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“IF”

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good nor talk too wise,

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build them up with wornout tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on where there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: “Hold On!”

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch;
If neither foe nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Your's is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

RUDYARD KIPLING
1865-1936

The Alpha of Alpha Kappa Pi

Your Attention, Please

■ One promise which was made when THE ALPHA commenced its tenth year of service was that it would appear promptly on the dates scheduled for publication. This issue herewith wrecks another good intention. Correspondents were prompt in submitting copy but the editors have been enmeshed in the press of other business and take full responsibility for the delay in publication.

On many of the campuses throughout the country fraternities are handicapped by a marked lack of interest in fraternity membership among the incoming freshmen. Fraternity membership to them seems no longer to be an honor and a privilege. Unless the fraternity can aid financially by furnishing a job which will provide room or board, membership is not a privilege. Have the fraternities nothing more than eating and rooming house facilities to offer? Perhaps it is the spirit of the PWA and WPA creeping in—the attitude that you're a sucker if you don't get paid for everything you do or you give a little more than the next fellow. If any of you think that fraternities are on the wane read the feature article in this issue by Dr. Wriston which was delivered before the National Interfraternity Conference last November.

Another chapter publication has been received—"Psigns" from Psi chapter at West Virginia Wesleyan.

Two more alumni chapters have been formed. This issue carries the story of the formation of the Beta Alumni Chapter on Staten Island. We have also been notified that an Ohio Zeta Alumni Chapter has been organized and will take its formal bow with a Founders Day celebration at Alliance, Ohio.

Grand Treasurer Krebs has completed the uniform accounting system and has distributed the manuals to all chapters. Another milestone in our history.

The May ALPHA will feature as usual the outstanding seniors in Alpha Kappa Pi.

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A Fraternity Audit of Experience

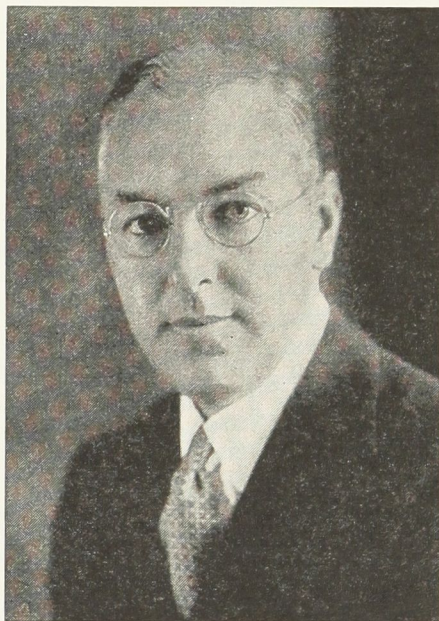
By Dr. Henry M. Wriston, *President Association of American Colleges, President of Lawrence College*

■ I COME as a kind of ambassador to interpret you to yourselves and to each other and to the colleges. It is like the Bishop of Birmingham, who on one occasion was making a speech to a group of railroad men in England. He said, "You have done a wonderful thing. You have gotten four nationalities to understand each other: an Englishman who loves his Bible and his beer; the Scotchman who keeps the Sabbath and anything else he can lay his hands on; the Welshman who prays on Sunday and on his neighbors the rest of the week; and the Irishman who doesn't know what he wants, but will never be happy until he gets it."

Now, they had lived together a long while, and yet had had great difficulty in understanding each other, and you and the colleges have lived together a long while, and yet you seem to have some difficulty in understanding each other.

This is an old problem. In 1879 in the first edition of *Baird's Manual of College Fraternities*, there was an article entitled, "The College Fraternities, Have They a Right to Live?" The answer was a feeble "yes." This year Ernest Martin Hopkins said that during fifty years the fraternity has failed "to remain articulated with college life."

And another New England president who remarked that his college had nothing to learn from the experience of others was quoted in



DR. HENRY M. WRISTON

the press as saying that the national connection has no benefit for the fraternities upon the campus.

I suggest that all problems of real magnitude, and the fraternity problem is a problem of magnitude, are not solved in five minutes. They have to be solved through the years bit by bit, and the less biting the better, but they are solved that way.

I have no cure for all these troubles, but I

want to suggest a device to you, a device which is old, yet new.

Mr. Henry James, a trustee of the Carnegie Corporation, recently coined a phrase which I am going to take over. He said we ought to have "an audit of experience." It is a kind of self-survey which is extraordinarily frank.

I suggest that the fraternities and colleges might unite in drawing up a kind of balance sheet of the whole fraternity experience, and it might reveal the extent and the content of your capital. It would show whether that capital was unimpaired and whether you had reserves and surpluses and profits that have been tucked away through the years to take care of the lean period. Or it might show whether deficits and depreciation have eaten up your capital and that you are now bankrupt. And it should be just as impartial, as realistic, as cold-blooded, and as effective in applying any techniques that are applicable as would be an audit of fiscal matters.

HOUSING

The first thing I think that ought to be spoken of in such an audit would be the housing situation. In so far as the colleges are paying any attention to housing of the students they come about fifty years later, and that is a long start which the fraternities have, and, knowing what I do about college finance, the colleges are not going to catch up with the fraternities over a considerable period of years.

The colleges, of course, are waking up to the fact which the fraternities knew, not consciously but unconsciously, that education is not merely a matter of a classroom and of the curriculum, but the colleges long resisted any audit of experience in that particular matter. In recent years, however, they have changed and have been undergoing surveys not only from within but from without.

All of these studies, whether made by the colleges themselves or by great agencies like the North Central Association or by a great foundation, make clear what we have known, but what we have not been able to prove before, that the educative process is not merely

an intellectual process. If it were merely an intellectual process, it would be infinitely simpler. It is not merely a product of academic procedure. Education is the growth of the individual, his response to every item in his total environment, not only within the institution but outside the institution as well. And the emotional needs of our students are revealed by the tragic tenseness of this modern age, and these esthetic needs are revealed by the tragic insufficiency of taste in American life.

Now, emotional responsibility and esthetic awareness are caught and not taught. Those are the things which more than anything else the student gets from his environment. He may get intellectual stimulus from his environment, but that is not likely. He is likely to catch that from some professor in the classroom, someone who in the presentation of his subject has the power of stimulation, whereas he is likely to get from the professor in his own home a more urbane outlook on life. But the student so far as his emotional development is concerned, so far as his esthetic development is concerned, is likely to get much more out of his way of life, how he lives from day to day, and the environment in which he moves, than out of mere instruction in the classroom.

And the fraternity house by and large has supplied that deficiency and must continue to supply it in the future, so far as I can see.

Take, for example, architecture. I shudder when I see the neo-Greek and then the near-Tudor and the awful Gothic and the close-English of some of the fraternity houses, not to mention the pseudo-colonial. But after I am all through shuddering at fraternity house architecture, I gasp at the architecture that the colleges have inflicted upon their dormitories.

And take the name itself. What does dormitory mean? It is obviously a borrow from the Middle Ages, the cell of a monk. And you go into the typical dormitory—and I have inspected many in the course of my travels—and it consists of a door into the hallway. That seems to be common to all of them. Just

inside the door are two miserable little closets or one with a curtain across forming a kind of entry; then two long, blank walls, impossible to decorate, terminating in a window much too large, with a radiator under it. And that is the typical mass production, modern replica of a place where a monk was supposed to sleep, but not to pray or do his reading and his study. Monks had different places for that. Is it any wonder that the modern student flees from the abomination if perchance he has an intellectual drive?

Typical fraternity houses, on the other hand, are not so arranged. They have rooms for the most part such as moderns live in, such as moderns in contact with society and not monks in their cells.

Dormitory furniture is one of the wonders of the age. In nine cases out of ten it is uniform, except where it is impossible to replace the original hideosity with anything as bad. It was bought by shrewd business managers by weight, and they got the most weight for their money, designed to take burns and scars and initialing and all that; in other words, it is designed to resist wear. It is the most extraordinary assault that I know upon taste or appreciation of anything else, except college efficiency.

Now, in this respect, the fraternities have a long way to go, but the colleges have a long way to go to catch up with where the fraternities already are. I certainly will not defend the fraternity furniture in many students' rooms, but it is vastly better on the whole than college furniture.

And as for room decoration, picture hangings, draperies, and the like, the average college room is confined in that respect to a notice on the wall, put there with tacks, not to drive tacks into the wall. And they have either no molding at all or they put it so high that the pictures sway like pendulums in the gale that blows from the window at your feet or the transom at your head or vice versa, as the case may be.

Ninety per cent of the dormitories of America have no living rooms whatever. It never occurred to those who design them that

students need a living room, and so dormitories built within relatively recent years have nothing in them but student rooms. Sometimes there is set aside a barn as a lounging room, usually large and bare and sparsely furnished, with nothing that could be of a weight that could be thrown.

Now, the fraternities in their living rooms could not do worse than most of the colleges. As a matter of fact, they have done on a whole a great deal better. And when people parade the new dormitories at Harvard or Yale before me, I say, "Yes, but look at the way the student has lived in Harvard and Yale for the last fifty years."

There are few American colleges which have given the same consideration to housing that Oxford and Cambridge have given, lo, these many centuries.

How many college and university dormitories supply the students or encourage the students to supply themselves with books, with any kind of a dormitory library, with current magazines, with newspapers, with phonograph records of any merit? Now the answer is a very, very small number indeed. While the fraternity houses have much to answer for in not pursuing this program with infinitely greater vigor and much greater success, but, again, they lead the colleges by a very wide margin, bad as their own achievement may appear to be in the light of their own criticism.

Eating occupies a large share of life and is one of our most ubiquitous and, in ordinary circumstances, most interesting activities. The emphasis is altogether insufficient upon what one of my best wise-cracking professors remarked, "There is not enough emphasis upon comely comestibles instead of incredible edibles."

Now on economy and dietary grounds the college dormitory wins, hands down—much less pork and much less of the things that students ought not eat in too great amounts. But the fraternity house wins by a wide margin upon the relative civilization of the eating that is undertaken. It is vastly more homelike, and, while neither is what it ought to be, the

fraternity eating house is a more civilized place and a more interesting place and the meals are more interesting. It may not be because of the food but because of the conversation about the food.

Fraternity finance is certainly one of the wonders of the world. If it weren't for the financing of our public utilities and our colleges, I could use a few superlatives, but in the light of the fact that there are many colleges in the country which, if they should close themselves and use the income of their present endowments for ten years, would still be in debt, I cannot keep any superlatives for fraternity financing. And I ought to say, too, that the colleges stimulated fraternity mortgage row. They were proud of mortgage row in the roaring twenties. I have no patience with those college administrators who say, "We cannot control the fraternities." We can control them. It is one of the easiest things in the world. Generally speaking, we control them when we don't intend to control them, and we don't control them when we do intend to control them. That is what the trouble is.

The college president who won't let the students eat in the house and won't let enough of them sleep in it to pay the rent and then complains that they don't fulfill any profound functions has been controlling them without knowing he has been controlling them and then when he wants to control them they don't respond.

And so mortgage row is a product not only alone of the enthusiastic alumnus, not alone of the undergraduate with the illusions of grandeur, not alone with the national office which wants to publish an adequate number of pictures. It is the product of the colleges themselves. They can't now act as if they had just discovered it and when they themselves are in trouble walk away and shrug their shoulders.

There are many institutions in this country with a million dollars of endowment for every hundred students who are today showing great deficits. If they can't manage their own budgets better than that then I don't think that they have much to say to the fraternity on that particular score.

The last item in this housing problem is the question of discipline, of internal morale, of respect for property, of regard for the feelings of those with whom one is associated in his daily life, and I think there is no question that in nine out of ten cases the fraternity is much better in these respects than the college dormitory.

The colleges built dormitories that house far too many students in one building, and they have gotten them in unmanageable numbers and in difficult situations and now they can't manage them. Now, bad as the fraternity management is—and there are many times when it is infuriatingly bad—it isn't as bad as the college.

The atmosphere of study is just as good and probably better in the average fraternity house than in the dormitory. And there is much more of self-control, much more of experience in developing themselves among those who live in the fraternity house.

I suggest therefore that an audit of experience in the matter of housing would show many shortcomings and many mistakes on both sides; it would open the way to needed changes and reforms on both sides. But taking the country at large and the fraternities at large, a substantial balance would be found in favor of the fraternities, for certainly they were the first to give us college homes of comfort and convenience, and they ought not readily yield up that tradition or that heritage.

SCHOLARSHIP

The second item in this audit that I am going to suggest is an audit of scholarship. And here you may well begin to quake and to tremble for as one distinguished educator has said the fraternities fail to show the zeal which they should for contributing to the intellectual life of the college. And that is a very serious indictment.

But what can be said on the other side? The exhaustive North Central Association study reveals a tremendous variation among colleges, an astounding variation among colleges. And there is shortly to be published a study which will reveal as the result of the

Pennsylvania Study that in one college at least, a college with a good reputation, many students went backward instead of forward intellectually. If the college had graduated the students on the basis of achievement it would have graduated only twenty-nine per cent from the senior class and twenty-six per cent from the junior class, but twenty-three per cent each from the sophomore and the freshman classes would have graduated on the basis of demonstrated achievement.

In other words, if the colleges of the country were to select the Chicago Plan and give a degree on the basis of a comprehensive examination without reference to the period of residence, it is literally true that in some of those colleges almost as many would graduate from the freshman classes as from the senior classes.

Now, as a matter of fact, I am not arguing in favor of that plan. I don't believe in it. But I am pointing out another striking fact which you can find in your own fraternity statistics and that is that there are national fraternities which have made a serious effort to improve the scholarship of their chapters and they have been able to make significant advances in some institutions, but that there are institutions wherein it is impossible to make any serious advance in fraternity scholarship. The intellectual atmosphere of those campuses is so detrimental to intellectual drive that even external stimulation and external pressure are unable to achieve anything.

Now, that is something that the colleges must face and it is something which the fraternities must face. It is perfectly clear on the basis of that one statement that many colleges have not made the use of the fraternities in this matter that they might have made. To put it down in few words, the fraternities accept no one whom the college does not admit, and if colleges will admit people who have no intellectual interest and very little intellectual capacity, then they cannot look to the fraternity to perform a miracle and substitute what is not to be found in the original.

The balance sheet is likely to show that the fraternities have been vastly derelict in this matter and that neither party has been ade-

quately sensitive to the new conceptions of scholarship. You have been paying far too much attention to grades. But, again, it was the colleges who invented the magic of the unit and the credit and the one hundred and twenty hours and the one hundred and twenty points and then a degree. And we can scarcely expect the fraternities to take the lead in overthrowing that mechanism.

But let me suggest to you that now many colleges are seeking to substitute a more dynamic conception of scholarship. Let the fraternities not be laggard when the colleges point the way to walk therein. Scholarship is shortly to cease being a matter of hours and points and a registrar's statistics; it is a matter of intellectual awareness, of initiative, amounting to eagerness. You can do much by your environment to lead the students to read and to buy books. Don't only furnish them a library; that may sterilize their interest in the purchase of books. The literacy of this country is not great. We teach many to read, and tests have shown that after ten years they have lost the capacity for reading. That goes for a lot of our alumni. While students are in college we shove books at them, we require them to read them, we put them on reserve so that students can get them the very moment when the spirit, if any, moves. But students have never learned to go into a book store and browse. They have never learned to find a book which seems to them a treasure. They do not know how books can be companions rather than tools.

And the fraternities can do a great deal. If you should organize, for example, a little traveling book store, to go around with your secretary, so that when he has finished that financial audit he could talk for a few moments about the best novels—if he knows them—about the best books of travel, about the best discussions of modern problems of whatever kind, he might prove to be an intellectual stimulant and he might bring into the fraternity house that love of learning for itself, for its own sake, which has no reference to credit. A boy might read a book about which the professor never heard; think what an achievement that would be!

STRUCTURAL CHANGE OF THE COLLEGES

The third item in this audit of experience should be the structure of the fraternity and of the college. President Hopkins has emphasized that the colleges are changing, that they are meeting the challenges of a changing civilization, and of a reorganized or disorganized society. And there is a great deal in that.

President Wilkins of Oberlin, in a very scholarly review of trends and enrollment, published in *School and Society* recently, showed that one hundred and ten of the leading liberal arts colleges in the country have gained only one per cent in attendance between 1921 and 1935. In the first four years of that fifteen, they gained fourteen and one-half per cent and in the last ten years of that they have lost thirteen and one-half per cent.

If you had studied the fraternity situation in 1930 you would have found the liberal arts college the dominant figure. That is no longer true.

In that same period from 1921 to 1935, fifty or more great universities, of which thirty-eight were state or municipally supported, gained thirty-seven and one-half per cent, while the colleges of the liberal arts were gaining one per cent. Their maximum growth came in 1931 when they had gained a little over forty per cent. Their loss in the last four years is trifling.

A study of teachers colleges in the decade from 1921 to 1931 showed a gain of one hundred and forty per cent, which has gone on, straight on, since 1931 through 1935. And a study of the junior colleges over the ten years from 1921 to 1931 showed a gain in attendance of six hundred per cent and that has gone on steadily since 1931.

Therefore, the structural problem is a new problem, and you might just as well face it. And colleges are being reorganized to meet this new situation.

The ideal among colleges now is differentiation of function, and the great problem of high school counsel and guidance is not who shall go on. Educators are determined to thrust them all on if they can. The great problem is to find the institution wherein the boy can use his own capacities for the most fruit-

ful experience. Some persons will have to be taught at a relatively low level. There is a college organized for that specific purpose in one of the great universities, wherein there is no laboratory but only demonstration, wherein there are moving pictures, wherein there are all kinds of things in order to stimulate minds that need stimulation, but that have not any sense or power of mastery.

Now, there are implications in this for the fraternity audit. The fraternities grew up at a time and under a system where the liberal arts college was supreme, and where, save for a few technical schools like Massachusetts Tech, the liberal arts college was the heart of every institution in the country. That is no longer so, and the fraternity audit had best note it.

The fraternities had their great growth when the standardizing agencies like the North Central and the Middle States and Maryland were trying to make college procedures uniform, when they were insisting upon so many units for this and so many credits for graduation, upon this, that, and the other standardized procedure. But those organizations have abandoned that, and the North Central no longer has a standard. It has a definition of a college. It says, "Run your college the way you want it, but in accordance with its proper objectives, and then we will judge the quality of your college by the measure in which it meets its objectives."

The fraternities grew at a time when American industry was being standardized, when every bolt must have a standard position, and when the production line went on. And some of you acted as though you wanted your chapters to be interchangeable parts of a national fraternity. You had not only a standardized ritual but standardized book-keeping, standardized rushing and pledging, and then you sent around the traveling expert in standardization to make sure that every chapter met all of the standard requirements of a standard national fraternity.

Now, the fraternities are faced with the fact that the standardized era in fraternity life is gone. Colleges and universities are riding furiously in many directions at once. And

therefore you cannot ride all those horses in all those different directions by any standardized procedure. You cannot any longer have uniform chapters. You must have a different chapter size, a different chapter structure, and different chapter procedures if you are to survive in a great urban university with its many day students and at the same time go on in a little New England country college with its residential character.

Phi Delta Theta many years ago used to call its chapters "colleges." Now that historic footnote lingers in my mind and always comes back to me as I reflect upon this problem. It is applicable to your present situation. You should seek a maximum of individuality in the chapters of national fraternities. They must take their color, as they now do in part, from the local environment and you should seek to make them literally colleges, places of residence, places where men live together, and interchange opinion. And without making any remark which might, by the remotest stretch of the imagination, seem derogatory to the faculty, young men will learn more in civilized, intellectual intercourse and social intercourse with each other than they will ever learn in the classroom.

Well, if you make this change, what then is left for the national fraternity? There is plenty left. There is the room for emphasis upon a civilized and civilizing way of life, for emphasis upon certain constructive attitudes and upon dynamic scholarship, for emphasis upon sound business procedure, and an ethical attitude toward the fraternity bills. The chapters of a national fraternity also can perform one other service of the greatest importance.

In this differentiation of function, there is great danger that college X will not understand college Y.

A national fraternity can do a great deal in interpreting different institutions to each other and in keeping that common element in the American educational structure which is essential if it is not to fly off at tangents as a result of this differentiation of function.

The audit, I suspect, will show that the problem of adaptation to the college is there-

fore not a single national problem. Men who have been criticizing the fraternity's failure to adapt itself have never taken that adequately into account. It is a problem which shows in many, many forms, and it requires of the national organization great flexibility in reversing the trend toward standardization.

VALUE OF THE FRATERNITY IN MODERN EDUCATIONAL PROCEDURE

There is one other item in this audit to which I must allude very briefly.

Modern education is based upon one fundamental discovery, and that discovery is antipathetical to the form of our institutions, but is fundamental to the temper of our institutions.

As mass education has become more and more the standard form of American education, the matter of individual differences has become more and more the central problem of American education. In order to get an adequate picture of these individual differences in the midst of mass education, new procedures have been developed.

Counselling has fallen into the hands of technical experts, and there is a tendency now as a result of that to deal with individuals directly, not as a part of a group, and the fraternities have been left at one side. Many a college administrator says, "I'm tired of trying to deal with the fraternity; the only influence they wield is in the hands of a sophomore and made of oak, and it attacks the wrong end of the freshman."

But I suggest that this audit may reveal that the fraternity exists in this respect for the same purpose as the college, for individual development, and that the fraternity, while it cannot have the tests and measurement data, has an intimate understanding of a student's daily life which no test data can reveal.

There is now being developed a new technique called the anecdotal record, in which every professor in the college is asked to note facts about the student, what he did in the classroom, what he said, with no interpretation thereof whatever, and all of these anecdotes are put into one hopper and sorted out

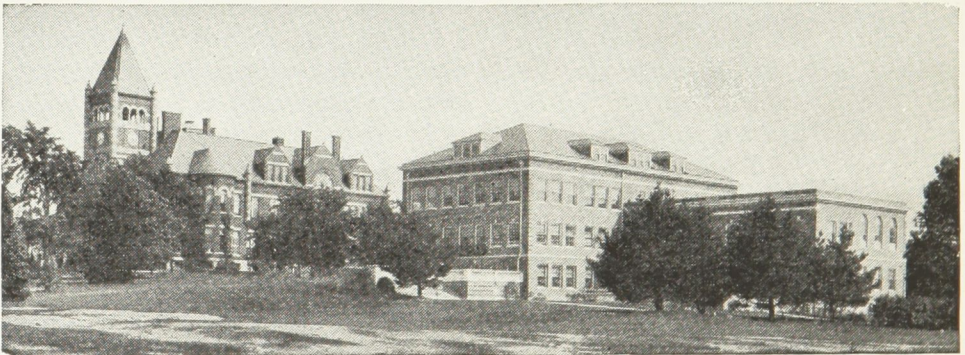
and then by and by some expert goes through and, analyzing the anecdote from each one, tries to form a real picture of the real character of that student. Well, that is a good substitute. But an infinitely better way is to get data from his fraternity brothers who know his uprising and his downsitting, who know how the boy behaves at table, who know whether he is civilized or uncivilized; they have all of the anecdotal data to fill a book about that individual boy, and the moment has come—and I think the audit will show it—when the college and the fraternity should unite what they know about the student technically and what they know about the student personally.

In my own institution the dean does not think of an important interview with an undergraduate who is a member of the fraternity without first checking it over with the fraternity. And many an interview is stimulated not by the dean himself, but by the chapter which has brought its problem to us for a little bit of help in dealing with it.

CONCLUSION

I come at last to a conclusion. This audit ought to do one more thing. There is nothing in the world today that so tends to dishearten me as the defensive character of modern civilization. I am so sick of safety first. We want safety, but let's have it last. Let's have some sense of adventure. Let's take some chances. Security is no ideal for a nation. And I don't like the fact that the fraternities, being under fire and gaining a bad press, as you have gained a bad press at Yale and Dartmouth and elsewhere, have taken a defensive line.

Let's get off the defensive all of us. This audit of experience would call your attention to and prove many shortcomings, but I have fundamental faith that the balance sheet would show that you still have funds and balances, that you still have reserves, and that the depression and deficit have not eaten up your capital. And if it did nothing else than to take the fraternities off the defensive and start them forward on some great, constructive program, it would be well worth while.



THOMPSON HALL (ADMINISTRATION BUILDING) AND MARKLAND HALL (COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS) AT NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY

Alumni—Short-Sighted and Egotistical

By J. Edward Crowley, *Tau '37*

▪ ALUMNI—This is undoubtedly the most indefinable word in a college vocabulary, especially in that of a fraternity. Why? Merely because an alumnus is a human being, the latter being indefinable. There is, however, one dominant trait common to both, and that is short-sightedness coupled with an intense ego.

To some, perchance, the word creates a very desirable picture. Just mention the word alumni and they will immediately think of a fat old fellow yclept "Jonesy," who will dutifully "dig deep" and supply his chapter with much needed monetary reimbursement for a coming dance, after, of course, good old brother Jones has been slapped on the back and has been given an appropriate share of "banana oil" by undergraduates.

To some it may stand for Gossimer Q. Magnet, big shot in the oil business—a great fellow to have as a fraternity alumnus, he has so many connections where jobs are concerned!

To still others, they guess that the alumni are a rather vague army of men spread over the nation who once went to college.

And a multitude of other equally ridiculous and irrational definitions. Why? Merely because the alumni, some excepted of course, have never shown the undergraduates to be anything other than the self-same persons of these ridiculous definitions. With few exceptions they are content to sit at home evenings and chew viciously on a cigar while listening to the soothing strains of Guy Lombardo or Sigmund Romberg. Night after night this procedure brings them contentment and peace, because it really is soothing; but, and what is far more important, their ego says that it is the easiest way to spend the evening.

Their participation in the affairs of the fraternity which they cherished as undergraduates, now consists of occasionally glancing through the fraternity magazine. If one of the younger graduates cannot find a lady-

friend for the evening, he condescends to visit the "old place" again, to see how the pledging is coming along, etc., etc.

Do you recall the following motto, "Once an Alpha Kappa Pi, Always an Alpha Kappa Pi"? Do you happen to think that you are embodied in this oath by virtue of paying your dues as an undergraduate, and by carrying on as an alumnus little or no activity?

If you do then you are wrong, and by your own inactivity that little seven-pointed star which is supposed to be a fraternity pin, becomes nothing more than a piece of metal with a few meaningless Greek inscriptions upon it.

I have been told that the world is beastly cold and indifferent to human emotions, and that real friends are almost an extinct species. What a feeling of security it would be then, physically and spiritually, to have frequent intercourse in a suitable manner with men who are more than "friends," with men who are your fraternity brothers. You as undergraduates shared your happiness and sorrow; you studied and played together; you formed the sort of friendships that make a lump rise in your throat, and a slight mist appear in your eyes when you recall it; and now those beautiful friendships must decay for no good reason at all.

Your activity with the undergraduates as a whole is noticeably finite. If you as undergraduates did not organize those below you, year in and year out to perpetuate the fraternity, then how in the name of Beelzebub do you expect the present undergraduates to get out and organize you now?

Get organized to make Alpha Kappa Pi a national byword standing for an organization of men who are a credit to their country.

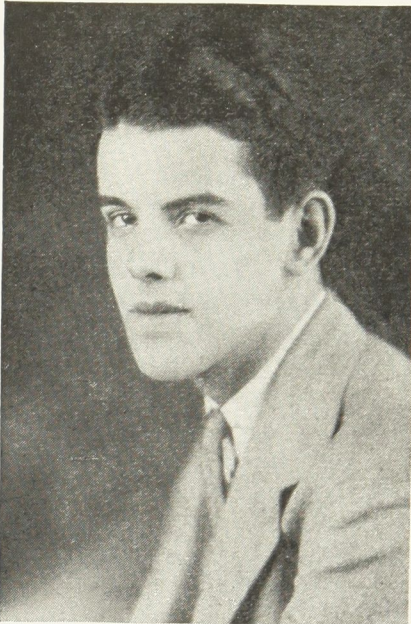
Get organized that you may personally derive something priceless to possess during your entire lifetime, something which you cannot get over the radio while chewing on the end of a corona-corona.

Get organized with those who are organized to prove that "dead wood" does not exist in Alpha Kappa Pi's vocabulary.

Get organized so that I can say some day, "He isn't an alumnus, he is my fraternity brother."

Editor of the *Lehigh Alumni Bulletin*

Robert F. Herrick, Nu '34, is the new editor of the *Lehigh Alumni Bulletin* and assistant to the Executive Secretary of the



ROBERT F. HERRICK, Nu '34
Editor of "*Lehigh Alumni Bulletin*"

Lehigh Alumni Association. Herrick received this appointment in January of this year when the Board of Directors of the Lehigh Alumni Association appointed William A. Cornelius, *Lehigh* '89, as the Executive Secretary and set up a new department and new personnel.

Bob Herrick graduated from Lehigh's College of Arts and Sciences, after majoring in Journalism. He was a highly successful editor of the *Brown and White*, the campus newspaper, and one of the editors of the *Lehigh Review*. It was through his initiative that a regular weekly broadcast by the *Brown and White* was put on the air from station WCBA,

Allentown, Pa. Herrick is an accomplished musician, and has had considerable experience as an orchestra leader. He also held the office of historian and secretary in Nu chapter.

Since graduation he has been engaged in direct mail advertising work in his home town of Youngstown, Ohio, has been a reporter on the *Youngstown Telegram* and on the *Warren Journal* in Warren, Ohio. Lately he has also served as an officer of the O. R. Grimmesey Real Estate Holding Company of Warren, Ohio.

Herrick's father was a successful publicity expert and Bob inherited a natural flair for the business. Publicity, publishing and advertising are his main interests in life, and it is a foregone conclusion that he will fit into the publicity work at Lehigh readily and with productive results.

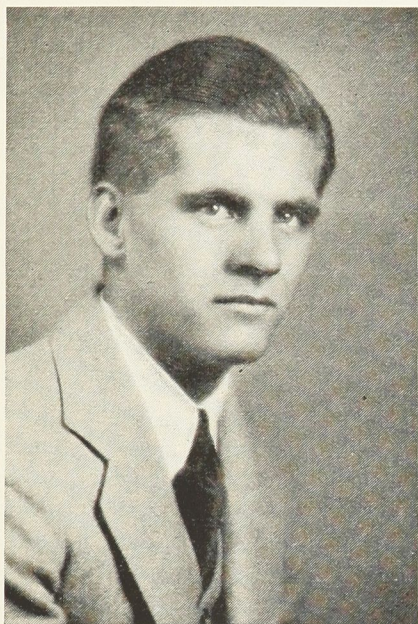
New Alpha Province Chief

Henry K. Saunders, Xi '33, of Newark, N.J., has recently been appointed Chief of Alpha Province to complete the term of John Everetts, Jr., *Delta* '29, resigned. This is the second time he has been asked to succeed a retiring province chief as he completed the term of Brother A. E. Bennett in Delta Province while attending North Carolina State College. At that time Brother Saunders helped materially in establishing Chi chapter at Wake Forest and won his spurs as a national worker.

Alumni work also receives much of his attention as he has just completed a successful year as secretary of the Northern New Jersey Alumni chapter in Newark. In this group he has worked on many committees and coöperated in many ways to keep the organization intact.

Brother Saunders' full pedigree requires mention of his office as a member of the Board of Trustees to which he was elected at the last national convention.

Alpha Province, meet your new chief—call him Hank.



HENRY K. SAUNDERS, Xi '33
New Alpha Province Chief

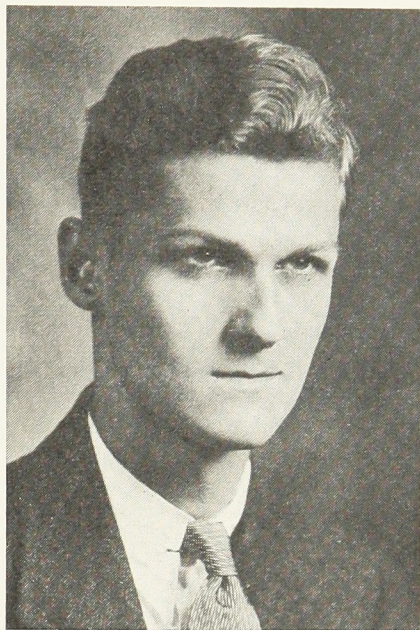
Scholastic Honors to President of Xi Chapter

By HERBERT R. DENTON, Xi '37

Graduation exercises at North Carolina State College this June will ring down the curtain on the college career of William A. Bain, Jr., of Xi chapter. Brother Bain is an outstanding student and has distinguished himself in scholastic achievements.

"Deacon," as Brother Bain is better known, obtained his name for his conservatism and dislike for loud and flashy clothes.

After graduating from Maury High School in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1932, where he was an honor man and editor of the high school newspaper his senior year, he matriculated at State College in the fall of 1932, and entered the department of Chemical Engineering. Brother Bain has been an honor man all through his college career. He was elected to membership in Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary fraternity, after one term of his freshman year and since that time he has



WILLIAM A. BAIN, JR., Xi '36

obtained many scholastic honors. At the present time he is a member of Sigma Pi Alpha, honorary language fraternity; Tau Beta Pi; and Phi Kappa Phi. Last year he won the White Spades Scholarship Cup, which is given each year to the fraternity man in the junior class with the highest fraternity average. Brother Bain has the highest scholastic average of the senior engineers, and the second highest average of the whole senior class.

"Deacon" was pledged to Xi in September, 1932, and was initiated in April 1933. He was secretary and junior delegate to convention, 1933-1934; rushing captain, chaplain, and senior delegate to convention, 1934-1935; president and representative to Interfraternity Council, 1935-1936. Last fall Brother Bain was awarded the fraternity scholarship key.

Alumni Chapter Formed at Staten Island, N.Y.

By JOHN H. BERGLUND, Beta '35

Since a sufficient number of Beta alumni, living on Staten Island or its vicinity, desired

an active membership in Alpha Kappa Pi, a Beta alumni chapter has been founded. The first regular meeting was held on Monday evening, October 7, 1935.

Brothers John H. Berglund '35, and Carl B. Voiges '34, were elected President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. Periodical contact will be made with brothers too far removed to be active but who desire associate membership.

A constitution has been drawn up and adopted. Letters have been mailed to fifty-four Beta alumni with the hopes of enrolling

them as active or associate members of the chapter.

Our first social function will be a St. Valentine's Day Bridge Party to be held on Friday evening, February 14, at the Beta Chapter quarters. The committee for this affair includes Brothers George Koch '34, chairman; Al Miller '33; Al Corbin '35; and Tom Van Pelt '34.

We will gladly welcome any member of Alpha Kappa Pi at our meetings. Any alumnus is eligible for membership. Meetings are held in the Beta Chapter quarters at Wagner College, Grymes Hill, Staten Island, on the first Monday of each month at 8:30 P.M.

Seventeen Ways to Better Reading

By S. M. KEENY, *Director Association Press*

1. Read books that will help solve your problems—and read them when you need help.

2. In picking books, use the experts all about you—on your staff, among your committees, and in the public libraries.

3. Find out about books from newspapers and periodicals. Learn the attitudes of regular reviewers.

4. Use anthologies to get introduced to new writers, especially foreign ones.

5. Go to see movies based on good books—to help you visualize the characters and to enrich your knowledge of the country in which the story occurs.

6. Use the radio to meet authors; hear them read their own writings or comments on books of others.

7. Buy books that *invite* reading—with large type, wide margins, good paper. Even in hard times *buy* books you want to keep; learn to be thrifty, buy reprints, remainders and secondhand books.

8. Read authors who write more precisely and penetratingly than you ordinarily think.

9. Read at least 50 per cent of books more than a year old and more than 25 per cent more than 5 years old. Read some books not American or British in origin.

10. Read authors whom you enjoy reading. Don't feel inferior if you don't like a book; maybe the author is obscure or dull.

11. Read on the level which you like best—fiction, travel, biography, essays, poetry—but don't forget that the other levels exist.

12. Learn to re-read books you like best.

13. Learn to fit your reading to your mood.

14. Make some field of knowledge your own, if it is only about a single person or moment in history.

15. Don't avoid "escape" literature, but learn to read light books quickly—and don't rest your sole claim to greatness on your fondness for detective stories.

16. Share some reading experience with your family and friends. Read some poetry aloud, but only when the mood calls for it.

17. Don't believe all you read, but don't dismiss all you don't like. Read at least one book a year by an author you think you don't like but don't know much about.—*Association Forum*.

Annual Scholarship Survey

By George Earle Owen, *Chairman of Scholarship Committee*

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>College</i>	<i>No. of Fraternities</i>	<i>1933-34 Standing</i>	<i>1934-35 Standing</i>
1. Gamma	Stevens	11-10	8	10
2. Delta	Brooklyn Polytechnic	5	3	1
3. Eta	Presbyterian	5	5	5
4. Iota	Mount Union	5	1	1
5. Kappa	M. I. T.	24	1	1
6. Lambda	Bethany	5	1	1
7. Nu	Lehigh	28-27	10	16
8. Xi	North Carolina State	13	3	1
9. Omicron	Penn State	42-43	27	32
10. Pi	New Hampshire	13	11	12
11. Rho	Rutgers	16-17	1	6
12. Sigma	Illinois	52-50	5	34
13. Upsilon	Centre	6	6	4

This rating is based on the annual survey conducted by the National Interfraternity Conference and includes only those institutions which submit a report to the National Interfraternity Conference.

■ IN READING the reports submitted to the 1935 National Interfraternity Conference one thing in particular caught my attention. To me it is a most encouraging trend in the mutual and happy relationship of the student, the fraternity and the college administration. The fraternity chapter, after all, is nothing more than a selected group of men, primarily matriculated students, whose functional relationship is fundamentally and directly to the institution in which they are enrolled. At the best the chapter house can only play an intermediary rôle. A fine coöperation is being established between the fraternity and the college by proctors or resident fraternity house advisers.

In the conclusion of the Report of Committee on Coöperation with Colleges we find

this: "We recommend the adoption in each college of some form of scholarship proctor, adviser or preceptor, preferably a graduate student from another institution, with tuition to be provided by the college, and board and room by the fraternity." In the Report of the Committee on Scholarship we find the statement "that personal leadership is the most important single factor in promoting scholarship, whether the leadership is furnished by the local chapter, the national fraternity, or the institution." The scholarship proctor fits best, I think, this need for leadership.

I think it would be advisable for each chapter to confer with the administration on the possibility of establishing a scholarship proctor. It would do more than anything else to lift the scholastic rating of the chapter.



THE ADVISER'S CORNER

■ It is well to impress on the minds of the collegiate chapters the need of being represented, through chapter letters, in each issue of *THE ALPHA*. It is the one sure way of keeping your alumni informed of your efforts, and also gives the chapter, with a fine record in this line, a certain rating that otherwise cannot be attained. The rating is an indefinable asset, but nevertheless a very definite one. There is only one way to secure this high marking and that is to select Historians who attend to their duties. Failure to make such reports to the Editor of *THE ALPHA* should be cause for dismissal and without umbrage on the part of the replaced brother. Chapter Presidents will be sustained in any such procedure. Nothing disappoints your alumni and friends more than to find that particular chapter drawing a blank.

■ THERE is nothing that indicates strength and concerted effort on the part of any chapter more than the ability to pledge men. In the entire history of the fraternity there has been no better record in this endeavor, than the one scored this college year. The seventeen chapters thus far reporting their additions show that a total of more than two hundred and twenty-five neophytes have been added to the rolls. When all the chapters have made their rebuilding complete the numbers should be considerably lifted. Let the good work continue.

■ THERE is an old saying that a man may be down but not necessarily out. The same status may hold with fraternity chapters also. The renaissance of Gamma at Stevens Institute of Technology may serve as a good example of this. Gamma was down in numbers, just four active men on the campus

when the Institute opened in September, but Gamma was high in spirit. Alumni and actives rallied and the results speak for themselves. The background of strength was there and the alumni were not wanting when needed. That is the spirit that marks the difference between a fraternity and an eating house, or a brotherhood as over against a gaming club.

■ It is time that Alpha Kappa Pi paid more attention to staging well conducted and properly appointed initiations of chapter members. Most of the chapters have been given the right attitude of mind toward this important part of our program, through the fact that Past Grand President and present Grand Second Vice-President Parke B. Fraim, has been delegated to install most of our collegiate chapters. I need not go into detail for we all are aware of the way this thing is accomplished when Brother Fraim is on the job. However, there are a very few chapters which have not had this advantage and have been a bit free or sketchy in some parts of the ritual interpretations. At no time is a better opportunity given to drive home the true meaning of the fraternity's ideals and precepts than at the time of initiation. The wise chapter is taking advantage of this occasion, and it tells in the more abundant life of that chapter.

■ ALPHA KAPPA PI is growing up. Read the latest Interfraternity Bulletin and see where the fraternity was represented by seven members of the order. One of them, William H. Schmidt, Jr., was the undergraduate representative from Rutgers University. Also with the establishment of the very excellent

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American Sport

By W. J. Cameron

SPORT that encourages physical activity and stimulates fairness of judgment, and stirs wholesome admiration;—sport that brings high and low, old and young together in the crisp air and sunny hours of the afternoon, may be a national blessing, a diversion without harmful reaction. Doubtless there are sports that excite the baser nature of men and lend themselves to gambling and deception; but few American sports are inherently bad—the evils are not in the sports but in the decline of sportsmanship.

Analyzing the character of our public games we can learn a great deal about our qualities as a people. In the first place, American sports are the *exploits of peace*. Formerly, and in some countries even now, the sports of men were designed to prepare them for war. Their gestures at play were those they would use in battle. They shot the arrow or flung the spear or fenced with the sword. In our sports no weapon of war is stimulated, no violent attack on persons is part of the game. Secondly, American sports are *deliberately made hard*. They are not mere amusements. They call for effort, for endurance, for mental and physical persistence, for a fine coördination of mind and muscle toward an end not easily attained. We make the goal hard to reach; we set up obstacles; we create resistance. In this we differ fundamentally from nations whose sports are routine exercise or soft amusement.

Thirdly, our sports are not self-centered; the physical fitness of the player is not their end and object; the game's the thing. This *objectivity* of our sports reflects the objectivity of our people; which is certainly a strong and necessary element of national sanity. It is clearly indicated in our partiality for games of ball. Most of our popular games are played with an object—a ball. Golf is a ball game, as are billiards, bowling and polo. Basketball, handball, hockey, tennis, cricket are as essentially ball games as football and

baseball. Baseball, which was designed in its present form by an American 96 years ago, is played in school-yards, in village streets, on city sand-lots and in great stadiums; it is our national sport. The stadiums of this country devoted to games of ball seat more than 2,643,000 people. Nations pre-eminent for ball games are the United States and Canada.

But the predominant characteristic of our sports is their *competitive* nature. We seek to overcome not only natural obstacles, not only our tendency to bodily ease, but we deliberately court the challenge of other men's skill and determination. Our sports are at the polar opposite of those countries which assemble great companies of people together and drill them gymnastically as one body, *without competition*. We insist on competition and contest. We regard an opponent as a helper;—he sharpens our nerve and increases our skill and lengthens our endurance. This national characteristic of competitorship should give pause to those who would remove competition from the American people. Look abroad upon the nations that have been regimented—without exception they are nations that have little or no *competitive* sports. Kind souls amongst us would wean us from the competition of merit and dwarf us to one easily handled unit. If they could do with baseball what they have attempted to do with business, there would be no such thing as baseball. Where there is no competition of merit, degeneration instantly begins. When competition of merit is artificially removed from business by financial mergers or "gentlemen's agreements," the invariable result is that the product deteriorates, the cost to the customer rises, progress of invention and service cease. Our American sport contests have a lesson for all statesmen inoculated with foreign theories. Much of instruction and warning may be had from them—and not the least from baseball.

COMMENTS OF FELLOW



ACTIVITIES OUR GREEKS

Friendships and Professionalism

Marion E. Dice in The Hexagon of Alpha Chi Sigma

■ THE ABILITY to make friends is a price-less asset, whether one is engaged in the sordid business of making a living, the more laudable one of filling his life with things worth while, or an intelligent combination of the two.

College years offer opportunities for establishing a far-flung network of friendships. Students are a selected group, alert in their interest, spontaneous in their enthusiasms, and keen to detect sham and hypocrisy. Drawn together from widely scattered communities, they scatter even more widely after commencement. At no later time in life excepting possibly in military campaigns, may one make such numbers of friends who will eventually establish themselves in every part of the country.

After college, men tend to become more settled, taking root where fortune and chance decree. Then comes the pleasant or difficult process of making new friendships; pleasant if accelerated by introductions from friend to friend, more difficult if a man must proceed wholly on his own. Let no one expect the hard and competitive spirit of industry and business to continue the free and easy comradeship, even among strangers, that characterizes college.

Even with the ability to make friends, one must have introductions to break down the natural initial barriers found outside college. Here is where his membership in national organizations serves his immediate personal interest. As a member of a social, professional, or technical organization functioning outside the colleges he is welcome at its meetings, at once is over the first and greatest barrier, and

can begin to make new friends. Do not underestimate the value of this privilege, and above all, do not abuse it.

What Is the Fraternity Doing For Its Alumni?

From The Shield and Diamond of Pi Kappa Alpha

■ EVERY FRATERNITY talks about alumni loyalty and about what its alumni should be doing for their fraternity. Perhaps it's time to turn the matter around and ask: "What is the fraternity doing for its alumni?"

It is a pertinent question. In a practical way, the average present-day fraternity chapter offers home-like surroundings, friendship, and social advantages to the young man in college. What does it offer the alumnus who has his own home, his church, club, or business friends and his community social affairs? If the alumnus is asked to pay dues, he is entitled to a definite something for them, just as much as is the man in college.

The fraternity system is on trial today and it needs the support of its alumni badly. Not to defend it; to spread the news of its educational and character building efforts.

Fraternalities are engaged in many helpful projects. Some have placement bureaus to help find jobs. Others pursue community service; others provide scholarships; another proposes a fund for research; still another suggests that the needs of modern business be surveyed and a systematic effort be made to train men to fill those needs.

Certainly there is ample opportunity for the college fraternity of today, with its wide membership and its influential contacts, to help its individual members.

The college fraternity is not just another club to meet, elect officers and vote on where

to meet again. American Greek letter fraternities have too much tradition, too much influence, too much pride to permit their ideals of brotherhood to suffer.

The whole question is brought home to Pi Kappa Alpha because we are planning a membership dues campaign and an Endowment Fund raising campaign. What will we do with the money? What are our plans? What is our objective?

In return for his financial loyalty, we owe him a debt of service. What will we give the alumnus for his money?

Rutgers Plans Program to Help Fraternities

Interfraternity Council has joined with administrative officials at Rutgers University in a movement to strengthen and perpetuate Rutgers fraternities by inaugurating a training seminar for fraternity officers.

The seminar will enable the officers of the twenty-one chapter houses on the campus to discuss mutual problems and progressive programs already adopted by some of the fraternities. Administrative officials will participate in the seminar in an advisory capacity. It is hoped that through such an interchange of ideas the fraternities will be better able to fulfill their ultimate aims and responsibilities.

The first meeting is tentatively arranged for April 1 when President Robert C. Clothier will meet with the heads of the fraternities to discuss the responsibilities of chapter presidents and the aims and purposes of the college fraternity. At the same time Comptroller Albert S. Johnson will meet with the treasurers and stewards of the fraternities to consider problems of financial administration.

Scholarship chairmen will meet with other college administrators to discuss means of encouraging and aiding scholarship in the chapter houses. Problems of freshman training, vocational guidance and social education will be considered at a meeting of the social chairmen.

The seminar, which is sponsored jointly by the Interfraternity Council and by the Office of the Dean of Men, is expected to bring

closer coöperation between the fraternities and the University administration, which recognizes fraternities as an integral part of the educational system at Rutgers rather than as mere social clubs.

The Office of the Dean of Men will act as a source of information on the more progressive methods by which other fraternities are meeting their various problems and by acting in an advisory capacity is expected to strengthen the fraternity structure considerably.

Although participation in the seminar is optional, the fraternities have endorsed the move unanimously. The *Targum*, undergraduate semi-weekly, editorially hailed the course as a "constructive, practical plan, designed to strengthen and perpetuate fraternities."

■ WE WONDER if Ripley knows this about Σ A E. Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, founded in 1856, is situated at 1856 Sheridan Road and has as its telephone number Davis 1856.

■ NOT OFTEN can a governor be initiated into a college fraternity except as an honorary member. But Frank D. Fitzgerald, Governor of Michigan, was so interested in Phi Kappa Sigma into which he had failed to be initiated when his local was instituted in 1905 that he returned to the University of Michigan as a resident student to complete the requirements for eligibility. He was initiated.—*Fraternity Month*.

■ PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT said this about fraternities: "I am confident that in the final analysis we shall find that stability of our government depends not so much on our armies and navies, though they may be vastly important, but rather we will have to depend upon the brotherhood of humanity as represented in the great fraternities. The fraternal societies are in my opinion one of the greatest powers for good government, and the protection of the home, that we have in this country. This government will endure, just so long as we protect the great interest represented by the fraternal orders."—*The Quail of Alpha Gamma Sigma*.

- KAPPA DELTA's national council ran a handicap at convention with betting, pay off booths and all the race track atmosphere. Bets were placed at ten cents, half the proceeds being returned to the holders of winning tickets and half going to a Kappa Delta Scholarship.
- THE DAYTON, OHIO, Alumni Association of Lambda Chi Alpha sends silver spoons engraved with the fraternity letters to the new born of the members.
- DELTA TAU DELTA has this to say concerning initiation into a national fraternity: "Initiation not into a chapter, but into a fraternity; into a brotherhood not of one group, but of many groups. The chapter may cease; the fraternity endures. The strength of the fraternity is the recognition of its solidarity. Anything short of this is provincialism."
- SIGMA PI has revised its constitution so as to permit the initiation of students at an institution where a chapter does not exist. This was done so that expansion by the colonization method could be possible.
- WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, with chapters of Phi Nu Theta, Psi Upsilon, Chi Psi, Delta Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Chi Rho, Sigma Nu, Phi Sigma Kappa, and Sigma Chi, has the ruling that only fifteen freshmen can be pledged by any one fraternity. In following years if, or when, members of the class drop from college then that place may be filled from that class. Thus it is possible for a chapter of sixty men to belong to any one fraternity, but with the proviso that no class embrace more than fifteen men of that membership. The success of the plan has worked so well that the fraternity councils of Williams and Amherst have called a joint meeting to consider following the example set by the other members of "The Little Three," Wesleyan.
- WESTERN STATE COLLEGE has been added to the Colorado colleges holding charters from national fraternities. At present the lone representative is Beta Kappa, entrance being made in 1934.
- SIGMA PHI SIGMA, with a total chapter roll of eighteen, has seen fit to revoke chapters at the University of North Carolina, University of Missouri and Brown University. This fraternity was founded at the University of Pennsylvania in 1908.
- SIGMA CHI has recently entered chapters at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and at North Dakota State, and now carries 96 active chapters, placing Sigma Chi among the first five as to active chapter enrollment. Sigma Chi is remarkable in that it is able to carry a double-barreled chapter at Case and Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio. These two colleges are on adjoining grounds and the one chapter selects members from both campuses. The reports show that the one chapter serves the two masters in a most fraternal and successful manner.
- PHI KAPPA TAU was for years the leading fraternity, in so far as outstanding athletes were concerned, at Centre College in Kentucky, the home of the "Praying Colonels." When the ruling passed that no man receiving scholarship help was eligible to join Greek letter societies there the Phi Kappa Tau withdrew its charter. Remaining fraternities are: Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Alpha Kappa Pi.
- ALPHA KAPPA LAMBDA has placed its tenth chapter at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Alpha Kappa Lambda was founded at the University of California in 1914 and has confined its extension program to the far west and the middle western states, the Purdue chapter being the most eastern. There is one dormant chapter at the University of Kansas.
- THETA CHI has abandoned annual conventions in favor of biennial meetings. Tau Kappa Epsilon met in convention this year for the first time in five years. The meeting was at St. Charles, Illinois. Pi Kappa Alpha's convention for this year has been abandoned; next year the fraternity will have its second successive triennial session.



AMONG THE ALUMNI

Connecticut

Cyrus B. Morse, *Rho* '31, has been appointed Landscape Chief for the Resettlement Administration of Connecticut, and has complete charge of all landscape work, with supervision over 144,000 acres. His office is located at Norwich.

District of Columbia

John H. Savolaine, *Omicron* '24, is with the Supervising Architect's Office of the Treasury Department. His four-year-old son was fatally injured by a truck on September 16, 1935. We extend our sincere sympathy. Brother Savolaine is living at 627 Jefferson Street, N.W., in Washington.

Robert Ferner, *Iota* '35, has given up his position as lab assistant at Purdue University to accept a place in the Department of Agriculture in Washington.

James G. Boss, *Phi* '33, is employed with the R.F.C. in Washington and is attending the George Washington Law School in the evening.

Florida

Marion Hedden, *Lambda* '34, who was awarded a Boeing Aeronautical Scholarship after graduation, is now at the Pensacola Flying Field, in Pensacola.

Jimmy Robb, *Beta* '35, has completed his preliminary training at Floyd Bennet Field and is now also stationed at the Pensacola Field.

Hawaii

Dr. Robert Ray Scott, *Psi H*, is teaching in the College of Education at the University of Hawaii of Honolulu.

Illinois

Charles McMullen, *Upsilon* '35, is doing graduate work at the University of Illinois.

The following brothers of Sigma chapter are at present located in the State of Illinois. King McCristal '29 is now soccer coach at the University of Illinois. Sidney Orth '29 and Bob Jordon '30 are also at the University teaching Physiology and Engineering respectively. Jesse Ash '35 is teaching school in Litchfield and George Priddle '34 is an Ag teacher at Nokomis. Carl Bartling '34 is in the wholesale grocery business in Stauton. Warren

Bunge '33 is an accountant in Oak Park while Richard Piech '34 is following the same profession in Chicago. Fred Norris '34 is an engineer in Joliet. Clarence Hanover '32 is teaching Agriculture in Oakland.

Kentucky

Dudley Caldwell, *Upsilon* '33, is a member of the Sewer Commission in Louisville.

Thomas Harmon, *Upsilon ex* '36, is studying at the University of Kentucky.

Massachusetts

Adolph W. Lubbers, *Nu* '34, has been "seeing America first" under the guidance of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. He has been located in Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pa., and is now at the company's plant in Springfield.

Maryland

E. Irving Smith, *Phi* '33, is now taking his final year at the University of Maryland Law School.

Robert Lance, *Delta* '34, is now engaged in work with a construction company in the neighborhood of Westminster.

Charles Jenkins, *Phi ex* '34, is engaged in the automobile accessory business in Baltimore. He is living on Lyndhurst Avenue in that city.

William Sandrock, *Phi* '33, is also employed in Baltimore in the Chemistry Division of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, as is Ed Buckler, *Nu* '32, general manager of the McCarthy-Hicks Liquor Distributing Company.

Robert Crawford, *Phi* '34, and John Kurtz, *Omicron* '35, are still trying to find their way around the University of Maryland Medical School.

New Jersey

Ralph W. Brown, *Nu* '35, is with the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey at the Bloomfield office.

In its series of pen-portraits of educational authorities in and around New Brunswick, the New Brunswick Home News recently had an interview with G. Edward Holloway, *Rho* '29. Ed is supervising principal of schools for South Brunswick Township.

Dr. Fred F. Senerchia, *Rho* '27, is now connected with the Elizabeth General Hospital in Elizabeth.

Bob Stickney, *Rho* '35, finds much to keep him

busy these days. He is an assistant in the Dramatic Arts Department at the New Jersey College for Women in New Brunswick.

C. Russell Kramer, *Rho '31*, is now engaged in the practice of law with Heine, Laird and Thiele in Newark.

George Goewey, *Rho '28*, is with the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. at their Bloomfield office.

Richard Kuehne, *Rho '33*, has moved to 1118 Summit Ave., Jersey City.

Kenneth Kuett, *Rho '33*, is working temporarily in the new post office building at Kearny.

Karl Frederick, *Rho '32*, has charge of the garden department at Muir's department store in East Orange.

N. Ellsworth Wheaton, Jr., *Rho '33*, has recently become affiliated with the John E. Mayer Travel Agency in Newark.

New York

Dede Kusanobu, *Rho '32*, recently won the Junior Metropolitan Wrestling Championship in the 118 pound class, wrestling for the New York Athletic Club.

Richard M. Wilson, *Nu '35*, is with the Bethlehem Steel Co. in Buffalo. Arthur C. Harris, *Omicron '35*, is employed with the same company.

Carl Voiges, *Beta '34*, is Staten Island's representative of the New York Underwriters Insurance Company.

George Koch, *Beta '34*, is associated with Ludwig Bauman and Co., and is attending New York University in the evenings.

Al Corbin, *Beta '35*, is also attending New York University in the evening and at the same time is employed with the United States Treasury Department.

William Simms, *Iota '34*, has a position with an investment company in the city.

Allan Miller, *Beta '33*, is waving the mighty birch rod before students of English at McKee Vocational School on Staten Island.

Jack Berglund, *Beta '35*, is at present employed as a chemist with the Standard Oil Development Company.

Harold Taylor, *Alpha Alpha '35*, has been pursuing a course in graduate chemistry at Syracuse University.

Reginald Deitz and Henry Schumann, both *Alpha Alpha '35*, and Thomas Van Pelt, *Beta '34*, are all attending Hartwick Seminary in Brooklyn.

Charles Teed, *Alpha Alpha '35*, is engaged in the process of learning the ropes in salesmanship and management of the Unadilla Silo Company in Unadilla.

Herbert Vaughan, *Beta '34*, is attending Brooklyn Law School.

Jimmy Donovan, *Beta ex'37*, and Artie Veradi, *Beta ex'36*, are associated with Proctor and Gamble Soap Company.

Ohio

John H. McConnell, *Nu '34*, is an investigator in the Metallurgical Department of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company in Youngstown.

Eric Brady, *Iota '35*, is now employed at the Timken Sheet and Tube Company in Canton.

Grant Hansen, *Iota '34*, is with the Motor Express Company in Canton.

Bill Thacker, *Iota '35*, has left the Republic Steel Company to accept a position as field executive for the Boy Scouts of America at Canton.

Carl Edwards, *Sigma '31*, is employed as a chemical engineer in Columbus.

Larry Woboril, *Upsilon '33*, is printing advertisements in his own shop in Cleveland.

Pennsylvania

John A. Keech, *Omicron '35*, is associated with his father in the undertaking business in Manheim and William J. Robinson, Jr., *Omicron '35*, is following the same profession in Lancaster.

Richard H. Hayman, *Nu '35*, is a chemist with the W. H. and L. D. Betz Company in Philadelphia.

Rev. Harold W. Reisch, *Beta '32*, became pastor of St. Timothy's Church in the Fox Chase section of Philadelphia on December 22, 1935.

William J. Simpson, *Omicron '35*, is with the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Eddystone.

Robert T. Sheen, *Nu '31*, is also employed with the Betz Company in the capacity of Chemical Director.

Prof. Julius E. Kaulfuss, *Omicron H*, in charge of instruction in Highway Engineering at Penn State, has been granted a leave of absence to accept appointment as head of a new highway-planning division for the state of Pennsylvania.

Edward Simpson, *Alpha Alpha '35*, is attending the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Harry Hamilton, *Iota '34*, is serving as relief investigator in Johnstown.

Gene Laschober, *Nu '33*, is Safety Engineer with the Bethlehem Steel Company in Bethlehem.

William Lowry, *Psi '34*, is working for the Pillsbury Flour Co. at Ligonier.

Paul J. Strassburger, Jr., *Rho '35*, is at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

Texas

Robert Adams, *Rho '34*, is with the Borden Milk Co. at Dallas.

Virginia

James E. Breth, *Omicron '24*, has been commanding officer of the 396th Company, C.C.C., at Roxbury.

West Virginia

Earl Strohmeier, *Psi '35*, is now on the teaching staff of the High School at Wayne.

Stanley Harris, *Mu* '31, a recent benedict, is principal of the high school at Romney.

Cecil Shafer, *Mu* '31, is practicing medicine in his home town of Wayne.

Cecil Brammer, *Mu* ex'25, has left off book-keeping for the greater freedom of salesmanship.

Romeo F. Brooks, *Mu* '31, is principal of the Holderby Elementary School in Huntington.

Woodrow Eckard, *Mu* '30, distinguished as one of the youngest graduates of Marshall College (at 18), will receive his doctor's degree from Duke University soon.

Ken Dunham, *Mu* '34, is selling gas, oil and service. He likes it much better than the grocery business.

Med Prichard, *Mu* '34, has left the State Road Commission to join the force of an automobile sales company.

Nick Cody, *Psi* '35, and Sam Hays, *Psi* ex'36, are employed at the DuPont Chemical Plant in Belle. Russell Chapman, *Psi* '33, also works at DuPont's but lives in Charleston.

George Dixon, *Psi* '31, is teaching in the Buckhannon High School.

F. Dick Hudson, *Psi* ex'36, is assistant sports editor for the *Charleston Daily Mail* at Charleston.

Arnett Baughman, *Psi* '34, is selling groceries at Philippi.

Melvin Mathes, *Psi* '36, is working for the Reynolds Tobacco Co. at Clarksburg.

Sterling Vines, *Mu* '36, and Harper Grimm, *Mu* '32, are located on the West Virginia University campus at Morgantown and write that they are planning a Founders Day dinner there with three other Alpha Kappa Pis who are taking graduate work there.

Marriages

Durward D. Darnell, *Mu* '31, secretary-treasurer of the Huntington Alumni Chapter, was married to Miss Virginia Hager of Charleston, West Virginia, on December 4, 1935.

The marriage of James Bobbitt, *Mu* ex'30, to Miss Margaret Seidel of Akron, Ohio, took place on November 29, 1935. Gary Bobbitt, *Mu* ex'30, acted as best man and Conley Dillon, *Mu* '28, was one of the ushers.

On New Year's Eve last, Ruskin Lamb, *Iota* '29, was married to Miss Hormine Schneider, Mount Union Student Health Nurse. The ceremony took place in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Alliance, Ohio. Brother Lamb has taken graduate work in Science at Western Reserve, Pittsburgh, Ohio State and Johns Hopkins Universities and at present is

superintendent of schools at Mesopotamia, Ohio, where the couple will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Topping announce the marriage of their daughter, Alice, to the Rev. Henry R. Fell, *Rho* '31, on February 3, 1936, at the Christ Episcopal Church of Burlington, Iowa. At home after March 1 at Keyport, N.J.

Harry Karakas, *Rho* '32, has recently been married to Miss Suydam of New Brunswick, N.J.

On February 1, 1936, John W. Fairless, *Iota* '35, was joined in matrimony with Miss Jean Ellis of Pittsburg, Pa. The couple will live in Massillon, Ohio, where Brother Fairless is employed with the Republic Steel Corporation.

Rev. Frank Herr, *Beta* '28, was married to Miss Mary May on February 1, 1936, in Grace Lutheran Church of Lancaster, Pa. After a brief honeymoon in New York, Rev. and Mrs. Herr will reside at 728 Manor Street, Lancaster, Pa., where Rev. Herr is Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church.

Allan S. Woodle, *Phi* '34, was married on October 12, 1935, to Miss Martha Gregg of Ridley Park, Pa. The Woodles are now living at 3241 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Brother Woodle is at present writing articles on *Housing in Sweden* for the Farm Home Loan Bank Board Review.

During February Donald Baker, *Mu* '35, of Wayne, W.Va., was married to Miss Kitty Schultz of Huntington, W.Va.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. George Whittaker of Westfield, N.J., announced the engagement of their daughter, Grace, to Harold A. Anderson, *Tau* '30, on December 21, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Fleming of East Orange, N.J., announced the engagement of their daughter, Doris Marion to Charles W. Spencer, *Alpha* '33, at a recent tea.

Miss Louise Lau announced her engagement to Albert E. Bennett, *Xi* '32, Grand Historian of Alpha Kappa Pi, at a bridge held in her home on the night of December 26, 1935.

A recent announcement was the engagement of Miss Carol Eichler of New Brunswick, N.J., to John Deschu, *Rho* '36.

Births

Vernon O. Drake, *Alpha* '29, was presented with a baby girl, Glenda, on December 9, 1935.

Henry Harlow, *Mu* '28, known as "Pop" while he was in school, is now a real poppa. Recently he became the father of Henry, junior.

Rev. Frank H. Nichel, *Beta* '26, announced the arrival of Frank, junior, during the summer.



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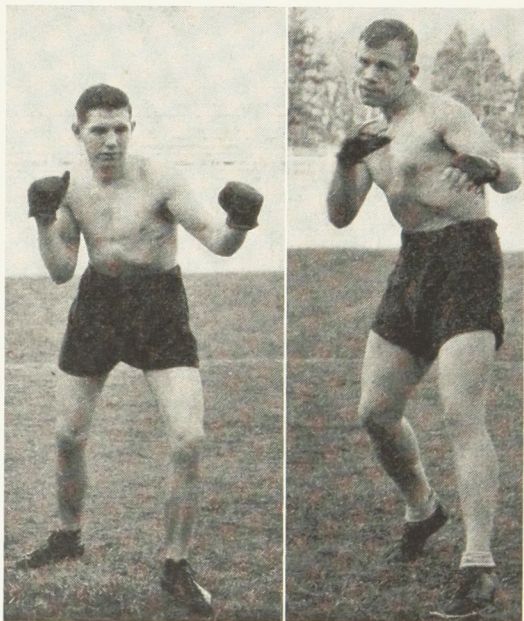
Beta—Wagner

Initiated: Walter Vierling, '37; Ralph Tellefsen, '38; Henry Raisch, '39.

The initiation of Brothers Vierling, Tellefsen and Raisch took place on Friday evening, January 10. The ceremony was followed by a supper at the home of Brother Al Schoenbucher, where a most enjoyable time was spent in songs and general bull-sessions with alumni and pledges taking part as well. We feel that these men have already shown true Alpha Kappa Pi spirit and will prove to be fine assets to the fraternity.

Brother Vierling, one of the best scholars at Wagner, is active in Dramatics, Glee Club, German and French Societies, and in Debating, while holding offices in all of these organizations.

Tellefsen, brother of Frank Tellefsen of the class of '37, is following in Frank's footsteps in the field of Pharmaceutics. He is an officer of his class and is active in the language societies on the campus.



Left: MALCOLM GILLIS, featherweight boxer at Presbyterian. *Right:* "KING KONG" CAPPLEMAN, captain of boxing at Presbyterian.

Raisch, although a freshman, has proven his worth in the field of athletics, having made good on the varsity football squad. Brother Raisch is also an active member of the German Society.

The closing of the exam period marked the opening of the mid-year rushing season. Beta was very successful in pledging five very promising freshmen.

Final plans have been completed for Beta's mid-winter "Leap Year Dance" to be held Saturday, February 29.

May I, in closing, congratulate all our brothers everywhere on our coming anniversary. Happy Founders Day!

JOHN BURKE

Delta—Brooklyn Poly

The new officers of Delta chapter were elected and installed on January 17. Brother Kaupp was chosen to succeed "Pickles" Heinzleman as House President. The other officers were as follows: Charles Hutcheon, Vice-President; James Humble, Secretary; Michael Zemetra, Treasurer; James Taylor, Chaplain; Robert McCune, Marshal; Bill Schoenfeld, Historian; and Raymond Hegel, Sentinel.

Brother Heinzleman manages to keep busy these days by acting as chairman of the Ring and Key committee of the senior class, one of the mainstays of the Poly wrestling team, and keeping the pledges of Delta chapter up to the mark by being Pledge Captain.

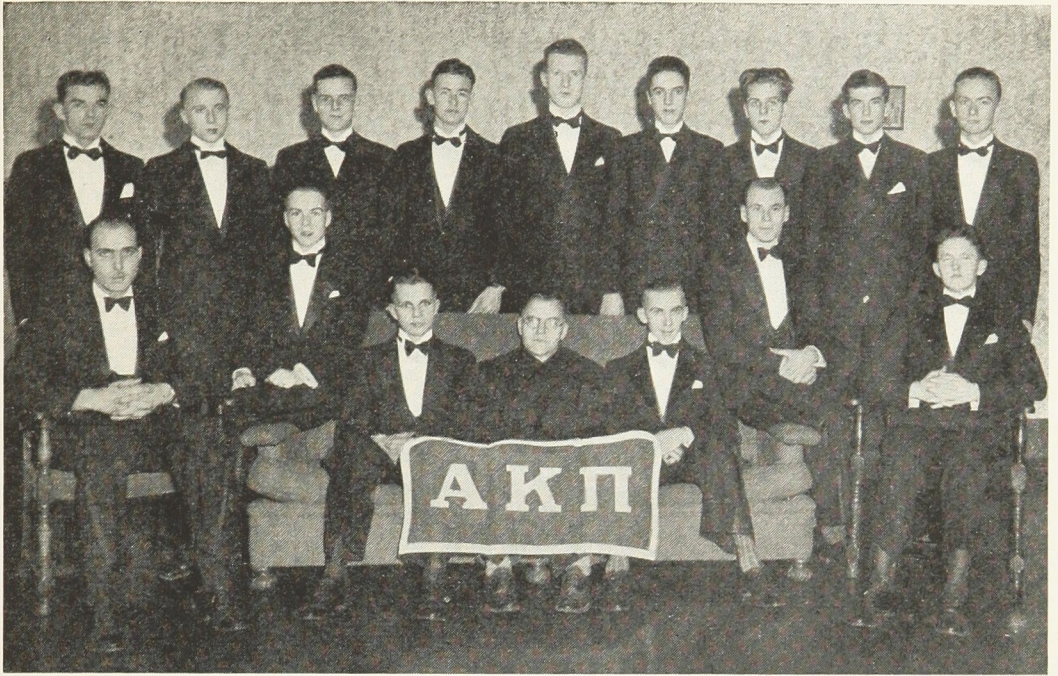
The rushing season is again under way and from all indications Delta chapter will again obtain the cream of the February entering freshmen. A rushing smoker will take place the latter part of the month and arrangements are again going on under the capable direction of Robert McCune.

An Open House Dance was held by the brothers on January 11. Mike Zemetra installed an amplifying system which made dancing a pleasure. The alumni members of Delta chapter are planning a Leap Year dance to be held at the house on February 29. Many novel ideas are expected to occur at this affair.

An initiation and banquet will be held on February 23. Pledges Fred Muller and Ed Hayes will be inducted into the chapter.

Chet Hutcheon has finally won the Ping-Pong championship of the house and has been busily defending it ever since.

BILL SCHOENFELD



BETA CHAPTER AT WAGNER

Standing, left to right: Kibat, Giety, Schoenbacher, Ralph Tellefsen, Pape, Mayer, Vierling, Raisch, Jones. Seated: Eberhardt, Rogler, Danielson, Dr. Davidbeiser, Schnackenberg, Frank Tellefsen, Burke.

Theta—Columbia

Theta chapter extends greetings to all chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi.

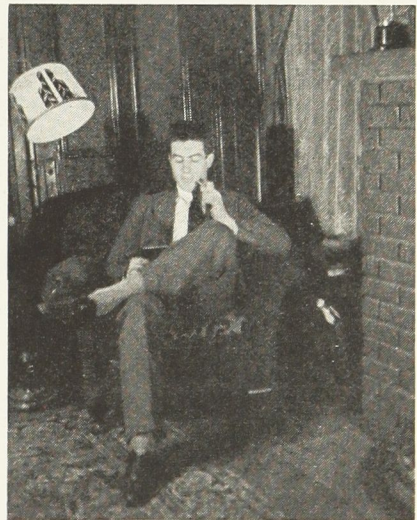
In the recent election Harold Tyrell was again elected president and Renatio D'Angelo was returned to the office of historian. Richard Schwartz was selected to fill the post of secretary-treasurer.

Theta, being located at Columbia University in New York City, felt most keenly the curtailment of student activity in fraternities during the past few years. However, while many fraternities disappeared entirely from the campus, Theta held on and now the way to a larger and more successful chapter looks brighter than ever.

Plans are under way to restore Theta to its preëminent place on the Columbia campus. Before the next issue of Alpha we expect to report a lovely and growing chapter in New York City.

RICHARD SCHWARTZ

become the property of the chapter. This table is the gift of Mr. Jack Gray, a cousin of Brother Hartman. The chapter is fortunate in securing this table—the largest and best on the campus—and we invite you all in to have a game on us. Brother



RALPH CURTIS, Iota '36
Chapter President

Iota—Mount Union

Again we remove our shell-rimmed spectacles and lay aside our books to tell Alpha Kappa Pi what is going on in Iota chapter.

Brother President Curtis, the eminent pool player, has been considerably dejected over his defeat by Brother Eckert on the new pool table which has



IOTA AT MOUNT UNION HOLDS ITS WINTER DANCE AT THE ALLIANCE WOMEN'S CLUB

Curtis will undoubtedly have practiced up by that time.

We, who should have no reason to brag in the matter, have recently thrown what we modestly believe to have been the best dance thrown at Mount Union College in the last semester. Shively-Yates and his Ace Collegians played for dancing, and the dance was exceptionally well attended both by actives and by alumni. Among the numerous alumni present were Brady, Fairless, Niuman, Leyda, Haas, Wehner, Putman, Saltsgiver, and Thomas.

A delegation from Iota went to Pittsburgh to help Brother Fairless stand up under the strain of a wedding. He was married February 1 to Miss Jean Ellis of that city. We hear that a good time was had by all. Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Fairless.

Iota chapter has secured its customary high marks in grading this semester. Pledge Haas is our only straight A student, yet our average is the highest of the past several years, and is unquestionably above that of any other chapter on the campus.

JAMES A. WEST

Lambda—Bethany

Another semester has slipped past—as semesters will—and we are looking ahead to big things here at Lambda.

As the final tabulations of grades have not yet been published, we can not say definitely whether or not we have retained the Interfraternity Scholarship Cup that we easily won last year. However, quite a few of our fellows attained honor ranking, so we feel confident that we will be able to hold this coveted position.

Interfraternity basketball is about to swing into action, and as we lost only two of last year's first team we hope to be more of a threat this season. Although we haven't had much practice, we are going to make up for it in spirit. We hope that our tentative plans for a game with the crack team of our neighboring chapter, Psi, will be realized.

We are attempting a novel social program—at least novel to Bethany. Bi-weekly, on Friday nights, several of the fellows have dinner dates before the show ("the" show refers to the one and only weekly performance with which our little village is honored). This gives the fair sex a more informal view of the fraternity life, requires no special planning, and we believe it provides a very enjoyable evening for all concerned.

Brother Phillips, class of '38, has been doing fine work on the varsity debate team, this being his second year as a varsity man. Pledge Smith '39 is an industrious aspirant to the team.

We regret to say that Pledge Bupka '37, varsity football player, will not be with us this semester—we hope to see him back in the fall.

Looking forward to Founders Day we drink with

and to every Alpha Kappa Pi man, and wish each of you the best of everything.

DON MCILROY

Nu—Lehigh

Initiated: Harold I. Briedenbach, Richard W. Blanchard, Philip W. Davis, Frank L. Jackson, Ted R. Thierry, Jr., and P. Edward Weis.

Many moons have passed since Nu chapter has been heard from. Due to a misunderstanding Nu was not written up in the last issue of the ALPHA. The news from Nu, consequently, is abundant.

On the weekend of November 23 Nu chapter held the annual Alumni Homecoming. The drawing card was the Lafayette football game. The Homecoming this year was particularly gratifying to the active chapter. The alumni back were: "Bud" Brown '35, "Bill" Lubbers '34, "Mac" McConnell '34, "Ed" Buckler '32, "Pinky" Austin '31, "Bob" Sheen '31, "Walt" Kostenbader '32, "Gene" Lashober '33, "Ken" Maguire '35, "Ed" Coe '33, "Ed" Roberts '30, "Clayt" Boies '30, "Drape" Rankin '31, and "Ducky" Jahn, Beta Province Chief. Alumni Homecoming has become an institution at Nu, and is an enjoyable get-together for both the alumni and the actives. The alumni, as well as the actives enjoyed seeing Lehigh bury Lafayette 48-0.

Nu chapter is both happy and sorry to announce the graduation in February of "Ted" Gallagher and "Wes" Hemphill. We are happy to know that these men have made a success of college, but we are sorry to see them leave Lehigh. We will miss both of them. We wish both of you success and happiness in the cold, cruel world. "Wes" is already employed by the General Electric Co. in Bridgeport, Conn.

Nu is entering into extracurricular activities more than usual this year. "Bill" Wheeler was awarded an "L" for being manager of freshman football this year. Frank Jackson was awarded numerals for his work as assistant manager. "Phil" Davis won his numerals in freshman soccer. Phil, they say, has an excellent chance of being on the varsity soccer team next fall. A chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, an honorary Boy Scout fraternity, has been organized at Lehigh with "Bill" Wheeler as chairman of the organization committee. The requirements of the fraternity are: 1. The student must be an eagle scout, 2. must have at least a two average, 3. only the three upper classes are eligible, 4. some campus activity.

The Alpha Kappa Pis besides "Bill" to obtain membership in the new organization are Henry Naisby and Myron Smith.

Wedding bells have disturbed the peace and quiet (?) of Nu chapter again. President Lyle M. Geiger was wedded to Miss Alletta Mohr of Bethlehem, Pa., on Labor Day last. We all wish Lyle the best of luck and all the happiness in the world. Lyle says that being married should raise

his marks from 20 to 40 per cent in all of his courses. We wonder.

Lehigh's annual Interfraternity Ball was held on February 1. The music was furnished by Tom Dorsey and his orchestra. The Alpha Kappa Pi house was well represented at this dance. We were honored by visits by Brothers Hemphill and Lubbers for the weekend of the dance. The weekend was one of the high spots in the Lehigh social season. While we are on the subject of dances we would like to announce a house dance to be held on March 21. We hereby extend an invitation to all of our brothers, active and alumni, for this dance. No foolin', we would like to see you all here on March 21.

Brothers Bishop, Naisby and Welker have been elected to the Newtonian Society. The Newtonian is an honorary freshman Math society. To be eligible the student must obtain an "A" in freshman Math.

On the night of February 8 Nu chapter held a formal initiation. The initiation came at the termination of Hell Week, during which the freshmen got very tired and justly so because they got very little sleep. The initiation was followed by a banquet given to the new members. Short informal talks were given by "Bob" Herrick '34, Gene Lashober '33, "Ducky" Jahn, *Omicron* '23, and George B. Thom our former faculty adviser. President Geiger acted in the capacity of master of ceremonies. We are glad to welcome these six new members into the folds of Alpha Kappa Pi. Nu has also pledged Joseph M. Weaver '39 of Irwin, Pa., and William K. Martin '39 of Bloomfield, Mich.

With best wishes to all for the rest of the school year.

J. STUART PATTERSON

Xi—North Carolina State

Initiated: Aldo Livera, New York City.

Snow, snow, and more snow. This is supposed to be the "Sunny South," but we have had as much snow here this winter as have our brothers in the North. A goodly number of the brothers at Xi are Yankees, and we thought the South did not suffer much from snowstorms, but when we arrived back after our Christmas holidays we were greeted by snow, and at the present time the snow is still with us.

On January 17, after the State varsity boxers succeeded in defeating the representatives of the University of South Carolina, Xi held its first house dance of the year. Although many of the boxers were in no shape to attend, those who did, made up for what the others missed.

At a formal initiation held February 9, Aldo Livera was received into the brotherhood of Alpha Kappa Pi. "Al" as he is better known, hails from New York City and is a sophomore in the department of Electrical Engineering.

Xi has a basketball team of which she can be justly proud. Four Yankees and one lone freshman from the South make up the team. To date the team has won one game, lost one and tied one, but when the tie will be broken at a future we feel sure it will be in our favor. Brothers Schoof and Baerthlein are the leading scorers on the team and at this writing Baerthlein is leading the league in scoring.

Brother Honeycutt is our lone representative on winter sports teams, as he is a very able substitute forward on the varsity basketball team, which has defeated such formidable foes as Duke University, and the University of South Carolina. The team's record so far this year is twelve wins and two losses. Pledges Knott and Lovelace are out for the indoor track team and expect to take part in the Southern Conference indoor track meet.

Since our last letter several officers have been elected to fill vacancies. Brother Norlander has been elected vice president, Brothers Ryder and Bain have been elected as representatives to the Interfraternity council and Brother Ryder as rushing captain.

H. R. DENTON

Omicron—Penn State

Pledged: George B. Terwilliger '39, Forty Fort, Pa.

Pledge Terwilliger, after a year of rushing by Omicron chapter, finally chose Alpha Kappa Pi and succumbed to the strenuous rushing in his direction. Since his freshman year, George willingly came around to the house and tickled the ivories for hours. His rendering of jazz is uncanny and entertaining. His ability was such that last year he was featured in the Thespian show "*Bargin' Around.*" George's other proficiency is the horizontal bar. During his freshman year he gained numerals; and now is a member of the varsity gymnastic team. George is known as a dare-devil on the bar, taking chances that other members of the team shy away from. During the meet with Illinois, Big Ten Champions, his arm was injured but not before Illinois' coach had complimented George for taking first place in the horizontal bar. George is now working on a complete flip (above the bar), tuck and catch, a stunt that has never been tried before. Good luck, George! We'll order the flowers sent to Forty Fort.

The skiing bug has struck Penn State. Pledges Donaldson and Statler, and Brothers Brogan and Oeschger are endeavoring to spread the exhilarating sport around the fraternity row. Spills and thrills are common in this sport, plus scratched faces, frostbite, and injured limbs. So far, the college has shown no interest in the sport, but a local club has been organized and moving pictures were secured to teach the fundamentals to amateurs.

Basketball comes in for its share of honors, too. Brothers Heckendorn, Fenner, and Oeschger,

Pledges Donaldson, Jensen, Slocum, and James are showing ability to sink 'em. Or defend our honor or something. Jensen is superior in his dribbling, while Donaldson runs circles around Oeschger. Fenner is a ringer of the old order.

Out of the icy crust Penn State rises from another Senior Ball, February 7, with the inimitable maestro Kay Kyser, Virginia Sims, and Ish Kabibble. Johnny Harris and his wife attended the ball. Johnny is a frater of the old school, doing social service work at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh. FRAUS AND FRATERS—Moose with his *muy* pashy biscuit Bernice; Sinc and Blackie; Doc and the old standby; Kutz and Grummie; Johnny and a summer session hangover. Sad, sad stories—Brogan, Troxel, Fenner, Thompson. Now that the ball is over (remember that song), Doc Creasy, co-chairman of Soph Hop, is filing his talons for the money-bags that will be his. Members of the Hop Committee are crabbing about his financial ability.

And not forgetting—Joby Robinson, Dick Martin, and Bill Simpson, grads of another day, dropped in on Saturday, January 25. After stirring things up a bit during the weekend, the boys saw Carnegie Tech wallop us in basketball by two points. But, they were recompensed when we trounced Western Maryland in boxing. Down in Philadelphia, State's grapplers threw Temple for a 30-0 slate.

JOHN H. OESCHGER

Phi—St. John's

Pledged: Fred Dameyer, Annapolis, Md., and Tom Claggett, Washington, D.C.

The addition of the two men named above boosts our total number of new pledges up to sixteen. Up to the present time we haven't held an induction for these new men, but we are planning to hold one in the near future.

Midyear exams came along and we all survived them successfully, no loss of members was caused by these "necessary evils." As a whole the marks of the house were pretty good and they compare very favorably with the standing of the various other campus groups but as usual we are hoping for better marks in the finals. We were unfortunate in losing Brothers Sam Cerniglia and Tom Cover after the first half. Sam left us to attend business college and Tom is entering the advertising game. They have the best wishes of the whole gang.

We were all pleasantly surprised to receive a visit from Brothers Hal Brooks and George Muensch, two prospective dentists now studying at Georgetown. Hal was here with us for two years and George spent two years at Rho chapter. We were very glad to have them both over, especially when they came over a couple of weeks later with a couple of swell looking dates for the Sophomore Prom. Everyone hopes that they will make their visits closer together from now on.

Immediately after midyear exams, we held our annual pledge party. The affair was held here in the house and was well attended. The house was attractively decorated in the fraternity colors and light refreshments were served. Much credit is due our social committee for making it possible to hold such an enjoyable party with so little expense. Speaking of expense, reminds me to tell you all about our new system for collecting bills. Anyone back in his house dues is deprived of the use of the social rooms and the maid service. So far, so good.

In intramural athletics, Phi stands second on the campus in the highest number of points, with a fine chance of capturing first place. In I-M basketball, our team has three wins and one loss. We should come close to winning the championship this season. We only hope our good luck holds out.

Well, it looks like I've just about run out of wind for this issue, except to say that Brother Blackstone, after working on the technical staff of the college dramatic society for the past three years, has been elected president of that organization. Brother Westcott was also appointed stage manager for the remainder of the year. At every opportunity the brothers here at Phi are trying to increase their participation in extracurricular activities, both because of personal interest in the work and the desire to improve our chapter.

With the coming of spring and decent weather, we surely would like to have some of your brothers pay us a visit. Welcome one and all. Wishing you all the best of luck until the next time, from all the brothers here at Phi.

JAMES BRADLEY

Chi—Wake Forest

Pledged: Joe Edmondson, Pinetops; Roy Evans, New Brunswick, N.J.; Homer Monson, Rocky Mount; Donald Stallings, Newbern; W. W. Walston, Pinetops.

Chi suffered quite a setback at the beginning of the fall semester when the boys came back to Wake Forest and found their fraternity house occupied. In November, however, Chi again obtained her house through the efforts of Pledge Elton Peele, and at present there are twelve men residing there.

Although the fall term began with Brother Dunning and Pledges Vernon Viverette, Lynwood Viverette, Clay McCall, and Lynn Durham absent, the February exams failed to remove any of the brothers from the chapter rolls. McCall is back with Chi now, having returned at the beginning of the spring semester. Pledge Joe Padgett recently moved over to State College.

Speaking of State College, the brothers over at Xi chapter were no doubt surprised—along with the rest of the State boys—when they woke up on the morning of the day before the Wake Forest-State football game and found that three-by-nine-

foot banner (inscribed with the words "Demon Deacons are gonna beat State") attached securely and immovably to the flag pole of State College's administration building. The Xi brothers may be still more surprised to learn that four of the six men responsible for the banner's being there were Chi members!

A recent election made Bob Slate Chi's president; the same election made Brother Cherry vice-president and Panhellenic Council representative.

Two of Chi's men are among those numbered in the college's honor roll for scholarship during the fall term; these two were Rufus Crater, who is assistant in the English department of the college, and Wellington Dunford, ex-president of Chi.

Only two musicians are in Chi chapter's list this year—last year there were five! Now Dunford and McCall complete the list, both playing in both the college band and the local dance orchestra.

Pledge Sam Ramsey, the Virginia gentleman, will take the bar exam this spring. The brothers say he'll pass with flying colors if he keeps his mind off the girl in Rocky Mount.

The new pledges constitute an excellent group. Evans, from the home state of the fraternity, is the "only Yankee in a house full of Southerners." Stalling is on the football squad; Edmondson is out for baseball; Walston gives the boys lessons in style and etiquette; and Monson is the local model for the lovers of wit and good humor.

Chi started out the year with another setback. She started out the spring term with another recovery. And the chapter is going to be really active again.

Good luck and best wishes from Chi!

BOB SLATE

Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan

Initiated: Howard Gebing '38, Paul Jackson '38, Edward McChesney '36, and Eugene Stewart '36.

More than one man is heard to breathe a "Psi" of relief as the first semester of the school year closes, and he can lay away all books for another four months' rest. The gentlemanly quiet that has prevailed for the past week, has been broken by loud shouts and huzzahs as the report cards come streaming in. Not that all reports were favorable, some weren't; but for the most part all was well.

Psi's chapter roll has been swelled again by the addition of Paul Jackson '38 of South Charleston, West Virginia, man of football talents; Howard Gebing '38 of South Salem, New York, one who limits his extracurricular activities to the task of making things pleasant for the opposite sex; Edward McChesney '36 of Crab Tree, Pennsylvania, track manager, radio enthusiast, and close second to Brother Gebing in the female hounding race; and Eugene Stewart '36 of Buckhannon, West Virginia, student and pursuer of the stage. Brother Stewart has represented Psi several times in the

major play productions of the institution.

Four vacancies were left in the chapter house at mid-semester by the graduation of Brother Mathes, our illustrious treasurer for the past two years, Brother Yoho, and Pledges Folsom and Bracken. Vacancies will be filled as soon as the house committee chooses those who will be eligible for a berth in the house.

Upon Brother Schwartz rests the responsibility of filling the post of treasurer vacated by Brother Mathes. Mel graduates at mid-semester to take a position in the Clarksburg office of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. We will all miss Mel's cheerfulness and his subtle smatterings of humor.

In spite of the fact that all varsity football men have been barred from the basketball court, we find the chapter well represented on the rosined floor. Six men represent us on the squad itself, while Brother Thornhill has the managership, and is well assisted by Pledges Hann and Hicks. Brother Long holds his regular berth at forward, while Pledge Ross stretches his 6 ft. 6 in. to keep his place at center. Pledges Rice, Gatskie, Herndon and Mackey sit patiently waiting until their reserve strength is needed to pull the team out of a tight place.

As yet Psi has received only three replies to letters which were sent out challenging the chapter teams in this locality to an encounter on the court. The opposition, as yet, has not been tough enough to even dampen the new green and white uniforms which we have received through the aid of Alumnus Brother Furbee. Those of you who have the team and the financial status, should contact us immediately, or call our bluff in some way. With the right opposition we might condescend to defeat.

Psi scored another successful hit with the "gals" of the campus by their modernistic mid-winter formal. Brother Morgan with his cohort of workers, labored from midnight of one night until an hour before the time of the dance, in order to keep Psi's dance reputation at the top of the school's social ladder. The sides of the hall were decorated by wide strips of black and white paper, spreading fanwise from floor to ceiling. The ceiling was covered by modernistic geometric designs which radiated from the four corners and the center chandelier. Tables, which surrounded the dancing space, were cleverly illuminated by the indirect lighting system which was installed on the side walls. This was all topped off by placing one of our electric signs behind Harland Hartman and his band. Intermission was marked by a short speech from our president, Brother Roy Reger, and a couple of bum wise-cracks from Brother Morgan in his capacity as master of ceremonies. The futuristic designed powder boxes, which were given as favors, were presented to the ladies at the same time the refreshments were served. The bevy of waiters and check-room men were directed ably under the management of Brother Green. It was

a great pleasure to see our alumni brothers turn out. They were well represented by Brothers Hall, Hays, Furbree, Green, Stewart, Coleman, Baughman, Strohmeier, Van Hynning, and Isaac. We deeply regret that Brothers Howell, Edmundson, Lowry, Waters, Mellott, and Cody were prevented from coming by unavoidable circumstances arising at the last minute. We were proud to entertain an alumnus of Omicron, former president Brother Franklin Widney, now a student in the Dental School at Pittsburgh. We are living in hopes that we can have guests from some of the other chapters, at our informal to be given this spring.

The ingenuity of Brother Burton saved the face of the boys of Psi at the annual All-College Christmas party. All of the organizations on the campus are asked, by the administration, to cooperate by putting on stunts for entertainment of all party attenders. Through the direction and work of Brothers Reger and Burton, comic reindeer suits were made of rough burlap. These were to be operated by a man in front and a man in the rear of said brutes. A sleigh was then made and mounted on a coaster wagon. The sled was drawn in by Pledges Mullen, Gatewood, Moore, Rice, Widney, and Scott. The deer were appropriately labeled "Dear—Oh Dear." Behind came the sleigh with the caption "This'll sleigh you." Mounted on the sleigh was the pillow-packed, rotund figure of Brother LaBay in a scarlet Santa Claus suit. This apparition rounded the gym a couple of times with Brother LaBay throwing out small sacks of candy with the inscription on them, "From the men of Psi." Jack then dismounted from his perch and disappeared down a chimney which was constructed at the corner of the gym. In a jiffy he was out again, minus pants and being pursued by Pledge Ross, who was bedecked in a night gown and night cap. You can easily guessed what happened—a double-barreled shotgun belched smoke, but no shot. We were unanimously declared, "the winnahs."

Wesleyan's mid-winter play "The New Henrietta" was presented February 18 by the Wesleyan Play Shop. A generous hunk of the parts were played by Brothers Murray, Stewart and Williams, all being fortunate enough to receive major parts. Pledge Saunders did an unusual thing in grabbing off the lead, rather a rare thing for an uninitiated frosh to do. Incidentally, while dramatics are being discussed I might add that Brother Reger has the honor of being Vice President of the Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic society.

Psi has followed the lead of some of the other chapters in publishing a chapter news letter. Through the work of Brother Walker and Brother Reger, the letter has been edited and printed, and sent out to the alumni of Psi. The name of the sheet: "PSIgns," the content: smatterings of news from the fraternity and college activities. We are hoping that by this means we can have a little closer contact with our alumni. We are looking

forward to the time when there will be a much closer relationship between active and alumni men. We are honored quite often by visits from Alumni Brothers Furbree and McCourt.

A suggestion on the art of skiing is in order from any of the brothers in the northern chapters. Brothers Morgan, Coleman, McChesney and Williams have been out a few times this winter, and are loath to report that more snow was contacted with the back of the lap than with the ski. We're hoping for some more winter weather so that we can continue our tries at this sport which is so rapidly gaining favor in this section.

It is our pleasure to report that Brother Walker has received an appointment as second alternate to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Jimmie has been applying himself diligently to his studies, so that he will be prepared for the test which takes place in March. We all are wishing Jim the best of luck.

I see in the January issue of the ALPHA, under the heading "To the Editor," that our renowned ex-president, Brother Cody, is as usual making "cracks." Psi grieves constantly over the fact that if it weren't for Brother Cody we could claim that our chapter had never had an ignoramus in its group. We wish to state at this time that we are in no way responsible for Brother Cody's actions or words.

Psi closes with the hope that the breath of spring will soon be blowing over this semi-southern section.

J. BRUNSON WILLIAMS

Alpha Alpha—Hartwick

A great deal has happened to Alpha Alpha since our last letter. We have acquired a chapter house and our president has acquired a wife. Which is the more important I leave to your judgment.

The house is not very large but we have to start modestly. With the help of the city members we have succeeded in furnishing it quite comfortably, in fact too comfortably for hard work. The house is now equipped for entertainment with ping-pong table, pool table, darts, piano, and radio. The ping-pong craze has struck heavily and it seems as though we will have to buy the balls in lots. A tournament has been arranged and everyone is practicing night and day. In the meeting room we have a set of maple furniture. The house is situated at the foot of the college hill and is thus very convenient for late risers. It has seven rooms, a kitchen and bathroom and is quite sufficient for our needs, especially since the freshman girls' dormitory is directly across the street.

On January 18, the house was officially opened by a house-warming. In spite of the fact that it was our first venture it was a great success.

On returning from Christmas vacation we found that we were no longer a completely bachelor chap-

ter. Brother Georgia had quietly gone and tied himself up for life. The bride is the former Ruth Alice Myers of Meredith, N.Y. Brother Georgia refuses to talk. (Already)

Since our last letter Dr. Leroy Weller has become the new adviser of Alpha Kappa Pi at Hartwick. Dr. Weller has given us a great deal of help in all our undertakings and it is with great pleasure that we can finally receive him as a brother. Dr. Weller is head of the Education Department at Hartwick College.

WALTER OLSEN

Alpha Beta—Tri-State

Pledged: Graddon Stemples, Francis Koski, Wallace Taylor, William Munger, Karl Holmes, Robert Patterson, John McKetta, Walwyn Macarie, and Edward Weigel.

Initiated: Hobart Bertrund, Iowa; Paul Kaufman, Ohio; Dustin Girtton, Ohio; Phillip Ryerson, New York; Henry Hamburg, Connecticut; and Edward Ferris, North Dakota.

Greetings, brothers everywhere, from the Alpha Betas out here on the blustery snow-swept plains of Indiana, where the boys go Wa-hoo, Wa-hoo, Wa-hoo, and are free, almost, from the strains of the Music Goes Round and Round.

At the closing of the fall term of 1935, Brother Hugh Cooper was awarded his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering. Since then he has obtained a very fine position with the General Motors Co. in Saginaw, Michigan. The best of luck to you, Hugh. Another brother, Frank Hageman, could not return this term due to a serious illness. The rest of the brothers have all returned and are again busily engaged in the pursuits of the fundamental principles of their respective engineering courses.

On January 17, the chapter held its smoker which terminated rush week and the nine men named above took the pledge degree. We all feel that these men will make fine brothers later on, and their formal initiation is being looked forward to. These men, who are now wearing the crossed swords in their coat lapels, are some of the leading personalities on our campus.

On January 22, the installation of officers was held before the members and pledges. Those who are holding the administrative reins for this term and next are: Edwin Boudman, president; James Rice, vice-president; John McCormick, secretary; Henry Heller, treasurer; Jack Pigman, historian; John Boden, marshal; Daniel O'Hara, chaplain, and J. Bradley Dixon, sentinel. This ceremony was

performed by ex-President Johnson, who was assisted by Brother Erlandson.

Last week two of our brothers were elected to the staff of the *Modulus*, which is our college yearbook. Brother McCormick was elected editor-in-chief and Brother Bertrund as business manager.

Mrs. A. B. Chilton, the only housemother as far as we fellows are concerned, recently bought six new beds for the house. Her only request was that the boys wouldn't open the windows too wide during our 30 degrees below zero weather and thus spoil their nice new finish. The boys all told her that she needn't worry as we are all looking for the guy who started this "fresh air for health" stuff.

James Krebs and Hobart Bertrund were both elected to represent us in the Interfraternity Council here at Tri-State. Jim holds the senior vote, with Bertrund acting as his assistant and substitute. At one of the Council meetings Jim was elected vice-president. Due to Jim's influence and gift of gab he persuaded the other fraternities to form rifle teams, but ever since he has been wondering why the A K II's haven't knocked out more bull's-eyes. Give us time Jim and our trigger fingers will become more steady. At the end of last term the Interfraternity dance was greatly enjoyed by the whole Alpha Beta chapter. The next one coming in the near future is being looked forward to by all of us. We all are wondering what we will do when Jimmy graduates this spring as he sure has a way with the weaker sex. After Jim leaves we will probably have to call on Brothers Emerson and Badders as it seems that they have inherited some of his technique.

The other day while the boys were busily engaged with calculus problems and so forth, a terrific bang was heard in one of the front rooms. One of the brothers rushed to the scene only to see Brother Heller emerging from a large black ring of smoke. On being asked what had happened, with much emphasis, Heller sighed, "Oh I must have used the wrong formula." Heller as you may have surmised, is a Chemist. As a result the boys have requested him to do his lab work in the lab hereafter.

The pledges have been busy planning for a house dance which will be held when some of our alumni of old Alpha Delta Alpha return to look the old Alma Mater over again.

And now the time has come to lend thine ears to au revoir, a fond adieu, and a bit of tweet-tweet and so-long. Once again we extend our heartiest and best wishes to every chapter, and we'll be listening for that stroke of 10 P.M. on March 23.

JACK R. PIGMAN

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Boston Alumni Chapter

This chapter, formed through the efforts of S. N. Hedman, *Pi* '25; Professor Robinson Abbott, *Tau* '18, and John K. Vennard, *Kappa* '30, has functioned as an alumni chapter for the past two years. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month either at the Kappa or Tau House or some restaurant in Boston. These get-togethers have proved very enjoyable, being a means of spending a few hours with one's fraternity brothers. Fraternity matters are discussed as well as present-day subjects of interest to those present.

Last fall Brother Vennard was called to a position at New York University and in making such a change this chapter lost a very active secretary-treasurer. We all wish him the best of success in his new environment.

This chapter wishes to extend its thanks for the many Christmas greetings received during the holiday season.

JERRY J. COSTELLO, *Tau* '33
Secretary

Huntington Alumni Chapter

Time passes rapidly, but events occur slowly. A few dinners, a dance, regular meetings—that's about all there is. Early in November the Huntington Alumni Chapter entertained at an informal get-together dinner at the Huntington Hotel—a dinner expressly planned to bring all Alpha Kappa PIs in Huntington and vicinity together for a few bites of food and several hours of chewing the rag. Little affairs like this do much to keep the local boys close to each other and the fraternity.

Later in the month, November 27 to be exact, the alumni chapter participated in the annual Thanksgiving Eve dance at the Marshall Student Union. Of course it was a grand success. Considering its low cost and the entertainment offered, a grand success describes it perfectly. Quite a few brothers from Psi were in attendance, soaking in some cheer which they expended the next day when Wesleyan walloped Marshall on the gridiron.

Then on December 14, the anniversary of the installation of Mu chapter, the alumni chapter sponsored another dinner to commemorate it. It was literally a howling success. Favors in the shape of crying balloons, tin horns, and tin whistles helped make it so. After the serious moments of the affair were over, novelties were drawn by each member present. No one knew what he was to get until he opened the gaily decorated packages. Everybody was well pleased with the comic favors and asked for more at some later date.

A committee combed the town for the favors and wrapped them up in Christmas style. Slips of paper bearing numbers were laid at each plate, and a corresponding number placed in a box. After the dinner the numbers were drawn from the box, and the holder of that number came forward to claim his prize, taking what was handed him from the pile. Some were good, some were bad, some indifferent, but they all added up to one joyous evening.

DURWARD D. DARNELL, *Mu* '31
Secretary

Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter

The Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter started the new year off on the right foot and staged a hugely successful dinner banquet at the Hotel Douglas in Newark, on January 21. This type of meeting was held for the first time last year in January, and established a custom to be carried out annually.

In spite of the inclement weather, about forty sons of Alpha Kappa Pi found their way to an excellent meal and an entertaining evening. A. H. Wilson, the fraternity adviser, and Grand First Vice-President Frank G. Helyar were the speakers, and Russ Kramer, as usual, was the toastmaster. All three are to be highly commended for their work—Kramer, in spite of the fact that he used last year's jokes.

To top the evening off, Brother Holman called a meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. The pleasant results were as follows: president, Russ Kramer, *Rho* '31; first vice-president, Ken McFadyen, *Alpha* '30; second vice-president, Owie Wheaton, *Rho* '33; secretary, Lou Holman, *Xi* '33; treasurer, Bill Vanderbeek, *Alpha* '35.

Wille Hoppe, holder of three world's billiard championships, featured the February meeting. Through special arrangement by Brother Wheaton with the Roseville Billiard Academy the chapter saw two exhibition match games and a display of fancy and trick shots by this world-famous billiard expert. After the matches the management furnished a private room for the business meeting.

The committee for the Annual Spring Dance has announced that it will be held on April 4 at the Elizabeth Town and Country Club. As usual the presidents of Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and Rho chapters will be the guests of honor.

The chapter will celebrate Founders' Day at the March meeting.

LOUIS C. HOLMAN, *Xi* '33
Secretary

Letters to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

On what strange meat does this little Caesar feed, or maybe it would be better put, answering Brother Cody's complaint as to Tau's letter being the only one worth while in Vol. X, No. 1 of THE ALPHA, if we were bold enough to humbly inquire if the denizens of that part of West Virginia still plant their corn with a shotgun and harvest it in a jug? If so then the answer to Brother Cody's ebullient outbreak might be understood or explained without this diatribe. Even risking the danger embraced in the old time saying "comparisons are odious," I would like to horn-in on this rating of these chapter letters, and without incurring the wrath of Tau nor yet the curling disdain of Nicholas, and to state, in my humble estimate, that a better group of chapter letters would be difficult to assemble, within the pages, of any one issue of THE ALPHA.

Take Alpha's courteous beginning: "Alpha extends to all the brothers of A K II its sincere wishes for a successful year." Although losing a great graduating class, Delta adds "The rest of us are undaunted and expect to have one of the most successful seasons." Iota pictures action: "Every meal we have three or four freshman prospects with us;" and Lambda suggests a happy chapter when the writer states: "We boast a chapter song sheet with verses to sixteen national and local songs." Can you not hear these Bethany brothers singing? Nu is on the march: "This spirit of participation in campus activities is to be commended";

while Rho agitates the Raritan: "Along with you other Alpha Kaps, we're looking forward to the best year ever." Sigma, after salutations, brings this message: "Interest was stimulated by pride in our home," and what is finer than home pride? Phi comes through: "The fellows down here at Phi are proud to announce that among the fraternities here at St. John's we hold second place in the scholarship standing." Then Psi, that proud chapter of the Mountains, and distinguished for the Knighting of Nicholas Cody, fairly clangs the cymbals: "College days are here again and with a big majority of the brothers and pledges back this year, we will again be first among the fraternities on this campus;" and to round out this résumé we have Alpha Alpha taking pride in her knowledge thirst: "Five out of six of our men who graduated in '35 are studying in advanced colleges."

Therefore we are forced to state that the only reason we are able to find for Brother Cody's emphasis on Tau's letter, to the humiliation of all the other letters, is wrapped up in that possibility of such a tremendous headache that relief came only when, in reading Tau's splendid contribution, he discovered "Turpentine and Liniment" boldly advertised. As a fraternal caution or admonition, Brother Cody, why not try just old fashioned, and sold at every counter, black coffee? Pax Vobiscum!

ALBERT H. WILSON

New York City

Adviser's Corner

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Alpha Beta at Tri State College, Indiana, Alpha Kappa Pi issued its twenty-fifth collegiate charter and made itself known on the campuses of thirteen states of the Union. It is also remarked that Alpha Kappa Pi, at her own pleasure, may advance to senior from

junior membership in the interfraternity conference, since fifteen years of honorable service are now marked down as history. May the next fifteen years in Alpha Kappa Pi bring still greater achievements to this society of College men.

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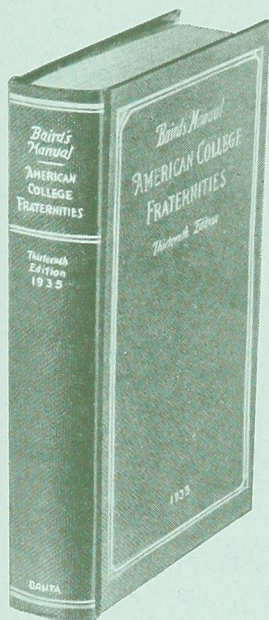
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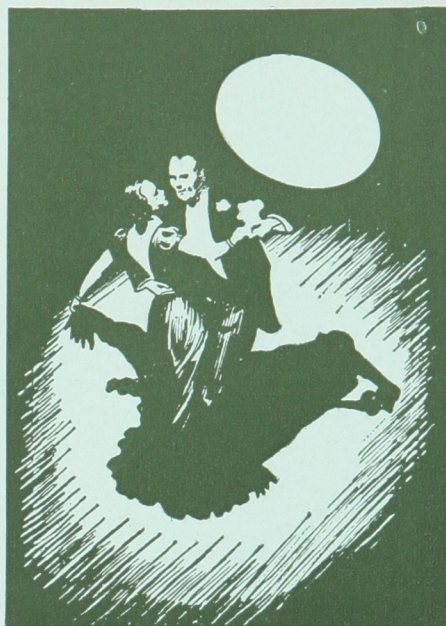
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