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Just a Minute—

▪ WE THINK most of you will be pleasantly surprised to learn that the Captain William L. Hawkins who commanded the first detachment of Marines to land on Guadalcanal is a brother Alpha Kappa Pi from Tau chapter. The account of his exploits reads like fiction.

▪ ALL CHAPTERS have been seriously hit by the call for war service. In most cases the alumni and Board of Governors have stepped in to assist in carrying on and to assure the continuity of the chapter. Barring an exceptional condition, all chapters should be able to preserve their identity even though only one or two men may be left. Pledging must continue even though the fraternity experience of the new brother may be short. All chapters should elect an alumnus as an assistant to the undergraduate officers so that the corporate functions of the chapter may continue if the undergraduate is abruptly called to arms. This is especially important in the case of the treasurer so that chapter funds may be properly handled. Call your Province chief or chapter counselor for advice in these matters if they have not already been attended to.

▪ GRATEFUL letters from the brothers in the service continue to pour in. We will continue to send them THE ALPHA as long as possible.

▪ THIS ISSUE contains only the new inductions and promotions of men in the service instead of the complete list as heretofore. This has been made necessary for conservation of space.

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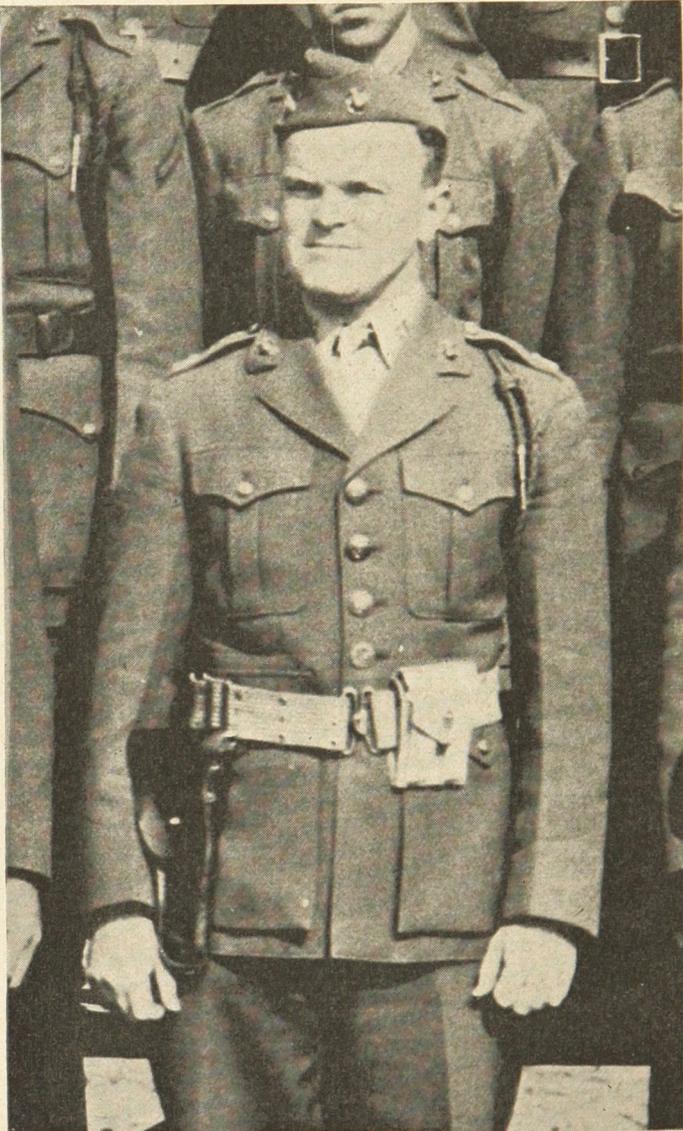
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CAPTAIN WILLIAM L. HAWKINS, U.S.M.C., *Tau '37*
First Marine to set foot on Guadalcanal



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Alpha Kappa Pi First to Land on Guadalcanal

Captain William L. Hawkins Leads Invading Marines

By Andrew M. Monahan, *Tau '44*

■ ON AUGUST 7, 1942, the Marines made their daring invasion of Guadalcanal which eventually eliminated Japanese rule in this, the largest of the Solomons. The first detachment of Marines to land was led by a young captain, William Hawkins. The complete story of his adventures as the first invader on the islands is told in Richard Tregaski's best-seller, *Guadalcanal Diary*.

"Friday, July 31. I heard the news that my roommate, Captain Hawkins, is to be one of the first Americans to land on Guadalcanal. He commands Co. B, which is taking the left half of the beach-head assigned to troops from our ship. I had discovered on Thursday, July 30 that my roommate, is a short, stocky, bull-necked man named Captain William Hawkins. He hails from Bridgeport, Connecticut, used to be a school teacher, and worries about a balding head. He is an amusing talker, speaks fast and well.

August 2. At 2:30 in the afternoon (Sunday) the leaders of the assault companies, Capt. Kaempfer of A Co., and Capt. Hawkins of B Co., met with their platoon leaders in the wardroom. For two hours they pored

over plans. And that they told me was only the beginning. Take days of mental drilling to get the facts of the planned operation down to the last buck private. In our cabin tonight Capt. Hawkins and I talked about the coming offensive. He said the men were ready. All over the ship, he said, he had seen them sharpening their bayonets, oiling their knives, cleaning and sighting along their rifles. And they do it without being told, he said, as if awed by the phenomenon.

August 4. We are still plodding toward our goal—Capts. Hawkins and Kaempfer, leaders of the assault companies, were in a huddle with their N.C.O.'s for three hours this afternoon.

August 5. In the cabin, I found Capt. Hawkins busily oiling his sub-machine gun and his cartridges.—I asked him how he felt in being one of the leaders in the assault wave. "I don't feel funny about it, I don't feel any more nervous than if I were being sent out to do a tough job in civilian life—you know, trying to sell a big order, when there's a lot of sales resistance." The captain had once sold groceries, wholesale, in Boston.

August 10. In the evening I went to a tent camp near the seashore, the camp of Capt. Hawkins—Capt. Hawkins told me his assault company, which with Capt. Kaempfer's troops had seized the beach-head on Guadalcanal, had encountered no resistance



HERO BILL HAWKINS AS A SENIOR AT TUFTS

the first day. Capt. Hawkins, I found had achieved the honor of being the first American invader to set foot on Guadalcanal. His boat had hit the shore first. Capt. Kaempfer's boat, the second to touch shore, had been about seventy-five yards behind. I decided to spend the night in Capt. Hawkins' tent.

August 17. Capt. Hawkins' troops will leave Kukum at 1:00 o'clock tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon. I asked him if I might accompany his outfit. "Sure," he said, "come right along."

August 18. "We may have some Japs in the bush," said Capt. Hawkins. Then there was more firing—I went over where Capt. Hawkins and Lieut. Walter S. McIlhenny were talking seriously about tomorrow's job.—Captain Hawkins sent a patrol out to the beach to see if there were any fires visible on Guadalcanal—so we went back to sleep, to the accompaniment of "grousing" about the

fact that we on Guadalcanal had not yet received any air support.

August 19. Lieut. McIlhenny "I believe we better query what happened. Go up and request permission from Capt. Hawkins to radio—the answer "not due yet." Order to move forward. Heavy rifle fire, however, still pinned down the movement of our group of marines under Captain Hawkins. And there were still machine guns ahead of us, firing intermittently.

August 20. Number of Japs killed on our expedition to Matanikau is about 100—the remainder were finished by Capt. Hawkins' company from the west."

William Lycett Hawkins, *Tau '37*, was well trained to lead the marines invading Guadalcanal. During his summer vacations while at Tufts he attended Platoon Leaders Class at the officers training school for the Marines at Quantico, Virginia, and upon his graduation in 1937 was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Marines. For a short time after his graduation he worked out of Boston for the Beech Nut Packing Company and the Libby-McNiell Company, and later joined the teaching staff of Milford Preparatory School. He continued his studies for a master's degree at the University of Virginia during the summers.

In February, 1941, he was called for active duty with the Marines and commissioned a First Lieutenant. A year later he was promoted to Captain, and in May, 1942, left New River, North Carolina, where he was then stationed, with the First Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, and in August led the first Marine landing on Guadalcanal. While on Guadalcanal he met his brother, Captain Robert O. Hawkins, USMC, *Tau '40*, who landed a short while later at another beachhead.

Brother Hawkins has been on two torpedoed ships since leaving Guadalcanal, but reports that he is still somewhere in the Pacific, well and happy, and states that he had a front seat at a great show.

We of Alpha Kappa Pi like to think of Brother Hawkins as one of the stars of that show.

Alpha Kappa Pi Enters University of Connecticut

Local Society Chartered as Alpha Nu Chapter

By William Marcuse, *Alpha Nu '45* and
P. J. Casanova, *Alpha Nu '44*

The University of Connecticut

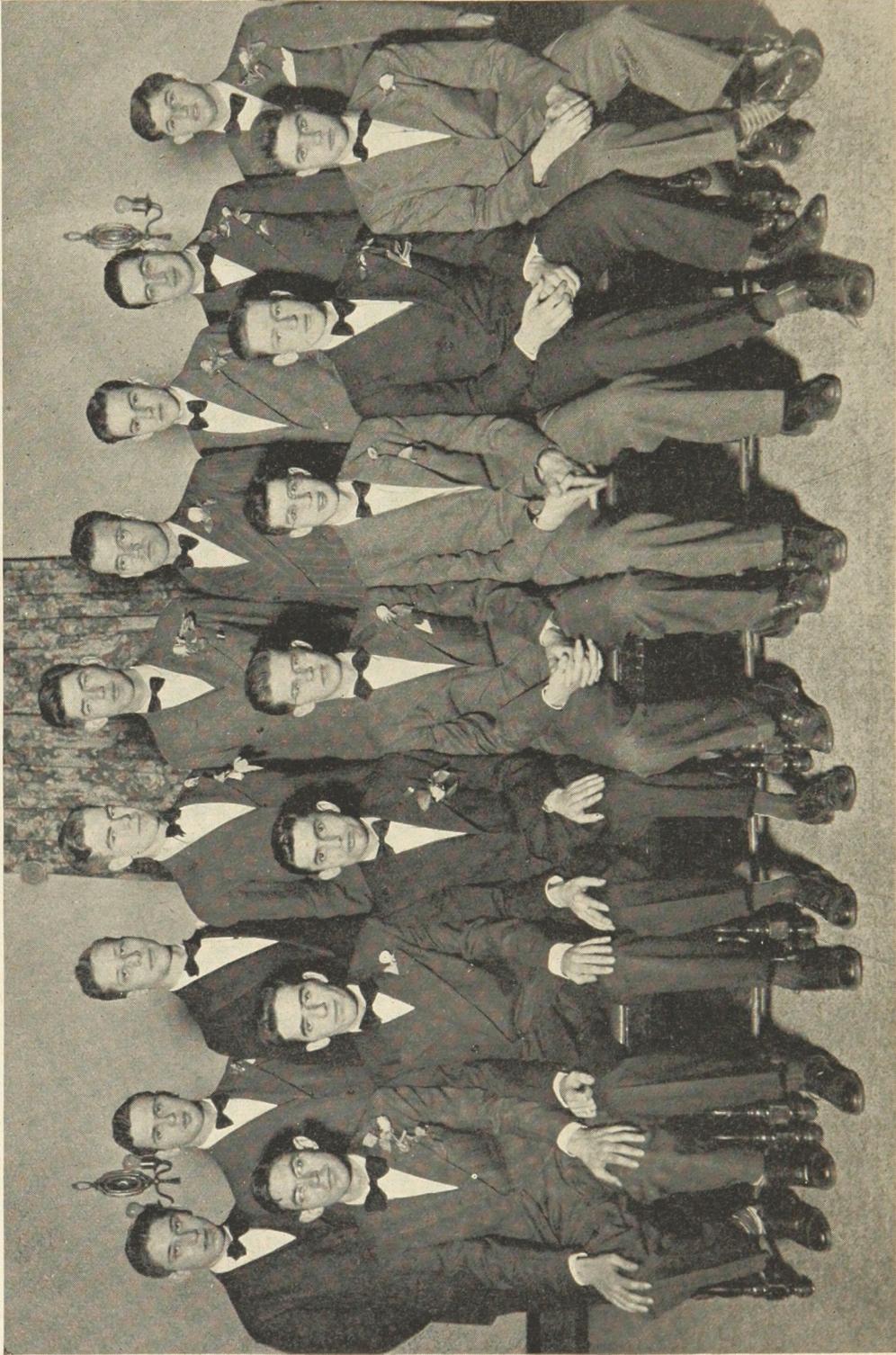
THE University of Connecticut originated as The Storrs Agricultural School in 1881. This school was established by a gift of land by Charles and Augustus Storrs. In 1889 due to a dispute between the State Grange and Yale University, then recipient of Federal Funds under the Federal Land Grant Act, this school became the land grant school for Connecticut and the name was changed to the Connecticut Agricultural College. Under the administration of President Beach the college continued to slowly and steadily grow in number of students and influence.

During the World War 1 the college was taken over by the Army and was transformed into a Military Camp for the Student's Army Training Corps. Immediately after the return to normal came the first building boom. At this time the Dining Hall, the Infirmary, Holcolm Hall, the Church, Beach Hall, and other less prominent buildings were erected. This program in building was temporarily halted by the worldwide depression.

However, despite the economic conditions the college continued to grow. With the addition of new courses in the Arts and Sciences, the college could no longer bear the title of an agricultural college only, and in 1933 the name was changed to the Connecticut State College. At this time plans were drafted for future expansion. Starting in 1938 and continuing until the present a tremendous building program was placed in effect. The college population keeping pace with the larger material growth rose from approximately 900 in 1938 to 2000 in Sep-

tember, 1942. New buildings in this period include: The Library, Engineering Building, Home Economic Building, Atwater Laboratories, Wood Hall, Manchester Hall, Sprague Hall, Whitney Hall, and a new heating plant. They create an imposing array of truly magnificent buildings on the beautiful 1700 acres in campus.

All this progress attracted state wide attention and in 1939 the name of the college was again changed and this time by the State Legislature to the State University of Connecticut, with an accredited standing equaling that of any other university in the country. The Connecticut College of Pharmacy in New Haven and the Hartford Law School were integrated into the university during the year 1942. In the near future these colleges will be transferred to Storrs, a medical college will be established, and provision made for the caring for a student body of 5000. At present the University consists of The College of Agriculture, The College of Arts and Sciences, The College of Engineering, The School of Business Administration, The School of Home Economics, The College of Pharmacy, The School of Law and Insurance, The School of Education, The School of Nursing, The Graduate School, and The Two Year Agricultural School. In the future this university has planned to offer curricula designed for any and every profession and vocation. Over all this which might well be called a New State University in an Ancient Sister State of the Union of States, Dr. Albert Nels Jorgensen, President of the University, is the efficient and ever forward looking leader, faithfully and competently backed by a well



OUR NEW BROTHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Lower Row: Seymour A. Bender, Charles M. Maceri, Jr., P. J. Casanova, R. D. Pbelps, S. E. Machenberg, James A. Foxwell, Clayton L. Balch. Top Row: William Marcuse, S. E. Bockstein, Richard W. Seigel, Walton Galinat, Geo. H. Spencer, J. H. Rizzo, Edwin L. Yungé, Jr., Ralph E. Schachal, L. D. Rimaldi.

chosen and enthusiastic faculty of well endowed men and women.

Situated on the crests of some of Eastern Connecticut's exquisite rolling hills, the University is located in the Township of Mansfield. It sprawls over seventeen hundred acres of green coated paradise, forested in great part, and containing a large orchard. After Winter's first snowfall it is gorgeous, but during the latter part of Spring one forgets he is attending an educational institution and imagines himself a part of some magnificent country estate, made glamorous with the blooms of trees and shrubberies and the brilliant hillsides of laurel and rhododendrons. Besides the immense campus, the University holds control over several hundred acres, throughout the State, which are used for agricultural and experimental purposes. Into this life and setting the Alpha Nu chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity has come to play a leading part in its social and educational attainments.

As a professor of history at this University has remarked: "Storrs—History. The University of Connecticut—The Future."

Campus Activities

▪ THE Student Senate, an elective body, serves as the executive committee for the entire undergraduate student body. The Senate apportions the student activities fee among the various organizations of the University.

The University supports a weekly publication known as the *Connecticut Campus*. The annual yearbook published by the Junior class is called *The Nutmeg*. There are also the literary annual by the Pencraft Society, called the *Pencraft*, and the Senate publication, *The Handbook*.

All athletics are administered by the Division of Physical Education and Athletics, and the University is a member of the New England College Conference on Intercollegiate Athletics and adheres to the rules of the Conference. There is intercollegiate competition in football, basketball, track, baseball, soccer, swimming, rifle, tennis and golf. In-

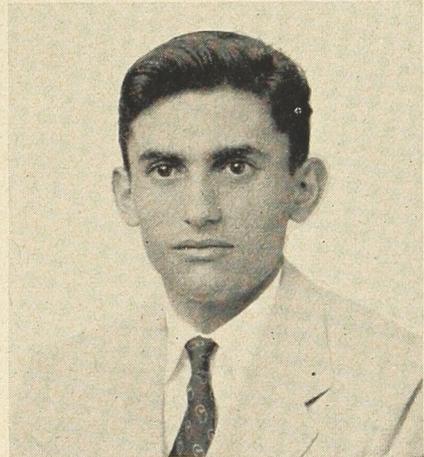
tramural teams are maintained in many of these sports.

Besides the usual honorary and class societies there are several well organized social fraternities and sororities. In order of nationalization the fraternities on this campus are: Alpha Gamma Rho, Phi Epsilon Pi, Phi Mu Delta, Tau Epsilon Phi, Phi Sigma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Alpha Kappa Pi, Theta Xi and Sigma Chi. There are three sororities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi, all of which entered during the past year.

Military Science is taught and every able-bodied and physically-fit male student is required to complete successfully two years of military training in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Phi Kappa Lambda

▪ THE local society, Phi Kappa Lambda, was founded on October 12, 1941, by a

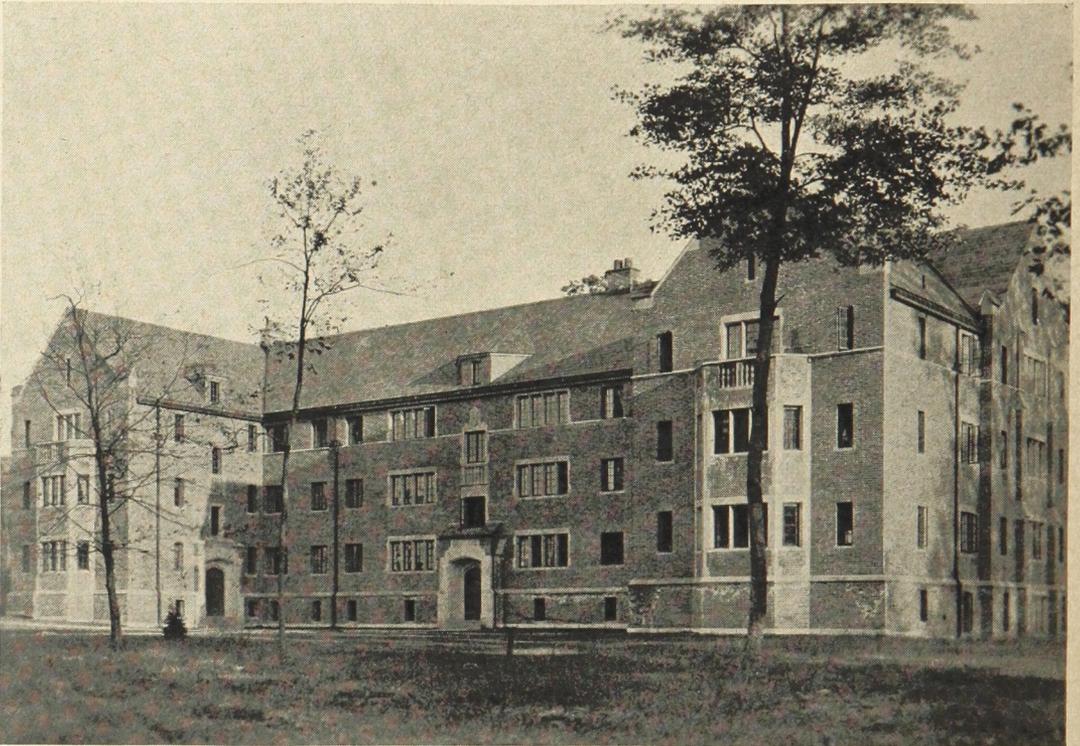


P. J. CASANOVA, *Alpha Nu '44*
Alpha Nu's Sparkplug

small but determined group of students at the University of Connecticut. These young men were closely bound through class room friendship, and not wholly satisfied with the more or less stagnant ideas of the existing social groups, and more so since the University had entered upon its greatest period of growth and influence. Naturally the older

orders had not been able to keep pace with all this advancement. There was no criticism of existing conditions, but the appreciated need of greater realization of the

the interfraternity governing body on the campus. Phi Kappa Lambda's constitution was submitted and wholeheartedly accepted by this ruling body, the fact being recog-



HALL DORMITORY WHICH HOUSES CHAPTER ROOMS OF ALPHA NU CHAPTER

social assets not being utilized. Imbued with that spirit which still characterizes the group to the present day there was no difficulty in gaining loyal adherents to the cause at hand.

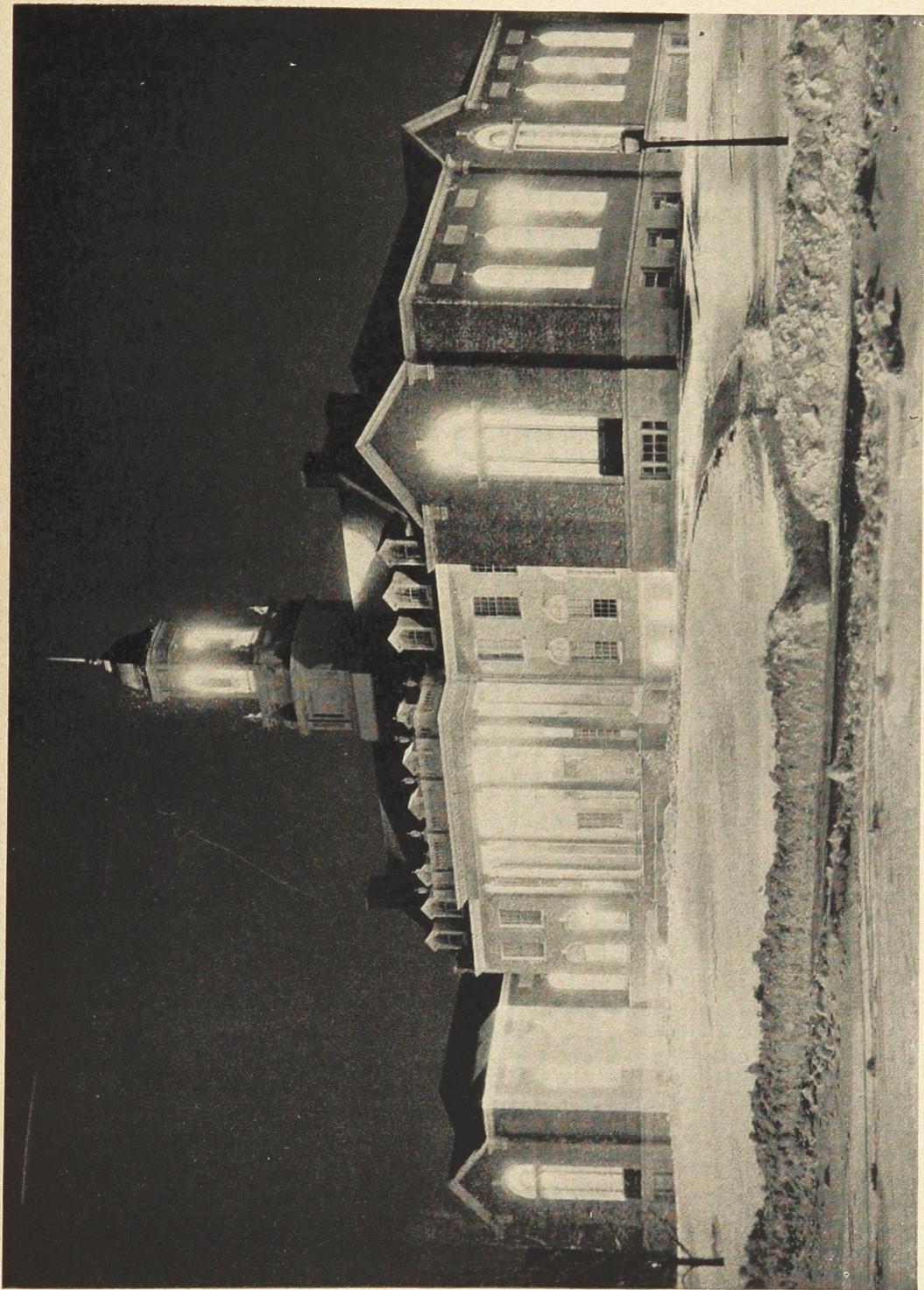
With this humble but well knit beginning, the undaunted members of Phi Kappa Lambda set out to augment their fiery ideals with the necessary organization that is symbolic of any group of its type. A coat of arms, official badge and pledge button, shingles, and a name was decreed. A committee was appointed to write a constitution whereby the fraternity could legally assume its ever increasing burdens and responsibilities.

This being accomplished the next step, in the society's meteoric growth, was to gain the recognition of The Mediator, the name of

nized that more fraternities were needed to take care of the ever increasing attendance at the University. The new fraternity was placed on a one year probationary period and closely watched by the men composing The Mediator.

As time went along the members in the Phi Kappa Lambda increased to twenty, and with the aid of the University, the fraternity rented recreation rooms in one of the better dormitories. Furniture, which was purchased for these rooms by the fraternity, offered a symbol of unity and strength to the group. Here we find that the first of our ambitions had been fulfilled.

With the culmination of our probation period, and our full acceptance into the fraternity life of the university with our own



THE LIBRARY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
The moonlight and snow add to its beauty

representatives on The Mediator, we began to look beyond our own campus and into the field of the national fraternities in order that, with added power and prestige, Phi Kappa Lambda might fulfill more readily its initial desires and purposes.

After no end of research and discussion, we finally decided that the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity would be the national of our unanimous choice. Invitations were extended for inspection and investigation, and representatives came to study the life of the group and of the university. After a period of intensive correspondence, the privilege of presenting our petition to the officers and chapters of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity was granted. In due course of time our petition was accepted by the necessary chapters of the Alpha Kappa Pi. Plans were drafted for the initiation of the members of the local Phi Kappa Lambda into the national Alpha Kappa Pi, and this big event took place on February 20, 1943, at the commodious Nathan Hale Hotel, Willimantic, Connecticut.

With our installation as the Alpha Nu chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, we will endeavor, in the characteristic zeal of our former days, to establish ourselves as a respected and beloved chapter among all the rest of the Alpha Kappa Pi chapters which we are now proud and happy to call brothers.

The Installation

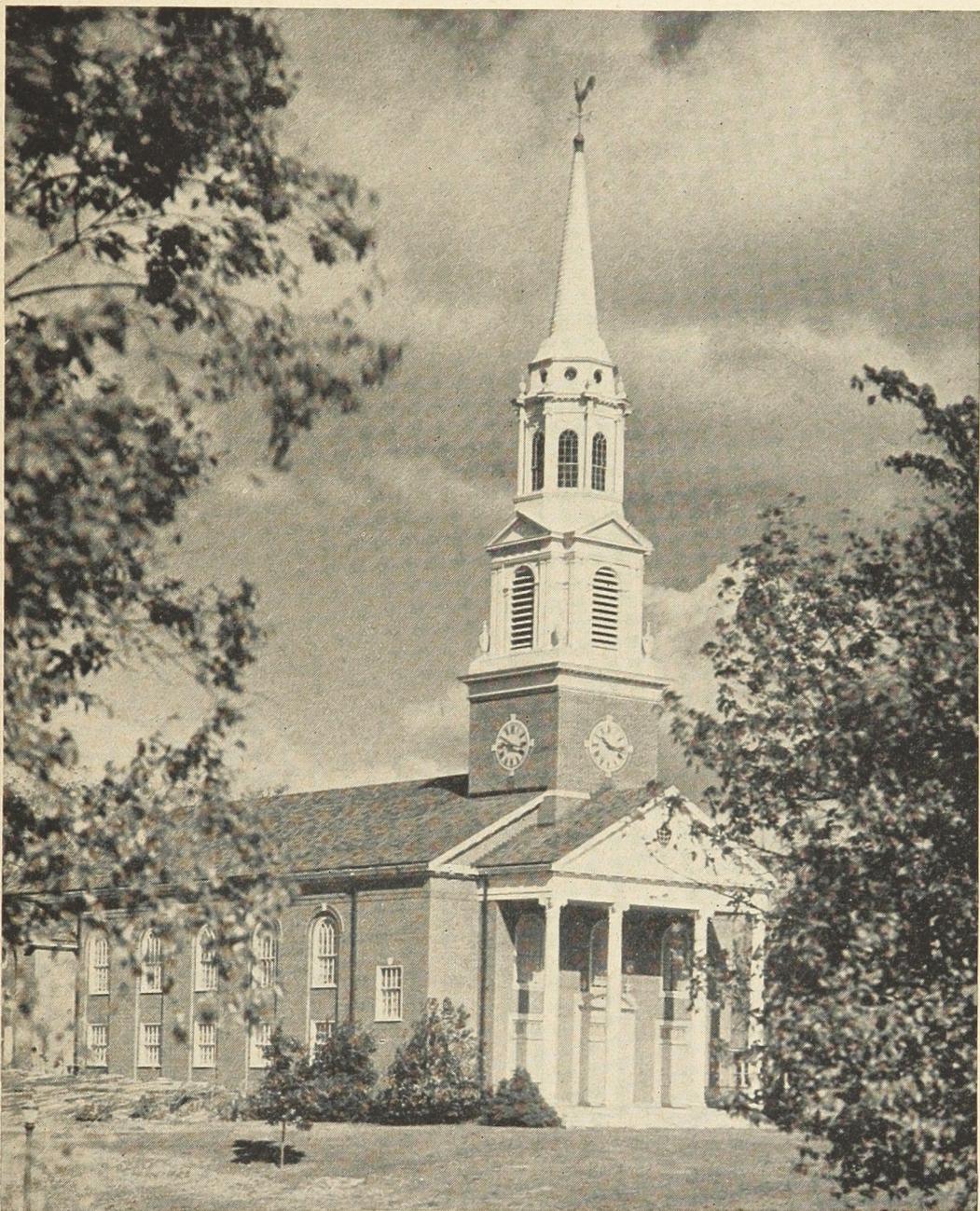
▪ SATURDAY, February 20, 1943, will remain a red letter day on the calendar of Alpha Nu chapter. On that day and at the historic and commodious Nathan Hale Hotel, Willimantic, Connecticut, the Phi Kappa Lambda society threw off its local make-up and became the national Alpha Kappa Pi with the thriving University of Connecticut as its future home. The plans for the installation were laid when on Thursday, February 11, 1943, the successful petitioners were given the pledge ceremony by fraternity adviser Albert H. Wilson.

On Friday evening, February 19, the ritual team arrived in Willimantic, a distance of

some eight miles from the University Center of Storrs, where owing to the gas and rubber rationing the installation took place. The men having charge of revealing the precepts of the Alpha Kappa Pi to the members of the local Phi Kappa Lambda were: Grand President Arba S. Taylor, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Parke B. Fraim, Grand Second Vice-President, Brooklyn, New York; Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, Dellroy, Ohio; Rufus D. McDonald, New York City; and Adviser A. H. Wilson, New York City.

By 8:00 A.M. Saturday the seventeen future Alpha Kappa Pis had made the journey from the University of Connecticut campus to the Nathan Hale Hotel and were ready for the initiation shortly after the sun had just begun to make its appearance over the Connecticut hills. Sharply at 9:00 o'clock the installation was under way in the spacious ball room of the Nathan Hale, and work of revealing the beautiful and impressive ritual to the future brothers of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity was under way. There was no let-up in this part of the program until near 2:00 in the afternoon when it was brought to a close with a delightful banquet. The tables were dressed in white and green with great clusters of the fraternity flower, the yellow tea rose. It was cheering to hear expressions that the teachings and ceremony of the ritual were far and above the expectations of the newly-made Knights. The seventeen new brothers, with the yellow rose, the white and green ribbons, and the bright and shining badges made a scene not soon to be forgotten. Fraternity spirit was in the ascendency. Present at the banquet were Joseph Brown and Henry G. Stetler, faculty advisers to the fraternity as well as popular professors on the faculty staff. Richard Duane Phelps, *Alpha Nu '44*, first president of the new chapter, was toastmaster. Excellent and inspiring talks were given by several of the visiting and newly-made brothers, including President Taylor and Vice-President Fraim.

Grand President Arba S. Taylor then installed Alpha Nu chapter and officers were elected. Thus a wonderful day had come to a close and the first chapter of Alpha Kappa



THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT CHAPEL
Also serves as the Storrs Church

Pi started functioning within the old State of Connecticut. The spirit of Alpha Nu was aptly expressed by Brother Phelps, chapter president, in closing his remarks to the assembled group of initiates and visiting Alpha

Kappa Pi brothers: "We are very happy to be Alpha Kappa Pis, and we have every opportunity and intention of becoming one of the most forceful chapters on its roll of distinguished chapters."

The Initiates

▪ RALPH EDWARD SCHACHAT '42, Stamford, Conn.; Seymour Albert Bender '45, Mount Vernon, N.Y.; Stanley Merrill Bockstein '44, East Haddam, Conn.; Pasquale J. Casanova '44, New Haven, Conn.; Stanley Ellis Machenburg '44, Stamford, Conn.; Richard Duane Phelps, '44, West Hartford, Conn.; Clayton Leeman Balch '45, Southington, Conn.; James A. Foxwell '45, Windsor, Conn.; Charles Michael Macri, Jr., '45, New Haven, Conn.; William Marcuse '45, Fairfield, Conn.; Leonard Daniel Rinaldi '45, Torrington, Conn.; Julius Henry Rizzo '45, Bloomfield, Conn.; George Herber Spencer '45, Chester, Conn.; Edwin Louis Yungk, Jr. '45, Hartford, Conn.; Walter Clarence Galinat '46, Hamden, Conn.; Benis Morton Frank '46, Stamford, Conn.; Richard W. Seigal '46, Bedford, N.Y.

Alpha Nu's Builder

By EDWIN L. YUNGK, JR., *Alpha Nu* '45

▪ PROMINENT in our fraternity's short but forceful history has been Richard Duane Phelps '44, of West Hartford, Connecticut, easy going and good natured of disposition, but always a hard worker, especially where the fraternity is concerned. Dick well deserved the honor of the first presidency of Alpha Kappa Pi on the campus of the University of Connecticut.

Dick, now a Junior, has been working faithfully for the best interests of the fraternity since the beginning of his Sophomore year, when he and two others conceived the idea of forming a new fraternity on campus; a fraternity based on high ideals and commanding principles. "Easier said than done," certainly applied to this new venture, for Dick, doing his share in getting the ball rolling spent many hours in the interests of the fraternity—contacting administration officers, consulting The Mediator members, working out plans of procedure, lining up potential members—in general doing an all-out job. Thus in writing an article on Brother Phelps, it is difficult to keep from revert-

ing back to the history of Phi Kappa Lambda, as the fraternity was then called, since his activities have been so closely associated with that organization. That is not to say that Dick did not have other activities, extra-curricular as well as curricular. Majoring in mathematics, he had by no means easy courses, yet he always managed to keep his marks high above the average.

Perhaps I should clarify my use of the past tense in many cases by explaining that Brother Phelps is no longer in the university, he is now in the Army Air Force. He enlisted about one week after our installation into Alpha Kappa Pi when he received word that his application for Air Corps meteorology training had been accepted.

While at the university, Dick's activities have included participation in various clubs and organizations, such as the Mathematics Club, the Outing Club, Education Club and the Archery Club. He was a prominent figure in all his class affairs and was among the nominees in the student senate for representative for his class. All these activities and possible recognition have been put aside until the present world conflict has been settled. We all look confidently to the day when Brother Phelps returns to the university to resume his work toward final graduation. In the fraternity, before our acceptance into Alpha Kappa Pi, he held the offices of vice-president, treasurer, Mediator representative, and finally president of Alpha Nu chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi. Now that the intramural softball season is coming, we are reminded that Dick's position as pitcher will not be easily filled. In the departure of our stalwart brother, The Husky Network, a broadcasting station operated and maintained by student staff at the university, has been forced to find another business manager.

Well this is all past history to Air Cadet Phelps, past but certainly not forgotten. For we are sure he is looking forward to a not too distant day when he, and all the others, will be back at the university working and planning to build a chapter of which Alpha Kappa Pi will be proud.

Alpha Kappa Pi in the War

By Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs

▪ TODAY, while the United Nations are fighting in the various parts of the globe in order that men might not be enslaved, young Americans, who like the knights of old pledged themselves to defend certain ideals, are giving their all on the battlefield. These youths are dying that men might be free, free to think and act, free to work, free to express themselves in their own way without fear or domination by some personage called a "fuehrer," a "duce" or a "mikado."

Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity like all other fraternities is doing its part in various ways. The fact that our fraternity is young means that a greater percentage of our membership than that of many other fraternities is in the armed service. Nearly all of our members are subject to call for military service. At present there is no accurate list of those who have already been inducted, but nevertheless the number must be close to fifty per cent of our membership. Four of our brothers have already made the supreme sacrifice. Many have already seen action. Many more will be fighting in the fox holes, many more will give their all.

Daily reports come from our collegiate chapters that the manpower of the chapters soon will be depleted. One of our chapters reports that in June all of its members and pledges will be called into the service. Two of our chapters are merely maintaining headquarters on their campuses. Another chapter reports that in July it will lose eighteen of its men due to the calling of the naval reserves.

Some of the draft boards call the men from their classes for induction. In some cases special initiations have been held in order that pledges might receive the ritual before leaving the campus. Others were given the ritual and pins were mailed to their APO address. Wherever possible the national officers have cooperated with the local

chapters in meeting the emergencies that have arisen.

In order that Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity may be able to carry on during the duration and return to her rightful place on the American college campuses after we have beaten the Axis, we will need a greater spirit of cooperation between the alumni and the active chapters. Wherever possible the alumni of each chapter should organize and select officers from the older members of its group. These men should look after the property of the chapter. If there is any real property, it would be well to organize a property association and have the same incorporated under the laws of the state in which it is located. Such an organization should not only look after the financial holdings of the chapter but should also keep the torch burning in every Alpha Kappa Pi center. Wherever possible the chapters should remain on every campus where they are established. In many cases these chapters may only be skeleton organizations consisting of three or four brothers, nevertheless a nucleus should remain in order that chapters can be rebuilt when the war is over. From these nuclei the fraternity will play a greater part in collegiate life than ever in the past.

Our part in this war is not only to contribute manpower to the armed service and to war production but also to contribute our time and money. Early in the history of our country a young politician asked his friends to help him win his campaign by contributing their time and money. The wealthy folks always told him that they couldn't spare the time but could give him some money while the poor always had time but no money. Our country needs both time and money. Each chapter as well as every brother should contribute to the winning of this war.

The national organization has been investing its income from royalties and interests in United States War Bonds. This year we are

planning to invest even more than last year. We urge all of our chapters wherever possible to eliminate waste, cut down house expenses and do away with elaborate parties and to invest these savings in bonds. It has been reported that some of our chapters have eliminated the expensive formal parties and have invested the money in equipment for Uncle Sam's fighting forces. Also, some chapters report that they purchase bonds monthly, in order to help our brothers who have already been called into the service.

Many of our brothers have donated blood to the Red Cross blood banks. Many more are planning to make such contributions. Here is an opportunity for one to do his part. Perhaps the very blood that you contribute may save the life of a brother for "man to man, the world o'er, shall brithers be for a' that."

Contributions to the American Red Cross this year should be greater than previous years. Here is a chance to contribute money to a worthy cause. Every chapter should make a contribution to the Red Cross as to the United Service Organization. Besides financial contributions books can be given to the USO. In most cities these books are just left at the public library. What a privilege it is to share a good book with some soldier.

Perhaps not all Alpha Kappa Pi men will be inducted, perhaps not all of our chapters will lose all of their members to the armed service, nevertheless in whatever way we are able to do our part, to help win this war, let's do it. Let's carry on while others are away, let's build the foundation for a more lasting brotherhood, a greater Alpha Kappa Pi.

Wartimes bring an almost hopeless muddle in many phases of chapter operation in an unfortunately large number of cases. Nevertheless, we hope there may be wide extension of the practice of those chapters which have been communicating with men under arms regularly. Be sure they get copies of all chapter papers regularly. The papers don't need to be long; they may be mimeographed or otherwise duplicated and needn't be formal. Syracuse had a good idea. It issues a small, mimeographed letter monthly—and sometimes more frequently—and sends copies to all men in the service. We have no doubt that it brings much joy to recipients and helps make them better Lambda Chis.—*The Cross and Crescent of Lambda Chi Alpha.*



ALPHA KAPPA PI HIGHLIGHTS

Another Hawkins

- CAPTAIN BILL HAWKINS, the first Marine to step on the soil of Guadalcanal, is not the only Hawkins who has been in the



CAPTAIN ROBERT O. HAWKINS, U.S.M.C., *Tau '40*
Veteran of Midway, Coral Sea and Savo Islands

thick of the fighting in the Pacific. His brother, Robert Owen Hawkins, *Tau '40*, who is also from Tufts and a Captain in the Marines, wears three stars for three major battles: Midway, Coral Sea, and Savo Island.

Captain Bob Hawkins was serving on the cruiser *Vincennes* when the Marines landed on Guadalcanal on August 7, 1942. A gunnery officer was needed to go ashore and Bob volunteered to undertake the mission. While ashore the *Vincennes* was sunk. His

spirit of daring had saved his life although all of his belongings went down with the ill-fated cruiser. While on Guadalcanal Captain Bob met up with his brother, Captain Bill. After his miraculous escape Bob was taken back to Pearl Harbor by another ship. He returned to the States on December 4, 1942, was transferred to the Marine Air Corps, and is now finishing his training as a pilot of twin engine bombers at Pensacola, Florida.

During his summer vacations while at Tufts, Bob Hawkins attended Platoon Leaders Class at Quantico, Virginia, and upon his graduation was commissioned in the Marines. He is married to the former Marion Savage, Jackson College (Tufts) '41.

What's in a name? Is it any wonder that Tau chapter and Alpha Kappa Pi are proud of the Hawkins brothers?

Killed in Action

- FROM North Africa where the British Eighth Army had begun its drive on the Mareth Line came word of the death of C. Righter Dixon, *Rho '38*, known to his brothers and buddies in the Royal Canadian Air Force as "Mike." Little is known of the circumstances surrounding Mike Dixon's death beyond the fact that the telegram to his parents was dated March 13, had been sent from Cairo, and stated simply that Mike had been "killed in action here three days ago."

Having lived most of his life in Ridgefield, New Jersey, where his father was supervising principal of schools for more than twenty years, Brother Dixon attended Ridgefield Grammar School, Leonia High School, Mount Vernon, and Bergen Junior College before entering Rutgers. While at Rutgers

he was a member of the varsity swimming and water polo teams. Eager to join in the fight "Mike" enlisted in the Royal Highland Regiment of Canada in 1940 and was transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force the following year. In December, 1941, he left for the Middle East and was a Flight Sergeant at the time of his death.

Brother Dixon is survived by his wife, the former Jessie Blair Talman of Mount Ver-



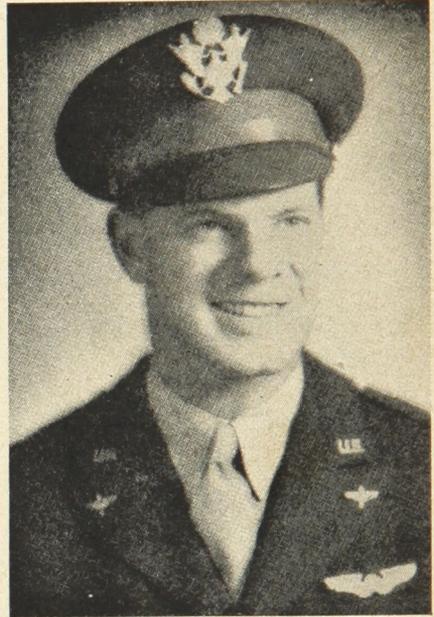
FLIGHT SERGEANT C. RIGHTER DIXON, *Rbo '38*
Killed in action while serving with the R.C.A.F.

non, New York, and by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Dixon, of New Boston, Massachusetts.

Prisoner of War

WORD has come through the International Red Cross that Lieutenant Zoltan Takacs, *Rbo '40*, is being held by the Germans as a prisoner of war. He had been previously reported by the War Department as "missing in action" in a telegram received by his parents. He was in action with the Army Air Force in North Africa at the time he was reported missing. While at Rutgers he was active in athletics and was a member

of the varsity football team. Brother Takacs received his reserve officer training at Rutgers and in February, 1942, was ordered to Fort Devens, Massachusetts. In May, 1942, he was transferred to Camp Blanding, Florida, from where he went overseas.



LT. ZOLTAN TAKACS, *Rbo '40*
Held prisoner by the Germans

Brazilian Foils Champ

ONE of the outstanding students at Brooklyn Poly is Ernesto M. Dammann, *Delta '44*. Although only a small fellow, Ernie is a champion at many kinds of fencing. He is taking a Mechanical Engineering course at Poly.

Ernie Dammann was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He has had a good deal of traveling experience in his day. In his early youth, he went to Europe and visited Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. Then in 1936, when his father, who works for the Brazilian government, came to the United States on a business trip, Ernie came along to see what America looked like. The trip took more time than was anticipated, so Ernie went to Quaker J.H.S. and finished his last term of Junior High School.

Ernie started his fencing career at the ripe old age of 5 years. Ernie's father, being a champion at saber fencing, taught him all he knows about the game. Practice sessions were on as soon as his dad came home from work, and many times lasted well into the night.

When Ernie was only eleven years old, he took a championship match in Germany, while at the same time, his dad also took high laurels. This saber fencing match in Germany was open to all people of all ages interested in fencing.

In 1937, Ernie took the Brazilian Junior Championship in foil fencing, besides winning many local championships. Besides this sport, he is also interested in tennis. He played J.V. last year for Poly, but claims he hasn't time to do the same this year, being kept busy "by the toughest course in the school, mechanical engineering."

He plans to graduate and then go back to Brazil to work for the government.

Ernie is president of Delta chapter, and in addition to his fencing activities is a member of A.S.M.E.

College fraternities should not feel that the present war spells their death. Your scribbler has coined a phrase, *Prolonged Summer*, that in his mind describes the status of the American college fraternities. Everybody recalls how chapter activities used to be suspended in the normal days whenever June would bring her roses. Similarly, it may be necessary to consider ourselves as beginning a summer vacation that will last until the Axis Powers are defeated. If the chapters were resuscitated during the years following the American Civil War, then there is every reason to believe that most chapters can be promptly reorganized when the present conflict is over.—*The Emerald* of Sigma Pi.



THE ADVISER'S CORNER

Foundation Stones

■ IN THE membership set-up of the National Interfraternity Conference there are two classifications. The fraternities, by choice and foundation, fall under the head of Christian or Hebrew fraternities. There is no distinction observed other than the fundamental one of each group being composed of the fraternities founded as such in their respective recordings. There is no distinction made as to the annual selection of officers and committees other than the displayed capacity to accomplish things. Thus the two groups or classifications work together in full and sincere harmony. The National Interfraternity Conference lives up to its high claims of brotherhood among all men with high thoughts and noble aspirations, and the recognition of the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

Alpha Kappa Pi, by reason of its foundations and fundamental teachings, falls under the Christian grouping. It could not be otherwise. The fraternity is founded on the cardinal virtues of Christian Knighthood, with membership within its circle predicated on subscribing to these virtues. There is no claim of being superior to any other fraternity grouping; no teaching of a spirit of intolerance toward any other orders; there is simply a building upon the ideals and precepts that have been the great motivating principles in the lifting of all men to a higher and a more balanced citizenship across the nation and throughout the world.

Alpha Kappa Pi believes in its fundamental teachings. There is no need to doubt or to explain where the fraternity must perforce align itself under the NIC grouping of the American college fraternities. The signed card for membership, as well as the revealed teachings of the ritual, are unalterable and

irrevocable. Any change made must be with the individual seeking membership and not with the foundations of the fraternity. The words of the immortal Lincoln might well stand as the motto for Alpha Kappa Pi: "With malice toward none but with charity for all."

First Thoughts

■ THE writer makes bold to offer the suggestion that first thoughts are always the best. We hear a great deal among fraternity men, and particularly among Alpha Kappa Pi members, of how do we know when to pledge or not pledge a man to the chapter or fraternity? It is one of the easiest questions in the world to answer. Follow your first thoughts in the matter. If the conclusion in thinking is favorable, get busy. If you wait, there is almost certain to be a mistake. Successful business men act on their first thinking. We call these successful men quick thinkers. The truth is they are quick actors, and follow the first conclusions. Our first thoughts are almost always our best thoughts and our most generous. When we do not use them, doubt, the mother of fear and of avarice, steps in, and fear always has, and always will, stand between us and success, between us and our pledging. So be not afraid to trust your first judgments for ninety-nine times out of one hundred they are your best thoughts. The longer you wait the more confused and useless the thinking. Brilliance lies along the way of quick thinking and quick acting. Mediocrity lies along the way of the proverbial let me think it over. When the hunter is ready to shoot the game has disappeared. If you cannot think quickly the truth is that you are not very capable of thinking at all.

ALBERT HUGHES WILSON



THE EDITOR'S DESK

Omicron Chapter

■ IN MARCH the War Department stepped in and took full possession of the Omicron chapter house at Pennsylvania State College. At the same time eighteen other fraternity houses were commandeered for war use. This action means that for the duration the members of the fraternity still in college must find quarters elsewhere. Fortunately for Alpha Kappa Pi there is a live and capable chapter counselor close at hand. Brother Gordon D. Kissinger, People's Bank Building, State College, Pennsylvania, will see to it that the best possible interest of the chapter will be conserved against the day that a return to full fraternity participation in college affairs is possible. One thing is sure and that is the chapter house will be there when our boys come trooping back from camps and foreign places to take up the work of completing their education. Many other interested alumni are assisting Brother Kissinger, including Brother Hortung, founder of the local from which Omicron was founded, and Province Chief and Grand Historian Albert G. Jahn. If at all possible the chapter will continue in active service and keep the name of Alpha Kappa Pi alive on that campus.

Alpha Iota Chapter

■ ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER at American University is gradually bringing to completion its chapter lodge on that campus. Houses are not in vogue at this university and the lodge for meeting and social purposes is the summum bonum of fraternity achievement. Thus far Alpha Tau Omega is the only fraternity having a lodge on the campus. We compliment the members of the chapter for

this very fine piece of work, and more so under most trying circumstances. Priorities, lack of laborers and the continual leaving of their active and alumni members for the armed services have been handicaps.

Lieutenant Seelig Recovered

■ LIEUTENANT JAMES SEELIG, U.S.N.R., *Delta '40*, has recovered from the injuries received when the U.S.S. *Walker* was sunk in the Pacific as reported in the last issue. He is now at a camp in Texas, near Houston, waiting for the construction of a new ship to take to the oceans once more. When his ship sunk Brother Seelig lost everything except his personal apparel, and among the prized items was his Alpha Kappa Pi badge which has since been replaced. Brother Seelig carries but one scar, a badly used ear lobe, that should correct its hurt with time. THE ALPHA has known always that Brother Seelig has what it takes, and as he starts the second time to serve his country we wish him God speed. May the end of this war return this stalwart friend and frater to his home in safety and honor.

Distinguished Educators

■ QUITE recently the fraternity has received into its membership four gentlemen of distinguished educational accomplishments.

At American University, Professors Horace Samuel Merrill and Fritz Karl Mann, both holders of Doctorate degrees, were recently initiated by Alpha Iota chapter. Psi chapter has initiated Dr. Ralph Clinton Brown, Sr., who is not only a professor at West Virginia Wesleyan but an alumnus of the Class of '15 as well. A little earlier in

the college year Beta chapter at Wagner College had the honor of initiating Dr. Adolph John Stern, a distinguished scholar. He, like Dr. Mann, received his first college and university training in the universities in Germany. Dr. Mann has a son, Karl O. E. Mann, active in Alpha Iota chapter and Dr. Brown a son, Ralph Clinton, Jr., at Psi. These men are in no wise honorary members but honored and regular initiates. Alpha Kappa Pi does not initiate honorary members as such, but does permit the initiation of faculty members at the college where the initiating chapter is established. THE ALPHA joins with all the members in the fraternity in extending a welcome to these distinguished teachers and leaders of the youth of our land.

Spark Plug Casanova

■ IN EVERY new group of men there is always a pathfinder, or a mainspring that keeps the machinery in motion once a decision has been made to accomplish a specific work. Over the years Alpha Kappa Pi has been fortunate in having present some such forceful personality in every approach of a petitioning group. The high grade enthusiasm and sparkling ability of that individual has marked the future life of that particular group.

At the University of Connecticut, in the

local Phi Kappa Lambda, were found such individuals. There was Dick Phelps, the man with a vision and the power to mold campus opinion in a favorable manner. Hence he was logically the first and inspirational president of Alpha Nu chapter. The long arm of the war was extended and quickly and gladly Brother Phelps has gone out to serve his country. To take his place the chapter at once turned to their corresponding secretary, Pasquale J. Casanova, the man who did more, and whose influence was greatest and most unassuming, in winning the Alpha Kappa Pi charter. Brother Casanova is a native of the fine old State of Connecticut and hails from the City of Elms and Yale College—New Haven. A close friend and ardent supporter of Brother Phelps, it is to be expected that Alpha Nu chapter, in its formative days in Alpha Kappa Pi, is to have a double influence shaping its destiny—the dignified and constructive leadership of Past President Phelps and the conscientious and deeply devoted influence of President Casanova. Sincerely honored within the ranks of the chapter, and holding the esteem of all his fellow students on the campus, Alpha Nu chapter has shown rare good judgment in replacing their first chapter president with this genial, capable, spark-plug.

War has struck several of the fraternity magazines a stiff blow. *The Chakett* of Chi Phi appeared recently as a four-page newspaper, *The Journal* of Kappa Alpha carried not more than twenty pages, *The Tomahawk* of Alpha Sigma Phi also reduced its pages, and *Delta Kappa Epsilon* has dropped all exchanges for the duration.

Brothers in the Service

133 more Brothers inducted into the fighting forces since the last ALPHA. Promotions and transfers are listed for those previously reported.

Killed in Action

C. RIGHTER DIXON, *Rbo* '38, Flight Sergeant,
Royal Canadian Air Force, North Africa

Prisoners of War

ZOLTAN TAKACS, *Rbo* '40, First Lt., Army Air
Force.

New Inductions and Commissions

Alpha—N.C.E.

WILLIAM V. ANDRESEN '36, Staff Sgt., Army
Ordnance

JOSEPH ALBERT BADER '45, Pvt., Army

JOHN FAGIN '44, Pvt., Army

KENNETH A. MACFADYEN '30, Lt. (j.g.), Navy

CARL J. MICHAELS '44, Cadet, Navy Air Corps

EDMUND S. REDMERSKI '27, Lt., Navy

GENE ROBERT REID '44, Cadet, Army Air Corps

Beta—Wagner

KENNETH ROGLER '41, Army Air Corps

GEORGE R. F. TAMKE '45, Pvt., Army

Gamma—Stevens

RODERICK A. WOOD '36, Ensign, Navy

Rho—Rutgers

WILLIAM AAROE '42, Ensign, Navy

LAWRENCE BLAIR '43, Ensign, Navy

WALTER BURR '45, Cadet, Navy Air Corps

WILLIAM DAVENPORT '43, Army Air Corps

JOHN F. DINGLE '43, App. Seaman, Navy

BERNARD KOFT '43, Navy

ROBERT MENGEL '43, Army Air Corps

ALEXANDER SIDAR '44, Army Air Corps

ROBERT J. STICKNEY '35, Cpl., Army Air Corps

ROBERT TORMEY '45, Army Air Corps

GEORGE WINNE '33, Pvt., Army

Tau—Tufts

RALPH BANWELL '45, Marines

RICHARD BERTHIAUME '44, Navy Air Corps

ARTHUR CRANE '44, Marines

JEROME GUARINO '45, Army

ROBERT HAMILL '45, Army

ROBERT HAWKINS '40, Capt., Marines

WILLIAM HAWKINS '37, Capt., Marines

ROBERT KELLY '45, Army

WILLIAM MAYER '45, Army

ALBERT MCCLELLAN '44, Army Air Corps

WALTER SCANLIN '43, Navy

RICHARD SMITH '43, Navy



LT. ARTHUR SUNDERMAN, U.S.N.R., *Tau* '41

Chi—Wake Forest

ARTHUR CHESSON '45, Cadet, Navy Air Corps

HORACE KORNEGAY '44, Cadet, Army Air Corps

LINNEY RAY WHITE '44, Cadet, Army Air
Corps

Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan

RALPH C. BROWN, JR. '44, Army Air Force

ARLA CHARLES DIXON '40, 1st Lt., Army Medi-
cal Corps

WILLIAM J. GLOVER '44, Army

FRED GRIGGS '43, Army

J. F. HANN '38, Instructor, Navy Air Corps

SAMUEL B. KYLE '43, Marines

SEXTON LINGER '40, Instructor, Navy Air Corps

NORMAN MCINTYRE '46, Marines

CHARLES WILLIAM ROBERTS '45, Marines

Alpha Alpha—Hartwick

HAROLD BISHOP '45, Pvt., Army Air Corps
 JOHN CHASE '45, Pvt., Army Air Corps
 RICHARD CLIFFORD '41
 EUGENE DREW '45, Pvt., Field Artillery



CPL. RAYMOND E. ROUSH, U.S.A., *Omicron* '30
 Former trustee now on active duty

JOHN GEISELMAN '44, Pvt., Army
 ORRIN HOPKINS, Army
 DEWEY HORNBECK '44, Pvt., Army Air Corps
 SMITH LAIN '45, Pvt., Army Air Corps
 PHILIP LUTHER '38
 ROSS MCCARTHY '44, Pvt., Army
 GERALD MILLER '45, Pvt., Army Air Corps
 WILLIAM MOODY '45, Pvt., Army
 FRANCIS NICHOLS '39
 DONALD PICKERING '43, Pvt., Field Artillery
 GORDON ROBERTS '45, Pvt., Army Air Corps
 JOHN ROBERTS '45, Pvt., Army
 G. TRAVER SANLEY '43, Pvt., Army Air Corps
 DONALD SCHNEIDER '38
 IRA SHERMAN '37, 1st Lt., Army Chaplain

Alpha Beta—Tri-State

JOHN WILLIAM BELL '44, Army
 LEE BROWN, Army Air Corps
 JOHN L. BUCKLEY, Army
 ROBERT DAGUE, Army
 HAROLD EUGENE DIELMAN '45, Army Air Corps

STEVE GIBBONS DRAPER '43, Merchant Marine
 BERCHARD LA MAR GLANT '45, Army
 JAMES F. GREEN '45, Army Air Corps
 ROBERT INGRAM HALL '41, Royal Canadian Air Force
 ARNOLD KENT KNIGHT '44, Army Air Corps
 GEORGE WALTER LIENESCH '43, Army Air Corps
 FLOYD MALMBORG, Army Air Corps
 GEORGE FORD MEILY '45, Army Air Corps
 BYRON NOLIN, Army Air Corps
 CARLETON ORR, Navy
 SAMUEL SYLVESTER REEDER '41, Navy Air Corps
 ALBERT R. SCHREIBER '44, Army
 JAMES W. THORINGTON '40, Army Engineers

Alpha Delta—Toledo

ALBERT BIGGS '45, Pvt., Army Air Corps
 ROBERT BRADY '46, Pvt., Army
 THOMAS BRETHERTON '36, Captain, Army
 FRANK DENNEN '42, Navy
 EDWARD H. DRAHEIM, JR., '45, Pfc., Army
 BASIL FOUSSIANES '44, Pvt., Army Air Corps
 RICHARD HERRINGSHAW '42, Pvt., Army
 KENNETH KEATING '43, Pvt., Army Air Corps
 WILLIAM N. KNOWLES '38, Sgt., Army
 JAMES LAFRANCE '40, 2nd Lt., Army
 LOUIS LAMMIMAN '46, Pvt., Army
 RUSSELL LECKLIDER '41, Ensign, Navy
 PAUL LIBBE '45, Navy
 WILLIAM LIBBE '45, Navy
 WARREN MUMMA '46, Pvt., Army
 PAUL C. PLESSNER '46, Navy
 RICHARD SHOEMAKER '40 Cadet, Army Air Corps
 R. H. SPAULDING '42, Cadet, Merchant Marine
 WALTER R. WEST '45, Pvt., Army Air Corps
 ROBERT WHITNEY '45, Pvt., Army
 EUGENE ZYTKUS '41, Cadet, Army Air Corps

Alpha Zeta—Wayne

DAVID R. KEEVER '36, Sgt., Army Air Force
 JOSEPH J. TIGUE '41, 2nd Lt., Army Air Force

Alpha Eta—Milton

GEORGE J. BARRY '45, Army Air Force
 RALPH G. BAUM '44, Marines
 WILLIAM L. BURDICK '43, Army
 BLAINE W. GAMBLE '44, Army
 DAVID K. HEENAN '44, Army Air Force
 HENDRIC HUDSON '44, Army Air Force
 MORRIS R. JONES '44, Army Air Force
 GEORGE W. LAKE '43, Army

CHARLES N. NEAVE '44, Army Air Force
 JOHN W. NEAVE '45, Merchant Marine
 DELBERT P. NEWMAN '45, Marines
 GLEN POUND '41, Army
 ROBERT W. ROBERTS '44, Army
 DONALD P. SKELLY '44, Army
 KENNETH W. STROBUSCH '44, Army

Alpha Iota—American

FRED JAMES EDEN, JR., '45, Cadet, Army Air Corps

Alpha Lambda—Ohio Northern

MONDO BALDWIN '45, Army Air Corps
 PAUL BOLTON '46, Army
 HENRY DETWILLER '43, Army Air Corps
 RICHARD DORNEY '44, Army Air Corps
 HUGO SMITH '44, Army Air Corps
 GERALD WIBBELER '45, Army
 WARREN WIDENER '43, Army
 MERILIN YEAGER '45, Army

Alpha Mu—Carthage

ROBERT F. EINHORN '46, Navy
 JOHN FAY, Cadet, Army Air Corps
 LOREN K. ROBINSON '41, 2nd Lt., Field Artillery
 RICHARD H. SEBERT '45, Navy
 WILLIAM A. SHELLHORN '42, Marines

Alpha Nu—University of Connecticut

CLAYTON L. BALCH '45, Army Air Corps
 JAMES A. FOXWELL '45, Army Air Corps
 BENIS M. FRANK '46, Army
 RICHARD DUANE PHELPS '44, Army Air Corps
 GEORGE HERBERT SPENCER '45, Army

Promotions and Transfers

Alpha—N.C.E.

DONALD E. BOLTON '40 to Lt., Navy

Beta—Wagner

HARRY HUSTED '42, to Ensign, Navy
 ROBERT INTEMANN '42 to 2nd Lt., Cavalry
 EDWARD B. JONES '38, to 1st Lt., Army
 LAWRENCE B. KNUDSEN '40, to 1st Lt., Army
 EARLE J. KRIBY '39, to 1st Lt., Army

PAUL ROGLER '36 to 1st Lt., Army
 STANLEY RYCYK '42, to 1st Lt., Army Signal Corps
 ROBERT P. VOMACKA '41 to 2nd Lt., Army Medical Corps

Delta—Brooklyn Poly

JAMES J. SEELIG '40 to Lt. (j.g.), Navy

Lambda—Bethany

GEORGE SITOCK '43 to Pfc. Army Air Force

Nu—Lehigh

FRANK B. FREESE '31 to Captain, Marines

Omicron—Penn State

RAYMOND E. ROUSH '30 to Cpl., Army

Rho—Rutgers

HARRY J. KARAKAS '32, to Lt. Col., Chemical Warfare Service
 EDWARD A. OLESKIE '43 to Pfc., Marines
 JOSEPH M. RUGGIERI '30 to Major, Infantry
 PHILIP M. STOWELL '39 to Captain, Army Air Corps
 GEORGE L. VAN DILLON '40 to 2nd Lt., Army
 GEZA E. WOLF '40 to 2nd Lt., Coast Artillery
 WILLARD O. WRIGHT '37 to O.C.S.

Tau—Tufts

J. ARTHUR SUNDERMAN '41 to Lt. (j.g.), Navy

Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan

WILLIAM B. MORRISON '41 to 2nd Lt., Marines
 FORREST STUMP '41 to 2nd Lt., Marines
 MARCEL RAY VANDERLINE '40 to cpl., Army

Alpha Alpha—Hartwick

JOHN H. GOURLEY '37 to cpl., Army
 GUENTHER H. F. KOLB '42 to cpl., Army Medical Corps
 ROBERT A. REYNOLDS '40 to 2nd Lt., Coast Artillery

Alpha Beta—Tri-State

VICTOR A. CAMFIELD, JR., '40 to 1st Lt., Army Air Corps

Alpha Gamma—Franklin and Marshall

CURTIS W. THOMAS '37 to Captain, Army Air Corps

Alpha Iota—American

JOHN P. ABBADESSA '42 to 2nd Lt., Marines

Alpha Delta—Toledo

PAUL J. MELUCAS '43 to 2nd Lt., Army Air Corps

Alpha Lambda—Ohio Northern

HUGH D. SEMPLE '42 to 2nd Lt., Marines

Roll Call for A K Π Brothers in Service

We are maintaining a service directory which will also be used as a basis for the history of A K Π Brothers in the present World War. The list of Brothers in the service grows every day. We want the directory and history to be as complete as possible, so if you are in the service, if you are going in the service, or if you know a Brother who is in the service, please help us by filling in and returning this form to the editors.

Name Chapter Class

Rank Branch of Service

Date of Entry into Service

Permanent Mailing Address

Service Address

Clip and mail to the Editor, 163 East 111th Street, New York City



CHAPTER NEWS

Alpha—N.C.E.

Initiated: Jack Fagin, '46, Newark, N.J.

Pledged: Herbert Baudistal, Jack Budd, Dick Myers, George Lankow, Ted Pfeiffer, Dick Pfost, John Paulauskas, Len Ryder, Mike Walsh, Bill Wilner, Joe Zyda.

Uncle Sam has again reached into the fold of Alpha chapter, and he has borrowed several of our stalwart men for the duration. Gene Reid, our house manager, has been called by the Army Air Corps to study Meteorology. "Red" has been succeeded by Brother Henry Popp. Carl J. Michels, my able predecessor as historian of the chapter, and fondly known around the chapter as "Little Tyrant," is now in the Navy Air Corps. It will be a long time before the brothers of recent years will be able to forget Mike's earnest efforts to instill in all of us the proper fraternal attitude and spirit.

Recently the college held student council elections, and Alpha continued to show the way when our chapter president, Bob Hanle, was elected president of the Student Council. He will be ably supported on the Council by Ransom Hammond, Editor-in-chief of *The Technician*; Todd Wilson, captain and manager of the tennis team; Bob Layburn, representative of the A.I.E.E.; and Dick Petrofsky, manager of the basketball team.

Although the social life at Newark has been somewhat curtailed by the accelerated college program, we are, however, determined to maintain those informal get-togethers so characteristic of Alpha Kappa Pi. It was with this end in view that several parties were held during the month of March. On March 13, a very successful house party was held with over forty guests attending. Under Brother Hammonds' guiding genius the various couples were persuaded to meet new persons and make new friends. The Junior Prom was held the following week, March 20, at the Hotel Essex House, and the huge financial success which resulted was in no small part due to the fine work done by Brother Jack Vellekamp, who was co-chairman of the dance.

In closing may I extend to all brothers of Alpha Kappa Pi, both new and old, a hearty invitation to visit with us at 38 James Street Newark, New Jersey. You will find us cordial.

JOHN CROSS

Beta—Wagner

Initiated: Helmut Dietrich '46, Camden, N.J.; Richard Hausheer '46, Staten Island, N.Y.; Walter Kortrey '46, West New York, N.J.; Raymond Lawrence '45, Staten Island, N.Y.; Robert Wolkwitz '43, Staten Island, N.Y.

Pledged: Clark Allan '45, Rockland, Mass.; Arthur Bonney '46, Staten Island, N.Y.; Bernardino Del'Osso '46, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Theodore Peyrek '46, Staten Island, N.Y.

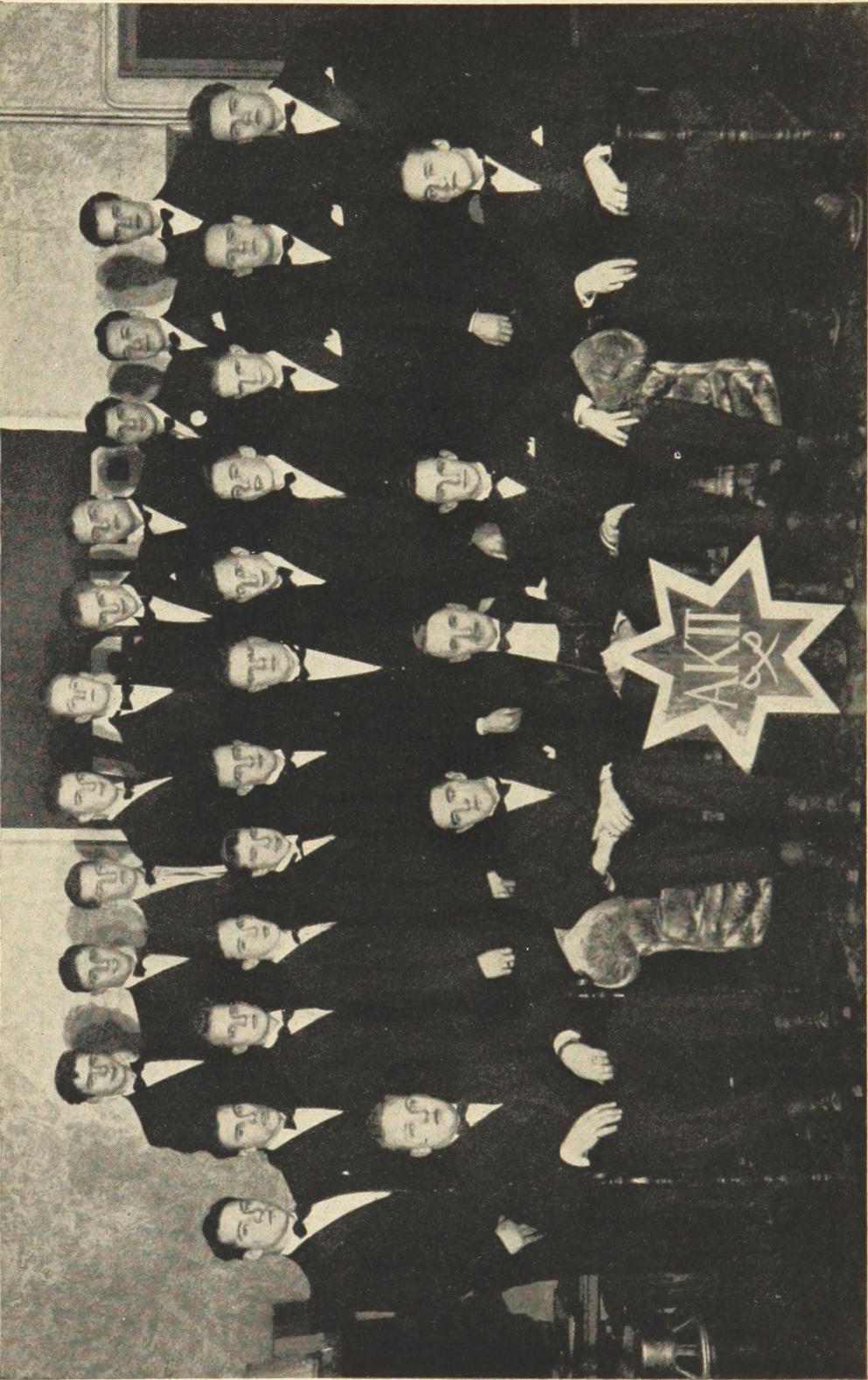
On March 5, 1943, the five men named above became brothers of Alpha Kappa Pi at the traditional induction ceremonies. Present at their induction, and for the festivities afterward, was Brother Carl Heilsberg '43, now of the Alpha Iota chapter, American University, formerly of Beta chapter. He is now the vice-president at Alpha Iota. We welcome these five men into the fold. Several, although freshmen, have already made names for themselves at Wagner, and promise to be outstanding leaders in the near future.

March 7, found the brothers and pledges of Beta chapter at a Memorial Service for our deceased brothers held in the Lampadia Chapel at Cunard Hall. The speaker for the afternoon was Rev. John A. W. Kirsch, *Beta* '26, now of Elizabeth, N. J., and a charter member of our chapter. He delivered an inspiring address which made the day a memorable one of all those present.

The following Sunday, March 14, our chapter members journeyed to Union City, N.J., and helped celebrate the birthday of Brother George Tamke '43, at his home there.

Founders Day, March 23, our brothers again went visiting, this time to the home of Brother Bradford Smith, Staten Island. Brother Smith's father is overseas serving as a Chaplain in the Army of the United States. The evening was highlighted also by the presence of Brother Fred Vollweiler '43, who is a diver for the Merchant Marine doing salvage service in Atlantic waters. Incidentally Brother Smith is our recently elected vice-president at Beta chapter. It was a great occasion.

In recent weeks Beta chapter has been visited by Brothers Kenneth Kerwin '42, Martin and Conrad Schroeder '42, Lt. Stanley Rycyk '42, Lt. Robert Intemann '41, Ensign Wilbur Sterner '42, and Ensign Harry Husted '42. Ensign Husted was mar-



BETA CHAPTER AT WAGNER

First Row: Herman Fersch, James LaHart, Dr. Hans Haag, Walter Boecher, John Franzreb.

Second Row: Carl Koppenhaver, Robert Arnold, Ray Swann, Fred Reising, Charles Menzies, Henry Cornish, Bradford Smith, Joseph Leber, Herbert Bosch, Walter Hansbeer, Howard Lenhardt, George Tamke.

Third Row: Basil Moumgis, Ralph Vogel, Erwin Nolte, Conrad Reisch, Donald Winsor, John Mentha, Eric Grosse, Jerome Papparella, George Steponkus, Walter Norris.

ried in March to Miss Muriel Zoll, Wagner College '42. Brother Ensign Ray Miller was also married recently.

The Brothers of Beta chapter are also proud to announce that plans for Alumni Day, May 8, are proceeding successfully. Alumni brothers will have the opportunity to visit again a fraternity meeting the night before, and on Saturday, the 8th, we will have a luncheon and a baseball game. In the evening, the chapter is holding its Annual Spring Formal at the Meurot Club in St. George, to which the brothers of all the other chapters in Alpha Kappa Pi are cordially invited.

Beta is happy in extending greetings to its fraternity brothers in all the other chapters and in wishing them God speed in the months that lie ahead.

The historian wishes to acknowledge the help of Brother Tamke, who made this article his final contribution to the active life in the chapter, since he is one of those leaving for active military service. To him also goes thanks for the formal picture accompanying this letter.

Beta is proud to state that we have a brother to be added to the list, published in the February issue of THE ALPHA, of the Alpha Kappa PIs in Who's Who Among the American Colleges and Universities: Karl Koppenhaver '43.

In the naming of new officers to guide the destinies of Beta chapter for the coming year we believe we have done well in selecting the following: President, John Franzreb; vice-president, Brodford O. Smith; secretary, John Billis; treasurer, Raymond Swann; chaplain, Frederick Reising; historian, Walter Norris; sentinel, Donald Winsor; marshal, John Mentha; alumni correspondent, Charles Menzies.

WALTER NORRIS

Delta—Brooklyn Polytechnic

Initiated: Daniel Norman Scharke '46, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Ferdinand Veith '45, Brooklyn, N.Y.; James Homer Maravel '45, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Francis Mannheimer '45, Merrick, N.Y.; Edwin Emil Aalto '45, Ashburnham, Mass.; Harry Lloyd Cook '46, Richmond Hill, N.Y.; Anthony Fedewitz '45, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Manuel Edward Fuentesvilla '45, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Donald Francis Moran, '45, Laurelton, N.Y.; Carl Roberts, Jr. '46, Laurelton, N.Y.; Donald George Sutton '45, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Pledged: Murray H. Edson '45, New York City; Henry Helve '46, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Once again it seems appropriate to extend heartiest greetings to Brother Alpha Kappa Pi throughout the nation, and to let the other chapters know that Delta is still on the job of building a better and more forceful fraternity right along.

We of Delta chapter are highly pleased to tell of the extremely successful pledging season just

experienced. Under the leadership of pledge-captain Donald Moran, a new high in chapter efficiency has been achieved, and the promise is for a stronger and sturdier chapter for some time to come.

Along with Spring, and the thoughts of a young man's fancy turns to the brothers in Alpha Kappa Pi have delved deeply into the problem of house alterations, and as a result have been hitting the ball harder in their attempt to tidy up headquarters. We are particularly indebted to our hustling president, Ernest Dammann, and Brother Illotti, for they really organized and accomplished the task of painting the house entrance. Also to all the brothers who gave the helping hand.

Brother Harry Muni has been successful in the organization of a Sophomore Blood Donor drive designed to aid the Red Cross in its national endeavor directed toward the collection of blood plasma. The sophomores did themselves proud.

Reverting to the topic of dances, one of the most spectacular social events, which was held in the course of the semester, was the Pirates Masquerade Ball, held at the chapter house, the evening of March 20, 1943. In order that an appropriate atmosphere might be created, the brothers succeeded in erecting the bow and hull of a pirate galleon, under the supervision of Brother Dan Scharpe, utilizing quantities of wood lath and tar-paper in the gargantuan construction. Bedecked with glistening candles placed in cask wine bottles, death skulls, and masks, the house abounded in a mood of gaiety, reminiscent of that romantic saga of the long ago. At this, as at other dances held in conjunction with the sororities of the Packer Collegiate Institute, music was furnished by records of just the right tempo. When you say Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn, and surrounding parts, you know at once it is the ultimate of social distinction.

In closing let us once more urge all Alpha Kappa Pi men to make it a point to visit us at 54 Sidney Place, Brooklyn. Good luck to all our chapters and the many brothers now in the country's service.

CONSTANTINE PAPACOSTA

Eta—Presbyterian

Initiated: Gene Pinckney Gilbert '46, Union, S.C.; Ernest Gilmer Clary, Jr. '46, Jonesville, S.C.; Robert Gaston Hall '46, Westminster, S.C.; Charles Lewis McCord '46, Manning, S.C.; Robert May Harling '46 Edgefield, S.C.; Dudley Phelps Martin '46, Atlanta, Ga.; Tom Bert Cameron '46, Dalton, Ga.

Theta—Columbia

Initiated: Robert William Burke '43, New York City, N.Y.

Lambda—Bethany

Initiated: David Phillips Perry '46, Maplewood, N.J.; Albert E. Hemstreet '46, Kenmore, N.Y.

Omicron—Penn State

Initiated: Cecil Rolin Busler, Jr. '45, Williamsport, Pa.; Richard Dale Costlow '46, Johnstown, Pa.; John Lawrence Dale '46, Johnstown, Pa.; Donald Rice Robinson '44, Bellwood, Pa.

Rho—Rutgers

Pledged: Edward Bradbury '46, New Brunswick, N.J.

The ranks of Rho chapter have been badly depleted by the war. We opened the second semester with fifteen brothers and three pledges living in the chapter house, but by April 5, there were only seven brothers and one pledge brother left. The Army Air Corps called four brothers—Robert Mengel '43, William Davenport '43; Alexander Sidar '44; and Robert Tormey '45. The Naval Air Corps took away Walter Burr '45. Then with the calling up of the Navy V-7 seniors, we lost Ensign Lawrence Blair '43, John Dingle '43, and Bernard Koft '43. The remaining senior, Ernest Race '43, left college to help out on his father's farm which was suffering from man power shortage. Pledge Lawrence Lowery '46, was drafted recently and Pledge Calvin Moon '46, left for the Navy in which he enlisted recently. Another pledge, Wilbur Martin '46, has gone into the Marine Corps.

Ensign George A. Kramer, U.S.N.R. '34, on February 16, 1943, entered the state of matrimony by taking as his bride Miss Lois Anna Sharp. They were married in the First Presbyterian Church, Miami, Fla. Rho chapter offers the best of good fortune to these fine young persons. While in college, Brother Kramer was a head man on the campus and captained the varsity football team in his senior year.

As for the chapter, we are determined, despite the remaining small group, to keep things going in the best possible manner. Rho chapter is still well represented in the field of sports. Brother Austin Lovenduski '45, won his varsity letter in wrestling, while Brother Al Sidar '45, and Bob Schlichting '46, received their Junior Varsity letters. In the same sport, Pledges Ed Bradbury and Bill Martin, both '46, won class numerals for the outstanding work they did as first year men.

In boxing, Rho chapter made up almost half of the entire team. Brothers Lee Robinson '43, Ken Bott '46, Bob Schlichting '46, and Jack Bennett '46, and pledges Lawrence Lowery '46, Calvin Moon '46, and Ed Bradbury '46, constituted our contribution of pugilists to the Scarlet team. In the intramural fights, Ken Bott, Jack Bennett and

Ed Bradbury were victorious. Pledge Lawrence Lowery, although defeated in the intramurals, showed great fighting ability which will serve him well in the bigger fight of the Army.

With the coming of Spring, Prexy Paul Lenhart '45, has returned to the Lacrosse game and is currently playing varsity goalie. This is a marked achievement for our sophomore president who has but one year's experience.

Four of our members Bott, Bennett, Schlichting and Bradbury, have confined themselves to the gymnasium where they are learning the tricks of the trade in gymnastics and tumbling.

On March 30, the newly elected officers were installed: President, Paul H. Lenhart '45; vice-president, Robert Schlichting '46; secretary, John C. Bennett, '46; treasurer, Stanley A. Sherwood '44; chaplain, Kenneth Bott '46; sentinel, Austin C. Lovenduski, '45; marshal, Kenneth Bott '46; historian, John C. Bennett '46. These officers, we are confident, will carry on in the great traditions of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity.

From North Africa comes word that Brother C. Righter Dixon '38, has been killed in action. Brother Dixon was a Flight Sergeant in the R.A.F. He was known to all his friends here at Rutgers as "Mike." Little is known of his death other than a telegram sent to his parents from Cairo saying he was killed in action three days previous. Brother Dixon lived in Ridgefield, N.J., almost all of his life, where he attended Grammar School. He prepared for Rutgers University at Mount Hermon, Mass., and Bergen Junior College, N.J. Eager to join in the fight "Mike" enlisted in the Royal Highland Regiment of Canada in 1940, and was transferred to the air force in 1941. The following December he left for The East. He leaves behind his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Dixon, New Boston, Mass.; and his wife, the former Jesse Blair Talman who is now living with her parents in Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

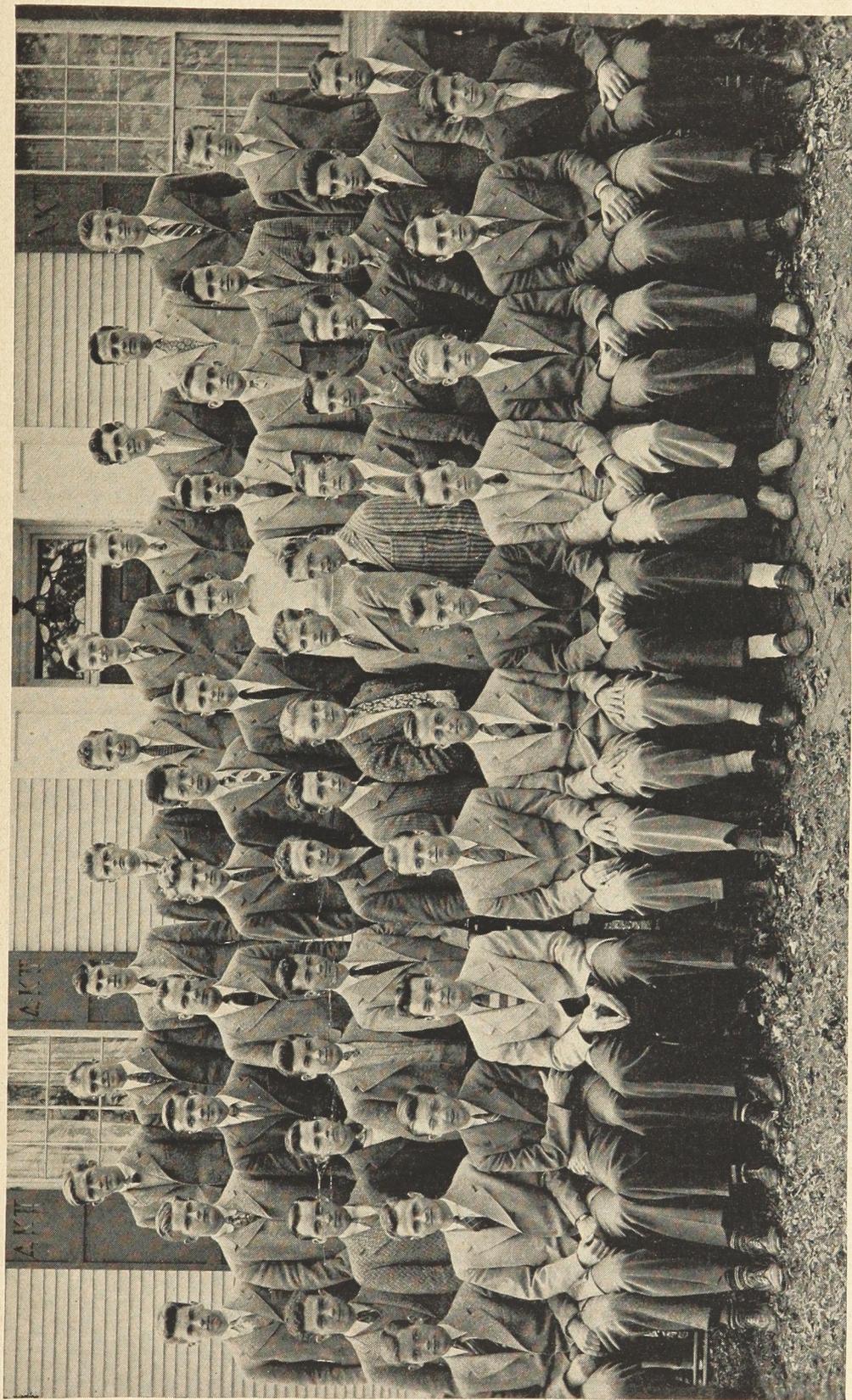
Also from North Africa has come word that Lieutenant Zoltan Takacs '40, had been listed by the war department as "missing in action." This report is not final and we sincerely hope that it will prove to be untrue.

JOHN C. BENNETT

Tau—Tufts

Pledged: Bob McCarthy '46, Salem, Mass.; Scott Wellington '44; Medford, Mass.; Russ Cutter '46, Medford, Mass.; Charles Carrol '43, Woburn, Mass.

The brothers of Tau chapter wish to extend their heartiest welcome to their new brothers at Connecticut State. The men of Tufts are proud of their new neighbors in Epsilon Province, and together the two chapters will make this Yankee New England conscious of Alpha Kappa Pi. Brothers in other chapters should be confident



TAU CHAPTER AT TUFTS

that a Jap invasion of Cape Cod is the only thing that will hinder the progress in this province. Welcome again to our new neighbors, Connecticut State.

At a recent meeting, the chapter inspected its ranks and chose one of the strongest group of officers that has ever led the men at Tufts. Our new president is Lee Hopkins. Brother Hopkins, a Junior engineer, brings a wealth of ability to his new office as he has continually served his chapter in other offices and on numerous committees. He has twice been a varsity letterman in wrestling. Ralph Crusius now serves as vice-president. Brother Crusius, 6-ft. 3-in. member of the Navy's V-7, receives his reward for his hard work for the Chapter in the past and will prove very capable in the new position. Brother Norm Huey, a letter-man in tennis, assumes the difficult post as treasurer and has handled it admirably since his installation. Brother Ralph Sawyer was the natural choice for secretary because of the qualities of leadership he exhibited as steward. Other officers include: Lou Paine, chaplain; Andy Laudano, steward; Andy Monahan, historian; Bill Dawson, sentinel; Bill Hall, marshal; Don Cody, interfraternity council representative. That Jap invasion force could meet no more formidable foe than this new group of officers.

Uniting with their brothers the world over, the men at Tau chapter celebrated Founders Day by drinking a toast to the fraternity on March 23. Conscious of their obligations and extremely proud of the efforts of their brothers throughout the world, Tau chapter devoted the evening to a tribute to the fraternity.

The new officers were feted at the annual Spring Formal held April 9 in the Woman's Republican Club in Boston. No little amount of coaxing was required to make Brother Ed Fitzgerald believe that he could attend the formal and still vote the straight Democratic ticket next year. A wonderful band, beautiful surroundings and green and white programs more than made up for any tinge of heresy any Boston Democrat may have felt.

A cold dismal winter served only to stimulate the activities of the brothers about the College. Brother Dick Smith took time out from managing the school's successful basketball team to act as business manager for the *Jumbo Book*, the senior yearbook. Incidentally, that basketball squad was captained by Brother Nick Del Ninno who left midway in the season to receive his training as a Marine. Brother Smith, together with Brother Walt Scanlin, left later in the V-7 contingent. Brother Bill Dawson, a sophomore, now represents the chapter on the varsity basketball squad.

This is the first year that Tufts has recognized officially its hockey team, and of course it turned to Tau for one of its stars. Brother "Junie" Beers, former Historian, present interfraternity council

representative and football letter-man, was one of the main cogs in the Jumbo's hockey club. Indoor track was indebted to Tau for two of its best dash men. Sophomore Brother Don Cody and Brother Frank Belinwez, a freshman, both received recognition on the track team.

Besides its representatives in intercollegiate sports, the chapter was also active in intramural sports. Coach Kenny Hyde turned his basketball squad over to Brother Art Crane when he left for Medical School. Brother Cody is at present managing our successful baseball team while the entire house banded together to reach the semi-finals in the ropepull. Brothers Crane and Cody believe in the motto "every brother an athlete" and should be complimented for their work.

A large chapter such as Tau has many great difficulties imposed on it in wartime. The greatest of these is the exodus of brothers into the services which makes the management of the chapter hazardous. Among the more recent brothers to enter the service were Brother Dick Berthiaume and Brother Charlie Strong who have left in the Navy Air Corps. Brother Bob Hamill was successful in joining the ski troops. Brothers Billy Mayer and Jerry Guarino have joined the army while Brother Vic Mazur is now a cadet in the army air corps. The result of the war in victory will be hastened if these men prove as capable as their brother, Capt. Bill Hawkins, who has gained fame as the first man to land on Guadalcanal.

The chapter is now preparing for the entrance of the Navy to this college. In the past, the brothers have co-operated fully with the war effort as each brother has given at least two pints of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank. Each brother is also voluntarily donating an additional 10% of his dues toward the purchase of war bonds. They are now working on their third bond. The brothers of Tau chapter await with uprolled sleeves to assist their college and the Navy in their effort to combine in the education of young men to speed the day of victory. Urging all brothers to co-operate in every way with the war effort, the brothers of Tau chapter hope that all brothers throughout the world will keep that date we have to celebrate our next Founders' Day by drinking a toast in Berlin and Tokyo.

ANDREW M. MONAHAN

Chi—Wake Forest

Initiated: Charles Le Roy Morris '46, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan

Initiated: William Spencer Glover '44, Weston, W.Va.; John George Kalafat '46, Weston, W.Va.; David Clyde Martin '46, Buckhannon, W.Va.;

Norman Edwin McIntyre '46, Weston, W.Va.; Kyle Young Swisher, Jr. '46, Fairview, W.Va.; Ralph Clinton Brown, Sr. '15, Faculty, Buckhannon, W.Va.

Pledged: Howard Jackson Maxwell '46, Lost Creek, W.Va.; David Jackson Stout '46, Lost Creek, W.Va.; Reginald Long '46, Buckhannon, W.Va.

Psi chapter is happy to state that on Tuesday, March 16, 1943, Dr. Ralph C. Brown, S.T.B., D.D., professor of Bible and Philosophy at Wesleyan, was initiated into this chapter and the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. Dr. Brown has taught at Wesleyan for the past twenty-one years, and for the past few years has been the faculty adviser to Psi chapter. His son, Ralph C. Brown, Jr. '44, was an active member of the chapter until he entered military service.

An installation banquet was held on April 21, in honor of our new chapter officers, and who were installed at that time. President, Eldon Pertz; vice-president, William Simpson; secretaries, Danny Fidler and Samuel Dixon; treasurers, Arthur Dunn and Kyle Swisher; historian, Jerome Brown; chaplain, James Butcher; sentinal, David Martin; marshal, John Kalafat.

From the small number of second semester students, Psi gained three pledges. Their names are listed at the head of the letter. They are fine men and we are proud to have pledged them.

Five pledges from last semester have been given the ritual, two of them have since left for the armed service making a total of six Psi men to enter service since the last issue of THE ALPHA.

Nearly all the brothers in service are remembering their chapter and fraternity, and write frequently, thus helping to keep the true fraternity spirit alive. A plan is now in effect whereby all chapter members will be kept in contact, with the local and national, after leaving college, for either service or work.

It is needless to state that Psi chapter misses the leading and inspirational ways of Kenneth Knox, William Holcomb, and Arthur Fleming who are attending Medical College at West Virginia University, Morgantown.

Psi extends a sincere invitation for all Alpha Kappa Pi brothers to visit us if they are in this vicinity.

JEROME BROWN

Alpha Alpha—Hartwick

Pledged: Carlton Benjamin '46, Oneonta, N.Y.; Nelson Fuhrer '46, Roscoe, N.Y.; Norman Bowmaker '46, Oneonta, N.Y.; Clement Hulick '46, Greenville, N.Y.; Floyd Mauer '46, Bloomville, N.Y.; and Leroy Schellhardt '46, Yonkers, N.Y.

In the early part of this school year Alpha Alpha chapter was happy to report that its numerical and financial strength and its fraternal quality marked

a new high in the life of the chapter. Our numbers have been decreased, our financial resources are limited, but the feeling of brotherhood has grown and developed until we are sure that the basic strength of the chapter has not been impaired.

At a time when almost every week has marked a courageous farewell we have maintained an active fraternity life. The "Spring Formal" was celebrated prematurely as a "Winter Formal" Dinner Dance at the Hotel Oneonta. This event which at Alpha Alpha has been so often thought of as a final event before commencement was this year the final event prior to the entrance of many of our active members into the service.

The Founders Day of Alpha Kappa Pi was celebrated by a banquet at the chapter house. Guests included Dr. LeRoy Weller, advisor and Dr. Henry J. Arnold, President of Hartwick. Dean Louis F. Hackemann delivered the address. The program included a vocal solo by Robert Nelson, a trombone solo by Edward Lee and a selection by the A-A Quartet.

On April 8 the chapter met to dedicate a service flag "to the honor of the men of Alpha Alpha chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi who are represented thereon." The flag at present, has forty-four seven-pointed green stars on a field of white. Henry Heins of Hollis, Long Island, Chaplain, was in charge of the dedication.

The following evening, April 9, found A-A men in a lighter mood as we enjoyed the annual "Pledge Party." At this time the new pledges threw a party which was supervised by Nelson Fuhrer—Der Fuhrer says. . . .

Since Uncle Sam made many of our men become stars on a service flag, it has been necessary for us to have two elections during the year. At the first, February 4, the following were elected John Geiselman for vice-president; Dewey Hornbeck, sentinal; Robert Nelson, secretary. On the twenty-fifth of February by another election Rowland Conklin succeeded Donald Pickering as president.

As we close this year we are determined to do two things; first, to keep the chapter active as long as men remain and, second, to attend in force a reunion which has already been planned for after the war.

LEONARD E. TINKER

Alpha Beta—Tri State

Initiated: Lee Davis Brown '46, Canton, Ohio; Philip Neil Benedict '45, Memphis, Tenn.; Ned Laurence Benedict '45, Memphis, Tenn.; Charles Henry Seegar '44, Lansing, Mich.; Bryan Ozell Nolin '46, Cissna Park, Ill.; William Cudd Austell '45, Laurens, S.C.; William Brent Murphy '44, Hammond, Ind.; George Christian Walker '45, Montpelier, Vt.; Charles Lynn Stewart '45, Montpelier, Vt.; Donald Casper Spaulding, Casper,



ALPHA BETA CHAPTER AT TRI-STATE

First Row—reading left to right: Rex Davis, Bill Kentner, Don Burroughs, Norm White, Al Scriber, Oliver Francis, Stelle Corte, Dolph Wilkens.
 Second Row—still reading left to right: Ray Collier, Bev Stolkes, Don Letsinger, Bob Lasbo, Lloyd Loomer, Pete Cochran, Bob Doughty, Lou Zeiler, Ernie Meister, Warren Nelson.
 Third Row—still reading left to right: Bob Mungel, Willis Thomas, Joe Maddio, Harry Malutick, Chris Zabralis, Bob Trier, John Vaffs, Orville Mathensmith, Bill Tice, Lyle Summers.
 Fourth Row—still reading left to right: Ray Peterson, Lonnie Kellog, John Bell, Gordon Etter, Toni Conti, Charles Bennett, Clarence Sheppard, Bill Stillman, Erno Corte.



ALPHA BETA'S PLEDGE CLASS RECENTLY INITIATED

First row, reading left to right: Jake Tillema, Dale Drenth, Don Spaulding, Clarence Ketchum, Joe Goodwin.

Second row: reading left to right: George Walker, Jim Jarvis, Charles Seegar, Ned Benedict, George, Bill Austrell.

Third row, reading left to right: Phil Benedict, Charles Steward, William Murphy, Mike Giordano, Lee Fleishood.

Wyo.; Joe Harlan Goodwin '45, Balboa, Canal Zone; Robert Fields Reiland '45, Chicago, Ill.; Clarence Henry Ketcham '45, Roslyn Heights, N.Y.; Ferdy Leigh Fleishood '44, Wabash, Ind.; Floyd Leonard Malmborg '44, Flushing, N.Y.; Michael John Giordano '45, Glen Cove, N.Y.; Horace James Jarvis, Jr. '45, Sea Cliff, N.Y.; Jacob A. Tillema '45, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Dale Arthur Drenth '45, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Pledged: Hugh Fisher, New York; Carlos Novoa, New York; Jack Turner, Ohio; Don Leonard, Michigan; Don Falvo, Pa.; Bill Hostetler, Indiana; Bill Herron, Ohio; Phil Mortone, New York; Ralph Gentz, Illinois.

Alpha Beta, that chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, located in the beautiful hill and lake region of Northern Indiana, sends out a word of cheery greeting the Nation over, to the brotherhood. Through THE ALPHA we extend the best of wishes to every chapter in these trying days of world warfare.

In spite of the dreary outlook, at the beginning of last term, what with such a large number of our members being called on to serve our country, we look back now with a sincere satisfaction for the job that has been well done. This work being accomplished by the tireless effort of the entire chapter, and under the compelling leadership of our inspirational chapter president, Albert Schreiber.

Speaking of the past, which we consider a banner one, we pledged sixteen splendid young men, and who would do credit to any campus or to any fraternity order. What is more, under the guidance of pledge master, William Kentner, every one of our pledges made their initiation and are enrolled as brothers among us. We are proud of these new members.

We are well represented in college affairs this term. Brother Collier is vice-president of the senior class; Clarence Shepherd, president of the honorary chemical fraternity, Chi Epsilon; Oliver

Francis, president of the chemical engineering society; Robert Doughty is the latest member to be admitted into Tau Sigma Eta, honorary engineering society.

As a result of the war conditions, with gas rationing, tire shortage, our social activities have been greatly confined to the campus and chapter house. However our house parties have been the leading social events at this college, and many compliments have been drifting our way. Our new recreational room has added much to the success of these affairs. The high light of the social season was the pledge formal and for once this year we held to the traditional trekking to The Shrine Temple, Fort Wayne, Indiana, where our brothers brought their favorite date, donned their best apparel, and passed an evening in dancing and good fellowship. At the close of the winter term Alpha Beta lost two of her stalwart members. John Vaffis and William Chappo graduated as aeronautical engineers. We shall miss them, but surely our best wishes go with them.

The new officers of the chapter are: president, Don Burroughs; vice-president, Bob Trier; secretary, Don Letsinger; treasurer, Enio Joe Corte. Thus ends another report from the Alpha Beta chapter to the highly prized ALPHA of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity.

OLIVER M. FRANCIS

Alpha Delta—Toledo

Initiated: Robert Louis Brady '46, Toledo, Ohio; Roland Phillips Campbell '46, Toledo, Ohio; William Arthur Keller '46, Toledo, Ohio; Warren Mumma '46, Toledo, Ohio; Robert Michael O'Shea '45, Toledo, Ohio; Lewis Junior Lammiman '46, Toledo, Ohio; Paul Charles Plessner '46, Toledo, Ohio; William Edwis Lippos '46, Toledo, Ohio; William Andrew Pollauf '46, Toledo, Ohio.

Pledged: Richard Ballard '46, Toledo, Ohio; James Nightingale '46, Toledo, Ohio.

War is the theme of this chapter letter, as it is the theme of our every day life at the present time. For the duties and inconveniences of war have been shouldered willingly and cheerfully by the brothers of our Alpha Delta chapter.

The first and greatest loss, since the last Alpha, was that of our beloved president, Basil Fous-sianes. He was an officer of the Student Council, our representative on the Panhellenic Council, and an all-around fine fellow. We are sure that he will be a truly valuable asset to the Army Air Force as he goes out to meet the country's call.

Former vice-president William Mund has now risen to the presidency, a place he so well deserves. Bill, another of Alpha Delta's many able leaders, has proved to be a well-fitted, conscientious prexie. Brother Frederick C. Foshag was

named to the vice-presidency. Other new officers are: Kenneth H. Rice, treasurer; and Robert M. O'Shea, historian.

The presence of thirty-two active and alumni brothers in the armed forces has had a disturbing influence on the numerical strength of our chapter. The drafting of pledges and would be pledges has not been beneficial either.

One week after the most recent initiation ceremonies, a banquet was held for these new brothers leaving for the country service. The banqueting took the form of a spaghetti dinner and was provided by the older brothers with the splendid assistance of the members of our Mother's Club. This pleasant affair took place at our chapter lodge and was in charge of the co-chairmen, Brothers Fous-sianes and Rice.

The chapter took advantage of some of April's fine Spring weather and gave a roast at "Side Cut Park," a beautiful place located at the side cut of the historic and now extinct Miami Canal. Paul Plessner was chairman of the event, assisted by William Reed and Kenneth Rice. The roast was a welcome relief from the strain of mid-term examinations, and there was a splendid attendance.

War did not hinder Alpha Delta's success in the sports events, however, for the past few months. Our bowling team composed of Rollie Campbell, Bill Libbe, John Millns, and Captain Val Farnham could not be stopped, so we have a new trophy resting among our collection for the intramural bowling championship. Our basketball team had fair success, too, winning two out of four games in the last month.

Yes, the encroachment of rationing and scarcities, war activities, selective service and call of the reserves have made our activities fewer and more simple, but we are glad to make any and all sacrifices to help win this war and bring our brothers back home once more.

ROBERT M. O'SHEA

Alpha Zeta—Wayne

Initiated: Robert Oscar Eskola '46, Detroit, Mich.; Stuart Cummings Hitu '45, Detroit, Mich.; William Robert Livermore '46, Detroit, Mich.; Kenneth Nolan Metcalf '45, Detroit, Mich.; William James Somerville '46, Detroit, Mich.

Pledged: Richard Davis Kelly '47, Detroit, Mich.

The month of March played a dual role in the Alpha Zeta chapter. It not only introduced what we have been calling Spring, but one of the busiest months that this chapter has ever experienced. We were faced with the election of new chapter officers, initiation of new brothers, extensive war planning now and after the victory, preparation of our first semi-monthly newsletter to the men in service, and for most of us notice of

erving our country at the end of the semester. Alpha Zeta has been speeding up matters to keep in step with all these demands.

So many of our brothers have entered some branch of the service, and others leaving very shortly, that the chapter decided it was time to do some definite planning for the good of the chapter and fraternity now and later on. The results may be summarized in the following points agreed upon: On July first to give up our lease on the chapter house. To place all our books, records, files in the hands of our active and capable alumni. To store our furniture. To continue publishing a semi-monthly newsletter for our brothers in the service of our country. To take under advisement the pledging of no more men for the duration. To ask all brothers, active and alumni, to pledge a certain amount of money to the chapter each month. To place this money into war bonds for a general building fund to secure a new chapter house after the war has been won.

We are confident of success since many of our brothers in service have been sending back to this fund and also suggesting such a plan be generally adopted. Our many alumni here in Detroit will keep a fraternal and interested oversight of all such matters.

Socially we have been busy. In the near future we are planning a father-son evening with bowling and other games, and in this way to continue a now established custom. Then we are also arranging a party to be given in honor of the Delta Gamma Chi sorority, a leading group of young women here at Wayne University.

In the sport field we have been very successful. Standing right up in the top group we have added recently new laurels by taking the interfraternity bowling tournament. We finished high in volleyball and now look forward to the swimming meet.

Even though we will practically be absent, insofar as the chapter members go, by the first of July, we held our annual election of officers with the following result: president, Bob Larson; vice-president, Howard Keibel; secretary, Dave Crockett.

In closing we extend our best wishes to the other chapters and look forward to an even greater Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity after we have helped win the country's war against the Axis.

KEITH MOFFATT

Alpha Eta—Milton

Pledged: Richard Paul '46, Janesville, Wis.; Jon Krueger '43, Milton, Wis.

At the opening of college last September the Alpha Eta chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity was the largest fraternal unit on the campus. However the war demands, and the ready response of the brothers, has changed that picture

considerably and now we number one initiated brother and two pledged brothers. However we are planning to carry along. Besides the chapter members we have always with us, strong in enthusiasm and always faithful, Dean John N. Daland, Professor Milton Van Horn, and athletic trainer, Blaine Gamble. These men make up a chapter in themselves if the need is ever present. Owing to the small number of active brothers the chapter has voted unanimously for Dean Daland to assume the presidency or directing head of the chapter "for the duration," and Professor Van Horn to act as secretary-treasurer during that same period. All moneys will be used to purchase victory bonds and all the brothers in service have planned to send in \$10 of their second month's pay for this purpose. This money, and all other financial assets to be held for the time when a permanent chapter house may be secured for after the war use. Alpha Eta is bound to be back on the campus bigger and better than ever after this war has been fought and victory established.

The college basketball team set up an excellent record the past few months and two of the regulars were from the Alpha Kappa Pi ranks. Brothers not playing varsity were on the intramurals.

Pledges Kreuger and Paul are active in the Y.M.C.A. cabinet. Pledge Paul is also the radio announcer, weekly, for the college and both Paul and Lipke were members of the Shakespearian play given by the college students.

In closing Alpha Eta pledges to remain true during these troublous days and to hold the fort at Milton College, for the cause of the Alpha Kappa Pi, and until our brothers come home again. Meanwhile the best of good wishes go out to them wherever they are to be found.

ELMER LIPKE

Alpha Iota—American

Initiated: Horace Samuel Merrill, Faculty, Washington, D.C.; Fritz Karl Mann, Faculty, Chevy Chase, Md.; Bernard George Achhammer '43, Scranton, Pa.; Wendell Eugene Detty '44, Washington, D.C.

Pledged: Raymond B. Will '46, Brunswick, Md.

Since our last letter to THE ALPHA, we here at Alpha Iota have been working hard on our Lodge, which we expect to finish during the next month. We expect The Lodge to be of great value after the war, when we will have to put the chapter back on its feet again.

Last February Brother Armand Vallieres was elected president of the chapter, succeeding Brother Ned Krouskop, who had become ineligible, under the university rules. He is holding down a full-time job at the Bureau of Standards and is only a part-time student. Yours truly was

lected to fill the vacancy of historian created by Brother Vallieres's election.

On Memorial Sunday the above mentioned four men, as initiates, were added to the rolls of Alpha Iota and the Alpha Kappa Pi. Brother Merrill, professor of Political Science, shortly afterwards accepted a new position at Stephens College, Missouri. While here he was a great friend of the chapter and we are sorry to see him leave. He also formed one half of a swell chaperone team. Good luck! Brother Mann, professor of Economics at the down-town college of the university, came over from Germany in 1936, where he had been Dean at the University of Cologne. Brothers Detty and Achammer are both chemistry majors. Well liked on the campus, they represent a fine addition to our chapter. Alpha Iota is indeed proud to present these men to the fraternity. We also have a new pledge in Raymond B. Will, who hails from Maryland and is a member of the freshman class.

Socially we are, as always, easily holding our own. In February the chapter threw a dance for a local sorority which recently became a chapter of the national Kappa Delta sorority. On Founders Day we had the great pleasure of having with us at our banquet Province Chief Bert Heinmiller, Brother Cliff Graham, *Delta*; and our own alumni Brothers Agy, Bentley, and Marino. Then on April 10, at our stag bowling party we were honored with the presence of Brothers Fortune and Ferner, *Iota*; and Muench, *Rho*. It was swell to know them. They were great. One of our latest projects is the establishment of a Washington alumni chapter. Brother Frank Marino, *Alpha Iota '37*, is the temporary chairman. It would be appreciated if every chapter would send in a list of all its brothers, and their addresses, who reside in or around Washington. Brother Marino's address is 6412, Thirteen Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Our first active brother, so far in the year 1943, to enter the Armed Forces is Brother Jim Eden. Almost all the brothers saw him off as he left last February to enter the Army Air Corps. We hated to see him go, for he was one of our hardest workers and a swell brother, but we know he is fighting for a great cause, and this eases our minds a little. He is now stationed at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio.

On April 13 the annual songfest took place. The chapter, in the fraternity competition, took a close second. In the scholarship line, however, Alpha Iota finds itself again on top of all the fraternities, thereby keeping our record intact, for we have never relinquished first place in scholarship, either as a local society or as a chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity.

Best of greetings to Alpha Nu chapter, University of Connecticut.

KARL O. MANN

Alpha Kappa—Rensselaer

Pledged: Jim Langley '46, Amsterdam, N.Y.; Phil Voutrain '46, South Hadley, Mass.; Marty Moore '46, Elizabeth, N.J.; Russell Ohlson '47, Douglaston, N.Y.; Lee Smith '47, Pittsfield, Mass.; Phil Horgan '47, Pittsfield, Mass.; Tom Hindle '47, Teaneck, N.J.; Jack Curran '47, Meriden, Conn.; Paul Early '47, Manhassett, N.Y.

Alpha Kappa chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity held its farewell banquet and dance at the Troy Country Club, and it was an event befitting the occasion. The affair was formal and an excellent orchestra furnished the music. Because of its very meaning, attendance was complete. The enthusiastic remarks as to the success of the evening's entertainment leaves no doubt but that it ranked as one of the most pleasurable and successful in the life of the Alpha Kappa chapter. The real event of the evening was the presentation of a mother badge to Mrs. Jacobie, known to all of us as "Jake," in recognition of her contributions to the chapter. In addition to her marvelous cooking duties, she has been a mother to all of us, giving advice and guiding care. Needless to say, her presence represents a great deal to the high tone of the chapter.

In addition to this formal, we had the annual Sophomore Soiree. Music was provided by Jerry Wald and his orchestra and the event took place at the Rensselaer gymnasium. Thereafter the Alpha Kappa social life continued with a series of informal victrola dances held at the chapter house.

In the field of interfraternity sports, the only results found our ping-pong representatives being nosed out in the semi-finals by the eventual champions. On the whole we have improved our general standing on the campus over last year.

New officers recently elected to take the place of the brothers leaving for service in the cause of country resulted as follows: treasurer, George Smith; secretary, Frederick Jansen; historian, George Johnson; chaplain, Albert La Plant; marshal, Malcolm Graham.

GEORGE O. JOHNSON, JR.

Alpha Lambda—Ohio Northern

Initiated: Joseph Henry Thomas '43, Bristol, Ohio; Ralph Frederick Mikus '46, Loupurex, Pa.

War demands are cutting down the activities of the Alpha Kappa Pi chapter, Ohio Northern University, and the list of men from this chapter, as they will appear in THE ALPHA, shows that a great many of our most active brothers are now in the different arms of the country's service. The Army Air Corps claiming the greater number of them.

We have received word that Brother Hugh D. Semple '42, charter member of the Alpha Lambda chapter, and an All-Ohio Conference tackle in

football when in college, has been made a Lieutenant in the Marines.

An election of officers took place recently and the following are now listed in the changes. President, Richard N. Ford; secretary, James R. Curry; historian, Ralph F. Mikus.

RALPH F. MIKUS

Alpha Mu—Carthage

The armed forces of our country have called three more of our brothers into active military training. Brothers Richard Sebert and Robert Einhorn are stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, while Brother Cox is awaiting call for induction in the immediate future.

Word has just been received from Brother John Fay, who was inducted into the army three months ago, that he has been transferred to the Army Air Cadet training school in preparation as a pilot navigator or bombardier. Also that Dr. John W. Poultney, former chapter counselor, has been commissioned a corporal.

In the annual Varsity Show sponsored by the "C" men's club of Carthage College, Alpha Mu received third place and placed highest among the five fraternities on the campus. Each fraternity presented an original skit, the winner of which received defense stamp awards.

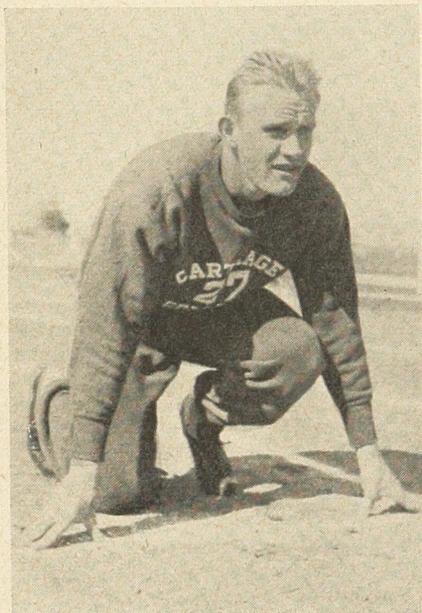
Alpha Mu was entertained at the home of Counselor Calvin Sifferd on Founders Day evening. After the customary toast to the fraternity, the evening was spent in informal fellowship over a chili supper. It was a most pleasant way to observe this national tradition in Alpha Kappa Pi, and we are grateful to the Sifferd family for the courtesies of the occasion.

In spite of the shortage of brothers, a united and determined effort has been put forth to func-

tion in the best possible way as a chapter. It has been a real note of pleasure to note the appreciation that our alumni brothers hold for all that their fraternal life at Alpha Mu has meant to them. Theirs is the true spirit of fraternalism.

With best wishes to the brothers everywhere, we trust that our fellow chapters will be capable of meeting the demands of the war on fraternities with every possible success, while shirking in no possible way the call of our country.

CHARLES WENDORFF



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