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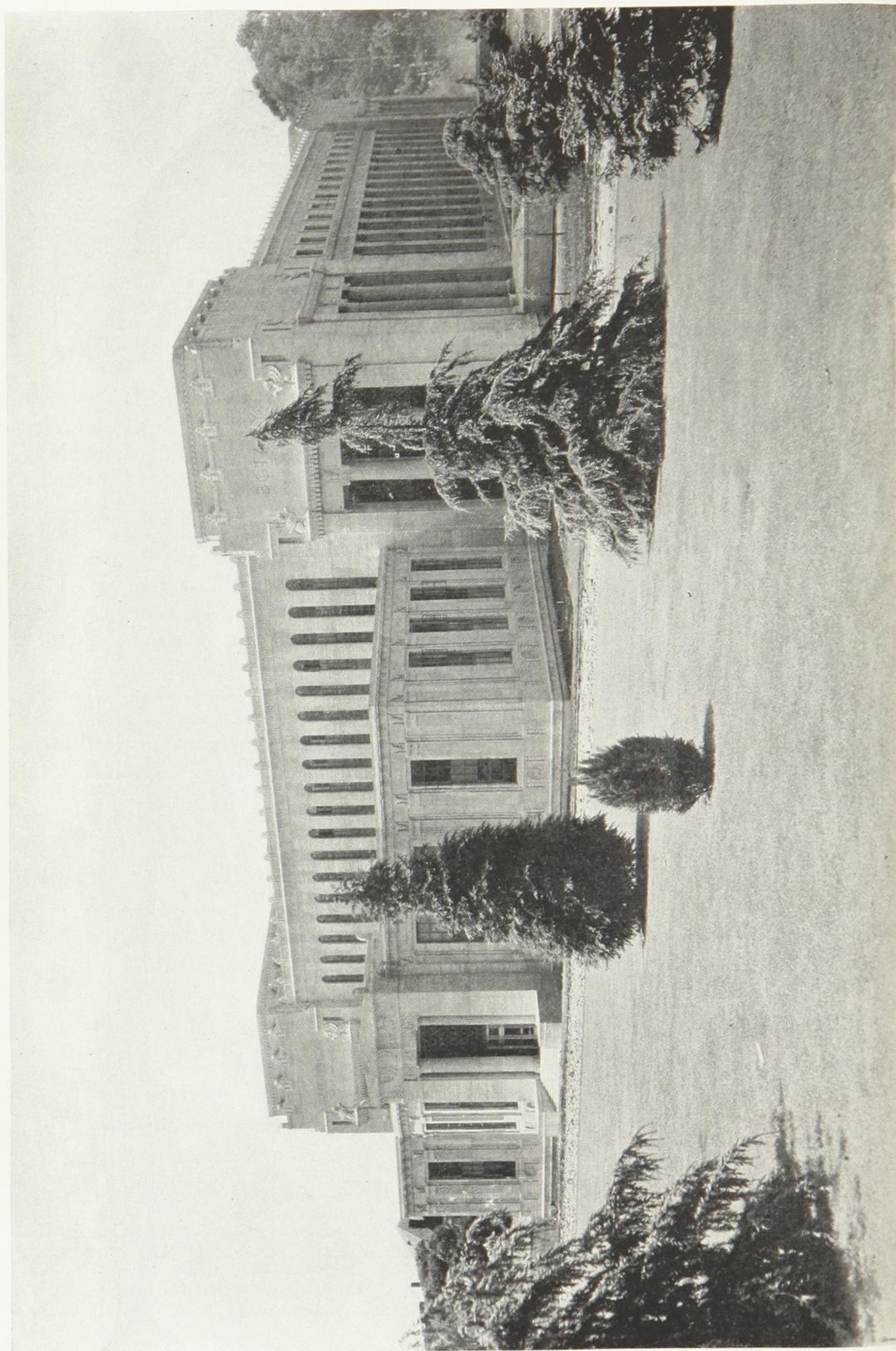
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Life Sciences Building, University of California at Berkeley

Thirty Years

WAYNE MONTGOMERY MUSGRAVE

Alpha '07

MARCH 28, 1907, is a red letter day in the annals of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. Why? Perhaps this communication will recall some events to the older members in which they played or witnessed roles, and, at the same time enlighten neophytes of matters traditional or unknown to them.

PRECEDING EVENTS

The fraternity itself was founded at Yale, December 6, 1845. The names of its founders, even, had escaped the attention of its earlier historians, and, like the fraternity, had nearly passed into oblivion. They were a comparatively modern disclosure made by the writer as a result of intensive investigation of original sources not previously available. Chapters had been erected at Harvard, Amherst, Marietta, and Delaware College (since Ohio-Wesleyan University) by the mother chapter at Yale in the first twenty years of its existence. All of these, including Yale, had failed. Yale and Marietta had both acted as mother chapters at different intervals, and both had been reorganized during these 62 years. Only Marietta had survived to the time of which we write.

Many alumni had become famous in war and peace and their accomplishments had not only covered their own names with glory but had left halos to break the shadows surrounding the chapters with which they had been associated in their earlier years. Some of

these events were recorded in a very unreliable manner, more of them remained traditional, but most of them were unknown, as they belonged to an age that had already passed away.

THE RENAISSANCE

Browsing in the Yale Library in 1906, Edwin Morey Waterbury, then a freshman at Yale, learned some of these stories from works dealing with undergraduate life at Yale in the preceding century and from accounts of the fraternity in the earlier editions of Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities; none of which were accurate, all of which were brief, and most of which were repetitions of previous statements with a few additions as a pretense of bringing them up to date. There were enough facts, however, to fire his imagination with the possibilities of reorganizing the Yale Chapter. He lost little time in carrying his ideas into execution.

An informal organization was formed wherein it was agreed that as additions were made to the group it would only be with the unanimous consent of those already within. The order in which these men entered the circle was:

1. Edwin Morey Waterbury.
2. Arthur Edwin Ely.
3. Robert Louis Ervin.
4. Benjamin Franklin Crenshaw.
5. Frederick Hemingway Waldron.
6. Wayne Montgomery Musgrave.

These men were all active members of the Yale Masonic Club which then flourished as an undergraduate social club at New Haven, and it was through this

[Note: As much of the accompanying article recites personal experiences of official connection with the renaissance of the fraternity, the first person will be used where needed to express the facts. This will account for the variations of grammatical usage.]

organization that they had met and their acquaintanceship had developed into friendship; no attempt, however, was made to restrict subsequent admission to the group which was to become the revived Alpha Chapter to members of the Yale Club which had brought them together. Ervin had a personal acquaintanceship with several alumni members of the Marietta chapter with whom he had associated in educational work in southeastern Ohio before he entered Yale. To him was commissioned the task of corresponding with that organization to secure its cooperation with the purpose in view of reviving a chapter at Yale.

THE MARIETTA CHAPTER

From its foundation on June 30, 1860, to the beginning of the academic year, 1895-96, just short of 35 years, the Marietta chapter had initiated 257 active and about 48 honorary members. Of these 151 had been graduated and almost every year during this interval the chapter had the valedictorian or salutatorian of the classes.

However, in 1895-96 a decided slump set in. This year the active membership declined to 13 of which one was an initiate. From January 21, 1899, to December 17, 1901, the chapter entirely ceased to function. On this latter date a few local alumni initiated six pledges and these in turn two more during the balance of the academic year. To these six were added in 1902, six in 1903, four in 1904, two in 1905, and none in 1906 previous to the visit of the Yale men. During this time graduation and dropping out had reduced the active membership to:

Edgar Chew Sweeney.

Earle Macauley Franklin.

Sheldon Chester Gilman.

Hurd Arunda Tuttle.

Meetings had been suspended and the fraternity at Marietta was moribund.

There were a number of alumni of varying ages around the town, among

whom the lack of interest of the actives had produced indifference, long before the receipt of the letter from New Haven. These men were afraid to contend with the lack of solidarity and organization, and did not enthuse over the idea of aiding in initiating a few strangers, whose characters, personalities, and aspirations they had no means of investigating. By secretly spreading the fact of this application among the local alumni and enjoining reticence about it, the actives probably unconsciously appealed to that element of curiosity with which every individual is endowed, and succeeded in awakening a little enthusiasm.

Finally through informal meetings and personal discussions, a general plan was evolved by which the movement was to be kept entirely secret until such events developed as would justify releasing the news upon the campus and around the town. It was also agreed that the real condition of the chapter should not be divulged to the visitors, lest they become discouraged and refuse to complete the ceremonies. Fortunately, no one did any talking outside the circle and in this way the student body was kept in entire ignorance of the impending events.

THE YALE MEN ARRIVE

Advised that the New Haven delegation chosen to receive the initiation would come over the Baltimore & Ohio by way of Parkersburg on March 28, 1907, a selected few of the Marietta men crossed the Ohio River to make an inspection of the visitors when they changed trains. This took place without the Yale men being the wiser, as the Marietta men merely came back on the same train and mingled with them as fellow passengers in a fairly crowded car. While the party was crossing the river introductions were made, the visitors were piloted to the Bellevue Hotel, and directed to await "further instructions" and in the interim, to refresh themselves



*Alfred Dewey Follett,
Grand Senior President 1907*

from their long and tiresome journey. Later they were taken for an inspection of the town, the Indian Mound and the terrain over which they were to travel in quest of an understanding of the Mystic Circle.

THE INITIATION

About an hour before sunset each visitor was called into the lobby of the hotel by the man delegated to deliver written instructions to him. He was then directed to return to his room, and there to break the seal and read without consulting with any of his fellows. By four o'clock the following morning all the work had been conferred upon the visitors, and Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity had nine active members.

Notwithstanding the importance of this series of events, not a minute of it occurs in the records of Delta Chapter. Although all of us signed a roll of members, even this has disappeared. It is doubtful, if any present at that time, initiates or initiating members, realized

just what the event was to mean in the future development of the fraternity. Of the quintet of initiates from Yale, Arthur Edwin Ely, has passed to his reward, and the ranks of those who inducted us have been decimated in a similar manner.

TWO LOCALS

By the resurrection of a Yale chapter, the mother chapter was theoretically again in existence. The fraternity was really composed of two chapters, each sufficient unto itself, but working in close harmony for the best interest of the other.

The Marietta chapter initiated five men after we left and closed the academic year with nine active members, to which eight younger alumni added their regular attendance at meetings. The Yale chapter closed the year with 22 active members, coincidentally, the same number closed its first year of active existence 62 years before.

Plans were formed between these chapters for a national convention at Marietta, Ohio, in June 1907, after the close of the academic year, to formulate a confederation, establish a national fraternity, draft a constitution, choose national officers, and prepare for future expansion.

FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION

On June 21, 1907, near the close of its three day session, Alfred Dewey Follett of Marietta, Ohio, was elected Grand Senior President; Wayne Montgomery Musgrave of New York, New York, Grand Junior President; Edwin Morey Waterbury of Corning, New York, Grand Corresponding Secretary; George William Hunter of Williams-town, West Virginia, Grand Treasurer; and Chester Chidlow Evans of Cleveland, Ohio, Grand Marshal.

A constitution was formally adopted and made ready for submission to the chapters upon reconvening in the fall. It was unanimously ratified by the vote of Alpha on October 7, and Delta, October

21, 1907. By its provisions a confederation of chapters existed.

From October 21, 1907, to October 15, 1919, the affairs of the fraternity were under my supervision.

THE FRATERNITY OUTLOOK

Upon assuming office in 1907, we were confronted with the following facts: Naturally, we were looked upon among the fraternities as interlopers trying to tie up with the history and traditions of a defunct sophomore society that had been suppressed by the Yale faculty. The lone struggling orphan at Marietta had been given very little recognition chiefly because it was in a small college located off the beaten paths of travel, and also because it had had many ups and downs in its own career. There was very little toleration and practically no comity between fraternities.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

At this time as a student at Yale, I established national headquarters in my lodgings at 152 Temple street, New Haven. (It is interesting to note that this was within 300 feet of where the fraternity itself was founded in 1845, although I was entirely ignorant of this fact at the time.) It was from here that all business and correspondence that pertained to my office as grand junior president of the fraternity was handled. At the start we had two chapters, 31 active members and unbounded confidence in the future.

During the year 1907-08, I was also H.S.P. of the Yale Chapter. The national organization with only two chapters had very little revenue, but the Yale chapter on the other hand had made and was making very substantial progress. I began operations by borrowing sufficient money from the treasury of Alpha with which to pay for the steel die used in embossing our first lot of stationery, and for supplying and printing the same. Our income this first year amounted to \$30.00, derived from assessments of \$15.00 each upon the two chap-

ters, Alpha and Delta. Towards the end of this year we received \$40.00 as charter fees for Zeta chapter, which was installed at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, in June 1908. From these funds all fraternity obligations were liquidated and a stock of blank charters ~~lithographed in readiness~~ for new chapters as they were admitted. Additional chapters were our greatest need, yet, while this was true, we determined that if we would succeed as a fraternity it must be along lines that would command respect for our chapter roster and insure stability in the chapters themselves as branches of our organization.

With this end in view, we laid down prerequisites that each group of petitioners should have before we would consider an application from it, and that each should be met and successively passed before proceeding towards the next. These were: First, that the academic standard of the institution of learning at which the proposed chapter was located should be of the grade recognized by Harvard University for admission to its graduate schools.

Second, that the fraternity situation in such institution should spell potential success for the chapter if erected.

Third, that the personnel of the petitioners should be satisfactory to our standards of manhood and their scholarship be above the average in their institution.

At the same time, we also drafted forms for the use of applicants in preparing their petitions for a charter. We also required that each chapter should have the necessary paraphernalia with which to carry on its business and initiate its members.

Several of our early chapters grew out of eating and lodging clubs and the conditions from a material point of view were very much less than those we required later. A few of them had houses in which to begin a chapter life, but at that time this was not obligatory.

We had a few narrow escapes, but no failures. This was due entirely to the character of the men who composed these charter groups and the men they added.

With this standard of admission rigidly enforced, it was not long before the roster of the institutions in which we erected chapters also began to attract attention from the academic and fraternity world.

THE TOMAHAWK

We needed a fraternity magazine with which to keep our own members informed of progress made, of coming events and to acquaint other fraternities of our activities. Such a publication would also aid us in disseminating proper information throughout the academic world.

With this end in view in April 1909, Edwin Morey Waterbury launched a revived and reformed quarterly that spoke for the fraternity as a whole. In keeping with good newspaper custom and ethics he named it *The Tomahawk* and started it as Volume VI, Number 1, thus recognizing the first five volumes of *The Yale Tomahawk* as its predecessor that had in turn spoken for the entire fraternity when it was issued as the official publication of the old Yale chapter. Waterbury kept pounding away on the importance of honesty, morality, and decency in college life, and for comity between fraternities. This made our magazine, in time, not only respected but also honored for its high standards.

It should not be overlooked that we at this time had no endowment funds with which to pay for printing and postage in distributing our esoteric publication in the college world and among our own members. To raise funds under such circumstances required great tact, constant effort and attention to the minutest details. Waterbury drafted me as publication manager. It proved to be a most exacting and time consuming position. No man ever had a truer or more inspiring cooperation from another than



*Wayne Montgomery Musgrave,
Alpha '07,
Grand Junior President*

that which "Ned" Waterbury gave to me in our common effort to make the magazine a real spokesman for the fraternity and its ideals. Waterbury resigned from the editorship of *The Tomahawk* in 1913 because of ill health.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS MOVED

By September 20, 1909, I had transferred as a student to Harvard University and moved national headquarters with me to 15 Remington street, Cambridge, Massachusetts. By this time the internal administration had grown many fold and the annual income of the fraternity had climbed to upwards of \$600. Up to this time, however, each chapter had paid the expenses of its official delegate to the national conventions. Our next stage was in having the fraternity pay the expenses of one official delegate from each chapter, divide the total sum so expended by the number of chapters less one, and assess the average amount against all chapters equally, except the

entertaining chapter, which up to this time had paid the expenses of entertain- in the conventions. This plan made the burden very heavy upon the chapters with small memberships, and, as the fratern- ity grew in size and importance, the entertaining chapter found itself heavily involved. To relieve this situation it was decreed that a per capita tax should be assessed against each active member and an initiation fee against each initiate for the benefit of the national treasury from which the expenses of the official delegates were thereafter to be defrayed. From this same fund the expenses of administering the fraternity were also met. This system insured representation of all the chapters in national conven- tions, made the burdens fall equally upon members, regardless of the size of their chapters, and prevented further injustice.

THE INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE

In November, 1909, the first Interfrat- ernity Conference was held in New York City, having been called by Dr. H. P. Faunce of Brown University at the request of a religious organization to which he belonged. It was not an instan- taneous success, however, and for sev- eral years there was mutual distrust and suspicion among both the fraternities represented and their delegates. I be- came our first official delegate to this organization and the peculiar position I held therein had much to do with finally allaying this attitude and substituting therefor cooperation and comity. I was the first official delegate thereto that represented his fraternity as an active officer and at the same time was an active student in a college or university.

I had taken advantage of a condition that then applied, by advising the elec- tion to our highest office, that of Grand Senior President, of men who com- manded recognition everywhere, and al- ways naming them as our official dele- gates to succeeding interfraternity con- ferences. It is needless to recall that

among these names were those of Gov- ernor Albert Blakeslee White of West Virginia, Col. Homer Baxter Sprague, President of the University of North Dakota, President Andrew Dickson White of Cornell, President Cyrus Northrop of Minnesota and Judge Sim- eon Eben Baldwin, chief justice of Con- necticut's highest court. I continued to represent our fraternity at the Interfrat- ernity Conference until 1930, a period of over 21 years, during which time I was treasurer and a member of its board of governors four years, the author of its official handbook, "College Fraternities", and a member of many important com- mittees among which were those that reformed T.N.E., and drove the crooked fraternity jewelers out of business.

BETA CHAPTER

While at Harvard I resurrected Beta chapter and became one of its officers, incorporated it under the laws of Mass- achusetts. I finished my work at Har- vard in February, 1912.

The fraternity was growing westward and had already crossed the continent.

National headquarters were now re- moved to 51 Chambers street, New York City, where they remained until Febru- ary 1, 1920. During this time, I contin- ued my work as business manager of *The Tomahawk*, and its duties, like those of administering the fraternity, were growing steadily heavier and more ex- acting. The clerical work of the fratern- ity had grown far beyond its humble be- ginnings of 1907 until it required the services of two stenographers supervised by myself to discharge it. Reports of every fraternity activity were promptly made to each chapter.

While this work was growing steadily in size and importance, there was also a tendency developing to leave every- thing to me, a condition that I did not relish, and one that sooner or later was destined to provoke criticism, if not open rebellion. I was referred to as "the Czar of 51 Chambers Street" whether in



*Edwin Morey Waterbury,
Alpha '07,
Grand Corresponding Secretary*

a spirit of pique or facetiously is uncertain, although this characterization was not at all deserved because the fraternity had the power to "unhorse" me at any national convention or to recall me. It continued to reelect me to my position. In the meantime my own law practice was increasing and requiring additional time to perform the duties I owed by clients. I was most anxious to let go part of my burdens.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION

The contest for the control of *The Tomahawk* at the San Francisco convention in 1915 was a symptom of the unrest within the fraternity. I was victorious but with a decidedly large opposition. Its effect upon the destinies of the publication will hereinafter appear.

At this San Francisco Convention machinery was set in motion to have a Grand Prudential Committee of three to

take over the internal administration of the fraternity. Those chosen were Cyril Joseph Curran under the title "Vice G.J.P." with Malcolm Havens Bissell and Nathan Edward Van Stone. Curran was in New York, Bissell at New Haven and Van Stone at Ann Arbor. Necessarily, the work these men assumed was more of an advisory character and although they approached their tasks with interest, patience and tact, nothing tangible resulted.

THE WAR PERIOD

I was ready to surrender possession of the internal administration of the central office with its accumulated records as soon as the Grand Prudential Committee was ready to take it over. The war cloud broke over the nation in the early part of 1917 and the members of the G.P.C. were drawn into the service. Van Stone, who had been a leader of this movement to transfer control of the central office, was the first to appeal to me to retain the work during the pendency of the war in order that the progress made in the preceding ten years would not be wasted. The others agreed with him, and, against my will, constitutional government in the fraternity was practically suspended, and I was made its dictator.

Between keeping the fraternity in hand, attending to financing *The Tomahawk*, the work of the Interfraternity Conference, participation in the anti-German propoganda in which I was enlisted by all the patriotic societies and the Mayor's Committee on National Defense, I was an extremely busy man.

As it would have been an empty gesture and waste of fraternity funds to hold the national convention scheduled for the fall of 1917 I cancelled it, and all the officers held over, thus doubling their terms without reelection.

During this time, I steadily built up the finances of the fraternity and also of *The Tomahawk*. All the debts of

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The Fraternity and The College Purpose

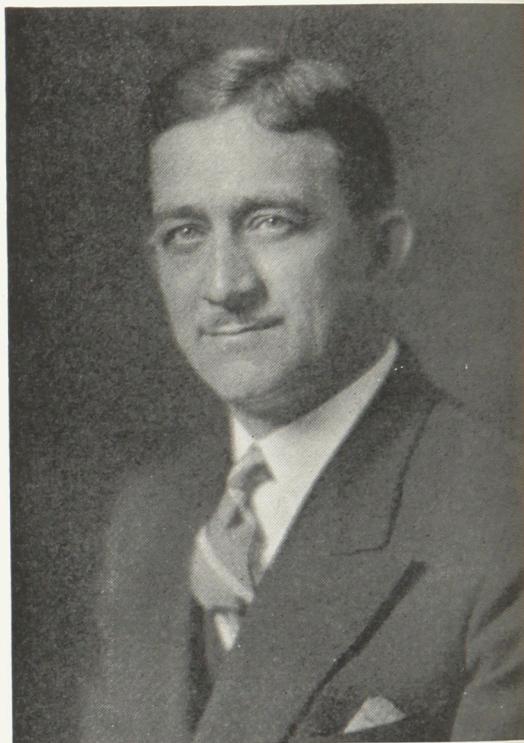
DR. W. H. CRAMBLET

Alpha '12

EARLY last evening our attention was called to a bonfire on top of the hill which rises above the little college town in which we live. We wondered at a picnic in February. Inquiry brought forth the following explanation. It was part of that strange manifestation peculiar to the American College fraternity known as "Hell Week", an institution generally condemned and now rapidly passing from the undergraduate scene. My son assured me with some pride that it was not his own fraternity, adding that they were not having "Hell Week", but were conducting a much milder program of "corrective discipline" which they were calling "Heck Week".

At fifteen minute intervals throughout the night we were disturbed by a noisy chorus proclaiming from the hilltop, "There are no pirates on the Buffalo". Perhaps due to increased fatigue, I was able to rest more comfortably along toward morning. Time and again in the early hours of the night we asked the question, "What educational purpose does this serve?"—from which follows naturally the more significant question, "What place does such an organization have in American higher education"?

We all realize that since the college faculty took charge of the orientation of college students, there has been real improvement in results over those which were realized under the old system of roughhouse hazing. The fraternities will come to occupy a more proper place in



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Alpha '12,
Grand Senior President*

the educational program when they begin to concern themselves seriously with the consideration of the proper place they should hold in the life of the college undergraduate.

We are glad to recognize the place and value of the college fraternity. On occasion we have been zealous in its defense, but this does not mean that we

should close our eyes to some of the weaknesses, or attempt to deny some of the evils of the fraternity system.

The correction of these items is part of our present concern and responsibility. Yet the recognition of these problems should not cause us to lose sight of the very genuine contribution it has made to the development of the college student. Thousands of college men are ready to testify today to the lasting significance of their undergraduate experience in a college fraternity.

The educational program of the liberal arts colleges and the liberal arts divisions of our great universities—it is here the fraternity flourishes—has undergone great changes in the last quarter of a century. Content and procedure have been subject to critical evaluation and revision. With this in mind, it is too much to think that the fraternity program can be free from examination and constructive criticism.

At the special conference here in New York in December we had occasion to recall Aesop's fable of the mule who starved to death between two stacks of hay, and suggested that the moral of this fable:

“STAND STILL AND DIE”, might well challenge the national fraternities of today. Fraternities had a definite place in the college life of America seventy-five, fifty, even twenty-five years ago. It is my belief that they have a place today. They can justify this place, only if they will direct their life and motivate their activities in keeping with the best interests of the college student, whether he is a member of their particular group or not.

The recognition of the college purpose is of great importance if the administration and faculty of a college are to properly plan a program for their institution. This college purpose varies somewhat from one institution to another, but it is important that all organizations, including the local chapters of national fratern-

ities, operate in recognition of the college purpose and in sympathy with that purpose.

Education includes the whole of the college experience. We do not attempt any longer to limit it to instruction in the classroom, the laboratory and the library. It must concern itself with the various activities: physical, recreational, social, religious. The college that invites chapters of national fraternities to its campus must concern itself with the fraternity contribution to the college purpose. The fraternity must not be overemphasized in its importance either by fraternity men themselves or by the officers and faculty of the college. It is to be recognized as one of the contributing influences of college life and as such should be used freely to help in a realization of the aims of the institution. It is our conviction that the local chapter must commit itself definitely to the purposes of the college of which it is a part if it is to continue to hold a significant place on the campus of that institution. This means that the local chapters of our great national fraternities and, in turn, the national fraternities themselves, must concern themselves with questions of scholarship, culture and character, as well as with those of bed and board, recreation and “corrective discipline”.

There is a place for the local chapter when the officers and members of that chapter are ready to cooperate, not only in the welfare of their own group, but in the larger welfare of the whole college. National officers and visiting secretaries best serve the local chapter when they help them adjust their program to the purposes and traditions of the institution upon which they must depend for their very existence, upon the institution that needs must grow and prosper if they are to have any opportunity to win for themselves a place of value in our educational program.

National officers have been forced to spend too much time upon the mechanics

of chapter house operation, unpaid meat bills, uncollected accounts from members, and the like. Sound methods of business and accounting are necessary and should be carefully maintained in every chapter, but the power and strength of the national fraternity needs to be enlisted in behalf of the service which the fraternity can render, the contribution which the fraternity can make to the college undergraduate. The able and successful alumnus is not interested in giving his time to the perpetuation of an organization that offers nothing but special club privileges for undergraduate members and returning alumni. The men who are leading and directing the program of the American college fraternity are men who regard their work in this field as a definite service to the

youth of today. They give freely of their time, of their means, and of their strength, because they believe that in so doing they are helping to enrich the experience of the young men in our colleges and thereby are rendering a service that shall be of value not only to those young men but to all of youth.

All this is but one way of affirming our faith in "The Criteria". Here is a program for fraternity men to "live by".

As we plan for the reorganization of certain phases of the life of Alpha Sigma Phi let us reread the Fraternity Criteria to the end that the program we adopt will be one that interprets the aims of the Criteria for members of Alpha Sigma Phi and helps them to realize these aims in the local chapters of our fraternity.

Cat, Exiled by Flood for 21 Days, Returns Unscathed

TOBY was back in the kitchen again Saturday, and one Newtown family finally had complete assurance that the big flood was over.

Toby is a Manx cat owned by Vernon Bowen, Delta '24. His reappearance in the kitchen, marking the official end of the flood, was clocked Friday at 5:38 p. m., according to Bowen. The cat had been an exile for twenty-one days.

When water first poured into the yard, Bowen explained, Toby climbed to the attic and sat on a trunk. As the water mounted higher and higher, the family tried in vain to coax or drag him from his perch. When they were finally forced to abandon the house, they left a supply of opened salmon tins for Toby.

It was found later that the high mark of the flood was only two inches under

Toby's refuge. Once, during the crest, Bowen crawled through an 18 by 12-inch ventilator to leave more food for him, but heard no sound from the cat.

He was found to be alive when the water receded, but efforts to bring him downstairs when cleanup operations were started more than a week ago were unsuccessful.

When Toby left the attic and walked into the kitchen of his own volition Friday night he was purring and apparently in good health, according to his owner.

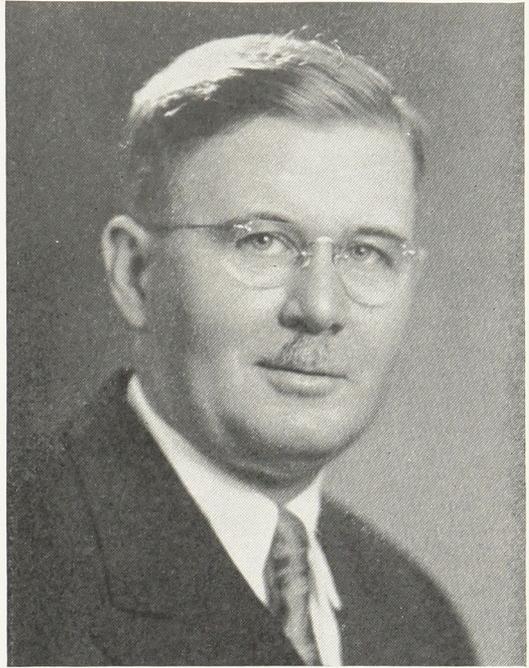
But the experience must have been peculiarly harrowing for such a water-hating creature and there is some evidence that Toby cracked under the strain. For now he spurns milk in favor of—you'll never guess it—pine-apple juice!

“Mac” of the Tulsa Council

ONE of the most prominent members of the Tulsa Alumni Council of Alpha Sigma Phi is Brother Glenver McConnell. He was initiated into Delta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi in 1907, and his chapter number is 301. Brother McConnell was a member of a class of eight initiates, which was unique for the fact that two sets of identical twins, Brothers Glenver and Kenner McConnell and Brothers Willard and William Miller made up half of the neophytes.

During his college life “Mac”, as he is known to intimates, was quite an active worker in Alpha Sigma Phi. Twice he served as H.M. and once as H.S.P. He also assisted with the installation ceremonies at the following chapters: Zeta, Eta, Theta, Kappa and Omicron. In 1913-14 Brother McConnell was affiliated with Lambda chapter.

He is quite prominent in engineering circles in Tulsa, and in fact the oil industry as a whole, being recognized as one of the foremost authorities on oil field equipment in the industry. In the employ of Shell Petroleum Corporation since 1923, he is chief mechanical engineer for the mid-continent area. He is serving the second term as president of the Engineers Club of Tulsa and is a charter member of this organization. The Engineers Club of Tulsa has a membership of 350 and is composed of prominent engineers in all branches of the profession. He has been a member of the American Petroleum Institute since 1923 and as evidence of his ability and prestige, serves as chairman of the following: Mid-continent District Committee for Specifications of Wire Ropes and Manila Cordage, Topical Committee on Materials, Standardization Committee on Belting Specifications.



Glenver McConnell, Delta '07

In addition to the above he is also a member of five other A.P.I. standing committees, besides holding membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

From the above list of activities one rightly gathers that “Mac” is a very busy man, but he is one of our most active alumni and can always find time to be present at monthly council meetings, in fact serving as its first president.

For recreation, when he can find time for it, “Mac” is active in the Tulsa Country Club, but is quick to admit with typical Scotch wit, that as a bowler he is an excellent golfer, and usually has to be content with indulging his hobby of promoting his fast growing “Engineers Club”.

The Handling of Chapter Finances

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FRATERNITIES have been constantly called upon to justify their value in the system of higher education. The handling of chapter finances is such an integral part of the fraternity system that in the last few years it has grown to be the very pulse of all basic policies. Quite naturally, it plays a great part in the vindication of the fraternity system. Attacks upon the fraternity system, from without or within, are little likely to gain a hearing where chapters are functioning smoothly under sound business management.

The Function of Fraternities

The fraternity is the center of the undergraduate social system. The conditions under which thousands of men live, their home, their diet, their comradeship, their recreation, are in the keeping of fraternity management. On the administration of chapter finances rests, in large part, the question whether the background of college days shall be a golden memory of good fellowship, or an embittered and disappointing recollection.

Experienced fraternity leaders, and particularly those who have had broad opportunities to observe many organizations through the years, are convinced that responsible, outside management and assistance is almost essential to the consistent welfare of the chapter's soundness. Their convictions are proved by the history of the stable organizations

served by various methods of management through the years. Any one of many methods of outside control has proved helpful. Some are more complete than others, and also more effective. On the various campi in the United States we find faculty control, alumni business management, independent accountants taking periodic audits, national headquarter supervision, and business consultants and accountants for fraternities and sororities.

Faculty Control

On a few campi, the university has seen the need for some supervision, and has installed faculty control. This has been done in a reluctant manner, inasmuch as some resentment was foreseen by fraternity leaders.

Usually the plan calls for a periodic audit, still leaving the management vested in the fraternity. The effect has been beneficial, as more business-like methods have supplanted former slipshod bookkeeping methods. However, under this plan the fraternity does not have consultation daily—only at the time of audit. If consultation is furnished, this management becomes more effective in its scope.

Alumni Control

For several decades every effort has been given to develop satisfactory alumni supervision and management. While in many cases the work has been very ade-

quate, yet the clamor for outside auditing by the colleges is ample evidence that the alumni generally have not done their work well. There are many good reasons why the management has not been more efficient. Business and family affairs come first; results are oftentimes expected too quickly; patience is often tried to the breaking point; work is gratuitous, and is correspondingly unappreciated; and the large detail of supervision important in this task is not given because of the lack of time.

Observation of a number of cases where an alumnus has served as resident advisor, has disclosed that actives eventually tend to let the alumnus do all of the work and assume the responsibilities. When difficulties are encountered, alumni are expected to do most of the thinking and actual work, rather than the chapter.

Over a span of years, however, alumni control has been successful and helpful. The good points far outweigh the weaknesses of this method. Alumni cooperation seems to fit in with all methods of management. The cooperation of interested alumni with a competent fraternity manager is about all that should be asked for or expected, due to the previously mentioned reasons, and the combination of these two seems to make for the maximum in effectiveness.

Independent Accountants

Independent accountants, who merely furnish an annual audit, simply record what has happened. They fail to analyze the year's operation, thus leaving out the basic defects or the fundamental policies that have been violated during the operating year. Their services are not expected to offer consultation—and this effectiveness is therefore lost. Valuable, indeed, are their periodic audits, as they can act as guide posts for future operations; but the treasurer is rare who can and will translate into actual practice, and apply, knowledge



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gained from audited statements.

Problems are not met by a good audit, but by practical application of changes found necessary in operations after analysis of the report. So we find this method rather dependent for effectiveness on assistance from alumni, national headquarters, or outside management agencies.

National Headquarters Supervision

Traveling secretaries spend but a few days with each group, due to the large number of chapters to be visited. During this short period many sound ideas are presented and discussed. This short course in business management is often very helpful. National officers, who get a long-range view of many chapters with varying local conditions, know that efficient operation comes from daily guidance and consultation.

Successful supervision, however, from a distant point, is burdensome and costly. Periodic reports, with forms furnished,

are required. The detail required makes correct reports difficult for the average treasurer, and he usually seeks, with the permission of the national office, the help of an outside auditor. National officers are anxious that their supervisory duties be augmented by a local fraternity accountant who has proved his ability.

Business Consultants and Accountants for Fraternities and Sororities

Outside management by competent fraternity consultants and accountants seems to approach the most effective method of control. The appointment of a paid manager to assist in chapter operations points unerringly to two truths! First, that the continued and permanent success of a chapter is in direct proportion to its finances. Second, that a chapter makes the same errors year after year because of its shifting personnel. The history of the fraternity movement has been discouraging from this angle. Much criticism of the fraternity and financial fiascos would be avoided through continued experienced management. Long range experience seems to prove that the employment of a paid manager goes much of the way to solve the problems.

Application of Business Methods

Financial problems of a fraternity are of a distinct character, requiring methods essentially different from those used in ordinary business. Each fraternity chapter, with a gross income of at least \$15,000.00 a year and the owner of valuable chapter-house property, is a larger business than ordinarily considered. Certainly it merits experienced management and supervision.

By using an outside agency for the management, advisory, and actual bookkeeping entries, the treasurer's time can be put to a greater advantage. By no means should the treasurer feel that his

duties are lessened if outside assistance is given him, whether it be by the national, by alumni supervision, or by a fraternity consultant. His value to the fraternity is increased inasmuch as his time now can be spent in the collection of monies, and in the promoting of a finer financial basis by plugging leaks and actually becoming a managing officer. Important savings are made by application of business principles, which are possible through management, and not through bookkeeping. Good bookkeeping, accompanied by the proper reports and suggestions, is a vital part of the financial plan; however, savings are effected by the application of principles learned after the study of the report itself. The treasurer in the chapter should be advised with and counselled on the common problems confronting the fraternity year after year. The service of counsel, the determining of cost, the study of statistics, and instructions on accounting services, in order that all common pitfalls might be avoided, becomes the duty of outside agencies in working with treasurers.

Selecting a Treasurer

Inasmuch as problems of fraternity management present themselves to a group of comparatively inexperienced members for a short time, each chapter has the task of utmost importance in its selection of a treasurer. The routine duties of a treasurer demand much of his time, effort, and thought, and eventually reflect his personality and character. A treasurer should be one of the members who has the knowledge and value of good credit; one who pays his own bills promptly, and can thus insist upon the others in the chapter paying each month; one who has the ability to realize that he will receive kicks and knocks because he is treasurer, not because of his own personality; one who will cooperate whole-heartedly with his financial advisors, whether they be alum-

ni, national officers, university officials, or outside management services; one who can weigh each suggestion given him in a fair and unbiased manner to be for the best interest of his group; one who commands the respect of his fellow chapter members; and also one whose honesty at all times is unquestioned. Too often petty politics within the chapter railroad into the office a man who can do the most for the minority; one who is in great need of financial help, regardless of his managerial ability; or a man who is known in the chapter as a "good fellow", and who might turn out to be a poor treasurer.

If the treasurer is of the desired type, the fraternity has automatically solved fifty per cent of its financial worries. A good treasurer working with a competent outside agency should furnish a splendid operating year for the chapter. On the other hand, if a treasurer is lax in any part of his duties, an outside agency is a safety device for the group in minimizing the results which otherwise might be serious.

The treasurer of the active chapter is elected to office for a comparatively short term, and is generally inexperienced in the accounting and management method. He cannot be expected to grasp accounting forms too quickly, and ordinarily has no background that makes him responsible for important decisions. The distraction of academic and social activities hinders the completion of his duties, important for good management. He cannot be expected, under any circumstances, to fully learn intricacies of accounting procedure. Trained knowledge and assistance should be offered him from an outside source. Such a source should give the following services, described in a general way, by grouping in four classifications:

1. Accounting.

A. The responsibility of keeping all of the chapter's financial records. Not only are current records kept, but also past records for

the purpose of tracing accounts, and that comparison may be studied.

B. The responsibility for the preparation of supervision to a satisfactory conclusion of a balanced budget.

C. Preparation of a monthly statement of the chapter's condition and the distribution of such statement to the chapter, alumni, and national officers.

D. Safeguard and check on the chapter's banking and supervision of the writing of checks.

2. Collections.

A. Prompt issuance of the monthly house-bills and their follow through in collection.

B. Assistance and advice in handling difficult collection cases.

C. Assistance in helping the treasurer escape the unpleasantnesses of businesslike dealing between fraternal associates.

3. Buying.

A. Experienced suggestions in wise purchasing.

B. Availing, by stable financial condition, that all trade discounts from merchants be taken promptly.

4. Advisor.

A. Direct and suggest chapter financial procedure by the comparison of the chapter records, not only on their own past year's operations, but with other chapters of a similar size.

B. Study and application of comparative figures on food costs, the average cost per meal per man per day, and other chapter costs.

C. Advise on action necessary to keep the fraternity abreast with large problems confronting all fraternities, known to such advisors through their contact with problems in the fraternity world.

The fraternity provided with competent management usually enjoys:

1. Careful supervision which usually plugs all leaks in the treasury.

2. A check against overcharges, sometimes inflicted upon the fraternity, because of general reputation of carelessness in financial matters.

3. An outside check against dishonesty in chapter officers.

4. Continuity of management year after year.

I relate to you an actual experience which happened last year in XYZ Fraternity on the campus of the University of Illinois, proving the value of outside management and how no other system of check could find this leak. Immediately upon joining a management service, a competent budget was drafted. A liberal allowance on the item of laundry was suggested by the advisor, based on

his experience as to the amount needed in a house of that size. The fraternity officers, however, insisted that the amount was short \$30.00 to \$35.00 a month, or about \$300.00 per year, from actual cost which they had experienced over the past eight years. Reference was made to all of their past figures which showed this to be true. In other words, a comparison of their past records proved nothing amiss. Careful check was installed, resulting in the following findings: the cook had been allowed to check in and approve the bill for laundry each month; and, with no countercheck, had taken advantage of her position by sending her own personal and family laundry with the fraternity laundry each month. This increase of laundry cost was further increased by collusion between the laundry lady and the cook. The cook was helpless and allowed further padding to increase the laundry bill over the actual amount of work done.

On this one item the fraternity had actually lost over \$2400.00 for the previous eight years merely because of its inability to know what should be normally expected in this expense. It is easy to visualize that only through competent outside management could this be discovered, and only because the management was familiar with comparative costs to organizations of similar size. Such cases are frequently found in the operation of many chapters, who, unknowingly, are paying dearly for the privilege of operating without competent outside advisors.

Value of Training to the Individual Officer

The chapter treasurer, or house manager, is indeed fortunate if he can work with competent outside management. He becomes trained in comparing cost statistics, reports of one period with the similar period of previous years, avails himself of the proper methods of collection of accounts, writing of letters, the

necessary psychology in presenting financial matters to the chapter, and many other business methods in actual management. He gains the experience of specialized managers and is able to approach problems in an intelligent, constructive manner. Such business training is of untold personal value to the individual treasurer after graduation as well.

Other Factors

Lengthy articles have been written in the past about the fraternity budget, and even after great quantities of discussion, it is really discouraging to notice how little fraternity chapters and their alumni know about budgeting. A budget not only includes figures, which of course are estimates, but, what is equally as important, an intelligent and workable group of policies to govern the application of the budget. Again, experience has pointed out that with the shifting personnel in the active chapter year after year, the most sound method of coping with this problem is through the services of outside management.

Conclusions

The various methods for carrying out the efficient handling of chapter finances should be carefully analyzed by chapter officers and alumni. Each chapter should avail itself of the best service offered locally, and, if no such service is required or offered, seek the advice of alumni and national officers relative to this problem. The writer does not mean to infer that financial management is the only problem of a fraternity chapter. Equally important are several other phases of good chapter organization: scholarship, rushing, pledge training, social life, campus activities, and alumni relationship. Each phase dovetails into, and supports, the other group. It is common knowledge, however, that the financial problem is of the most serious consequence, and one which must lead the

other phases in effectiveness. Educators and others in a position to exert their influence for or against the fraternity system will be quick to criticize if the fraternity shows continued weakness in the handling of its financial affairs. To

avoid this criticism, the problem of good business management should be foremost in the minds of every member of each chapter. Certainly no chapter officer could know any gratification greater than chapter fellowship unimpaired by money entanglement.

Oklahoma's Opposites

Alpha Alpha Chapter has just arrived at the conclusion there are two brother Sigs at Oklahoma University who stand out in the public eye because they are direct opposites.

They are Owen "Senator" Townsend (not related to the Townsend Plan) and C. M. "Philbert" Kilgore.

Here's how they stack up. The "Senator" is well over the six foot mark in height, while little "Philbert" hardly reaches five feet, even when he is wearing his cowboy boots.

Brother Townsend, called "Senator" by hundreds of Sooner students, is probably better known over the state of Oklahoma than any other student in the university. He is one of those natural born politicians—if politicians are born and not made. He spends his summers making political speeches for his friends, and he has announced that he will start out on his own when election time comes around again. Senator is going to run for the state legislature.

Townsend has already won state-wide prominence—real front page stuff—several times during his college career. Back in 1932 he predicted the All-Oklahoma Football team, thus winning a contest sponsored by an Oklahoma newspaper. For this feat, Townsend saw his picture on the front pages.

It wasn't long after Townsend's knowledge of football had become history until he again reached the spotlight by becoming a charter member and president of the "Schnozzle Club". Members were selected from university students

with prominent noses. That was how Senator won the privilege of presidency—he was just a stride ahead of any other member—so he won the honor of this club which is official and still thriving. Jimmy Durante was an honorary member and somewhat of an advisor of the group.

There is no limit to the things Senator has done and can do. He has done everything from winning bank-nite awards to getting his name in print annually as one of the loyal Sooners who attend the Oklahoma-Texas football classic played at Dallas, Texas, every fall.

"Philbert" is short but mighty when it comes to getting around on the campus. He served two seasons as senior man-



ager of "Biff" Jones' football team—and believe you me—that takes lots of hustle and bustle to keep things going, for Biff does everything in a military manner. "Philbert" hustles twice as fast as a scared rabbit, and looks as funny, pushing around water carts that stand way over his head. Often stacks of head-gears and sweatshirts would be seen squirming their way out over the practice field, and when they came to rest little "Philbert" would fight his way out

of the muddle.

Brother Kilgore belongs to the Jazz Hounds, campus pep club, is a junior in the College of Business Administration and hails from Idabel, Oklahoma.

Now didn't we say that they were opposite—a politician and an athletic manager—a six-footer and a mighty atom—a business student and a lawyer? Although they are opposite in many ways, they do have one thing in common—brothers in Alpha Sigma Phi.

Hulbert the Fisherman

JOSEPH H. BELAIR

Eta '31

BROTHER Henry G. Hulbert, Chi '21, prominent Chicago lawyer and traveler, has taken to collecting souvenirs of his journeys. The most important part of his collection to date is a 44-inch barracuda which got tangled up in his line some fifteen miles off the coast of Miami, in the Gulf Stream, during a holiday trip to that region.

Hauling the 20-pound rascal aboard almost got a good portion of the Gulf Stream in what's left of Brother Hulbert's hair, but perseverance persevered and the fish, like the Chicago Black-hawks, lost. Some enterprising gentleman wanted fifty dollars to stuff and mount the catch, so Henry took a picture of it.

Assembled brothers at a recent Chicago Alumni Council meeting were shown the picture and given a more or less detailed account of the triumph. Harold Hayes, 'Chi '20, raised the embarrassing question of ancestry, claiming that a barracuda does not have spots, and this finny fellow (see picture) has either spots or stripes, depending on

how you're feeling this morning.

Asked how he knew it was a barracuda, Henry was momentarily stumped, and seemed to be considering a claim for damages against the State of Florida or the Gulf Stream, but Brother Ben Clarke, Theta '10, relieved the tension with, "Of course, it's a barracuda. That's what the tag said".

At the present time, Brother Hulbert is still waiting to get his souvenir of a January trip to Philadelphia, where he represented one of an assorted 16,000 claims for the \$20,000,000 Garrett estate. Having his picture in the Philadelphia papers is something of a moral victory, however, as lawyers from the City of Brotherly Love are touchy about intruders on their fame, as a result of the "It takes a Philadelphia lawyer to solve it" theory.

Another business trip took Brother Hulbert to Mobile, Alabama, and to Galveston, Texas, during November, but as yet he is undecided as to where he will go during March, April, May, etc., etc.

Alumni Notes



*Thomas Glenn Hoffman, Epsilon '15,
1936 Catch*

ETA

Bill Cleworth '14, and "Duke" Pierce '16, had lunch with Bill Monsson '19, and "Gus" Brazeau '17, at the Waldorf Astoria recently. Bill Monsson is mid-west representative of the Hooker Electrochemical Company and lives at 2210 Sherman avenue., Evanston, Ill. Gus Brazeau is manager of the Everett,

Washington, mill of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company and lives at 1725 Grand avenue, Everett, Washington. Gus was in New York attending the Paper Manufacturers Convention. Bill Cleworth succeeded in starting off the new drive for *Tomahawk* subscriptions by selling two to Brothers Monsson and Brazeau.

M. D. Downs '16, City Planning Engineer of Cincinnati, Ohio, was in New York attending the National Convention of Civil Engineers.

Brother Wakefield '16, visited the chapter house on Dads' Day. We were glad to have him with us and have benefited a great deal from the suggestions that he gave us.

Paul A. Kirchoff, Eta '26, and Mrs. Kirchoff, announce the arrival of William Hayes Kirchoff, born November 27. The Kirchoffs are living at 5535 Kimbark avenue, Chicago.

Carl K. Walbert, Eta '30, was married November 23 in Chicago. His bride was the former Miss Mary Thoma, Alpha Delta Pi, from the University of Illinois, where the couple met. Mr. and Mrs. Walbert took a two-week honeymoon through the south and are now living in Beverly Hills in Chicago.

LAMBDA

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the South Brooklyn Savings and Loan Association was celebrated with a dinner held in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Bossert, Brooklyn, N. Y., on the evening of December 3, 1936. About 375 persons were present. Brother Whitfield C. Coates '15, president of the association, was toastmaster. The following members of Alpha Sigma Phi and their

wives were in attendance: Roland L. Loiseaux '15, Charles H. Mueller '22, and Thomas J. Nicoll '21. Others in the party were Melville Nicoll (a brother of Tom) and Mrs. Nicoll, Dr. James H. Kidder '19, Charles E. Hall '13, and Pledge Andrew E. Goodale.

Robert L. Graham '15, was elected president of the Class of 1919 at the annual dinner held at Sherry's on January 21, 1937. Brother Graham is an attorney with offices at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York.

William E. Collin '21, and Miss Wilma Montgomery were married in Tucson, Arizona on December 30, 1936. After a trip to Mexico City and the west coast of Mexico, they will make their home in Los Angeles. Collin was formerly connected with R. H. Macy & Co. in New York. For several years he has been residing in Arizona and California. Mrs. Collin, after being graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles, received her A.M. degree from Columbia in 1927. For the past several years she has been a teacher in the Senior High School in Tucson.

Francis J. Sypher, Lambda '23, became a member of the law firm of Travis, Brownback & Paxson at 61 Broadway, New York, on March 1, 1937.

The marriage of Miss Mattie Davis Seay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haynie H. Seay, to Leonard Ayres Drake '27, took place in New York on January 30, 1937. Brother Drake is connected with Trainer and Associates, 274 Madison Avenue, New York, and is a member of the faculty of the Columbia School of Business.

Robert T. Brown '27, former H.S.P., has announced his engagement to Miss Ruth Pheltz of Upper Montclair, N. J. Since January 1936, Bob has been connected with the production and research engineering department of the American Can Company in Fairport, N. Y., which is about twelve miles from the city of

Rochester. His address is 42 Perrin street, Fairport.

Richard H. Young '22, resides at 115 Paelison avenue, Passaic, N. J. He is associated with the Johns-Manville corporation of Summit, N. J.

Remey R. Tys '30, captain and guard on the 1930 championship basketball team at Columbia, has taken an executive position with Macy's. He was formerly with the Chase National Bank in New York.

William E. Haslett '31, has taken a position with the Harlem Savings Bank, 180th street and Broadway, New York. Brother Alfred A. Beaujean '30, is also connected with the same institution.

Carl H. Bodtlander '33, is with the Dictaphone Company in New York. His office is in the Graybar building and his residence is at 194 Park avenue, East Rutherford, N. J.

XI

Alumni Brother Harold Halbeisen '27 joined the benedicts February 14th when he was married to Miss Marion Tomiska in Lewiston, Idaho. "Holly" had been located in Lincoln until early last fall when he was promoted to a ranking position in an Idaho CCC camp. Mr. and Mrs. Halbeisen reside at Orofino, Idaho.

Another Alpha Sig alum who is getting his name into the papers these days is Senator Frank Brady '16 from Ainsworth, Nebraska. Brother Brady is a member of Nebraska's famous unicameral legislature and serves as chairman of the important appropriations committee. The legislature is an experiment in the efficiency of a one-house law-making body and is being watched with interest by political scientists of the entire United States.

Mention also needs be made of the work of Alumni Brother Ray Ramsay, Xi '26. He is at present the university

alumni secretary and is now in charge of a drive among university alumni to secure funds to furnish Nebraska's new \$400,000 student union building. Ray also deserves mention for the commendable work he has been doing as a leading actor and member of the University Players. The past season Ray took the lead in several productions.

SIGMA

Dr. William Heizer, Jr. '29 was married to Miss Katherine Davis of Lexington, Ky., last December 25th.

George Vogel '34 has been transferred from the New York offices to the Louisville offices of the American Air Filter Company.

John Kane '33 reports his engagement to Alice Davis. No date has been set for the wedding yet.

Robert McDowell '34 was married to Miss Lorraine Lepere, formerly of Lexington, on the 16th of November. They reside at 843 Whitemore Rd., Detroit, Michigan.

Richard Sproles '35 was married to Miss Alice Smith last October 31st. They are now residing in Corbin, Ky.

PI

Doug Buck '26 went into the paternal ranks New Year's Eve with the arrival of David Douglas Buck.

Wally Teagarden '26 pood out on the perpetuation of Alpha Sig when it turned out to be Barbara Ann on October 14.

Nick DiFillips '22 is in the general contracting business in Denver.

Wilbur Johnson '29 was elected the new president of the Denver Alumni Council.

Everett Carpenter '33, 2288 Elm street, Denver, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Alumni Council.

ALPHA ALPHA

Several old grads showed their faces

in Norman the last few weeks. Tom Ashton '32, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who is working for Greenlease-Moore Chevrolet Company, visited the chapter house and attended the Sooner-Oklahoma Aggie mat duel.

Another frequent visitor was W. L. Kreuger '35 who is working for the U.S. Bureau of Mines at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. While he was visiting here, a certain Chio from New Mexico was also seen on the campus—just an old campus romance still brewing.

Warren Welch '35 came up from Ft. Sill where he is an officer in the U. S. Army. He, too, came back to his old haunts to see his lady love.

W. O. Chandler '35 was down from Oklahoma City to see the progress of the chapter. "Bill" is architect and office designer for the First National Bank building—a thirty-story office building.

ALPHA DELTA

Notable among the alumni visitors during the past semester have been Brothers Meacham '36, Tierney '36, Hunt '35, Rumpf, ex '36, Benson '36, Woodward '34, Stefaniak '34, Dumas '34, and Wolfshel '28. Brother George Lamb, ex '38, is now a proud father. In the way of personals, Brother Phillips Palmer '38 has recently announced his engagement to a charming Delta Delta Delta.

ALPHA IOTA

At Christmas the chapter received, among others, a card from our wandering Brother Banks '34 who is at present in China on a two-year worlds cruise.

Among our more recent alumni, Brother Moyer, H.S.P. last year, married Virginia Myles, of Mobile, who was an Alpha Chi Omega at the university. Later reports found them located at Buffalo, New York.

Looking Ahead Toward The New Constitution

ROBERT E. LANDMAN

Alpha Theta '30

THE National Conference held in New York City last December marked the beginning of a new and promising era for Alpha Sigma Phi.

At this Conference the Reorganization Committee, composed of eleven actives and alumni from ten chapters who had worked tirelessly on its task, submitted a detailed report of its recommendations for a new national constitution. The Committee felt that the present constitution, which had served the fraternity admirably in the past, is today in a large degree unsuited to Alpha Sigma Phi or to fraternity life in general, and recommended that an entirely new constitution be written and submitted to the active chapters for approval as soon as possible.

The recommendations of the Reorganization Committee were adopted by the National Conference in the form of a resolution which provided for the election by the Conference of a Constitutional Revision Committee to be composed of nine members: the Grand Senior President, the Grand Junior President, the three members of the Grand Prudential Committee and four others. The resolution also provided that the report of the committee should be completed and in the hands of the Grand Prudential Committee by March 15, 1937 and that the committee's recommendations should be transmitted to the active chapters by April 1. The committee elected by the National Conference was as follows:

Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, Grand Senior President; Benjamin Clarke, Grand Junior President; C. William Cleworth, Maurice J. Pierce, Wentworth F. Gantt, members of the Grand Prudential Committee; and George E. Worthington; Lloyd Cochran; Richard M. Archibald; and Robert E. Landman.

The resolution calling for the new constitution was ratified unanimously by the individual chapters.

Following adjournment of the National Conference, the members of the Constitutional Revision Committee set to work individually to study the present constitution, the report of the Reorganization Committee, the recommendations of alumni councils, and other pertinent material. Brother Cleworth was made chairman of the committee while Brother Worthington agreed to prepare the initial draft which was to be the basis for study by the committee.

After much study, which also included examination of the constitutions of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma and other representative fraternities, Brother Worthington completed the draft which Brother Cleworth mailed to all committee members for comment. Later, Brother Gantt mailed a modified draft with additional ideas. A meeting of the committee was then called to be held at headquarters in New York City on February 27 and 28, Saturday and Sunday, to complete the task of drafting the new constitution in form suitable.

Every member of the committee attended the New York meeting. Brother Cramblet came from Bethany, West Virginia; Brother Clarke came from Chicago; Brother Worthington came from Washington, D. C.; and Brothers Cochran and Archibald came from Lockport, New York.

After many hours of intensive work which began early Saturday afternoon and ended at four-thirty Sunday afternoon, with but few hours for rest, the committee completed its draft of the new constitution. Each member contributed largely, and a fine spirit of co-operation marked the meeting.

In Memoriam

REV. Dr. William Gay Ballantine, oldest living graduate of Marietta College, died after an illness of less than a week at Springfield, Massachusetts, January 11, 1937. Up to the beginning of his last illness Dr. Ballantine had been in his usual good health. He was in the eighty-ninth year of his age.

Dr. Ballantine led an exceptionally busy and interesting life. He was born December 7, 1848, at Cincinnati, where his father, Professor Elisha Ballantine, was on the faculty of Lane Theological Seminary. He prepared for college at Woodward High School of Cincinnati, and at Indiana University. He entered Marietta as a junior in 1866.

Dr. Ballantine, while in Marietta, was a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. He was salutatorian of his class at graduation and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

After graduation Mr. Ballantine became a member of the staff of the Ohio Geological Survey on which he worked for more than a year.

In 1869 he entered Union Theological Seminary from which he was graduated in 1872. In the years 1872-1873 he was a member of the American-Palestine Exploration Expedition. He studied part of the year at the University of Leipzig in Germany.

On returning to American he became acting professor of English Literature at Indiana University for a few months. He then went to Ripon College where he was professor of Natural Sciences and Chemistry. In 1876 he returned to Indiana University where he taught Greek. In 1878 he went to Oberlin Theological Seminary where he taught Greek and Hebrew, and later Old Testament Language and Literature.

In 1891 Dr. Ballantine was elected president of Oberlin College, which office he held for five years. After his resignation from Oberlin, he was made professor of Bible at the Springfield Y. M. C. A. Training School, where he served until his retirement in 1920.

Dr. Ballantine was an indefatigable writer. For nearly 20 years, beginning with 1884, he was one of the editors of "Bibliotheca Sacra", and contributed many scholarly articles to its pages. His first book, "Inductive Logis", was published in 1896. In 1921, the year after his resignation from the faculty of Springfield College, the second of his books, "The Young Man from Jerusalem", was published. He was the translator of the Riverside New Testament, published in 1923. In 1925 appeared another book by Dr. Ballantine, "Understanding the Bible", and in 1927, "Discovering Jesus", was published. Later publications have been: "The Logic of Science" in 1933, "Peggy in the Park" in 1933, and also hymns.

Dr. Ballantine was married August 17, 1875, to Miss Emma Francis Atwood of Wampun, Wisconsin. To them were born four children who are: H. W. Ballantine, a law professor at the University of California; Arthur A., former under-secretary of Treasury in the administration of President Hoover, and a leading attorney in New York City; Edward, a member of the faculty of the School of Music at Harvard; and a daughter, Mary Frances, a former teacher of German in the Mt. Ida School, now the wife of a prominent attorney in Springfield. It is extremely rare that a father and all his sons are in "Who's Who in America", as is a fact of the Ballantine family. Mrs. Ballantine died some years ago.

Marietta College conferred upon him the honorary degrees, A.M., 1874, and D.D., 1885. He visited there in 1928, the sixtieth anniversary of his graduation. Western Reserve made him an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1891.

DR. Ward Andrews Holden, Delta 1880, died January 24, 1937, at 1 West Fifty-fourth street, New York City.

He was born in Marietta, Ohio, in 1866. He received his A.B. degree from Marietta College in 1884 and his M.D. in 1887 from the Medical College of Ohio in Cincinnati. He did post-graduate work at the Universities of Goettingen, Vienna, and Marburg from 1888 to 1890.

He served as Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Columbia University for some years, and was ophthalmologist of the New York Neurological Institute. He was honorary surgeon of the Knapp Memorial Eye Hospital. He had also served as consulting ophthalmologist at

Bellevue, Roosevelt and Manhattan State Hospitals.

Dr. Holden was joint editor of "Archives of Ophthalmology" and was the author of "An Outline of the Embryology of the Eye", "Pathology of the Eye", and many papers on the eye.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, the New York Academy of Medicine, and the American Ophthalmological Society.

A sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Holden Canda of Pomfret, Connecticut, survives.

RICHARD C. Alter, Alpha Theta '31, was instantly killed March 10, 1937, in an automobile accident near Springfield, Missouri.

He was twenty-nine years of age. He graduated from the University of Missouri in 1931. Since then he had worked on a newspaper in Festus, Missouri, and at the time of his death was engaged in the engraving business in Columbia, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife, his parents, one brother, and one sister.

Name It, and You Can Have It!

NOW let's get serious about this. A fellow can't go on all his life hiding his light under whatever people hide lights under.

Within the Mystic Circle there is a young man who can write like the very dickens—who wants to write—who did write—and all that refers to newspaper writing. But he can't get a job; he doesn't know the "right people".

This is no flash in the pan, no mere twitching of the adventure nerve after an evening spent watching Mr. George Brent or Mr. Clark Gable (or Miss Bette Davis, either. Smart guy, aintcha?) make the newspaper game look

like six weeks at the sea shore. It comes from two years and a half experience writing sports stories every day—for a college daily, it must be confessed, but for a *good* college daily.

Now, somewhere else within the Mystic Circle there must be a brother (emphasis on that word) who also has a little printers' ink in his blood stream—printers' ink of a high enough grade to have put him in a spot where he is the "right people".

So, how about a job? How about giving another Sig a chance to get off the bottom rung? What you want written, who you are, what you are, or where

you are make no difference. Pay? Yes, that does. This fellow has to eat, too. (And caviar fits into the cavities in the teeth so nicely!) But it won't take a great investment to learn that this fellow has something on the ball, and then think how proud you'll feel! "Discovered a Brisbane, a Pegler, a Mowrer all in one!" (Oh, well, all right). But do SOMETHING about it, dammit! Find out from National Headquarters who the fellow is, at least.

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both were paid, and the cash assets of the fraternity were in the neighborhood of \$10,000.00 and that of the magazine \$2,000.00, additional. Their funds and accounts had thus far been kept entirely separate from each other. Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, at the close of the war and the resumption of peaceful pursuits, had the largest reserve of liquid funds in its history, while many other fraternities were passing the hat among their actives and their alumni for money with which to meet expenses and carry on.

RESUME

During this twelve year period, Alpha Sigma Phi had expanded from two to twenty chapters and our active membership from 31 to almost 400. Among the resurrected chapters were Harvard and Ohio-Wesleyan. We still had one dormant chapter—Amherst.

Proposals for membership had been refused to groups at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, and at the University of Cincinnati in the same state. Over my recommendations for their ad-

missions, the chapters had refused groups from Franklin and Marshall College and from Miami University. Correspondence had been held with groups or individuals seeking advice for membership from 105 leading colleges and universities in addition to the 20 where we were then represented.

In the internal administration, we had built up a strong central organization that had kept pace with the progress the fraternity was making. Increased chapter and active membership had produced the income that enabled us to provide better details of management in purely administrative functions. Monthly chapter reports had been instituted and maintained. The fraternity magazine had made its appearance regularly and its published chapter letters had provided the latest news of the accomplishments of its members in their respective colleges for each other and their interested alumni whose numbers were growing as each year's graduates were added to those who had already gone forth. Financial obligations of members and chapters had been paid as promptly as conditions would warrant. Chapter officers had been trained in ways of prompt cooperation in the discharge of their duties to their own members and chapter and to the fraternity as a whole. Every chapter and every active member was kept in close and interested contact with the central office and its numerous activities.

In 1920, I demanded relief from the burdens of the office as it then obtained. To these there were added also sentimental reasons why these changes should be made. The fraternity was no longer a one man institution and had outgrown such conditions. *

Return of Missouri's Spirit

Herb Mergendoller,

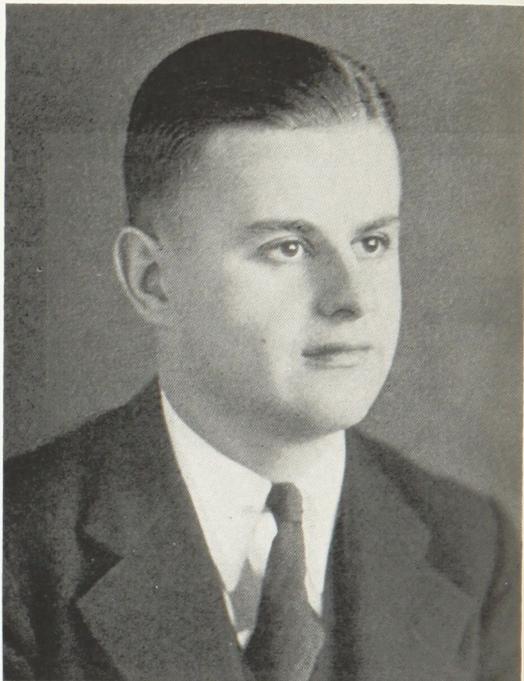
Alpha Theta '33

Close observers of the University of Missouri note with glowing enthusiasm the return of that Old Tiger spirit which lay dormant so long from 1930 until this year. Beside the renewed vigor emanating from the campus at Columbia, where Coach Don Faurot's bustling eleven holds forth in Memorial Stadium after completing the most successful grid season since the late twenties, alumni groups throughout the state and country seem to have come to life. Where formerly it was a tough secretarial job to round up those "Sons of Old Mizzou", well attended meetings reflect the new interest in affairs at Columbia.

Those same observers hand the palm to Coach Faurot, himself a member of a clawing Tiger clan that upset the Big Ten champions and then copped Missouri Valley honors in 1924. And to Faurot goes much of the credit for bringing the campus into its own. But not all of the honor for revitalizing spirit among the alumni groups belongs to the young mentor.

For working in Jesse Hall, the heart of Francis Quadrangle and the University, is a recent graduate of the famous journalism school founded by the late Walter Williams at Missouri, who as associate editor of the Missouri Alumnus must be given much credit for his splendid work of presenting the favorable outlook at Columbia to the thousands who are members of the University of Missouri Alumni Association.

Christened William Beauford Bickley, he received his grammar and high school education in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he



W. B. Bickley, Alpha Theta '31

attended the Schenley school. Following his mother, aunt, and an older brother who graduated from Missouri, Bickley registered as a freshman in 1930, was pledged to the Alpha Theta chapter and duly initiated on January 31, 1931. To the boys of Alpha Theta, the short well built freshman became known as "Beauf" or "Bick". His first journalistic venture resulted in a single or double typewritten sheet that appeared as a house organ during Bick's sophomore year. "The Way of Our World" as the paper was dubbed by Editor Bickley was an immediate success with its

summaries of house activities, cartoons, and gossip accumulated by those "third floor rats" of which the editor was a member. The intramural basketball and baseball seasons were never considered officially opened by the boys of Alpha Theta until "The Way of Our World" appeared with its pre-season dope and predictions, and much of the success of the Sigs in those two sports can be laid to Bickley's clever editing. The paper became a chapter tradition and editor Bickley's venture was handed on to Brothers Mergendoller, Zeiser, and Neihouse for continuance.

Receiving his B. J. in 1934, "Beauf" decided that college was still great and stayed on for his master's degree which he received the following June. While a member of the "Jay" school, Kappa Tau Alpha, honor society, claimed Bickley and Sigma Delta Chi, professional news group, gave him their highest honor award. Alpha Theta showed their regard for Bick's leadership by electing him H.S., H.M., H.J.P., and H.S.P. in order. Bull sessions, so spontaneous to fraternities, were turned over to Bickley's directorship without question, for his rich knowledge of campus and chapter history and background made him the spell binder for many a freshman.

Brother Bickley was chosen associate editor of the Columbia Herald-States-

man, a weekly with a good circulation in central Missouri, soon after he received his master's degree. On the weekly, Bickley wrote the majority of the copy, made up the paper, helped with the circulation, and occasionally threw in his efforts with the printers. His splendid work for the Herald-Statesman was soon recognized and when James Hutsell, associate editor of the Missouri Alumnus, left to work for an Omaha, Neb., daily, Bickley was appointed to that position in the early spring of 1936.

Combining his excellent experience of newspaper makeup with original ideas, Bickley continued to improve the appearance and content matter of the alumni magazine. Doing most of the work of editing, proof reading, and gathering material, to Bickley must go the credit of presenting a real alumni magazine. He realized the monthly would be an excellent organ to reach and stimulate the spirit and enthusiasm of the alumni groups and with that idea in mind, stories originating from the new verve dominant on the Columbia campus were transferred through the magazine to the alumni organizations. The return of spirit in those groups is Brother Bickley's reward and to him must go acknowledgment for bringing back interest in the oldest university west of the Mississippi.

Chicago Alumni Council

JOSEPH H. BELAIR

Eta '31

THE Chicago Alumni Council held its second annual Easter Informal, Saturday, March 27, in the Imperial Room of the Medinah Club.

Directed by Social Chairman Rudy Hodal, Eta '34, team captains distributed tickets to Sigs all over Chicago. Something more in the way of profit is ex-

pected from this affair, as the previous dances sponsored by the Council have shown a steady increase in revenue to the treasury.

Jack Chapman and his orchestra, a well known organization in the Chicago territory, furnished the music.

The Imperial Room of the Medinah

Club drew such favorable comment from those who attended the Easter dance last year, it was decided to return to that setting for this one.

Brother Hodal's assistants on the

Social Committee are L. J. Soldner, Eta '26, and W. F. Schini, Lambda '26. Team Captains include Les Flora, Chi 28; Felix Caruso, Chi '22; Matty Pimperl, Eta '31; Jack Brodt, Iota '09.

New York Alumni Council

LEICESTER W. FISHER

Iota '15

THIS little piece is addressed primarily to those brethren who, upon graduating or busting out, expect to take up residence in or near New York City. To such members of the Old Gal—or any others for that matter—the New York Alumni Council extends many right arms of good fellowship.

To those readers of *The Tomahawk* who have been discerning enough to avoid this column in the recent past, but who are starved for something to read at the moment, the following explanatory material might be in order.

The Council is fundamentally a social organization. It is composed of any member of Alpha Sigma Phi who lives within striking distance of the Big Metropolis. The individual may interpret the term "striking distance" as he sees fit.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from September to June, inclusive, at the Hotel Woodstock, 43rd street, a bit east of Broadway. The boys start rallying around shortly after 6 o'clock and get down to the business of eating half an hour later.

A short business meeting comes right after dinner. This is always conducted along snappy, entertaining lines, and never becomes boresome. What happens after that varies according to the ingenuity of the entertainment committee. At

times some outstanding guest speaker will address the gathering. On occasions a spelling bee will be held, much to the embarrassment of ninety per cent of the assemblage. Then there are times when the entire evening is devoted to bridge and poker. New comers at the poker table usually find that the competition is up to the best Marquis of Queensberry standards.

Despite the fact that, included in the Council membership are lawyers, physicians, dentists, insurance men and money changers, no one will try to sell you anything. (Proof of this will be submitted on request.)

If any prospective member has still to achieve financial independence, he should not hesitate to check up on the boys through fear of the monetary outlay involved. In this respect, the Council is one of the more unusual organizations. If you have been out of school five years or more, you MAY pay OPTIONAL dues of two bucks a year. And if you have bidden adieu to your alma mater within the last five years, similar OPTIONAL dues are one iron simolean per annum.

In other words, you don't have to pay a blinking cent for the privilege of mingling with some of New York's greater minds, if you don't want to. You will merely have to fork over the regular dinner charge of \$1.25 per copy.

For the past several years, it has been the custom to stage an annual winter dance in order to give a break, or vice versa, to the various wives and sweet-hearts involved. The 1937 affair was held February 11th at the Midston House, Madison Avenue and 38th street. Under the capable direction of George Hopkins, Alpha '32, chairman of the dance committee, the affair was a conspicuous success.

A number of out-of-towners were lured to the soiree and later averred that they had exercised rare judgment in so doing. Included in this group were "Tommy" Thompson, Harry Moore, Iota '15, and Les Schade, Iota '23, from Washington, D. C., Atlantic City and Holyoke, Massachusetts, respectively. Queerly enough, all three are Cornell men, the first two dating back to the pre prohibition era.

As an indication that the depression is over, the party was a financial success. After payment of all expenses, the tidy sum of \$4.50 was added to the Council's treasury, thereby approximately doubling the organization's current cash

account.

Summer is coming. If history is repeated this year, there will be some sort of an informal outing for the brethren and their gals. Last year this took the form of a boat ride to Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. The year before the multitude voyaged up the Hudson to see "Show Boat". Plans haven't been made as yet for this summer's party, but it's a sure bet that something interesting will be arranged for July or August. Particulars may be obtained by phoning national headquarters in a month or so.

The final meeting of the fiscal year—the June gathering—is always a rip snorter. Non-fraternity-brother guests are welcome at this meeting and some sort of special entertainment is usually the order of the day—or evening.

In a serious vein, we conclude by urging all members of the fraternity to come out for the Council meetings. Don't hesitate just because you may not know any of the New York crowd. Simply present yourself and you will be made to feel at home immediately.

Here's hoping to see you soon.

WITH THE ACTIVES

Zeta

OHIO STATE

Open arms were extended to welcome back Sam Busick who has been away all fall playing professional football with the Boston Redskins. After a successful season he returned to Zeta to complete his senior year. Tom Forrest is another brother who has returned after a year's absence.

The graduation of Alfred Hartman,

H.M., necessitated an election of new officers in the active chapter. Clyde Wooley was elected H.S., Stan Robinson H.C.S., and Kenneth Peirce H.C.

Was Peirce's face red when he received his new pin and instead of "1937" it was inscribed "1919".

The pledges gave the actives a novelty dance February 5, and provided an "Orchestrope" with all the latest dance numbers recorded by popular bands. It was a swell idea and an economical way to throw a dance.

We have had a very successful social season under the guidance of our social chairman, Frank Barber. All plans are centered now on Spring Formal which will be our big affair of the season.

On completion of a winter inventory of O. S. U. fraternity and sorority credit ratings Alpha Sigma Phi rates in class A. The Phi Eta Sigma freshman scholarship plaque still adorns the wall in our trophy room and we hope to keep it for another year.

Eta

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The first semester bugaboo, final exams, has passed on its way, and has removed only a few from our ranks, and though we are sorry to lose them, we are glad to have so many come through safely.

Before the end of the semester we elected the following officers: H.S.P., Art Parquette; H.J.P., Martin Turbin; H.M., Don Platt; H.S., Frank Ghiselli; H.C., Dick Wickman; H.P., Max Cooper, Brothers Blout and Cullison retaining their jobs as H.E. and H.C.S. respectively.

Brother Parquette decided to forego the formality of taking his finals and left to go to work for the Allis Chalmers Company in Springfield, Illinois. Due to the lack of funds, Brother Cooper decided to live outside the house his last semester in school and resigned his job as H.P. At an election held to fill their positions, Brother Turbin was elected H.S.P. and Brother Berg, "Eta's biggest mite", was elected H.J.P. The H.P. has not yet been filled.

Eta will initiate about ten new men in the near future. Their grades are now being checked by the Dean of Men. Pledge Dan Andrew, the one man track

team from Woodstock, Illinois, missed Phi Eta Sigma, freshman scholastic honorary, by two hundredths of a point.

Chuck Pruett left the butter and egg business in Kinmundy to return to school. He is studying to be a doctor. He and his brother Fred have rented an apartment and their mother is with them.

Brothers DeHaan and Wickman surprised the house by passing out cigars last week. We cannot believe that DeHaan didn't do the trick while under the weather. It takes a lot to make him ask a girl for a date.

Brother Bell was caught reading one of his text books by the camera man and this was one of the few times he spent the evening at home.

In the last issue of the *Tomahawk* we mentioned that Brother Van Hook went with his father to Arizona in order to build up his father's health. We are very sorry to announce that his father passed away, leaving many students who have profited by his advice and friendly contact. Mr. Van Hook was the first All American football player at the University of Illinois in 1909. Brother Van Hook has returned to school to take up the duties of intramural manager for the

Brother Bell as Caught by the Camera

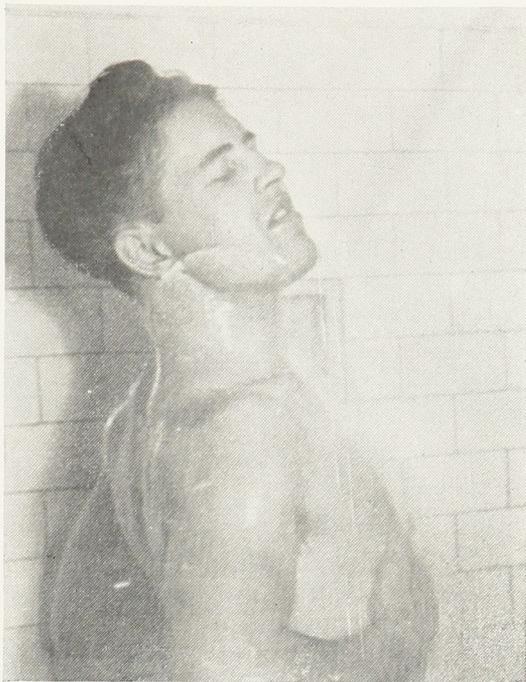


fraternity, and he is trying to regain his former high position on the basketball squad.

Brothers John Walsh and Max Cooper have joined the ranks of those Alpha Sigs who have succumbed to the wiles of womanhood and hung their pins. Brother Walsh has left his "one and only" in Chicago to return to school after being out one semester.

We have pledged Robert Stienacher, nephew of Brother Butler '12. Bob is in the engineering school and is studying very hard now to make his grades for spring initiation. Eta also pledged Belias Thrasher who is in the second semester of the Commerce school.

The 29th Reunion Celebration of the chapter has been set for the week end of April 24th. All Eta alumni and others who might be in the neighborhood of Champaign, Illinois, are cordially invited to attend. The banquet will be on Saturday, April 24th, at 7:00 o'clock at the chapter house.



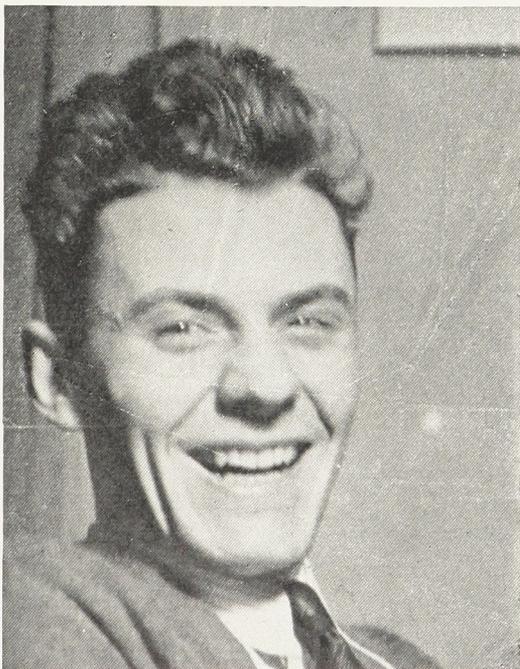
Brother Harry Way

Theta

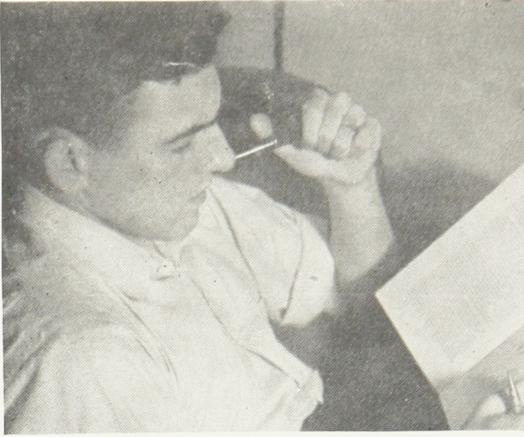
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Now that exams are over, Theta chapter is making every effort to wind up the winter sports schedule with a big bang. We have two basketball teams in the intramural competition, and both of them have won all the games on the schedule so far. The bowling team has been just as successful, winning all their games. The hockey team have not had a game yet, but the boys are all set to win.

New officers for the coming semester are H.S.P., Edward Beynon, Youngstown, Ohio, and ex-Epsilon; H.J.P., Ted Miller, Dunkirk, Ind.; H.S., Donald Bronson, Westfield, N. J.; H.C.S., Robert McCloud, Dearborn, Mich., and ex-Pi; H.M., Robert Morrell, Garden City, N.Y.; H.E., Axel Pederson, Flint, Mich., and H. C., Howard Colby, Cadillac,



Brother Olson

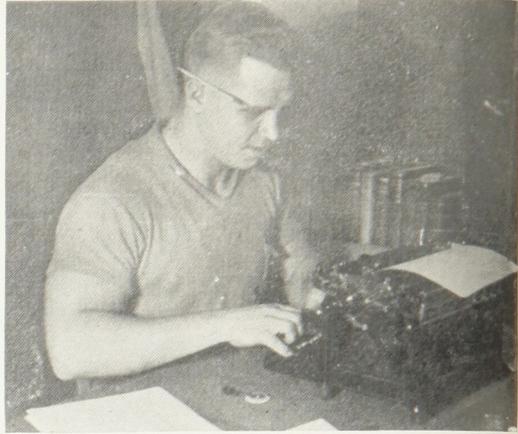


Ed Beynon, Theta's H.S.P.

Mich. A new addition to Theta's offices is that of Pledgemaster, the honor of being first going to Guy Pitts, Painted Post, New York.

The social life this semester at Theta is finishing in grand style, with twenty of the brothers going to the Junior Hop. After the hop everyone came back to the house for breakfast. Brother Pederson was elected by the junior class to serve on the hop committee, and had charge of the booths—so we had a good position. The next evening the house had a formal dance, giving everyone a chance to "put on the dog" before going back to the old grind. Otto Wolff, Buffalo, N. Y., is the only brother graduating between semesters, and Theta wishes him luck and success. Otto was a great help to Max Stout, the stellar bowler, and was to have been the mainstay of the hockey team. However, Brother Lester Bartley and Pledge Malvern Ellis are going to be back in school this semester, along with several pledges who are moving into the house. The strike at Flint suddenly became very interesting as one of the pledges, Howard Taft, was called out with the National Guard. He has been in Flint the past two weeks, missing finals. Social "Lite" Ted Miller has hung his pin, and passed the cigars (on demand). Brother Francis Anderson, better known as Donald Duck, seems to

spend most of his time at the dormitory, but it doesn't seem to be affecting his basketball game, for he has more points than all the rest of the team together.

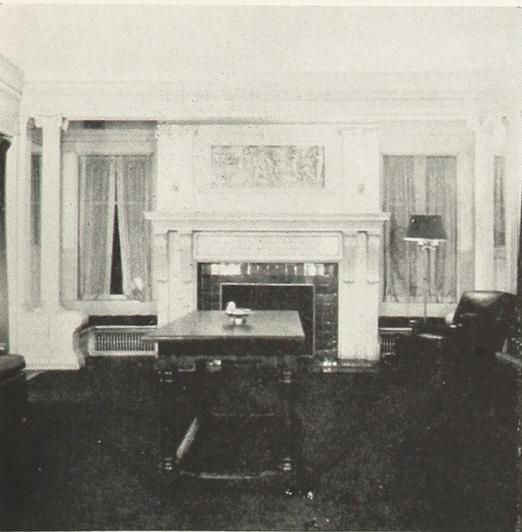


Axel Pederson, Getting Out the House Bills

Iota

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

The Sigs of Iota have hardly let the grass grow during the past few months as evidenced by a review of their various activities. Al Wilson through his editorship of the *Cornell Daily Sun*, was instrumental in bringing about the recent reorganization of the student council, accomplishing among other innovations the representation of women on the council. Leave it to Al! Win Welch was among the limited number of applicants recently accepted for entrance in the Cornell Medical School next fall. Win is also active in the Dramatic Club, and at the present time he is in rehearsal for Martin Flavin's new drama, "Around the Corner". Bill Kennedy, Iota's foremost athlete, is now practicing baseball to get in condition for the coming lacrosse season. Dick Brelos is continuing his fine work as associate editor of Cornell's annual publication, *The Cornellian*. Russell Smith of the up and coming freshman class, aside from his



Iota's Meeting Room

participation on the fencing team, is now out for the *Cornell Daily Sun* editorial competition along with John Van Aken. John also won his numerals in cross country recently. George Sears is still fighting what we think will be a winning battle for the position of coxswain on the freshman crew. Dorsey Buttrum, in spite of the distraction of his new "straight-four" Chevy racer, has found time to participate in the competition for manager of winter sports.

This year Iota entertained the fair sex at a two day "open house" during Cornell's world renowned Junior Week, the traditional celebration following mid-year exams. The Junior Promenade, which presented a battle of music, the

Brother Buttrum at Work on His Car



Brother Bill Kennedy, H.S.P.

contestants being Bob Crosby, Jimmie Lunceford and Hudson-DeLange, was the highlight of the festivities. Also on our social calendar during the winter months have been the ever popular victrola dances given after the various week end athletic events. The spotlight for these affairs has invariably been thrown on Roy Black Iota's foremost "trucker" and minister of swing. The latter part of January brought forth the annual faculty dinner after which Bill Yule presented several reels of film which he had taken, including views of Boulder Dam and the Cornell campus, as well as various candid camera shots of the brothers.

The results of our recent elections to offices in the house for the spring term were as follows :H.S.P., William E. Kennedy; H.J.P., Heathman T. Allen; H.E., Newell J. Cummings; H.C.S., Edward A. Zouck; H.S., George P. Yule; H.M., Lewis L. Dollinger; H.C., Raymond N. Bailey.

Mu

WASHINGTON

Following a truly successful previous quarter's "gala whirl", topped off by the Rose Bowl game and all the trimmin's, the winter social season at Mu Chapter was eclipsed by the annual Winter Formal, which has and will prove to be one

of the most enjoyed functions of the year. Brother Jim Carlson, as general chairman, ably assisted by Brothers Irv Natale and Carl Medica, worked diligently to secure something in this year's Formal that all of the brothers agreed was present, a good time. The entire Sand Point Golf and Country Club was taken over for the dinner-dance, and the tables were arranged around the dance floor, cabaret style.

Disaster was narrowly averted among the gathering at Brother Merrill's table. It seemed as though one of the boys wanted to move the table without bothering to move the legs, too.

Interest in social affairs is widespread throughout the house, as is evidenced by the numbers of brothers helping on the various social committees. Brother Bill Stoner, appointed to take charge of arrangements of exchange dinners, was materially assisted by the efforts of Brothers Bill Forrester and Leo, "The Great Lover", Sebastian.

The first exchange with the Alpha Delta Pi went off in smooth enough style, with only one girl left without a

partner. The Alpha Chi Omega exchange was the one that the boys really enjoyed, because twelve Alpha Sigs were going with twelve separate Alpha Chi's at that time. And that is what is known as a good batting average in any league. A galaxy of gorgeous girls was presented to the respective brothers at the Pi Phi house by Brother Sebastian, pinch hitting for Chairman Stoner. And we often wonder why the exchanges are so popular.

Tolo, the annual All-University affair, where the woman takes the man's place for the evening, footing all expenses, loomed on the social calendar. And great was the frenzy around the Alpha Sig house as some of the boys made zero hour attempts to get a bid by taking that sort of forgotten girl friend out again. A good percentage of the brothers seemed successful, as there were all of fifteen from the house at the dance, spending their gals' dough.

Brother Bill Coppedge, last quarter's able social chairman, has consented to take over the chairmanship of a show-social to be held at the house next quar-

Jim Spinner
H.S.P.

Clint Atkinson
Ex-H.S.P.

Len Rich

Brother Keyser and
"Admiral" Wold



ter. Mu believes that it has hit on a promising, if not novel, idea on raising extra funds for improvements around the house. Brother Warren, Mu '18, has granted the chapter rental on any outstanding motion pictures at a low cost. The picture will be shown at the chapter house followed by refreshments. And surprisingly, these brain-children of the brothers are usually highly successful.

Under the leadership of Mrs. J. M. Emel as president, and assisted by Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Salmon, and many more, the Mother's Club of Mu has been highly successful this year with its card parties and dances, held at the house. The latest affair was a real corned beef and cabbage "Jiggs" dinner held at the chapter house, followed by card playing and dancing. The mothers are to be congratulated on their good work in raising money for much needed improvements around the house.

Athletically, Mu is on top. Brother Ed Loverich, Washington's top scoring forward, is again leading Washington to another Northern Division basketball title. In the make-or-break two series game with Washington State, Ed bagged 35 points for high scoring honors. Last season as a Junior, Ed led Washington to the A.A.U. finals at New York where he was the only college basketball player named on the All A.A.U. basketball team. Ed is undoubtedly the outstanding forward of the conference. Brother Loverich is not alone on the basketball court. Brothers Dobson and Whims compose two-fifths of the strong freshman team. Brother Red Walters holds down the starting berth on the Supers and will make a serious bid for the varsity next season.

Down at the crew house Brother Al Ulbrickson has Pledge Howard Pande pulling a bow oar in the freshman shell and Brother Ray Nicola taking his turn as coxswain. Brother Merrill, already a letterman at coxswain, is calling for ten big ones from Brother Salmon, light-

weight crew powerhouse. Brother Salmela, junior manager, and Pledge Hughes, frosh manager, have the duties well in hand around the crew house.

Brother Dent has already won his letter on the rifle team where he is doing some expert shooting.

In intramural sports, Mu is making a serious bid for the much desired Garhart Trophy. In basketball, Brothers Dobson, Whims, Spinner, Patterson, Rich, and Anderson brought the fraternity championship to the house. Loverich coached the team. On the soccer field, Mu reached the semi-finals, where, after two tie games with the Phi Deltas, lost the toss of the coin which would have put us in the finals. At press time, Mu has already won its league championships in ping pong, volleyball, and handball, and is about to enter the playoffs. Athletic Manager Kleinoeder expects to finish the winter quarter with a comfortable lead in points toward the Garhart Trophy.

In spring sports, we find Brothers Loverich and Rich, both two strippers, figuring to smash the old ball out of the lot. Both men hit well over 300 last season and Loverich led the team in home runs. Brother Red Walters expects to throw his fast ball past many a conference hitter. High hopes are held in freshman baseball for Brothers Whims, Dobson, and Burton. Whims, a pitcher, had a no-run, no-hit game to his credit last season in a Seattle high school game. Dobson, an infielder, and Burton, an outfielder, look promising, judging from past records. Mu looks forward to freshman track with high hopes for Pledge Swanson who has already won a first and second in time trials. Pledge Courtwright has already made his minor W in the cross country events and expects to make the varsity team this season.

As fine a bunch of lads as have ever been initiated into the chapter were admitted last January. They are: Brothers Wold, Dent, Ray Nicola, Rudy, Stae-

ger, Whims, Dobson, Stevens, Jacobsen, Burton, Medica, McGuaine, Watkinson, and Bob Gregory.

The new officers for the winter term are: H.S.P., Jim Spinner; H.J.P., Brooks Johnson; H.S., Fred Salmela; H.M., Hank Guth; H.C.S., Jack Emel; H.E., Harold Kempinsky, and H.C., Phil McNamee.

Gamma

MASSACHUSETTS STATE

Finals are over—at least for some of us; and there's nothing to do except to take the mortality rate. None dead, but the wounded have not as yet been determined. Since every fraternity has a percentage (not definite) of scholars, our scholastic average is, as ever, rising. Along with the new semester the seniors in their last hurdle before graduation are finding the intestinal fortitude less and less abundant.

Upon the return of Brother Carpenter from the battle front in New York where the military strategists of Alpha Sig convened to lay plans for future wars, we, Gamma chapter, are pleased with our ability, financially speaking, to face the Grand Prudential Committee without blinking.

In the autumn issue of the *Tomahawk*, Gamma chapter regretted the loss of Brother Anderson, commonly known as "Andy", "P. B.", "Barrymore", etc, who was a muchly thought of member of the class of 1936. Well, Andy, after a year and a half of emigration from the active list, has returned to our midst. Needless to say, the loss of the class of '36 has become the gain of '38 and we are glad to have him with us again.

Brother Kabat, H.J.P., manager of the varsity basketball team, God's gift to women, and owner of the only LaSalle which Gamma chapter sports, in line



Brother Luce, Upper Left Hand Corner

with the many duties which his manly shoulders support, sees to it that Brothers Bokina and Osely keep in training. Kab does such a good job at this that the before mentioned brothers are the spearhead of the Statesman attack on the basketball court.

Second semester rushing has ended, and Gamma chapter has added to its list of immortals Currie Downs, Larry Reagan, and John Mango, all of the class of 1940. Added to our first semester rushing results, our freshman "haul" has not yet reached the even dozen but a few bids are still in circulation. We are glad

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to welcome the above-mentioned men as future brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi.

The Winter Carnival begins today; and among the artistic attempts of this chapter is a snow sculpture of the college chapel, if finished by tomorrow, has great possibilities in contesting for the snow sculpturing cup. A few of the brotherhood are taking a course in "Cooperation", but as yet the instructors have failed to outline a procedure that can be applied.

Xi

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Another Alpha Sig stepped into the limelight on the Nebraska campus this semester with the appointment of Brother William "Bill" Hollister to the editorship of the *Awgwan*, campus humor magazine. The university publications board considered Bill's sense of humor of sufficient calibre to edit successfully the publication during the second semester of the current term

Will, who was the *Awgwan* managing editor the first semester, promised in his statements to the press something new and different in the way of campus humor. He announced the magazine's by-word would henceforth be "cosmopolitan", and then proceeded to attract campus attention even before his initial *Awgwan* appeared when he redecorated the publication's office in a "new and different" manner.

The publications board also reappointed Brother Don Wagner to the position of managing editor of the *Daily Nebraskan*, student daily, for the second semester.

The Xi chapter lads held their Hawaiian "hula" party March 20th, when the Alpha Sigs entertained the university social lions in a downtown ballroom. Many of the old grads were back in

town to attend the event. In charge of arrangements were Vance Leininger, Bill Hollister, and Don Gonzales.

And speaking of social activities we can't overlook the fact that several more of the brothers are now minus their fraternity pins. Don Gonzales and Galen Jones were the last to leave theirs in the possession of some fair coeds. The gang expects free "stogies" from Brother Leininger, and also from Brother Halsted. The latter young scholar spends every week end and occasionally part of the week with his love in Omaha.

In the field of intramural sports, the Alpha Sig basketball squad made a good showing by turning out one of the best fraternity intramural teams. Xi's cagers were edged out of the league championship honor by the five who proceeded to annex the intramural crown. Brother "Johnny" Richardson, who is a member of the Cornhusker grid eleven, was named by intramural officials as the outstanding player in the competition. Others on the team were Football Letterman Ken McKinnis, Norris Johnson, Bob Palmer, Gene Woods, Don Gonzales, and Al Brinkman. The next major sport on the schedule this spring is diamond ball, and Athletic Coach Johnson has ideas about a winning team.

Outstanding musician of the chapter is Vance Leininger, H.S.P., who receives his sheepskin from the university this June. Vance, who is studying piano, gave his senior recital before a large number of university students, March 4. Brother Leininger has presented a piano recital each of the last four years, his freshman recital being the first in the history of the University School of Music to be given by a first year student. He has also been for the past three years a member of Lincoln's nationally known Great Cathedral Choir, which the past two holiday seasons sang before large audiences in New York city and Washington, D. C.



*Bob Sloan,
Alpha Zeta*



*"Siggys"
Alpha Zeta*



*Bob Funk,
Alpha Zeta*



*The Way They
Study at Zeta*



*Bob Blout,
Letterman on
Basketball Squad
and Eta's H.E.*

*Johnny Ryland,
Alpha Zeta*



*Bidwell and
Appleton,
Alpha Zeta*



*Beswick, Haysell,
and Bidwell
Attracting Girls,
Alpha Zeta*



*Reading left
to Right:
Ackerman, Leovy,
Johnke and
Spellicy*



*Fred Spellicy
at Dinner,
Alpha Zeta*



*Lt. Bob Harvey,
Alpha Zeta*



*Bohan and
Sherman*



*Bohan and Sherman
Demonstrate What
That Popular
Custom of
"Smooch" Implies
at Iowa State*



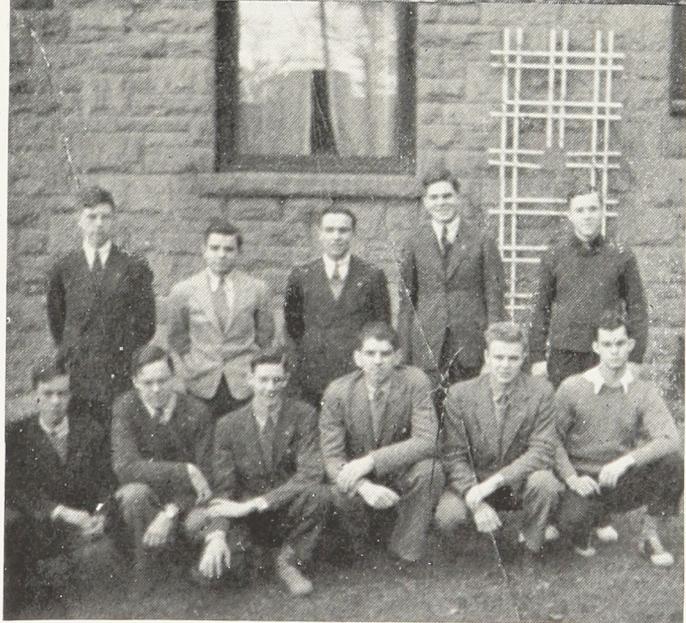
*Informal Group from
Delta Chapter*



*Brothers Ogden, Williams,
Davis, White, Arkle,
Bergen and Driscoll from
Delta*



Iota's Pledges



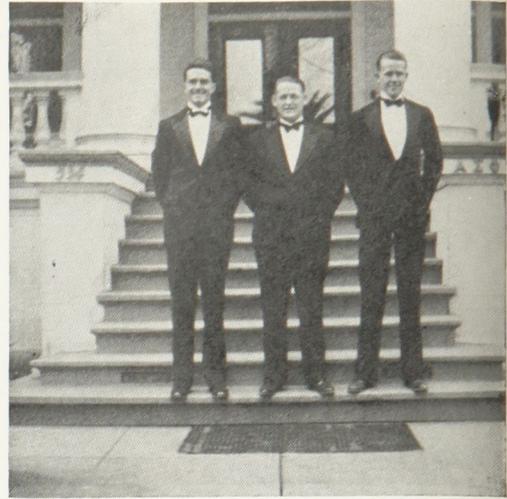
Tau

STANFORD

What is so rare as a day in June? Any winter morning right here in sunny California. Old man winter cracked down on the Golden State this season as some outsiders, especially the Florida citrus growers, have probably heard. We had a thin layer of ice on Stanford's Lake Lagunita, snow on the nearby Coast Range, and snap in the air. However, as time staggers on toward spring, things are on the up and up for the boys who live in the big white house on Salvatierra street.

Under the leadership of Powell Humphrey and Ed Rea, rushing chairmen, Tau landed one of the best freshman pledge classes on record. They include the following: Richard Buchanan, Alhambra, Calif.; Douglas Jacques, Long Beach, Calif.; John Epstein, Highland Park, Ill.; William Morrow, Los Angeles; Kenneth Paine, Glendale, Calif.; Duncan Pell, Hillsboro, Calif.; Edward Roberts, Pocatello, Idaho; Donald Ruggles, Oxnard, Calif.; Harold Schnack, Honolulu, T.H.; Lyman Wear, Palo Alto, Calif.; Frank Yost, Portland, Ore. Among the junior transfers are Eugene Gear, Los Altos, Calif.; William Ward, New York city; Gerald Gard, Fresno, Calif., and Donald Stout, Portland, Ore. Initiation was held during the last week in January under the leadership of H.M. Ted Schmidt, for Brothers Gear, Gard, and Stout.

The new H.S.P., Jack Scott, has launched an ambitious social and recreational program for the house. Not to be outdone, retiring H.S.P. Herb Charters was responsible for a Sunday evening "Open House" on January 24th. Following shortly was an exchange dinner with Chi Omega sorority. Another Open House party is not far distant. This time, our friend and cook, Mr. Yee

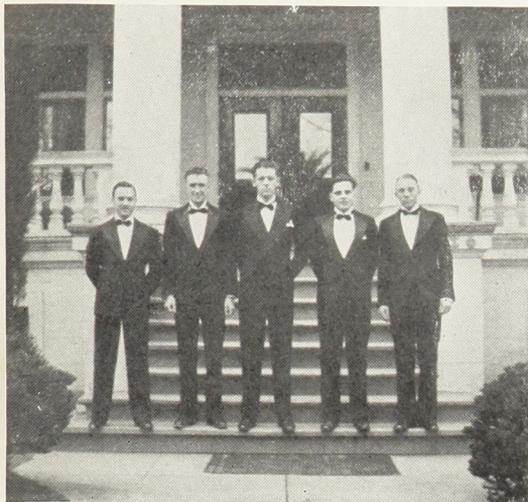


Newly Initiated Brothers Gear, Stout and Gard

Wing, promises to serve chow mein in the approved Chinese fashion. A dancing party at one of San Francisco's famous hotels is in prospect, while not too far beyond the horizon looms the ever popular annual South Seas formal. Another get-together, probably is planned with Nu chapter.

Speaking of social affairs and activity men, Pledge Bill Ward, who is one of the up-and-coming young men of the campus, has been quite successful in operating an unofficial date bureau for some time. For the Stanford edition of the President's Birthday Ball, he sponsored the idea of supplying a date with every bid sold, provided, of course, that the purchaser wanted this service. His latest plan, known as the Recreation Club, is to put on seven to eight o'clock week night dances for the students. Bill has been one of the leading proponents for the establishment of a "Nitery", that is a lodge where students can gather for informal dancing. The matter has become a big issue on the "Farm", and Bill has carried the fight to the A.S.S.U. Executive Committee.

Also in the line of activities, Brother Tom Fleming has become one of the



Reading from left to right: Brothers Lehman, H.J.P.; Stout, H.E.; Scott, H.S.P.; Schmidt, H.M., and Halla, H.C.S.

leading contributors to the *Chaparral*, campus humor magazine. It looks like Tom is headed for membership in Hammer and Coffin, the honorary society which is in charge of the *Chappie*. Ed Rea is keeping the frosh debaters busy by serving as their manager. Russ Brinley is in dramatics and had a part in Talbot Jennings' play "This Side Idolatry", dealing with the life of Shakespeare, the American premiere of which was recently produced at Stanford. Phil Halla is active as a member of the Speakers' Bureau, an organization designed to supply student speakers on topics of current interest to Bay Region clubs.

Better things should come from the intramural tennis team with Ed Rea, formerly of the varsity, now eligible to play for the house. Tom Fleming will also be in the singles matches, and Jim Lehman and Gene Gear will comprise the doubles team. Pledges Johnny Epstein and Don Ruggles are busy frosh athletes. Johnny is a member of the frosh basketball squad, and Don is on the track team.

Tau Chapter is about to start an intensive program designed to strengthen

and reunite the chapter alumni connections with the house. Sponsored by Ed Ulery, the plan has won the wholehearted approval of the active members, and will be put into operation shortly. Tau will entertain the parents of members and pledges living in the vicinity of San Francisco toward the end of the month. The event will be Sunday dinner followed by bridge.

At the recent election the following officers were selected and took office: H.S.P., John M. Scott; H.J.P., James W. Lehman; H.S., George Phillips; H.C.S., Philip J. Halla; H.M., Theodore Schmidt; H.E., Gardner Stout; H.C., Bertrand Brinley; third member of the Prudential Committee is Lyman Tondro.

And so, until Stanford's "Laughing Boys" win the Pacific Coast basketball championship, I remain your Palo Alto correspondent, who actually picked Pittsburgh to beat Washington in the Rose Bowl.

Upsilon

PENN STATE

Now that finals are over the brothers of Upsilon chapter at Penn State are once more back in the "swing of things".

Between semesters the Upsilon chapter was fortunate to receive four new pledges, Bill Lytle, "Red" Shaffer, Carl Frantz, and Ed Runser.

Now for an insight of what the brothers are doing in the way of sports and social activities. Upon returning from the Christmas vacation the house was treated with cigars by H.J.P. Hooven, who has lost his pin to the "fair sex". The house has entered intramural basketball, swimming and billiard tournaments. Brother Johnny Sayers has been taking care of the "boys" at the Rockview Penitentiary in the capacity of boxing instructor. Our formal dance was held the early part of March. On January 15 we held a victrola dance which was attended by approximately 30



H.S.P. "Howie" Hancock, "Sig" and Pledge Bill Green All Stick Together

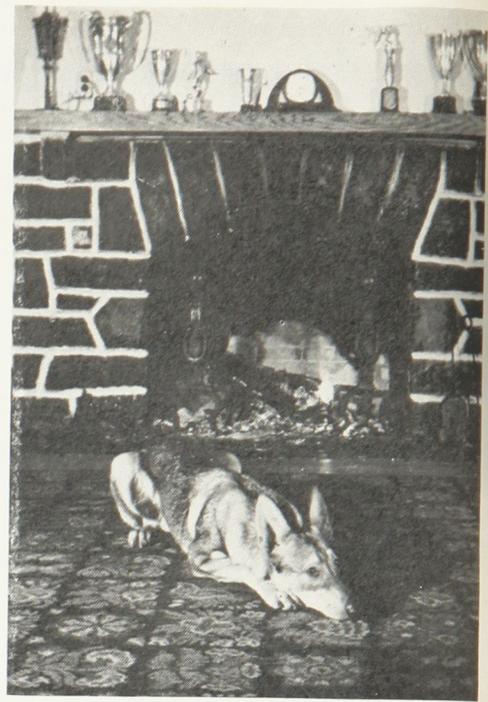
couples. Liquid refreshments were served, as well as solid.

Penn State is well known for its ski jumps, but so far the brothers have not taken their skis out of the recreation room, as Mother Nature seems to have decided that we do not need any snow this year.

Phi

IOWA STATE

Phi chapter lost three good men last



"Sig", Upsilon's Mascot, Dreams and Dozes

quarter as the result of graduation. Frank Medd, electrical engineer, is connected with the Central States Power & Light Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Richard Sidwell, Dairy Industry, has a position with the Sidwell Dairy at Iowa City. Bill Minert, Agriculture Economics, is working for the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Seemingly Frank Medd broke down over the Christmas holidays for the Alpha Sigs received a box of cigars from Tulsa a few days ago. It was a surprise to the boys with the exception of myself,



Bill Green, H.S.P. "Howie" Hancock, "Del" Mauk and Jim Longo Pose Informally



"Sig" Guards Pledges "Del" Mauk and Bill Swift



Reading left to right: Brothers Zabloidil, H. S.; Adams, H.E.; Boening, H.C.; Anderson, H.S.P.; Sherman, H.J.P. and Bohan, H.C.S.

for we happened to room together last quarter, and when a fellow comes home after having a date and sits around with a far off look in his eyes, talking about love and all its ups and downs, a person is rather suspicious something is taking place, because as the old saying goes—"Where there's smoke, there's fire".

Richard Sidwell is working for his father and no doubt will soon follow poor old Frank's footsteps, although we haven't heard any favorable reports as yet, but nevertheless are expecting some cigars from Iowa City in the near future. They say Rich has got a pretty strong will and in all probability that is holding up the parade down the middle aisle. No one seems to know much about Minert as he is kind of a lofty sort of an individual, but even those people get the ax sooner or later.

Intramural sports are in full sway, and we are in there pitching for all we are worth. As yet we haven't done so hot, but wait until we get going and then watch our smoke. The intramural council has added another major sport to its program for the winter quarter. It is none other than bowling. Becker and Anderson are our hot shots and are doing quite well, but the rest of us are

rather mediocre and hold down the score to some extent. Of course Andy spends quite a bit of time at the alleys picking up some of the fine points of the game. Also the proprietor has a daughter that is pretty easy on the eyes, and it seems as though Andy not only is trying to learn something about bowling, but also something along the line of our old friend, Cupid.

Intramural basketball has begun with a bunch of good teams trying to win that old cup. We looked pretty rough the first game, but have snapped out of it and will go places.

Two pledges, Philip Derby and Richard Lorenzen, didn't come back for the winter quarter. Phil is, at the present time, aiding his father in the coal business. Rich found that it took a little bit more money than he had figured on; so he dropped out and went to work. He is planning on coming back next fall or in the spring quarter if possible. They were both good boys and we regret that they couldn't be with us this quarter.

The Alpha Sigs are holding their own as far as the social angle is concerned. We have had our usual number of firesides and exchanges. February 27 was the date set for the big hop, or should we be more cultured and say our annual winter formal dance? The old Alums got out their tuxes, dolled the wives or sweethearts up and came and made merry with us. We were glad to have them for the more the merrier. Men's



The Newly Elected Officers Holding a "Bull Session"

Pan-Hell came off February the twentieth with a ticket sell out. Of course this is the quarter that Iowa State swings out, as the winter quarter is considered the social quarter of the year. Every weekend is a big weekend and the Sigs are taking them as they come.

At the close of the quarter, Phi chapter will lose one man. Rex Becker, the present H.S.P., will receive a B.S. in Industrial Science. He has landed a position with General Electric, but as yet he doesn't know where he will be located. Rex has been a good fraternity man, and has done great things for Phi chapter. He is going places in this cruel old world. Election of officers took place the last house meeting. The following men have been elected: H.S.P., Harlan Anderson; H.J.P., LaForest Sherman; H.S., Ronald Zablodil; H.C.S., Wayne Bohan; H.M., Al Bauman; H.C., Lawrence Boening; and H.E., Ralph Adams.

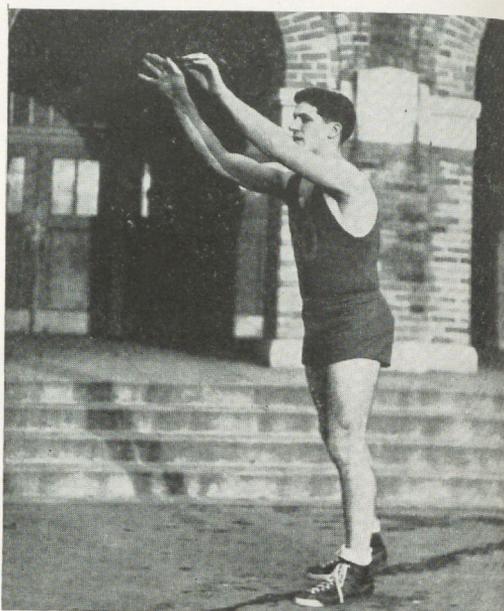
There is somewhat of a let down on rushing, but we nevertheless still have a few men in sight and feel quite sure of persuading them to be Alpha Sigs.

Psi

OREGON STATE COLLEGE

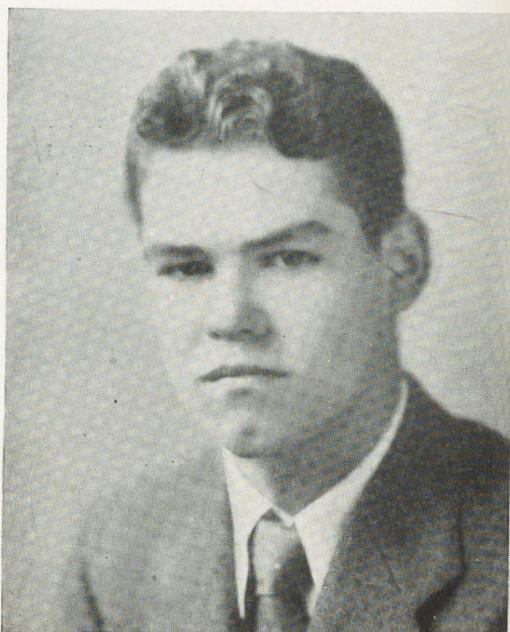
As the first rays of the spring sun come creeping over the horizon, the baseball fever hits the chapter, and the old softball is once more knocked apart. Spirit is running high, and we have hopes for a championship in the intramural league this year. Willie Reyburn of the smokeball is shooting those deceptive deliveries into John McCormick every night in an attempt to bring fame and glory to the Alpha Sigs.

Winter term, a cold and wet winter term, greeted eight new members into Psi chapter. This was the second largest initiation in the history of the chapter! The eight new men are: George Kuvallis, Gordy Hagen, Dale Miller, Mal



Brother Ed Soverich, All A.A.U. and All Coast Basketball Forward

Orator McCormick



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Quirk and Buck

Harris, John Warner, Walter Coate, Bob Ottoman and Rod Sims. Perhaps the high point of the initiation was Gordy Hagen's singing and card tricks which were performed before the gals at the Gamma Phi house. "Grinner" Hagen it shall be for the rest of his college days, for he bore the brunt of initiation with a grin.

John McCormick, the best orator to grace this campus in many, many years, added another first to his fast-growing string of conquests by taking first place and the \$50.00 prize that goes with it in the recent State Peace Contest. John's speech was entitled, "A Little Water", and was built around the theme that self-fish gain is the motive behind most of our wars.

After the Ball Is Over



Get to Work, Rooks!!

For the first time since All-American Ed Lewis represented the Alpha Sigs on the Oregon State Varsity, the house boasts a regular. Mal Harris, sophomore, is guard on this year's team, and is a darn good one. Mal is improving rapidly, and should be tops with a little more experience. Another sophomore on the squad is "Maizie" Kuvallis. Kew is a deadeye forward, and is being saved from conference competition this year.

The gang is really going to miss "Irish" Quirk this spring. Often voted the "noisiest man in the house", and twice as often regarded as the most competent and most willing to help when help was needed, Quirk is the last of three Quirk brothers who have haunted the chapter house for the last decade or more. In his time here he has been H.C.S., H.J.P., H.C. and H.E. The entire house unites in giving Bill this last send-off, and in wishing him the best of luck!

"Lefty" Kalibak will succeed Quirk as H.E., and Quirk is already grooming Kal in the many duties of this job. Kal will have a busy spring term, for in addition to being manager he will be playing his last year as varsity chucker. George Kuvallis will also be throwing 'em in for the varsity, and is a cinch for a starting berth.

Other athletes to be represented in spring sports are Joe Larson and Norm Rands, distance runners. These two were one-two in the fall cross-country meet, and should be crack distance runners this spring.

Alpha Alpha

OKLAHOMA

As wintry winds and heavy sleet and snow ushered in the new year on the Sooner campus, Sigs of Alpha Alpha looked back over last semester's activities—with all pledging to reach new heights in athletics, social functions, scholastics and rushing.

Alpha Alpha was dealt a severe blow when William Nation, Glynn DeHaas and Sidney Patterson left school. Nation received his degree in petroleum engineering and DeHaas and Patterson landed jobs.

At our mid-year election, the following men were elected: H.S.P., Francis Mills; H.J.P., Louis Barnett; H.E., J. D. Mc-

Louis Barnett is Managing the Oklahoma Championship Baseball Team for the Second Year



Francis Mills, H.S.P.

Coid; H.S., J. D. McCoid; H.C.S., C. M. Kilgore; H. M., I. J. Pierce; H. C. Thurman Conrey.

Sigs at Soonerland held an annual mid-semester rush dinner and when smoke cleared Alpha Alpha found that four had accepted pledge ribbons. The new pledges are Dooley Mallory, Byron Church, J. P. Everett, and J. Q. Walker.

In way of sports, a stunning triumph in the two-mile steeplechase was scored by Floyd "Cotton" Lochner, Sooner runner who has served out his eligibility, at the Sugar Bowl track and field meet at New Orleans, December 27. Loch won by 30 yards from Thomas Deckard, Indiana Olympic man, and by more than 100 yards from the three steeplechasers who represented Uncle Sam at the Berlin Olympiad last summer—Harold Manning, Joe McCluskey and Glen Dawson. The latter was Alpha Alpha's contribution to the Olympic team.



Best of all, Lochner's time, 10 minutes 1.5 seconds, was a new American record. Old time was McCluskey's 10 minutes 6.6 seconds.

The active chapter is going military this semester as we have Isaac Pierce, Louis Barnett and Norman Schultz "2nd Louie's" and Steve King and Ed Smith captains in R.O.T.C. Smith and King plan to attend military camp at Fort Sill next summer.

King has also won his colors in the College of Engineering. He is secretary of the Engineers club, member of St. Pat Council, and has recently been appointed advisory editor of the engineers' edition of *Covered Wagon*, campus humor mag. And when it comes to singing, Brother Stephen H. King has such a marvelous monotone that he has been titled "Rhythm King". Anyone who attended the national convention will probably remember that he was our worthy representative at that meeting.

Sigs at Alpha Alpha have been walking their dates to and from shows due to a boycott of all local taxis. A hike in rates caused the entire student body to take to hiking.

Anson Weeks' orchestra played at the Junior-Senior prom this spring. Ted Fiorito's orchestra played for the prom in 1935, and this year marked a victory for the students, as last year the university officials decreed that such orchestras were out of the range of Sooner pocketbooks. March 4th was the date for this outstanding social event.

Alpha Delta

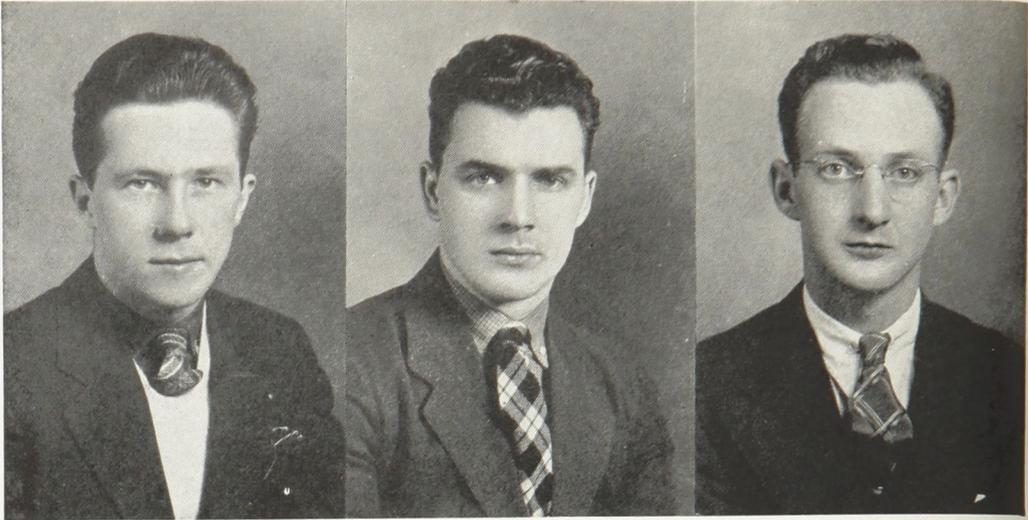
MIDDLEBURY

Most important in the recent history of Alpha Delta chapter has been the pledging of eleven members of the class of '40. And a fine group of boys they are! Two of them are the sons of former Alpha Sig Middlebury men. Bob

Grant comes from Woodstown, New Jersey, and John Gale is from Greencastle, Indiana. The athletic pledges are Pat Vartuli, Witherbee, New York; Wint Seymour, Whitefield, New Hampshire; and Paul Cushman, Barre, Vermont. Paul is not only a marvel on the cinder track, but an accomplished pianist as well. The scholars are Volney Parks, South Glens Falls, N. Y.; Cliff Philo, Glens Falls, N. Y., and Charlie Rumbold, Jersey City, N. J. Herm Rouse, Richford, Vermont, excels on the basketball court; Jim Strohmeier, Olmstedville, N. Y., is reputed to be an able baseball hurler; and Ken Temple, Niagara Falls, N. Y., purports to be a financier.

At this writing, Middlebury is in the midst of preparation for its annual winter carnival. Brother Kent and Pledge Seymour are scheduled to compete in the ski events as members of the college team. Both have excellent chances to win honors for themselves and the house. They will compete against representatives from the leading colleges in the east, and the chapter looks forward to welcoming Sigs who will be here. The Winter Carnival is the big event on the college sports program. And the small town of Middlebury is usually packed with eager winter sports enthusiasts. The college playground, the Green Mountains, offers a picturesque background for this unrivaled carnival. Brother Edgar J. Wiley '13, served as toastmaster for the annual initiation banquet held February 14. Brother Dr. L. S. Walker '30, was the principal speaker. Toasts were offered by Brothers Ward '37, Palmer '38, Stearns '39, and Pledge Philo '40. The banquet was the beginning of the new regime of H.S.P. LaFlamme.

During recent years there has been a movement among fraternities to abolish "Hell Week" as a means of informal initiation for pledges. This year the administration of Middlebury College, with the approval of the fraternities on the campus, has definitely done away



*H.J.P.,
William Ward*

*H.S.P.,
Armand LaFlamme*

*Phi Beta Kappa,
Wendell Powers*

with "Hell Week" at Middlebury. The consensus of opinion in Alpha Delta chapter has been in favor of this ruling.

In the spirit of Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Delta Chapter extends greeting to all its friends and brothers.

mons has much praise for him and big things are expected next year.

Our annual spring pledge dance is in sight and if it goes over as well as the Christmas formal the boys are sure of a great time.

Alpha Epsilon

SYRACUSE

Alpha Epsilon is looking forward to the future, pointing her ship in this direction by her annual spring elections. The new officers are: William Resch, H.S.P.; Edward Hrabehak, H.J.P.; John Sandri, H.E.

No definite date has been set for the initiation of five of our pledges this spring, but the pledges are looking forward to that event with enthusiasm. Pledge Brother Bertrand made his varsity debut on the boxing team against Cornell. One week of training, obviously not enough, told on him and defeat was the answer. However, Coach Sim-

Alpha Iota

ALABAMA

Here at 'Bama in the midst of the traditional Sunny South, the Sigs of Alpha Iota are looking forward to a semester as bright as the mid-summer weather we have been enjoying. The recent election of officers saw H.S.P. Miller reelected by acclamation. His supporting officers are: H.J.P., Jerry McBride; H.C., Charles Hoffman; H.M., James Webb; H.C.S., Don Geehring, and H. C. Robert Lipsey. H. E. Doc Jordon and Steward Billy Roberts continue their tireless activities to help H.S.P. Miller guide Alpha Iota through the coming semester.



Brothers and Pledges Give Vent to Their Feelings on the Veranda

Mid-year exams over, the chapter is busily engaged in rushing new men to supplement those pledged during the fall. Malcolm Anderson, New York city; Evans Tyson, Meridian, Mississippi; Robert Kendricks, East Orange New Jersey; Howard Bidell, Huntington, New York; Edward Hibbard, Jamaica, New York; Tom Claus, Valdostia, Georgia; Harold Minims, Newark, New York, and Jesse Hern, Cuba, Alabama, are now wearing the button of cardinal and stone.

The university social season is in full swing, and scarcely a night passes that one of the brothers is not struggling into a tux. The mid-term dances saw Kay Kiser, like the Pied Piper of Hamelin, draw the Alpha Sigs to the gym with the lure of his smooth music. Not a member (or pledge for that matter) did not attend at least one of the set of six dances. Fat Boy, Billy Roberts, member of the Cotillon Club, had his partner for the leadout chosen by the flip of a coin (so 'tis said). Brother Webb interviewed the maestro for an article in the *Crimson-White*.

Frank "Iron Man" McCarthy and Pledge Perry may be seen almost every day out on the tennis courts perfecting their game in preparation for the coming season. A product of the great outdoors, Brother McCarthy's ruggedness may yet depopulate the upper sleeping porch. Spring would really seem to be here, and should anyone doubt it, Brother McBride furnishes the proof positive when, returning each evening from spring football training, he exhibits his battle scars.

Brother Ben Fuller, prominent as business manager of the *Corolla* and campus politician, received his sheepskin at mid-year commencement. "Daddy" Fuller has been an unceasing worker for the house and, we are happy to say, will remain with us as a graduate student.

Wilbert "Doc" Jordan has been made State Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in recognition of his untiring services. Charles Hoffman was advanced to First Lieutenant of the Pershing Rifles, and second in command. Jim Webb and Pledge Kendricks are practicing for a new play.

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