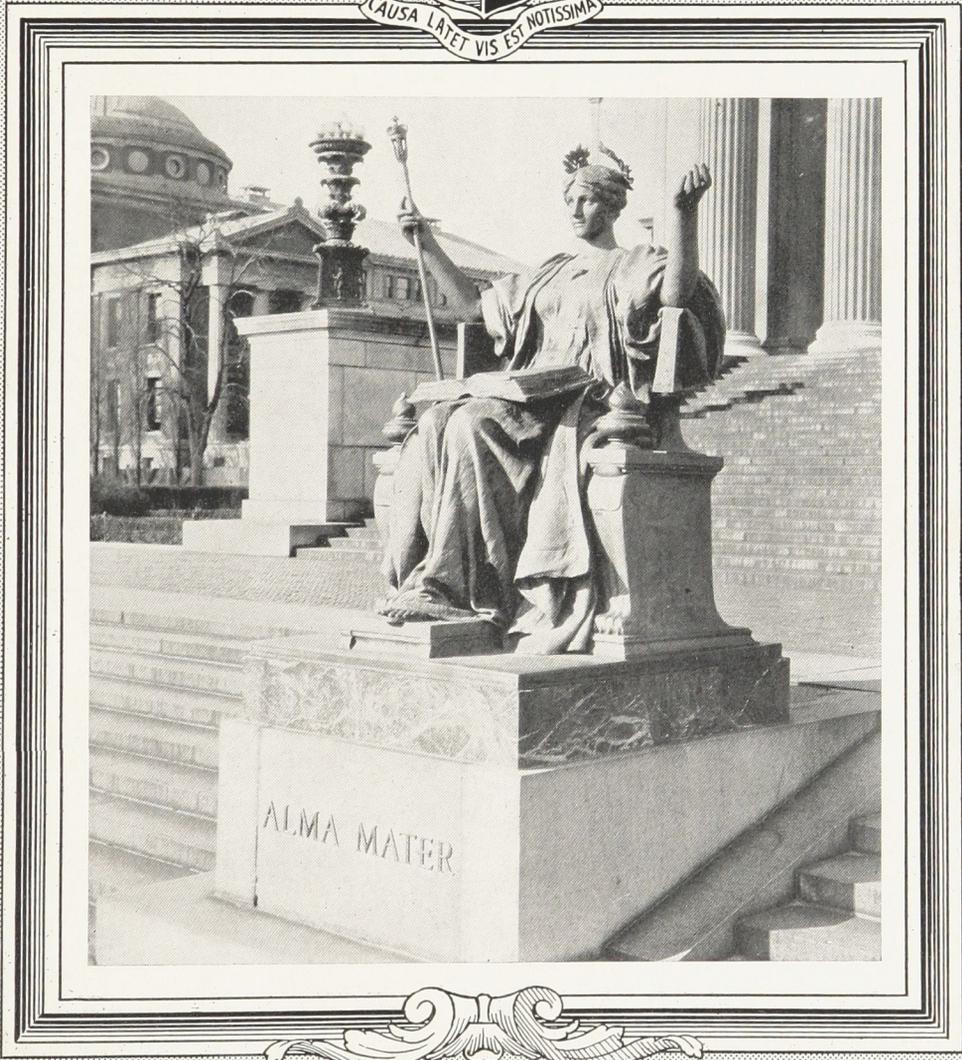


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## The Cover

One of the landmarks at Columbia University is the statue, Alma Mater, a picture of which is reproduced on the cover of this issue of the *Tomahawk*. The statue is the work of Daniel Chester French, an American artist, and was presented to the University by the widow of Robert Goelet.

Mounted on the center of the steps leading to the library it is in the center of activities and a witness of most of the really important events in the college life of a Columbia man. It greets him as an incoming Freshman and salutes him as a finished graduate. In between times it presides over the daily activities of the campus. Its prominence has, in addition, made it the victim of numerous practical jokes conceived in the fertile minds of undergraduates. One time the crown disappeared and after being lost for some months was found supplementing the equipment in the men's room of a popular restaurant near the campus.

During the twenty odd years the statue has been a part of Columbia University thousands of men and women have passed beneath her gaze to the monotony of everyday existence but as the years pass Alma Mater remains a vivid memory of better days.

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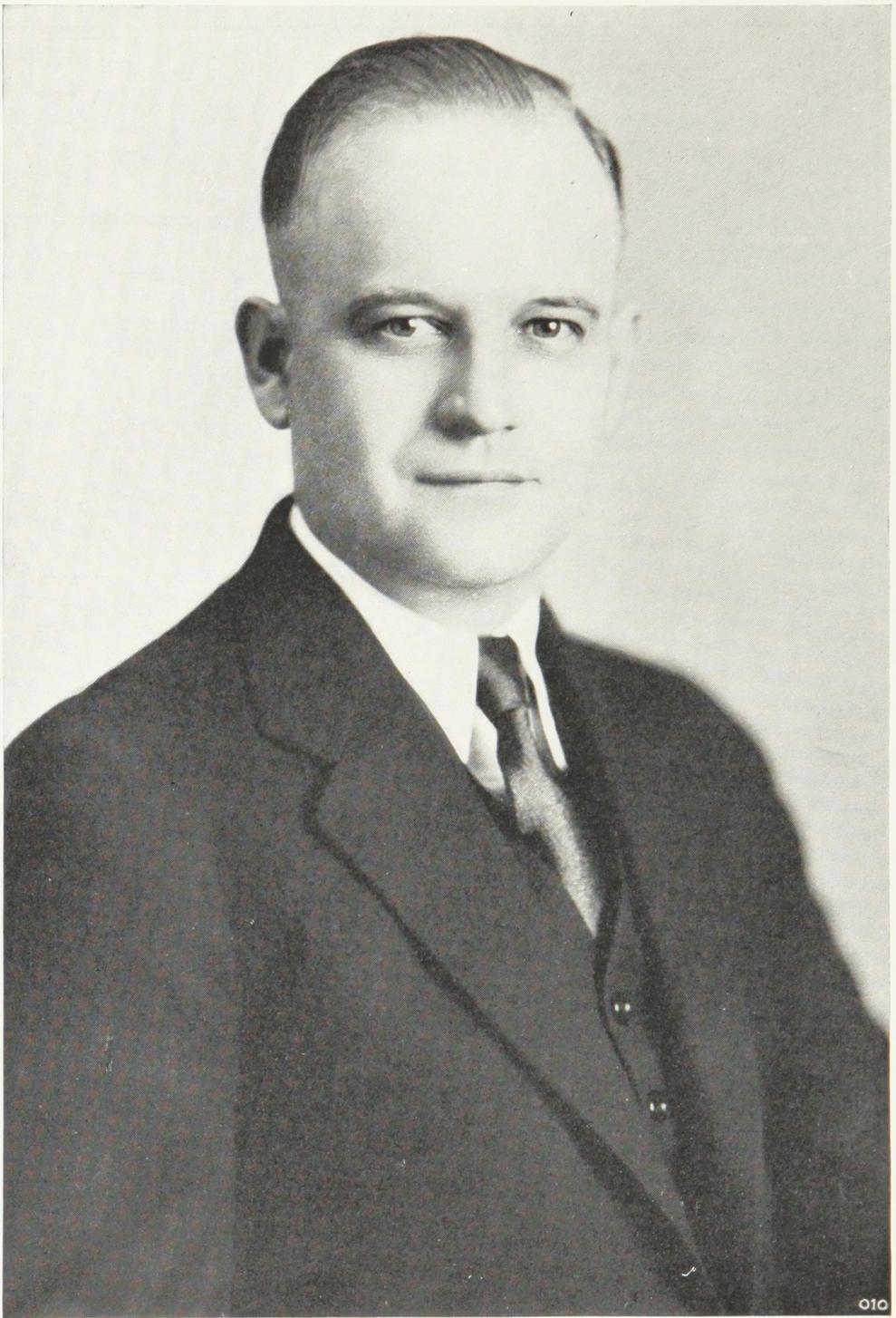
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P. G. JOHNSON, Mu '14

*Brother Johnson recently took another step upward in his climb to prominence in the Aviation Industry when, upon the merging of Boeing Air Transport with United Airways, he was made president of the combined companies. He was graduated from the University of Washington in 1917 and immediately entered the employ of the Boeing Airplane Company—then a small organization in a new field. His first job was that of a draftsman in the factory engineering department from which post he advanced rapidly to production manager to superintendent to vice-president and to president. Under his direction the Boeing Company developed into one of the leaders in the industry. His new position is well earned recognition of his ability.*



—Photo by B. F. Wilson, Columbus.

*A not quite complete view of the Zeta Silver Anniversary Sig Bust. Seated at the speaker's table in the background will be discovered such luminaries as Bob Jagocki, Paul Herbert, Earl Clark, "Hub" Atkinson, and Cecil Randall. The modest bald pate at the extreme right background belongs to Hizzoner "Pete" Robinson, mayor of the city of Worthington, Ohio.*

## RECORD TURNOUT CELEBRATES ZETA'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY

*102 Attend Sig Bust, With Robert L. Jagocki as  
Honored Guest*

By EARL CLARK

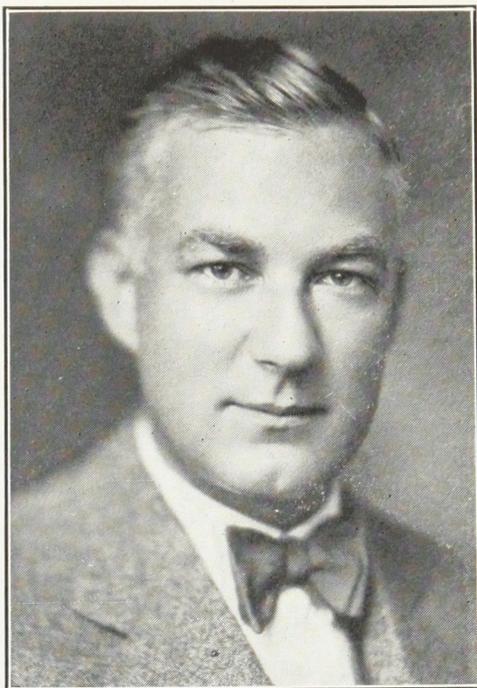
Amid riotous laughter, rollicking songs, and what must have been inspired speeches, Zeta actives and alumni, one hundred and two of them, celebrated the chapter's twenty-fifth birthday at its Silver Anniversary Sig Bust, May 13 at the University Club in Columbus, Ohio.

For four hours these Alpha Sigs, including men not only from Zeta, but from Delta, Epsilon, Alpha Eta, Pi and Omicron, alternately emitted honest-to-goodness belly laughs and applauded blisters on their hands as a galaxy of Zeta's most distinguished alumni paraded their talents before the enthusiastic assemblage. From as far west as Chicago, as far north as Detroit, as far east as New York, and as far south as Cincinnati, the homecoming alums converged on the "Old

Gal", there to weep positive tears of joy at the sight of long-unseen chums, despite the depression and a steady downpour of rain.

Paul Herbert, Zeta '09, Columbus attorney, and former state senator, was toastmaster, and saw to it that hilarity reigned and dignity was ignobly banished.

"Brothers," he thundered in his most oratorical tones, "when this small but respectable smattering of actives looks at this sea of unintelligent and empty faces which comprise the alumni of this chapter, they must shudder and say to themselves, 'Hell! What's the use!' But my friends," Brother Herbert continued, warming to his subject, "when we alumni return and greet you actives, when we hear you talk and observe who you are, we say to ourselves, 'Migawd, were we ever like that!'"



ROBERT L. JAGOCKI

*Chairman of the Grand Prudential Committee,  
representative of National Headquarters at  
Zeta Celebration*

Having thus insulted everyone at two fell swoops, Mr. Herbert read to the gathering two telegrams, the authenticity of which some were inclined to question. Here they are, and you may draw your own conclusions.

“PALO ALTO, CAL.

TAU CHAPTER AND I EXTEND GREETINGS ON THIS GREAT OCCASION STOP I AM HERE IF YOU NEED ME AND WILL REMAIN OUT HERE TILL NINETEEN THIRTY-SIX STOP IT CERTAINLY BEATS HELL BUT I SEEM TO BE THE FORGOTTEN MAN.

H. HOOVER.

The second, from Washington, D. C., was as follows:

WHITE HOUSE:

CONGRATULATIONS TO ZETA CHAPTER ON ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY STOP WE MAY BE BACK ON GOLD STANDARD WHEN YOU CELEBRATE YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY BUT I DOUBT IT.

TUGWELL,  
PROFESSOR TO THE PRESIDENT.

After a welcome to the alumni and reply by Eugene Johnston, H. S. P. of Zeta, and “Pete” Robinson, Zeta '10, respectively, Brother Herbert turned his attention to “Hub” Atkinson, chairman of the Ohio State University Board of Trustees and a charter member of the chapter.

Brother Atkinson gave a most interesting talk on the trials and hardships attendant to the foundation and early days of Zeta, after which this chairman of the board of trustees of a great educational institution waxed into an eloquent and rib-splitting discourse on the respective paddle-stopping attributes of the “fannies” of Vice-President of the University “Lew” Morrill, Zeta '11, and Common Pleas Judge Cecil J. Randall, Zeta '09.

“Now we never had any fun swinging on Lew,” Hub explained, “because he was too thin and bony, but as for Cece Randall boys, there was a fanny! Migawd, you could just strike out ANYwhere and hit something!!!” Needless to say the replies of the august judge and the dignified vice-president were of such a nature as to hardly befit their printing here.

The trend of events during the past year and the chapter's situation as regards rushing was outlined by Walt Gilsdorf, outgoing H. S. P., who was followed by Brother Robert L. Jagocki, Omicron '14, chairman of the Grand Prudential Committee.

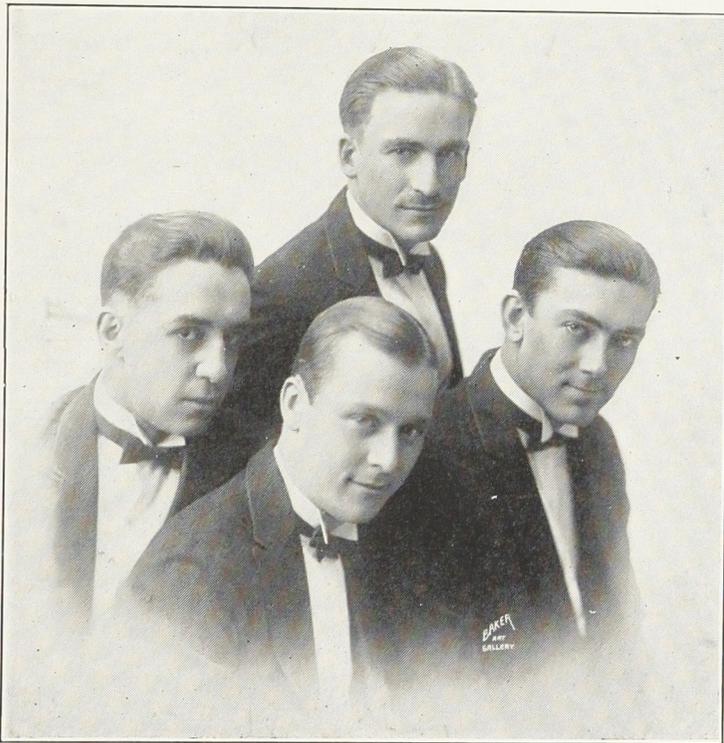
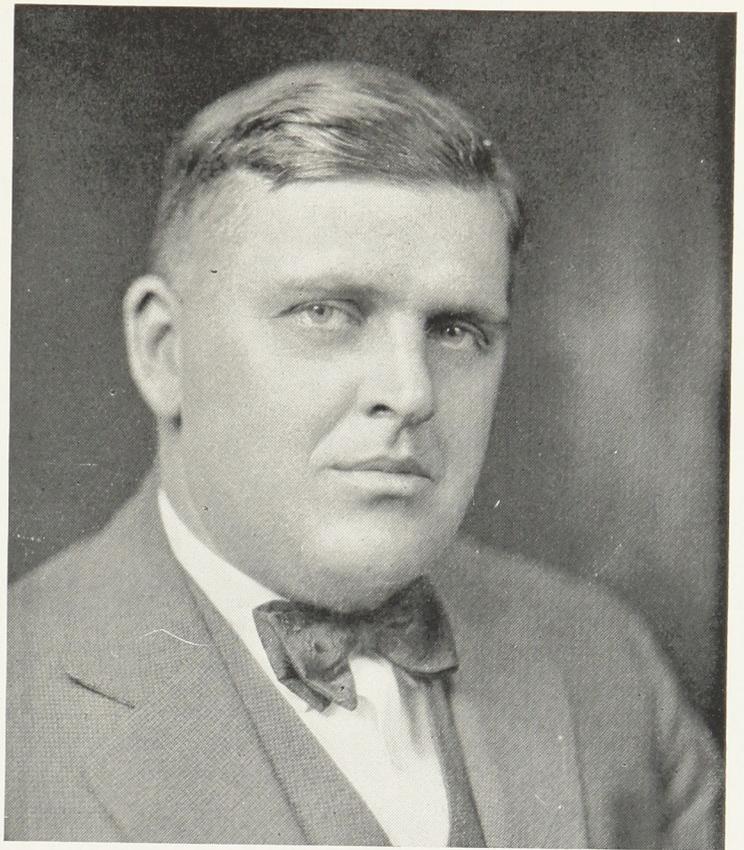
Brother Jagocki gave a splendid talk which cleared up any possible misconceptions which alumni, especially of the “old gang” might have about National Headquarters. During his talk he gave an extremely clear portrayal of the fraternity situation of Alpha Sigma Phi as a whole, of the measures being undertaken at National Headquarters to thwart the depression's inroads on the fraternity, and of the work of the men who compose the Grand Prudential Committee. The hit of the evening was Brother Jagocki's closing message, which was the reading of a letter taken from the New York files and written by the late “Pat” Kearney, famous playwright and Zeta alumnus. The letter, a three-page affair, was as brilliant and biting a piece of hilarious satire as this correspondent has ever heard.

The ace in the deck was the appearance of the far-famed Alpha Sig quartet, which for the evening was a quintet, consisting of Byron McCaw, “Doc” Davis, “Squeak” Eynon, Tommy Adkins, and Carl Shank, all Zeta alumni. When these men were in school they were the official Glee Club quartet, and were known and liked all over the middle west. Their appearance at the Sig bust and their singing of their old numbers were the cues for salvoes of applause from alumni who hadn't heard their beloved quartet for a decade.

When the Bust finally broke up with the singing of the toast and Carmen Ohio at 11 p. m., the rejoicing brothers renewed old friendships in bull sessions and the tempting inducements of conviviality, their host being the genial “Fat” Elford, president of the University Club. The party was the biggest dinner held by any Ohio State University fraternity during the year, and comfortably filled the University Club's spacious banquet room.

It may interest other chapters to know

*"Fat" Elford, president of the University Club and host at Zeta's Silver Anniversary Banquet*



*The famous Buckeye Quartet, of several years ago, reunited at Zeta Banquet: T. Edward Davis, W. Byron McCaw, B. Wale Jenkins and S. Carl Shank*



*Zeta Chapter of 1913-1914, many of whom were at the banquet. Front row, left to right: Sims, Tapke, Bausch, Harpster, Rea, Wright, Schrider. Second row: Cunningham, Cless, Yantes, Kearney, Bear. Third row: Gossard, Blue, Bracken, Kaley, Alexander. Fourth row: Groff, Astry, Leonard, Gaily, Achauer. Fifth row: Gurney, Holman, Bricker, Elford, Pettit. Top row: Evans, Wasson, Turpie, Mitchell*

how, despite the tremendous financial handicaps, Zeta chapter got out five times as many alumni as in previous years, with about a fifth of the usual expense. In the first place, the primary psychology upon which the committee worked was the substitution of the personal appeal for the usual form letter. There was not a single form letter sent out during the entire campaign, which was concentrated on almost four hundred Sigs. First of all the committee procured a correspondent in every class of initiates dating from the founding of the chapter. That is, for all the men who were initiated in 1907, Robert Collins was named to act as correspondent, for the men in 1909 Paul Herbert undertook the task, and so on through the years. About five weeks before the Bust, these men sent out letters to all their classmates of that year, the letters being the first announcement of the dinner. They were personal letters, written from one Alpha Sig to another, but they contained all the information on the Sig Bust, and solicited an immediate reply.

In the meantime, in nine large towns outside of Columbus, the committee had selected local alumni to act as "visiting committees" in their respective localities, while at the same time Columbus was divided into three districts and three committees of two men each

from the active chapter were appointed to visit the 90-odd Sigs in Columbus. All these visiting committees went out about a week after the correspondents' first letters had been mailed, and the results of each were received and checked by the committee.

Then about ten days before the Bust, the correspondents again sent out letters to all who had replied unfavorably or not at all to the first letters, and these letters were followed in a few days by double post cards from the house, so that the alumni merely had to tear off the accompanying cards and send them back for reservations. Thus the pressure was applied from three different directions, with the result that the turnout was by far the largest and most enthusiastic that the chapter had ever had. The benefits will probably be felt when the chapter gets rushes for next fall.

Eta, Theta, Kappa, and Iota chapters will soon be celebrating their Silver Anniversaries, as did Zeta. If members of these chapters are interested in getting more detailed information and advice on the methods which were used in turning the alumni out for the occasion, their questions will be welcomed by Earl Clark, 4895 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio, who was in charge of Zeta's celebration.

# What Becomes of the COLLEGE GRADUATE?

## *Fraternity Membership, Better Than Average Scholarship and Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities Prove Indicative of Future Earning Power*

By ANTHONY ANABLE

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Can a college education, aside from its cultural and social benefits, be justified on a monetary basis? If so, are financially successful graduates above or below average in scholarship; which courses are best designed to give early indication of later success? Is participation in fraternity life and extra-curriculum activities a waste of time or a valuable part of undergraduate life? And finally, is the trend of graduates into executive positions great, and what industries and what classifications of jobs within these industries offer greatest opportunity for self-improvement and financial reward?

These questions have been discussed for generations by parents seeking to guide their sons to distinguished careers in business and industry; students, too, have argued pro and con. Not until recently, however, have illuminating, factual data on the subject been available. About 15 years ago, in June, 1917, Prof. Davis R. Dewey, head of the new department of Business and Engineering Administration at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, at the graduation of his first class, conceived the idea of following the careers not only of his initial group of 38, but of the first 1,000 graduates of his course, enlisting each of them in a fact-finding survey, to be completed in 15 years.

This course, the first 1,000 graduates of which were subsequently to become the testing medium for a new educational viewpoint, was established in 1913 at the request of a committee of alumni who recognized clearly that many engineering graduates did not, after graduation, follow their profession, but were drafted into commercial or managerial positions. They recommended a new course, the aim of which was to furnish a broad foundation for ultimate administrative positions by combining with a general engineering training instruction in business methods, business economics, and business law.

In 1930 the thousandth student graduated and the test group was complete. After a lapse of a year to allow the last class to be

absorbed by industry the records of all were produced and correlated by Dewey's successor, Prof. Erwin H. Schell. Before considering the group as a whole, an inquiry into the men themselves should be made.

Among the 809 who supplied full data on their careers, virtually every state of the Union was represented, although New Englanders predominated. Each of 42 preparatory schools and 53 colleges had prepared at least four of them for their final course of study; the men were drawn from cities and towns in all population ranges, with neither large, small, nor medium-sized communities predominating. About two-thirds of them were sons of college men, and only in a few instances were father and son graduates of the same institution. Furthermore, parental influence was not pronounced, for the fathers of these men were engaged in a great variety of pursuits, some being proprietors, managers, and professional men, while others were engaged in commercial service, the building trades, manufacturing and mechanical industries, engineering and the machine trades.

In considering the salaries given in the following it should be borne in mind that these were earned during the halcyon days of the booming '20's, and consequently are from 15 to 30 per cent in excess of present salaries. Still, no error is introduced by these inflated figures, as the investigators were concerned not so much with actual salaries as with the comparative earnings of different groups of graduates and the reasons for the difference in remuneration offered these men by industry. A startling difference in achievement, based upon earning capacity, was at once noted. In one-fifth of the group, called the upper achievement rating for purposes of comparison, the earned salaries increased year after year at the rate of \$1,000; the middle fifth, or middle achievement rating, showed an average annual raise in pay of little less than \$500, while the rate of increase in the lowest fifth, or lowest achievement rating, was strikingly low; only after 14 years was a salary of \$3000

Responsibility trend of Course XV graduates in per cent

Number Reported	Years After Graduation	Apprentices		Clerical	Engineering Specialists <i>Designers, Engineers, Draftsmen, Research</i>	Major Executives	Minor Executives	Labor		Salesmen	No Class Students, Miscellaneous, Unknown		% Reported				
								Skilled	Unskilled								
813	1	17.7		11.8	19.4	4.1	11.1	8.1	1.8	6.8	0.5	18.5	85				
811	2	9.5		14.2	27.4		6.5	17.8		3.8	2.7	7.9	85				
743	3	4.0	11.1		25.7		10.5			21.6		10.1	84				
677	4	19	8.6		22.7		15.0			24.8		5.3	11.2	7.9	84		
600	5	5.5		24.5			18.7			26.0	1.0		9.5		83		
514	6	0.8	5.6		18.7		23.8			26.5	0.4	0.2		6.2	10.3	7.8	82
432	7	4.4		18.5			29.2			26.6		6.0	8.6			81	
338	8	3.9		17.4			33.0			23.2		3.3	8.9	5.3		79	
263	9	3.4		15.9			37.6			25.7		3.4	9.9	3.8		78	
165	10	3.6		13.3			41.2			23.6		4.9	9.1			78	
109	11		10.1				47.7			23.8		3.7	8.3	4.6		77	
69	12		8.9				62.3					15.9	4.4	2.9	2.9	74	
48	13		10.4				62.5					16.7	4.2			73	
27	14	3.7	3.7				70.3					14.8	7.4			73	

reached. When, as a group, the lowest achievement rating had attained this median salary of \$3,000, the middle achievement rating had reached \$5,700, and the upper achievement rating \$13,000. Regarded from a slightly different angle, the salary secured by this lowest fifth after 14 years was secured by the middle fifth in five years and by the uppermost fifth in three years.

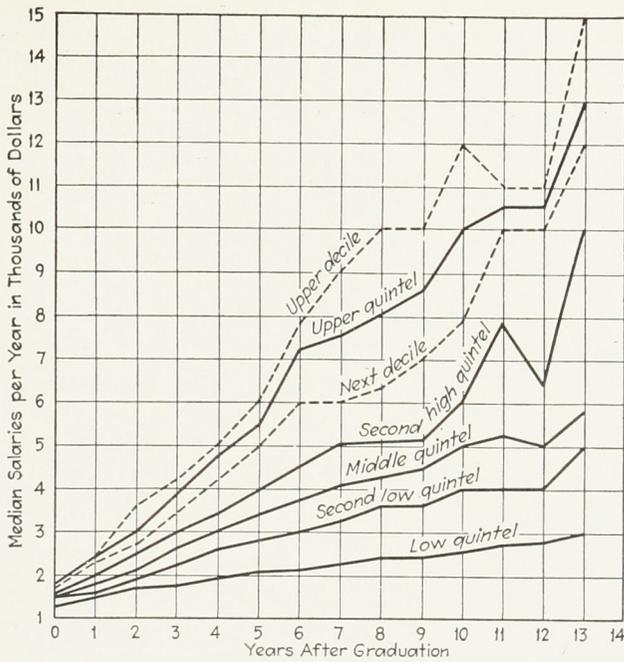
**Justification for Study**

All of these men had had the same educational advantages and all had secured diplomas upon graduation. As a group they entered business and industry in minor capacities, such as apprentices, laborers, clerks and salesmen, attaining greater responsibilities of minor and major executive positions as years passed. The justification for the course of study they had pursued is found in an accompanying chart which shows that of men 14 years out of college, 70.3 per cent had become major executives and 14.8 per cent minor. Yet why, the professor inquired, the wide divergence in the earning power of the five achievement ratings? Was the explanation to be found in geographical, social, or in scholastic conditions, or was the type of industry selected and the general class of position held therein of importance? These and many other factors had a bearing on the answer to the question, as a further critical study of the records show.

The survey showed that the most successful men came from the middle western states, and that those who did best in business life had completed college courses elsewhere before coming to the New England institute for their final work. First among the states producing

successful graduates was Wisconsin, followed closely by Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, California, Michigan and New York. At the bottom came Connecticut, preceded in ascending order by Rhode Island, District of Columbia, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Furthermore, those transferred from another college, either due to greater maturity or a predisposition to undertake the type of work for which the course was designed, did far better than the ones possessing only a secondary school education. Half of these college transfers reached the upper two achievement ratings, compared with only a little over a third of the secondary school men.

But New England's educational methods and the benefits of better than average scholarship were convincingly sustained when it was found that the men in the two upper achievement ratings did considerably better scholastically than their less successful classmates. The upper achievement rating showed definitely a higher proportion of men with honor, credit, and passing grades than the lower four groups, and a corresponding smaller proportion of men who at one time or another had secured low or failing grades. While this scholastic superiority of the most successful graduates was clear in all classes of study, it was strikingly apparent in business and economic subjects and in original thesis work. This again was logical and to be expected, as these particular subjects demand an unusual degree of initiative, imagination, and resourcefulness, the qualities that are always so immensely important in executive work.



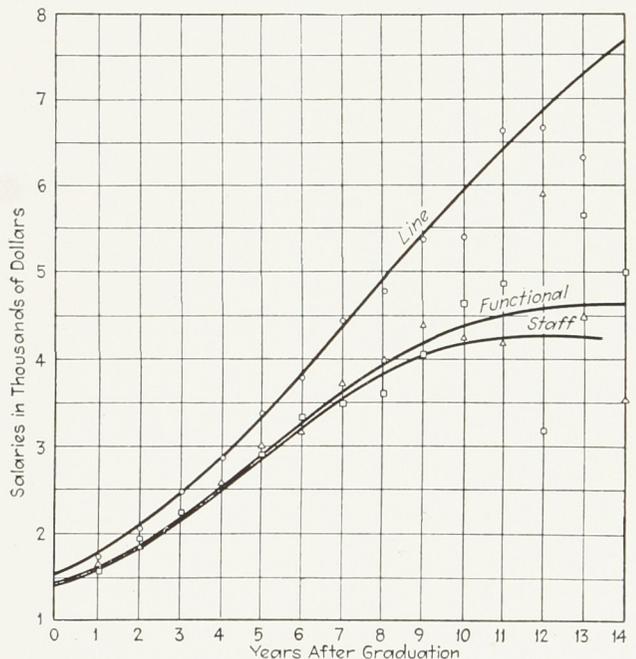
Membership in social or Greek letter fraternities proved to a surprising extent a criterion of later business success, which conclusion should have a salutary effect upon those who libel the fraternity system as a hotbed of social snobbery and a gross waster of time. The upper achievement rating contained one-third more fraternity men than the group as a whole, the middle achievement rating was just up to average, and the proportion in the low achievement group was one-sixth less than the average. A similar trend, although not quite as emphatic, was observed for members of senior honorary societies. A clean-cut explanation of this correlation between fraternity membership and achievement is reached with difficulty. The reason may be that executive responsibilities require social qualities of a relatively high order, which fraternity life has a tendency to develop. On the other hand the highly selective processes involved in fraternity membership may give heed to personal qualities, effective and valuable in executive positions.

Ultimate success apparently came to those who had led extremely active lives during undergraduate years and who had been engaged in a greater proportion of extra-curriculum pursuits than their classmates. Graded on a point system, determining the importance of the various activities and the time devoted to them, the members of the upper achievement rating were almost one-third more proficient in undergraduate activities than the average;

the next two ratings attained average proficiency and the two lowest ratings were distinctly below average.

Almost as important as undergraduate records was the industry entered and the nature of the work performed. From the standpoint of earnings the greatest opportunities were found in chemical and related processing industries, and in the manufacture of machinery, apparatus of various sort, and of instruments. Next in order came the construction, public utility, and metal-fabricating industries; the low salaries occupations were found in the insurance field and in educational and governmental services. A further subdivision of occupation, not according to industry but according to field of work, showed clearly that the most attractive fields were those of distribution, finance, industrial management, and professional services. Significantly, 63.5 per cent of the upper achievement rating were

placed in one or the other of these four lucrative fields, while the same was true of only 48 per cent of the members of the low achievement rating. Breaking down the occupational analysis one step further according to line (executive), functional, and staff positions, the superior opportunities of the line positions were clearly brought out. Not only did the line men receive greater annual salary increments, about \$500, than the others, but there seemed to be no limit to the salary ultimately attained, whereas the opportunities in



functional and staff positions appeared to be limited to about \$5000 per year.

Strange as it may seem, an easily perceptible predilection to succeed seemed to be stamped indelibly upon the ultimately successful members of the group as early as in their twenty-second year. How could the fact otherwise be explained, that the members of the upper achievement rating, upon graduation, received more and better offers than their less successful classmates in the low achievement rating? Members of the upper achievement rating received proportionately more offers of from two to nine jobs, and a proportionately greater number of the members of this group received initial salaries ranging from \$2000 up to \$5000.

Instead of drawing any definite conclusions and hazarding any conjectures how to apply the lessons learned to educational work, it may be better to sum up the characteristics of the median man in the upper achievement group, so that he may stand forth in bold relief as an example of what modern industry probably desires in its future administrators. The governing characteristics of honesty, character, and other personal qualities not covered by these studies are to be taken for granted, but in addition our hypothetical man should probably have the following background, if these studies are to be relied upon.

1. A good standing in class-room work, well above the average in all subjects, but especially high in thesis work, and in business and economic subjects where latent initiative, imagination, and resourcefulness are developed.

2. Proficiency in extra-curriculum activities particularly those calling for managerial and organizing abilities and the subtle technique of leading others and making the others like to be led.

3. Ability to get along well with others—a natural and deserved popularity if you will—indicated by election to membership in honorary and social fraternities.

4. Success in securing employment in a growing and remunerative industry, such as

Positions and Salaries Offered at  
Graduation

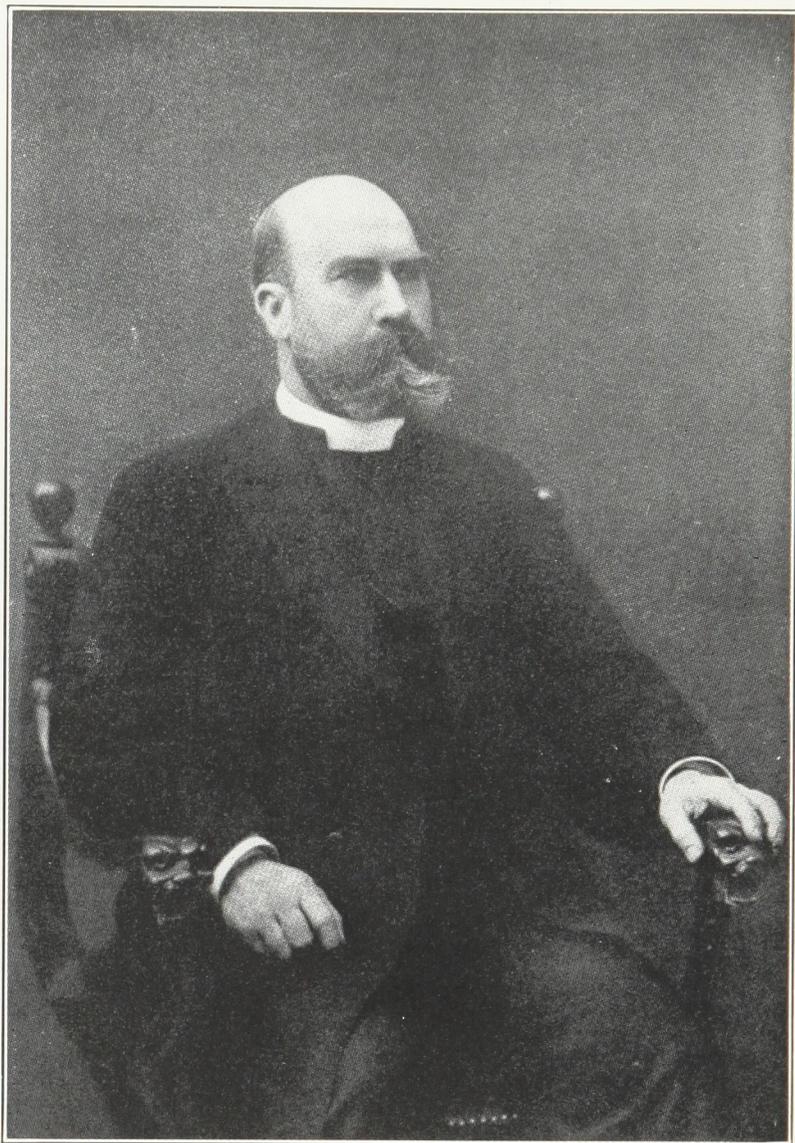
Number of Positions Offered at Graduation	Per Cent Achiev. Rating		Highest Salary Offered Dollars	Per Cent Achiev. Rating	
	Up.	Lr.		Up.	Lr.
9.....	0.9	0	\$4,500-\$5,000	3.0	0
8.....	0.9	0	4,000- 4,400	0	0
7.....	0.9	0	3,500- 3,900	2.0	0
6.....	0.9	2.2	3,000- 3,400	5.0	2.4
5.....	8.3	1.1	2,500- 2,900	8.0	2.4
4.....	12.3	7.7	2,000- 2,400	24.4	4.7
3.....	32.7	30.8	1,500- 1,900	43.6	50.7
2.....	23.1	23.1	1,000- 1,400	13.8	40.1
1.....	20.2	35.2	.....	.....	.....

the chemical and related processing industries, a gradual working into the more lucrative fields of that industry, such as distribution, finance and management, and finally the attainment of an executive position in the active direction of that industry rather than a less remunerative functional or staff position.

Appreciation is expressed to Professor Schell, present head of the Department of Business and Engineering Administration, for access to the data upon which this paper is based, and for permission to present these findings in this form.







*Dr. Wilson Waters, Delta '72*

## Dr. Wilson Waters

One of the oldest members of Alpha Sigma Phi, Dr. Wilson Waters, Delta '72, died at his home in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, June 13, 1933. He was seventy-seven years old and at the time of his death had been rector of All Saints Episcopal Church at Chelmsford for the past forty-one years.

Brother Waters was of the oldest New England stock from both his paternal and maternal lines, the first Waters of his line having come to Salem, Mass., in 1636 from London, England. He was born in Marietta, Ohio, on October 11, 1855, and attended Marietta College, graduating in the class of 1876 with an A. B. degree. Delta Chapter initiated him into the Fraternity in 1872.

After college he traveled in Europe for a year and then returned to Marietta where he entered into literary work. He received a degree of Master of Arts from Marietta College in 1879. While in Marietta his principal literary work was a "History of St. Luke's Church of Marietta" and a genealogy of the "Waters Family of Marietta." In 1888 Trinity College conferred on him the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

Meanwhile a desire to enter the ministry had taken possession of Brother Waters and in 1887 he entered the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Massachusetts, graduating in 1890 with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Two years later he became rector of All Saints Church in Chelmsford, which position he held until his death.

He never lost his interest in things literary and historic and wrote many sketches of the histories of churches and towns, among them a "History of Chelmsford Massachusetts," a book of over 900 pages, and "excelling in many respects any town history heretofore published in New England," to quote a resolution of the Lowell Historical Society.

## Alfred Patrick Kearney

The *New York Herald Tribune* of March 29 carried an account of the suicide of brother "Pat" Kearney, Zeta '13, at his residence, 348 East Fiftieth street, New York city. He was thirty-nine years old.

Brother Kearney's life had been a rather full one, being interspersed with fame, fortune and tragedy. His connection with Alpha Sigma Phi started with his initiation into Zeta Chapter at Columbus, Ohio, in 1913 while a student at Ohio State University, where he was studying medicine and psychology. However, he drifted into writing and after a short time as an advertising and publicity executive he decided to dedicate himself to the stage and came to New York in 1915.

His career in New York was fraught with troubles of all sorts. When he whittled the



"Pat" Kearney, Zeta '13

3,300,000 words in Dreiser's book, *An American Tragedy*, down to three acts, the result was both praised and criticised, and later he found himself entangled in Dreiser's fight with the Hollywood producers over the picturization of the book. When he put Lewis's novel of a roustabout clergyman on the stage he declined to write a scene in the third act which the producer, William A. Brady, wanted. Thompson Buchanan finally wrote it. Kearney publicly disowned it and a bitter fight between the two writers resulted.

His original plays brought peculiar reactions from the critics. "A Man's Man", for which he was best known, was produced in 1925 with fair success. Six years later it was revived as "A Regular Guy", and was soundly reprimanded for being too bitter and somewhat dull. His last work for the stage was, "Old Man Murphy", which he did with Harry Wagstaff Cribble, was dubiously received, but won the honored place as the only show on the Catholic Theater's "white list" for the spring season of 1931.

In 1932 he went to Hollywood to work for Carl Laemmle, Jr. Previously he had worked for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Paramount, adapting "A Man's Man" for the former company and writing "Fast Company" and "The Darkened Room" for the latter. He returned to New York for the last time in January of this year and announced that he would produce his own version of the German play by Ferdinand Bruckner, "Sickness of Youth." The play had a two weeks tryout last fall in Paul Gilmore's Cherry Lane Theater.

His first success was with Edward Goodman, who later directed "An American Tragedy", and he wrote several one act plays that were produced by the Washington

Square Players, among them, "Tongues of Fire", "The Great Noontide" and "A Study in the Nude." After the success of "A Man's Man" he wrote copiously for such magazines as *Vanity Fair*, *The Smart Set* and *The Dial*.

Brother Kearney was married three times and is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Russell, and two children, one a daughter by his first marriage, who is living with her mother in England, and the other a daughter by his present wife.

## Necrology

During the past few months we have been informed of the death of the following members of the fraternity.

**Josiah Jewett**, Old Alpha '60, died August 12, 1933, at Skaneateles, New York.

**Jacob L. Roseboom**, Delta Beta Xi '73, August 10, 1932, at Cherry Valley, New York.

**Robert W. Day**, Delta Beta Xi '72, July 11, 1932, at Tallahassee, Florida.

**Julian H. Kern**, Delta Beta Xi '73, August 26, 1932, at Elizabeth, New Jersey.

**Herbert W. Lathe**, Delta Beta Xi '70, August 24, 1932, at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Richard W. Woodard**, Old Alpha '64, May 16, 1931, at Yantic, Connecticut.

**Charles S. Belford**, Delta Beta Xi '67, May 1, 1932, at Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania.

**John S. Seymore**, Delta Beta Xi '71, June, 1931, at Whitney Point, New York.

**Henry S. Barnes**, Delta Beta Xi '72, September 13, 1931, at North Sutton, New Hampshire.

**Frank H. Jones**, Delta Beta Xi '72, October 2, 1931, at Chicago, Illinois.

**Elbridge C. Cooke**, Delta Beta Xi, '74, November 4, 1931, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**James B. Howard**, Delta Beta Xi '74, February 19, 1931, at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**F. W. K. Smith**, Beta '12, at Boston, Massachusetts.

**K. J. Hass**, Mu '12, at Seattle, Washington.

**J. S. Moffett**, Eta '11, at Paris, Illinois.

**L. J. Holland**, Alpha '26, at Hudson Falls, New York.

**P. H. Deacon**, Iota '25, died during the past year in Europe.

## Phi Chapter Has Enviably Scholarly Record

Phi Chapter during the last 12 years has maintained a scholastic average to rank fifth in the list of the National Chapters of the Interfraternity Conference and eighth in the list of the National chapters on the Iowa State Campus, during this period. It is interesting to note that Iowa State has more chapters of the Interfraternity Conference fraternities than any of these other institutions. It has 29 chapters; the average number of chapters in the Western section is 12.

*Information gathered from William Duerr, Iowa State Student of Forestry, son of President Alvin B. Duerr, of the National Interfraternity Conference. This organization sponsors the survey of 153 institutions in which are contained chapters of fraternities composing the conference.*

No institution in the country has a better record than Iowa State, which over a period of seven years shows 80 per cent of its chapters above the all-men's average of the college, a report issued recently by the scholarship committee of the National Interfraternity Conference shows.

Together with additional information for 1931-'32 upon the standing of all member fraternities in the conference is the committee's statement: "For the first time a majority of our individual chapters and a majority of our member fraternities are well above the average of the all-men's average—and therefore even more definitely above the average of non-fraternity men—in the majority of the institutions of the country."

The fraternities of the country have been carrying on a definite campaign to improve the scholarship of their members, and these seven surveys show a steady improvement from year to year, starting as a national group well below the all-men's average, which was crossed in 1929-'30, and continuing upward since.

The 1931-'32 survey includes 153 colleges and universities, with an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 250,000 men, of which nearly 70,000 are members of the 2,142 chapters of the 70 national fraternities belonging to the National Interfraternity Conference.

"In the 145 institutions which have furnished the all-men's average," the report reads, "fraternity averages are above the all-men's average in 88 (61 per cent), and below in 57. Of the 70 members of the National Interfraternity Conference, 40 have an average index that is above the all-men's average, and 30 below."

### *Best Scholars in the West*

Dividing the country into geographical groups, fraternities in the institutions located

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# Famous Alpha Sig Track Men

## Ray Conger of Iowa State and Dawson and Cox of Oklahoma University Make Track History

By ERWIN MARDORF, Phi

On the mantel, in a home in the quaint college town of Northfield, Minnesota, stands the large, beautiful Wanamaker trophy. Many other trophies of distinction and honor, such as the 1927 National Collegiate Mile, trophies of the 1928 Olympic Games, for the American Record of 1500 meters and the World's Record for the 1000 yards, are on this mantel, but the trophy which is the most exemplary of Ray "Ma" Conger, Phi '24, is the Wanamaker trophy.

For 20 years the best milers in this country have striven to reach this achievement, and Ray is the first to have gained permanent possession of this coveted cup by winning the necessary three consecutive victories. He has always been a source of wonder and astonishment to coaches and sages of the cinder track, who declared he was too old to run the mile in 4:13. Considering the fact that Ray was 27 years of age when he won this trophy, and his nearest competitors were three and four years younger than he, this feat was an outstanding comeback.

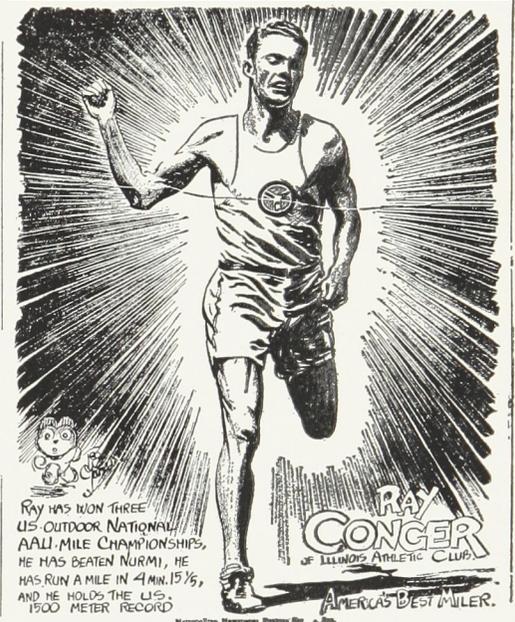
Conger was not a track star at Riceville High School and although he won a letter he was not particularly interested in track. On entering college he did not intend to go out for track. Ray registered in Animal Husbandry and one of his instructors was an assistant track coach who took a liking to him and finally induced him to try out for cross-country. Ray did. He was a faithful trainer and was a success at the five-mile distance run.

During his track career at Iowa State he won seven Big Six Conference Championships, and was anchor man on 19 winning relay teams. After graduating in 1927, he took graduate work in biology. Since then he has been running under the colors of the Illinois Athletic Club, smashing several more records and winning over such great runners as Nurmi, Peltzer, Venzke, Lermond and Sivak. Last year Conger taught Biology at Carleton College. Here he successfully conducted experiments with rodent life. This year he is coaching young aspirants of the cinder track at Carleton.

There are many amusing incidents which occurred while Ray was in school. Perhaps the most amusing is how he happened to be called "Ma". At the time Ray was pledged, the chapter house was located at 2818 West Street. This house was rather small and occasionally there were very cramped sleeping quarters, and because of this the steward had rented a sleeping porch on a nearby building. Ray and his roommate were elected to use

this porch. Ray, at this time had started his track work and being a diligent trainer he usually "hit the hay" early. Most sleeping porches are arranged without any heat, and this one was no exception. During the winter months it took courage to brave the winter blasts and go from the chapter house to the sleeping porch in sleeping attire. Ray's roommate was one of those popular fellows

### CONQUERING CONGER - - by Fcg Murray



who usually went to "campus lab." or to the library and retired rather late. One extremely cold night all of the brothers were sitting around the fire, having a session. Nine o'clock passed and still Ray made no move toward the door. His roommate observed this and said to Ray, "Ma, it's time now, for you to warm up the bed." The chapter took this as a great joke and from then on Ray was known as "Ma" Conger.

Ray was a very bashful fellow, especially toward the opposite sex. He seldom dated the Iowa State Coeds. However, on Friday and Saturday nights when the rest of the chapter spruced up for their dates, Ray would weaken and wish he was one of them. Consequently, as soon as the brothers had left, and the house was quiet, you would find Ray

in the telephone booth, talking to the girl back home in Riceville, Iowa. This went on for two years, with the number of calls increasing all the time. It is rumored that Ray paid a larger telephone bill than the house steward for several months. During his third year, he spent so much of his time thinking about the girl back home, that the track coach thought it would be better if Ray would get married. The coach suggested this to him. He thought a great deal of the coach and took this suggestion to heart. After thinking about it for several days, Ray called his girl friend, proposed to her, and told her to pack and be in Ames in four days, at which time they would be married. This she did, and they were married by Dr. Cessna, college chaplain, at the Cessna home. Immediately after the ceremony they left on their honeymoon, which was in reality a track trip.

Ray had a very interesting hobby, which was the study of mink, fox, and other small fur bearing animals. He spent much of his leisure time reading literature pertaining to this subject, and he kept every magazine published on fur farming and related subjects.

Ray was a true Sig in every respect—honest, modest, and sportsmanlike. Many of us can set him before us as a model. His modesty and sportsmanship are revealed in the fact that many times after he had broken a track record the brothers would never hear of it until they read the account in the daily papers or the college publication. "Ma" has finally hung up his shoes but he will be long remembered.

## *Alpha Sigma Phi's Fastest Duo*

Alpha Sigma Phi can be justly proud of two men who have been gradually coming more and more to the fore in the world of sports. They have become among the leading contenders in their respective classes in the country and should be brought before the eyes of all Alpha Sigs.

From the little town of Skiatook, Oklahoma, comes one of the world's fastest distance runners of the year. The man is one whom all Alpha Sigs know and appreciate. He is Glen Dawson.

Coming to the University of Oklahoma quite unknown as a track star, Glen came under the wing of one of the country's best track coaches, John Jacobs. "Jake", as the boys affectionately call him, has developed some of the best track men in this part of the country, several of whom were Alpha Sigs, among them Heston Heald, and Grampa Bailey. Under his watchful eyes, Glen has become better and better until now he can justly challenge the right of any man to claim the title of "King of Distance Runners".



*Glen Dawson in the Last Olympic Games*

One of Dawson's greatest triumphs came last year when he was named as one of the United States Olympic Team to compete in the 3000 meter steeplechase, a comparatively new race for him. He took sixth place in the event, which showed that from that time forth, anyone who had aspirations in distance running would have to reckon with Glen Dawson.

With the opening of this year's track season, Glen won his first National Championship in the 1000 meter race at Madison Square Garden. There was only one persistent rival in the race, George Bullwinkle of the New York Athletic Club. The time for the race was 2 minutes 27 2-5 seconds, only one second short of the world indoor record set in 1927 by Lloyd Hahn. Shortly after this race, Glen ran against the man who is recognized as the country's fastest mile runner, Glen Cunningham of Kansas University. Glen Dawson lost the race but gave Cunningham some of the hardest competition he had to face.

The Glens met again at Tulsa about a month later. This time the tables were turned. Cunningham was running in Dawson's home territory, and Dawson had had time to study Cunningham's style of running. The race was fully as great as any ever run in Oklahoma, and Dawson won by about two feet, both men being completely spent. The time was 4:29.9 and the battle drove the spectators into such a frenzy that they stood and cheered through the entire last half of the race.

In the shorter distances, Whitley Cox has definitely established the fact that he is a contender for any honors to be given out. This is Whit's second year under the guiding hand of John Jacobs and his first year of eligibility. His progress has been steady and noticeable. Last summer Whit ran in the Olympic try-outs against the best dash men in the country. In one particular race, he ran against Eddie Tolan and for fifty yards showed Tolan the way to the tape.

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## Alpha Field Day

On Saturday, June 24th, a number of the alumni cooperated in installing the first annual field day of Alpha Chapter Sigs, living in the New York Metropolitan area. From Scarsdale, New York, came Brother and Mrs. "Sherry" Silliman. From New York City: Brother and Mrs. "Dale" Kieffer, Brother and Mrs. "Eugene" Carroll, Brother and Mrs. "Went" Gantt and Brother and Mrs. "Alan" Guild. Maplewood, New Jersey, sent Brother and Mrs. "Ed" Shotwell. From Port Chester, New York, came Brother "Van" Collins, a "lone-wolf", but well provisioned. This aggregation of youth and beauty assembled at the Englewood, New Jersey residence of Brother and Mrs. "Frank" Nelson. A most hospitable headquarters this proved to be.

Those arriving late found maps in the garden indicating where the party was likely to be found at various hours. At the Ripple Creek Golf Club some six miles north the divotteers broke forth some astounding golf. All appropriately handicapped, the God of Chance finally favored Mrs. Shotwell.

Lunch was served in Brother Nelson's garden. Thus sustained, at ping pong, Brother Guild and Mrs. Kieffer had a Roman holiday. Quoits gave Brother Gantt an opportunity to triumph.

In the middle of the afternoon a number of the party adjourned to the Dumont Natatorium where North Jersey was treated to some instructions in aquatics. Brother Kieffer stayed under longest and would have won had not the Federal Trade Commission discovered that he was breathing through a straw. A pop bottle was inverted over the straw and Brother Kieffer rose to protest.

That evening the various groups gathered in a fine old garden on the banks of a brook of the burbling variety. An open fire cooked hamburgers and coffee that was excellent in spite of the efforts of two lawyers and an engineer. With ice cream and other picnic fixings all went well. The Golf Cup, hand engraved, was presented to Mrs. Shotwell, who was authorized to have her picture taken with it. Brother Shotwell made a charming speech about how touching was the sylvan setting, the purple twilight, the age old trees, and the gaily decked table surrounded by beautiful women and fine horses. The entertainment committee received such an ovation that he got quite out of hand and promised two more annual field days and possibly a cruise before autumn.

## Among the Greeks

A recent issue of the *Cross and Crescent* of Lambda Chi Alpha contained the following items on chapter installations and deaths:

The directory accompanying the latest number of the *Carnation* of Delta Sigma Phi fail-

ed to list five chapters that had been listed a year ago. Previously announced was the demise of two of these, Chicago, 1910, and Pittsburgh, 1916. Those now dropped are the mother chapter at the City College of New York, 1899; St. Louis, 1916; Wisconsin, 1920. The fraternity's convention last December revoked the Chicago and Pittsburgh charters and placed the St. Louis group on probation. Delta Sigma Phi, which some months ago announced a grant to a local at Alabama which has not yet been installed, has forty-eight active chapters.

The latest number of the *Emerald* of Sigma Pi formally announces revocation of charters of two chapters, Wisconsin, 1922, and Pittsburgh, 1923. Sigma Pi has twenty-eight chapters.

Delta Sigma Phi and Sigma Pi have not been the only fraternities to quit Wisconsin in recent years. The institution now has forty-four national, local, and professional fraternities. Several years ago it had fifty-seven. Forecasts have been made that from five to ten will go this year. Chapter house overbuilding seems to have been the principal difficulty. Among fraternities which have revoked charters, in addition to those previously mentioned, are Zeta Psi, 1910; Phi Sigma Kappa, 1917; Phi Mu Delta, 1923; Phi Phi Phi, 1924; Beta Kappa, 1926.

Neither have Delta Sigma Phi and Sigma Pi been the only fraternities to close at Pittsburgh. Theta Kappa Nu preceded them by a short time, while the Pi Beta sorority withdrew more than a year ago. There are two local societies at Pittsburgh reported interested in national affiliation.

Study of this list of defunct chapters will reveal that most of them are located at institutions at which the city college problems have been troublesome for years. Wisconsin might be regarded as an exception, but on the other hand Madison is not an especially small town.

New York City's three major institutions particularly seem to have felt the effect of city college conditions. Columbia has lost Alpha Chi Rho and Theta Delta Chi; New York University, Pi Kappa Alpha; City College, Delta Sigma Phi. Probably there are others that do not come to mind.

The latest number of the *Shield and Diamond* of Pi Kappa Alpha fails to list a chapter at Beloit, established in 1917. The fraternity now has seventy-nine chapters.

Another editorial in the magazine tells how an alumnus colonized a group on a middle western campus, how officers of another fraternity withdrew contacts after their own alumni had sought to have the local petition, but how members of another national fraternity initiated enough members of the colonized group virtually to wreck it.

# Alumni Notes

T. A. Ditmars, Mu '24, whose address has been unknown for some time, is in Cleveland, Ohio, where he is employed as Assistant General Agent for the French Line with offices at 26 Public Square, Cleveland. The General Agent for some time at Cleveland was W. K. Vance, Jr., Alpha '12. Brother Ditmars did not know of the fraternal connection until a few weeks ago when a letter from National Headquarters addressed to Brother Vance was received at the office.

Lloyd V. Smith, Nu '22, is a recent addition to the life subscribers to the *Tomahawk*. He is an Attorney in Reno, Nevada, and is active in politics, having been chairman of the Hoover-Curtis Club State Committee during the recent campaign. A short time ago when Hoover and Ogden Mills were in Reno, Brother Smith had the pleasure of meeting them.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Felix Caruso of 5419 University Avenue, Chicago, April 26, 1933. Brother Caruso was a member of Chi Chapter and was prominent in University of Chicago Athletics while attending school. Felix Caruso, Jr., already shows signs of athletic ability and promises to surpass his father's records.

Raymond F. Ward, Eta '20, is general auditor of accounting with the Western Electric Company at their Hawthorne plant, Cicero, Illinois. He is married, has two children, and lives at 4910 Seeley Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois.

H. T. Edwards, Gamma '29, has recently returned from a five months inspection trip in the Philippine Islands for the United States Department of Agriculture. His latest and correct address is Apartment 516, 2032 Belmont Road, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Benjamin F. McFarland, Alpha Zeta '29, is instructor in physical education and athletic coach at Venice High School, Venice, California.

Gordon R. Parks, Alpha Zeta '28, is in the insurance business with the firm of R. B. Jones & Sons, nationally known brokers. He was assistant manager of their Chicago office but is now back in Kansas City pending normal business recovery. He is a charter member of the recently formed Kansas City Alumni Council.

Nu chapter alumni seem to have a monopoly on San Francisco's proudest industry—shipping. Cecil J. Cook is in the passenger department of the Grace Line; George E. Smith is in the Traffic Department of the Nelson Line; Donald Watson is Traffic Manager of the Nelson Line and Charles deBoon Haseltine is General Manager of the Pacific Stevedoring & Ballasting Company. Members of the fraternity should receive A1 service on all their transportation problems at the Port of San Francisco.

Arthur H. Breed, Jr., Nu '23, is on his way to Europe having sailed from San Francisco, April 29, on the *S. S. Charles Nelson*. He went by way of New York City.

H. H. Wilson, Alpha Gamma '25, is still working (which may or may not be news in these days) with the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has recently moved to 6536 Rosemoor Street that city.

Guy Lorimer Warren, Pi '31, is in the wilds of Montana, engaged in gold placer prospecting and production. He was recently married to Evelyn Barter, a graduate of Montana State Normal College and resident of Norris, Montana, where the Warrens are now living. Brother Warren boasts of the trout fishing in the vicinity of Norris and invites any of the sports-minded brothers to try their luck as his guest.

Nu alumni in the shipping business and Tau alumni in the grocery business: Charles W. Benedict, Tau '18, is in charge of Neighborhood Stores, Inc., operated by Wellman-Peck Company in San Francisco and Edward Coats, Tau '28, is with the same company; John Dill, Tau '27, is employed by Standard Brands and Reidar Winther, Tau '29, is with Western States Grocery Company.



*Joseph H. Willits (right), Omicron '16, the new Dean of the Wharting School, being congratulated by the retiring Dean, Emory R. Johnson*

# THOSE WHO CAME BACK

Proving the Unemployed Are Not Always Jobless

**Ambitious and Energetic Young Architect Uses His Artistic Talent to Produce New Line Of Hand-Carved, Monogrammed Stationery**

Countless people, jolted from security by an economic upheaval, tossed without means onto a community already overburdened with unemployed, have adapted themselves philosophically to the new order. A series of true stories about Pittsburghers, confident and resourceful, who have contrived to "ship the depression," are published for what they are worth: perhaps to help other unemployed Pittsburghers find themselves and new security. The third follows:

By ANNA JANE PHILLIPS,  
Gazette Staff Writer

When he had waited in his East Liberty office for days without the gold lettering on the door, "Robert Tomb, Architectural Designer," bringing in a client, the ambitious and energetic young Carnegie Tech graduate of that name, folded up his papers, locked the door, and went home.

In 1927, he had seen a brilliant future before him. His work during the next few years attracted attention. He was the architect for several houses in the Point Breeze district. Things were rosy.

**Decides He Isn't Liked.**

Then, in surprising fashion, the depression descended upon him, that catalyzing that left even older and more experienced architects with nothing to do but sharpen pencils and worry over unpaid bills.

But the day Tomb closed his office, he made up his mind that he wasn't liked, that while he marked time, waiting for the economic storm to quiet, he would find something to do. And he has. He is now the designer of "Lincraft," hand-carved monogrammed stationery.

Artistic monograms, printed by hand-carved linoleum blocks, on sheets of fine writing paper, packed in attractive boxes, he creates in his studio in Negley avenue. From a small investment, expanded for a hand-press, linoleum, paper, inks and boxes, plus his courage, initiative, and artistic talents, he makes enough to keep him going.

"So far I don't make much, but I'm enjoying the work as much as anything I've ever done in my life," Tomb, young and smiling, said as he displayed his workshop and told how he had fallen on the idea of making stationery.

During the first year he was idle, he sketched the homes of Pittsburghers for their Christmas cards. The past Christmas, those were few. Tomb, young and smiling, said as he displayed his workshop and told how he had fallen on the idea of making stationery.

William Edward Byers Delta '07, Lambda '10

## William E. Byers Leaves His Half of Cherries on Trees for the Birds

**Early Rising Republican Leader Wishes to Be Sure Feathered Songsters Will Keep Up Their Visits.**

A partnership with birds in picking the crop on three cherry trees in the yard of his home, 837 West Fifty-ninth street terrace, has been established by William E. Byers.

Mr. Byers, lawyer and chairman of the Republican county committee, is an early riser. So are the birds that inhabit the trees in the neighborhood.

Often at 5 o'clock in the morning when most of the city still is sleeping he arises and goes out in his yard in spring and summer to listen to the early song of the robin, the blue bird, thrush and other birds.

Lately he noticed an increase in the visitation of feathered folk. The reason was that the cherries on the three trees in his yard were ripening.

One evening last week when he returned home from his office Mr. Byers saw two men on ladders picking cherries from his trees.

"What are those men doing?" he inquired of Mrs. Byers. "Why, they wanted to pick the cherries on shares," she said. "They were just going to waste so I thought we might as well get them picked for half."

The G. O. P. chairman said nothing more at the moment. Later he went out in the yard. Several birds were scolding the cherry pickers from nearby trees.

Mr. Byers approached the pickers. "You men are picking these cherries for half the crop," he said. "Is that right?" They assured him that that was the arrangement.

**Leaves His Half.** "I'll tell you what I'd like to have you do then," he said. "You pick your half and just leave our half on the trees."

"But why do you want to do that?" inquired one of the pickers curiously.

"I want the birds to have our half. You see I get up early every morning to hear them sing and I

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He knew that with the holiday over, he must find some other way of earning his bread. Customers had asked if he sold writing paper. But Tomb realized that if he were to compete with the hundreds of lines of stationery already on the market, he must have something new to offer, must make the paper different.

Setting to work to put the stamp of his individuality on his product, he spent hours drawing artistic monogram designs. Tearing his stationery from large sheets of paper to give a perfect, hand-torn deckle edge, he experimented with sizes and changes until he had upon him a thought worthwhile.

The monograms he carved in



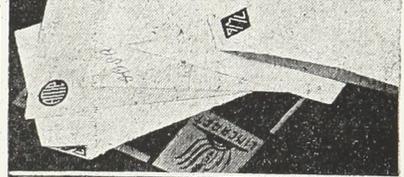
blocks in linoleum, inked the blocks, and with the hand-press, printed the paper. By packing the finished product in black and silver boxes of his own design, he succeeded in making even the paper's containers original.

**Sales Made Quickly.**

When, armed with his samples, he set out to do the selling, a wide circle of friends passed the word about. Clubwomen, delighted with the aristocratic paper, told others, and Tomb now finds himself with enough orders to keep going.

He has added a line of monogrammed stickers for which men and women find hundred uses. He is continually making new designs. By learning how to work systematically, he is speeding up production, and if the business continues to progress by leaps and bounds, he will hire others to do the selling.

So Tomb is fooling the depression. He still hopes to return to avocet, but he thinks that even with most



Like many others of his profession, Robert Tomb, young architectural designer, found clients so few and far between that he was forced to close his East Liberty office. That was two years ago. Tomb refused to be idle, and today, in his Negley avenue studio, where he is pictured, he creates "Lincraft," hand-carved monogrammed stationery. Below is shown the product with which Tomb is "beating the depression."

make a better architect, thanks to his new experiences. His success he thinks shows that even with most

of the world hard-up, people will find money to spend for something useful, new and beautiful.

Lloyd Burdick  
Eta '27

## Big Lloyd Burdick's Actor Now



Lloyd Burdick, giant Illini tackle and later of the Chicago Bears, who has become an actor in the Passion play

BY BOB STARRETT

This business of athletes turning actors is getting to the point where prospective thespians will have to produce a gold football, a box of medals or a memory book in proof of same.

Latest of the athletes to lend his services to the theater is Lloyd Burdick, the Chicago Bears' giant tackle, who might have been some sort of a champion in Jim London's wrestling trust if he hadn't been so big he made the Grecian Beauty look like one of the Sinner Sisters.

Training Was Valuable, This discrepancy in size between

Burdick and other members of London's troupe ultimately led to his dismissal after eleven months of faithful service, but the acting experience gained proved valuable. Burdick says there is no finer school for actors than London's traveling troupe.

Burdick has been selected to play the part of Pontius Pilate in the Passion play which a group of Chicagoans get together to produce this summer, in connection with the Century of Progress. Rehearsals are in progress each night at 4800 Clark street.

**A Convincing Pilate.** Nearly 6 feet 6 inches tall and weighing 258 pounds, Burdick makes a convincing Pilate.

Frank Craig Jordan Delta '85

## MINUTE BIOGRAPHIES

DR. FRANK C. JORDAN,

Director of the Allegheny Observatory and professor of astronomy at the University of Pittsburgh.

powerfully built man... with a cordial smile and genial sense of humor... and a flock of geese. Ph. B. A. M., Ph. D. Sc., was born at Cordova, Illinois, September 24, 1865, attended the public schools at Beverly, O., and Marietta College, where he was a star athlete... caught for the college baseball team for four years... and was on the football and track teams... after graduation taught mathematics for 15 years... was interested in astronomy... from his high school days... and in 1905... became a fellow in this science at Yerkes Observatory... of the University of Chicago... came to the Allegheny Observatory in 1908... and was named assistant director in 1920 and director in 1926. Is noted for his special work in photometry or the measure of light... and his spectroscopy observations... has published one complete volume... on the light curves of variable stars... and many articles on other phases of astronomy... gets his biggest thrill... out of completing some important investigation... which perhaps covered a period of years... enjoys the knowledge that Allegheny Observatory... leads the observatories of the world... in finding star distances... received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science... from Marietta College in 1924... has a son now a senior at his alma mater... once played golf and tennis a lot... but has given them up now... still likes to swim... when he gets the opportunity... enjoys working in the yard of his home in summer... usually gets up about 7... but sometimes "sleeps in" when he has been on night duty at the observatory the night before... Pickens and Scott are two of his favorite authors... doesn't care much for modern fiction... and pseudo-scientific yarns... since played the organ in the Watson Presbyterian Church... has made journeys to view three eclipses... but saw only one... because the clouds obscured the others... and recalling the baseball days of his youth... he says he has "batted 333 on an infield."



Williard D. Pickering, Alpha Kappa '31, is employed by the West Virginia State Road Commission as an engineer. He is living at 331 Fourth Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia.

Casualty Insurance and ninety-day divorces should make a good combination—at least that is the set-up Robinson Campbell, Omicron '28, has at present. Since leaving the University of Pennsylvania he has been employed by the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company at Little Rock, Arkansas. In his spare time he attended Arkansas Law School, was graduated and is now starting to practice. His home address is 2222 Gaines Street, Little Rock.

Harold J. Lewis, Tau '23, until recently with his father in the jewelry business, is now in the bond business. He lives in Long Beach, California.

Mathew C. Simpson, Tau '17, is a partner in the law firm of Denio, Hart, Taubman and Simpson with offices in the Security Building at Long Beach, California.

Russell G. Rowan, Chi '30, is in his third year of pre-legal work at Lewis Institute, Chicago, Illinois.

Clifton E. Dodge, Alpha Iota '30, after being graduated from the School of Commerce of the University of Alabama in June, 1932, entered the Law School at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, in January, 1933. He is our authority for the following notes about Alpha Iota alumni.

John Lee Chestnut, Alpha Iota '30, is attending law school at Cumberland University and will be graduated with the class of 1933. Gordon Davis and Bill Armstrong, Alpha Iota '30, are practicing law in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. "Dink" Halstead is a member of the law firm of Halstead and Halstead at Headland, Alabama. Mack Phillips, Alpha Iota '30, is an Electrical Engineer with the General Electric Company. W. A. Prescott, Alpha Iota '30, is with the Goodyear Tire Company at Houston, Texas. Robert C. Swanson, Alpha Iota '30, was graduated in June, 1932, married Miss Josephine McGuire, niece of W. B. Blankhead, congressman from Hartford, Connecticut. Millford Kirkup, Alpha Iota '30, married Miss Sadie Foster shortly after graduation, and is now living in New York. He is employed by a Public Utility Company. Herbert Rinehart, Alpha Iota '30, is employed by an accounting firm in his home town of Mansfield, Ohio.

Howard Williams, Sigma '28, is employed by the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. His duties keep him traveling quite extensively.

Robert L. Riedel, Iota '28, is with the Hudson River Day Line, New York City.

The item in the *Spring Tomahawk*, to the effect that Howard E. Rasmussem, Eta '22, was with the Menasha Products Company brought us a letter from Van L. Dyson, Eta '28, stating that this company is shot full of Alpha Sigs from Illinois. In addition to Rasmussem are Van L. Dyson, Minnesota Territory; Albert W. Stompe, Chicago Office; Louis Wildman, Menasha Office; Donald Snyder, Menasha Office; Orin Bishop, somewhere East, and Fenton Switzer.

Lester M. Heckman, Phi '24, who was among those whose whereabouts were unknown, has been located at Kansas City, Missouri. His address is 7426 Olive street.

Orval H. Ause, Phi '32, is working toward a master's degree in Dairy Bacteriology at the University of Minnesota. His address at present, is 1393 Cleveland Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Samuel C. Crawford, Pi '18, is employed as assistant engineer at the Veteran's Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Milton F. Decker, Omicron '28, is holding a position on the staff of the *Birmingham Post*. Mr. and Mrs. Decker reside in Birmingham, Alabama.

Wyatt F. Smith, Alpha Iota '30, who lives in Montgomery, Alabama, spent a week's vacation at Alpha Iota.

Bob Lowry, Alpha Theta '29, is advertising manager of the Aurora (Mo.) *Daily and Weekly Advertiser*.

Vernon Myers, Alpha Theta '29, president of the chapter a year ago, is circulation manager for the *Effingham* (Ill.) *Daily Record*.

Wallace Stewart, Alpha Theta '29, is attending the School of Law at the University of Pittsburgh.

Joyce A. Swan has been promoted to the position of promotion manager of the *Des Moines Register and Tribune*.

On Tuesday, June 6, Miss Maxine Elliot became the bride of James E. Shepherd, at St. Louis. Mrs. Shepherd, a graduate of the University, is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. The Shepherds will be at home next year at 713 Hitt Street, Columbia, where they will act as official chaperons of the local chapter.

# THE CHAPTERS

## Massachusetts State College

### *Gamma*

The end of this scholastic year finds Gamma viewing the world through the proverbial rose-colored glasses. Looking over the list of actives we find that they have a circle of an even twenty-five, and the most notable part of it is that eleven of the members were initiated this year. It sure sounds like the good old days again. Who mentioned depression? That word went into the discard at Gamma during the first of the year. Anyway, this year's work is not even a fair sample of what they intend to do in the future. Watch their smoke next year.

At present they have fourteen pledges, a couple from the dim past but the majority are new men.

While they do not seek the reputation of being an athletic club or a nest of grinds, they do manage to do at least fairly well in both athletics and studies. In averages, for the winter term, Gamma finds herself a scant three points behind the leaders of the college groups, but that leader happens to be a sorority. In athletics, Pledge Joe Zielinski is holding down the initial sack for the Varsity nine, and is doing a great job of it. Brother Wallace is also making his mark on the squad. It is almost impossible to take Farrar's job as backstop away from him, but Wallace is the boy to step into his shoes. Bob Murray was a big contribution to the track team and the Eastern Intercollegiates were just another walk away for him. Pledge Jimmy Reynolds is now a member of the faculty. No, he doesn't teach English, just golf.

Spring football also got its quota of Alpha Sigs. "Rog" Leavitt, regular guard; "Rosy" Bailey, headed for a backfield berth; and "Peg" DiMarzie, two hundred and ten pounds of linesman. It looks bad for State's opponents this fall for these three boys are rugged.

All the men aren't out for Varsity, however. Some are saved for intramurals. The relay team terminated the season with half of its meets won and half lost. Not too bad for a pick-up squad. The baseball team made a good showing. They were playing pennant ball at the end of the season, but a couple of lost games at the start hurt badly.

The elections for next term resulted in the following: "Milt" Kibbe, H. S. P.; "Tap" Cowing, H. J. P.; Charley Marsh, H. S.; "Baldy" Leavitt, H. C. S.; Ray Evans, H. E.; "Rosy" Bailey, H. M.; and Ray Thompson, H. C. Here's hoping they start Gamma off on an even better year than the one going out!

## Ohio Wesleyan University

### *Epsilon*

Epsilon has this year, as in previous years, been well represented in all campus honorary groups.

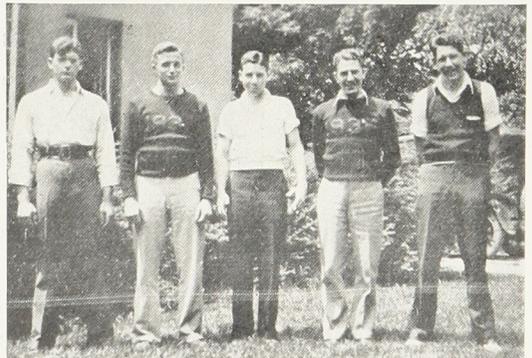
In Phi Epsilon Kappa, national honorary physical education fraternity, the colors of Alpha Sigma Phi have been carried by Brother James Williams, to whose lot and distinction has fallen the presidency of that honorary.

Phi Mu Alpha, the professional musical fraternity for men, has recruited to its ranks this year three of the brothers, David L. Strickler, who is president of Phi Mu Alpha in addition to being leader of the glee club, Ralph Haney and Lowell Riley also were added to the roll. The recent election of the latter as song leader of the college bespeaks his merit. These boys also compose the justly famous "Alpha Sigma Phi Trio," well known and liked on the campus.

Kenneth Adams and Frederick Morton, due to hard and persevering work, have earned a place in Theta Alpha Phi, the honorary dramatic fraternity. Besides being a member of this, Brother Adams is president of Wesleyan Players, under which name are offered



*Bob Brust, Epsilon*



*Epsilon's Freshmen Athletes. Left to right: Overturf, Dann, Bryn, Morse and Gridley.*

the majority of the dramatic presentations each year.

Two members of the freshman class were elected to Phi society, sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa, which is the underclass honorary scholastic fraternity. These brothers were Frederick Norwood and Douglas Blackburn.

Epsilon was rather unfortunate in that she had no one elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the Spring elections. Her hopes are pinned, however, on several of the brothers who are eligible either for junior elections next year, or for Commencement elections this year.

## University of Michigan

### *Theta*

In the way of routine matters, this last quarter, Theta Chapter has elected a new group of officers. The new administration was installed on May 15, and will serve throughout the school term of 1933-'34. The new officers include the following: H. S. P., Avon S. Artz; H. J. P., Charles R. Hall; H. S., Stanley E. Fay; H. C. S., Dan K. Cook; H. E., Charles J. Ehresman, Jr.; H. M., Francis J. Coates; and H. C., Robert B. Thornly.

In addition to the new officers, Theta Chapter has also acquired a new group of pledges. After Spring vacation, which ended at Ann Arbor on April 17, an intensive and strenuous rushing period went into effect. The rushing was aided, to a maximum degree, by the attendance of a large number of Theta alumni from Detroit, Pontiac, and other nearby Michigan cities. Needless to say, the attendance of the Grads at these rushing din-

*Theta's two new members of Michigamua, Stanley Fay and Avon Artz*



*Seniors, Beyers and Gallup*

ners, in addition to assisting the pledging of new men, served as an opportunity to recall the "good old days", which was enjoyed by both the Grads and the present active brothers. The fact that this rushing campaign was a success was demonstrated by the results. Six new pledges! And Theta really believes that they are among the best on the campus. Their names are: George Hall, Jackson; Howard Hathaway, Dowagiac, Michigan; Willard Walbridge, Harold Hertz, Buffalo; William Eason, Rochester, New York; and Carl Nielsen, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

In the way of social events Theta entertained with an informal dance on the night of April 29, given in honor of the new pledges. A large crowd attended and as far as the writer was able to observe, all participating enjoyed a pleasant evening.

However, what seemed to be Theta's outstanding social event of the spring semester was the annual Spring Formal held on May 19. Brother Buderus, with the help of Jonesy, the ever-willing porter, succeeded in decorating the house in a most admirable fashion. Buderus, who is in the School of Architecture, laid the basis of the decorations around several modernistic paintings. With these paintings as a central theme of the decorative scheme, the effect obtained was truly original and extremely clever. The night was warm and clear, which made for ideal promenading upon the veranda. All in all, this dance was a huge success.

In the latter part of May, two of Theta's next year's seniors were honored with the highest honors the University of Michigan can bestow upon any of her men. This honor is a membership in Michigamua. Michigamua is the All Campus Senior Honorary Society whose men are chosen, not for their

scholastic work, but for their singular leadership in extra-curricular activities. These men are a power in the student life and accomplish much in the formation of student opinion. The two new Michigamua members, of whom Theta is justly proud, are Brothers Stanley E. Fay and Avon S. Artz.

Brother Fay was one of the mainstays of the football team last fall, and has been elected as the man to lead the Maize and Blue gridders into action next year. And now he has been further honored by being made a member of Michigamua.

Another major sport captain was added to Theta's rapidly growing list of captains, when Avon Artz was elected captain of the Varsity baseball team for the coming year of 1934. Avon played right field for the Varsity in meritorious fashion this last season. His fielding left nothing to be desired, and he led his teammates in batting with an average well over .400. Avon's election to the captaincy of the baseball team marks the second sport captaincy that Theta will have next year. Incidentally, Stan and Avon are "roomies."

At the same time Brother Artz was elected captain, Brother Ehresman was chosen to manage the baseball team next year. Like Avon, Charlie is following somewhat of a precedent in becoming baseball manager, for it is still remembered that Harry Benjamin managed the baseball team two years back in 1932. Charlie has worked his way up, over a period of two years, to the position of manager, starting as a lowly tryout, rising to assistant manager, and now, manager. Needless to say, all the boys are surely tickled silly for the way in which Brothers Artz and Ehresman came out on top.

Among the candidates for the freshmen baseball team are Brother Robert B. Thornly, and Pledge Willard Walbridge. Will is working hard in the outfield, and Bob hopes to do the backstopping for the Varsity for the next few years.

Richard E. Snell has been kept busy at his post as the Varsity tennis team captain. Dick, playing number one singles, has been instrumental in victories over Ohio State and other schools.

The scholastic level seems to have been upheld by the pledges with two new memberships in Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman honorary fraternity. The honorary students are Pledges William Eason and Willard Walbridge. As has so often been remarked, the house's scholastic average must be kept up and these two boys are doing more than their share.

## University of Pennsylvania *Omicron*

With the graduation of Omicron's senior class, the Pennsylvania chapter loses one of

the strongest classes ever to pass from its door. Tom McDowell and Ray Brown were lead off men throughout their four busy college years and their careers culminated with McDowell as President of the Student Body and Brown Editor-in-Chief of the *Pennsylvanian*.

Frank Stull graduates with honors, having been elected to membership in both Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary scholastic fraternity, and Friars, senior honorary society. Frank has been dancing in Mask and Wig shows for four years, and, in addition, was Head Cheerleader and in Blue Key Society.

George Hall, retired H. S. P., has been most active through his college career in fraternity affairs and he culminated four years of devoted service in holding the highest office which his house could give him. Les Shaeffer, Jack Osterlund and Jack Young were the athletes of the class, while John Deindorfer held down the honors as prize student. Harry Backus was his close second, being especially adept in accounting.

Before we close the record we have to mention two brothers who are going into the professional field. Jack Jones is pursuing his education at the Jefferson Medical School, while Clayton Melling is about to commence his preparation for the ministry.

The opening of school next fall will find Omicron among the leading fraternities in Pennsylvania activities. Robert Giffin will have the position as manager of Soccer while Lewis Dutton will be associate manager of Baseball. William Robinson and Richard Grey are scheduled to hold down the positions of assistant managers of Lacrosse and Crew respectively.

*Paul Port, newly elected H. S. P. at Omicron and Samuel Gregg, Campus Thespian of Note*





*Puritan Chorus from the Mask and Wig Show, "Out of the Blues." Samuel Gregg, Omicron, in the center and next to him on the right, Franklin Stull, Omicron*

On next year's *Daily Pennsylvanian* boards we will have Carl Barchfield, Gordon Russell, Richard Grey, Robert Giffin, Paul Port (advertising manager), William Robinson, Earl Keller, and Joseph Carnwath. On the combined boards of *Punch Bowl* Omicron will be represented by Russell, Robinson, Dutton, Carnwath and Carl Vogt.

In last season's Mask and Wig show Omicron boasted five positions. Samuel Gregg captured first honors by carrying off the lead part. Frank Stull and Lew Standish were in the dancing chorus while Joe Carnwath was in the cast and Mahlon Chew was on the managerial staff.

## University of Colorado

### *Pi Chapter*

Drastic changes in rushing rules for this fall decreed by the Interfraternity Council of the University of Colorado have Pi chapter guessing about 1933-34 prospects.

Rush week has been shortened to three days, ending before the university's "Freshman Week," a period of getting acquainted, is opened. From 8 a. m. to 12:30 a. m. two days and from 8 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. the third day fraternities will be constantly entertaining rushees. There will be no house guests, and no organized rush parties (six or more rushees) until 12:01 p. m. September 15, two days before rush week starts. Rush cards were mailed out shortly after May 27, eliminating the hectic race among fraternities on

the day rush cards come out, to reach prospects over the state first; however, rush cards may be filled out by fraternity men for rushees, during the summer.

Rushees will meet in the Memorial Union building on the campus at 7:30 p. m. the last day of the "week" and indicate preferences among the fraternities. If their preferences and the bids of fraternities coincide, the men are considered pledged to the fraternity of their choice. No man may be pledged after this meeting until winter quarter if he has taken part in rush week activities.

Six men, Donald A. Buck, John C. Lundgren, Jesse H. Zabriskie, Wilson T. Patterson, Ivan B. Stauter, and Ellis N. Williams, were graduated in June out of the 24 actives and ten pledges, 22 of whom lived in the house last quarter.

So Pi Chapter has a busy summer ahead of it, lining up members. Five mountain fries have been slated at approximately three-week intervals during the summer, with only the "legal" number of rushees invited. Rushing *a la* 1933 at Colorado is to be a throat-slashing affair and is going to be done very strongly during the vacation period.

Guiding Pi chapter for the coming year are John Drummond Burky, H. S. P.; William Robert Graham, H. J. P.; Howard Leonard McBirney, H. E.; Edward Lloyd Arnell, H. M.; Ralph Lawrence Christy, H. C.; Bonnie Madison Stewart, H. S.; and Aubrey Miller Threlkeld, H. C. S. The house manager had not been named at press time.

New wearers of the Alpha Sig badge are Edward Everett, Edward Davis and Everett Knowlton Carpenter, who were initiated

May 9, and John Bell Stivers, initiated June 9. Brother Stivers is the son of John Lawrence Stivers, Alpha '08.

Any of the brotherhood feeling like drowning should try Eldorado Springs pool in the foothills of the Colorado Rockies, and get rescued by "Three-Star" Ralph L. Christy, an Alpha Sig brother, whose bathing suit there says "Life Guard." Christy has the hero job there this summer. (Adv.)

In the upper ten per cent of their classes at the university winter quarter were Pledge Carlos Bates, 91.94, and Brothers John Burky, 93.71; Everett Carpenter, 94.94 (second in class) and Bonnie Stewart, 93.18.

Church bells have chimed twice and stogies have been passed an equal number of times for Pi brethren this past year. E. Wallace Teagarden, '26, met Willie Hogsett at the altar, April 12, and Hubert T. Barnes, '28, was hitched to Mary Lou Ballou, May 27. The boys puffed Havanas (?) donated by Wilson T. Patterson, '30, in announcement of plans with Ruth Verner; the date was Valentine's Day, February 14. With most of the gang out at a sorority buffet supper May 25, Frank M. Russell, '28, passed 'em with reference to Gracie Allen (never saw a microphone).

Stanford ("Speed") Hartman is the athletic hot-shot of the chapter, with a season of playing center on the Varsity football team back of him. John D. Burky makes us kick ourselves for calling Hartman the "hot-shot", for Burky is a big name in C. U. sports, too; Burky tumbled away with first on the mats in every gymnastics meet except the conference meet, where physical indisposition (we don't know what it means, either) caused him to slip. Ralph L. Christy, twice-mentioned above, is the leading backstroke on the university tank squad, but wasn't able to keep his 1932 championship although he

smashed and helped smash a number of records. Hartman and Christy enter their junior year next fall and Burky will be a senior. Hartman was heavyweight on the wrestling team, winning every match until the conference meet.

Intramural athletics saw the Alpha Sigs in Colorado soar to the finals in touchball last fall, make the semi-finals in basketball, sport two champions in wrestling—John D. Burky, and Pledge William Gibson, early eliminated in softball, one hundred per cent losers in baseball with one game yet to play as we go to press, placing none in the track meet, and getting to the semi-finals in tennis with all the matches not played off as this is written. A fair average this might be called.

Jesse Zabriskie made Tau Beta Pi, engineering scholarship honorary fraternity, last fall. William Matthews and Aubrey Threlkeld were pledged to Scimitar, sophomore men's honorary society.

In Varsity track Pledge Arthur Soderberg pole-vaulted and Brother Ralph Christy ran the mile.

The Alumni Council cup awarded to the most outstanding freshman of the previous year went to Stanford Hartman at the "Sig Bust" in Denver, March 27. This is the initial award of the trophy; it will be presented each year hereafter.

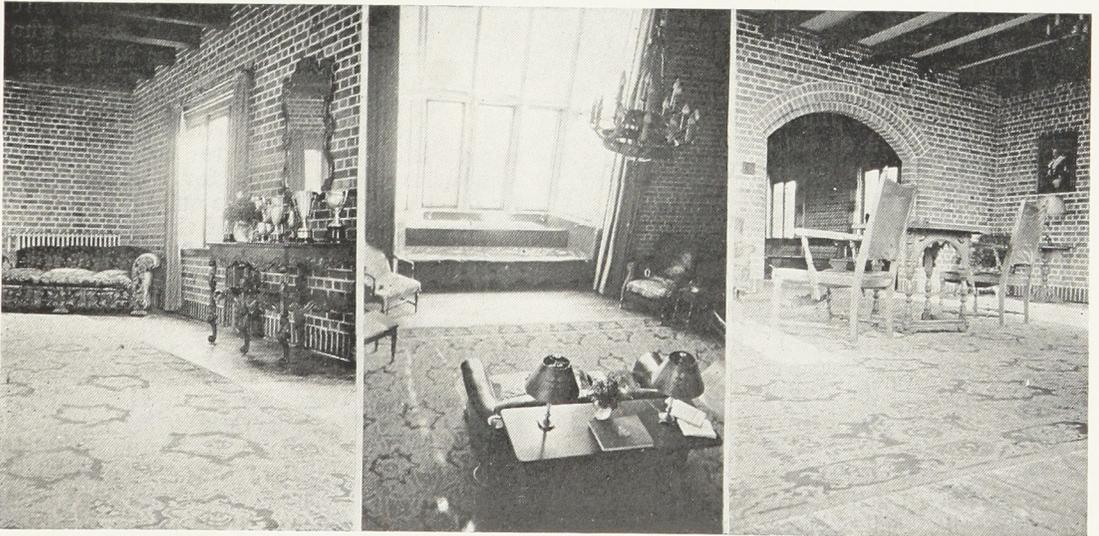
The C Club trophy for the letterman with the highest average for the preceding year went to John Burky, whose 94.03 average was the highest of any who have won the cup to date.

## University of Minnesota

### Rho

Not great activity but some has been noted at Rho with the coming of spring and balmy

*Interior Views of Pi's Beautiful Home*



weather in Minnesota (which usually means a balmy day quickly followed by a snow storm or a March wind, or an April shower, all of which happen in May in our dynamic climate).

Spring elections reveal that Milton Andrus of Aberdeen, S. Dakota, will lead the chapter; Thomas Hammond as his substitute will be the H. J. P.; the Chapter correspondence and *Tomahawk* literature will continue to be taken care of by Bob Ryder; Thomas Thompson is the new H. E.; Burnett Olson leads the pledges as H. M.; and Walter Sethney is the H. C.

The Rho chapter diamond ball team started off in great style by winning the first five games to capture the championship of their division in the intramural diamond ball contest. Pledges Weimer and Schroeder pitched and caught, while pledges Ostendorf, Eiken and Koch, as well as Brothers Sponberg, Ryder, Caldwell, and Andrus batted well, while Brother Putz furnished humor for the games by tripping himself in the field and always putting on a hunt the base act after he had hit the ball. Rho lost a tough game in the semi-final round by a 5 to 4 score so that no All-University championship cup was forthcoming as we had expected.

The pledge class numbers were increased in the spring quarter by six new members. Malcom Eiken, a coming three letter man for football, track and baseball; Vern Ostendorf, a frosh baseball man; Frank Koch, a member of the University Band; Eldon Schroeder, of freshman basketball and football fame; Joe Loomis, another frosh footballer; and Art Weimer, a letter winner in baseball, have taken the button.

Sulo Koski, who graduated last fall is now with the Department of Forestry, and working in northern Minnesota.

Brother Oja coached the alumni football team, who played the 1933 Minnesota football team this spring.

Jim Young and Rudy Nordland are playing in Lou Breeze's orchestra at the Lyceum theater in Minneapolis. Jim is also in the law business and has an office of his own at 600 New York Life building in Minneapolis. Not only that, but Jim has been elected the new vice-president of the Alumni Council.

The new Alumni Council Officers include J. Philo Nelson as president. Nelson has recently returned from San Francisco to take over this district as manager for the Missouri Life Insurance Company. Jim Young has been mentioned as the Vice-president, while Jerry Moore is Secretary and Treasurer. The Minneapolis and St. Paul Alumni have been having lunch together every second Tuesday in the month at the Andrus Hotel.

H. W. Blake has been recently married to Miss Ruth Sharp of St. Paul.

To return to active's doings we may add that the newest actives are Harry Caldwell of Indianapolis, and Earl Sholund of Eveleth.

Several of the brothers expect to graduate this spring, but the rest are in doubt. The betting odds against the graduation of Brothers Al Sponberg, Wilho Tikander, Bob Ryder, and Kermit Olson have hovered around between 500 to 1 and 2134 to 1 since the beginning of the quarter. By the time of issuance of this article the thing will be decided, however, and the boys will have collected their money.

## Pennsylvania State College

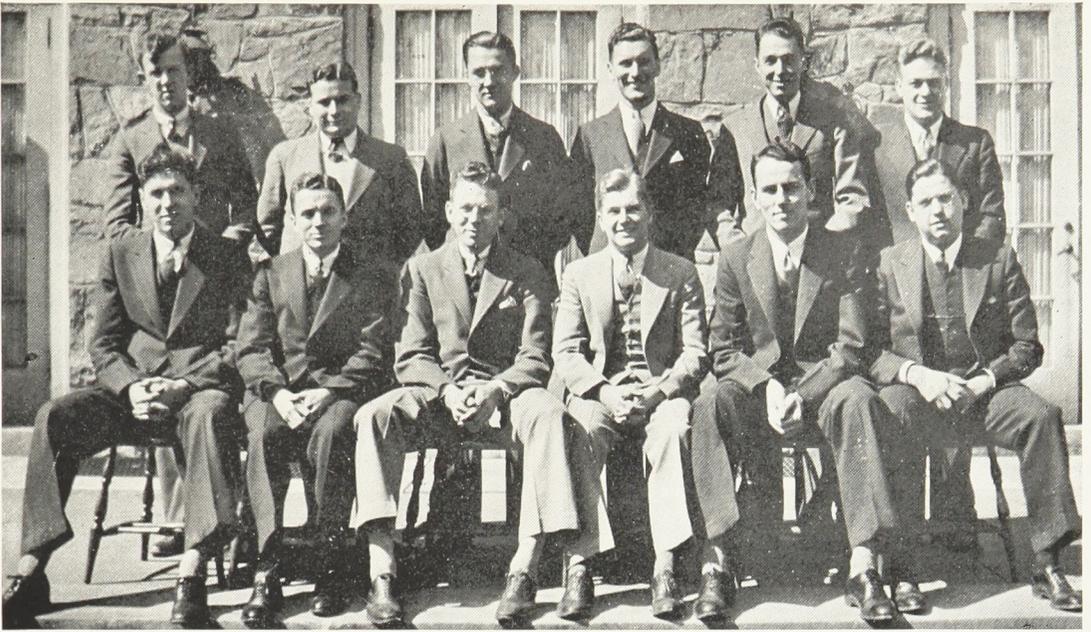
### *Upsilon*

With the installation of new officers, Upsilon's organization for the new year swung into action. Berne Taylor, the stocky blond lad from Bradford, stepped into the H. S. P.'s chair succeeding Charley Shaeffer. As H. E., Max Moore makes an exceptionally good Shylock. "Maxie" is also treasurer for the new Senior class, a Track manager, and a member of the Blue Key campus honorary society. Playing the dual role of H. J. P. and Caterer, "Woody" Lindenmuth is doing his share in the administration. Brothers "Tubby" (King Kong) Lavis, "Bob" Graham, and "Joe" Laroche were chosen as H. M., H. C. S., H. S. respectively.

When the final score was taken in the Penn State Interfraternity Bowling Tournament, Alpha Sigma Phi led all other Greek letter men by turning in the highest score for both halves of the contest. In reward for their efforts the winning team was presented with a handsome silver trophy in the form of bowler. Robert J. (Big Moose) Sigel led the team in scoring with "Frankie" Gorman running a close second. "Bill" Morton, "Woody" Lindenmuth, "Bing" Miller, "Wild Bill" Rodgers and Jack Frost deserve equal credit for helping to "bring home the bacon."

Appearing with the Nittany trackmen are two Alpha Sigs; "Bob" and "Dick" Sigel, who are making names for themselves in the field events. In the State-Army meet, "Dick" bettered the college record for the discus by some two feet to take a second place in that event. Both brothers have come through with quite a few points for the team this year and will probably have quite a few more to their credit by the end of the season. Each of these men are members of the Friars and Parni Nous, campus honorary societies.

Upsilon has the pleasure to announce the introduction of eight new brothers to the "Mystic Circle." These men are: J. M. Patton, Narberth; J. J. Laroche, Reading; W. S. Bennett, Upper Darby; L. Hicks, Wilkensburg; W. A. Rodgers, Pittsburgh; J. F. McAmbley, Bradford; J. R. Frost, Philadelphia; H. O. Whistler, York, Pennsylvania. During the past semester four new men have been pledged who are to be initiated before



*Upsilon's Seniors: Standing, Gates, Lavis, Morton, Weir, Quinn, Widenor. Seated, Miller, Gorman, Sickles, Shaffer, Sigel, Weis*

the end of the year. T. W. Eaglesham, Upper Darby; J. V. Feeney, Ralston; R. J. Richey, Hazelton; and W. J. Bright, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, are the men soon to be initiated.

In extra-curricular activities the chapter has been especially well represented. Five of the brothers have won their letters on Varsity sports while nine have been awarded numerals for class or freshmen sports. Four campus honorary societies and four scholastic honorary fraternities are represented by men from the chapter. Practically all of the brothers and pledges are active in sports, managerships, publications or some other specialized work on the campus.

## Iowa State College

### Phi

Phi chapter presents Hollis "Pete" Hilstrom, newly elected H. S. P., gentleman, soldier, leader and scholar, who is the most popular Sig on the Iowa State campus. "Pete", who was secretary and treasurer of the Iowa State Interfraternity Council, last year, was recently elected president of this organization. When the honorary military fraternity, Scabbard and Blade, selected its pledges, "Pete" was among those wearing the customary tin hat and wooden sword. He was initiated immediately after the military ball, for which Herbie Kay played. The next week the All College election took place and after the votes were counted "Pete" was elected as treasurer of the Senior Class.

Besides the H. S. P. other officers for this year are: Victor Jones, H. J. P.; Edgar Jeffries, H. S.; Erwin Mardorf, H. C. S.; Richard Rice, H. E.; Richard Sidwell, H. M.; and Bruce Bundy, H. C. These men have been in office for two months and the chapter administration has been running smoothly under their direction.

Three men were initiated into the mystic circle on February 17. They are: Wayne B. Rule, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Bruce C. Bundy, Kent, Ohio; and Edgar F. Jeffries, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

The student section of the American Society of Electrical Engineers elected Kenneth "Scotty" Leech as its head for the coming year. It might be said that "Scotty" really knows his "stuff" for, after graduating from high school he worked three years for the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company as chief switchman at Boone, Iowa, and as testman at Des Moines, Iowa.

Six senior members of Phi chapter leave the Alpha Sig hangout after graduation in June. Ralph "Andy" Anderson, former H. C. S., member of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, received a bachelor of science degree in Economics and Journalism. Richard "Dick" Anderson, member of Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemical fraternity, and Eugene "Gene" Dailey, former H. S. and H. S. P., received degrees in Chemical Engineering. Fred "Freddy" Tatum, former H. M., member of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, and Frank Moeller, received degrees in Civil Engineering. Rex Rasmus, member of Pi



Hollis Hilstrom  
Phi's H. S. P.



Jim Griffen  
Varsity 1st Baseman



Vic Jones  
Varsity 2nd Baseman



Paul Rice  
Wrestling Mgr.

Epsilon Pi, honorary pep fraternity, received a bachelor of science in Industrial Arts.

Phi chapter discovered this winter that they had some real bridge talent when George Felton and Rex Rasmus took first in the Interfraternity Bridge Tournament in which 20 houses were represented.

After long and faithful service as wrestling manager, Paul Rice was awarded his "I" manager letter, this spring. Many students think that a manager's job is a snap, but look into his duties and you'll unhesitatingly decide differently. For three years, from the beginning of school in the fall to the end of the wrestling season, Paul has been on the job, from four to six in the afternoon. His duties consisted of taking roll, keeping the equipment in shape, making reservations at hotels, ordering the right kind of meals at the right time and instructing the freshman managers in their duties and overseeing them.

Vic Jones has been one of the mainstays in baseball this spring as he is one of the few lettermen left over from last year. He has been alternating at second and third. Jim Griffen, a pledge, has been showing up so

well that he has pushed Jack Shea, regular first-sacker, on the bench and is now playing the keystone position. During this season's first two games with Kirksville State Teachers and Missouri University, Iowa State garnered 14 hits. The Alpha Sigs, Vic and Jim, made seven of these. Iowa State won the Kirksville game 3-2 and lost the Missouri U. game, 0-1. Elwood Sanford, a pledge, is still working out regular with the track team, his specialty being the broad-jump. Neil Arnold is again getting in shape for the distance runs, and Merlin Goebel is knocking the pill far and high in golf.

## University of Oklahoma *Alpha Alpha*

Alpha Alpha is winding up the school year very successfully with the graduation of a large number of members. Those from Alpha Alpha in the graduating class are Bob Hull, Armstead York, Bill Osborn, Joe Smalley, who will enter Medical School next fall, A. O. Johnson, and G. H. Parkhurst.

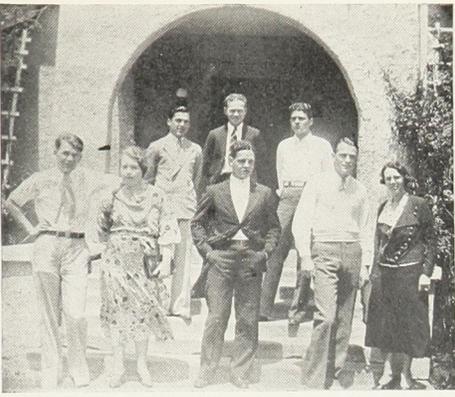
Five members of Alpha Alpha were presented commissions in the Officers Reserve Corps this year. They were Armstead York, Francis Parker, Joe Smalley, Jack Clark, and Woodson Dawson.

A. O. Johnson was awarded the Letseizer Trophy by the student body for his work during his school career. Brother Johnson had one of the best grade averages of any graduating senior and was one of the most active men on the campus.

Alpha Alpha initiated six men towards the last part of the semester. They were Jack Kohler, Bristow; Edmond C. Payne, Wapauka; Robert Ellis, Webb City; G. H. Parkhurst and Talmadge Jones, Oklahoma City, and Wayne McKowan, Kansas.

Rex Rasmus with Interfraternity Bridge  
Trophy





*Group of Alpha Alpha Brothers with two of the Mother's Day guests*



*Back yard of the Alpha Alpha Chapter House*

In the finals of the school boxing tournament Alpha Alpha was represented by Talmadge Jones, Jim Barnett, Clyde McGinnis and Jack Clark, who brought home the cup.

Barney Green and Tom Ashton came out second in the bowling tournament and Billy Amend won his letter in baseball.

With the coming of the hot weather, near the close of school, picnics were taking up a lot of the time which is given up to social activities. The South Canadian River, flowing almost by the back yard of the University, affords many excellent places for picnics upon its banks.

Alpha Alpha has at last jumped the hurdle and received a grade average considerably above that of the average man in the University.

Mother's Day was a great success. A dinner was given on Sunday in honor of the mothers present and several talks of great interest to the mothers and members were given. Dr. J. O. Hassler, Joe Smalley, A. O. Johnson and Edna McDaniel gave short talks to the mothers. Edna McDaniel, Dean of Women, has been a friend of Alpha Sigs, ever since her coming to the University. Alpha Alpha was the first fraternity chapter to invite her over to their house and she has since been a regular visitor and friend to all the members.

Alpha Alpha is proud to have a member in the graduating class of the United States Military Academy this year. Brother Don Downing, '28, is graduating and is one of the honor students, being within the top ten per cent of his class.

Officers for the next year were elected at Alpha Alpha and are: Orville Barnett, H. S. P.; Whitley Cox, H. J. P.; Bob Henderson, H. C. S.; Jim Barnett, H. C.; Edmond Payne, H. M.; Wayne McKowan, H. S., and Bob Henderson as Rush Captain.

Rush plans for next fall have been completed and the house should be full with a fine group of pledges if plans work out as they should.

Alpha Alpha was host to the Tulsa track team during the state track meet and had several visitors from various other cities.

*Summer, 1933*

## **Iowa State University**

### ***Alpha Beta***

The new officers of Alpha Beta Chapter elected for the coming year are: John Harrison, H. S. P.; Jack Duvall, H. J. P.; Roderic Van Scoy, H. S.; Alvin Jorgensen, H. E.; Carl Brachtel, H. M.; Grover Schneckloth, H. C., and Murray Baylor, H. C. S.

Brother Joe Brown, a senior in the College of Liberal Arts, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa this spring and Brother Harrison, the new H. S. P., was elected to Delta Sigma Rho, honorary forensic fraternity.

Alpha Sig continued to predominate in party committee selections when three men were named to the Senior Hop committee. They were Joe Brown, who acted as chairman, representing the College of Liberal Arts; Ed Carmody, representing the College of Law, and Brother Dick Spiers, representing the College of Medicine.

Al Jorgensen in baseball and Rod Van Scoy in golf have been the athletic representatives of Alpha Beta Chapter during the spring. Both were numeral winners last year.

Grover Schneckloth, a freshman in the College of Liberal Arts, and Neil Maurer, a senior in the School of Journalism, were initiated into the Mystic Circle at a formal initiation held Sunday morning, April 9.

John Brown, Harold Thorpe, and Bob Larsen have been added to the list of pledges this spring. Brown hails from Emmetsburg and Thorpe from Elberon. Larsen, a freshman from Ft. Dodge, is a numeral man in wrestling, having won the All-University 135 pound championship. Last year Pledge Larsen as a member of the crack Ft. Dodge high school team, was runner-up in the National Interscholastic grappling meet in Chicago.

Plans are being completed by the chapter for the purchase of a successor to Rex, Alpha Beta's famous Great Dane, who died this winter after six years of service as the mascot of the University of Iowa. The pup is a thoroughbred Great Dane, a grandson of the

famous Rex, and is to be named Rex II. He will be ready to strut his stuff at the opening of the football season in October.

## Carnegie Tech

### Alpha Gamma

"Hell-Week" is all over and Alpha Gamma now welcomes several new brothers to the Mystic Circle. Due to economic conditions all the pledges were not able to be initiated, but the chapter is hoping that in the fall F. D. R. will have gotten us far enough along so that these men will be able to become full-fledged Alpha Sigs. A new system for "Hell-week" was introduced at Carnegie this year. In order to make things uniform the school insisted that all the fraternities hold their initiations at the same time, so for the week after Easter vacation there were many queer sights to be seen along Fraternity Row.

Alpha Gamma's basketball team was more than successful this season, sweeping aside all competition in the league and winning seven straight games. For this feat they were awarded a handsome bronze trophy to go with their other trophies. To close the season the team journeyed over to Pitt to play the winner of the Pitt Intramural league, Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, and emerged victorious. The team was composed of Brothers Ingold, Nay, Robinson, Barto, Maier, and Pledge Hepler. Brother Nay was accorded the honor of being one of the best forwards in the league.

This year introduced the start of a new form of Interfraternity Competition—the Interfraternity Contract Bridge League. Alpha Gamma finished second by only one thousand points—a very narrow margin when one considers that as many as twenty thousand points were scored in a single match. Alpha Gamma's team was composed of Roberts, Robinson, Land and Hilton. Alternates were Krudener and Gibson.

Right now they are in the throes of the Interfraternity Mushball League. As the league is yet in stages of infancy we cannot predict the outcome. Alpha Gamma won the initial game from the K. D. R. team, and the other games to date have been rained out. Your correspondent overheard one of the Physical Training instructors remark that the Alpha Sigs had the best infield in the league. Here's hoping that the boys bring home the bacon.

Pledge Communtzis was a member of the Varsity Boxing team during the season just finished. With a little more experience Johnny will be one of Carnegie Tech's sure winners. He boxes in the 115 pound class and has two more years of competition.

Brother Robinson has been working hard this spring at spring football practice. Robbie is one of the Junior Managers for the

coming season, and in the fall of 1934 we hope to see him as Varsity manager.

Brothers Nay and Schatzel were recently initiated into Scabbard and Blade, national R. O. T. C. honorary fraternity. Brother Fisher is already a member of this organization.

Brothers Barto and Roberts are pledged to Theta Tau, national engineering honorary fraternity.

Brother Roberts and Pledge Hepler are members of the Men's Glee Club of which Brother Roberts is tenor soloist. Roberts also is a member of the famous Carnegie Tech Kiltie Band.

Carnegie's annual Spring Carnival will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13. Alpha Gamma has her pushmobile out with the boys practicing pushing it. They have hopes of winning the Interfraternity Sweepstakes with the buggy this year. For the Parade of the Floats in the Hey-day celebration, the master minds of the house have been working hard to conceive a new and original idea for a float to bear the Alpha Sig colors. They have several bright ideas now, but have made no definite decision as yet. The Campus Queen, the highest honor bestowed upon a Tech girl, is an Alpha Sigarette.

Brother Land, the retiring H. S. P., was a member of the Intramural Athletic Board, Interfraternity Council, and the Spring Carnival Committee.

The officers for the coming year are: H. S. P., DeWolf Schatzel; H. J. P., Robert Roberts; H. S., Wilbert Robbins; H. C. S., William Maier; H. E. and H. M. are both held by Arthur Krudener; and H. C., Eugene Nay. We wish these men all the luck in the world. May next year be a successful and prosperous one!

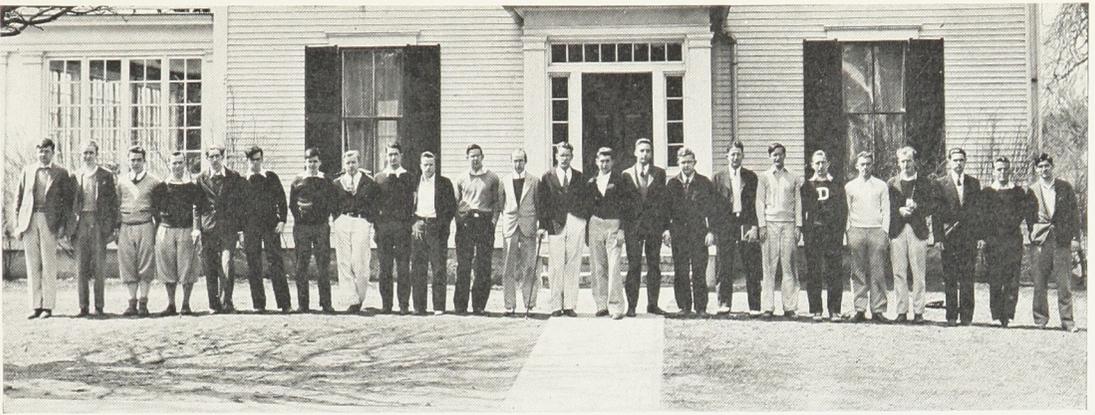
Commencement is nearly here, and when it has passed Alpha Gamma will have bid goodbye to five seniors, all good men and true. The graduating men are "Swampy" Land, LeRoy Gibson, "Don" Fischer, "Joe" Ingold, and "Bill" Hilton. Good-luck, boys.

## Dartmouth College

### Alpha Eta

The fraternity situation is rather upset at Dartmouth. Some years ago a system of sophomore pledging was instituted. Theoretically it gave the freshmen a chance to get oriented without fraternity influence, while giving the houses a chance to get better acquainted before picking their men. Restriction of formal open houses to two a year and limitation of calling to three nights a week kept down rushing to reasonable limits.

But this system has not been successful. Freshmen spend too great a proportion of



*Active Chapter, 1932-1933, at Alpha Eta, Dartmouth College*

their time in being rushed, the houses hold informal open houses all during the second semester, and calling is general any night of the week. Administration is determined to protect the freshmen better and the houses are dissatisfied because so much time must be devoted to rushing.

There are four main factors to be considered in planning any new system. First, the Administration is not convinced that the fraternities deserve a place on the campus and expect them to show that they are or else get out. Fortunately for the houses, the second factor is that the investment in fraternities represents approximately three-quarters of a million dollars. Naturally, this would be a strong argument for their retention. Another consideration, however, is that the Interfraternity Council has never been able to enforce its own rules. Finally, the houses are unwilling to stay in the status quo.

One scheme has been proposed by a committee of investigation. Under this plan the freshmen would give a list of their choices to the Administration which would submit the names of the men to the house of their first choice for acceptance or rejection. If more than twenty-five signed for a house, the extras, chosen by lot, would be sent to their second choice. But this arrangement because of its many obvious flaws, pleases nobody.

It may turn out that fraternities will be weakened or even abolished on the Dartmouth Campus by this upset. If they do go, it will mark a significant step in the decline of fraternities in Eastern Colleges.

Meanwhile, Alpha Eta's men continue to participate in varied activities. The Players remain popular, Brother Paradis managing the lighting and Brother Staffer the properties. Five Alpha Sigs will be in Cabin and Trail, governing body of the Outing Club. Herb Hawkes will be Director of Entertainment for the coming Winter Carnival. Brother Saunders and Brother Brush have berths lined up for their senior years as managers of Winter Sports and Intramurals respectively. Ken Webster, also '35, has already won his

"D" in soccer, while Pledge Reynolds has started a promising career as debater by going to the finals in the contest for the Class of 1866 medal this past spring. Nor have studies been neglected for the house average for the first semester last year was once more the best and chances are good that this fall we will once more regain possession of the Scholarship Cup.

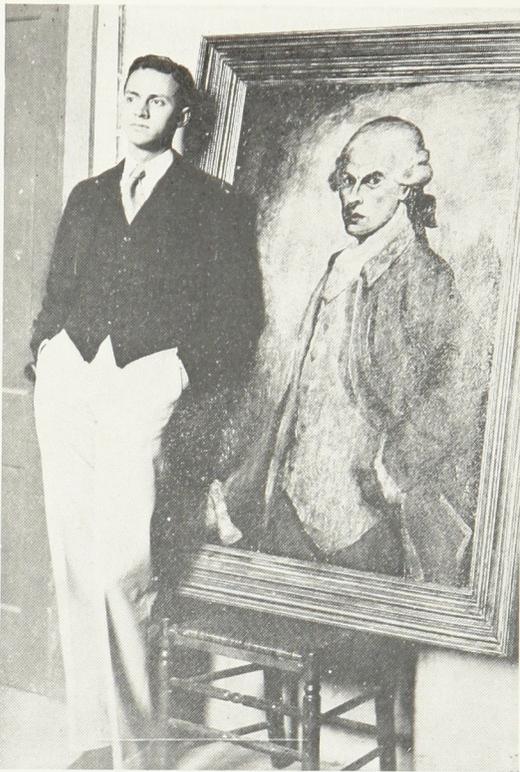
With such men to carry on in the coming year, Alpha Eta looks forward joyfully even while bidding the men of the class of 1933 a sad farewell.

## University of Missouri *Alpha Theta*

Alpha Theta's activity men have gone ahead in the past year. Brother Jim Shepherd, not content with receiving a Phi Beta Kappa key last year, got full membership into Sigma Xi this year. Jim is also a member of Tau Beta Pi, Q. E. B. H., Blue Key, and various other honoraries. Brothers Nelson and Thomy were elected into Blue Key, boosting Alpha Theta's number in that organization to four. Brother Young was awarded a Varsity track letter while Mergendoller and Pledge Schaberg were the recipients of freshman basketball numerals and a Varsity baseball letter respectively. Schaberg got state-wide fame when he rammed his head into a stone wall making a catch that won a game for Missouri.

George Schriever's election into Purple Masque, honorary dramatic fraternity, gives Alpha Theta three men in that group. Purple Masque is the highest honor a man or woman at Missouri can receive for dramatic endeavors. Brothers Hirsch and Thomy are the other two men from the chapter holding membership.

At the St. Patrick's celebration, a traditional program given by Missouri engineers,



*George Schriever, Alpha Theta, standing beside the oil painting for which he posed. The painting was used in "Berkeley Square", produced by Missouri Workshop. Brother Schriever took the male lead.*

Brothers Shepherd, Bates, Grumich, Thorne, and Pledge Robards were each superintendents of various laboratory displays. Brother Shepherd was in charge of all laboratories.

Charlie Thorne and Ben Schaberg were awarded University medals for participation in gymnastics. Schaberg is coach of the Varsity tumbling team. Jim Whiton, transfer from Alpha Eta, represented Missouri in a fencing match with Washington University.

Bill Nelson in the year past was president of the Burrall Bible Class. This class is attended by students from the University and from the two women's colleges in Columbia. It boasts a membership of one thousand. Nelson was also vice-president of the School of Law.

At the annual election of officers in May, the following were chosen to head Alpha Theta during the coming year: H. S. P., Beauford Bickley; H. J. P., Gerald Jurgens; H. E., James Shepherd; H. S., Herbert Mergendoller.

At the University Commencement exercises June 7, it was announced that Brothers Bickley and Jurgens had been awarded the John W. Jewell Scholarship for outstanding work in journalism. Both brothers have just completed their first year's work in the School of Journalism in the University. The

same day, Alpha Theta lost such worthy men as Roy Schumacher, Fred Hirsch, Leslie Bates, John Wilds, Charles Thorne, James Whiton, and George Schriever through graduation.

## University of Alabama

### *Alpha Iota*

The new officers destined to hold the reins of Alpha Iota Chapter for the next year are as follows: H. S. P., James Walker; H. J. P., Ray Lewis; H. S., Fred Hahn, H. C. S., William G. Parslow; H. E., Varley Grantham; H. M., Benjamin S. Fuller; and H. C. S., Thomas Lamb.

The chapter loses eleven brothers at the termination of the school year when the following men graduate: Bert Bogard, Andy Farrell, James Fleming, Charles Kaeffer, Robert Myers, Samuel Bacon, James Elder, Ernie Wellhofer, Charles Layton, Walter Reilly, and Edward Romer. A farewell get-together was held in honor of these men and the affair was a success, being more than enjoyed by all.

The Alpha Sig's have acquired a new cup to adorn their trophy shelf. They won the runner-up cup for playground ball, being defeated in a grilling game by the Alpha Tau Omega house.

The Alpha Sigma Phi house is being completely remodelled this summer. The contract requires that the house be painted inside and out. New furnishings are also being purchased. Alpha Iota is expected to have one of the best looking houses on the campus next year.

James Fleming was initiated into Scabbard and Blade, honorary military organization.

Andrew Farrell, one of the most gifted brothers, won the Chi Beta Pi key award. This award is given to the most outstanding scholar in the organization.

Fred Hahn was elected to the Alabama Dramatic Club, the Blackfriars. He played leading roles in some of their most prominent plays.

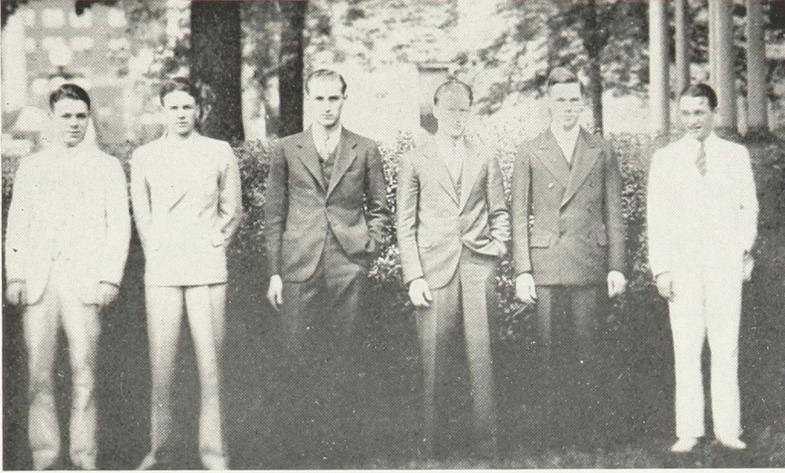
Pledge Harry Bradley received the greatest honor bestowed upon an engineer when he was initiated into Tau Beta Pi. Bradley was elected Recording Secretary of this honorary organization.

## University of West Virginia

### *Alpha Kappa*

Alpha Kappa chapter has had a most successful year and the brothers may well pride themselves on the progress they have made. The chapter has met with the greatest of success with rushing and initiating new men and

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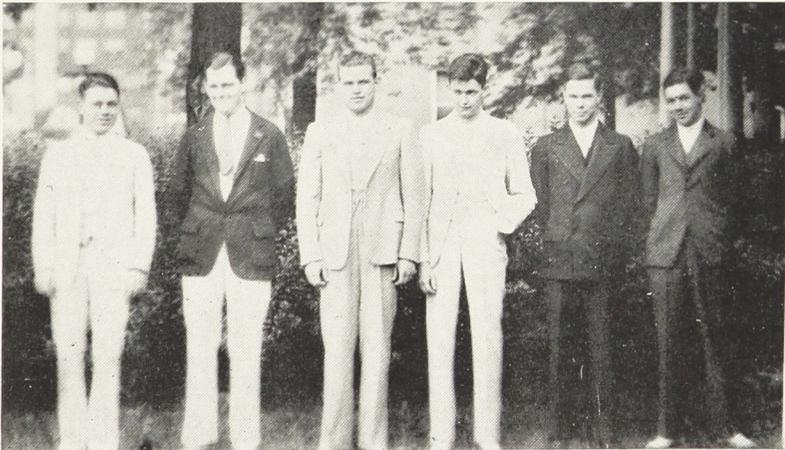
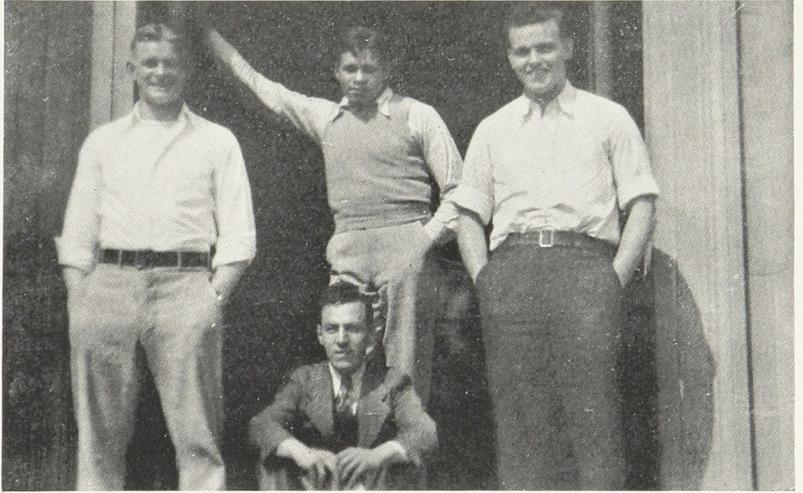


*Alpha Kappa Retiring Officers*

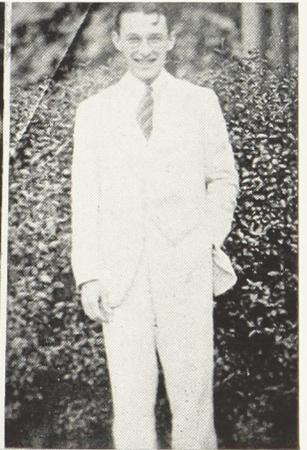


*Patsy Slate*

*Standing, Zaleski,  
Slate, Hester. Sit-  
ting, Thomas*



*Alpha Kappa Officers for Coming Year*



*Eddie Bennett*

has also been fortunate in politics and campus activities.

When the spring football practice opened at the University, Coach Neale found nine Alpha Sigs fighting for posts on the team. Three of these, Hester, end; Slate, halfback; and Zaleski, fullback, are sure to be in the starting line-up when the opening whistle blows next year. The dopesters also declare that the Gold and Blue will have one of the most powerful elevens in the country.

Patsy Slate, probably the greatest athlete to ever wear a West Virginia uniform, continued his successes in track this spring. Patsy, football, basketball, track star, never failed to get at least two first places in every meet. Patsy was the principal figure in defeating the University of Pittsburgh by a one-point margin.

Eugene Hester, big blonde all-round athlete, has also been gathering laurels for himself and the University by his spectacular showing. Hester is also a football, basketball and track man. He is also quite a social man on the campus, being elected man representative on the University social committee in the spring elections. Gene broke the intramural high jump and shot put records during the interfraternity track meet.

Charles Cunningham has been assuming a stellar role on the baseball diamond, playing left field for the Mountaineers. He is a lieutenant in the R. O. T. C.

But the chapter is not all athletes. We will scan a few of the activities of several of the more prominent men on the campus.

Bill Fahey has been editor of the *Athen-*

*aeum*, President of Y. M. C. A., is a member of Mountain, Journaliers, Fi Batar Kapper, Press Club, and several legal organizations. He is the H. E. for next year, and a Lieutenant-Colonel in the R. O. T. C.

Henry D. Reed, known to the gang as "Hank", is the chapter journalist. "Hank" is Business Manager of the *Athenaeum*, tri-weekly paper; assistant editor of the *Monticola*, year book; advertising manager of *Moonshine*, humor magazine; and advertising manager of the Campus handbook. He is also a member of Journaliers, Press Club, and is president of La Tertulia, honorary Spanish, and the honorary advertising fraternity. He is a major in the R. O. T. C.

Other keys to be seen around the chapter house include: Ed Bennett, Kappa Kappa Psi, honorary music, Torch and Serpent, honorary sophomore, and Sigma Pi Sigma, honorary Physics. Carl Post also belongs to Kappa Kappa Psi and Sigma Pi Sigma. Lyda Hyer and Steve Shlanta were recently taken into Sphinx, honorary senior organization. Hyer is a football man while Shlanta is a track man. Thomas Currie won his letter on the rifle team this spring and served as Assistant Business Manager of the *Athenaeum*. He was recently taken into Rowan Rifles.

When school opens next year eight men from the house will be in line for advanced offices in the R. O. T. C., Eskins, Hyer, Cunningham, Currie, Hays, Hester, Porter and Russell are signed up for advanced military.

Alpha Kappa after initiating seventeen men during the present year and still having several to initiate in the fall can look forward to a most promising year for '33-'34.

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between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains have had the best record in the country, having been above the all-men's average almost from the beginning. The past year showed some faltering for the first time, due probably to the economic strain, while Eastern chapters were making their greatest gain. This is logical, since in the East, chapter houses are older and there are fewer problems of financing, the economic stringency showing itself in keeping at home a larger number of students without serious purpose.

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Whit ran his first important race against an Oklahoma man when he ran against Peyton Glass of Oklahoma A. and M. In the race, Whit beat Glass out by a nose in the time of 9.8 seconds. Whit had just finished running in his elimination heat and made the time of 9.8 in it also.

A week later at Tulsa, Whit let loose with a burst of speed and tied the world record for the fifty yard dash. Whit has one of the fastest starts of any dash man in the country and his stamina enables him to maintain the lead he gains at the start.

These two boys from Alpha Alpha are making track history with their accomplishments. The eyes of the whole athletic-minded world will be on them in the future, and all Alpha Sigs will be pulling for them.

# Last Look

Derogatory, viewing with alarm and mend your way articles about the fraternity system seem to have as much news value as a good sex murder case or a first class kidnaping, if one is to judge by the space and prominence given them by the newspapers. On the other hand seldom do the same newspapers open their pages to articles that so much as hint as to the possession by fraternities of anything in the nature of a virtue.

A case in point is the reporting of a speech, given by William A. Hoy, an alumnus of Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, before the alumni of that college, in the *New York Times* of Sunday, June 12. The speech itself is of no great import and probably will not make any imprint on the pages of fraternity history. Mr. Hoy proposes nothing new and makes charges of a general nature only. A perusal of the speech leads to the conclusion that Mr. Hoy is well aware of the value of the subject as a publicity getter.

If Mr. Hoy really wanted to point out fraternity deficiencies he would have done well to approach fraternity officers for his data as any of them could have given him information on numerous problems more worthy of his time and effort than the things he attacks in his Don Quixote manner.

Mr. Hoy said, "After having had some correspondence with President Garfield (Williams College) I wrote to the presidents of twelve colleges in the Eastern States and in an identical letter to them presented the points of what I am now about to say in friendly criticism of fraternities. To all thirteen presidents I submitted a specific request. I asked each whether he would be willing to have a conference with alumni representatives of the governing boards of the fraternity chapters at his college for the purpose of effecting a much stronger alliance than that now existing to eliminate from student life its harmful practices and to increase among the students at his college their devotion to study and reading and thought."

To the above there is only one possible answer which accounts probably for the unanimous assent from the aforementioned presidents. The harmful practices are not enumerated. The usual linking of fraternity and non-study is rather ironical in view of the fact that for the past several years the average grade of the fraternity man has been higher than that of the non-fraternity man. A further digression from the facts is the assumption that cooperation such as that suggested is a new and pioneering procedure and apt to be opposed by the fraternities. There is not a National College Fraternity that has not for years both individually and in conjunction with other fraternities through

the Interfraternity Conference, done all in its power to promote scholarship in its chapters. Cooperation with college officials has not been as widespread as it might be due not to the refusal of the fraternities to cooperate but primarily to the reluctance of the college administrations. Fraternity officers and actives will be found anxious to help any venture for the improvement of members and the correction of faults but the universal habit of charging fraternities directly or by implication with all the imperfections of college life becomes tiresome and loses authority by repetition.

Quoting further from Mr. Hoy, "In many of our chapter houses there is a gross hedonism, a degradation, a perversion of these houses which ought to be cloisters of thought and study into mere social clubs in which the undergraduates cultivate the art of what they call 'having a good time'; and from these houses a demoralizing influence spreads among the students. It may not injuriously affect the best students in or outside the fraternity, but it does not inspire them with high ideals. Little wonder that there are signs of a campus opinion disapproving this or that Fraternity Chapter."

We do not argue that the fraternity system is perfect and we do admit certain faults but we feel safe in saying that the above statement could not be applied in its entirety to any one fraternity chapter in the United States let alone the fraternity system as a whole. What manner of men is it that objects to a spirit of enjoyment, of pleasure, of well being and wholehearted joy of living that is incidental to youth, health and the overabundance of animal spirits possessed by the youth of college age. Where better to "have a good time" than in the college home. If this is the fault to be found with fraternities let us hope it gets worse.

Seriously considering the fraternity house as a cloister of study and thought, it is doubtful if even the severest critic of the system would recommend that as the solution of all evils, or even as a good suggestion. Far better is the present plan which encourages study, through enforced study periods, the provision of tutors, prizes and awards for high standing and through pride in the standing of the chapter in comparison with the other campus fraternities, without losing sight of the necessity for balance in living. The value of this system has been proven by a steady rise in fraternity scholarship during the past several years. Mr. Hoy can rest assured that the fraternities have not been asleep on the question of scholarship.

As a warning, he said, "We must become aware that the colleges can get along without

the fraternity system, but that the fraternities cannot get along without the colleges, and that the day may come when the colleges will be impelled to declare the system a parasite and abolish it."

This is all quite true and some day the system may be abolished and it is also quite true that the colleges can get along without the fraternities but if the system were abolished tomorrow several colleges could be named that would be seriously embarrassed to provide adequate living facilities for their students to say nothing of the college loyalty and alumni interest which fraternities foster and keep alive. College graduates are seldom heard to express loyalty for, and a desire to return to the good old college dormitory.

Mr. Hoy ends his speech with the following quotation from a letter written by Harlan F.

Stone, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. "In my judgment fraternities are undesirable in educational institutions if they do not recognize that the main objective of college and university life is to stimulate and develop young men morally and intellectually. When fraternities fail to do that college authorities are fully justified in considering their abolition."

Apropos of what. This statement has all the force of the statement, "It's a nice day," and no one will find any argument with it.

It is very difficult to see the reason for the prominence given this speech by the *New York Times* as it certainly adds nothing of value to the subject discussed and leaves one with the same thought as that expressed by the title of Hans Fallada's late book *Little Man What Now*.

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## The Why of Alumni Councils

by

*Edmund B. Shotwell, President of the New York Council*

A bald tradition is what many alumni make of their fraternity. They look back, and perhaps down, at the good old college days and drop a tear. Unconsciously, they consider themselves "has-beens."

In the boom days, when the only question was "what'll I buy next", delightful social occasions could be bought ready-to-wear. One joined this or joined that. One traded in the old war-horse for something with more cylinders and gadgets. That extra bathroom became an essential. The children really had to be taken out of the public school—not that snobbishness entered the picture, but so many of our friends were doing it that the fine old American background got rather thin in a schoolroom full of pickaninnies and gardener's children. Expensive chatter with acquaintances displaced association with real friends.

When the cold wind of a new dawn blew all this froth away, an emptiness was realized in many hearts. Real values, as our parson used to say, made themselves felt. Glittering gold inlays suddenly found themselves sunk in some very common gruel. The banker's son took the trolley back to Yonkers High School while his father consulted with a bondholders'

committee of Byleigh Farms Country Day School about the inevitable mortgage.

In fair weather and foul true friendship is to be had for the asking. Friendliness is a trait that becomes atrophied by disuse. Friendships are assets that depreciate unless their market is watched. The reserve for such depreciation is a constant getting-together of old friends and the making of new ones to take the place of those who are quoted at "everything bid, nothing offered." The New York Alumni Council seeks to maintain a market place for such transactions as will keep the price of friendship down, its value up. The Council makes no attempt to edify its members; it does not seek to compete with Rotary nor Kiwanis. It does not aim at the Big Speaker nor the gentlemen who will (for 20 an evening) juggle Indian clubs and tell professional jokes. If Brother Jones can be got up on his hind feet to tell about his experiences in South America, and a few hands of cards worked out, the evening is a success. The simplicity of its meetings is refreshing. To alumni who regard things fraternal as essentially sophomoric, an invitation is extended to be boys again just for a night; they may come to scoff, but will remain.

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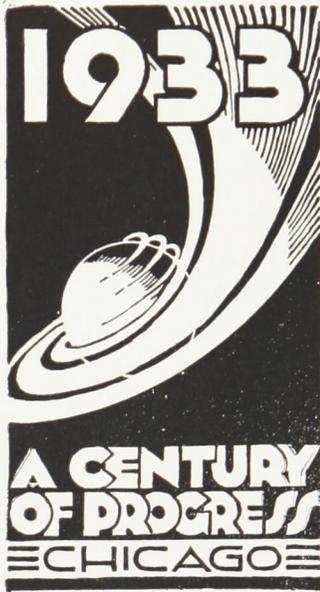
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