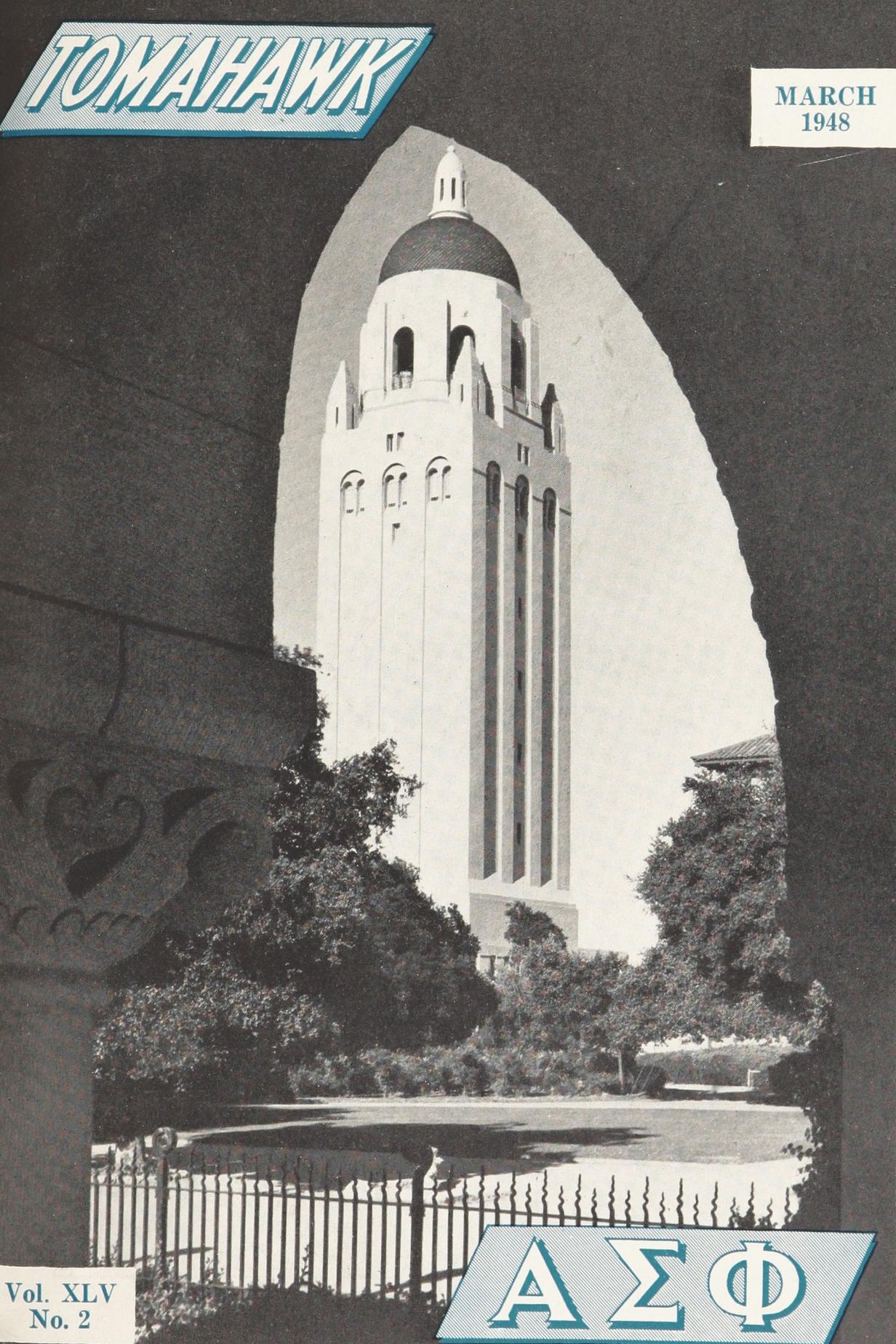


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**This Issue**

This issue is dedicated to one of our finest chapters and to one of America's great educational institutions — Stanford.



**The Cover**

Herbert Hoover Tower as seen through an archway at Stanford.



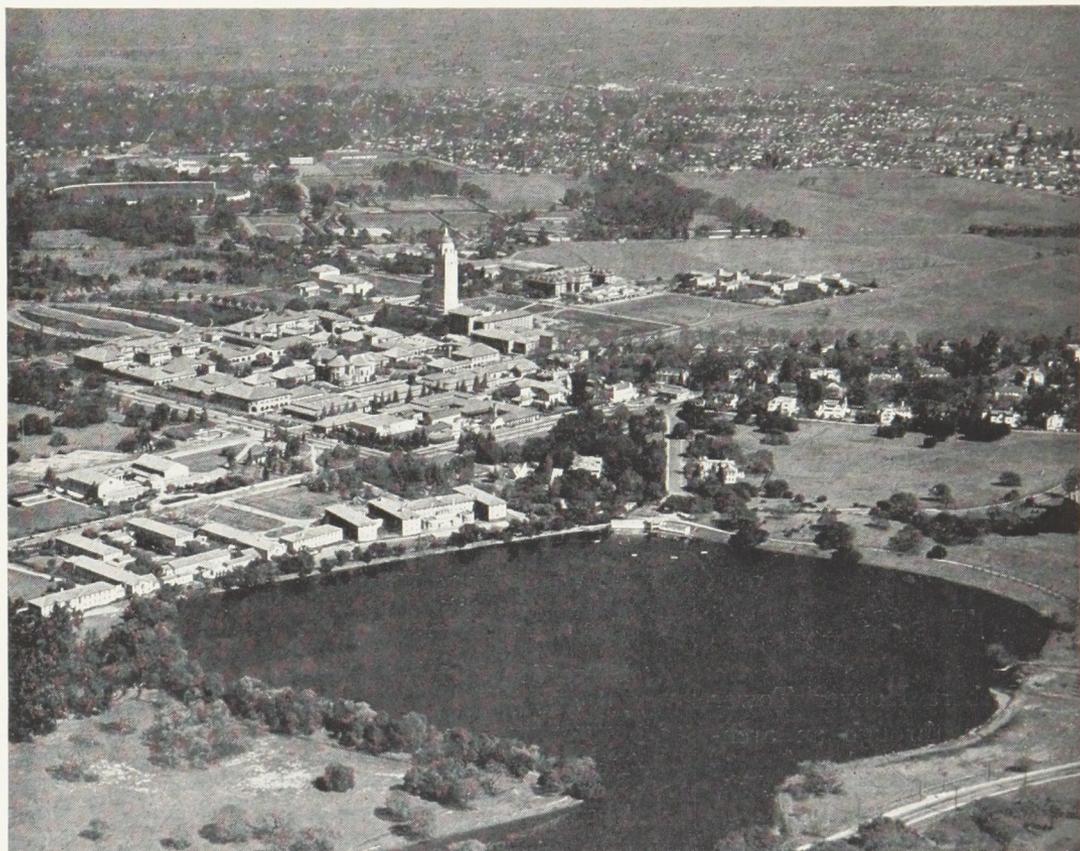
**The Frontispiece**

An air view of the Stanford "Farm."

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An aerial view of Stanford University taken from behind Lagunita Lake. On the shores of the lake to the left are Lagunita Court and Roble Hall, women's residences. The mass of buildings to the left of center is the double quadrangle, which contains most of the classrooms. Almost dead center is the lofty Hoover Tower. To its left is the Memorial Theater and to the far left the Stanford Stadium. To the right of the tower, separated by open fields are Encina, Toyon, and Branner Halls. At the right among the trees is Fraternity Row.

# Stanford University

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## —A Way Of Life

BY TOM SELF

(H.A.E., Tau Chapter)

Stanford is more than a university. It is a way of life.

Part of the Stanford way of life is the friendly, family-like living in the separate community, an 8,800-acre campus known affectionately as the "Farm." Part of it is the fulfillment of the founder's dream that the university should be dedicated to non-denominational, scrupulously free, and democratic learning. It is this tradition that makes the Honor Code work and Associated Students successful self-governors. Genuinely friendly relations among students, faculty, and administration make Stanford an example of democracy in action.

Probably no Son of the Stanford Red could tell you in so many words what the Farm means to him, why he is choked with emotion as he sings the hymn, "Hail, Stanford, Hail" at the end of a football game. Nor could he describe the feeling that is behind the hymn, the feeling that binds together not only Stanford's student body and alumni, but even its faculty members. But he would tell you that Stanford is the kind of place to which alumni plan to send their daughters and sons from the time they are born.

The home of Tau chapter, one of Alpha Sigma Phi's westernmost branches Stanford is situated in the Santa Clara Valley, 33 miles down the bay from San Francisco, where the rolling foothills rise.

The University covers 8,800 acres, 1,500 of them strictly campus. The center of things is a double quadrangle of

buildings, which instead of gothic and ivy, feature red tile roofing of the old Spanish mission type, great open arches, and long colonnades. In the center of the inner quadrangle is the Memorial Chapel, built in the form of a cross with rounded ends. The church, built in 1900 by Mrs. Stanford as a memorial to her husband, has been called one of the most beautiful in the world by many travelers. It is to this chapel that thousands of Stanford graduates have returned to be married.

Just off the central quadrangle rises the tall tower of the Hoover Library of War, Revolution, and Peace, the Memorial Theater—a memorial to the Farm's World War I dead—and the Education Building, all part of the new Stanford.

It might seem that the extensive acreage would solve any problems along the housing line. But sufficient residence construction is lacking, and 2,073 students veterans (including 300 married couples with 218 children) live in Stanford Village, formerly Dibble General Hospital, a mile and one-half north of the University. The Village, which is Stanfords' alternative to the trailer camps associated with the postwar college boom, was the pet project of the Farm's late President, Dr. Donald B. Tresidder. Another 1400 students commute from various Peninsula cities. In normal times, however, Stanford came close to realizing its objective as a true "residence university." All undergraduate women and a majority of undergraduate men lived on campus.

On campus men students are housed

in the twenty-four fraternities, Encina Hall, Toyon Hall, and Tamarack Lodge. Women live in the 10 University residences for women, which intermingle with the fraternities on the "Row," and the larger dormitories, Lagunita Court, Roble Hall, Union Residence, and Branner Hall. Branner Hall is traditionally a men's residence, now men have doubled up elsewhere so that more girls can come to the farm. Sororities were discontinued at Stanford in 1943.

alike the usefulness of the daily associations has been evident chiefly in the breaking down of prejudice and the exciting of an intelligent curiosity. They are acutely aware of the international and interracial nature of scholarship. For a time an attempt was made to foster this awareness by means of exchange fellowships, but these have lapsed. The fraternities now are making every effort to revive them. In addition to the Tarver exchange scholarship with England,



A familiar campus scene—campus politics being discussed at an outdoor table over cokes.

Geographically students have been distributed over the 48 states, and all of the island dependencies, nearly all Central and South American countries, several Asiatic and European countries. This wide distribution is in part the result of Stanford's location, but in part, too, it is the outcome of definite planning. It has been important from the beginning to administration and faculty alike that the student body should not be localized, whether within the state or within the nation. Foreign students have been thoroughly incorporated into the main student body, not only in classes but also in residence halls and eating places.

Among undergraduates and graduates

the fraternities plan to bring at least six more students to Stanford, paying tuition, room and board. Their efforts have been supported by women's groups, and the entire student body will vote in spring quarter whether to approve the donation of surplus student body funds to the project. The surplus formerly was earmarked for a new Union or basketball pavilion.

Stanford is blessed with the kind of climate that means year-round sunbaths. In normal years students swim in the farm's own lake, Lagunita, as well as the swimming pools. Because of California's current drought, this year will see more students flocking to beaches, forty-

five minutes to an hour and one-half away.

The farm is only a five-hour drive away from the snowy Sierras. The ski club boasts a membership of nearly 1,000.

For students who loaf around the Farm there are carefully laid out tennis courts, an 18-hole golf course, and a famous outdoor beer garden known as Rosetti's Picnic Grounds.

Students enjoy the isolation of Stanford as a completely separate commun-



The beautiful buildings on the campus reflect the Spanish influence.

ity. If they desire an evening of dining, dancing, or the theater, both Palo Alto and San Francisco are nearby.

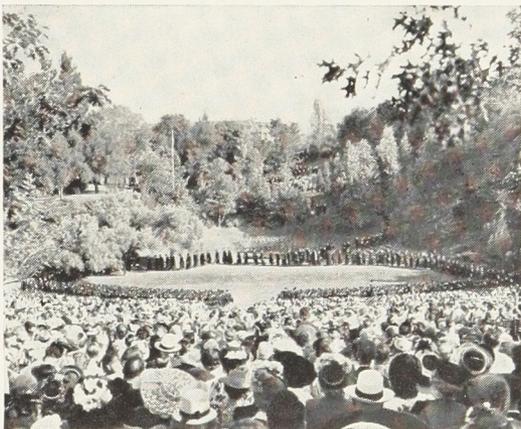
Traditions like "Hello Day" and giving candy to your date when you've kept her out late enough to get her "locked out" have laid the basis for the reception one Stanford person gives another in any part of the world.

Around the world Stanford's battle cry of "Give 'Em the Axe!" reaches its peak when Stanford plays its traditional rival, the Golden Bear of California. The yell dates back to 1896, when Will Irwin, then an undergraduate, decided that the great rival deserved a special scalping and composed the cry. Irwin, a prominent author, died in February of this year.

The axe itself was forged in 1899, and its history of theft and recovery has become part of the University legend. The axe was first stolen by the University of

California a month after it was forged. There it was kept until 1930, when the "Immortal 21"—borrowing the title of a smooth organization of Chicago gangsters—brought the axe back to the farm. The hallowed twenty-one "knocked over" the armored truck carrying the axe back to the deposit vault after it was displayed at a California rally. Posing as photographers, they asked for just one more picture of the axe, then shot off flash powder, and tear gas, escaping in a relay of high-powered cars. By agreement between the schools the axe was made a victory trophy of the big game. However, the axe was again stolen by California for a short time last year. Talk in the cellar turned to complicated strategy and deep plots and headlines in the newspapers all up and down the coast kept the ordinary citizen informed of the latest axe skullduggery.

In last year's Big Game Stanford entered the arena a 10-1 underdog. Mighty Cal had lost only one game and had bowled over other Stanford opponents, including Wisconsin and Navy. Stanford had suffered nine straight defeats. Backed up by the blood-curdling axe yell, the Indians outplayed the Bears all over the field. Scared Cal was happy to win 20-



June graduation exercises in the Frost Memorial Amphitheater. The straw hats and shirtsleeves give an indication of warm weather.

18. 93,000 fans—mostly alumni—declared it was the greatest big game ever.

Stanford was founded sixty years ago by Leland and Jane Stanford as a memo-  
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# Go West Young Man!

BY A. L. HOLVEN

*(A. L. Holven was initiated in 1918, Tau's first class. He was graduated from Stanford in 1922, majoring in chemistry. Immediately he accepted a position with the California and Hawaiian Sugar Refining Corporation—world's largest refinery—where he has served as Assistant Plant Manager for the past three years. His son, Jim, is a member of the newest pledge class of Tau chapter.)*

Horace Greeley offered the above advice near the time that our fraternity was founded about a century ago. Strangely enough this slogan has even more meaning today. Greeley's message is particularly appropriate in this year in which California starts its centennial celebration because Tau, as one of the westernmost of Alpha Sigma Phi's many chapters, has the privilege of welcoming you to the west through the pages of the *Tomahawk*.

Brothers who come west, either to visit or to live, will receive not only the warmest of welcomes from the hospitable west but may also see reenacted historic scenes of a century in which America's frontier has steadily moved westward.

Where is the western frontier today?

Because of the millions who have come to the west coast to live, one might draw the conclusion that the shore line of the Pacific is the last frontier of the United States, and that the expansion of this country has gone as far westward as it will ever go. Oddly enough, however, most Californians are the first to admit that the western frontier extends instead only ten hours by air but 2400 miles in a southwesterly direction across

the blue Pacific to the Territory of Hawaii which seems rather soon to become the Forty-ninth state.

The bonds between California and Hawaii—its nearest neighbor to the west—are particularly close because of long association in pioneer fields of endeavor and many common interests.

This close understanding between California and Hawaii goes back to the memorable days of the "Forty-Niners" when Californians not only sent their children to schools in Hawaii that had been established by New England missionaries but sent as well their laundry on a 20-day trip to Honolulu by sailing vessel. The time of the typical "Forty-Niners" was too fully occupied by digging for gold to give much thought to the establishment of other types of business.

While the gold of the early days gave California its start, Hawaii pinned its faith to sugar and for a century this industry has been the backbone of its economy.

In the days of the Argonauts sailing vessels plying their route of Honolulu to San Francisco included in their cargo a few barrels of the crudely processed

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# TAU

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## Mountain Men Of Stanford

BY LARRY TAYLOR

At one time or another practically every boy not strictly confined to the big city is captured by the desire to climb. Trees are all right, of course, but a precipitous stream bank, a quarry, or a rock outcropping where he can really risk his neck invariably presents a stronger call. The majority of us, on reaching maturity, settle into the conventional rut known as the "normal, safe, sane life." But for a few the attraction of steep walls and high places never dies, and when this is combined with the love of nature inherent in most everyone, you have a rock-climber.

In my own case the spark of enthusiasm was fanned to a roaring blaze when I went into the Alps of Bavaria with the 101st Airborne Division. Shortly after my release from the Army in the spring of 1946 I started attending the Sunday practice climbs of the Sierra Club Rock Climbing Section on outcroppings around San Francisco Bay. Here I met Fritz Lippmann and found that he was a freshman at Stanford, though a year older than I.

Fritz was an old hand at the game; on Labor Day he and Bob Hansen of the University of California, together with two other Sierra Club climbers, Ax Nelson and Jack Arnold, accomplished

the first ascent of the Lost Arrow in Yosemite Valley. He later wrote the account of this climb, which was published June, 1946 in the Saturday Evening Post under the title, "We Climbed the Impossible Peak."

Through the summer I worked on plans to form a climbing club at Stanford when I returned for graduate work in civil engineering. Then shortly after registration I chanced upon Al Baxter while he was buying hob nails in the shoe shop, thus giving himself away as a mountain climber. Though he had never done any roped climbing, Al was at once enthusiastic about my plan; indeed, it was his enthusiasm which had a great deal to do with the actual carrying through of the idea. Immediately thereafter, Cynthia Cummings, of the Colorado Mountain Club, and Ulf Ramm-Ericson of the Swedish Mountain Club gave their support. Lippmann at that time was commuting to Palo Alto from San Francisco, but he also contributed a great deal. Soon Fritz was a pledge of Alpha Sigma Phi and shortly thereafter the Stanford Alpine Club became a recognized campus organization, with myself as president; Lippmann, vice-president; Baxter, equipment manager; Cynthia Cummings, secretary; and Marge Barker of Palo Alto, treasurer.

Among the first and most enthusiastic members were John Hood, a long time Sierra Club member, but somewhat new to rock-climbing; and Ernie Irvine. Before Christmas Ramm-Ericson, Hood, and Irvine were all pledged. Pre-war Pledge Sam Hall was also active in the Alpine Club. House President Kirk Campbell was also attending some of our practice climbs, although a football injury to his arm prevented whole-hearted participation. Baxter, though a senior and not wishing to join any fraternity, was eating his meals at the House. In a short time Alpine Club headquarters was synonymous with Alpha Sigma Phi.

For our first major climbing trip we went to Pinnacles National Monument, one-time stronghold of Joaquin Murietta, famous bandit of the gold rush days. Here Fritz, Marge, and I ascended the spire known as Middle Finger and under a small stone on the summit found a mustard jar containing a folded paper and a stub of pencil. And here we recorded our climb. Out of curiosity I examined the paper to ascertain the date and personnel of the first recorded ascent, and was greatly surprised to read:

May 18, 1941

MIDDLE FINGER

Carlton James

Don Spickard

Mary Alice Adkins

Bob Livingston

Mary E. Beach

W. B. Spickard

The two Spickards were Alpha Sigs who left Stanford shortly after I pledged in 1940! Then in another summit register I found, in addition to the "Spicks," the names of Brothers Bob Morris and James R. Wood, with whom I had also been acquainted. From Warren Spickard I learned that Brothers Al Kittell and Hal Schnack had also done some rock-climbing in those days.

Perhaps there is some connection between the recurrence of rock-climbing as

a house activity and the cup the chapter won in 1923, title to which has never since been challenged. It was awarded by the Hammer and Coffin Society, to "The Most Foolish Living Group on the Stanford Campus."

At any rate, the regular rushing season last winter quarter saw the pledging of three more neophyte climbers, Cliff Forster, Karl Hutchinson, and Dave Curry. Curry, who could call Yosemite Valley home, was especially active, and through his newly acquired skill got some views of this spectacular glacial valley that he had never experienced before. Unfortunately he has transferred to Chicago University, but we look forward to climbing with him again some day.

When men share the hardships, dangers, and thrills of a day on a sheer rock wall, joined by a nylon rope, when each knows that his life may depend on the skill and judgment of the others, there is formed a bond of friendship and mutual respect that is hard to surpass, and which is one of the great rewards accruing to the devotee of this sport. When this bond is combined with that of the fraternity, the ultimate is very nearly attained.

Fortunately, however, the climber's constant awareness of the proximity of sudden death gives him a somewhat altered philosophy toward life and its ultimate, inescapable termination. Otherwise he might never be able to stand up under the loss of a climbing comrade and fraternity brother. Thus, when Brother John Hood fell to his death while leading a climb at Devil's Slide on the Pacific Coast, though we all felt the loss quite deeply, and still do, no one became emotionally unbalanced nor considered for a moment personally abandoning the sport. Johns' parents, themselves great lovers of the mountains, had this to say:

All this may serve, to some extent, to explain why we climb; but, together with one's experience with the "New Yorker" cartoons and the movies, prob-

ably conveys a highly erroneous idea of *how* we climb.

Though the element of danger is great and ever-present, modern climbing tech-

niques have made the accident and fatality rates surprisingly low as compared to other human activities. We do not tie ourselves together and then launch



JOHN HOOD, 1940

*Many of our friends have written to us about our son John, who recently met his death in a rock-climbing accident. No one should feel that words are futile at such a time. Words are the vehicle of the spirit and have the power to dispel the dark clouds and reveal the light which makes it possible to trace the deep pattern concealed in the tangled web of fate. We will always remember with deep gratitude.*

*John lived richly and well. He loved to hear fine music, to read great books, to spark class discussions in history, to solve tough problems in mathematics, to talk far into the night with friends. Above all he loved to climb mountains.*

*Earthbound men have often wondered why climbing appeals deeply to so many of the finest souls. We believe that it is for them the enactment on a physical plane of the eternal ascent of the human spirit in the quest for truth and beauty, justice and freedom. It demands the conquest of fear and triumph over the weakness of the flesh in a united assault on the ramparts of nature. The reward is an ecstatic experience of beauty and a supreme sense of exaltation.*

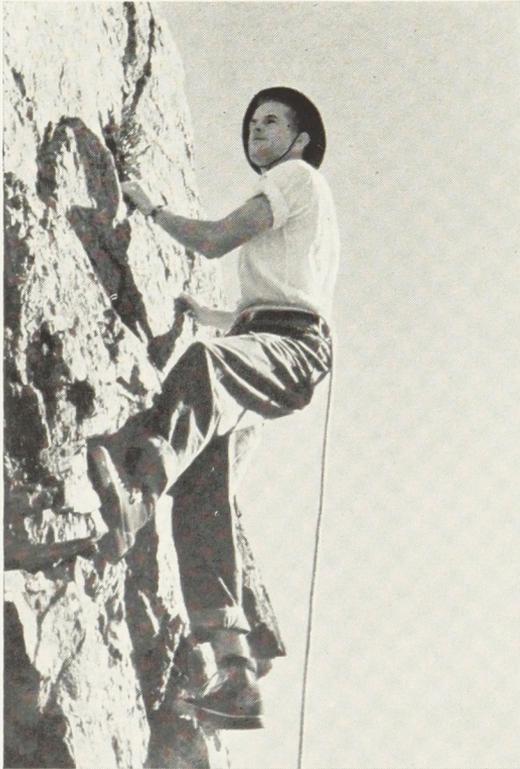
*It is the high destiny of everyone of us actively to participate in that slow and magnificent evolution of which mountain climbing is a symbol.*

*A. W. Hood and Mary V. Hood.*

ourselves onto the rock, all climbing simultaneously, so that if one man were to fall he would almost certainly pull off all the rest. Rather we climb in rope teams of two or three and only one person climbs at a time while the other belays from the most secure position available. In addition the belayer almost invariably anchors himself, by the rope, to some secure feature on the rock wall. If no other anchor is available he drives an iron spike with a ring in its head, called a piton, into a crack in the rock

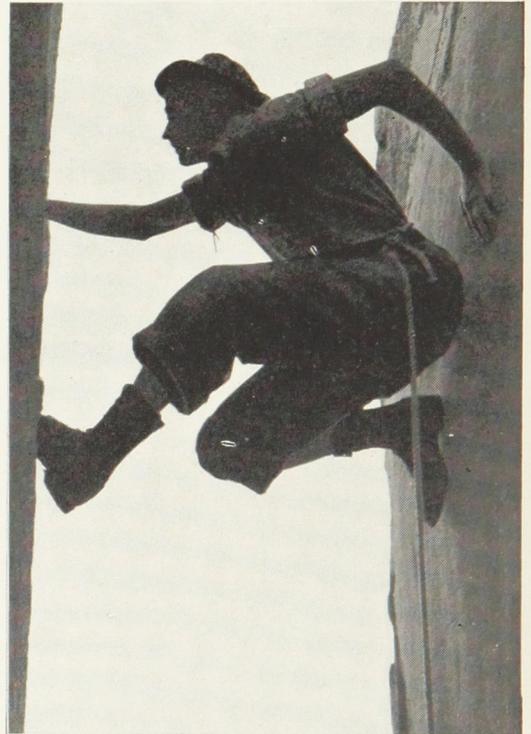
is securely wrapped around a rock pro-lives of climbers.

The dynamic belay works on the same principle of deceleration as the brakes of a car. The belayer passes the rope behind his hips, and in the event of a fall he allows the rope to slip a way. Thus the energy of the fall is absorbed, to a large extent, by the friction of the rope against the belayer's body and clothing, greatly reducing the strain on the rope and shock on the falling climber which result from a static belay where the rope



The author leads a climb up an "interesting" pitch.

and anchors to this by means of a karabiner, a steel snap-link. On a dangerously exposed climb, known as "fifth class," the leader places pitons at intervals along his route as he ascends. His rope is snapped into each of these with a karabiner which allows the rope to run freely, but which will act as a pulley to limit the length of a fall, if one should occur, these measures, combined with the "dynamic" belay and resilient nylon rope are quite effective in protecting the

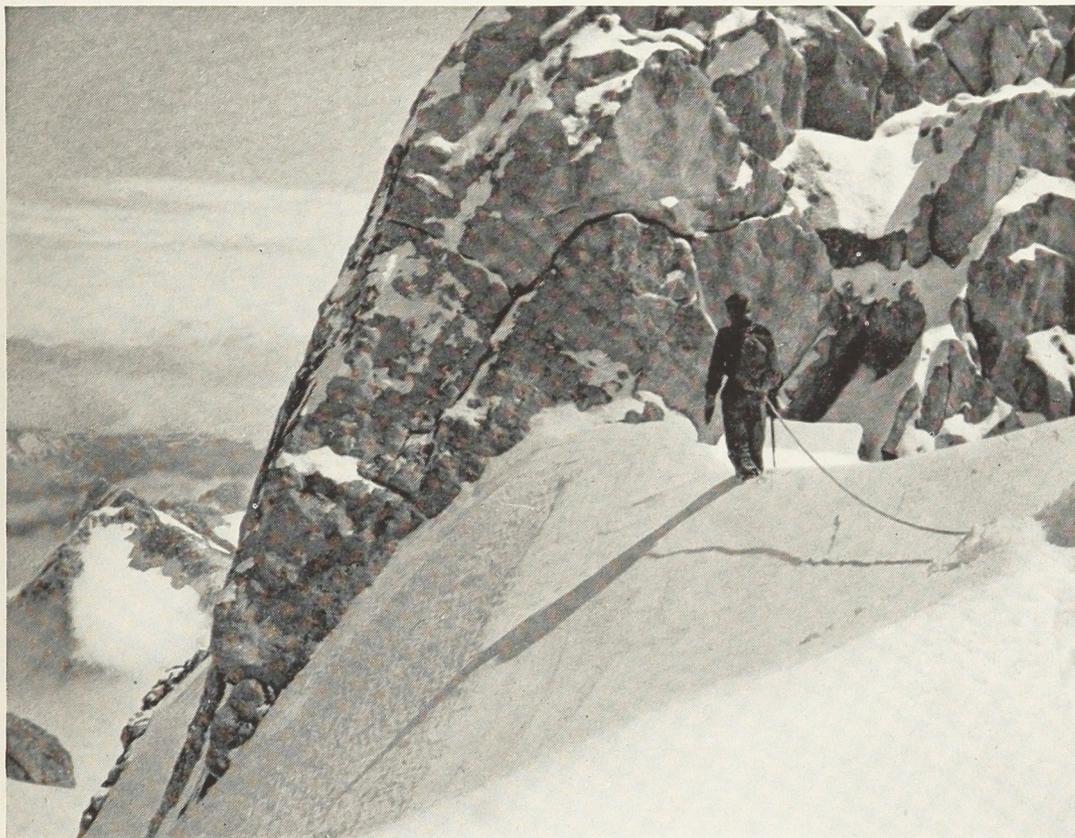


And now demonstrates "chimney technique."

jection. A moderately long fall on manila rope, using a static belay, has often resulted in the parting of the rope.

In both the Sierra Club and the Stanford Alpine Club practice climbs are conducted each Saturday or Sunday on small local outcrops. Here the novice learns the principles of dynamic belaying, which he is expected to practice until the motions become automatic. By then he is instructing others, thereby keeping in practice, perhaps even devising  
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# UNTRODDEN PEAKS



High on Dragon Back—another first ascent—and named by Ulf Ramm-Ericson, who is in the foreground.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

By FRITZ LIPPMANN

Stanford University and the University of California have carried on a hectic rivalry in sports for the past half century. The traditional trophy for the gridiron conflicts has been the Stanford Axe. The summer of 1947 literally and

actually witnessed students from both schools burying the axe for the first time in history. In fact, there were eight axes, ice axes, and the burying took place on the glaciers of the Coast Mountains of British Columbia. In all, eight ex-

pert mountaineers joined forces to explore, and climb, virgin, granite peaks in the Tiedemann Range, 200 miles north of Vancouver. This range lies to the east of Mount Waddington, 13,260 feet, the highest mountain in provincial Canada.

The inaccessibility of the Coast Mountains may best be judged by the fact that it wasn't until 1926 that the first explorer, W. A. Don Munday, succeeded in entering the region from the west. An east to west crossing of the mountains was made by three skiers of the English party led by King and Watson in the early thirties. Mount Waddington was climbed in 1936 by two Americans, Fritz Wiessner and Bill House, the fourteenth party to try. The Serra-Stiletto ridge in the heart of the region, had discouraged all comers, who, though loud in praise of the challenge of these peaks, could never maneuver into position to reach the summits. Irresistible are peaks which have never fallen under the nailed heel of a climbing boot. To go where no others had been was our goal for the summer.

The members for the University of

California were Bob Hansen, leader; Oscar Cook, Fletcher Hoyt, Dick Houston and Howard Parker. Representing Stanford were Ulf Ramm - Ericson, Rupert "Bud" Gates and myself. The services of two other Stanfordites were lost at the last minute on account of broken extremities. They were Al Baxter and Larry Taylor.

Our plans were to back pack the fifty miles from Grahams' Ranch at Tatla Lake, and to be supported by an air drop of supplies in the Scimitar Valley. Heretofore, all parties have relied on horses to enter the region. No less an authority than Don Munday advised against back packing in. He went on record by stating that horses were a necessity to ford the swollen Homathko river and that a helicopter might be a practical alternative. We held to our original plan, but not before convincing ourselves that where horses could go, we could. After all, isn't it man who dominates his environment?

Six of us rendezvoused in Vancouver on August 1 to ready supplies and complete arrangements with the Queen



Highest camp established by the climbers, on Tellot Glacier, 10,100 feet up.

Charlotte Airlines, who were to make our air drop. The drop was scheduled for August 10, after which Bob and Bud, the air drop supervisors, were to be deplaned by the Norseman seaplane at Twist Lake, a convenient lake within half-way walking distance.

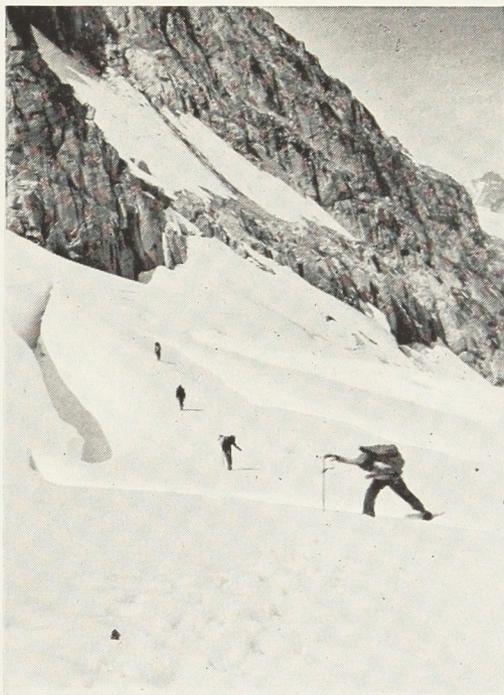


Above the clouds on the ascent of Mt. Tellot, 10,500 feet altitude. Ramm-Ericson is the climber under the hood and goggles. Notice the ice ax and rope.

On August 3, after a 500-mile automobile marathon, whence paved roads led to ruts, we in the advance party nosed our battered vehicles to the edge of Bluff Lake. From here we were obliged to walk with 70-lb. packs. On the far side of the lake we picked up the road again which continued as far as Middle Lake. Automobile travel is limited to the winter time when autos can cross on the ice. From the first day on arose daily friction and disputes between the fast members and the "slow members," with the slow members always coming out on top—the packs of course. From Middle Lake an excellent trail led to the last homestead in the valley, the cabin of Pat the Trapper. With the passing of the pert weathervane perched

atop the log cabin, the last ties with civilization were severed. The trail, too, soon disappeared.

At Twist Lake we had our longest water crossing. We fast members plunged naked into the icy waters; the slow members rode high and dry on a makeshift raft. At the lower end of the lake we became mired in a swamp created by a landslide damming the Homathko river. The resulting deadfall wilderness hindered our progress and the mire almost stopped us; yet we continued to feel that if horses got through, we could. The trail petered out in the ever-growing Homathko where pack trains had forded the torrent. Not anxious to get our feet and more wet, we stumbled onto an old Indian trail heading in the direction we wished to go.



On Cataract Glacier. Four men carry heavy packs up Cataract Glacier to establish the high camp. The man nearest the camera is crossing a crevasse, a deep crack in the glacier.

The less said about this trail most aptly describes it. Fallen trees were the greatest obstacle—usually too high to step over and too low to stoop under. Morass sections were conveniently spaced—just enough strength to traverse one and

recover sufficiently before plunging into the next. It wasn't long before we were firmly convinced that this was one trail that wasn't leading to the "Happy Hunting Ground," and if, by chance, it did, we were going the wrong way.

The grueling grind was escaped on the third day as we turned up a prominent side valley to the west in hopes that it was the Scimitar. It was, and base camp was reached at noon on the day before the air drop. Our major worry was over, for it had been imperative that we be on the scene when the supplies were dropped, or they might never be found. The site of our camp, the junction of Cataract Creek and Scimitar Creek, was already occupied by four men from Harvard University, and we were saddened by the news of the death, in an avalanche, of their companion, Charles Shiverick.

On August 8, the steep walls of the glacier valley were shrouded in clouds, which blasted our hopes of the plane getting through. Our meager supplies were immediately rationed, for we had just enough to stay three days and to retreat if the plane failed to arrive. The Harvard people were very kind and offered us food which we were not loath to accept. Ulf found a discarded canvas bag and poked his head in in search of "goodies." He will never recover, for inside were two-week-old bear entrails.

The next morning the joyful drone of the airplane sent us scurrying out to the boulder flats to receive the bundles. Our delight increased as precious bundle after precious bundle settled gently to earth. This feeling was short-lived as we proceeded to open the excelsior-padded burlap sacks. The jam tins had exploded on landing and jam was everywhere and in everything. A survey of further damages revealed that meat tins were sprung, noodles were in the jello, boot tacks and rubber cement were in the sugar, the dried fruits and assorted nuts had a veneer of cocoa, and five gallons of gas was nothing but an odor. We managed to salvage a goodly 80 per cent of our supplies; the remainder was burned.

While waiting for Bob and Bud, Ulf

and Fletch left the feast table long enough to make the 6,000-foot ascent of Mount Projectile, 9,500 feet. This was a first ascent. Fletch had stayed up all night so that they could get an early start; he didn't want to oversleep. On the second day, our rear echelon strolled into camp. They were furious to have taken two days to cover what the plane had done in six minutes. Their tales of muck and morass were an old story to us, but they disturbed us nevertheless, for none of us could forget that some time we would have to go through it again.

Four of the party then went on a minor exploring trip to the head of Scimitar Glacier to investigate the possibility of climbing Mount Waddington, but steep avalanche slopes on the north face forbade an attempt on the monarch of the range. A hurried retreat ensued in order to help relay loads over Cataract Col (Pass) to a high camp on Tellot Glacier, which was our main objective. The most advantageous route avoiding the first ice fall on Cataract Glacier, led past a bear shot by a Harvard member, and as the bear had been dead for some time, everyone put out a burst of speed to get upwind of the carcass. The only other time anyone with packs moved faster was when Fletch and I unwittingly tumbled on a yellow jacket's nest on the trek in.

The crest of Cataract Col sorely tried our patience. Time after time we were lured into a final sprint only to be disappointingly confronted with a false horizon. The stops became more and more frequent as lassitude sapped the will. Giant crevasses with snow bridges too delicate to cross necessitated lengthy detours. Feeble cheers of relief greeted the arrival at the actual pass. Our four tents were pitched on the upper plateau of the Tellot Glacier on a broad expanse of snow with no protection from the wind. While the others went down for more loads the next day, Bud and I reconnoitered the route to the Serra-Stiletto Ridge. The ridge was close by, though hidden by a bulge of the glacier, and time was found to make a new route

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# At the University of Toledo They Had a Party!

Last rushing season at the University of Toledo the men of Beta Rho chapter got together and threw an Apache Dance for a rush party. Its success is a tribute to careful planning.

Each rushee, active and date were sent

detailed instructions as to what should be worn and as to how they were expected to act. The result was outstanding—so outstanding, in fact, that the *Toledo Blade* devoted the first page of the Sunday rotogravure section to the pictorialization of the party.





Opening the door to the Drippin' Dagger are a Sig and his date while the door to the dive is carefully guarded.



Everyone got into the spirit of the thing, making sure that the dance floor was kept filled with apache-garbed dancers. It can easily be seen that it wouldn't be difficult to have a good time.



"One-eye" is watching the guest book just to make sure that no imposter gets in. Name cards pinned on everybody made it easy for a rushee to get acquainted as well as for the Alpha Sigs to get to know the rushees.



The decorations were well in keeping with the general theme as was the ramshackle building in which the dance was held.

The dates, too, added to the decorations.

# News Notes

## ALABAMA

(ALPHA IOTA)

H.S.P. Don Cronin

How Yo'all?

The Alpha Iota Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity is once again active on the University of Alabama campus. The first initiation ceremony, after five years of inactivity, was held at the chapter house on March 6, 1948. The initiation ceremony was conducted by Dusty Dilley, assistant national executive secretary, with the aid of a team of five Sigma Chapter brothers from Lexington, Kentucky.

Eight men were initiated into the chapter: James K. Bevill, George W. Weaver, Arthur Rassias, Artie Hardival, John L. Taylor, John Duggan, Donald J. Cronin and Clayton L. McDowell.

During the evening following the initiation ceremonies a banquet was held honoring the new initiates. Brothers Marcus Whittman and James Holliday were present as was our new house mother, Mrs. Ruth V. Tubbs of Birmingham, acting as hostess.

Officers elected and installed were: H.S.P., Donald J. Cronin; H.J.P., John E. Duggan; H.S., Arthur Rassias, and H.E., William G. Carson.

We were very fortunate in securing nine top notch pledges: Jimmy Theodos, Roy Locklar, Joseph Morgan, Ray Menga, Harry Lorant, Steve Jones, Samuel Reed and Herman Scott.

Talking about scholastic averages, six of the eight new initiates had over a "B" average, four of these six had an A average. (Ed's Note: That's fair.)

And are they athletic? Yea, man. Practically all of them have lettered in one or two sports. So we're out to cop both the tournament prizes and the university scholastic trophy.

Although we are small in number, at this early stage of reorganization, the quality of our reactivation group is self evident. They will represent the "Old Gal" with flying colors and endeavor to uphold the high reputation of her illustrious sons and her sister chapters.

The mmembers of the Alpha Iota Chapter wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Assistant National Executive Secretary, C. E. Dilley for his immeasurable assistance in reorganizing the chapter.

Y'all 'll hear mo' from us, real soon—hear?

## BALDWIN-WALLACE

(ALPHA MU)

H.S.P. Wallace P. Smith

Alpha Mu Chapter now boasts fourteen new actives: Jim Chapman, Bob Egleston, Bill Johnson, Al Lambacher, Bob Lorenz, Elmer Munkachy, George Paine, Jim Palmquist, Bob Petersen, Dick Probst, Bruce Ralston, Ray Simmerer, Harry Toban, and Clair West. Jim Chapman was elected best p'edge. New pledges are Bob Bastock, Harry Turner, Miller, Ned Stein, and Don Young.

Bob Beach assumed the editorship of the college newspaper, the *Exponent*, and has done a fine job. Other Sigs on the staff are Dick Corfoot, Jay B. Lyons, Don Baeder, Harry Cary, and Don Young.

Our sports activities have improved in the last few months under the capable chairmanship of Dick Croyle.

The monotony of pledging period was broken up for the pledges by the re-inauguration of "Joy Day." For a twenty-four hour period during the latter days of January, the fraternity was handed over to the pledges. Actives were assigned jobs proportionate to their rating on the pledge's list. Even H.S.P. Wally Smith was made to dust down the dorm stairs.

As has been usual with us in the past, a respectable number of Sigs made the Dean's list when grades were handed out for the last quarter. Dave Mobblerly, Roger Aldrich, Don Baeder, and Elmer Munkachy were our "brains."

The entire chapter was very proud of the outstanding performance by Wally Smith as the lead in the college play "Shadow and Substance." Bruce Ralston, Earl Courter, and Bob Beach are also to be commended for their fine supporting roles.

On February 24 our annual winter informal dance was held at a nearby country club. A large turnout enjoyed the "classy" atmosphere and the fine music arranged by our new social chairman, Curt Crewes.

At the present time, the main efforts of Alpha Mu are being channeled into the serious business of preparing for the Interfraternity Sing which is to be held in late April. Practices are being held three times a week under the direction of Jim Morey, who, as usual, is doing a masterful job of trying to blend a liberal sprinkling of monotones with a bunch of shower-room crooners.

—BOB WARD, H.A.E.



This picture was taken over the shoulder of Frank Johnson to catch Hoffman, Shea and Spellburg indulging in a game of roulette at Ohio State's Monte Carlo party.

## BETHANY

(BETA GAMMA)

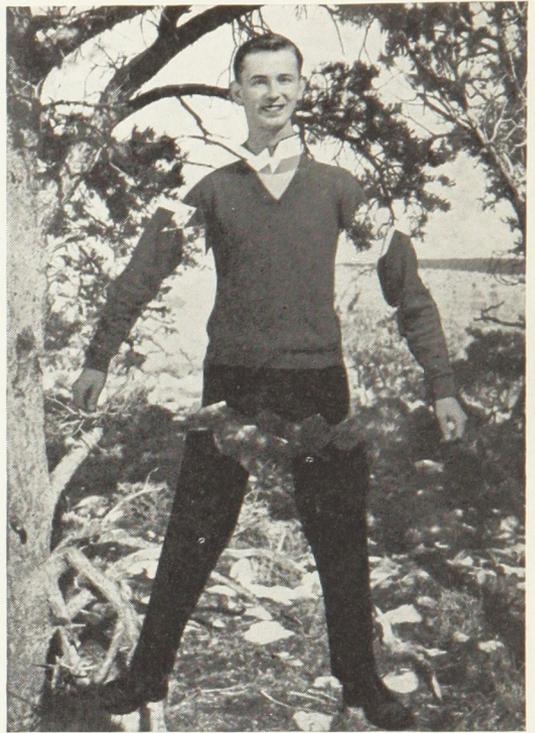
H.S.P. Harry Foose



Bill Bonville, HAE

"Things are getting better all the time," goes a popular song of a couple years back, and that is how it goes with Beta Gamma during the current year.

The big news at present is our expanding membership. Initiated on February 27 were James Carman, Robert Hankey, William Zelweger, Robert Lohman, Randy Gephardt, Lawrence Corcoran, Edward Kiamie, and Ralph Kraus. The pledge class, garnered on February 21, consists of William Barnett, Bix Durbin, Robert Ference, Robert Fischer, Steve Fortunado, John Gerdes, William Grove, Paul Huchette, Anthony Maruca, Malcolm McGoveran, Robert Mellen, Albert Patterson, Howard Cress, Daniel Sarokon, Robert Steel Richard Stein-



Although the above publicity picture of Jack Thrush, of Ohio State, for Gold Diggers King listed him as "currently unattached," he climaxed the campaign by planting his pin on Rosemary Gotshall.

brunn, George Stepanian, Richard Straitiff, David Thomas, and Roy Weeks. Membership now stands at thirty-three actives and twenty pledges.

Lost between semesters: one active and one pledge. The active, Bill Wolfe, guard on our chapter court squad, to Washington and Jefferson College just over the Penny line. We hope to help him "agitate" a new Alpha Sig Chapter there. The pledge, George Myers, to home and a job, with the hope of seeing him back here on the "hill" again.

The local inter-fraternity hoop season was completed last week after we managed to yank three out of ten games into our win register. Greatest thriller was our 36-35 win over the independents to defeat them the hard way by coming from behind in the last few minutes of play. Members of Coach Jim Kearney's team were forwards Carl France, Chuck Taylor, Larry Corcoran, and Tom Kearney; guards, Perry Culver, Bill Wofel, and Spic Spiedenner; centers, Randy Gephardt, and Harold Ruck. France and Gephardt led in the team scoring.

The volley-ball tourney begins this week, but the chapter is especially looking forward to March 17 when we hope to repeat our conquest of last year by taking the swimming meet.

Elections for our chapter officers have been conducted with the following results: H.S.P., Harry Foose; H.J.P., Paul Flanagan;



Front row, left to right: McNamara, Casilio, Speake, Dofflemeyer, Seeger, Malmberg. Second row, left to right: Gardner, Drenth, Wilcox, Johnston, Abrams, Holwerda. Third row, left to right: Chaney, Anzalone.

H. E., Robert Stickel; H. C. S., George Schramm; H. S., Charles (Humphrey) Garlick; H. M., Carl France; H. C., Richard Poss; H. A. E., Bill Bonville

Incidental items include the enlargement of the ping-pong facilities in the cellar where we now have three tables in full operation. Brother Elwood Rushworth has been playing viola with the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra; Chuck "Humphrey" Garlick, all 270 (? or more) pounds of him, initiated into the Varsity "B" Club; Bob Hankey directing the production of the Theater Guild's production of "Outward Bound"; Bethanian Editor Bill Bonville and Business Manager Bob Riedel putting the finishing touches on the '47-'48 yearbook; and Carl France alternating between studies, his post as secretary of the Ministerial Association, and preaching every Sunday in a church at a nearby Ohio Valley town.

The chapter is also thinking of rehearsing its own swing band. Consider this as a nucleus: Trumpets, Bob Hankey, Paul Huchette, Tony Maruca, Al Patterson, and Jim Kearney. Base Horn: Chuck Garlick. Trombones, Bob Riedel, Bill Grove, and Steve Fortunado. Sax and Clarinet, Pete Zapher, Bob Ference and Dick Steinbrunn. Drums, Dave Perry. Bass Fiddle, George Stepanian. Pianists are a glut on the market. There's hardly a man in the chapter who doesn't think he can play the ivories (still speaking of the piano), but few are really good. Don Norton, Bill Barnett, and Dave Thomas tend towards popular style. with Bill! doing a mean arrangement of various boogie-beats. Ralph Kraus is our classical pianist. He has played several concerts throughout the Pittsburgh-Wheeling area.

Our Christmas serenade, reported in the last issue as being planned, went off perfectly. The chapter has been the recipient of many favorable comments from *la femmes*.



Front row, left to right: Kelley, Mrs. Duffin, Whitfield, Hay, Kreigh, Batchelet. Second row, left to right: Bolivar, Laurito, Sharp, Miller, Exley, Roche, Harris, Scholl. Third row, left to right: Petranto, McGuire, Martone, Carlson. Fourth row, left to right: Martin, Harris.

## BROOKLYN POLY

(ALPHA UPSILON)  
H.S.P., Turchiano

The Brooklyn Poly Alpha Sigs have settled down for the long haul in the new semester, with vows of higher grade point averages trembling on their lips. A scholarship committee has been appointed by Prexy Turchiano to boost along any backsliders.

The first official party of the spring semester was held in the chapter rooms on February 28. Twenty couples attended, including Professor Wandmacher, director of the evening session, and Brother Heinzelman '33 and their wives. Charades and other parlour stunts enlivened the evening.

A very successful freshman smoker was held on February 13. At least 30 prospective pledges attended. Professor Gunwaldsen of the faculty attended. Charles Von Dreusche was pledged to Alpha Sigma Phi in the opening week of pledging.

Four new floor lamps, with bronze stands and featuring indirect lighting have been added to the chapter equipment in order to dispel the gloom in the far corners. A missing freshman was found in one dark nook, busily manipulating a slide rule. A half dozen chairs and a new vacuum cleaner are the next items on the purchasing agent's list.

Brother Mike Grosso '48, after a very successful year on the mat has been selected to represent Brooklyn Poly at the National Intercollegiate wrestling championships. Mike, who has been working in the unlimited class all season, is trying to pare himself down to the 190 pound classification. Those heavyweights look awful big.—THOMAS A. FOSTER,

## CARNEGIE TECH

ALPHA GAMMA

Karl F. Schauwecker '30, who is Service Metallurgist for the Milwaukee Sales District



Brothers Knickerbocker, Hughes and Kruse pass the snow-like decorations in the U.C.L.A. house as they arrive for a formal dance.



The brothers at Marshall sign up new pledges at the I. F. C. rushing party.

of Carnegie-Illinois Steel, says that his daughter, Susan Jane, who was born the 28th of December, 1947, has been growing "like sixty" ever since.

## COLUMBIA (LAMBDA)

C. Porter Kuykendall has been assigned as Consul General in charge of the Consulate General at Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa, from the Consulate in Liverpool, England.

## CORNELL IOTA

Alan R. Willson in Closter, N. J., has lots of compliments for the active chapter about the Iota Sig to which we'd like to add some of our own.

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Dr. Jesse E. Sellers of the engineering section of the Resin and Insulation Materials Division was awarded the Charles A. Coffin award by the General Electric Company in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the advancement of his job and to the company.

The Coffin Award, which is granted each year as a tribute to the memory of one of the founders of G. E. and its first president, was established in 1923. It is the highest honor the company bestows.

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Dr. Sellers received his award for the design and development of a stirred bed reactor for the direct reaction of silicon and methylchloride. This reactor was so successful that it was used as the basis for the design of all the reactors installed in the new silicone plant at Waterford, N. Y. This development work was necessary for the operation of the Waterford plant, and it is expected very substantial cost savings will result from the use of the stirred bed reactor, as compared with the static bed type. Dr. Selres' citation was given "in recognition of his in-

genuity in the design of the reactor for the manufacture of silicone products."

Dr. Sellers is in charge of the group in the R.I.M. engineering section working on the development of equipment and processes for the manufacture of organo-chrosilanes. He has been with the company since 1930 when he started working on varnish products in the works laboratory in Schenectady. The following year he went to the engineering section of the Resin and Insulation Materials Division, and began working on the alkyd resins. From 1941 on, his work has been concentrated chiefly on silicones.

Dr. Sellers is a graduate of the University of Colorado. From 1921 until 1925 he taught general chemistry and qualitative analysis at Kansas State College. After taking his M.S. degree in 1928, he became instructor in chemical microscopy at the University of Colorado. He took his doctorate in chemistry there in 1931.

Dr. Sellers is married and has a 20-months-old daughter. He is author of numerous technical articles, and is a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Association of the Advancement of Science.

## FRANKLIN-MARSHALL (BETA PI)

Beta Pi Chapter started the current semester with only twelve active members and two pledges. The chapter is still handicapped by the lack of a house, but the future looks brighter as we have almost completed our negotiations incorporating the alumni. We hope to have a house by early September.

The fraternity was heartened by earning the scholarship cup for the second time. If we are able to keep it this semester, the cup will be ours for good.

In the near future we are going to issue bonds in \$50.00 denominations. With the money raised by this bond issue, we hope to have enough money to buy a house. All brothers and alumni have pledged full support, but if any Alpha Sigma Phi's have any ideas



Beards and all at this Bohemian party at Marshall. which will benefit us, address all letters to Francis E. Ringer, 538 West James Street, Lancaster, Pa.—RICHARD MANSBACK, H.A.E.

## HARTWICK

(BETA XI)

H.S.P. Jerry J. Miller

To bring things here at Beta Xi Chapter up to date will take in some of last fall's events.

Our fall rushing resulted in the initiation of six new brothers. They are: Faculty adviser, Walter Whybrew, Oneonta, N. Y.; Charles J. Nelson, Bellerose, N. Y.; Roger W. Williams, Gloversville, N. Y.; Robert F. Schwenk, Kingston, N. Y.; Myron E. Gifford, Oxford, N. Y.; and John W. Becker, Cooperstown, N. Y.

In January, Brother Harold Bishop graduated and entered Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Brother Brian Gardner transferred to Oneonta State Teachers College. Their departure left the offices of H.S. and H.A.E. vacant. This resulted in the election of Brother Ross McCarthy as H.S. and Brother Earl Sanford as H.A.E.

Under the leadership of Brother Charles Burke, chairman of the social committee, our open house in the fall and our recent spring rush party and dinner were great successes.

We are now planning a "Sig Outing" for brothers and their guests which will take place at Alumnus Brother Beecher's summer home on the Hudson. Elaborate plans for our annual "Sig Bust" to be held in May are also in progress.

The brothers here have formed basketball and bowling teams which are active in college and municipal leagues.

Bugs Bunny and his Valentine, designed by Brother Hank Cox, and constructed by the chapter members, was the first prize winner in the recent Snow Sculpture contest sponsored by the Oneonta Youth Council.

We are now well established in our new house and find this a great help in fraternity life.—EARL W. SANFORD, H.A.E.

## IOWA

John M. Harrison '31, has been an associate



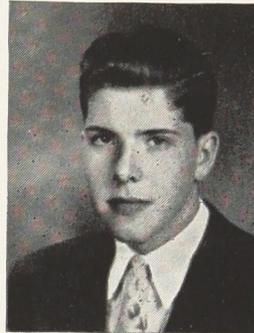
Omicron men around Farina and the piano.

editor and editorial writer of the Toledo (Ohio) Blade since the 1st of July, 1947.

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## LEHIGH

H.S.P. Robert Barker



J. Robert Cairns, HAE ing all classes, despite the vigorous efforts of

Pledges Burk, Cameron, and Boyer to keep all the paths near the house clear.

Exams for the fall semester are now over and everyone has a clean slate to start off with. To start the semester off right, Billy Rupp, our ace fencer and sabre man on the varsity fencing team, came through last week with the deciding points for a 10-8 victory over Lafayette College, and, needless to say, we all wish him the same success in his future matches.

The "Alumni Room" in the basement has been improved by the addition of window curtains and drapes. Our thanks and appreciation are extended to Mrs. Ford, wife of Dr. Ford, also an Alpha Sig, head of the Psychology Department at Lehigh. A big party has been planned for the weekend of February 28 to help break in some new tables and other furniture which has also been added to the new recreation room.

The house average for the fall semester was computed by Jim Holyoke and an overall 2.3 was the result, which was not unfavorable at all. We are hoping to really hit the top this semester, however, a feat which should



The men at Xi who brought Alpha Sigma Phi back on campus.



Marietta men and some rushees in their club room.

not be difficult to attain considering the good material we have in the house.

On March 6 the brothers have planned a Father and Son weekend which should be quite a success. The big event of that weekend will be the Lehigh-Army wrestling match which will, in all probability, be another victory for the crack Brown and White matmen, and we are all hoping for a good turnout which will further aid the success of the weekend.

The culinary department here at 514 Delaware Avenue has joined the Lehigh University Cooperative Kitchens (commonly referred to as "LUCK") along with about 15 or 20 other fraternity houses from Lehigh and a similar number from Lafayette College. A considerable discount in meat prices has been effected through the aid of the Swift & Company, wholesale house in Allentown, and all concerned are hoping that this new idea will be a success and that the cooperative system can be extended to include the buying of vegetables and other staple foods, also.

And now, until next issue, we are fraternally yours, the Beta Epsilon Chapter.

J. ROBERT CAIRNS, H.A.E.

## MARIETTA

(DELTA)

H.S.P. William Kent



Harry Lown, HAE

The G. I. students have not only expanded the enrollment of colleges, but also the enrollment of fraternities. Delta Chapter is no exception. Before the G. I. rush, Delta Chapter consisted of about ten actives and no pledges. Now we have a total of 32 actives and 32 pledges. When only ten Sigs could be found on the

Marietta College campus, the house problem was considered as minor. Seventy-four Sigs with no house is a major problem.

For three semesters we of the Delta Chapter had only a classroom in which to hold our meetings. A classroom that was so situated as not to leave much room for privacy. As far as most of us could see, a house was the only solution.

After talking with school authorities, and several Delta alumni, a house was promised to us as soon as one could be found. No mention, however, was made as to whether the search would take a month, six months, or a year.

Delta brothers put their heads together again, and the result was clubrooms. We knew better than to think that rented rooms would take the place of a house. They would, nevertheless allow for a much needed feeling of unity, and for privacy.

Sixteen actives and two pledges combined their talents during the summer semester of '47 to fix up the three adjoining rooms we had rented. Washing, papering, painting, and sanding all went into making the renovation of the rooms a laborious task. A feminine touch was added by Miss Patricia Pape, who is pinned to Brother Lown, by providing us with drapes for each window. Delta is proud of the finished product.—HARRY LOWN, H.A.E.

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The note that we received from Dr. Joseph M. Ballouz didn't say what he was doing in Louvain, Belgium, but he did mention that he spent Christmas in Switzerland.

## MARSHALL

(BETA DELTA)

The greatest discussion among brothers of the local chapter, on the campus of the college that has become nationally known in the past year through athletic accomplish-



Dad Hogan and Representative Joe Smalley at Oklahoma alumni meeting.



Some of the fine men of Ohio Northern.

ments, is the possibility of a house to shelter the some thirty-one active members, and the probable twenty to come into the chapter during the next semester.

Since the beginning of the fall term last September, it has been the prime objective of the fraternity to obtain a house, and finally the future looks bright of the possibility that we may have one in the near future, maybe by summer.

On the social scene our chapter has also been on the ball. We have had some of the best parties and dances of any social organization for the year. Our float for the homecoming game, last fall, took second place and our scholastic average among the fraternities on the Marshall campus has moved up three places since last year. In the recently held Infraternity Council smoker the Alpha Sigma Phi was favored above all other fraternities.

We are planning the most elaborate smoker for our pledges that has ever been attempted. Our chapter is taking the lead on the Marshall scene and it is our object to impress our potential brothers. The smoker is to be held in the Hotel Frederick.

Plans have already been laid to make preparations for our biggest social event of the year, the annual "Star Dance."

On the whole I believe that all other chapters can well be proud of the accomplishments of the small, but far from being insignificant, local Beta Delta at Marshall College in Huntington, West Virginia.—JOHN R. LAIR, H.A.E.

## MICHIGAN

(THETA)

With the informal rushing season only two weeks under way at time of writing, Theta has pledged a dozen men, every one of them a credit to the Old Gal. We present: Jim Foster, Jim Howe, Bob Prochaska, Tom Caley, Bill O'Dell, Bob Stoller, Bruce Nelson, John Tipton, John Spindler, Ray Webb, Al Johnson, and Stan King. The

group includes a gratifying number of second generation Alpha Sigs.

House elections at the turn of the semester altered the regime somewhat with the advent of John Winters, H. J. P.; Joe Marble, H.S.; Bill Waterbury, H.E.; and Carl Bieser, H.C. At the same time three Sigs left the house, diplomas in hand. Bill Wilson headed back to Detroit. Ray Bohn headed for Minneapolis; and Don Weston struck out for Africa, destination Liberia. The latter two also undertook the support of a wife apiece.



Karl Sterne, H.A.E.



In the realm of social functions, Theta has provided amply for her party boys. The Christmas party came off with the pledge class hitting new lows in the world of The Theatre, and the poems which accompanied small tokens of affection to the various members hitting new highs of acerbity. A more formal atmosphere prevailed at the post-J-Hop breakfast held between semesters at 3 a. m. after dancing to Tommy Dorsey and



Such earnestness should net the Bethany chapter the ping-pong crown.

Sonny Dunham. An informal party the next night (Saturday) helped make the Big Week-end perfect, with the smooth band and slip horn of our own Doug Lent keeping the chaperones happy while other revelers gathered in the famous North Wing.

Well known to every Alpha Sig is Hell Week, which will have reared its merry head and passed, by publication date; but at the present last semester's pledges are still trembling in their socks as they prepare for the ordeal. Thirteen are going in; how many will survive until initiation is posterity's secret. But March 13 promises ample rewards for the strong, when the Initiation Formal takes place, with dinner and oratory for all.

And in last place, to catch the eye of all, we announce the Alumni Reunion, which will take place on May 1, come rain or snow.

## MILTON

(BETA UPSILON)

Beta Upsilon Chapter held its semi-annual rush party on the night of February 16, at the summer home of Brother John Shuler on beautiful Rock River. Nine rushees were treated to a super-deluxe steak dinner with all of the trimmings. After dinner, a social meeting was held.

At the last meeting on March 4, Robert Wingren, Harold May, Doug Pitzner, Gene Fox, Vince Shuler, Willis Schlenk, and Donald Meyers were initiated as this semester's class.

We are very glad to have six brothers as members of the Milton College Choir, which recently took a two-week tour through the eastern section of the United States. They are: Enoch Brice, Nolan Nelson, Gene Louchs, Paul Thompson, Frank Maasch, and Don Schumacher.—JOHN D. JOHNSON, H.A.E.

## MISSOURI VALLEY

(ALPHA OMICRON)

H.S.P. Cleo Smeaton

Although we lost much when our H.S.P.,



Brothers Saffen, Hazelton, Johnson and Abernathy come to Ohio State's Snuffy Smif's Dance.

Robert Cloud, graduated, we gained in Cleo Smeaton, our newly elected H.S.P., a man who has many good ideas for increasing the chapter's treasury. It was his idea that we sponsor a motion picture at the local theater and it was from this that we gleaned much monies.

We have initiated the policy of taking one 400-foot reel of movies of the chapter each year. It seems to us that after a library of these are built up it will prove invaluable in rushing and for party entertainment. Should other chapters adopt the same policy, we would be glad to exchange films with them. We believe that every one could gain much from such a practice. Good party ideas as well as all other ideas could be thus easily exchanged.—VERNON E. WALDEN, H.A.E.

## MOUNT UNION

(BETA ALPHA)

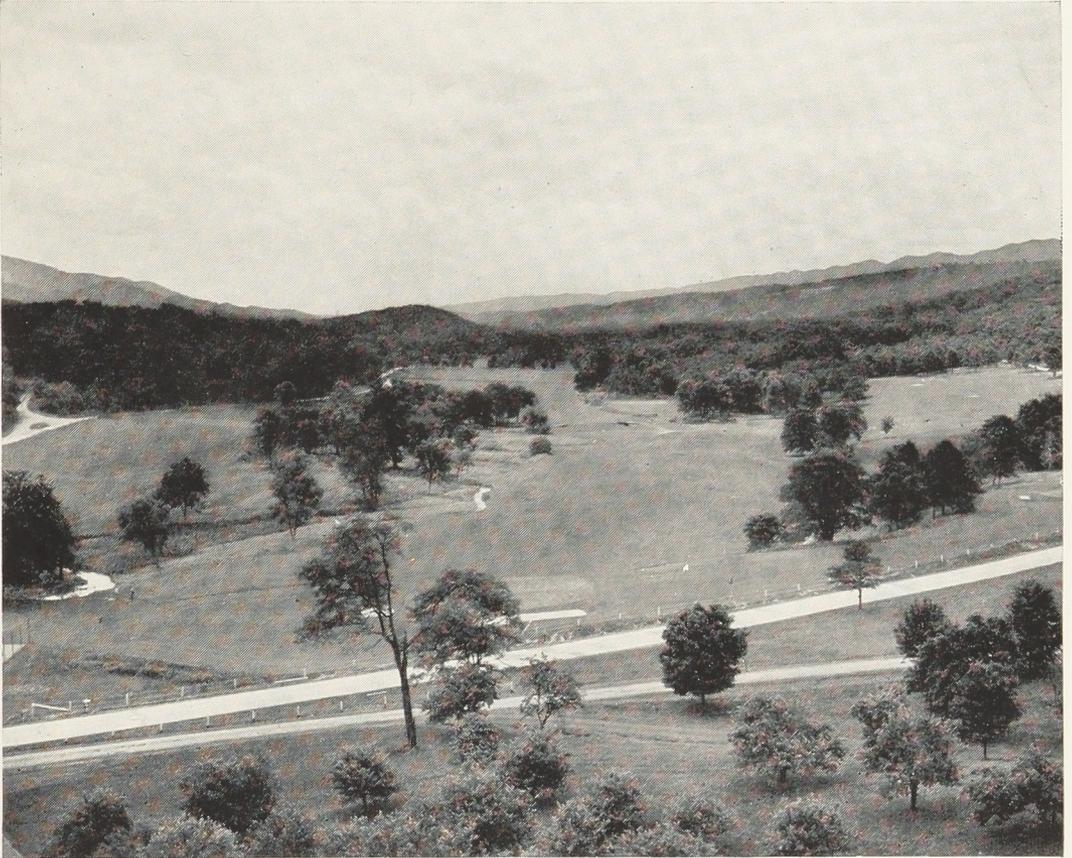
H.S.P. Ray Drake, Jr.



Beta Alpha Chapter once again wishes to say hello to all sister chapters. We have been reestablished on the Mount Union campus

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# 1948, Convention Year



Views along the golf course at Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford, Pennsylvania, scene of the 1948 Alpha Sigma Phi Convention, are breath-taking. The fresh mountain air will add zip to your game.



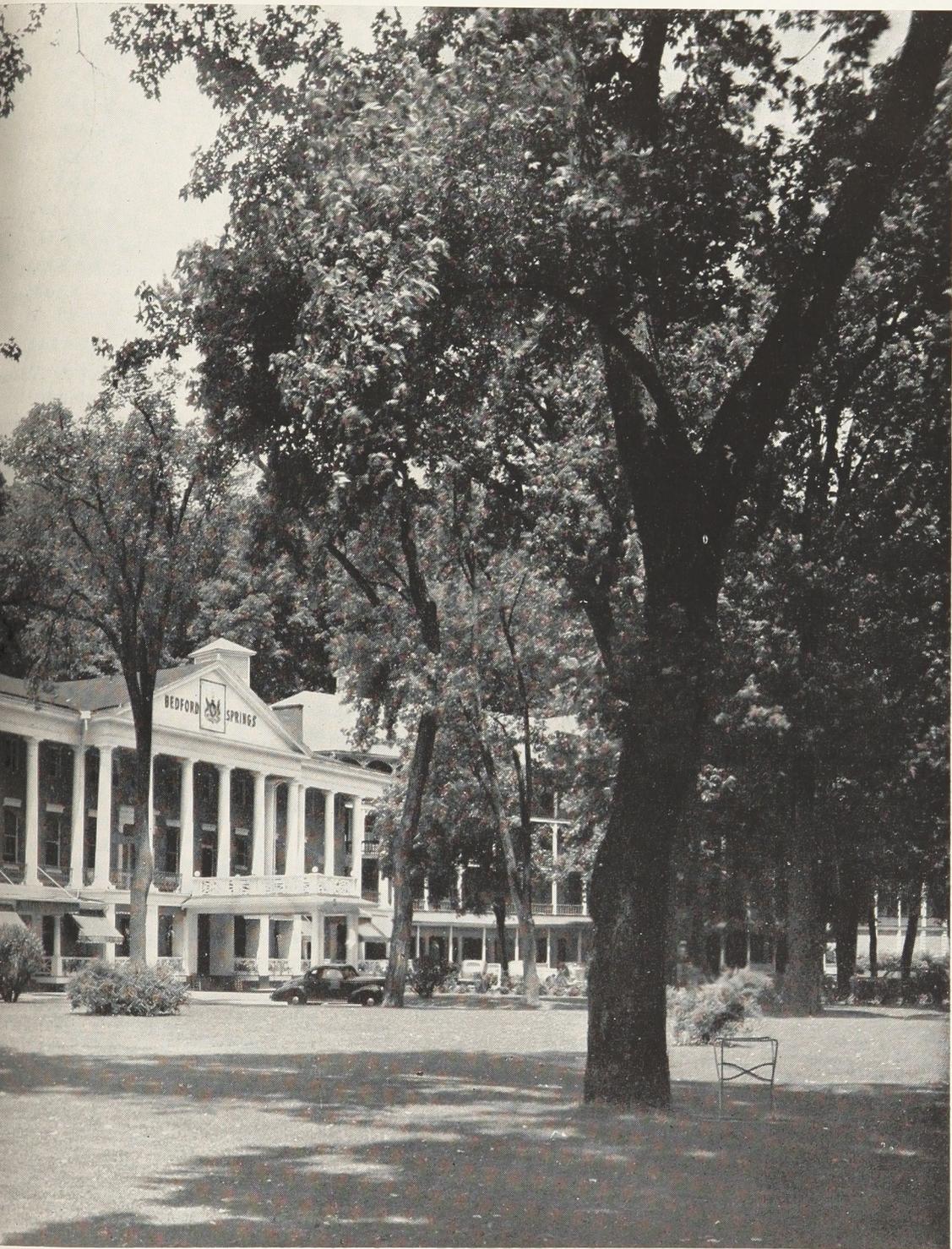
A beautiful indoor swimming pool is filled with spring-fed water. Health baths adjoin the pool.



The Wedgewood lobby is reminiscent of Colonial America and the early days of famous Bedford Springs.



The 2800 acres of Bedford Springs Hotel stretch out between two mountain ranges. Popular as early as 1805, Bedford Springs and the Village of Bedford are rich in early American history. Places where Braddock and Forbes traveled, the Espey House where George Washington stayed, the Old Shot Factory are but a few you'll want to see.



This is the setting for Alpha Sigma Phi's first national convention since the consolidation with Alpha Kappa Pi. It is here that we will hold our leadership school. It is here where Sigs of all ages will meet and discuss fraternity.



Dark corners and candlelight make this party at Tri-State.

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after being dormant for a period of nearly four years.

The chapter started off in an unpredictable manner, but through the cooperation of its alumni and members it has attained the momentum of a smooth functioning organization. At the present time we have a chapter roll of twenty-six members. This number represents eighteen actives and eight pledges.

Toward the beginning of this semester we took upon ourselves the task of redecorating the inside of our house. Many of the fellows painted their study rooms to suit their own taste. To tell the truth many of the colors are out of this world, and should remain there.

We have also been fortunate in obtaining a fine housemother and cook for our table. This table, which has only recently been installed, is under the guidance of Brothers Rouse and Walton.

At an annual election of officers for the ensuing year Brother Ray Drake was elected H.S.P.; George Newell, H.J.P.; Henry Cramblett, H.S.; Bruce Younker, H.E.; Paul Diekmann, H.C.S., and Link Naumoff, H.M.

On February 28, Beta Alpha and sister chapter Epsilon played the preliminary game to the Mount Union-Ohio Wesleyan game. The ending of the game showed Epsilon to be the victor by a score of 36-25. Beta Alpha regained its pride when Mount Union College upset Ohio Wesleyan.

Some of our brothers are really making a name for themselves on the Mount campus. Brother Ketter was elected president pro-tempore of the Student Senate. In a recent style show held at the college, sponsored by one of the large department stores in Alliance, Brothers Broscoe and Younker were quite active in setting up the lighting system that was used. Brother Naumoff, who wrote Beta Alpha's sweetheart song, had charge of a musical interlude between the halves of the Mount Union-Western Reserve basketball game. He was feature soloist, with his number "Big Fat Mamma" wowing the audience. Brothers Ketter and Drake were given the honor of participating in the 1948 replay of



It's easy if you know how say the boys at Brooklyn Poly.

the first inter-collegiate basketball game against Hiram College at Mount Union. A return game was held at Hiram College at a later date.

Beta Alpha Chapter is growing slowly but surely on this campus.

The doors of the "Old Brick" at the corner of College Street and Union Avenue are always open to all alumni and active members.

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We see Frank Krebs' picture in a lot of newspapers from all over the country since he undertook the job of getting steel for the rebuilding of the Scio, Ohio, Pottery that was destroyed by fire.

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Legacy born to Dr. and Mrs. Donald W. Eckley on May 20th, 1947—name of Donald James Eckley. Our congratulations, Brother Eckley.

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## NEBRASKA

(XI)

H.S.P. Doc Secord

Xi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi now has a temporary house, an active chapter of 20 members and a pledge class of 18. During the war, and for two and one-half years thereafter, the chapter had no house and only enough active members to take charge of official duties. The task of rejuvenating the chapter was a difficult one. It meant that each man had to put forth doubled effort. It meant that he had to spend many extra hours helping to lay the ground work for the strong chapter that now exists here at Nebraska.

Our present chapter extends sincere gratitude to the Alumni Association in Nebraska. Constantly guiding us through unforeseen difficulties, it gave us renewed courage and a firm foothold for fraternity operation. Brother Galen Jones, class of '35, who represents us in the Alumni Association, receives our whole-hearted appreciation for the time and efficient effort that he put forth. He was in-



Well coached are these Xi men playing bridge.

strumental in renting a house for us on "Fraternity Row." He then worked out such details as: furniture, redecoration, house equipment, cook, food and painting. With his guidance, the actives and the pledges went to work on the frame house and came through with a home that all are deeply grateful for.

Brother Ed McCullough in 1946 carefully picked up the broken pieces of Xi Chapter, and as H.S.P. began putting them reverently together again. He contacted the six pre-war actives and received their united aid. He contacted the alums and consulted with Brother Galen Jones. He gave the chapter cohesion and directed action, so that, as time passed, two pledge classes were initiated and the group grew steadily. On that long road back, Brother McCullough was at his post continually and is highly respected by the men for his devotion to the cause.

Our present strong chapter is making itself known in the social and educational fields of the university. Christmas season saw the pledges carrying the traditional Yule-log and serenading the sorority houses. Also, at that time, the alums and the actives met for the well-remembered Christmas party where plans were discussed for a new house. Highlighting the spring formal season will be the "Black and White" formal, scheduled for March 19 in the Pioneer Ballroom, Cornhusker Hotel. Under the able direction of Brother Ward Zimmerman, it promises to be a major event on the campus. Brother David Kinsman, a graduate student in the school of music, is arranging an Alpha Sig song for the orchestra. This year Brother Howard Ford was nominated as our most eligible bachelor to represent us at the Mortar Board Ball.

Xi Chapter is once again well known in all circles. Brothers Ed McCullough, Doc Secord and Jack Norman were in the university play, "Petrified Forest." Brother Vic Tomka, last fall, was a member of the "B" football team. Brother Thomas Dewey was made editor of "Universities at Nebraska" published by the Inter-Fraternity Council. Brother Reginald Stewart and Pledge Ed Opocensky were initiated into Gamma Lambda, men's national band fraternity.



It's the atmosphere that makes the party say the men at Tri-State.

On January 10, Xi Chapter initiated 14 men into the Mystic Circle. They are: Clinton Mason, Dwayne Counce, Doc Secord, John Wullschleger, Don Callies, Vic Tomka, Jerry Tomka, Jack Norman, Bill Urbanek, Paul Siegmund, Dick Drbal, Reginald Stewart, Dean Whitmore, and Thomas Dewey.

On February 23, new officers were elected. They are: H.S.P., Doc Secord; H.J.P. Reginald Stewart; E. B. Weisenreder; H.S. Thomas Dewey; H.C.S., Don Callies; H.C. Clinton Mason; H.M., John Wullschleger, and H.A.E., Jack Noran.

Living in a house where all the cups and awards of former days are displayed has greatly increased our initiative. We are engaging in more activities more energetically and mean to keep adding to Xi Chapter's long list of achievements at Nebraska.—THOMAS S. DEWEY, H.A.E.



## OHIO NORTHERN

(GAMMA ALPHA)

H.S.P. William Whitely

Since this is our first news letter to the *Tomahawk*, we of Gamma Alpha Chapter wish to extend our greetings to all our brothers, old and new.

A memorable event of the winter quarter happened on January 17, when the combined installation and initiation ceremonies were performed. We wish to express our gratitude to our brothers of Beta Rho Chapter of the



Braves and Squaws backing Tuff's chapter's Geronimo for Mayor.

University of Toledo for the efficient manner in which they assisted Brothers Burns and Dilley, of National Headquarters, in conducting the ceremonies. During the early evening a banquet was held at which several of our old brothers were present. Immediately following the banquet several speeches were given. Later all retired convinced they had had a very enjoyable evening.

At the present time we have 21 actives and 17 pledges. Recently we elected officers and after the final tabulations, William Whitely became H.S.P.; Richard Thompson, H.J.P.; William Figley, H.E.; William Blose, H.S.; John Ritonen, H.C.S.; Arden Roberson, H.C.; Paul Crosby, H.M.

It may be of interest to old brothers of the Gamma Alpha Chapter to know who was present at the banquet. I would like to mention a few of them now. Roy Marty, Marion; D. Reade Marshall, Paul Creps and Nelson Laules, all of Lima; Robert Novak, Indianapolis; R. K. Mee, Oxford; Karl Mollenberg, Bowling Green; William DeLeone, Akron; C. F. Purdy, Bucyrus; Wayne Hansbarger, Greenville; Otis Ford, Coburn Metcalf, Percy Slyder, and R. J. Wickersheim, all of Toledo, and Cliff Deming, R. H. Raabe, Harry J. Sousley, all of Ada. I am sure these brothers enjoyed their visit as much as we enjoyed meeting them.

We are well represented on the basketball and football teams. In the intermurals we are tied for first place and soon hope to take the winning cup.

At the present time we are handicapped by not having a house; although we still have limited social affairs and are working toward a house that we hope to have in the near future. Our temporary house is open at any time to our alumni and active brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi and we would be very glad to meet any who can drop in to see us.

—THOMAS POLITE, H.A.E.



Hogan, Heffelfinger, Stangel and others with Gene Davis at a party at Oklahoma.

## OHIO STATE (ZETA)



Wilson Shannon, HAE

January and February saw many chapter highlights here at Ohio State.

Outstanding social events were the Pledge Bowery Party the 21st of February and the annual Winter Formal at the Seneca Hotel the 7th of February.

Politically the chapter gathered its strength and tried to elect Jack Thrush as Gold Diggers King at the annual Woman's Ball. Jack wasn't elected but climaxed the campaign by winning and pinning Rosemary Goetchel the night of the dance. Leap Year is dangerous.



Four new pledges were added to the chapter: Eldon W. Boner, Bud Stinchcombe, William W. Hollingshead, and Dan Bevin. An emergency election of officers occurred the 19th of February when a quick survey



Marshall chapter's prize winning float.



These Sigs at Milton are still eating.

indicated the loss of president and vice-president through graduation. Newly elected included Alfred B. Wise, H.S.P.; Wilson B. Shannon, H.J.P.; Dayton G. Wible, H.E.; Dan J. Calori, H.M.; Robert A. Kuback, H.S., and Rodney J. Koenig, H.C.

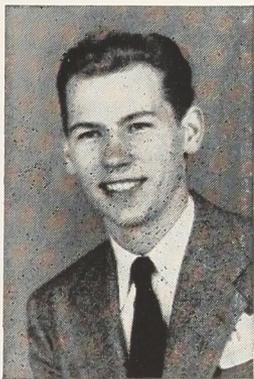
Looking ahead the chapter plans a blow out in the form of a Sig Bust on our 40th Anniversary, May 6, when we hope to reassemble the brothers of the past 40 years of Zeta.

Everyone bearing down particularly hard at this time since the end of the quarter is in the immediate future which means we are studying for a change.—JOHN W. SHEA, H.A.E.

## O. W. U.

(EPSILON)

H.S.P. Walter Bolinger



Ted Guest, HAE

We like to think along with Dr. Cramblet, the G.S.P., that a fraternity is, in a sense, an experience rather than just a club or a lodge. Here at the Epsilon Chapter during the past few months, we have had a number of experiences that will no doubt remain with us for years to come. Perhaps you alumni have had similar experience during the days when the 'ole "white mansion was

your home. Let us, then, just recount a few of them and just see if that old fraternal nostalgia returns to you.

Initiation of the fall pledge class took place on February 20 and 21. A number of factors contributed to make it the most successful initiation since the start of the house's new post-war era. For one thing, there was a fine showing made by the alumni. Let's see, among the ranks of the alumni present were: Sherry Bell, Hastings Eells, H. H. Yoder, Dick Drake, Ralph Burns, Deacon

Hull, Doug Dittrick, Punch Walker, J. Force, Bill Lacy, and Bob Yoder. Also present for the ceremonies were a dozen or so brothers from the Gamma Alpha Chapter at Ohio Northern University. Since the Gamma Alpha Chapter was just recently installed, the brothers from that chapter were present for the purpose of gaining practical experience in formal initiation procedures.

Eleven outstanding pledges received their active pins on this date. The men initiated were: James Ainey, Jack Allen, Paul Finical, Richard Glass, Lawrence Henize, Clifford Ludwig, William Smyth, John Stephens, William Strand, Richard Wooley, and Charles Yoder. An interesting sidelight of the initi-



ation was the pinning of Chuck Yoder by his dad, H. H. Yoder. Chuck was the second son of Brother Yoder, Sr., to receive the Alpha Sig pin, the first pin going to Bob. According to Brother Yoder, Sr., Chuck will also represent the last. Following the formal initiation ceremonies, a banquet was held on the evening of the twenty-first which really topped off the whole affair. The short humorous and extemporaneous discourse of Chuck Yoder was surpassed only by the inspiring speech of his dad. A round of applause to H.S.P. Walt Bolinger and Pledge Masters Swoverland and Broberg for the success of the ceremonies. And the new initiates proved their worth by returning to the chapter our long errant and missing "moose." At least



The pledges and brothers of Beta Gamma at Bethany are pictured beside their house.

several of the brothers cannot lay claim any longer to the dubious honor of having the "most extended proboscis in the house."

The chapters' most outstanding performances in the field of athletics seems to be in basketball. At the time of this writing, the chapter is in a three-way tie for first place in its intramural league. Highlight of the whole basketball season without a doubt was the sensational bank shot off Brother Jones' stomach which still has the opposition scratching their heads. Not content to run down all opposition on the campus, the team made a migration to Mt. Union College to play the brothers there on February 28. Victory was ours with a 39-26 win over the gang from the Beta Alpha house. There's also a clamour from the direction of the Gamma Alpha Chapter at Ohio Northern for a tilt on the hardwood, but no date has been set for the game as yet. These inter-chapter games seem to be quite popular, and it has been suggested that an Alpha Sig Ohio conference schedule be established for football, basketball, and baseball. The eight Alpha Sig chapters in the state would make a fine schedule. What do the brothers think of the idea? Brother Allen has been playing a good brand of ball with the Wesleyan frosh squad. Both Brother Allen and Henize should have their names on the varsity basketball roster next year. On the cinder tracks for the varsity team this year are Brothers Strand and Ellwood.

On the social side of the ledger, the big event coming up now is the spring formal, scheduled for April 24. Brother Swisher, *chairmansen socialis*, plans to take enough time from his sandwich route to secure Stan Kenton (all ten sides of the Decca album) for the affair.

Well, we can't say the Alpha Sigs aren't providing their share of entertainment for

the school. There are no less than seven of the brothers in the band this semester—just about enough to form an organization within themselves.

Several new men have been pledged to the fraternity this past month. They are Bob Christy from Brooklyn, New York, and Ed Hatch from Warren, Ohio. Warren Ohio? We were just relieved of the presence of one brother last June from that area, and now another—hi, Dilley. (Ed's Note: Without a doubt, another campus great.)

Outside of what we've related so far, that's all there is for this issue except that..... the "draft" Nelson movement is still on and the call has been sounded for all brothers to resurrect their old service uniforms to outfit Nelse properly.....Brother "Dark Eyes" Zoller went home to Galion and still came back with the whites of his eyelids showing.....Brother Starry of Transcript fame, the man who starts fires by rubbing two swizzle sticks together, put a little of that stuff synonymous with four roses in his Willys radiator and the thing hiccupped all the way to campus..... the fastest operator in the house, Brother Wolley, pinned a girl the same day he was initiated into the fraternity.....which showed up Brother Steve Banakas so bad that even he brought a date to the house for Sunday dinner.....all we can do now is to just extend our invitation to all the alumni to visit the chapter and renew old memories.

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EPSILON

Congratulations, Brother William I. Moore, of Poland, Ohio, for the son born the 11th of November, 1947.

# OKLAHOMA

(ALPHA ALPHA)

H.S.P. Jim Thomas

Alpha Alpha Chapter extends its felicitations and thanks to each and every alumnus active of the fraternity who are responsible for the publication of the *Tomahawk* magazine and pledges herself to contribute wholeheartedly to one of the mainstays of our fraternal organization, the *Tomahawk*.

This is our first published copy in the *Tomahawk* since 1939, at which time Alpha Alpha went inactive. Now for the story.

In 1945 a group of active alumni of Alpha Alpha Chapter proper and an interested group of other fraternity alumni began to lay plans for the reactivation of this chapter, long an outstanding member of the fraternal groups here at O.U. in the past. The list of alumni who had a hand in the rebirth is far too long to do justice to in full in the space allotted, however, the alumni sponsored a dinner this past fall for the first new members of the active chapter in Oklahoma City at which most of these men were present and pictures were taken. These pictures show only a few of the alumni who are responsible for the chapter reactivation. Among those not shown are: (1) Officers of the alumni chapter: Mr. Stephen King, President; Mr. Earl Hassler, Vice-President; Mr. Thomas Ashton, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mr. Gordon Slover, Corresponding Secretary, all of Oklahoma City, Okla. (2) Other alumni present: Messrs. Bob Henderson, Thomas Bonnell, Guy Parkhurst, Ed Ashton, Sam Mays, Dr. D. B. Heffelfinger, Dr. Curtis Berry, Vic Stangel, Warren Welch, Al Cerney, Ray Reeves, Clyde Kirk, John Pearson, Jr., Roy Thompson, Dorsey Buttram, Joe Smalley, V. Sprankle, J. M. Robertson, Leroy Beery, Harry Link, Bob Barbour, Senator Owen Townsend, James Holbird, Ed Smith.

Since the dinner, the active chapter has really arrived on campus with its first formal dance, held on St. Valentine's day and sponsored by the alumni. Again splendid cooperation was given by the alumni and the compliments from other organizations represented have entrenched Alpha Sigma Phi once more to her rightful position in the university.

Mr. Steve King, in conjunction with John Everett and Gene Davis (the only two active representatives in school), received an O.K. from the university on the chapter petition last fall and things progressed rapidly to this date and included the activities mentioned in the above paragraph.

The initiation of the nucleus group was held on January 11, of this year and due to exigencies of time the first elected group of officers was installed January 19. The following list is a composite of these two events: Bros. Jim Thomas, H.S.P.; Dick Crawford, H.J.P.; Harry Knowles, H.S. Bill Petree, H.E.; Hugh Seaborn, H.C.S.; Don Rodgers, H.M.; Vic Paulos, H.C.; and Waylon Campbell, H.A.E.



Some of the Oklahoma alums gathered at Beverly.

President Jim Thomas also did much of the work in getting this group started. He is an outstanding member (having gone to Rice and Arkansas Universities before coming to O.U.), both athletically, scholastically, and socially. He belongs to six or seven other organizations besides his fraternity and is active in all of them. All of the other members were picked because of ability and resourcefulness along similar lines and our whole group has hit it off but good.

Since the first initiation the chapter has grown to a total of nine actives and twenty-nine pledges, with another initiation coming up in the near future.

Alpha Alpha is trying to orient its alumni and other chapters of the fraternity by publishing a small newspaper which has done more than anything, we feel, to get our chapter on its feet again. Also the group has already entered intermurals for this semester and is getting along pretty good, if I do say so myself, with Brother Don Rodgers sparking the advance on this front for the "Old Gal."

We are sorry we have no house picture at the present time, but due to the acuteness of leasing or buying and to the fact of such recent reactivation we have been unable to accomplish this for the present semester. However, the actives have been covering every place in reasonable walking distance of the university, and though probable prospects have just about been exhausted we are continuing the search. Also the chapter committee (active) has drawn up a lot plan of vacant blocks near the university for long range future planning of the alumni as regards building. Of course, none of the three means of keeping an organization going, and going up I might add, is very plausible at this time; but the latter seems to be the only practical one of the group. Anyway, we're still looking.

One thing I forgot to mention is the Regional Interfraternity Conference held here at O. U. this past week-end. The affair was really sumpin' and delegates from 15 nearby schools of the surrounding states attended.

Guess I better sign off for Alpha Alpha till next issue. Good luck till then to all you brother Sigs. — WAYLON CAMPBELL, H.A.E.

## OREGON STATE

(PSI)

Psi Chapter made a strong comeback in its first year on the campus after being closed during the war years. At the start of this school year there were twenty-three active members. New initiates since then are Robert Anderson, Richard Nielson, Farrell Maughen, Robert Mitchell, Vern Oie, Ray Yopp, Dick Murphy, and Bill Greenwood.

In athletics we did very well for ourselves. Our football team, sparked by Don Lind, was among the top four out of twenty-one fraternity teams on the campus. We won every game except the final playoff game. Our "A" basketball team also battled its way into the semi-finals where, however, we lost the deciding game.

Our social schedule included a barn dance and a fireside during fall term and was topped off by our winter formal. A banquet was held at the Corvallis Hotel preceding the formal dance at the chapter house. A cloud-hung ceiling bedecked with stars created a blue-heaven effect that was out of this world. For the barn dance, eighty bales of hay were moved into the house, creating somewhat of a "hayseed" atmosphere. A chapter dance was also held at the Bachelor's Club in Portland.

The house, at the present time, has a strong pledge group numbering twenty pledges, so there is little extra room in the house.

Under the able presidency of Doug Pederson, Psi Chapter is looking forward to a spring term as successful as the fall and winter terms have been.—JAMES E. DAVIS, H.A.E.

## PENNSYLVANIA

(OMICRON)

H.S.P. Douglas Stalker

The Omicron Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi started out the year with the installation of new officers: H.S.P., Douglas Stalker; H.J.P., Philip Nelson; H.S., Henry Cowan; H.C.S., Paul McKenzie; H.M., Lu Campbell.

Before rushing season the house had a good going over and really looked its best from top to bottom. The "green room" was redecorated and the whole first floor received new carpeting through the generous contributions of the alumni of Omicron and the contributions of the active brothers. Everything materialized as we had hoped and we had one of the best rushing seasons ever conducted at Omicron. At the end of the two weeks period we had pledged fifteen men under the excellent guidance of our rushing chairman, Philip Manno.

The pledge dinner was a great success after which we had a few speeches from our officers who gave us some excellent advice to make Alpha Sigma Phi even more outstanding in the years to come. Some good Alpha

Sig singing rang through the halls as we departed to see a hockey game at the Arena which was livened up with our boisterous cheering for the home team.

The pledges were initiated in the best traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi on February 14. These new brothers have to fill in some big gaps left by the graduating brothers this past January.

Just before the Christmas recess began, we had a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings at our house after which we all gathered around the Christmas tree to see what Santa Claus had brought us. (The week before, each brother had picked a name from the hat to see for whom he should get a present. The presents were to be inexpensive but something that would give everyone a good laugh.) Santa Claus (Brother Joseph Bardwil) didn't come down the chimney but he did come in through the window and he was all decked up in his red suit with white trimmings and his white beard. While giving out the presents, Santa had a little trouble in keeping his pants up and his stomach padding in place. Otherwise, good old Saint Nick was his jolly old self.

During the past few months we have had Brothers Fisher, Hodgins, Meagher, and Rinko, take the happy step into married life. All the brothers of Omicron did their little bit to give each of the newly married couples a wedding present as a good luck token from the house as a whole. This spring Brothers Schweikert and Shroyer will take the big step and Omicron Chapter wishes them all the best of luck and happiness in the future years.

In the sports world our basketball team looked like it was going to come through with the Inter-Fraternity championship, but because of a couple of bad nights we ended up in third place. The bowling team with Brothers McKenzie, Stalker, Shroyer, Renninger, Sparks, and Jeffrey, is leading the league trying hard to gain another trophy for us to display.—GEORGE S. JOHNSON, H.A.E.

## PENN STATE

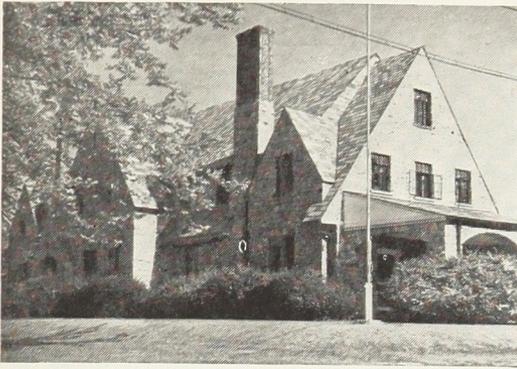
(UPSILON)

H.S.P. Frederick Griffiths

One day at noon the word spread throughout the fraternity that there was something fishy going on in George Budd's room, but before any of the brotherhood could investigate it was time for dinner. Throughout the meal George sat and grinned, but maintained silence as to the doings in his room. Speculation increased; theories were advanced and rejected. When the meal finally ended everyone proceeded to George's room to investigate.

Whoever started the story had spoken the truth. There was something fishy in George's room. It was an aquarium containing four

guppies. Since then everyone has taken a keen interest in their doings and at this writing one guppie is about to have offspring. The query most frequently put to George is, "Yet?" To date his answer has been, "Not yet!"



Besides George and his guppies, the house consists of 55 brothers and pledges. Of these, 50 are living in the house and the annex. Before the mid-semester vacation the following men were elected to office: H.S.P., Frederick R. Griffiths; H.J.P., Howard S. Gilliland; H.S., Donald F. Mills H.C.S., John H. Hopkins; H.E., Joseph L. Predzinkowski; H.M., Joseph E. Boyle; H.C., Edward S. Peetz; H.A.E., Thaddeus S. Komorowski.

Our Ba'l of Fire, Alexander Petrowski has quit politics (for how long is a question), but still is very active on the campus. Just between us—his love life is quieting him down, too.

The house has six men on the Engineering Student Council: Brothers Perry, Petrowski, and Hopkins, and Pledges Besesparis, Young and Gibson. Brother Monty Mitchell was initiated into Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honorary and Owen Giblin into Delta Sigma Pi, the C. I. F. Honorary. Owen is also vice-president of Scabbard and Blade. Joe Predzinkowski is staff photographer for the *Penn State Engineer* and Alex Petrowski is advertising manager.

Tad Komorowski (we call him Lungs—explanation follows) is doing alright for himself far afield from his studies. This Industrial Engineering student will be baritone soloist for the Penn State Glee Club when they go on tour this semester and he will also do the baritone solos in the performance of the Messiah to be given by the college on March 21 in Schwab Auditorium. The big laugh in his case is his banishment to the furnace room by the brotherhood. It came about because he could be heard clearly throughout the house when he practiced in the cellar party room during the evening. What price glory? Who appreciates talent?

Our house is getting together a triple quartette to compete in the interfraternity

sing. Tad is directing. By next issue we'll know the results of the effort. We could use another cup on the mantelpiece.

We have a fine crop of pledges this semester and we hope they will do as well scholastically as they are doing socially. Colonel Young's son, Dick, is among them and we're expecting a lot from him. Among the others are Bill Hamel, Al Martin, Dave Heinze, Paul Butler, George Besesparis, Ray Bloom, Hugh McLean, Mark DelVecchio, Bob Cornmesser, Tom Evans, Clayton Richmond.

Socially our chapter began the new year with its annual pledge dance, and we were to have another informal cabin party on the Saturday night of registration for the new semester at the ski lodge (as we did last year), but the lodge burned down and this affair was never held. Because of this cancellation of our informal cabin party the fraternity will hold two dances this semester. The first will be held on March 20 coincidental with Military Ball weekend. The second will be on Senior Ball weekend, another "Club Top Hat" affair.

The fraternity spent a Sunday evening in Atherton Hall being entertained by the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. The house also has been invited by the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority to a tea dance on March 14. We expect to entertain as we have in the past on Sunday afternoons, by having some sorority as our guest at a tea dance and buffet supper.—TAD KOMOROWSKI, H.A.E.

## PRESBYTERIAN

(ALPHA PSI)

H.S.P. Campbell Wallace

At the beginning of our first news letter of the year, Alpha Psi Chapter would like to extend their greetings to all of our brothers, old and new.

During the past year, a lot of changes have been made in our chapter. First of all, we have moved from our small room on the campus to a much larger and better equipped room down town. We have a suite of four rooms with one large room, half of which is used for a game room, and the other half for chapter meetings. Along with the purchase of a new phonograph, we have plans for refinishing the pool table which we recently added to our game room. We also have some new furniture ordered, and some great plans for future additions to our new room.

During the Christmas season we held a number of informal parties. One in particular was an open house held for the faculty and their wives. One of the brothers served coffee and cookies, and we all made some new acquaintances with faculty members. This was the first social of its kind, according to our knowledge, ever held at Presbyterian

College by a social fraternity and we are quite proud to be again setting the pace at P. C. In the Annual Christmas Parade held here in Clinton, S. C., ours was the only fraternity on the campus to enter a float, thanks to the diligent work of several of our brothers.

In the Presbyterian College Glee Club, Alpha Sigma Phi steps out in front with 11 members. In addition to our quartet we have plans for organizing an octet and a twelve-man chorus.

We are proud of Brother David Moorefield for having received a three-year \$1200 scholarship to Columbia Theological Seminary for displaying outstanding qualities of scholarship, character, and future promise in the ministry. Moorefield led the entire student body in scholarship for the past semester with five grades of "AA."

Having Brother Neely McCarter as feature writer on our college newspaper is very beneficial to our chapter.

Our chapter has actively participated in intramural sports during the past season. Although not winning the tournament, we made a good showing. We did, however, win the pool tournament, taking all matches.

We were very happy to have Brother Dilley, the assistant executive secretary from the national office, visit us several weeks ago. During his visit many plans were made concerning the future happenings and advancement of our chapter.

Evidence that Alpha Psi Chapter is growing is shown by the number of new brothers who were formally initiated on February 20, 1948. They are: Hensil Engleman, Neely McCarter, Ben Collins, Harry Williams, Campbell Wallace, Warren Wardlaw, and Lee Blakely. Although we have lost several brothers due to graduation at mid-semester, we have taken in 11 new pledges: Henry Galloway, Kelley Borgh, Bobby Cook, Tommy Massey, Jim Hollandsworth, Alan Askins, Charles Alberson, Edgar Gaddy, Kenneth Idol, Carl Langston, and William Vause. This brings our total membership at the present to 11 pledges and 21 actives.

At our last meeting, officers were elected to serve for the coming year. They are as follows: H.S.P. Campbell Wallace; H.J.P., John Neville; H.E., Ben Collins; H.S. Edward Whitson; H.C.S., Neely McCarter; H.C., Warren Wardlaw; H.M., Joseph Beale; H.E.A., Harry Williams

At the present, plans are being made for our annual A.S.P. Ball to be held March 13. We have contracted the University of Georgia Bulldogs Orchestra to play and are looking forward to having a big time.

Last minute news: We have just received the news that four out of the five top men on the rifle team are members of Alpha Sigma Phi.—HARRY F. WILLIAMS, H.A.E.



H.S.P. Wallace P. Smith of Berea, Ohio, is one of the best known Sigs on the Baldwin-Wallace campus. In addition to being president of Alpha Mu chapter, he is president of Theta Alpha Pi, National Dramatic Honor Fraternity; president of Future Teachers of America; former secretary of Pi Kappa Delta; member of the varsity debating team; holder of the A. Fred Crossman Leadership Award; 1947 Oscar winner for the outstanding dramatic performance of the year; and he was elected this year to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

## PURDUE

(ALPHA PI)

H.S.P., Clarence Dollmeyer

Alpha Pi is still rushing down the road to bigger and better things at a merry pace. The fall semester just finished was a very profitable one, and the spring term holds much promise for even greater progress.

Our scholastic index was a very respectable 4.2 for the fall semester. The presence of six "Distinguished Students" helped out quite a bit. The attachment that we acquired for the scholastic trophy during the war years is motivating our drive to get it back in our hands again.

We pledged fourteen eager pledges in the fall rush, and spring rush under Brother George Ceccanese brought us six more recruits. Present plans call for the initiation of the earlier group during "Greek Week," campus-wide I-F get-together in late April. The fine response to last year's "Greek Week" spurred plans for a much larger affair this spring.

To keep in tune with the new outside paint job, the whole of the house is being renovated. Under the direction of Ted Johnston

and Ed Leavitt the kitchen and shower have been repainted. The living room and entire downstairs are to be decorated this summer.

The spring semester is called the social season, and Alpha Pi is enjoying its share of the festivities. Our pledges gave us a party on February 28. Barnum and Bailey would have been right at home in the circus setting of the whole first floor. The members of last year's pledge class grudgingly admitted it was almost as good as their Bowery Brawl. The Friday following, March 5, our second annual Triad was held at Columbian Park, with Andy Imperial's orchestra giving out with the music. No corsages were given; charm bracelets with the Greek letters Alpha Sigma Phi being given instead. Many favorable comments were given by the guests, and much praise is due Art "88" Williams for his grand work in preparing this dance.

Dick DeWitt, our carrot-topped athletic manager, has been picked as a member of the Intramural Protest Committee. This is no doubt a recognition of our fine softball teams of last year. The team is just as hot after the trophy this season—if only the playing fields would assume a less gooey surface.

Our chapter officers this term are: Clarence Dollmeyer, H.S.P.; Carl Berglund, H.J.P.; Bill McWhorter, H.S.; Hal Pearson, H.E.; and Bob Matthew, H.C.S. With sixty men living on the campus, their work is cut out for these officers. Housing and feeding of such a large group with our present limited facilities is quite a large problem. At present there are thirty-four men living in the house, all it can hold, and some forty-five eating in the dining room.

Our chapter news-letter committee has really started to get many good comments on their work. They have sent out a letter a month since the start of last term, and this has led to an increase in correspondence from the alums. A regular feature of the letter is the Sig of the Month column, where some faculty member or active is introduced to all the readers. The members of the group who have done such a grand job are: Brothers Bill Holmes, Cal Smith, Bob Matthew, Carl Berglund, and Pledge Mal Thieme.

—DOMINIC COLASITO, H.A.E.

## RENSELAER POLY



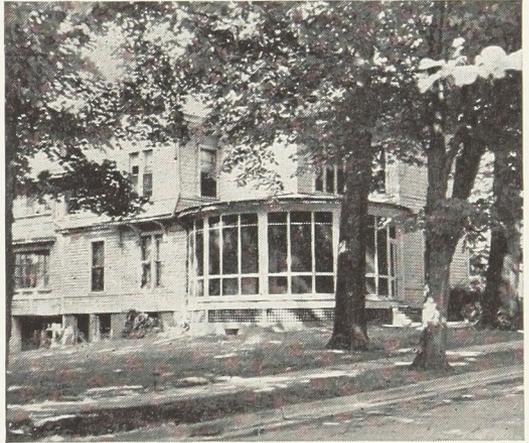
Leo T. Smith, HAE

painters, carpenters and paper hangers. Not

As was promised in the last issue, the planned redecoration of the living room is now an accomplished fact. Responsible for the rapid but complete face lifting were practically all the brothers living in the general area of the house. According to their particular bent, the members became

only was the project completed with remarkable success, but the labor charges thus saved were enough to make some unions groan. The long-delayed first party of the spring term was held to celebrate the completion of the task, and resulted in only slight damage to the new trimmings.

At the beginning of the term, regular election of new officers was held. Emerging triumphant in the change of reins was Phil Horgan, H.S.P.; "Sandy" Lane, H.J.P.; Russ Butler, H.E.; Harry Cooke, H.C.S., and Bob Collins, H.S. Congratulations are in order to these men who will guide our rising star for the next year



Although the membership roles at this chapter are not quite as long as those of some of the other fraternities at R.P.I., this fact has not shown on the record of our athletic teams this year. Starting out as champions of football and horseshoes in the interfraternity sports contest, the brothers have kept their initial lead in this year's trophy race. As of this writing, the major sports are basketball, bowling, and handball; in all of these, both the pledges and the brothers are doing very well, either leading the league or hotly contesting it.

Since the last issue, two additional brothers have been gathered to our folds. Bob Christoffel, fresh from the navy and the glories of the verdant Pacific islands, has resumed his interrupted studies and is now living at the house. Although holding a B.S. from Hartwick College, Harry Bishop decided to get a more complete engineering training at R.P.I., and is taking several undergraduate courses. Harry, a former sports star and H.S.P. of his old alma mater, is married and thus prevented from sharing the joy of living within our ancient but rejuvenated walls



Ulf Ramm-Ericson is just a blur as he streaks past the members of Tau chapter's ski school at Yosemite National Park during the Washington's Birthday holidays. In the background are, left to right: Larry Taylor, Elmer Hawkins, Larry Cain, Tom Self, and Norm Hamilton.

Ulf Ramm-Ericson, leader of the Tau ski school, demonstrates a "Gelandesprung" or "terrain jump." Brother Norm Hamilton holds the ski school sign on the left, and at the right, nearly cut out by the camera, is Pledge Elmer Hawkins.

## STANFORD

(TAU)

Tau Chapter skiers grew restless waiting for snow anywhere within weekend radius of the Farm. California's nationally-publicized drought extended to the Sierras, and there was too little snow for skiing.

Nature finally cooperated about Washington's birthday time, and three carloads of brothers and pledges, journeyed to Yosemite for a four-day holiday. A ski school was conducted for the less-skilled members by Ulf Ramm-Ericson and Larry Taylor. It was the first time Taylor had been on the boards since he broke a leg the previous winter.

Rushing season was profitable for the chapter. Among the new pledges were John Caneer and Jim Holven, sons of two of Tau's first brotherhood of the 1918-1920 era. Others



Tom Self, HAE

pledged were Ted Quick, Harold Culp, Rowland Rebele, Larry Cain, Al Fast, Ed Pipe, Jackson Baty, Elmer Hawkins, Jack Frost, Pete Gard, Dave Martin, Hal Mason, and Lee Stewart.

Social Chairman Charles Perdue was roundly applauded for discovering the band of the year for the winter formal, February 14. Representatives from four other campus organizations scouted the band and were equally enthusiastic. The formal closely followed an all-campus dance which was attended by nearly the entire Stanford student body.

Tau is in the thick of plans for enlarging the house in the summer.—TOM SELF, H.A.E.

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Congratulations are due Karl Peter Grube who has resigned as Director of Contract requirements of a division of the Douglas Aircraft Company to accept a position as Vice-President in charge of Engineering and Production for the All-Steel Equipment Company of Aurora, Illinois.

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Emmet B. Hayes has returned to his law practice, with the firm of Marcel E. Cerf, Robinson and Leland, after having completed his wartime activities as chief of the San Francisco office of Alien Property, Estates and Trusts Section, Department of Justice.

**TRI-STATE**  
(BETA OMICRON)  
H.S.P. Frederick Johnston, Jr.

**WEATHER:** After a blustering four months laden with snow, sleet, high winds, and low temperatures, we of Beta Omicron, joyously received the unexpected calm of a week of "spring." Our rapture was short lived, however, for at this writing we are again blanketed by a two-day accumulation of sleet and ice.

**NEW MEMBERS:** After the formal initiation exercises and the less formal banquet and stag party, Herbert Kam Tin Choy, James P. Gibson, Harold F. Gibson, Wilbur B. Hathaway, William R. Johnson, Matt N. Hummel, Myron T. King, Charles G. Wolfe, William E. King, and Alex J. Schultz were extended the warm hand of welcome, as new members of Alpha Sigma Phi.

**GUESTS:** Since last issue, it was again our privilege to entertain Brother Ralph Burns. As usual, he left us with that same fine feeling of fellowship which is ever present when Alpha Sigs get together. We hope that feeling is mutually enjoyed.

Brother E. J. Bolivar also stopped in for an entertaining few days. Brother Bolivar was enroute to Chicago to accept a position with International Harvester Company after serving several months with the Venezuelan Consulate in New York.

**NEW ARRIVALS:**

A girl to Brother and Mrs. Ed Farner.

A boy to Brother and Mrs. Lee Brown.

**HONORS:**

President—Frederick S. Johnston, Jr., was elected president of the Radio Engineering Society of Tri-State College, which boasts a membership of 250, and is one of the most active on the campus.

Secretary—Harry M. Speake and Harrold R. Chaney were recently elected to the secretarian posts of the Student Council and Inter-Fraternity Council respectively.

**SCHOLASTIC:** The chapter scholastic award was presented to Richard N. Abrams, who was also elected to membership in the Tau Sigma Eta Honorary Engineering Society.

**REUNION:** The date for the "48" reunion has been set for June 3. A dance, parties, banquets, luncheons, and business meetings will be in order. A cordial invitation to attend all or any of these events is extended to all members of Alpha Sigma Phi.

**SPORTS:** Beta Omicron won the first half of the Inter-Fraternity bowling league to assure them of a position in the play-off. A repeat trophy performance is expected.

RICHARD N. ABRAMS, H.A.E.

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J. T. McCormick, prominent civic leader, is president of the Chamber of Commerce of Jacksonville Beach, Florida. The new leader is vice-president of B. B. McCormick & Sons, engineering and contracting firm, Jacksonville Beach.

**TUFTS**  
(BETA IOTA)  
H.S.P., Bob Cooney

As Beta Iota Chapter moves into the spring semester of 1948 we find twenty-two brothers on the graduating list. Having initiated twenty pledges during the fall term the positions and duties left vacant by the graduates will be capably and earnestly fulfilled. Prospective pledges have been invited to the regular Thursday evening dinners where both interesting and beneficial talks are given by members of the faculty.

The scholastic standing of our chapter was third of the eight fraternities at Tufts College on the last report and from indications we are hoping for the same, if not better report on the term recently completed.

Socially our activities have remained unparalleled on the "Hill." Alpha Sigma Phi's "Casino Nights," with bales of paper money, croupiers straight from the Riviera, and everyone winning have been a particularly successful evening's entertainment. Readers of Life magazine will recall the "Geronimo" campaign of last year with Gerry Guarino leading his braves and squaws in a gay battle with other candidates for mayor of the Tufts campus.

The annual pledge formal was held at the University Club in Boston and I am sure that it will always live in the hearts of our new brothers. Plans are presently underway for the spring dance to be held at the "Gables" in Magnolia, Massachusetts, where Brothers Cliff and Milt Munroe successfully operate their summer hotel.

In inter-mural sports our teams have compiled an enviable record, winning the softball trophy last year, runners up in touch football and presently fielding a strong squash team. The impending track and field meet will definitely be within Alpha Sig's grasp if last year's meet is any criterion. Our basketball team is leading the league with Jack Coffey and Pete Hartwell taking high scoring honors.

There have been times in the current Tufts varsity basketball campaign when four of the five men on the floor have been Alpha Sigs, among them H.S.P. and Team Captain Bob Cooney.

Our doors are open to all alumni brothers, Beta Iota Chapter and New England should be the destination of your next trip.

EDMUND B. STANTON, H.A.E.

**U. C. L. A.**  
(ALPHA ZETA)

H.S.P. Bob Sturgis

The Alpha Sigs at U.C.L.A., after a three-week vacation between the fall and spring terms, came back with the usual vim and vigor that is found with the beginning of a new session with the books. New officers are: Bob Sturgis, H.S.P.; Jack Courtney, H.J.P., and Jim Chenny, H.S. We all took a moment to look back over the fall term and

with a smile of satisfaction patted ourselves on the back. Feature parties included the Moonshiner, the Christmas ball, and assorted house parties at various times. We are still cheering Brother Peirce for his noble work as social chairman, even if we didn't meet any queens at the exchanges with the girls on Sorority Row.

Outstanding on the football team was Don Cogswell, who spent some time on the bench. The coach is saving his eligible playing time, or so Don says. Next year we will see him on the field, for a greater part of the time, unless we miss our guess. Along the inter-fraternity line, our football team was seeing an unbeaten record until the last game. They knew we were in there playing at least. Brother Ed Tyler did a fine job of coaching the team.

Project of the term was the back yard. Between swinging a sledge hammer and pouring cement, some of us were kept busy on Saturday morning and other odd times. When completed we will have an outdoor dance floor and a barbecue pit. Just the thing for outdoor California parties.

The Mothers Club, under the direction of Walt Brady and his mother, Mrs. Brady, began to take form in November. An afternoon tea was held at which the mothers had the chance to meet the chapter and get acquainted with the house and the members. We all enjoyed the afternoon as did our mothers. Entertainment included selections by the quintet as well as songs by the members. A word of thanks to Jim Vencill, who seems to be the impromptu "master-of-ceremonies" at all such affairs.

With no further ado, the brothers of Alpha Zeta extend a big handshake and smile to the chapters throughout the country. May they be as successful as we hope to be.—LARRY GALLUP, H.A.E.

## WASHINGTON

(MU)

H.S.P. Bob Clark

Mu Chapter in Seattle began the present quarter with a feeling of satisfaction over a job well done. The chapter has exceeded its peacetime strength and the house itself is in excellent condition following its interior re-finishing last summer.

Winter quarter saw Bob Clark succeed Jack Powell in the office of H.S.P. Other members elected to office were Bob Lowery, H.J.P.; Bill Hingston, H.C.; Bill Young, C.S.; and Walt Kuneke, H.M.

Big social event of the past quarter was the annual formal dinner dance, which this year was held in the Spanish ballroom of the Olympic hotel. Playing a close second in popularity was the annual ski party, held at Sunset Lodge over the Washington's birthday

weekend. The schedule of things to come includes the Underclassmen's Ball at the Lake Forest Country Club from which juniors and seniors for once are banned; the annual "Buccaneers Brawl," where members and their dates turn nautical for the evening, and a new idea this year, the "Gangsters Hang-out," to be held in conjunction with the University of Washington Chapter of Delta Upsilon.

Mu Chapter is holding its own in the field of athletics. Notable among our members are Jack Powell, swimming letterman; Wayne Jacobi and John Baker, crew; and Doug Vickery, football. In addition, Perry Barth, university bantamweight champ, will go up to defend his title at the All University Smoker next month.

## WAYNE UNIVERSITY

(BETA TAU)

The closing of the fall semester in February found Beta Tau Chapter at Wayne University in unquestioned leadership of campus fraternity life. It had been, indeed, a noteworthy and profitable period.

As usual, the most active men in school activities had gone Alpha Sig, adding their younger spirit to the eminence already attained and held by senior members. Superiority and Alpha Sigma Phi were once again synonymous.

Throughout the semester Alpha Sigma Phi parties before school dances had lent tone and dignity to these events as well as been a cohesive force in moulding a festive and group spirit. Autumn had seen the success of fraternity hay-rides, weiner-roasts, gatherings at athletic events, and weekly social affairs. In celebration of Founder's Day in December, a dance, sponsored jointly with the chapter from the University of Michigan, had been held in Detroit's swank Masonic Temple. An alumni, distinguished by many business and political leaders, had attended in force. Christmas was observed with dinner in the University Faculty Club followed by a closed dance at the newly-appointed Webster Hall. Initiation ceremonies had been traditionally excellent and had encompassed an entire week end.

Alpha Sigma Phi had played an important role in the inter-fraternity sports program. The term's end saw us supreme and unbeaten in both golf and bowling, high in the final standings of basketball and other fall sports.

All in all, we had much to be proud of, much to which we could look forward. Plans, long since completed, for the purchase of the new chapter house are at this date on the verge of execution. As this is written every member at Beta Tau is confident that the

immediate future will find us housed in new quarters, hung and adorned with the laurels and trophies gained thus far in these post-war years.—ROBERT M. STEEN, H.A.E.

## WESTMINSTER

(ALPHA NU)

H.S.P. Pete Moran

Brothers at Alpha Nu elected officers for the coming year at a recent meeting. The new H.S.P. is Pete Moran of New Castle. Assisting him as H.J.P. is Bernie Kessler. Other officers are: H.S., John Pollock; H.C.S., Robert Hinman; H.E., Donald McAllister; Steward, Skip Davis. Harry Gilbert and Bill Miller are new members of the Prudential Committee.

The annual big Spring Formal is scheduled for Pittsburgh's Chartiers Country Club on March 24. Bill Bingham is chairman of the committee for the dance, which opens Westminster's spring vacation. Alpha Nu's former H.S.P. (1944-45), Jimmy Caruso, and his band will furnish the music.

Losing only one match all season, Westminster's swimming team boasted the district's finest record. Captain Ted Holt, Chuck Pitcher, Harry Nelson, and Bob Orser were Alpha Sigs whose efforts helped make the team so good. Ted finished another season undefeated in his specialty, the 150-yard backstroke. He lowered district pool records consistently. Ted is president of Student Council.

Don Hartranft, freshman pledge from Chambersburg, was elected Ideal Male Freshman by his class. Election was made on the basis of personality, scholarship, appearance, and participation in campus activities.

We are hoping for success in the intramural softball league this spring. Dick Ellenberger is team manager. Plans for nifty playing jerseys are being discussed.

James Bennett and Miles Reznik are joining the ranks of benedicts this spring. Married at Christmas time was Jim Simpson.—JOHN POLLOCK, H.A.E.

## PENNSYLVANIA

(OMICRON)

Christian Heurich, Jr., president and director of the Heurich Brewing Company, was named "man of the year" by the Washington Board of Trade's membership committee, at the testimonial dinner held at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C. Heurich was honored by the committee for nominating more than 400 new members of the Board of

Trade since 1933. A native Washingtonian, Heurich is also a director of the Real Estate Title Insurance Company, the Columbia Country Club, the United States Brewers Association, and President of the Washington Alumni Council.

Dear Friends:

This communication is to notify you of a change in mailing address. After April 10 we may be reached at 131 Museum Road, Shanghai, China. The World's Student Christian Federation has asked us to become Reconstruction Secretary, traveling among the Student Christian Movements in East Asia extending such assistance as the Federation, the missions boards, and we can make available.

This move involves very little change in status. In 1943 the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions loaned us to the Student Volunteer Movement. In 1945 a portion of our time was given to the United Student Christian Council. The present arrangement whereby we are assigned to WSCF is for a three-year period. We have no plans beyond that time. The present relationship might be extended, or we might return to Japan. Our work in the Student Volunteer Movement has been taken over by E. H. (Ted) Johnson, formerly a Canadian missionary in Manchuria, and by Administrative Secretary E. O. Jacob, formerly a Y.M.C.A. missionary in Poland and the Near East.

Contrary to the surmises of many of you, we are not "happy" to be returning, though we do look forward to renewing friendships and taking our places alongside Oriental friends as together we seek God's kingdom by strengthening the Church. We go back to the Orient for the same missionary reasons which took us there in the first place.

Our appointment is based not alone upon experiences in the student Christian movement in the U.S.A. and our pre-war missionary work in Japan, but upon recent assignments in Europe. July to November 1946 I visited university centers in Poland on behalf of World Student Relief and served as chairman of an International Student Service commission which surveyed the universities in each of the four occupation zones of Germany. World Student Relief has been operating in three of the zones since early in 1947 under agreements initiated at the time of his visit. Negotiations for a similar agreement with the Russians took me back to Berlin in the summer of 1947 during which period universities in ten other European countries were also visited.

The contacts with students and faculties during these two extended European trips convinced us that the claims of the reconstruction "frontier" are for us more valid than those of the American campus. Students abroad are suffering extreme material want: we will represent World Student Relief in

those parts of Asia which as yet have no operating committee for the distribution of relief supplies. The universities yearn for contact with the outside; in conferences, visits with national leaders, and in some universities, we will mediate the concern of Christian students for their fellows in Asia. Students are frustrated, groping for an adequate philosophy of life; we go to this new work under the compulsion that all men must find their fulfillment in Christ.

Cordially yours,  
REV. WINBURN T. THOMAS, Ph.D.,  
Oklahoma '28

February 6, 1948.

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Harvey R. Hawgood, Yale '14, was recently re-elected Commander of the Norman L. Eberhardt Chapter (Cleveland, Ohio) of the Coast Guard League. He is also a flag lieutenant in the Cleveland Power Squadron and a member of the Forest City Yacht Club.

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#### OMEGA

It is with sincere regret that we report the passing of Dr. Oscar A. Axelson, of Youngstown, Ohio, of a heart attack, on the 6th of December, 1947.

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We extend our sincerest sympathies to Mrs. Alberta N. Bailey on the death of her son, Raymond N. Bailey, Jr., on January 12, 1948.

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We regret the passing of Ellis E. Wall, 11th February, 1948.

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## *A Way Of Life---*

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rial to their son, Leland, Jr., Stanford had been governor of California and twice served his state in the U. S. Senate. He had achieved fame and fortune as a transcontinental railroad builder.

When the tragic death of his son left him heirless, he and his wife decided to offer their fortune as a memorial. Because he was a thinker as well as a pioneer and industrialist, Stanford decided to make it a memorial to education. At first he was interested in a technical school, but when he learned that the endowment of Harvard was worth six million dollars, he concluded that his twenty million would do more on the university level.

So on the Palo Alto farm where he

bred horses, Leland Stanford built a college to breed citizens. The password for the new school was "never, bigger, better." Stanford's own hopes for the west and for democratic ideals are set forth in the Founding Grant: "teaching the blessings of liberty regulated by law and inculcating love and reverence for the great principles of government as derived from the inalienable rights of man to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

On an October morning in 1891 the new college opened to 559 students, an inexpensive residence and country college with an outstanding president and a faculty of twenty. It had the distinction of being the only school west of the Rockies not state or church affiliated.

Although the beginnings of Stanford were more auspicious than those of many other colleges, trouble was not long in coming. Senator Stanford lived only 20 months after the university's opening. Immediately on his death, suit was brought by the United States against his estate for the quieting of a technical claim. Mrs. Stanford, co-planner with her husband and no less deeply concerned for the university, found all the Stanford capital indefinitely tied up. The university, still entirely dependent on the Stanford fortune, was threatened with extinction.

Two actions alone prevented its closing. One was a practical decision that university professors were Mrs. Stanford's "personal employees"—a decision wryly received in some quarters—and that therefore she might be allotted \$10,000 a month to support this "personal" establishment. Ten thousand dollars, though not a substantial sum for carrying on a university, was still better than nothing. From month to month, Mrs. Stanford turned this amount over to President Jordon, who, in turn, doled it out to the harder-pressed faculty families.

The second saving action was Mrs. Stanford's determined importunity to government officers and finally to President Cleveland personally for the clearing away of preliminary hearings and the hurrying of the case to the Supreme

Court, and accompanying this, her sale of personal belongings to meet unavoidable university expenditures.

Before Mrs. Stanfords' death, the suit was settled in favor of the estate and the university was firmly established. Her death in 1905 preceded by only a year the San Francisco fire and earthquake, in which Stanford lost heavily, though not heavily enough to endanger its carefully invested endowment. The earthquake proved to be a final misfortune in the peculiarly catastrophic early years.

Despite these early difficulties, more than 60,000 men and women have been educated in its halls, and the university has acquired renown in fields ranging from psychology to football.

Stanfords' influence has been exerted not only through its alumni, of whom the most distinguished is the only living ex-President of the United States, Herbert Hoover, but also through the specific contributions its scholars have made to the body of learning. An index of the success of Stanford alumni is that fact that 377 Stanford men and women are listed in the current *Who's Who*.

Graduates include senators, writers, such as Maxwell Anderson and John Steinbeck, doctors, such as Hans Barkan, businessmen like Leland Cutler and Almon E. Roth, and such high civil servants as Dr. Luther Evans, librarian of Congress, and Ray Wakefield of the Federal Communications Commission.

But brilliant as the names associated with a university's past may be, it is today's class that counts; the caliber of the student and of the training that these leaders of tomorrow receive. Despite rigid entrance requirements and high academic standards, Stanford has this year hit an all time peak in enrollment: 6,227 men and 1,996 women. Of these 4,215 are veterans.

The veterans set the standard by quickly making themselves at home in any one—or more—of the schools of sciences, business, law and the humanities. In general the veterans are presenting a new and more serious prototype of Joe College. They are as thrilled as anyone by the Saturday football games

and connected festivities, but they bring to things collegiate a very special knowledge gained in the late great fuss. For example, sixty-one who came back with the determination that "something should be done about foreign affairs" are now studying in a new series of courses which allow them to move without interruption from a B.A. to a Ph.D. in the special field of international relations.

The ex-G.I.s are also enrolled in force in the crack graduate schools in medicine, law, engineering, business, and education. The veterans at Stanford, for all their years of experience, have become so well assimilated with younger collegians that it would be difficult for a visitor to distinguish the class of '42 from the class of '49.

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## *Go West Young Man---*

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raw sugar from Hawaiian mills established within the previous fifteen years. During the peak of the Gold Rush shipments of raw sugar from the Hawaiian Islands averaged only 240 tons per year. With the beginning of the Civil War shipments of sugar from the Islands had mounted to 1000 tons per year.

Well, most of the Argonauts who sought gold never found it. By the time of the Civil War it became evident that California had other assets such as soil, forests and a climate that had permanent and growing value. And so—the Golden State was on its thundering way.

As California grew, so did Hawaii expand. The war with Spain brought the American people to the abrupt realization that Hawaii forms a priceless outpost of defense and annexation proceedings were concluded in 1900. Under the stability of the American flag, Hawaiian agriculture and commerce expanded. A thriving trade developed between the ports of California and the Hawaiian Islands.

Although the amount of tillable land in the Hawaiian Islands is strictly limited, intensive scientific cultivation, ideal soil and climate, coupled with heavy

irrigation, now combine to produce each year close to a million tons of raw sugar. Then on higher land, unsuited for sugar, is grown practically all of the world's pineapple. In 1947, these two crops were valued at about 180 million dollars. In exchange for its sugar, pineapple, and its climate as well as for serving as a bastion of national defense, the Hawaiian Islands half-million people receive a myriad of things that are produced on the farms and in the factories of the mainland states.

Through the Golden Gate into San Francisco Bay, Hawaii moves the bulk of its million tons of raw sugar to two Pacific Coast cane sugar refineries where it is processed into sufficient refined sugar to feed 20 million Americans.

Considering the fact that it is not only figuratively but literally the newest bit of land in the world, Hawaii has done a lot of growing up to reach its present position. The 6,500 square miles of which the Islands are composed represent the outcroppings of volcanic action. This growth of land is fostered even today by two spectacular volcanoes which continue their activity on the southernmost portion of these charming islands.

The Hawaii of 1949 provides many a paradox. Its tillable soil area is strictly limited. However, through applied science, Hawaii grows more sugar per acre than anywhere else in the world. Hawaii's languorous climate is soothing and invites repose on palm-lined beaches, but the great majority of the people living in Hawaii are as energetic in their pursuit of the American way of life as are the people in colder parts of the nation. Hawaii has no minerals, no natural fuel, yet because of her economic partnership in the life of the mainland of the United States, Hawaiian people have all the conveniences and gadgets that are characteristic of life on the mainland. Soda fountains are as modern and gleaming in Hilo as they are in Hackensack. Motor cars are as congested in Honolulu as they are in Kokomo.

When Alpha Sigs come to the West Coast to visit or to live, they will find

Hawaii beckoning to them. Already a number of the fraternities' alumni make these islands their home. In Hawaii, as well as in tumultuous California, businesses and industries of many kinds are expanding and as the years pass it seems certain that a growing number of the members of our fraternity will have the chance to share in the progress in American life that is being made in California and in the Hawaiian Islands.

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## *Tau and The Mountain Men Of Stanford---*

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ing some minor improvements of his own. The practice climbs are protected by a belayer at the top, since there is always an easy way up the back of the rock. This gives the climber a chance to learn and perfect climbing techniques, enabling him to ascend more and more difficult pitches, ever striving to expend the least possible energy on any one pitch. Then it's "off to the mountains."

The Stanford Alpine Club went into high gear almost immediately. In addition to the ascents of many of the more common climbs, a few records were made. Shortly before Christmas, 1946, Bud Gates (DKE) and Al Baxter accomplished the first ascent of the Middle Watkins Pinnacle. During spring vacation, with the aid of ski and ice axe, the second winter ascent of North Palisade Peak, 14,254 feet, was made by Brothers Ulf Ramm-Ericson and Franz Gehrels, together with Bill Kershaw. Then Baxter, Gates, and Brother Ramm-Ericson returned to Mt. Watkins and bagged the first ascent of the Higher Watkins Pinnacle. The Lower is still believed unclimbable.

Early in the summer Al and Ulf spent several weeks climbing in Colorado and in the Tetons of Wyoming. There they made the first ascent of an unnamed spire which they called Stanford Pinnacle. They also got the year's first ascents on Nez Perce and Middle Teton, while a large party from the east got the year's

first on Grand Teton, which took them fourteen hours. Ericson and Baxter boomed up the Grand the next day in four hours.

Fall of last year saw the fifth ascent of the direct route on Washington Column in Yosemite, by Brother Ramm-Ericson, Winifred Hubbard (Colorado Mountain Club experience), Dave Harrah (Seattle Mountaineers), and Jack Arnold of the Sierra Club (not at Stanford). Freddy was the first girl to make the climb, which took 30 hours.

But the big event of the first year was the British Columbia expedition, which is better described by Brother Lippman.

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## *Untrodden Peaks---*

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on Dentiform, ca. 11,000 ft., which had been climbed for the first time by the Harvard group three weeks before. This "Molar tooth" is the lowest prominent peak on the ridge. The peaks, in order, running to the northwest are Stiletto, the Needle of Stiletto, the five peaks of Serra, Asperity and Tiedemann. In a remarkable tour de force, Beckey, King, Magoun, and Matthews of the Harvard party had climbed Asperity on August 13 from the Tiedemann Glacier.

Starting at 6:30 a. m. on August 16, Bob, Dick and Fletch journeyed over to the Claw Peaks, an imposing ridge to the south. Despite high-angle, loose rock, the third pinnacle was climbed for a first ascent, and appropriately named California Claw. Not to be outdone, Ulf and Bud ventured to this ridge a few days later and climbed the fourth pinnacle, which is slightly higher, and called it Stanford Claw. This was the only demonstration of competition on the trip.

Our present campsite was too low, besides being too far away from the major peaks, so by common agreement we transferred camp to 10,000 feet, close under the sheer spires of the Serra massif. A snow storm descended upon us during the first night at high high camp. With six inches of new snow on

the peaks, we wisely remained in camp for two days in order for the white cloak to either avalanche or consolidate. With the mercury crowding zero, we were content to remain huddled in our sleeping bags. The cold during our stay was so unbearable that early starts were impossible.

On the next clear day, August 20, Howie, Oscar Bud and I headed for the Stiletto Needle. We were accompanied by Bob, Dick, Fletch and Ulf who intended to try the neighboring Fifth Peak of Serra. At the connecting saddle, our party was overhauled by two Harvard men, King and Magoun, who also had their eyes on the Needle. With true mountaineering courtesy, Howie and Oscar allowed them to become the second rope team since they had failed on a previous attempt. The Needle was not to be threaded easily. The spire turned out to be the most technically difficult climb on the trip, though not exceedingly long. The route almost completely girdled the slender spire, with grand exposure all the way. The view to the Tiedemann Glacier 5,000 feet below was particularly inspiring when the line of sight was directed downward between one's feet, the boots on which were, more often than not, placed on protuberances that were almost inadequate for the occasion. A counter-clockwise spiral led us back around to the equally impressive Tellot side where the direct-aid piton climbing began. On the traverse of the face, Bud placed two pitons for direct-aid to reach a chimney after the key hold, a massive flake, pulled out when tested and spun into space, fortunately unaccompanied by Bud. The issue of whether the climb would go was still in doubt as the four of us huddled together on an insecure-looking chockstone in the bottomless chimney leading to the summit, which, though close, was as yet unseen. To add to our indecision, ominous clouds swirled about the peak and discharged flakes of snow, but not enough to force a retreat. The final pitch resisted Bud's efforts, wherein he needed slack rope to advance while held in by tension. Aided by a higher piton, he overcame the difficulty and reached

the pinpoint summit at 4:30 p. m. In all, ten pitons had been used, four of them for direct-aid when necessary holds were missing. From the summit we could see the tiny dots, our friends, descending from their successful climb on the Serra Peak, named Mount Davey Wilson in honor of Bob's friend, a flier killed in the war. Victorious yodels floated to and from across the intervening abyss. A cautious descent was made via the route of ascent, and the base of the mountain reached at dark, and camp not long after.

The days whisked by in a glorious succession highlighted by both achievement and failure, with the latter untinged by bitterness or regret. Bob, Dick, and Oscar climbed Dentiform, the third ascent, with time left over to ascend its eastern summit. Fletch and I found the East Peak of McCormick to be a delightful scramble. Man-made cairns materialized on Mts. Tellot, Mills Tower, Board of Directors Peak, Dragonback, Heartstone, and the previously mentioned Stanford Claw. No drive could be summoned for either Stiletto or the highest peak of Serra. There was too much snow on the former and the breath of death on the latter. The Second Claw Peak resisted a second sortie, and the Fourth Claw was appropriately dubbed the "Impossible Claw."

On the tenth day at high camp, Bud and I, the cigaretteless smokers, filibustered on the delights of base camp, and our arguments, aided by the cold, hastened the decision to retreat. A cache of food was erected on the east ridge of Dragonback and named in honor of Shiverick. On the way down to milder climes, Bob and Dick turned aside and climbed Mount Shand.

From base camp two parties set out for Pocket Valley and Scimitar Glacier respectively. Marvelous views of unrivaled mountain vistas were obtained, but no ascents accomplished. Back at base camp again, insidious lethargy set in, combined with an ever-growing desire to return to the "flesh-pots"—the comforts of civilization and the easy life of Vancouver. In addition, the torrential autumn rains were near, and so, with a blossoming of energy, camp was struck on August 23. We adhered strictly to the "Cache and Carry" system; what we couldn't carry, we cached. The resulting huge cache was fitting inducement to return the next year for an assault on the unclimbed giants, Stiletto and Serra. With packs weighing in the neighborhood of seventy pounds, we staggered toward civilization. The procession is best described by Bob, our leader. "This trip proved one thing, we aren't iron men. We're made of aluminum to save weight."

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