREDERICK DICKERMAN

### *Phi—St. Johns*

Phi chapter has nothing of real change to report from this campus other than that since inter-collegiate athletics are no longer in vogue here we have no athletes to headline. Brother Charles Forbes is one of the most prominent men on the campus, and we might add also, one of the busiest. The writer of this brief letter to THE ALPHA is trying to uphold the ways of the fraternity in the junior class while our upper class pledges are all busy in one way or another and upholding the chapter ideals in every fine way. We are living in hopes that there will be something of importance for Phi to report for the March issue of THE ALPHA. Until then our best wishes.

FRANCIS WILLIAMS

### *Chi—Wake Forest*

Many noteworthy things have taken place down here at Wake Forest since THE ALPHA last came out. First of all, the football team. Wake Forest did all right by itself this year. The final checkup showed that the Demon Deacons won seven while losing three—Clemson, Duke and North Carolina. We wish to take this opportunity to commiserate our poor brethren at North Carolina State, whom Wake Forest defeated by the score of 32-0. Consolations are also in order to Mu chapter at

Marshall. That game was pretty close, but the Deacs nosed them out, 14-13.

We regret to report that Chi was not represented on the gridiron this year. However, Pledge Ev Berger starred in the Frosh backfield. The freshman team won the state championship. At the present time Pledge Berger is the outstanding freshman basketball prospect.

Just before Christmas vacation, Chi held a party for the members and pledges. President "Tedum" Darling had a date from Raleigh. He spent the following week in the infirmary. There must be some connection. At any rate, a good time was had by all.

Brother Kuhlthau had a nightmare several weeks ago and fell out of a third-decker bed. The floor was badly shaken when his 215 pound frame connected with it. It is thought that a certain red-headed terror up at N.J.C. in New Brunswick, New Jersey, had something to do with the alleged Nazi spy's actions. We suggest that our brothers up at Rho chapter at Rutgers investigate the matter. At the present time Brother Kuhlthau is doing yeoman service in the capacity of Towel-Thrower-Outer for the varsity basketball team. When he is not engaged in this pastime, he may be found somewhere in town chasing a local high school girl.

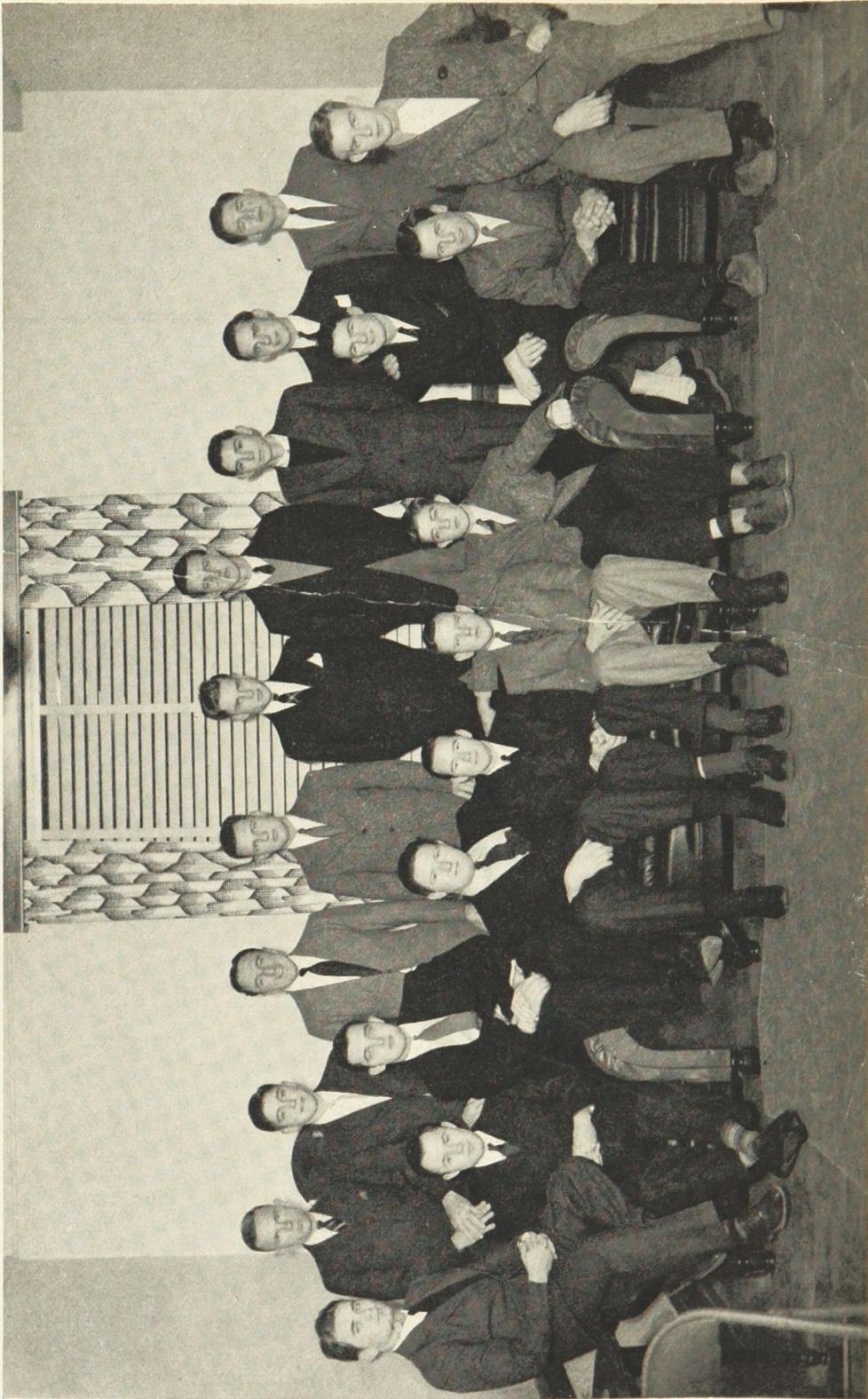
Two members of Chi distinguished themselves nobly for Alpha Kappa Pi. Brothers Moore and Miller became charter members in Wake Forest's newest Onery fraternity, the "Bluebeards." To become a member one must be able to grow a half inch beard in seven days. The Bluebeards are expected to petition the House of David for membership soon.

Dr. Sherwood Githens, faculty advisor, and his wife gave a bridge party recently for the members. This is the first time a party of this sort has been attempted, and it proved very successful. Past President Stallings won the booby prize.

The Panhellenic Council announces that the Mid-Winters will be held on February 16-17, in Durham. The fraternity men will swing out to the strains of Al Donohue, and his "Low down rhythm in a top hat." Most of the members and pledges expect to have dates, even including Brother Wodehouse.

The present time finds Wake Forest in the midst of semester finals. Boy! They are tough. There probably will be a big time celebration here at the end of this week, when exams end. If any of the pledges pass, we'll be in good shape.

Chi also announces the pledging of Frank Kinchelloe, president of the Freshman class. In a recent meeting, Pledge Brother Kinchelloe gave a talk on table etiquette. This was followed by a very interesting discussion. It was finally decided that when eating meat, one should "gig" the meat rather than "shoveling" it. Dr. Githens advanced



CHI CHAPTER AT WAKE FOREST

Seated: White, Harrell, Stallings, Euliss, Darling, Lumpkin, Bridger, Cross, McClelland, Kinchelloe. Standing: Rogers, Ward, Berger, Miller, Peterson, Durban, Daniel, Schwartz, Baker.

the opinion that if one was in doubt about whether to shovel soup towards one or away from one, he should merely put the spoon in the soup and wiggle.

Chi Chapter was well represented in the band this year. Among those in it were: Brothers White, Ward, Bridger, Wodehouse, Cross and Moore (The last two named carried the base drum), and Pledge Brother Daniel. Brother Marshall Durham had his 6 feet 4 inches of legs attired in a very beautiful drum major's uniform. He performed in a manner very beautiful to see.

We are very happy to announce that Brother Tyler, who graduated last year, will be with us second semester. He has been working since the close of school last May, and is now ready to do some post graduate work.

That about takes care of the news here in the heart of Dixie. We extend our best wishes to all of our brothers with the hope that they will have a most happy and prosperous New Year.

GLENN H. MILLER

### *Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan*

*Pledged:* Joseph M. Bailey, '41, Buckhannon, West Virginia; William D. Barrick '43, Sistersville, West Virginia; Fred Broadwater, '43, Parkersburg, West Virginia; John D. Burke, '43, Malden, West Virginia; Leroy Canfield, '43, Buckhannon; H. Doyle Davidson, '43, Kanawha Head, West Virginia; Richard H. Dias, '43, Irwin, Pennsylvania; Franklin C. Ellis, '43, Buckhannon; Frank J. Feola, '43, Buckhannon; Paul Glod, '43, Denbo, Pennsylvania; Claude C. Hickel, '43, South Charleston, West Virginia; Mason S. Hicks, '43, Buckhannon; J. D. Hinkle, Jr., '43, Buckhannon; John W. Hinzman, '43, Buckhannon; O. Olin Hughes, '43, Ravenswood, West Virginia; Gay R. Hyre, '43, Buckhannon; Kenneth R. Knox, '43, Huntington, West Virginia; Vincent Legg, Jr., '41, Charleston, West Virginia; Pery C. Lewis, '43, Buckhannon; Dave J. Marker, '43, Bridgeport, Ohio; John D. Martin, '43, Enterprise, West Virginia; Roy L. McQuiston, '43, Irwin, Pennsylvania; Bill Morrison, '43, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Naaman Lee Myers, '43, Belington, West Virginia; Enoch J. Post, '43, West Milford, West Virginia; Harry E. Robinson, '43, Kingwood, West Virginia; V. Eugene Tenney, '43, Buckhannon; Ralph E. Travis, '43, Buckhannon; Creed C. Ward, '43, Peel Tree, West Virginia.

Prepping season is off to full swing at Psi as you may have guessed already by list of pledges whose names grace this page and whose faces appear daily at the chapter house. Just let your "peepers" run down the line and you'll find twenty-seven freshmen and three upperclassmen on the roll, and if you don't believe we have thirty good pledges, drop in on us for a visit!

"The cream of the crop!" is the cry all the Greeks make after rushing, but in Psi's case the truth of this statement is no secret around and about Wesleyan's campus. To exemplify (and we're only too glad to) Pledge "Pug" Lewis is the freshman representative on the Student Council (which, incidentally, gives Psi four men on the Council of ten), and "Rally" Canfield was recently elected director of freshman intramurals for men to put Alpha Kappa Pi in complete control.

The Bobcat varsity football team claimed a number of our pledges as Psi continues to be the choice of campus athletic heroes and sports enthusiasts. Pledges Barrick, Broadwater, Burke, Glod, Marker, Morrison and Robinson were members of the varsity football squad. "Mo" Burke played in quite a number of games and is a potential triple threat with his southpaw passing, his left-footed kicking, and his swivel-hip movement. Little "Mickey" Glod, the Vesta 6 mine boy from the hard coal state, a mite of a mite of a halfback, is the fastest man on the team and he has a bullet pass. He displayed a fine brand of ball against L. I. U. and Marshall, and shows much promise. Marker, playing quarterback, blocks like a bear and is a vicious tackler. He is varsity timber, as is Bill Morrison, center for Parkersburg high, last year's state champs, rates reserve center on the Bobcat eleven. "Porky" Robinson is a center, "Long John" Broadwater (size 12's) is the 6 foot 6 inch end, while Barrick ineligible this year, will be ready for action next year. Pledges "Rally" Canfield, "Ezra" Hyre and "Hank" Ellis served as freshmen managers of the team.

The varsity basketball team at Wesleyan finds Psi chapter as well represented as ever before with Brother "Sambo" Gwosden, center, Pledges Eddie Kosko, guard, and "Hank" Ellis, forward on the starting five. Pledges "Frankie" Feola, Mickey Glod, and Brother "Sugar" Cain seeing plenty of action in games to date. Brother Jack Moore, regular guard last year, has been shelved indefinitely, due to torn cartilages in his knee, while Pledge "Sawbuck" Tenney is out pending an operation.

At the present writing, Psi's winter formal, to be held at the Masonic Temple in nearby Weston, holds the limelight, the spotlight, and candlelight, too, of Wesleyan's social program. The swing session is scheduled for January 20 with Rudy Bundy (of sizzling clarinet fame) and his nationally known dance band primed for an evening of top-notch entertainment. Brothers "Cotton Top" Kiddy, "Muscles" Lohan, and George Snyder (our prodigal son come home from Florida) of the social committee are to be patted on the back for successful arrangements.

We're sorry to report that Brother James "Big Look" Campbell of football fame, has dropped out of school and returned to his Fayette county home. This reduces the active roll to twenty-five, leaving

vacant the office of sentinel. Brother "Coca Cola" Baughman was elected to fill the position. Brother Snyder is serving as prepmaster, aided by Dobbins and McKown in the rôle of work chairman and assistant. Brother "Dugie" Tatum has been exerting his energies in the rôle of official photographer of Psi chapter.

The first social event honoring the new pledges of Alpha Kappa Pi following the highly successful informal smoker of November 14 was the barn dance held on December 2 with the active brothers doing their best to get the new boys into the swing of things. While we're on the dance topic, thanks to the brothers of Mu chapter for a swell dance on the eve of our Thanksgiving Day drubbing at the hands of the Marshall Thundering Herd.

Rain poured down to dampen Wesleyan's Homecoming Day round of festivities, but Psi chapter upheld the fraternity honor by winning the cup for second honors for best decorated house and best decorated float in the parade, winding up behind the Kappa Alphas on both occasions. Brother Tatum headed the committee on general homecoming arrangements. Brothers we were glad to welcome back at homecoming were Edmundson '34; Champman '33; Arnett '39; Herndon '39 and Mackey '39. Brother Charles Dixon '40, transferred to U. of Louisville School of Medicine, returned during Christmas vacation to spend a few days with us.

Brothers Moyer and Tennant, both members of Psi chapter's graduating class last spring, are now holding down positions at Du Pont's Belle works. Incidentally, Brother Tennant very recently departed from the singular ways of life with Miss Virginia Smith of Clarksburg in a very lovely wedding. Congrats, Dave! PSIDELIGHTS—Brother Addison McKown was named quarterback on the all-West Virginia Conference eleven which appeared on New Year's Day. . . . Alumni Brother Kenny Moore '39, after a great season with the Jersey City Giants at guard, looks to be a sure shot to move up to the parent club, the New York Giants of the National pro-football league. . . . Collect your stogies from Brother Moore, fellows! The new addition bearing a great namesake, Terry Moore, of Cardinal fame, already has demonstrated athletic abilities and a great future is the unanimous prediction. . . . And Jack LaBay '38, didn't do so bad last year with the Columbus Bulls, either. . . . Intramurally speaking, almost all the brotherhood has been taking an active part. . . . Brothers Baughman and Kiddy made the all-star intramural football team. . . . Psi chapter plans an independent team for the season now in progress. . . . A wealth of material is on hand. . . . Chapter strength 25 active brothers, 13 active pledges, 30 preps. . . . And Alpha Kappa Pi leads all fraternities and sororities in number of members

in the senior class. . . . Brother Jim Cox, Psi's historian, recently received the much-coveted honor of being selected as one of the four Wesleyan sons to *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities*. . . . Brother Cox is President of the Student Council, manager of the varsity football team, sports editor of the college newspaper, *The Wesleyan Pharos*, and laboratory assistant in Physics. In addition, he has been top-ranking student in scholarship in his class for the past three years. . . . Brother Dobbins scored a hit in the annual Lyceum play presented on Bishop's Day, October 27, as the all-important Stage Manager in the Pulitzer Prize play "Our Town." . . . Pledge Stanley also appeared in the cast. . . . The squirrel and rabbit hunting brigade, headed by Brothers Walker, Snyder, and McKown supplied meat for the table on more than one occasion. Thanx. . . . A new furnace has been installed recently, which has helped to add considerably to the "hot times in the old house." . . . Prof. W. A. Hallam (just plain Bill to the brothers of Alpha Kappa Pi), head of the mathematics department at Wesleyan and faculty adviser for Psi chapter, dropped in on us and helped us devour a delicious Christmas turkey dinner on the even of the holiday season. . . . See you again in the March ALPHA! So long!

JAMES COX

### Alpha Alpha—Hartwick

*Initiated:* Richard Davis '42, Elsmere, New York; Jerol Kent '42, Conewango, New York; Murray Mayes '42, Fleishmann, New York; Frank Shutts '41, Oneonta, New York.

*Pledged:* Alan Barber '41, Schuyler Lake, New York; Charles Deitz, '42, Hollis, Long Island; Guenther Kolb, '42, Hollis, Long Island; Carl Mousin, '40, Saratoga Springs, New York; Howard Wilson, '42, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Alpha Alpha chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi led all other fraternities in the fall pledging at Hartwick College. Eight splendid fellows wore the green and white for the first time at the close of pledge day. In this list of pledges we have a versatile group of enthusiastic gentlemen. They are active in the band, choir, dramatics, debates, athletics and publications. Let us present them to the fraternity at large:

Alan Barber, a Counselor at Freshman Camp, member of the Langmuir Chemical Society, an "A" student and carried as a guard on the basketball team.

Charles Deitz, brother of the first president of the Alpha Alpha chapter, Reginald Deitz, now an instructor at the Gettysburg Seminary, member of A Cappella Choir, band, and debate team. He is also another straight "A" student.

Guenther Kolb, member of the choir and dramatic club was also a Camp Counselor. He is

another Long Islander and hails from the same town as Pledge Deitz.

Carl Mousin, senior majoring in business science, is giving a great deal of his spare time practice teaching in the Oneonta High School.

Howard Wilson, active in all intra-mural sports, plays forward on the fraternity basketball team, and was a member of the fraternity football team and a tower of strength.

Richard Davis, transfer from Purdue University, Indiana, is a business major. He is already one of our best chapter workers and we are proud to have him with us as a brother.

Murray Mayes, member of the chemical society, biology club, has been initiated as an active chapter brother.

Frank Shutts, member of *The Oyaron* yearbook staff, Glimmerglass Literary magazine, and the chemical society.

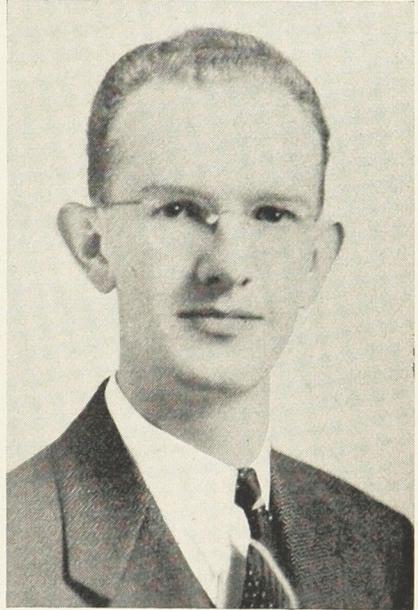
On the evening of December 9, 1939, the All-Greek Dance was held at the spacious Elk's Club, Oneonta. Alpha Alpha had the best fraternity representation at this highly rated formal. Among the alumni returning for this annual affair were two past presidents of the chapter: Phil Frisbee and Wes Tennant; and Ed Carroll. The banner of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity held a most conspicuous place immediately above the orchestra. Jan Cambell and his boys were the most pleasing musicians. Jan is a great favorite in this section of the collegiate world, and played the night preceding his appearance at Hartwick, at Russell Sage College, Troy, New York.

We have re-pledged Ray MacMillan, now a sophomore, and one of the outstanding athletes on this campus. He will be long remembered for his great playing in the games with Juniata College, Drexel, Hobart and Middlebury. At the present time he is a member of the college basketball team and giving a most commendable account of himself. In the spring he will be out for baseball and where he is just as proficient as in football and basketball. A fine student, a great fraternity worker, a stellar athlete, and a credit to our chapter and fraternity in all ways.

Alpha Alpha has placed "its lightning five" on the floor again in the interfraternity games and has great hopes of repeating last year's victories and winning the championship. This team is composed of Captain "Norm" Burton, "Prexie" Fisher, "Herb" Beardsley, "Howie" Wilson and "Al" Barber. Strong substitutions are ever present in "Igor" Redington, Frank Shutts, and "Gunner" Kolb. "Norm" and "Prexie" are the spark plugs in scoring. Thus far we have won three and lost one game, while Brother Burton is the League's scorer with 58 points in the four games played.

December 16, a stag party was held at the chapter house with several freshmen as guests. Freshmen cannot be pledged until later in the college year.

Hartwick and Clarkson Tech. played a game of basketball preceding this party and since Hartwick won every one was in fine spirit, and a lively evening was passed in singing college and fraternity songs. Ping-pong, chess, cards, and refreshments made an evening long to be remembered.



WILLIAM FISCHER, *Alpha Alpha '40*  
*President of Alpha Alpha Chapter*

Just before the Christmas holidays, in the evening before that event, found every brother and pledge gathered at the chapter house for a delicious dinner prepared by Brothers Whitney and Beecher. Dr. Le Roy Weller was with us. After the feasting the social room was the scene of a happy gathering. Here a tree, decorated with gifts, brought back the memories of the dear old childhood. Brother Orrin Hopkins, since Oneonta was not on Santa's main route, distributed the gifts. It was a most enjoyable time for all of us.

Some sixty persons gathered at the chapter house, January 13, 1940, for the annual poverty party. This party was given by the newly initiated brothers and pledges and was our first stepping out socially in the New Year 1940. The chaperons were Dr. Le Roy Weller, and Mrs. Weller; the Reverend Frank Gollnick, *Beta*, and Mrs. Gollnick.

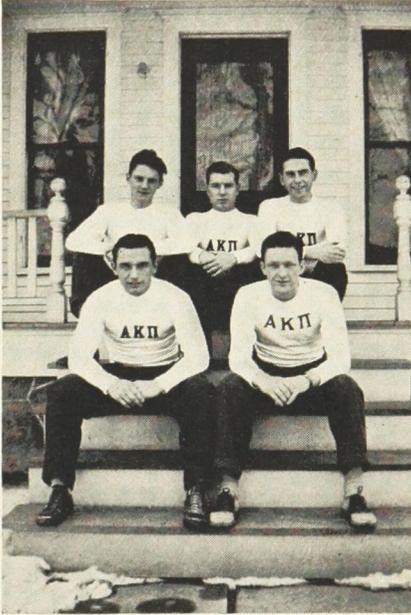
Let us take this opportunity to send best wishes to Brother Rea Stanhouse, a charter member of the Alpha Alpha, and who is now president of Kappa chapter, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and to all the other chapters in our highly esteemed and loved fraternity.

WILSON WORMAN

### Alpha Beta—Tri State

*Initiated:* James Downie, Cuba, New York; Donald Conrard, Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Pledged:* Carl Cunningham, London, Ontario; Stanley Bellows, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Duncan Black, London, Ontario; Mirto Corte, Kimball, West Virginia; Arthur Brown, Toronto, Canada; Harold Barber, Seaford, New York; Samuel



ALPHA BETA'S BOWLING TEAM POSES FOR A PICTURE

Reeder, North East, Maryland; Douglas Moore, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; Dan Wertz, Huntington Woods, Michigan.

A new term, a new set of objectives, and a new group of pledges starts Alpha Beta off to a promising 1940. We know that our chapter will continue to do as she has in the past, that is to continue the climb up the ladder, and to uphold the prestige and traditions of our fraternity.

We started the holiday season off with a banquet at the Hotel Indiana in Ft. Wayne for our departing Graduates. They were Roscoe Erbe, Tom Roscoe, Jack Remington and George Smith. The dinner and speeches were fine but the entertainment afterwards was the high mark of the evening.

Returning to school this term we went into rush week with lots of drive. The result was the above mentioned pledges. A pledge banquet was held January 12 at the Hotel Hendry with 52 alumni, guests and brothers attending. Brother Buckley our Rush Chairman acted as toastmaster. The pledges are now well under way with Brother

Dague guiding their respective destinies. It is the policy of Alpha Beta to give her pledges constructive guidance and curtail the strong-arm stuff. This plan has been highly successful in the past.

The term promises to be a very exciting and entertaining one, as our schedule of social functions and interfraternity sports is well jammed. Swiftly approaching is the interfraternity sweated dance closely followed by our own formal pledge dance and then the interfraternity dance plus at least one other party at the house. We are planning regular Saturday night "vic" dances for all during the term. This was brought about by the purchase of a new phono-radio combination recently.

The passing weeks have seen as usual various improvements around our home. The latest effort is enlarging one of our dining rooms by taking out a partition and making it large enough to seat all the members in one room for meals. We feel this is going to be a decided improvement. Now that we are finally in a house of our own there is no lack of interest and cooperation in adding



ALPHA BETA'S INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL TEAM WITH BROTHER GAMBER, VARSITY PLAYER, WHO IS COACH

to its worthiness and general upkeep. Every Saturday finds men with saws going, electricals doing a little additional wiring and pledges with mops and buckets.

Good luck in 1940 to all our chapters and any letters sent us will be gladly answered.

ROBERT SCOTT

## Alpha Gamma—Franklin and Marshall

*Initiated:* Benjamin Herr '40; William Herbert Pennington '40; George Henry Guyer, 2nd '40; Kenneth Morgan Kutz '40; Jay Charles Musser '40; Richard Minney Wiker '42; Richard Montgomery Hyde '42.

When I received the notice that the write-ups for THE ALPHA were due, Alpha Gamma was in the midst of Mid-Year Examinations, so this will have to be short and sweet.

On December 8, Alpha Gamma held its annual Winter Formal dance at the Stevens House in Lancaster; pledges, brothers, and several alumni with their "gals" danced to the music of Tal Lewis and his Orchestra from 10:00 to 2:00. On Saturday, December 9, we all went skating at a local roller skating rink; and in the evening we had an informal dance at the chapter house. We all look back on one of the most pleasant Winter Formal "week-ends" that we have experienced.

As for Interfraternity Athletics—Quote Brother Waltman, "Our basketball team is winning as many games as can be expected." (He is the Athletic Manager). The ping-pong team is doing very well, and has an excellent chance of winning the tournament. Although it isn't under athletics, we have a Bridge team that is active in Interfraternity competition, and is making a fine showing for itself.

We are proud to announce that in the near future, Alpha Gamma is going to initiate into the folds of Alpha Kappa Pi one of Lancaster's prominent doctors, Dr. Charles W. Bair, of Quarryville. At the same time we expect to initiate quite a few of our worthy pledge brothers.

This takes care of everything in a very small "nutshell." So now, with good luck to all, I'll go back to my "cramming."

WILLIAM J. MCCOY

## Alpha Delta—Toledo

*Initiated:* John C. Martin '42; John Hayden Blodgett '40; Ronald Henry Spalding '42; Frederick Doty Rothfuss '42.

Greetings from the windy shores of Lake Erie to all the brothers, in Alpha Kappa Pi, and no matter how widely scattered we may be. The brothers of the Alpha Delta chapter are just about recuperated from the happy vacation days of the Christmas and New Year's season, and are getting prepared to tackle the scourge of college life—mid-year examinations.

The pledge group is now fully organized and ready for business. Harry Childress is president; Dean Paul, vice-president; and Dick Carpenter is secretary. Pledgemaster Frank Restivo, has everything under fine control and we expect great things

from our newly pledged brothers to be.

This is an excellent time to make a few important announcements. Within the last few months three of our past chapter presidents: Clarence Palm, Burton MacRitchie and Ray Ahrberg have taken unto themselves life partners. Also alumnus Brother Tom Bretherton has also joined the fast growing group of benedicts, while Elroy Streit and Toby Herringshaw, alumni, have announced their engagements. The announcements were made at the Christmas Formal of the chapter. We extend the sincere congratulations of the chapter to all these worthy brothers.

The Christmas Formal held at the very exclusive Toledo Club was arranged by Brothers Eugene Zytikus, chairman, aided by Brothers Joe Nachman, Dick Herringshaw, and Lyle Nollenberger. After the examinations have been met and we hope conquered Alpha Delta chapter will open up the social life of the campus once more with a potluck held at the chapter house.

As all things must end, so must this letter, and so to all of you there from all of us here—so-long and good luck always.

RICHARD SHOEMAKER

## Alpha Epsilon—Cincinnati

*Pledged:* Kenneth Charles '42.

Our first bit of news is the resignation of our most excellent chapter president, George Shrive, who is a senior in mechanical engineering. He has been succeeded by our former vice-president, Joseph Baffa. The installation of Brother Baffa took place at our meeting on January 17, 1940.

Another news item is the announcement of the pledging of Kenneth Charles of the engineering college, class '42. Also to state that on February 25 there will be an initiation service to bring our pledged members into full membership in the Alpha Kappa Pi.

Our alumni, both the Alpha Kappa Pi brothers, and members of the old SDP society, have organized and are holding regular meetings the second Wednesday of each month. The Officers are: President, James Linton; First Vice-President, Cliff Weymiller; Second Vice-President, Norman Hurst; Secretary, Harry Hines and Treasurer, Ray Tilton. We extend to these alumni brothers our best wishes for an unbroken success. Alpha Epsilon chapter has felt handicapped at times for lack of such a body of learned and splendid men back of us.

Some of the social events toward which we are looking with much expectation are the interfraternity dance, the Alpha Kappa Pi alumni valentine party, and the skating party being arranged by the active chapter brothers. In the meantime we wish the best of good fortune to attend all our brothers in their endeavors.

RALPH SWARTZ

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