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When the one great scorer comes,

To mark beside your name,

He writes not whether you won or lost,

But how you played the game.

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#### Your Attention, Please

- Here is the song book at last. We hope that you'll all like it and start digging around in your own chapters to resurrect more songs which can be added to these. We know that there are others, but the music for them is lacking and the words alone are of no use for publication. Have the arrangements for your songs set up and send them in to the Editor right away before you forget it. We make special mention here of the fine work done by Bill McIlroy and his committee in compiling these songs. Let us hear your reactions to this issue.
- THE EDITORS of the ALPHA add their appeal to that of Grand Secretary Kitchen and Grand Treasurer Krebs for greater care in filling out the initiation cards. One of these cards is used in the ALPHA offices for the purpose of compiling a permanent mailing list, and of late, considerable carelessness has been noted in the way in which the cards have been filled out. Of particular interest to us is the home address of the initiate. This does not mean his residence while at college, but rather his permanent home address. This is a matter which takes only a few minutes, but which is very important. Please take the time to do it right.
- NEW CHAPTERS will soon be installed at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York and at Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana. The May issue of the Alpha will bring you stories of these new chapters and their colleges. THE EDITORS

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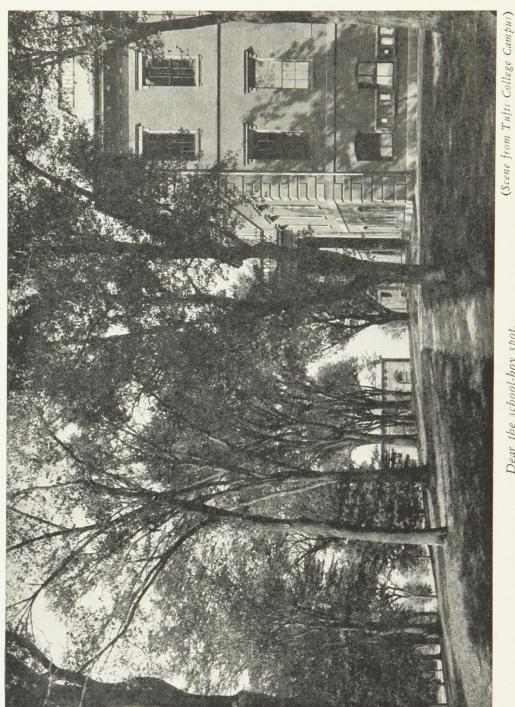
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Dear the school-boy spot,

We ne'er forget, though there we are forgot.

BYRON



# The ALPHA of Alpha Kappa Pi



## Fraternity Scholarship Declines

Alpha Kappa Pi Has Poorest Record in History; Several Chapters Advance

• According to the statistics provided by the Scholarship Committee of the National Interfraternity Conference, the scholarship rating of Alpha Kappa Pi took a severe drop for the school year of 1933-34. Not only was the average far below the record which was set up in the previous year, but it fell slightly below the All Men's Average for the first time in the history of the fraternity.

This decline in scholarship was noted not only in Alpha Kappa Pi, however, but in both the All Men's Average and that of fraternity men in institutions throughout the country as well. Alvan E. Duerr, Chairman of the Committee on Scholarship, in his report to the Interfraternity Conference, stated in part:

Our net results this year carry us back four years. In other words, we have lost all the gain that we have made during the last four years. It began to appear last year. I am not ready to offer any explanation. The easiest explanation would be that it was due to the feeling of unrest among the undergraduates, but I don't believe that that is the right explanation unless by chance we are failing to get the usual proportion of worth while men.

#### Mr. Duerr further reported these facts:

The loss took place generally, with the exception of the Middle Atlantic States, where a slight gain was made. In the South, where fraternity averages have always been highest, the loss was the greatest; one-half of the institutions had lower frater-

nity group averages than the previous year; this year the South takes second place to the Western States. Last year the average of all fraternities at a majority of colleges was above the All Men's Average as were a majority of the averages of national fraternities and of individual chapters; this year, in every case, the majority is below.

Another observation by Mr. Duerr, that the decline of scholastic averages in the colleges of the Southern states has been so great as to account for the entire loss which we have made nationally, may to a certain degree be used as a criterion in attempting to explain the fall in the scholarship of Alpha Kappa Pi. We find that at Centre College, Upsilon Chapter dropped from first place in the standing among six fraternities to last place; and that at Presbyterian College, Eta Chapter trailed the four other fraternities of that institution for the second consecutive year. Our other representative in the South also showed a decline, though not so drastic, when Xi Chapter at North Carolina State College dropped from first to third among thirteen fraternities.

The general gain which was noted at colleges in the Middle Atlantic States was also evident in Alpha Kappa Pi. At Rutgers University, Rho Chapter jumped from fourth place out of sixteen national groups to first place; and Lambda Chapter moved up from

second place to first place among the five fraternities at Bethany College. Of the other chapters in this district, Nu Chapter at Lehigh was ninth among twenty-seven fraternities; Beta Chapter at Wagner was second out of three groups; Delta Chapter at Brooklyn Poly was third out of five; Omicron Chapter at Penn State was twenty-seventh out of forty-three; and Gamma Chapter at Stevens was seventh out of ten.

Among the remaining chapters from which we have received scholarship reports, however, there is evidenced an even greater advance. In the New England States, Kappa Chapter at Massachusetts Institute of Technology ranked first among twenty-four fraternities, as against second place the year previous; while Pi Chapter moved from the cellar into eleventh place among the thirteen groups at the University of New Hampshire. Moving out into the North Central State, we find the best averages of all as far as geographical location is concerned. Of the two A K II Chapters represented in this district, Iota Chapter at Mount Union maintained first position out of five fraternities for the sixth consecutive year; while Sigma Chapter made the remarkable record of finishing fifth in the tabulation among the fifty-two fraternities at the University of Illinois.

### Notice to Chapters

• HEREAFTER, it is requested that greater care be exercised by each chapter in the matter of filling out the quadruplicate membership registration cards. These cards are of vital importance to the national offices, inasmuch as they form the basis for a permanent record of all members of the fraternity. It is very essential that their preparation be performed in a legible, accurate, and complete manner.

Henceforth, instead of having each candidate prepare his own card, it is recommended that some officer of the chapter, preferably the secretary or treasurer, be assigned this specific responsibility as one of his regular duties. Such a procedure, we believe, will do much to eliminate the confusion and misunderstanding that seemingly confronts the

candidate in his efforts to fill out his own card.

To further insure a properly prepared card, we list the following simple rules to be strictly observed in connection therewith:

1. Be neat, thorough, exact.

2. Supply all information requested.

3. Fill in with *ink* only.

4. Print legibly—do not use script.

5. State candidate's full name.

6. Have candidate sign his name in all places reserved for personal signature.

7. Re-check for errors or omissions.

8. Send all four cards to the Grand Treasurer.

Any card not prepared in accordance with the above rules will be promptly returned to the chapter.

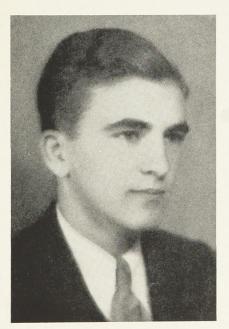
WILLIAM S. KITCHEN, Grand Secretary Frank J. Krebs, Grand Treasurer

## Interesting Undergraduates

#### William L. Van Derbeek

BILL ENTERED Newark College of Engineering from East Orange High School. He had not been at college very long before he became well known about the school through his interest in its various activities. During his first year he did about all there was for a freshman to do. Bill played on the freshman football, basketball, baseball and rugby teams, and was a member of the freshman track squad. He also was elected secretary of the class. In his second year he participated in all of the above sports, was assistant manager of the wrestling team, vice-president of the class, secretary of the Athletic Association, and a member of the Student Council. The junior year found Bill as vicepresident of both the Athletic Association and the Student Council as well as manager of the wrestling team. This past year, his senior year, Bill is president of both the Athletic Association and the Student Council. He also serves as treasurer of Alpha Chapter.

PAUL W. NORDT, JR.



WILLIAM L. VAN DERBEEK, Alpha '35

#### Henry R. Weeks

• HENRY, otherwise known as Reggie, Deke, or Henney Weeks, is finishing his fourth year as an outstanding member of Phi Chapter, St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland. Realizing his ability and value the chapter picked him for their leader this year,



HENRY R. WEEKS, Phi '35

which has proven the most successful year that Alpha Kappa Pi has had on this campus. Under his wing we acquired thirteen pledges, all good men and true. The house's financial condition has been better this year than ever before, notwithstanding the fact that we have had heavy expenditures for furniture and numerous luxuries.

Deke's ability for leadership has shown up on the campus as well as in the house. He has held a class office every year since he has been at college, all leading up to and terminating in the presidency of the senior class. His academic work has been of the highest quality, and he has been on the dean's list numerous times.



MALCOLM J. McDonald, Eta'35 Conductor of School Band and Orchestra, Member of Glee Club and Chi Beta Phi.



ROBERT W. BRADLEY, Tau '35 President of Tau Chapter, Member of Tau Beta Pi and A.I.E.E.



GERALD R. O'GRADY, Tau '35 Manager of Wrestling, Member of Interfraternity Council and Phi Beta Kappa.



WILLIAM J. McIlroy, Lambda '35 Chairman of Alpha Kappa Pi Song Book Committee.

Football has been his forte. As All-Maryland tackle for the last two years, he has been the strongest point of the St. John's line. His opponents say, "it's not that he hits so hard; it's that he hits so often." He was able to carry on for three years without sustaining serious injury, but this year he received a broken nose and a slight concussion all at one time. The broken nose slightly mars his beauty, but then he is a football hero, and that seems to help. He was able to add another nickname to his list,—"the Goon," because of the protective helmet he wore and which alone was enough to throw fear into his adversaries. In his freshman year he made his numerals in lacrosse, and remained on the squad his second year, but because of a knee injury, he had to choose between football and lacrosse, and he took the former. His ability in baseball has helped the house win several intramural trophies in this sport.

The reason that Deke has been so successful in his life, and that we pick him to go far in his worldly ambitions, is because of his easy-going nature, backed by a strong drive to win—a fine combination.

FRANK R. GESSNER, JR.

#### Walter S. Rogers

WALTER SANFORD ROGERS, more popularly known as just plain Wally, is our worthy president. His name as an active participant in campus extra-curricular activities has not been a fixture on the pages of the Alpha, but, in all fairness, this fact cannot be taken as the criterion of his worthy accomplishments. In his freshman year Wally did his best to keep active by attaching himself to the business board of the "Stute," the college weekly newspaper, and by becoming a candidate for assistant manager of baseball. His interests, which lay chiefly in activities of a technical nature, soon waned, however, and he quickly dropped his extra-curricular work. Because the activities which interested him most were found to be lacking, and because the dean at times professed a most profound desire to keep him inactive, we have not found Wally breaking any campus activity records. What energy Wally might have expended in

the glorification of alma mater in the literary or the athletic field has very creditably and successfully been transferred to our chapter affairs. Through the inspiration of Wally's guidance and his earnest efforts, Gamma is slowly but surely going through a process



WALTER S. ROGERS, Gamma '35

of rehabilitation that has already shown encouraging progress and fruitful results. His clear-cut and straightforward mannerism, and the sincerity of his actions have been the chief assets in the remarkable development of the respect which he commands. Of these characteristics he has made great use during his two year membership on the Interfraternity Council, for service on which he has received an award of the official Interfraternity Council key. The fact that Wally is now a senior means that he will be lost to us in the coming year—lost as an active member, but never as a loyal alumnus.

EDWARD M. SZITA

#### Psi's Outstanding Seniors

• PSI CHAPTER of Alpha Kappa Pi is proud to announce that two of the most outstanding men on the campus are again in her midst. They are Nicholas Cody of Beckley, West Virginia, and Edward Howell, who hails from McMechen, West Virginia. Brother Cody will graduate in June the possessor of a bachelor of science degree with a major in chemistry, and Howell with a bachelor of arts degree with his major in English.

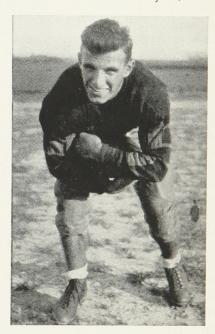


NICHOLAS F. CODY, Psi '35

Nick, who is sometimes known as "figurehead," has been very active in his four years at Wesleyan. He joined Xi Alpha Tau local fraternity in his freshman year, and was one of Psi's charter members when it entered the ranks of Alpha Kappa Pi. Nick made the debate team in his freshman year, and has been the president of West Virginia Alpha of Pi Kappa Delta, national debating fraternity, for three years. Nick was elected to be one of Wesleyan's cheerleaders in his freshman year, and for the past two years has held the honor of being head cheerleader. Nick was one of the most valued men on the tennis team last year, and as a fitting reward he was made captain of the team for this year. Nick also belongs to the Olympic club and the Benzene Ring, which is Wesleyan's honorary chemistry club. He was the business manager of the Pharos, a campus publication, for one year. Nick is president of Psi Chapter of

Alpha Kappa Pi, and has conducted Psi through a very successful year. Nick is a laboratory assistant in the chemistry research department, and at the present time is working on the extraction of berylium from its ore on a commercial scale. He is planning to be associated with the Carbide and Carbon Company after he graduates, in June. However, his application is being considered at the present time concerning a scientific expedition into Tibet. Recently Nick received one of the most coveted honors a student in an American university or college can receive. He was listed in the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Edward Howell, who is better known as "Stretch," is one of Wesleyan's famed athletes. He has received varsity letters in football and basketball since he enrolled in Wesleyan as a freshman. He also received his letter in baseball his freshman year, but since



EDWARD I. HOWELL, Psi '35

then the sport has been discontinued. Stretch was one of the eight founders of the Olympic club in his freshman year, and since then it has become one of the most powerful organizations on the campus. Stretch was elected president of the Boys' Dorm in his freshman

year. He became a member of Xi Alpha Tau local fraternity during his first year here, and also joined the Y.M.C.A. His sophomore year he was elected president of the sophomore class, was made a member of the Intramural Board and was also elected to be its chairman, was a member of the nominating committee for the student council, and received the office of house manager in the fraternity. In his junior year he was elected treasurer of his class, again was made house manager of the fraternity, and was appointed floor manager of the 1934 West Virginia High School basketball tournament. Again Stretch became a founder of one of the campus organizations, the Beavers club, whose purpose it is to promote school spirit at all times. This year Stretch is vice-president of Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi, and a member of the committee on seniors' invitations and rings.

To spend a day on Wesleyan's campus would leave no doubt in anyone's mind that Stretch and Nick are two of the most popular members on the campus and are true fraternity men. When next September rolls around they will be missed a lot.

JAMES WALKER

#### Richard M. Wilson

Nu is honored to have among its members an outstanding man in the senior class. Brother Wilson is one of the most loyal and enthusiastic supporters of the fraternity and of Lehigh.

Dick entered Lehigh as a sophomore, having spent his first year at Drexel Institute. In March of 1932 he was initiated into the knighthood, and in the same year he was elected to the office of sentinel of Nu.

Last year he really began to get places. He served as assistant house manager and did many things in building the smooth running house we have today. He also served as secretary of the Executive Board of the *Brown and White*, the school newspaper; and as librarian for the Lehigh Collegians, the student dance orchestra. Meanwhile Dick was making a name for himself as a good engineer-

ing student. It was through his efforts that the large Corliss engine in the school laboratory was repaired and put into use for Lehigh University's Open House. At the end of last year Brother Wilson was elected vice-president and house manager of the chapter. Be-



RICHARD M. WILSON, Nu '35

ginning this year Dick added new laure's to his undergraduate activities when he was elected president of the student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Brother Wilson has always been a leader scholastically and socially. He is also active in intramural sports. He was a member of the Mechanical Engineers' football team and of the house teams. Records show that Dick is a typical Alpha Kappa Pi.

GEORGE H. KALB

#### Just a Reminder

All chapters should now have their supply of the new Alpha Kappa Pi rushing cards. If you have not as yet secured yours, write to Grand Treasurer Krebs immediately. It is time for them to be distributed among your alumni to allow plenty of time for them to contact some good men for next year's freshman class. Don't put this off—allow your alumni to cooperate!



## THE ADVISER'S

### CORNER

NO CHAPTER should overlook the strength that comes from first impressions. In unfolding the teachings of the ritual meticulous care should be taken to make the work as faultless and impressive as possible. When it is necessary to use the name Alpha Kappa Pi make certain not to take the short cut and pledge the new brother, on his way to membership, to the A K II fraternity. It is the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. There is a world of difference as to the beauty and impressiveness of the ritual when properly revealed to the neophyte.

Reams of paper have been used and volumes written, among all the Greek letter societies, as to the proper place to wear the badge, and yet the same mistake is made time without number. At the recent national convention some of the delegates proudly displayed their badge in the left hand corner of their vest, and one or two in the right hand corner of that garment. One day, on Fortysecond street, New York City, one of the best men in the fraternity, hailed me only to display his badge in the form of a necktie stick pin. As yet no frater has appeared in true George Ade style with his badge on the left lapel of his coat. When asked, in more recent times, why he had worn the badge in this position or place, when in college, the inimitable Ade replied: "I do not know unless it was we were not ashamed of it." However, it is not a matter of being ashamed or of not being proud of the badge. It is good usage, at the present time at least, to wear the badge on blouse or vestment and just over the heart, and in fact a little to the left and thus less prominently shown. A little thing, yes, but the proper thing nevertheless.

The executive council has been most generous and thoughtful in providing, without

cost to chapter or individual, copies of the most recent interfraternity conference minutes, for each of our Grand officers, Province Chiefs, Trustees, Editor of THE ALPHA, and the Collegiate Chapters. We suggest that good use be made of these illuminating pages. There is counsel worth knowing within the pages of this Year Book. Alpha Kappa Pi has just the present year in which to serve as a junior member of the Interfraternity Conference, and then automatically it passes into full or senior membership. It is the hope of the adviser that Alpha Kappa Pi reaches this final membership in this conference fully equipped to take her place among the leaders. Now is the time to make that preparation. No better source is given than a study of these annual minutes.

The subject of new chapters is always an interesting one. At this time we are pleased to state that, in so far as growth in new chapters is concerned, the fraternity has no cause to worry. The outlook along this line is more than just encouraging. Care must be taken always, and more so, since the ever present financial status must play a part, as well as the worth of the petitioning group and the college wherein that group is established.

Even more important than new chapters is the challenge that the chapters already chartered shall not fail to make themselves strong, and ready to take a more vigorous life when next September rolls along. To succeed in this work there must be no postponement of the effort but to appreciate the "now" time, and begin at once to build more stately mansions as to spirit and membership. Alpha Kappa Pi expects, and rightly so, that every brother shall see his duty and then do it.

ALBERT HUGHES WILSON



## CHAPTER NEWS

## Chapters Which Have Not Submitted Letters for This Issue Are:

GAMMA at Stevens Institute of Technology THETA at Columbia University IOTA at Mount Union College UPSILON at Centre College

#### Alpha-N. C. E.

Initiated: Royal Cleveland, John Skinner, John Hansen, Ted Feurbach, John Taska, Willis Haythorne, Stanley Pasternack and Richard Wilkinson.

This year has seen many Alpha men actively engaged in numerous capacities about the school. Despite the limited field of sports at N.C.E., one will find Alpha-ites well represented. Brothers Brady, Amberg, Taska and Hansen were members of the varsity basketball team this year and enjoyed a very successful season. Probably because of this, Alpha has had things pretty much their own way in the inter-fraternity basketball league this year. Flashing back to sports of last fall, the writer wishes to say that the chapter football team decisively defeated its only rival by a score of 36 to 0 in a game that showed equal scoring ability on the part of all the backfield composed of Brothers Brady, Connor, Amberg and Bowe. Defensively the line was superb, for the opposition failed to even get within hailing distance of Alpha's goal. Although there have been no teams formed, considerable interest has been shown at the school in boxing. Brother Connor has abandoned wrestling to become a leather pusher; good luck, Lew, but take care of that handsome profile. Our annual ping-pong tournament got under way as usual and everything was going along fine with Brothers Brady and Lartaud surviving as finalists. Before they had a chance to play off the match somebody sold the ping-pong table.

Among the other school activities one finds Brother Harry Ritterbusch as editor-in-chief of the Year Book and president of the Inter-fraternity Council, with Brothers Amberg and Nordt as delegates to the Council from Alpha. Brother Frank Hurlburt has been named on the Senior Ball committee and has been very active in arranging a dance that should prove a great success. Brothers Jack Connell and Andy Hofer served on the Junior Prom committee. Although they took quite a razzing from the seniors, who said they couldn't run a successful dance, it turned out to be a very enjoyable affair. Brother Bill Van Derbeek is president of the Senior Class and also of the Athletic Association. Throughout Bill's four years of school he has been one of the most active men. His presence will be sorely missed both in school and fraternity circles after his graduation in June. The chapter selected Brother Ned Clinton as chairman of the spring dance. It is the opinion of the brothers that the dance should be planned so that it may be both a financial and a social success, the former not having been the case in past years. We all look to Ned to perform what has been impossible.

On January 18 Alpha conducted a formal initiation for its eight new men at the chapter house. Upon the completion of the rituals, a banquet was held at the King Lear Restaurant in Newark to welcome the new brothers and to introduce prospective members. The guests of honor at this affair were Professor Carvin, head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and Professor Fithian of the Mathematics Department.

Plans are now under way for a stag "get-together" at the house. Numerous prospective members will be invited and there is considerable talk of having another "scavenger hunt." At the first one the brothers discovered that it is an excellent way to get truly acquainted with new men and also provide some useful articles for the house.

At the National Convention Alpha Chapter was ably represented by Brothers Lewis Connor and Richard Amberg. From all reports their journey to New York was enjoyable as well as fraternally profitable.

PAUL W. NORDT, JR.

#### Beta-Wagner

Initiated: Albert Schoenbucher '38, and Henry Pape '36.

On February 1, Beta held its annual mid-winter formal dance at the Hotel Pennsylvania, in New York City. It was attended by about seventy-five couples, including quite a number of our alumni.

At our first induction during this academic year,

on February 8, we were very fortunate and happy to have Brother Wilson and Brothers D'Angelo and MacDonald of Theta present at the ceremony.

A Monte Carlo party was held in our lodge room on Friday evening, March 1, and a good time was had by all. Losses were heavy on the house.



JOHN BURKE, Beta '35 (Reserve Sky Pilot)

Jimmie Robb, Mike Horgan and Johnnie Burke, who spend most of their time at the radio, tapping rhythm to a dance band or arguing with Fred Schnackenberg as to whether Hal Kemp or Glen Gray has the better orchestra, have come to the conclusion that we should have another dance. The suggestion was favorably accepted by everyone and plans have been made definite. We are calling it a Founders Day dance, to be held at the Staten Island Elk's club on Friday evening, March 22. Plans are also in the wind for our annual spring formal dance. It will probably be held at the Downtown Athletic Club roof garden in New York City during the latter part of May.

On looking over the marriage, birth and betrothal announcements in the January Alpha, we at Beta feel that Nu Chapter must be congratulated for their "cupiditory" (that's one of my own) success. Six out of thirteen marriages listed, three of the six birth announcements, and two of the six bethrothal announcements are accredited to Nu. Congratulations, Nu! Congratulations!

Beta also boasts a betrothal announcement: Brother Carl B. Voiges '34 has announced his engagement to Miss Doris Stein of Staten Island. Good luck, Carl. On looking over statistics, I find that over 25 per cent of Wagner graduates never marry. However, judging from the lack of badges on the bosoms of Beta brothers, we feel quite assured that the percentage will decrease in the course of a few years.

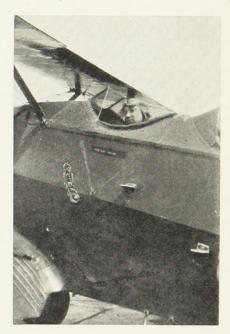
Varsity basketball at Wagner is still on the up and up, with Brother Robb and Pledge Leonard

still tossing them in two points at a time for the Green and White. The victory over Newark College of Engineering was the Green Wave's sixth consecutive win. We were very glad to see our brothers from Alpha at that game.

Al Corbin is again captaining debate with Jim Donovan assisting on the team. One of our faculty members, Dr. Lee Davidheiser, is coach. The first match of the season was a 3-0 victory over N.Y.U.

John Burke and Jim Robb are taking correspondence courses in order to obtain commissions from the War Department. Brother Burke, who has been active in C.M.T.C. for several years, seeks his commission in the reserve army, and Brother Robb in the 27th air division, National Guard. Pledge Bobby Power is also active in the 27th air division.

We are very happy to announce that Mr. J. Joyce Klinger has accepted our pledge button and will be initiated into honorary membership in the very near future. Mr. Klinger is a prominent Staten Island attorney, who has been interested in Alpha



JIM ROBB, Beta '35 (National Guard Flyer)

Kappa Pi for a number of years and has done much for Beta.

Brother Mike Horgan, commonly known as the "barrister," spends his spare time delivering summonses, while Frank Tellefsen breaks up the monotony (?) of college life by jerking sodas in a drug store and sending hysterious letters to Brooklyn.

If you are ever on Staten Island and forget to visit Beta we shall feel very much insulted.

JACK BERGLUND

## SONGS OF ALPHA KAPPA PI

MARCH, 1935

#### **FRATERNITY**



#### THE SEVEN POINTED STAR

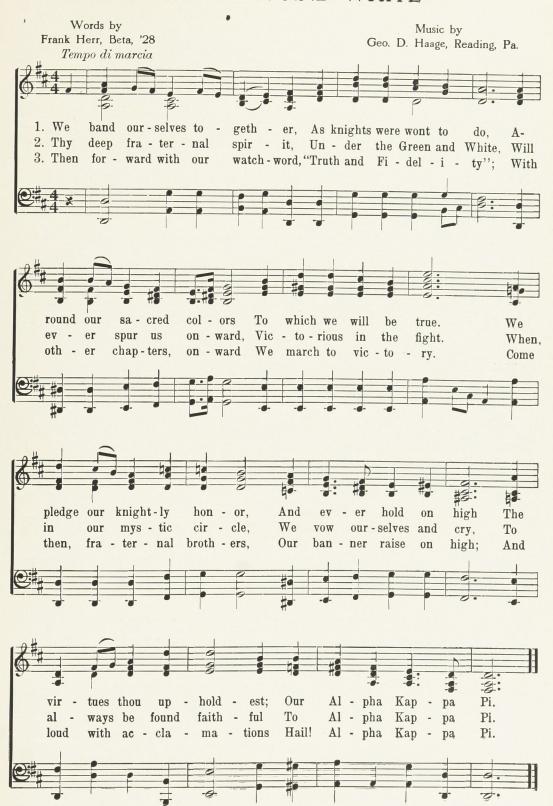
(A Hymn to Alpha Kappa Pi)



#### MEMORIES OF ALPHA KAPPA PI



#### THE GREEN AND WHITE



#### ALPHA KAPPA PI MARCHING SONG



#### ALPHA KAPPA PI MARCHING SONG



#### THE YELLOW ROSE

Dedicated to Mrs. Calvin Coolidge



#### THE YELLOW ROSE



#### SWEETHEART OF ALPHA KAPPA PI



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• IT IS WITH much pleasure that this first song book of Alpha Kappa Pi is presented to the fraternity. There has long been a need for something of this sort and the cry for a song book has been continuous. A committee was appointed at our 1933 National Convention for the purpose of gathering together the songs of the individual chapters so that they might be incorporated into a song book for the fraternity. The seven songs which are printed herein are the results of their efforts.

In addition to the songs which we have been able to include in this issue, several others were submitted to the committee, the tunes of which were those of familiar songs: but the denial of copyright privileges on these has necessitated their omission from

this printing.

We present this song book issue to you in hopes that it will lead to the uncovering of other chapter songs which when sent to the committee may be added to these already printed to form a permanent Song Book of Alpha Kappa Pi. It is further hoped that the printing of these songs will tend to create a renewed interest in more and better singing among our chapters. Music has a strange uniting power and is an excellent means of establishing a richer and deeper fraternal feeling.

WILLIAM J. McIlroy, Lambda '35, Chairman of Song Book Committee

#### Delta-Brooklyn Poly

Another Alpha goes to press and another semester begins, both milestones in the undergraduate life of A K Pi's. The Alpha's arrival at Delta is always awaited with great interest. Rushing results being the desired information, this branch of A K Pi is patiently awaiting. While we hope all our chapters are doing great in this direction, we like to imagine that Delta is just about tops when it comes to this particular indoor sport. Well, we are in the thickest of the battle, and while nothing is definite, yet we feel confident that a goodly crowd will go A K Pi on pledge day.

For those of you who didn't get up to New York for the convention, we will take this opportunity of introducing two of our new brothers who were welcomed into the bonds by the executive officers. James Taylor and Ed Wieler were the fortunate chaps to be initiated by our Grand officers.

While the convention made us the unofficial hosts of the affair, we had all the social activity anyone could ask for, but now that we are all back to the grind again our thoughts stray to what the future holds for us in things sociable. Our calendar tells us that March 10 is "Go to Church Sunday," and you can be sure March 10 will find all of Deltas accompanied by their parents before the Rev. Dr. Durkee in Plymouth Church realizing most emphatically just one more of the many benefits of fraternal brotherhood.

March 23 is already reserved by the chapter as Founders Day and a suitable program is under way to celebrate the founding of our fraternity. Prior to 10 P.M. the solemnity of the affair will be the order of things with talks on the early days of Alpha Kappa Pi. At 10 P.M. a toast will be made and Delta will drink to the health of our fraternity.

Following the libation, dancing and refreshments will be the order of things, and the occasion will be duly celebrated.

At this time it is customary to introduce the new officers who will guide the chapter through another college year. As president, Delta will have in Fred Hienzelman, a sincere and hard-working executive. Supporting Fred in the vice-president's chair is Delta's diplomat Al Emilian. Ed Friet proved his mettle last year as assistant treasurer and now has full control over Delta's money matters. John Vaiden will be the royal keeper of the minutes and discharge all other duties becoming of a secretary for the coming year. Harry Scanlon holds forth with sufficient dignity and reverence at lunch and meetings as chaplain. Jim Humble's occasional guffaws will remind us that the marshal is about and that all's right with our chapter. Jim Taylor will let "only worthy ones within" on meeting nights as Delta's impressive but very determined sentinel. E. Kroepke will lend every effort toward getting these too few and too far between messages over to Russ Kramer's office on time.

Just by way of encouragement before turning this ms. over to one of Jim Farley's boys, we here at Delta go to town on those songs and ditties relative to Alpha Kappa Pi that caused sore throats at the convention. If any of you brothers have pounded out any new vocal exercises since the convention, Delta would appreciate the opportunity of killing them along with you. Don't be bashful but send them along collect if you think they're worth it.

#### E. FREDERIC KROEPKE

#### Eta-Presbyterian

Eta Chapter is rolling merrily along and rapidly making itself one of the most powerful and influential on our campus. No new men have been added since the last letter, but the old ones are really going somewhere. However, the name of one pledge was accidentally omitted from the list last time. He is Mason McConnell, Jr., a transfer student from Davidson and a big man in the social activities of the campus.

In the recent student publications elections two Eta men won out: Hugh Holman, former sports editor was elected Editor-in-Chief of the *Blue Stocking*, our weekly school newspaper, and Richard Yow, former circulation manager, was elected business manager. Three other Eta men have been appointed members of the staff: Marion Bird, advertising manager; John Latimer, assistant circulation manager; and Stuart Campbell, newswriter and reviewer.

Eta men are prominent in every phase of our extra-curricular activities. Malcolm Gillis is a member of the varsity boxing squad. Cappelman is fighting in the middle-weight class and seems headed for a tie for state championship. Carl Johnson has gotten out his old glove and is again assuming his place in right field for the varsity baseball team. George Cody has answered the call for track men. Malcolm McDonald is the music man of the campus, conducting the orchestra and the band in addition to being a prominent member of the glee club. Hugh Holman is president of the International Relations Club and Stuart Campbell is a member. The club has three members of the honorary scientific fraternity, Chi Beta Phi: Paul Todd, Malcolm Gillis, and Malcolm McDonald. Hugh Holman is a member of the varsity debating team. The chapter has two student assistants: George Cody in French and Hugh Holman in English.

We have initiated the practice of giving weekly "socials"—not pretentious affairs, but rather small gatherings each weekend for games, dancing, and dating. The practice has proven very successful. In addition to these, our social life includes a monthly "big party" and active work with the Panhellenic Council.

In closing, Eta extends sincere fraternal greetings and good wishes to all Alpha Kappa Pi's.

HUGH HOLMAN

#### Карра—М. I. Т.

At the present writing, the most important matter in the minds of the brothers is rushing. Since we have returned from the mid-year vacation which follows exams at Tech, we have been concentrating



M.I.T. JUNIOR VARSITY AT PRINCETON Willard Bixby, Kappa '35, fourth from right

our efforts on getting new pledges. Kappa was unfortunate in rushing last fall, since we moved into our present location too late to be very successful in any rushing program. Things look promising now, however, following a series of social events that have taken place during the past two weeks. We first held a smoker, which was well attended both by prospects and by brothers from Tau and our province chief, "Pete" Hedman. We have since had two dances, both of which were highly successful.

While the official records of the comparative ratings of the fraternities at Tech for the first term have not been published, we predict from our own calculations, that we will be well toward if not at the head of the list. We are sorry to report that little or no recognition is accorded scholarship achievements of fraternities at Tech, so we have only our own satisfaction as a reward for our efforts.

The house is getting quite Beacon Hillish in the quality of the music which we are afforded by the trio mentioned in the last writing by ye scribe. Concerts on Saturday or Sunday evenings are still in order by the Twilight Trio, and we understand the appreciation of the brothers is duly recorded both during and following the musicales.

The yearbook at M.I.T.—Technique—has a section devoted to fraternities which includes a group picture of the members and one interior of the house. Consequently, we recently had the

pleasure (for most of us, at any rate) of smiling at the birdie; and last week our lounge was subjected to the camera's piercing eye.

News of the alumni seems to be meagre. We recently heard that a past president, "Mike" Northam has accepted a position here in Boston. The writer also received an announcement of the marriage of "Wy" Boynton, '31, to Mildred Bullard of Tillaro, Arkansas on February 1.

CARL P. STRATTON

#### Lambda—Bethany

Initiated: Walter Hardesty, Elmer Greskovich and Donald McIlroy.

Lambda has "come through" again! We are proud to announce that we topped the fraternities in scholarship with an average of 1.67. However, we do lay our books aside long enough to indulge in social and athletic life.

On February 16, Lambda held a very successful novelty party at the chapter house. The first floor and basement were decorated to blend with the activities of the evening which consisted of pingpong, scat, bridge, and dancing. We were pleased to have with us Brother Reigard, Lambda '29.

In the last issue of the ALPHA we found the rest of you fellows advertising your athletes. Never let it be said that Lambda could not produce! This year we boasted three huskies, Wells, Lewton, and Bupka, who made up the left side of the line, and a powerful side it was! Bethany will realize a great loss as Wells will graduate in June and Lewton has left school.

Speaking of men leaving—by the time this is in print, Lambda will have witnessed the exodus of as fine an administrative body as any fraternity could wish for. Our hats are off to Brothers Marion, Henthrone, Saxman, and Wagner. We also lose by graduation seven active members.

Tony Marion, our president, has given his time and energy to the interests of Alpha Kappa Pi.

Charles Wells was our outstanding representative in football during his four years at Bethany. Bill Moyer, our happy-go-lucky steward, leaves

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Arden Hanes will leave a vacancy in the varsity male quartet that will be hard to fill.

With the departure of Bill Garner the biology department will lose one of its best assistants in years.

The chemistry department and the Alpha Kappa Pi treasury department will be lost without Barney Wagner.

This writer will also "take off" and sincerely hopes that his efforts in compiling a song book will be carried on by all Alpha Kappa Pi Chapters.

Lambda wishes these brothers and all other graduating Alpha Kappa Pi's the best of success in the future.

During the past few weeks we have been

honored by having as visitors our new Province Chief, Jack Rafeld and Grand Treasurer, Frank Krebs. Brothers Sokol '33, Sowers '34, and Addleman '27 also paid us short visits.

As a parting message I would like to suggest that every Alpha Kappa Pi salute Albert Hughes Wilson and his aides for their untiring efforts in increasing the chapter roll of our fraternity.

May Alpha Kappa Pi continue to grow as she has, and may every brother be sincere when he drinks to the future welfare of Alpha Kappa Pi.

WILLIAM J. McIlroy

#### Mu-Marshall

Pledged: Ralph Woodcock '39, Wilmington, N.C.; Charles Allen '39, Union, W.Va.; Albert Hull '38, Ironton, Ohio; Ashley Booth '36, James Shirley '39, George Cowden '39, and Billy Durrett '36, all of Huntington, W.Va.

Initiated: "Andy" Allen '37, Hinton, W.Va.; Sam Crum '37, Charles Harmon '37, (?), and Norman Hazeldine, Jr., '37.

Dear A K Pi Brothers;

Tibi navem prorā puppique mitto.

Mu gave her first rush party at the chapter house on February 7. The alumni chapter sponsored the affair, and the active chapter entertained 26 rushees. All joined in the playing of "cootie," cards, and other amusements; and the evening ended with coffee, sandwiches, and songs.

The second rush party also held at the house, on February 14, entertained 16 rushees from 8 till 10. Several thousands of dollars in stage money changed hands in a splendid Monte Carlo party and many alumni brothers mingled with rushees and actives in the stock and bond "pit." A man hired for the occasion made hot doughnuts and coffee on the spot.

The pledging of the above named delegation raises the chapter total to twelve, and the initiation of the brothers listed above along with the return of Brothers Harlow, Cobun, and Parker puts the roll of active brothers at fifteen. Good work Brothers Bunch and Garner!

Brother Allen played a bang-up game at end for the varsity last season and Brother Crum handled a tackle position like a veteran on the "frosh." Eligibility rules kept Pledge Bertram from making varsity baseball last year but he is confident of earning a championship "M" this year. Marvin Lester, "Alley Oop of Mu," is 135 lb. boxing champ of Marshall, emerging from a tough field of contestants with the title, a bruised mouth, an enlarged nose, and ohboy!—what an eye! We've had good teams in all intramural sports this year but competition is yearly growing tougher and tougher.

Mu is represented in the college band by brothers Brumfield and Hazeldine, and pledges Durrett and Boothe.

The broad smile of Brother Earl Strohmeyer from

Psi now adorns the Marshall campus and the Blue Bird Grill. Earl is a real fellow and a fine addition to Alpha Kappa Pi even if he has "lost" his pin.

Into Mu's new offices go the library term papers, themes, etc., our scrap-book containing news of all past activities of Mu, a Parthenon (school paper) file, and chapter administrative equipment.

Six men are now living in the house and more are expected soon. Much hilarity has come from the naming of the upstairs rooms.

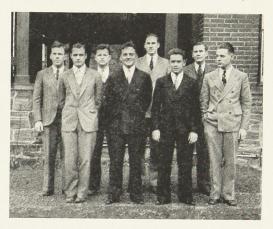
This has been a year of progress for Mu and shows signs of continuing so in a new location soon. May your success be as great as ours.

Fraternally

JIM REYNOLDS

#### Nu-Lehigh

Initiated: Warren T. Dyre, Collingswood, N.J.; Henry G. Naisby, Riverton, N.J.; John W. Walker, Altoona, Pa.; J. Owen Bishop, Baltimore, Md.; William S. Wheeler, New Castle, Pa.; Harvey O.



Nu's Initiates

Rear Row: M. P. Smith, H. J. Tillapaugh, H. O. Young, W. S. Wheeler

Front Row: J. O. Bishop, J. W. Welker, H. G. Naisby, W. T. Dyre

Young, Norwood, Colo.; Herbert J. Tillapaugh, Binghampton, N.Y.; Myron P. Smith, Washington, D.C.

On the afternon of February 9, the above men were formally initiated into brotherhood. Grand President Blankenship, Brothers Jahn and Thom were on hand to welcome each and every one of them. At the banquet held that evening Brother Blankenship spoke on the value of fraternity life. The guest speaker for the evening, however, was Mr. Formals, an instructor at Lehigh and a non-fraternity man, who gave an outsiders' point of view of fraternities and their value.

For several years Nu has been in want of a chapter room, or rather a place for the members

to congregate and discuss chapter affairs. At last this want has been fulfilled. The chapter room was begun last January and is now nearing completion. The room is in the basement. The partitions are made of celotex and are painted Dartmouth green with white trimmings. In one corner a radio is built into the room. The lights are set in the ceiling and are covered with frosted glass. We expect to furnish it with club furniture and possibly lay linoleum on the floor. Much time was well spent on this room by all the brothers, but we have to take our hats off to Brothers Wilson and Brown, the designers.

We did not make out so well this year in the interfraternity basketball league. However, that is over now and the bowling league is about to start. Our team will include Brothers Geiger, Brown, Hempill, and Hoyt, and Pledges Kienzle and Patterson.

Several of our men have been very active in extra curricular activities. Brother Wilson is president of the A.S.M.E. society, and Brother Welker, Nu's delegate to the Freshman Union, has been appointed chairman of the dance committee.

On February 2, the annual Interfraternity Ball was held at Lehigh. The featured orchestras were Mal Hallett and the Emerson Gill. The ball was held at a hall off campus, and was decorated to suit the occasion. Nu is beginning preparations for the spring houseparty which is next on the social calendar here. It will be held the weekend of April 26.

GEORGE H. KALB

#### Xi-North Carolina State

One by one the brothers at Xi returned from their Christmas vacation and have since their return done much to add laurels to the name of the fraternity.

The chapter basketball team has been undefeated in their intramural games so far, and seem headed for a grand finish. Brothers Schoof, Bearthlien, Estes, Ward, Norlander, and Pledges Bradley, Markham, and Kugler make up the squad which represents Xi chapter on the court.

Speaking of basketball, Xi is fortunate in having two of its pledges on the freshman squad. They are Jim Keating and Adolph "Honey" Honeycutt. This year the freshman boxing squad has had for its coach none other than our own Charlie Garner. Charlie was Southern Conference Champ in the welterweight class during his sophomore year. In the field of varsity sports, Brother Bill Bearthlien is the captain of this year's golf team.

Soon after the return to school, we received a visit from Johnny Sawyer '33. Johny is doing well aboard the *S. S. Seminole*. Everytime we hear of Johnny he has just received another promotion of some kind. Another visitor was Wendell Moore, who was pledged to Xi chapter until he decided to transfer to Texas A. and M. last fall.

On January 26, Xi held its first house dance since the vacation. It was an enjoyable dance and was attended by all the brothers and their dates and a large contingent of stags who seemed to take real delight in saying, just at the wrong moment, "May I break, please?"

It was with a great deal of pleasure on the evening of February 10, the brothers initiated Doctor J. G. Estes into the brotherhood. This is the first year for "Doc" Estes as a professor. He graduated from Texas Christian, took his master's work at the University of Illinois, and received his Doctor's degree at M.I.T., where he was connected with the mathematics department as a professor before transferring to State.

With all this to look back on, the brothers at Xi say adieu. FREDERICK G. WALSH

#### Omicron-Penn State

Pledged: Elvin R. Snyder '36, Minersville, Pa. Initiated: Paul Noll '37, Robert Kutzer '37, Thomas Sherer '37, Robert Hayes '38, William Fener '38, Edward Oeschger '38, Howard Pennypacker '38, William Greiner, Jr., '38.

Omicron chapter on February 22 added to its membership the above mentioned men and desires to present them to Alpha Kappa Pis everywhere as worthy and able brothers.

On the weekend of February 16, Brothers Brogan, Lewis, Podehl, Rhein, and Widney had the pleasure to visit Phi chapter at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, the visit being prompted by the fact that Penn State was engaging the Naval Academy in basketball and boxing. The five guests were very much impressed and gratified by the hospitality of their Phi brothers who afforded the means for a fine week end. The Omicron members earnestly asked the brothers of Phi who could do so to visit Penn State in the near future. At ten-thirty on the following Thursday night Brothers Eccleston, Kopp, and Smith drove wearily into State College, having driven about fifty miles out of their way due to a detour and having run into a snowstorm which made driving hazardous.

The pledges of Omicron immediately began the entertainment of their guests from Phi by presenting a most enterprising and hilarious play, for which deserved credit and praise must be accorded Pledge Statler. This production is an annual custom at Omicron, being entirely original and presented only to the active chapter as a fitting climax to informal initiation exercises.

The guests from Phi attended the formal initiation ceremony held on Friday evening, a banquet in honor of the new brothers bringing to a close the chapter activities of the week. Professors Wyand and Shattuck, Omicron faculty advisers, offered much valuable advice to the new men in particular and the chapter in general as to what to expect from fraternity life, and in what way their efforts will be

of value from the fraternal point of view. President Widney ended the evening with a few remarks supplementary to those of the advisers and welcoming the initiates into Alpha Kappa Pi.

Saturday was a full day for Penn State sports teams which were all meeting representative opponents. Our Brothers from Phi seemed to enjoy the various events of the day in which State succeeded in upsetting two intercollegiate team champions—Lehigh in wrestling by 20 to 6, and Syracuse in boxing by 5½ to 2½. State fencing and freshman wrestling teams won respectively from Syracuse and Wyoming Seminary, but Carnegie Tech defeated the State basketeers 54 to 35 in a fine game to close the day.

On Sunday morning we were all sorry here at Omicron to see our likable Brothers from Phi leave in fifteen inches of snow on their two-hundred-mile jaunt to Annapolis. To them, and all Alpha Kappa Pi Brothers, Omicron extends a sincere welcome to visit Penn State again whenever possible.

Brother Widney has also had the occasion to visit Psi chapter during the past five months and is grateful to those Brothers at West Virginia Wesleyan who were so hospitable and intent upon making his visits pleasant ones. He and Omicron look forward to the time when some Psi Brothers will visit Penn State, giving an opportunity to return the hospitality and courtesy.

This chapter is glad to be able to welcome back to its circle Pledge Way, who has suffered a severe attack of bronchial pneumonia, delaying thereby his return to State for the second semester. His parents were most welcome guests to the chapter on the evening of February 22.

In intramural sports Omicron chapter has again endeavored to gain a little glory, but seems destined to disappointment. In basketball Alpha Kappa Pi lost to Phi Kappa Psi 27-11 and to Phi Lambda Theta 27 to 20, thereby being eliminated. Brother Heckendorn was outstanding. In swimming Alpha Kappa Pi lost to Sigma Phi Epsilon 30-26, and here Brother Keech excelled. He is also a member of the Penn State Aquatic Club, an independent student swimming organization which engages in meets with teams from all over Pennsylvania. Keech holds the pool record in State College for the thirty-yard freestyle.

On March 9, the chapter held a closed invitation dance, which followed Soph Hop of March 8. The occasion was much enjoyed by all those present, the music being furnished by Fred Zahn and his orchestra, a student organization of high calibre.

On March 10 the chapter attended the College Chapel in a body to commemorate Memorial Sunday in honor of those brothers who have joined Omega chapter. The service was conducted by Francis P. Mille, Field Secretary of the Foreign Policy Association of New York City. He offered a splendid message which included many instructive and interesting thoughts.

In commemoration of Founders' Day the members of Omicron met in the chapter room at ten o'clock on the night of March 23 and drank a toast to the past, present, and future of Alpha Kappa Pi. To its brothers everywhere Omicron sends wishes for progress and prosperity, trusting that the future holds treasures for a larger and better Alpha Kappa Pi.

The last few years the Pennsylvania State College has sponsored so-called "fireside sessions" in which faculty members visit the fraternity and lead and direct informal group discussion of some local or national question of interest and pertinence. Each fraternity is allowed four speakers during the last week of February and the first three weeks of March. No end of valuable information and extra-curricular education is obtained by these sessions, and Omicron chapter was exceptionally fortunate in obtaining as its leaders four men of high calibre-two elderly professors, one middle-aged, and one younger man. They included an engineer, an agriculturist, a linguist, and a political scientist—a very broad cross-section of the educational field. With exceptional value being afforded the fraternity memberships by this method Omicron chapter gladly recommends it to other Alpha Kappa Pi chapters as an unusual opportunity to augment their social and educational services.

FRANKLIN J. WIDNEY



ARCTIC ARCHITECTURE AT PI DURING WINTER CARNIVAL

#### Pi-New Hampshire

Pi chapter, at this writing, is heading down the home stretch of the winter term, and the fellows are preparing for the term finals with many a prayer and a hope for the best when the tabulated slips go riding home some time within the next two weeks.

Taking everything into consideration, Pi chapter has had one of the best winter terms in its history. Winter Carnival week-end rolled around on the first and second of February, and a great time was had on this northern campus. There was plenty of snow and ice for decorations and we had just

reason to be proud of the decorations which Pi chapter set up in front of the house, and which you can see in the accompanying picture. We received honorable mention from the judges for this piece of architecture, and took much pride in it, especially the penguin, which was a product of Brother Andberg's skillful hands.

Brother DeVittori has not been with us this term. He has been practice teaching in the high school at

Nashua.

Pi chapter came out pretty well in the intramural sports this term, being runners-up in both the hockey and bowling. Brothers Smith and Andberg, two roomies, were the stars in the front line of the hockey team, and Brother Gwynne did a marvellous job as goalie. Our high position in the bowling league was due mainly to the efforts and ability of Brothers Wright, Courage, and Gwynne to "bowl 'em over." Brother Lombard was the junior manager of the varsity basketball team and is all ready to step into the varsity manager's position next year. Brother Reney managed the freshman winter track team through a rather successful season.

Tommy Atherton has his radio outfit going again, station WICNX, and while he is on a seventy-five meter wave length now, he keeps changing every so often. Perhaps some of the Alpha Kappa Pis who are "hams" (no insult intended, just the vernacular of the profession) could try to contact the house here. We have some swell times here at the house contacting different amateurs throughout the East, exchanging stories with them, singing for our mutual (?) enjoyment, and generally having a good time.

With spring term coming, our thoughts here turn to lacrosse. Brother Smith hopes to earn his varsity letter, and Brothers DeVittori and Atherton are to manage the teams this year.

That makes about all the news for now, so I'll close with regards to all our brothers everywhere.

RAYMOND SMITH

#### Rho-Rutgers

Much has happened at Rho since the last edition of the ALPHA made its appearance. Of particular importance have been our social activities, including the sophomore hop houseparty, a card party, the annual pledge play, and the junior prom houseparty. The soph hop guests presented the house with two smoking stands, two pillows, and a thermometer. The purpose of the card party was to increase the chapter furniture fund, and as a result of a successful affair, we purchased a new leather furniture set consisting of two chairs and two sofas.

The pledge play followed our annual Christmas dinner and scored a hit with the brothers, alumni, and fratres in facultate who were present.

Brothers at Rho participate wholeheartedly in all fields of extra-curricular activity. George Sturgis is a member of the water-polo squad, and John Deschu is one of Rutgers' star wrestlers, having to date only one defeat on his record. Frank Tilley has been elected junior manager of the Eastern champion 150-pound football team, and received his class numerals for services as sophomore manager. Deschu also plays on the lightweight grid team.

Pledge Kenneth MacWhinney is adding to Rho's prestige as one of the outstanding members of the frosh swimming and water-polo teams, and as a

swimming instructor at Rutgers Prep.

The call for debaters was answered this year by several of our brothers, among them William Schmidt, president of Tau Kappa Alpha, national honorary forensic society, Fred Schaffert, George Muench, and Frank Tilley. Paul Strassburger, William Collins, Leslie Leonard, George Muench and Pledge Robert Nanz are debate managers.

Robert Stickney was elected to membership in Queen's Players, the Rutgers dramatic society, of which Bill Schmidt is president. Stickney acted as stage manager for two recent dramatic productions, in both of which Schmidt played leading rôles, and in one of which Pledge John Gordon was also cast.

Joseph Marino has been active with the New Brunswick Leisure Time program. John Deschu attended the convention of Alpha Zeta, national honorary agricultural fraternity, as delegate from

the Rutgers chapter.

Paul Strassburger is a member of the Senior Placement Bureau, the aim of which is to assist this year's graduates in their search for employment. Another committee for the same purpose, but composed of faculty members, includes Brother Frank Helyar, recently elected Grand First Vice-president.

Many of our brothers attended the recent winter sports week-end of the University at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania. Richard Newcomb and Pledge Gordon went along as members of the Glee Club, which gave a concert at this time. Newcomb is second tenor in the popular Glee Club quintet, and Gordon was a soloist at the annual Christmas concert.

Rho sends greetings to all chapters and brothers everywhere.

ROBERT J. STICKNEY

#### Sigma—Illinois

Pledged: John Tockstein '36, Ovid Rushman '36, Albert Mitzia '37, James Rutherford '37, Israel Wald '38, John Vinik '39.

Although we have been quite successful in gaining pledges this year, the six above bringing our total to fourteen, we are by no means satisfied, and have made rushing a continuous part of our program.

Everyone returned from the Christmas vacation with the prospect of finals ahead, and, as everyone did nothing but study during the holidays, no one seems to be worried much. The scholastic rankings for the first semester have not been posted as

yet. Although some of the brothers seemed to slip a little this year, our house average will not be so bad.

Our basketball team has been doing very well in the intramural tournament. To date, we have won three games, lost one and have three more to play. The one game we lost was a very fast and close game all the way, and wasn't decided until the last few seconds of an overtime period.

Albert Mitzia is coming along first rate on the varsity track team. His specialty is the pole vault where he is giving Captain Seeley plenty of close competition. Last Friday, in a meet with Indiana, he placed second for Illinois.

Now that the new semester is well under way, a pledge dance has been planned for Saturday night, March 2. In place of the regular programs there will be miniature paddles. Also, plans have been started for a spring formal to be held early in May.

We had a pleasant surprise recently when Mr. Robinson, an alumnus of Mu chapter, stopped over with us as he was passing through Champaign. We enjoyed making his acquaintance and hope there will be others who will drop in on us in the near future.

PAUL W. LEGGE

#### Tau-Tufts

Pledged: Whitney Lawrence '37, Beverly, Mass. The members of Tau have by now sufficiently recovered from the effect of their exams to be able to breathe again. On top of the exams we received another shock when we returned from the midvear vacation to find the hot water heating system frozen solid and the floors resembling skating rinks. There was no alternative to ripping it out, and as the house had originally had hot air heat and the registers still remained we installed a latest model hot air heater. It meant a great deal of work for the brothers but they bore up under it cheerfully and did most of the labor themselves. At present, the new heater is working far better than the old one ever did, so I guess the accident was a combined curse and blessing.

Tau received its first loss of the year when Pledge Kennedy failed to return to school after the Christmas vacation.

On Wednesday evening, March 6, Pledges Kollias and Tsouprakakis were initiated into the Fraternity and we know they will prove themselves loyal Alpha Kappa Pis.

At elections held two weeks ago Brother Bill Stott was elected to membership on the banquet committee which has charge of the arrangements for the senior banquet. Bill ran way ahead of all his opponents.

Bill Errgong had the misfortune to break his hand coasting during Christmas vacation which put an end to the strong bid he was making for a place on the varsity wrestling team. In indoor track Lou Ranieri and Johnnie Hayden have been carrying the colors of Tufts in several meets in the Boston Garden. Lou runs on the varsity mile relay team and Johnnie on the freshman mile relay team. Both varsity and freshman teams have been singularly successful running against colleges in their own class. Speaking of Lou, he is a member of Ivy Society, which runs the Junior Day activities, and for the past week he has been running around looking busy enough to have the weight of running the whole Junior Prom on his shoulders.

Bowling has been added to the list of Interfraternity sports and Tau is represented by a very good team which is improving each match. We are in fourth place in the league now but if the team continues to improve they will crowd their way right into the money. The fraternity basketball team looks like a world-beater on paper but can not seem to click on the floor, having won only one game out of three. But they promise to get clicking soon.

GERALD O'GRADY

#### Phi-St. John's

Initiated: George W. Kopp, Harold L. Brooks, and Richard Earle.

Our initiation was held on January 28, and we are sure that the three new brothers will carry on the traditions of Phi and Alpha Kappa Pi.

On February 2 we held our annual pledge dance. A large and happy crowd attended this dance, and if an old statement may be repeated, "a good time was had by all."

We were happy to have entertained five brothers from Omicron Chapter at Penn State. They were in Annapolis to play the Naval Academy basketball team. Three of our brothers visited Penn State during the Washington Birthday holidays.

So far this year we have succeeded in winning second place in most of the intramural sports. We hope to succeed in capturing first place in some of the sports.

We regret to say that we have lost pledge Roy M. Flowers, who has left in order to continue his studies at Cornell.

Phi extends its best wishes to all the chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi, and will welcome any brother who may visit Annapolis.

FRANK R. GESSNER, JR.

#### Chi-Wake Forest

Pledged: Elton Peele, Elm City, N.C.; Joe Padgett, Marion, N.C.; Clay McCall, Marion, N.C.; Vincent and L. S. Viverette, Battleboro, N.C.; Lynn Durham, Burlington, N.C.; Sam Ramsey, Norfolk, Va.; Donald Stallings, New Bern, N.C.; M. L. Christian, Rocky Mount, N.C.; Ashley Worthington Armistead, Weldon, N.C.

During the past two months a large and promising group of ten men has been pledged. The last

named in the list above completes Chi's roster for some kind of a record—that is, having the smallest, largest, and tallest men on the campus. Armistead, the little man with the big name, is the smallest, three hundred pound Charlie Toxy is the largest, and six foot four Dunford is the tallest.

After two years of hoping and promising, the men at Chi are now comfortably settled in a new home, which they modestly claim to be one of the best houses on the campus. At this time there are sixteen men in the house, and all the boys, including the writer who has been elected house manager, hope to have at least four more with them within the next two weeks.

Outstanding among our notables is Charlie Toxy, the organizer and director of the Deacon Dramatic Club. Lynn Durham has been chosen leader of the dramatic club orchestra, and Harold Dunning is chairman of the entertainment committee. Wellington Dunford, whose play "Nocturne" won the state play-writing contest three years ago, and who has had a number of other plays produced, has been selected to write much of the material to be used by the newly formed organization.

In the way of athletics, too, the A K Pi boys are taking the lead. Elton Peele, who led the freshman team in hitting last year, has won a regular berth on the varsity baseball team. Lynn Durham is a member of the track team, and Poppy Stallings has gained a berth on the football squad after doing outstanding work on the freshman team.

Besides writing plays for the dramatic club, playing the trumpet in the band, and acting as assistant in the English Department, President Dunford is doing very well, thank you, as the first and only guitarist in the college dance orchestra.

Our annual dance is to be held May 11 at the roof garden of the Carolina Pines, in Raleigh. The two hundred bids are in the hands of the printers, and right now some of the boys are in the writing-room putting their literary talents to work in an attempt to persuade their very special girl friends to skip classes on the eleventh of May and turn toward Wake Forest. Let's hope they succeed.

ROBERT L. SLATE

#### Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan

On January 5, 1935, Psi opened their social season with their annual formal dance held at Whitescarver hall. The dance was of cabaret style with tables being arranged along the walls. The decorations suggested the theme of midnight with the walls and ceiling being completely covered with heavy black crepe paper. Seven pointed, glittering silver Alpha Kappa Pi stars were placed in all advantageous spots on the walls and ceiling, and the orchestra pit was surrounded with stars. In the center of the ceiling was a large crystal revolving ball, about three feet in diameter. Different colored lights from the corners of the dance floor played upon the ball as it revolved, and the lights

reflected on the stars which made very beautiful but unique decorations. About sixty couples attended the dance. At intermission, refreshments were served, an address was made by our president, Nicholas Cody, a novelty skit of Barnacle Bill the Sailor was staged by Brothers Mathes and Howell and Pledge Paul Taylor, and finally the grand promenade was held during which pendants were given to the ladies as favors by their escorts. There was no doubt in the minds of those present that Alpha Kappa Pi was in every lady's heart who attended the dance. Psi is confident that the music for the dance was furnished by one of the best orchestras which has played in Buckhannon for a long time, the Melody Cruisers from Clarksburg. They were appropriately dressed in white which fitted in nicely with the decorations of black and white. The chaperons for the evening were Coach and Mrs. C. B. Ross, Prof. and Mrs. William Hallam, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haught.

The dance was in charge of the social committee which is composed of Roy Reger, Lewis Morgan, and Brunson Williams. Due to the fact that a sorority was giving a dance in the same hall the night before our dance we were not able to secure the hall to begin decorating until about one o'clock in the morning. All men affiliated with Psi chapter pitched in and worked steadily until about five P.M. the next day. The fellows were so tired they could hardly drag themselves to the dance. Needless to say, however, once they arrived at the dance their fatigue disappeared as if by magic.

Psi regrets to announce that Brother Dick Hudson left school immediately following the Christmas holidays. Dick received an offer as assistant sports editor of the *Charleston Daily Mail* in Charleston, W.Va. and he accepted at once. While in school he was one of the most prominent men on the campus. He was very active in all activities, especially in the journalistic and athletic departments. He was on the student council and held the position of director of publications while serving on the council. Brother Hudson was historian of Psi and one of the best. Psi knows from past experience that Brother Hudson will make good, and wishes him all the luck in the world.

Psi has been informed that Brother Rafeld has plans for a province basketball tournament. Psi chapter is very enthusiastic over the idea and will do her best to enter a team if the tournament materializes. We promise to give the other teams a real battle.

Albert Crane will be awarded the Alpha Kappa Pi scholarship key for this year, and Nick Cody will be awarded the Alpha Kappa Pi activity key. Only seniors are eligible for these awards.

Psi is well represented this year in basketball at Wesleyan. On the varsity squad we can boast of five members. They are Jack LaBay, Stretch Howell, Merle Rosselle, Cookie Bachtel, and Bill Long. Of these LaBay, Rosselle, and Long have been playing on the first team with Howell and

Bachtel seeing service quite often. We have four out of our midst who grace the roster of the freshman squad. They are Joe Gilmore, Albie Coleman, Jack Hunter, and Donald Crane. Joe Gilmore played regular with the Parsons high school team which won the West Virginia high school basketball championship last year.

Seventeen Alpha Kappa Pi pledges took part in the informal initiation during the week of February 11-16. Highlights of the initiation were the treasure hunt, the trails, and the final part which was held on Saturday night. Two members of the alumni, Jim Furbee and Archie Snyder of the class of '34, and Professor William Hallam, faculty adviser, were present on Saturday night.

Roy Reger of the class of '36 will be eligible for his Wesleyan activity key at the close of this school year. Brother Reger has been very active in all activities on the campus. Usually only seniors receive this award. Dr. Scott, one of our faculty advisers of last year, was recently appointed director of the Emergency Relief Education work of the FERA in West Virginia. Dr. Scott is now living in Charleston, W.Va.

The chapter owes a vote of thanks to Nick Cody who had most of the house papered during the holidays at Christmas time. New bathroom fixtures were recently added to our bathroom.

Brother Jim Thornhill is the new head manager of Wesleyan's basketball team. He took the place of Pledge Jockey Dean who dropped out of school at the end of the first semester.

Psi chapter has already started making its plans to celebrate the fourteenth anniversary of the founding of Alpha Kappa Pi on March 23, 1935. Brother Stretch Howell is in charge of the committee

JAMES WALKER

## Alumni Chapters

#### Huntington Alumni Chapter

When the last national convention was announced, practically all the members of the chapter wanted to attend. In better times, a large delegation from here would have been in the very midst of things in New York City, but however great the number who wanted to go, none could make the grade. The Huntington Alumni Chapter was represented, though, and very capably too, in the person of Sam Kitchen. He was going anyway as Chief of Zeta Province, so we made him the official delegate of the chapter.

When the Huntington delegation returned from the convention and announced that Brother William S. Kitchen had been elected Grand Secretary, we swelled with justifiable pride. Naturally the chapter was and is proud of the fact that one of its number had been elevated to such high office, but aside from the honor reflected upon the chapter, each individual was more appreciative of the fact that Sam himself had been recognized as a man of ability and honored because of it. We are safe in the assertion that the fraternity could go far and seek long to find a better man for the job.

Early in his active days, Sam showed his initiative and ability, and during his last two years in college, he was secretary of Mu chapter. He was instrumental in organizing and securing the charter of the Huntington Alumni Chapter, and has provided much of the driving force which caused it to progress as it has. At present he is vice-president of the chapter, and is one of our main sources for ideas and suggestions. He is so well informed in fraternity affairs that we have come to look upon him as our local authority. Of his work as Province Chief, all Alpha Kappa Pis must know,

or they can easily find out.

To show a little of our appreciation of Brother Kitchen, both the alumni and active chapters joined forces to plan and carry out a testimonial dinner in his honor. It was planned to come as a complete surprise to him, and it was. Upon some casual pretext, he was inveigled into the Huntington Hotel one Friday evening, January 18. He thought he was being invited to dinner by a kind friend who was sorry for him. (His wife had been away for several weeks, and he had been eating here and there—mainly sandwiches. At home he had dirtied one dish already and he felt he couldn't dirty any more because his wife would surely miss them if he hid them.) He was eager for a good meal, but he hardly expected so much company. When he entered the hotel dining room and saw so many familiar faces and the long banquet table, he was greatly surprised—and pleased, we think.

Cecil Brammer presided at the head of the table, and during the course of the dinner he gave every one present an opportunity to say a few words. Few of the speeches were perfect examples of good oratory, but every word said was spoken with such evident sincerity that a halting delivery went unnoticed. Mr. Robert Hoge, former Executive Secretary of Theta Chi Fraternity, made a few appropriate remarks. His address and that of Brother Kitchen were the high spots of the evening. The dinner was not intended to be anything elaborate; it was planned as a simple demonstration of our appreciation of one of our brothers, Sam Kitchen.

The pledging program of the active chapter has always been of great interest to the Huntington Alumni Chapter. When the rushing season neared, the alumni chapter decided to give some material aid to the actives. To do this we planned and

furnished all the materials for a rush party, leaving to the actives the only responsibility of selecting the rushees. The evening of February 7 was chosen for the party, and it was declared a loud success. The world loud is chosen advisedly, for the simple games selected for amusement were indeed loud, and the single adjective to describe the group around the piano best is loud. The twenty odd prospects enjoyed themselves no more than an equal number of members. Enough sandwiches were provided to satisfy the hungriest freshman. As for drinks, we gave Hugh Kincaid a pound of coffee, a cloth sugar sack, a large pot of hot water and he gave us something that has essence if not the body of coffee. We thought it a good party.

One thing the chapter feels it needs is a complete file of the ALPHA. To insure completeness, the chapter is subscribing to the ALPHA in its own name, and every effort will be made to secure back copies. Each copy as it is received will be filed by the secretary, and at some future time, when we have a sufficient number, they will be sent to the binder to be bound in permanent volumes. The ALPHA should be a part of every chapter library. In years to come the earlier copies will become increasingly valuable as sources of information, and this value will be greatly enhanced if the magazine is bound in neat, permanent volumes. We suggest that each chapter might do well to place in a permanent file each copy of the Alpha as it is published. Perhaps many chapters do this already; we urge it upon those that do not. Every one can imagine with what interest he would read an ALPHA ten years old, which contained a record of the doings of his chapter while he was active, to say nothing of the other chapters.

Plans are already under way for a gala celebration of Founders Day. At the next regular meeting of the chapter, March 7, it will be decided whether the chapter will attend church March 10 in a body or whether each member will choose his own church. The chapter has designated a day in June for the observance of Memorial or Omega Day, but regardless of that, every member here will attend church March 10.

The Huntington Alumni Chapter offers its heartiest congratulations to the Baltimore Alumni Chapter, and wishes it every success in all its endeavors. We are indeed happy to notice the steady growth of alumni chapters. It it indicative of that which is so necessary to fraternity stability—alumni interest. We will be more than glad to exchange ideas and suggestions with any chapter that wishes to do so.

Durward D. Darnell, Mu '31

Secretary

#### Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter

The first annual meeting of the Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter is now past history—and a happy birthday it was (in spite of the snowy

weather which prevailed). On January 17 in the banquet room of Perri's Restaurant in Newark, N.J., there were gathered together thirty-seven Alpha Kappa Pis to celebrate this occasion. Among those present were: Grand First Vice-President Frank G. Helyar; Grand Second Vice-President, Parke B. Fraim; three members of the Board of Trustees—Arba S. Taylor, Henry K. Saunders and Raymond E. Roush, who is also the chairman of the Metropolitan Alumni Chapter; and C. Russell Kramer, the Editor of the Alpha, who acted as toastmaster.

After a delicious dinner, the brothers present were addressed by Prof. Fraim and Prof. Helyar, both of whom assured us of a bright future for Alpha Kappa Pi, but not without plenty of good earnest work and co-operation from each brother in the fraternity. A few words from each of the trustees followed and then the meeting was formally called to order by Brother Holman. The annual election of officers was held and the results were as follows: President, Louis C. Holman, Xi '33; first vice-president, William J. Opdyke, Alpha '30; second vice-president, Charles H. Clarendon, Jr., Alpha '29; treasurer, Kenneth A. MacFadyen, Alpha '30; and recording and corresponding secretary, Henry K. Saunders, Xi '33. The first duty assigned to Brother Clarendon upon his election was to draw up preliminary plans for the chapter's spring dance to be held in the late part of March.

On this occasion we were very pleased to welcome a delegation from the Metropolitan Alumni Chapter and to sit in on their meeting which took place after that of the New Jersey Chapter.

At the February meeting of the chapter the plans for the spring dance were presented and the date selected for the affair was Saturday, March 23, the place was the Maplewood Tennis Club; and the music to be furnished by Thornton Banks and his orchestra. We should like to have as many of you as possible with us on that evening for a real good time.

N. Ellsworth Wheaton, Jr., '33

#### Metropolitan Alumni Chapter

Since the Alpha last went to press the chapter has had four meetings. The chapter has been "circulating": one at Gamma House, one with the Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter at Newark, and two at Delta House.

Jack Everetts is writing a series of six articles on air conditioning for the *Plumbers Trade Journal*. Jack knows his stuff.

The men have had a fine social program drawn up, and it promises to be pretty well entrenched. If you feel that you need a "lift" drop in and sit in with the fellows, if that doesn't turn the trick (according to popular advertising) you can still light a Camel.

CLIFFORD T. GRAHAM, Delta '33 Secretary

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