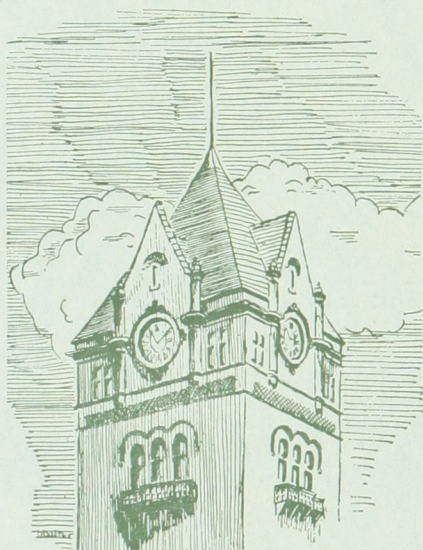


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## By the Way—

THE EDITORS join all the grand officers and brothers of Alpha Kappa Pi in extending greetings to the newly initiated Alpha Zeta chapter at Wayne University in Detroit, Michigan. The editors herewith wish to express their gratitude to Donald Munro, historian of the newly formed Alpha Zeta chapter for his coöperation in contributing literature concerning his chapter that has proved to be of great assistance in the compiling of information necessary in completing the writeup of Wayne University.

IN JOE LAWLER, *Theta '38*, Alpha Kappa Pi has brought to life a true fraternal worker. Joe, in his three years as an Alpha Kappa Pi has proved himself to be made of the same qualities as some of the outstanding statesmen of history. It was his guiding influence and personality that lifted Theta chapter from the ranks of the "obsolete chapters" to one of the most prominent on the Columbia University Campus.

THE ARTICLE on "How to get Better Rushing Results" by Stewart S. Howe, should be read and pondered over by every loyal undergraduate member of Alpha Kappa Pi. The editors feel that in this article Brother Howe has dealt very wisely with the everlastingly important factor of Fraternity Rushing.

THE ANNUAL Spring Formal dance of Beta Chapter is being run on May 14, 1938 at the Park Central Hotel, New York City. As this event is annually being recognized as a miniature convention of all Alpha Kappa Pi's in the Metropolitan area, the editors suggest that "We'll be seeing you there."

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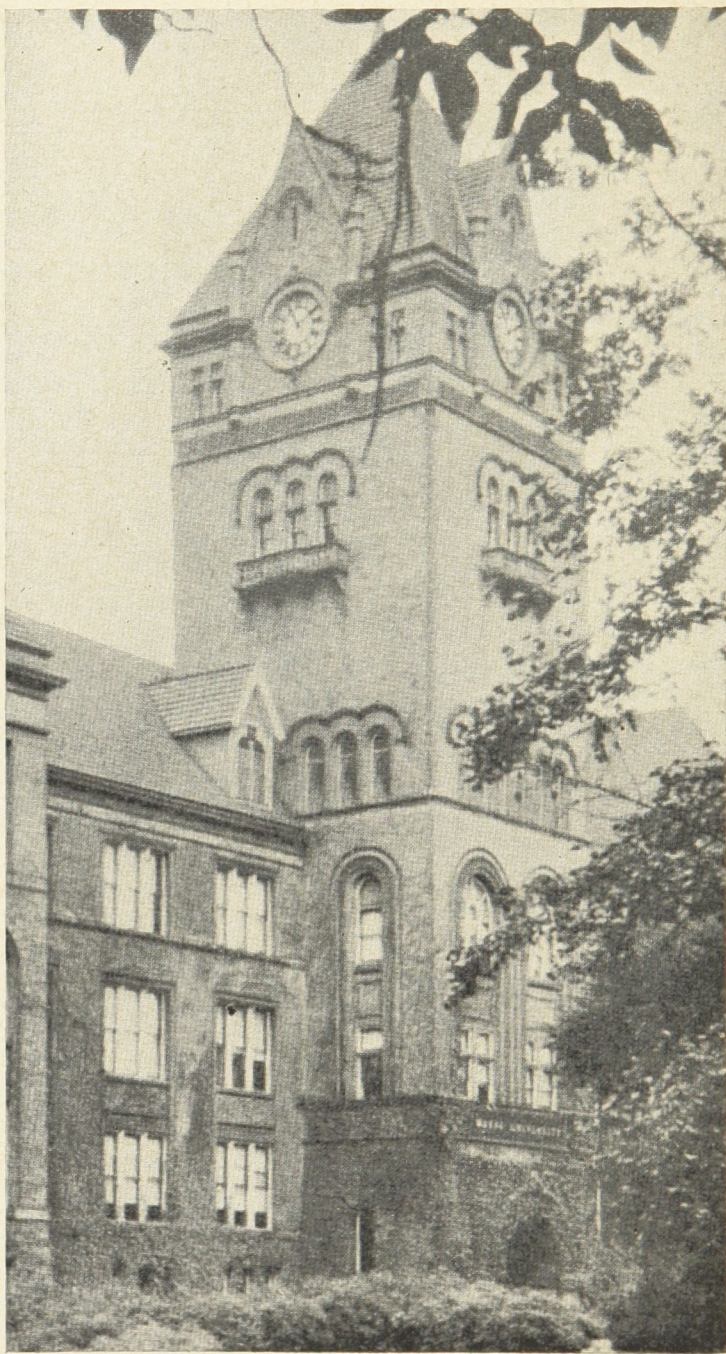
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THE TOWER OF THE MAIN BUILDING, WAYNE UNIVERSITY





# *The* ALPHA of Alpha Kappa Pi



## New Chapter Placed at Wayne University

First Michigan Chapter To Be Known as Alpha Zeta

### Alpha Zeta Chapter

By DONALD MUNRO

■ "FRATERNITY—A body of men united."

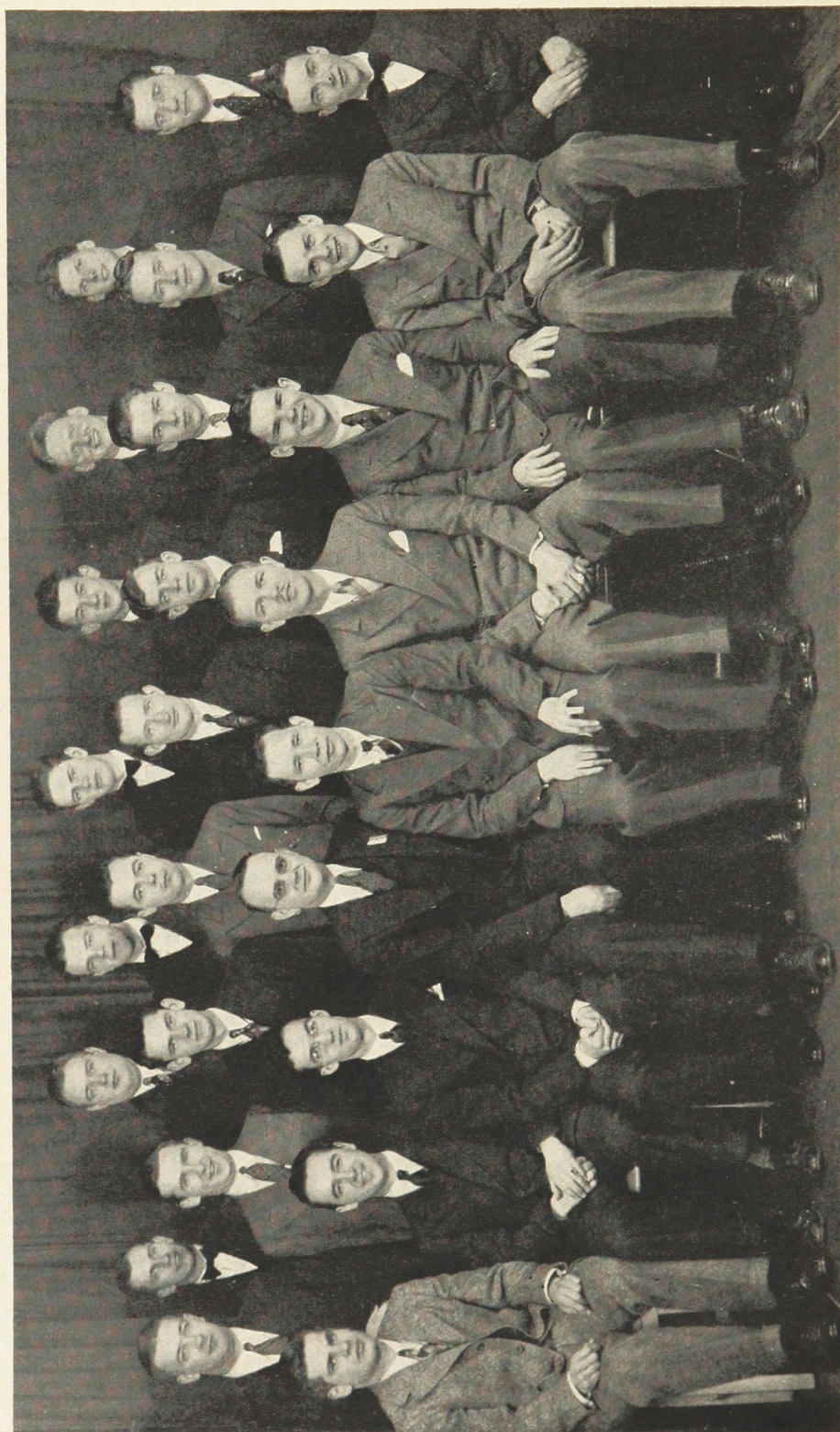
Such is the definition given by the great Dr. Samuel Johnson in his famous Dictionary, and "A body of men united" certainly expresses the spirit of the men who founded Psi Delta fraternity in the summer of 1934. At that time a group of nine young men who desired better facilities for mutual association than Wayne afforded at that time banded together with the purpose of enjoying to the full the opportunities which college life affords. Under the leadership of Dr. Carl Fischer they organized as Psi Delta—a continuation of a local fraternity established at Washington University of St. Louis, Dr. Fischer's home campus, in 1921.

Psi Delta soon became an integral part of the life of the University; in fact, its development parallels the growth of Wayne, since it was in 1934 that the Colleges of the City of Detroit attained university status, and acquired the name "Wayne University." A house, so important to the proper functioning of a fraternity, was soon rented, and here the members enjoyed a full social life,

holding parties, dances, initiations, or just ordinary bull-sessions, so dear to the heart of all fraternity men. The renting of this house, located directly across from the university, marked the beginning of an era of steady progress for Psi Delta in every aspect of fraternity life. We of Wayne University flatter ourselves that the students here are more serious minded and perhaps nearer to the realities of life than is the case at some other institutions of learning, and therefore it is not surprising that the Psi Delts are found to have maintained a high average of scholarship; to quote from a letter by Joseph P. Selden, Dean of Students, "The Psi Delts have been outstanding as far as scholarship is concerned."

Recognition of Psi Delta's place on the campus was inevitable, and the fraternity soon became a member of the Interfraternity Council, with additional responsibilities and privileges. Psi Delta members made notable records in almost every field of extra-curricular activity; members consistently made the varsity football and track teams, and the Psi Delts have had an excellent record in interfraternity athletics of every description. Psi Delt members have always been prominent





ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER AND MEMBERS OF THE INSTALLATION TEAM

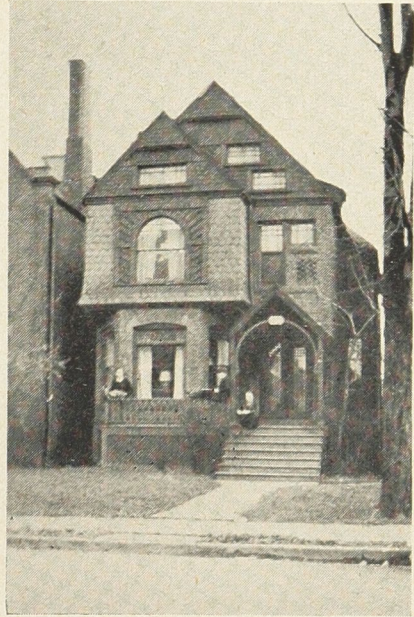


in social events, and enthusiastic in their support of school dances and other functions; members have always participated in clubs dedicated to academic or social purposes. Members of this fraternity were drawn from each of the colleges comprising the University; the membership was not limited to any one college or group, and this policy made for greater opportunity to exchange ideas as well as for wider participation in school activities. Rushing was always carefully conducted however, so that Psi Delta remained at the last what it had been at first—a group of good fellows meeting for social aims and purposes. Psi Delta always had due regard for the spirit of a maxim penned by an early author on fraternities: "'Tis a necessary rule in fraternities to have a strict regard to the humour of those we have to do withal." The word "humour" being used, of course, in the old sense of "temperament" or "mental outlook." Strict attention to this principle has resulted in the formation of a congenial and well organized group with an excellent background for national membership.

In September 1937 the lease on the premises which the fraternity occupied came to an end, and a more suitable house was located at 65 Hancock Ave. West—the present home of the Alpha Zeta Chapter. The former house had the advantage of location, since it was directly across from the University on Cass Avenue, but the new quarters afforded more room and better facilities for recreation and social events, besides being less than a block from the campus. The new location gave the fraternity a chance to expand its services, and also permitted more members to live at the house. The old Psi Delta house, incidentally, is now used as an office building by the Wayne College of Engineering.

Psi Delta has produced an active and interested body of alumni whose long experience in every phase of fraternity affairs makes their advice extremely valuable to the junior chapter. Psi Delta's relations with the faculty have always been cordial and valuable; along with Dr. Fischer, our original adviser, Dr. Colditz, Dr. Nelson, Dr. Pixley, Dr. Foley, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Roulon, and Dr. Paxon have

all associated themselves with the group to the immense benefit of the members. Psi Delta has always felt that one of the chief functions of a fraternity is to provide for closer contact with the men on the faculty



ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER HOUSE

than is possible in the formal setting of the classroom.

Some of the original charter members of Psi Delta are still with us as alumni, others have left the city, one is attending West Point Military Academy, and one is studying at Wayne's College of Medicine. No matter how scattered, however, all were glad to see their efforts culminate in the acceptance of Psi Delta as the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi. Recognition of the benefits to be derived through membership in a national organization came at about the same time that the fraternity occupied its new house, and through the efforts of Roy Ossman, president of the fraternity Alpha Kappa Pi was contacted and negotiations begun. Dr. Albert H. Wilson of Alpha Kappa Pi proved himself invaluable in guiding Psi Delta through the intricate problems which must be solved before national status can be attained. In November 1937 it was decided to





FORMERLY THE PSI DELTS—NOW THE ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER

petition the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity for the privilege of membership, and in December the petition was circulated through the national organization. In February, President Roy Ossman was informed that the chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi had acted favorably upon the petition. Installation of officers and initiation of members took place in the fraternity house on February 12 and 13. The pledging team was composed of members of the Alpha Delta Chapter of the University of Toledo and Dr. Brandeberry, led by Jackson W. Raffeld, Province Chief, and W. Samuel Kitchen, Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the men that were pledged to the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi on January 11, 1938: Roy Ossman, president; Rogers Liddle, secretary; James Edwards, treasurer; Alfred Nelson, Jr., Ted Scott, Robert Nelson, Donald McElroy, David Kever, Robert Webster, Frank Bird-sall, Stayner Durocher, Eugene Peugh, Armand Renaud, Robert Huffman, Robert Donaldson, Edwin Langtry, Donald Munro,

Frank Mengnity, Duane Early, Alex Terencsik, George Reed, John Eckhold, Andrew Pratt, Robert Guy, Marshall Lincoln, Richard Chase, Jack Nichols, Joseph Pryal, Roy Shaffer, Milton Bennert, Mervyn Allshouse, Wayne Englander, James Jones, Robert Remington, Dr. E. R. Phelps, Dr. Henry Pixley.

### **Wayne Athletics**

Wayne University is gradually developing a strong athletic department. Mr. Vaughn Blanchard, former Olympic hurdler, is in charge of athletics; he is assisted by David L. Holmes, noted sprinter and track coach, as athletic director. Mr. Gembis, noted University of Michigan punter, has been placed in charge of the football team. Although somewhat handicapped by a lack of athletic facilities, the University is rapidly coming to the fore.

The intercollegiate program includes football, basketball, track, golf, swimming and tennis. Fencing also has gained a prominent place on our program. With the noted Bela



DeTuscan as coach, the team has been recognized as unofficial champions of Michigan for over two years.

The basketball team has been very successful, having won 75 per cent of their games. Relations have been established with many excellent teams, among them being Penn State and Long Island University. The team was invited to play in the Olympic playoffs held last year.

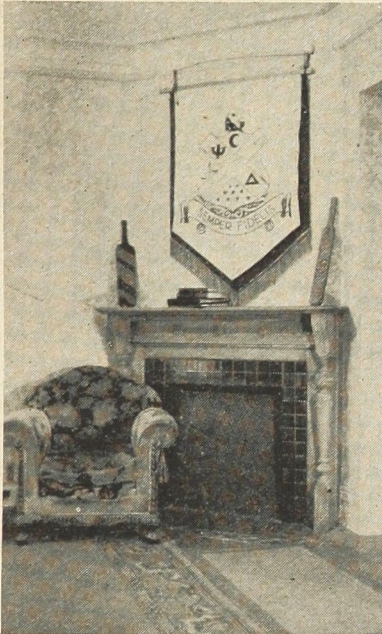
The track team has carried Wayne's banner across the seas to two Olympics and also to many parts of the United States. Wayne teams have been noted for individual performances. Allan Tolmich has recently broken

we have succeeded in establishing relations with Michigan State College and other important teams.

Wayne's aim in athletics has been to create good will and cherish sportsmanship. Wayne is a young school with a fine background and excellent prospects for the future.

### The House

Psi Delta Fraternity maintains the only single fraternity house at Wayne University,

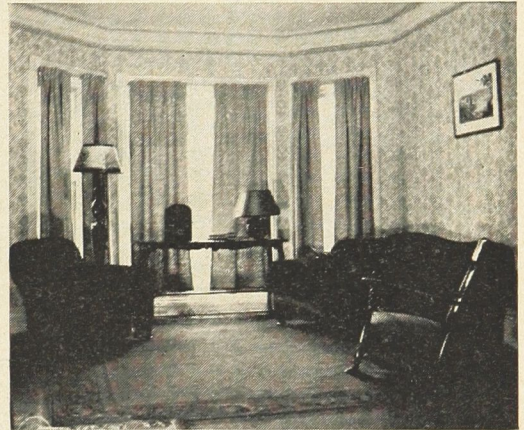


FRONT ROOM FIREPLACE

many national records in invitational meets, and is one of the few men to hold national AAU championships in two events; he was one of the American track stars picked to tour Japan this summer, gaining success in exhibition meets throughout the island.

Our tennis teams have been victorious in 80 per cent of their matches. The team makes a tour of the south each spring.

Wayne's football teams have enjoyed a large measure of success in the last few years;



FRONT ROOM OF ALPHA ZETA  
CHAPTER HOUSE

a nine-room residence one block from the campus. Seven members live here throughout the year. At the present time we are in the midst of an extensive redecoration campaign. The members support the house by dues and rents.

The house is a substantial old residence with an attic, basement, and two floors. A large pantry opens off the kitchen. There are four big rooms downstairs, two of which have fireplaces. A pool table and ping-pong tables afford indoor recreation. A large parking lot is in the rear. The second floor contains an ample bathroom, a sleeping porch, and four rooms which are rented by members for living quarters.

Due to the high cost of real estate in the University section, no other fraternity has been able to duplicate our policy of having a private house.





AIR VIEW OF WAYNE UNIVERSITY MAIN BUILDING AND VICINITY

*The white building in the upper right-hand corner is the Public Library. To the right of the Library, not appearing in the photograph, is the Detroit Institute of Arts.*



# Wayne University's Need and Opportunity

By Charles L. Spain, *Executive Vice-President*

■ WAYNE UNIVERSITY is now housed for the most part in the "Main Building," at the corner of Cass and Warren Avenues, which was built as old Central High School—designed originally for 2,500 students.

Through this building, with minor additions and a few rented residences in the neighborhood, flow the 10,000 students that are normally enrolled at any one time. A total of 2,400 class hours a week are held in less than 70 class rooms, a feat made possible only because this modest plant is ordinarily in operation from 8:30 in the morning until 10:30 at night.

But such crowding means that classes must be limited in numbers to the seating capacities of rooms, not by the needs of the students; that laboratories are congested and ill-equipped; that the halls and corridors must be used for study rooms; that the library utilizes one-third the space and one-half the number of books prescribed by good practice; that the entire College of Engineering with 800 students is confined to the basement. The renting of several neighboring residences has brought little relief as enrollment has out-distanced this small expansion.

## PROPERTY VALUATIONS

These facts were carefully reviewed by the Citizens' Committee and their recommendation made in terms of handling the problem at minimum cost, involving the acquisition of the three blocks immediately north of the main building. The cost of this property now would be at a fraction of its former value and

of what its value may be in the future. The total assessed valuation of the three blocks is \$948,150.

## WAYNE AND THE COMMUNITY

This year 13,000 individual students—whole time or part time—are enrolled in Wayne University. As teachers, doctors, lawyers, engineers, druggists, artists, nurses, business men—and most important, as informed, responsible citizens—Wayne's graduates enter the life of this community and contribute to the character of its business, industrial, and social institutions. The future of Detroit and of the metropolis is, in no small way, being determined by the educational training that its leaders and citizens of tomorrow are obtaining today.

The list of former students and graduates now approximates 25,000. Probably no university in America serves a larger portion of its community; comes more directly in contact with citizens; or is more responsive to their educational needs. Wayne provides the opportunity for advanced education to the youth of Detroit and of Wayne County—many of whom would otherwise find the door of opportunity closed.

This then is Wayne's opportunity and duty—to offer the advantages of higher education in all branches possible, to all persons possible, at the lowest cost possible, and to emphasize to every student that with these opportunities goes the equal obligation of intelligent, responsive citizenship.



# How To Get Better Rushing Results

By Stewart S. Howe, Kappa Sigma

■ FOR MOST CHAPTERS, it is less than 175 days until next rushing season. Like Christmas shopping, the most intelligent rushing is done early.

If your chapter begins to plan its next season's rushing now, it will take a step toward perfection of its results next fall. If each of your campus rivals are alert enough to do the same thing, we'll hear less complaints about the rushing rules, how they "ought to be changed" again this year, and how the fraternities and the freshmen do not have enough time to become acquainted with each other and make the wisest selections.

Persuade your chapter to begin action right away. Get next fall's pledging chairman and his committee appointed and planning their campaign. Late spring preparations and summer contacts with prospects will give you a big headstart in the annual pledging competition. You can "sew-up" your candidates without gambling on distasteful high-pressure "hot-boxes." The future personnel of your chapter will be selected from a larger group of prospects and be more carefully chosen.

## *Four Steps*

Presuming you act, here is a practical program to follow and a number of tested suggestions to consider:

Any chapter's rush campaign can be divided into four parts: (1) Securing the names and all possible facts about prospects; (2) Sorting of the prospects as to which are most desirable, so the undesired may be dropped and concentrated efforts centered on the most attractive one; (3) Advertising the fraternity to the selected prospects and acquainting them with it and its members so well that the prospects are "sold" before school opens or can be more easily sold; and (4) Closing the "sale" when pledging time arrives.

The first three steps can be done adequately only several months before pledging

time. At most schools, they must be completed during the summer.

Let your chapter rushing committee decide this spring most details in connection with each of the steps, so every chapter member can be told what will be done, be able to intelligently cooperate, and through full acquaintance develop more enthusiasm for promptly carrying out the requests put to him during the summer by the rushing chairman. The committee can decide on the program, and then call a meeting of all chapter members to describe to them the needs and plan in connection with each step. Experience proves that if the rushing chairman wants to avoid disappointment in the cooperation he gets from members it is important to describe his plans to them before the summer vacation.

## *Lining Up the Prospects*

The first step, in seeking the largest number of prospects to consider, is largely a secretarial job. Names may be gathered from present chapter members, from the registrar or director of admissions at many schools, from the high schools and preparatory schools which will cooperate, and from alumni members of the fraternity.

Alumni are a vital force in contacting and rushing desirable men but the chapter must take the lead in organizing their support. Two general letters, asking recommendations, should be mailed to them. One in early summer to catch information that can be secured then, and another early in August to pick up any added prospects which have become known later. It should always be emphasized to them to send information early. You must solicit recommendations early to still have time to investigate and look up the rushees before they come to the campus.

However, since many alumni do not know boys of the college freshman age, every year the necessary form letters sent alumni should not be expected to bring too many answers.



Get the best results possible from such letters and depend more on the alumni members more when you are able to provide them with the names and addresses of specific boys from their communities entering college. (Names you have gathered from the school registrar or from high and prep school principals at the earliest possible date during the summer.) Ask alumni to investigate and report to you on such prospects. When specific requests are made to key alumni, in given communities, good cooperation can be expected and will be most valuable to the chapter in ascertaining accurate information on the largest number of candidates. If a chapter can learn the name and address of every boy entering college, it is very worthwhile to avoid missing any good prospects by the expedient method of sending out queries to the fraternity's members who live in the same communities even though they may not have been previously acquainted with the prospect. If your chapter has no undergraduate nor alumni members in certain communities, query the fraternity's national office or consult a recent edition of a national membership directory to find members from another chapter who may be addressed.

#### *Selection Before School Starts*

As shortly as names of prospects are received, the sorting job should be started by the rushing chairman. The obvious purpose is to learn about every possible potential candidate and then to begin narrowing the field as to desired prospects. Before school opens, perhaps you have gathered facts regarding 300 or more matriculating freshmen but have made dates for the entertainment of only 50 or 75 of such men at school's opening. This saves entertainment expenses which, in free meals alone, can run high, permitting the chapter to concentrate, diminishing the loss of good will and the disappointment that comes through entertainment of a prospect who is not invited to membership.

Preliminary investigation of prospects develops through received recommendations from undergraduate and alumni members,

whether directly or as a result of the chapter's query for information. Further selection results with personal contacts. In so far as possible, some undergraduate or alumnus should personally meet the recommended man before any invitation for his entertainment at school's opening is extended. The impression gained from each personal contact should be reported to the rushing chairman. If that impression and other furnished facts are favorable, then the chairman will ask undergraduates or alumni to do follow-ups . . . become well acquainted with the boy, tell him more about the fraternity, see him frequently before he leaves for college, gather facts as to where he may be found on the campus at school's opening and such. Plus, the rushing chairman should always write a personal letter of invitation to such candidates for entertainment at school's opening and send him any information about the fraternity or the college that is available for distribution. Once a candidate has been found desirable, the aim of the chapter is to have him as sold as possible on the fraternity before he arrives at school.

#### *Get These Facts*

In judging the candidate the rushing chairman should not fail to know: 1. Was his high school scholarship high enough that he is likely to get satisfactory college marks? (A poor student is ruled out of activities at most schools, and if he is likely to drop out of school shortly it is a wasted effort in behalf of chapter personnel and finances. He ordinarily makes a poor alumnus.) 2. Are his finances sufficient that he will be able to afford fraternity membership should the chapter be unable to help him? 3. How is he regarded in his home community? (Will he be a good advertisement to future rushees in that community, and what are the chances of his being similarly regarded among his fellows in the chapter?)

Summer investigation of each candidate is a very safe procedure. And, the early investigation permits the contacts that are most effective in cinching the prospect will prefer your fraternity, whatever the rushing rules.



*Some Specific Suggestions*

Some miscellaneous suggestions to aid the effectiveness of the summer campaign and to make the job easier.

1. Before school closes this spring, or just before rushing season opens, have a "rushing school" one evening for the entire chapter. Let experienced younger alumni and chapter officers describe to all chapter men tested procedures for best results . . . what to say, how to say it, certain cautions, what to stress, and such. Many times a chapter's membership is only partly effective during rushing periods merely because a part of the chapter, particularly the underclassmen, have had no training in handling this activity with any expertness. Have every chapter member equally-prepared (and the chapter which has only a few men is batting on a few cylinders) to present the "sales points" to prospects.

2. To insure thorough contacts, follow-ups and best attention to each prospect that there will never be a time when he is neglected, the rushing chairman should assign each chapter member to be responsible for certain candidates. Assignments, so far as possible, should be made on the basis of mutual interests and attractions of the members and the prospects. Another virtue of this positive assignment of prospects is that it gives each chapter man a definite responsibility and important part in the rushing program, and assures his best aid and cooperation.

3. Banquets, smokers or country-club outings should be planned for late summer, with alumni cooperation in communities which are centers of many rushing prospects. The selected men will be guests of undergraduate and alumni members of the fraternity at such affairs. At a recent initiation, I heard an outstanding freshman point out he had pledged his fraternity because of an alumni banquet he had attended the previous summer. At that occasion he had seen his best friend's father and many prominent men of his community for whom he had great regard and discovered for the first time they were members of the fraternity.

*Cinb Preferred Dates*

4. Many campuses now use date cards as a part of their rushing system. Whether by regulation or not, it is smart for your chapter to use such cards and distribute them during the summer to the rushing candidates as a means of recording set times when your chapter expects to entertain them at school's opening. There are certain dates, under every system, when it is preferable to entertain a prospect and the plan can assure the freshman saving that date for your chapter. Definite dates also enable the rushing chairman to plan each entertainment period, equalizing the number of guests for most effective attention. If the rushing system regulations at your school require such dates being made only after the freshman has arrived on the campus, there is something to gain in asking the prospect to save certain dates for your confirmation at the official time.

5. The publication of a rushing booklet for distribution during the summer to the rushees is a great aid to selling the prospect in advance of the pledging time. Into a small booklet can be written facts about the fraternity of interest to the freshman which are sales points. Ordinarily such books contain a brief historical résumé, names of prominent alumni and chapter members, a description of various traditions and services of the fraternity and some information as to its management, finances and operations. When carefully handled, these booklets can help to bring the prospect to the chapter house before pledging, at least partly sold. They can furnish facts which are ordinarily better presented in writing than by mouth and get these facts before the prospect before the rushing season. The ordinary prospect is prejudiced in favor of the fraternities about which he knows the most. The booklet can help to capture that prejudice.

6. Don't forget to acknowledge each recommendation. At the same time that recommendations are acknowledged the rushing chairman can instruct the alumnus as to further information desired, and ask him to do specific things as follow-ups.



## Joe Lawler—An Estimate

■ HISTORY records the fact that all the great and intrepid leaders as well as noted inspirational thinkers have had and do have a trace of red in their hair. Joseph A. Lawler, president of Theta Chapter, Columbia University, possesses such evidence of an outstanding personality. To accomplish things



SACHZEL, *Theta*, left, and LAWLER, *Theta*

is natural to him and therefore easily performed. All fraternity men appreciate conditions at several of our large city universities during the past few years; and more so as the depression, high rentals, and almost prohibitive taxes have made their existence felt in chapter initiations and property ownership. Columbia was no exception, and fraternities experienced many temptations to stop

working altogether. However, the courageous and the valiant have won out and are now on their way to finer and greater accomplishments. Theta Chapter is still a part of Columbia University, almost wholly a debt to the devotion and the working capacity of Joe Lawler. A splendid student, an engaging conversationalist, and a smile that is genuine. There is little wonder that when Brother Lawler leaves Columbia University in June, with his degree in engineering, he will leave behind a compact, well established, and highly fraternalized group of Alpha Kappa Pi, to call him blessed. From his brother, a member at the Delta Chapter at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Joe Lawler inherited his unswerving desire to wear the badge with the seven points, and none other could make appeal. So he dreamed, he worked, and he gave of his own indomitable courage and fraternalism, until the Theta Chapter once more is ebullient with life, and hope, and devoted spirit. Alpha Kappa Pi owes an everlasting debt to this quiet, cultivated, and achieving worker for the best interest of his fraternity. If in search of the ideal in fraternalism, in so far as it affects an Alpha Kappa Pi, let us place before you the name of Joe Lawler of Theta Chapter at Columbia University. It is indeed a happy privilege to give this knowing estimate of a splendid and far-seeing young gentleman—Joe Lawler, the man who knew how to take that message to Garcia. The vital spark between the old and the new at Theta.

ALBERT HUGHES WILSON

## Alpha Kappa Pi Alumnus Chosen Builder of German Mill

Maurice H. Norlander (Xi '32) sailed from New York February 26 aboard the *Bremen* for Bremerhaven, Germany, en route to Mannheim, where he is to be consulting engineer on plans for an oil refining plant to be built by a German company.

Norlander, employed in the chemical research department of the M. W. Kellogg

Company of New York, is a graduate of New Bedford High School. He received a degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering at North Carolina State College in 1932. Since that time he has been in the employ of the Kellogg Company, in New Jersey, Illinois, and recently in Texas.

—*The Technician* (N. C. State College)





## THE ADVISER'S CORNER

■ IT WOULD seem that very few persons have learned the art of collecting memories. They collect old china, old mahogany, prints, books, postage stamps—all good and pleasant, but fragile and perishable. Happy memories are indestructible possessions which nothing can take from us but death. Where is there a finer place or more opportunities to collect these memories than in the chapter house or on the college campus? It appeals to us to believe that if there were a greater abundance of such memories there would be found, among all fraternity men, a deeper devotion to both fraternity and alma mater. May every Alpha Kappa Pi, who may chance to read this little tribute to pleasant memories, consider whether or not it is the right counsel to follow. In later years such possessions are sure to pay big dividends.

■ EVERY brother in the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity should stop now and then and ask this question: Why am I a fraternity man? The why of membership makes all the difference as to the value of any man's fraternity membership. One day a dog, rather a boasting fellow, gave chase to a rabbit and failed to catch it. Another dog ridiculed him on account of his previous boasting. His reply was: You must remember that the rabbit was running for its life, while I was only after my dinner. The incentive is all important. Did you join Alpha Kappa Pi just to wear the badge and to be known as a fraternity man; or did you assume the deeper obligations of the fraternity in order that you might find a nobler way in service? The answer to this presentment will mark at once what manner of fraternity man you have

desired to be. Real success is not in getting; true success begins in terms of giving.

■ WOULD you be great in the annals of Alpha Kappa Pi, it must be in conduct—it's not enough to be a critic. Anyone can recognize a fault or a failure. Don't spend your energy condemning—jump in and do the thing better yourself. True it is difficult. That is why great fraternity men are none too plentiful. To be a leader, a builder, do not get the idea that you must be hard-boiled. That is a fallacy long since exploded. Kindness and sincere directing are more powerful than compulsion. Believing this to be so then strengthen your faith in your brothers, think kindly of them, believe that they are your friends, and throughout your entire life they will be. Greater distinction is possible for every man who wears the Alpha Kappa Pi badge, and seeks to live its precepts.

■ THE end of another college year is not far away. The old advice is not at all out of place to begin now to leave no hangovers for the chapter of next year. Let no debts stand as hindering hurdles when the chapter begins work in September. Make certain there will be sufficient numbers to man the chapter, and above everything else select officers who know how to lead, and whose leadership is inspirational. Now is the time to begin to tie up the loose ends and to make Alpha Kappa Pi, on every college campus, a worth while unit in the life and plans of that college or university. A word to the wise is more than sufficient. The best of chapters make mistakes once but a wise one never makes the same mistake twice. Then with "plus ultra" as your guide, go forward.

ALBERT HUGHES WILSON





# CHAPTER NEWS

## Alpha—Newark

*Initiated:* Douglas Banks '40, Sherwood Roper '40, Frank Muench '40, John Birmingham '40, William Hoffman '40, Douglas MacEvoy '40, Raymond Hall '40, Faymond Sachtleben '40, Wilbur Zuest '39, William Anderson '39, David Mallon '39.

*Pledged:* Edmund Bauer '39.

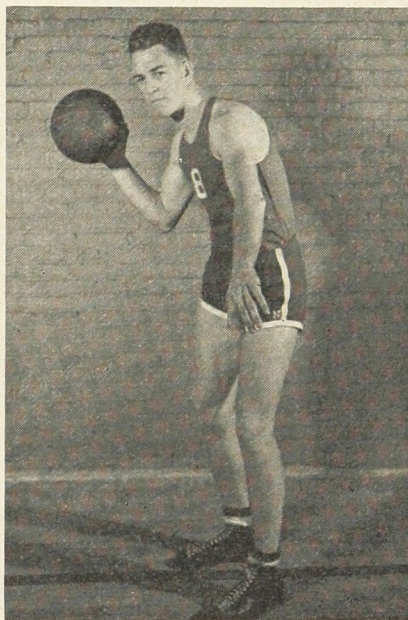
The formal initiation of the new members into Alpha chapter was the usual impressive ceremony and was followed by a banquet held at the Fulton Towers in East Orange. New and old members as well as the guests invited gorged themselves with steak, french fries, and everything else set in front of them before aiming their well-fed stomachs toward the speakers' table to hear the fire chief of one of the suburban towns speak on the operation of fire alarm systems. Working models of all the equipment involved, photographs, and moving pictures all served to make the presentation most interesting.

With the addition of so many fine new brothers into the order, Alpha seems to be taking even more rapid steps forward than before. The brothers are all coming down to the fraternity house for lunch instead of eating out and, although the food was not, at first, so substantial the plan gives us a chance to get together more. Pool and ping-pong bounce around their respective tables to the tune of music played by the new radio-phonograph combination just installed at the house and paid for largely from the anonymous brother's gift mentioned in the November Alpha.

The chapter's basketball team, admittedly the strongest on the campus this and every year, lived up to its boasts and hacked through the opposition to hang up a record marred by not a single defeat. The team comprises most of the college team's line-up, Brother Fehn being first string center, Taska, varsity forward, and Hall, regular guard, while Brother Bolton plays a consistent game at second-string guard. Needless to say, these four stalwarts formed the backbone of Alpha's team and, as soon as they ran up a lot of points, the rest of us would enter the fray and try to show them how the game should really be played. We weren't so hot, though, for five minutes of playing the new rules had us puffing up and down the court and calling "time out" for rests. It was a lot

of fun for all of us, however, and served to put us way out in front in the interfraternity athletic competition.

The social committee is continuing its good work and early this month, in collaboration with the



GIL FEHN, *Alpha's Star Center*

membership committee, staged a stag party for the new members and the prospective pledges. Pool contests, ping-pong, a scavenger hunt, and, of course, eating tons of sandwiches and gulping coffee rounded out the evening's entertainment program and led up to Alumni Brother George Wilkinson's talk to the guests concerning the fraternity, its members, and all about us. The many prospectives there as guests had an enjoyable evening and will probably begin pledging in the near future.

Sunday, March 13 being Memorial Sunday, many of our brothers went over to Brother Wilson's "Church of the Savior" as a tribute to one who has done more than his share for Alpha Kappa Pi. The impressive service and the meaning of the day to all the brothers provided them with much spiritual satisfaction.





# ALPHA CHAPTER

Reading in the usual order, Front row: Ed Tyne, Robert Frohboese, Elton Tuohig, President John Taska, Faculty Adviser Paul Schweizer (Delta), Ted Feuerbach, Herbert Steffens, Ralph Fiorentino, David Mallon. Second row: Frank Muench, Donald Bolton, Joseph Parsons, William Anderson, Herbert Weis, Douglas Benedict, John Bermingham, Raymond Sachteleben, Sherwood Roper. Third row: Raymond Hall, Robert Horrocks, Wilbur Zuest, Erwin Muench, Louis Wenzel, Fred Dugan, Eugene Sauerborn, Douglas MacEvoy, William Hoffman, Douglas Banks.



The chapter's annual Spring Dance will be held on May 14 at Essex Fells Country Club in the heart of north Essex county. The committee, headed by co-chairman Frohboese and Dugan, is functioning smoothly and, so far, without mishap. Bids will be sent to surrounding chapters and a hearty invitation to attend this gala affair is extended to all brothers. We are trying to make it a real success of as many brothers from other chapters as is possible, so let's all get together on it.

Once more, best wishes to all our brothers and don't forget Alpha's welcome mat is ever ready for visiting brothers.

FRED B. DUGAN

### Beta—Wagner

The highlight of Beta chapter's winter season, was a visit on March 10 by our own "Doc" Wilson, and Rufus McDonald, Chief of the New York Section of Alpha province. After a very short meeting "Doc" Wilson spoke to the boys on the general growth and policies of Alpha Kappa Pi. The floor was then thrown open for questions. All the brothers did their part to bombard Doc with all sorts of questions regarding pledging practices, constitutional interpretations, and fraternity problems in general. After we had nearly exhausted Doc Wilson, Rufus McDonald spoke, reminding us of the ideals and significances embodied in our pin, and ritual. After the meeting the discussion was continued at the Clove Park Restaurant until midnight rolled near and our guests had to get back to the city. Beta has grown from the original Alpha Kappa Pi local of eight or nine men to an active, interested chapter with 24 brothers at the present—and we're sure even better days are ahead.

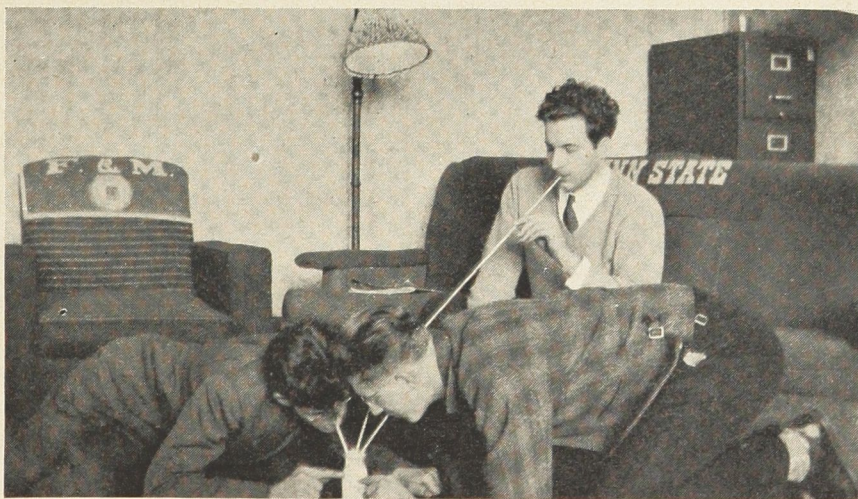
Since our last letter the first semester has ended,



POUNDING THE BOOKS

*Left to right: Brothers Walter Vierling, Christian Holmstrup, Henry Raisch, Albert Schoenbacher, and George Mayer.*

and exams have passed. In the interval Beta has had a rather quiet social period. However, our pledges did give the brothers and alumni a "Sharpie Social" on January 4 that was unusual, and with

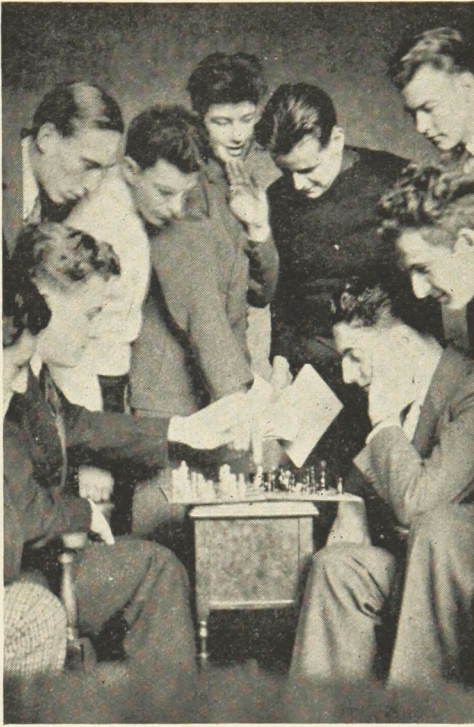


NONCHALANCE

*Left to right: Brothers Henry Raisch, Christian Holmstrup, and Emil Bommer.*



this we're passing the idea on to the other chapters. We find that the pledges are very good at running socials, and save the brothers a lot of worry. On February 10 the chapter had a mixed social for brothers which went over with the same Beta chapter success. And on March 3 we had our



PLAYERS OF CHESS

*Brother Walter Vierling, left and George Mayer. Kibitzers, Pledge Betancourt, Pledge Carl Schmidt, and Brothers Walton Kibat, Henry Raisch, Albert Schoenbacher, Ralph Telegesen, and Emil Bommer.*

Spring Stag Social to which we invited the new February men.

However, a great deal of our time has been spent at other Kappa Alpha Pi affairs. On Saturday, March 12 ten couples from Beta chapter attended a school dance given by Gamma chapter at Stevens. Thanks for the invitation, Brothers of Gamma. We all had a dandy time. Eight of the brothers attended the dance given by the Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter at the Elizabeth Town and Country Club on March 19. According to reports they spent a very enjoyable evening, and met quite a few of the boys from the other chapters.

Brother Roy Holmstrup is working hard on the 1938 yearbook; Brother Norman Kraft and Roy Holmstrup are representing the college very well

on the debate team, and so far have had only one defeat. Nine Alpha Kappa Pi men are in the college choir, and all are looking forward to the trip at Easter.

In closing we should like to thank Doc Wilson and Rufus McDonald again for their visit and the strengthening of fraternal bonds that it brought. We would also like to mention the keen interest of our faculty members—Dr. F. C. DeWalsh and Dr. Lee Y. Davidheiser. They have always been ready and willing to help us, and our contact with them adds something to our fraternity life that makes it so much more valuable to us. May Alpha Kappa Pi ever have such men as her leaders and advisers.

CHRISTIAN P. HOLMSTRUP

### *Gamma—Stevens*

Gamma held its annual open-house formal dance on the evening of March 12, being the first fraternity on the Stevens campus to hold a major social function at the new Jacobus Hall. The dance, which was well attended, was from ten to two, with music furnished by the popular orchestra, the Omegans.

With the ordeal of midyear examinations over, the chapter set about preparing for the initiation of Jack Jones '38, Maurice Noyer '40, Frank Quirolo '40, and John English '40. The memorable event took place on February 5. Since last January, Gamma has had four new pledges: Herbert Cummings '40, Daniel Pater '40, Louis Beffa '40, and Edward Palmisano '41.

During the winter months Gamma was well represented at the Stevens varsity basketball games and the dances which followed. Not content with two attractions for one evening, the boys had to trek back to the house and top off the evening with a party. After four successive Saturday night socials, the first of which followed a roller-skating party, it had begun to look as though Stevens had turned co-ed.

Speaking of basketball, the Stute will lose an ace performer in the person of Don Groome '38, Gamma. Don, who only went out for basketball in his junior year, improved so rapidly, that towards the end of the past year it was an almost impossible feat for opposing teams to keep him out of the double figures. He is sure to be remembered as one of Stevens' best basketball performers. Gamma has Henry Barchi '39 who we all hope will fill Don's shoes next year.

Spring is in the air, and at the Stute that means lacross, baseball and tennis. Gamma is well represented in each sport. Topping the list is Ted Gela '38 varsity tennis captain. Then come the lacrosse representatives: Dick Spann '38, Don Groome '38, and Frank Quirolo '40. Baseball is fortunate enough to have Tony Frio '40, Ralph Anselmi '40,

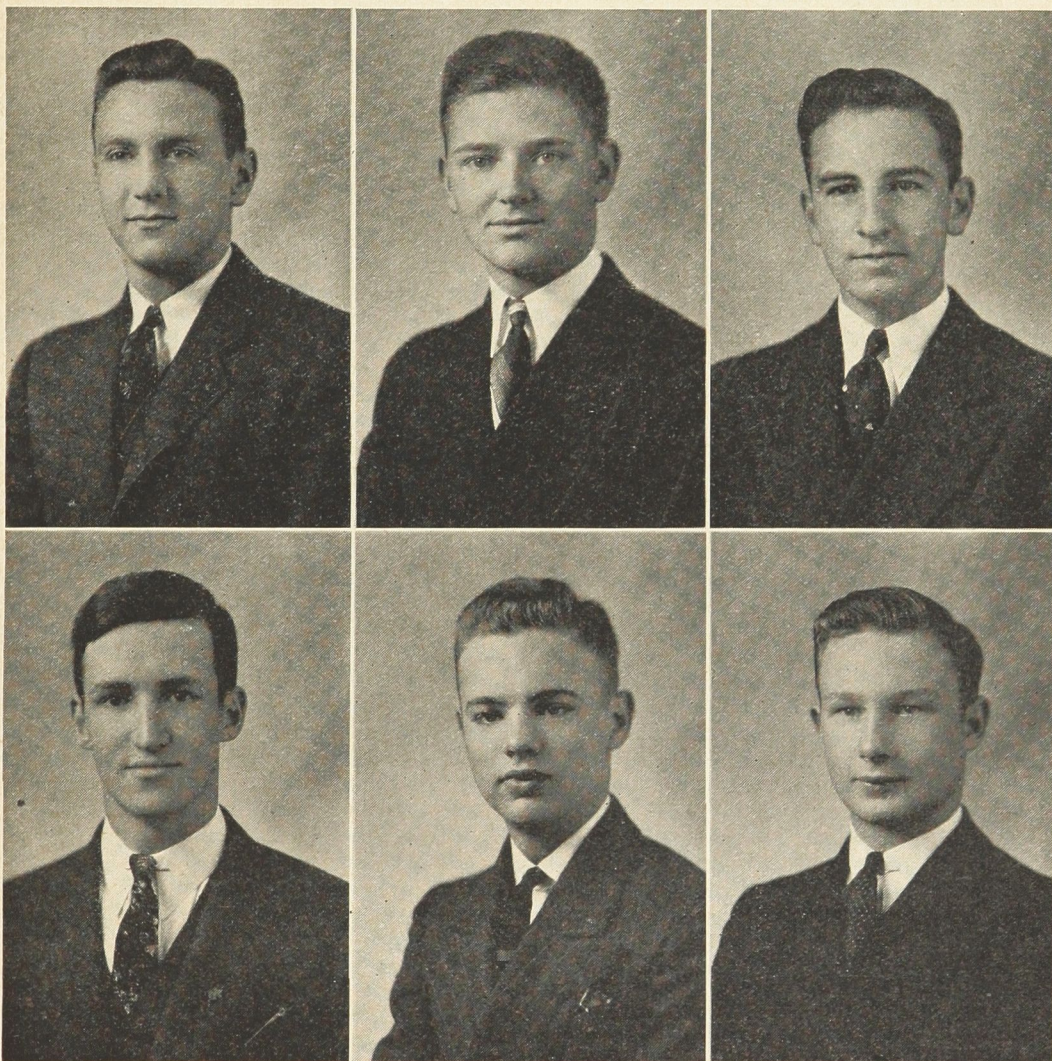


and Harry Anastasia '40.

One of the best things that happened during the past month was when Ralph and Rudy brought along that collection of old timers. The old songs have made a definite hit with all the brothers, taking the place of the now dying "Big Apple." Another big event at Gamma was the formation of an orchestra composed of the members. So swift was the rise of the orchestra, who call themselves the "Gammas" that they have already been promised an audition by station WTHC. The members of the orchestra: Eddie Noyer, piano, Fritz Vadino, first violin, Vincent Quirolo, piano, Bunny Pater, trumpet, Butch Yeannakis, half-back, Ted Foehl,

piano, Pete Jones, piccolo and Percy Beaufrere, piano. (Where do we get all these pianos?)

Following the exams the sophomores challenged the seniors to a basketball game. Each member of the winning team is to receive a free supper at the losing team's expense. The game was a thriller played in the gym, which was packed to the rafters. The teams really went to town from the beginning. With Harry Anastasia scoring four long ones, Tony Vadino swishing through five more and Frank Quirolo adding a goal and two fouls, the sophomores got off to a 3-0 lead, with the game two minutes old. Then the seniors broke into the scoring column when Spann scored a foul to take the



#### NEW OFFICERS AT ETA CHAPTER

*Top row, left to right: J. L. Culp, president, John Bonner, vice-president, Julius McGregor, secretary. Bottom row: R. K. Timmons, treasurer, F. L. Cogburn, Panhellenic councilman, C. H. Atkins, chaplain.*



lead 12-3. Noyer and English brought the crowd to its feet with a flurry of long shots and set the score at 18-5. Pappy retaliated for the seniors to bring the score up to 18-17 as the quarter ended. The teams really went to town during the second quarter Quirolo scored four long ones but Groome put the seniors ahead with a foul. Vadino and English scored three goals apiece to put the Sophs only 5 points behind. Spann added a lay-up for the Seniors. Then the crowd went wild as the Sophs put on a remarkable scoring streak to take the lead as the half ended. After the intermission the teams really went to town. The Sophs with Noyer and Anastasia on a scoring rampage steadily pulled away from the upper classmen. Then Groome tied it up with a goal and two fouls. Spann sent the Seniors ahead with a low foul, but '38 lost a scoring opportunity as Pappy's lay-up hit the skylight. Quirolo tied it up as the quarter ended with four short shots and a foul. The teams really went to town during the last quarter. Ralph Anselmi went in for the Sophs and scored four hawkers and two fouls. Spann came to the Seniors rescue with a high foul. For the rest of the quarter the Sophs kept a steady stream of leather pouring through the hoop but just as the gun went off, Pappy scored with a lay-up from mid-court to tie up the game. During the third overtime the crowd became so noisy that the referee had to throw him out. Groome's long shot at the end of the overtime brought a 57-19 victory for the Seniors.

JULIAN FOEHL

### Eta—Presbyterian

Eta chapter is having a very successful year. In recent elections three of our number have been elected as business managers of the three college publications. Julius McGregor was chosen as business manager of the *Blue Stocking*, the college paper. J. L. Culp was elected business manager of *The Collegian*, the magazine, and Milton Norton was elected to the same post for the *Pac Sac*, the annual. Also in the class elections Brother Culp was chosen president of the senior class and Brother Norton, Historian of the junior class.

In the fraternity election the following officers were chosen: president, J. L. Culp; vice-president, John Bonner; secretary, Julius McGregor; treasurer, R. K. Timmons; Panhellenic councilman, F. L. Cogburn; and chaplain, C. H. Atkins.

We are also well represented in the spring sports. On the varsity track team we have John Godfrey and J. A. Abercrombie, both quarter milers. In baseball Woods Wannamaker is varsity manager, and Bill Gibson is Freshman manager. Also on the varsity team are Julius McGregor, pitcher, Hood Strain, and Mac Reed, who was recently pledged. On the Freshman team we have Dan Bird, A. D.

Fessenden, M. G. Pursley, Phillip Rogers, and E. E. Rose.

R. K. TIMMONS, JR.

### Mu—Marshall

*Initiated:* Thurman Quentin Poling, Point Pleasant, West Virginia; Maurice Ellis, Gilbert, West Virginia; Raymond Hage, Huntington, West Virginia; Richard Clyde Pugh, Rowlesburg, West Virginia.

*Pledged:* Charles Barrett, Borderland, West Virginia; Paul Cooper, Cox's Mill, West Virginia; James Cox, Huntington, West Virginia; Leonard Flors, Huntington, West Virginia; Delmar Hager, Big Creek, West Virginia; Leon Powell, Huntington, West Virginia; Clifford Slater, Chattaroy, West Virginia.

Hi, fellows! Here we come again to try, in our best hill-billy lingo to let you know what's going on among the Mu brethren.

Since our last little chat several things have happened. One of the most important events of the season, as far as our chapter is concerned, was the election of Brother Everett Thompson to the presidency. This came about through Brother Jack Bates' failure to return to school the second semester. Brother Thompson will do lots for us and with us the rest of the year, I am sure. Brother Thompson was formerly treasurer. To fill his shoes we selected Brother Carl Winter and the sentinel's post was filled by Brother Selcon McCoy. (He says he knows nothing of the feud.)

Friday night, March 11 the five fraternities on the campus gave a formal dance in the ballroom of the Prichard Hotel with Howard Jennings playing. The brothers of Mu chapter were well represented and seemed to be having their share of the fun. The fog was very thick in and around Huntington that night and Brothers Winter and Ellis couldn't find their way back to the hotel after intermission—so they say. Pledge Dye is patting himself on the back because Dr. Olsen's wife told him he was a divine dancer. Pledge Howard went to the check room after the dance to get the little woman's wrap and then couldn't seem to find the little woman—couldn't be the atmosphere, could it—or could it?

We seem to have just about everything new since the last write-up. We have a new faculty adviser too. Dr. Olsen has been busy writing a book on economics and has not had time to get around to the house very much, so he asked our permission to resign. We regret it very much.

Our new faculty adviser, Otto "Swede" Gullickson, is the liveliest man on this or any other campus. He seems to be going at top speed all the time, despite his more than fifty years of age. "Swede" is liked by everybody on the campus and



he helps the boys in all their troubles. He went to North Dakota State College in 1914 and to Springfield College 1915-18. He received his B.P. degree there. He received his B.S. degree at Columbia University in 1925 and his M.A. degree at the same school in 1926.

For the past eight years "Swede" has been at Marshall as associate professor of physical education and director of intramural activities. Last year's intramural program had thirty-one different activities on it and was exceeded by only one school, the University of Michigan. "Swede" takes great pride in seeing the boys compete in intramural sports and he knows most of them by name. You can expect Mu chapter to go somewhere with "Swede" behind us.

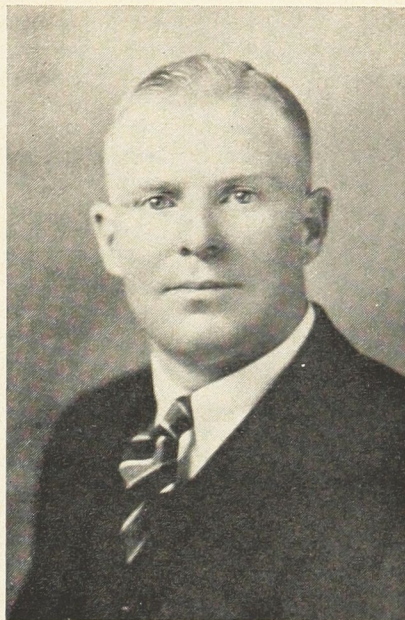
Mu chapter wants to take this opportunity to welcome the Alpha Zeta chapter of Wayne University into the fold. Let's all rise fellows and give the Alpha Zeta chapter three rousing cheers. May they have many prosperous years.

An initiation ceremony was held at the chapter house Friday night before the boys left for the Interfraternity dance. The four men who were taken in are: Brothers Ellis, Pugh, Hage, and Poling. All four are hard workers and we are glad to have them in Mu chapter. The new pledges we got this semester seem to be a go-getting bunch too.

Plans are going forward for our Founders Day banquet which will be held March 23 at the Governor Cabell Hotel. Previous plans were for a dinner-dance, but since it comes in the middle of the week, most of the brothers decided a stag banquet would be sufficient. Someone suggested a floor show for the banquet. If we have the floor show we are expecting to see some of the alumni brothers who haven't been around for several years. Floor show or no, we are expecting the affair to be a regular Mu reunion. Gosh, wait till I roll up my sleeves.

Well, what do you know about that? We won the Rafeld Historian Trophy. Some of the fellows think it was just because I'm so windy—with a pen. Maybe they're right—anyway we want to express our thanks to the editors and to say we'll do our darnedest to hold it.

Heard at the bull sessions: Why do Professors Brooks and Brumfield drive to Toledo and Detroit so often. . . . Is "Fatty" Thompson married. . . . Is Brother Clark in love with a certain "Evelyn" yet or is it the weather that makes him so moody. . . . Professor Brooks seems to like his home town of Pineville very much. . . . I wonder why. . . . "Kat" seems to keep Brother Ott Winter pretty busy these days. . . . Pledge Howard seems to take his girls seriously. . . . Who is the mysterious girl who keeps calling for "George Stewart," and who is the guy anyway. . . . Does "Brumpossy" really think he's a good dancer. . . . We would all like to know the girls who live just a few doors from



OTTO GULLICKSON, *Mu's new  
faculty adviser*

us . . . maybe Prescott can enlighten us. . . . We don't know whether it's his Packard or his dancing but Professor Brumfield certainly is slaying the fairer sex at this writing . . . especially a certain "Rachael." . . . Did you know "Romeo" Brooks was a two-car man?

Well, we'll be a seein' ya!

WILLIS STINSON

## Nu—Lehigh

*Initiated:* John Hood, Washington, D.C.; Richard Sheperd, St. Davids, Pennsylvania; Robert Wilson, Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Howard Donohoe, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania; Jack Betz, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On February 11, Nu chapter held its formal initiation at the Sun Inn. Speakers for the evening were "Ducky" Jahn, Beta Province chief, Bob Sheen, president of the Philadelphia Alumni chapter, and Dr. Lawrence Whitcomb, Nu faculty adviser. Alumni Brothers Wheeler, Clint Blakenship, Hemphill, and Boies were also present.

The Interfraternity Ball, for which Tommy Dorsey played, was one of the most successful dances ever held at Lehigh. Brother Naisby, treasurer for I.F., was on the dance committee.

Nu held its first annual Fathers' week-end the 26th and 27th of February. Festivities included a basketball game, a wrestling meet, and numerous card games. Sunday morning was spent in a general bull-session between the fathers and sons.



The first semester ended with Alpha Kappa Pi number one scholastically among the twenty-nine fraternities at Lehigh. An average of 2.185, based on 4 as perfect, enabled Nu to take the lead for the first time in the history of the chapter.

The Nu chapter Board of Governors met at the chapter house on March 5 to discuss the Insurance plan of permanently endowing the house building fund, and to pass the revised chapter by-laws.

Several weeks ago, Nu was glad to welcome several of our brothers from Rho chapter, who were at Lehigh for a swimming meet.



NU CHAPTER AT RECENT INITIATION BANQUET

Brother Betz, 145 pound freshman wrestler, ended the season with a record of three victories and one defeat, thus winning his class numerals. Brother Hood, freshman swimmer, also won his numerals.

The opening of the track season found Brothers Myers, Marsden, Benedict, and Davis putting on their cleats and chugging around the track.

At the present time we still have four men in the interfraternity wrestling competition; Sheperd, Thierry, Donohoe, and Breidenbach. Only one man has been eliminated so far, so the chances for a place in the finals look good.

Brother Jackson pledged Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honorary, March 14.

The annual spring house dance, given this year for the third consecutive time in conjunction with Pi Kappa Alpha at the Hotel Bethlehem, was held on March 12. Judging from the large attendance, the dance was very successful.

The date for spring house party has been set for the week-end of April 22. Following the usual custom, a dance will be given at the chapter house. The night, after the Junior Prom. Brother Jackson is on the planning committee for the prom, and Brother Thierry is on the floor committee.

The results of our elections for next year are as follows, but unfortunately the picture is not yet available: president, Frank L. Jackson '39; vice-president, Ted Thierry '39; secretary, Edward P. Weis '39; treasurer, Loring Lane '40; historian,

Harold I. Breidenbach, Jr. '39; chaplain, Phillip W. Davis '39; sentinel, Joseph M. Weaver '39.

FRANK L. JACKSON

## Xi—North Carolina State

*Initiated:* J. N. Barkdall '40, Hagerstown, Maryland; G. T. Braswell '39, Rocky Mount, North Carolina; W. B. Coward '40, Rocky Mount, North Carolina; W. B. Dunn '40, Kernersville, Pennsylvania; M. W. Woodruff '39, Roselle Park, New Jersey.

*Pledged:* R. L. Burrage, Jr. '41, Concord, North Carolina; E. P. Stephenson, '40, Wilson, North Carolina.

Once more the time approaches for a bit of news to be sent to the ALPHA. As usual here at North Carolina State, we are about to indulge in a wee bit of examinations, and in return divulge a wee bit of knowledge to our good friends and counselors, the professors. More fun! Can't you fellows just picture the brothers at Xi cramming their heads full of knowledge (?), while outside, Spring in all her new duds, has sprung. The Xis, nevertheless, are carrying on!

We have been busy here this term, and I don't mean maybe! For example, our intramural sport calendar and the results. Alpha Kappa Pi ranks third out of fifteen fraternities in intramural sports. Brothers Snook and Grady won the handball championship again this year. To the victors belong the spoils—they got 'em! We're a versatile bunch down here. (That is not bragging nor apologizing.) We can tangle with 'em, hit the rim, kick shins, apply a twist of the wrist to the bowling situation, and have a big time in the bargain. Let me prove my statement. In regards to tanglin'—the grapplers of Alpha Kappa Pi came through third in the wrestling matches. Those same grapplers plus some of the other Xis got to work on the basketball court and placed third in that sport. Then came a kick fest. That's right—soccer. Oh, what kicking! The "Rockettes" have nothing on us—except that they are "tops" and we were fourth. Throughout the term the boys kept twisting that ole wrist, and, after some classy bowling and red hot competition, the boys ended up fourth. Our intramural sporting life did not stop there. Some of the boys took to boxing. We had three men in the semi-finals and one in the finals. And thus the curtain falls on this term's intramural sports. Next term we start to fight harder for that coveted first place in intramural sports.

Xi chapter has been well represented in varsity sports. Brother Honeycutt was our representative on the varsity basketball team which had a very successful season. The swimming team, managed by Brother Grady, who had Brother Peterson as his assistant manager, placed second in the Southern Conference. As spring sports get under way, Honey-



cutt is out for baseball, while Brother Lovelace is assistant manager of the baseball team. Lovelace is also out for track. This should come in handy when chasing the balls.

As the year draws to a close, the Seniors begin to get cocky and dignified about their scholastic records. Because work is scarce (?) they take inspection trips. Brothers Ryder and Honeycutt, seniors in forestry, will tour the southern states for six week with the forestry class. Later on, the senior engineers will leave for trips just to see what things are all about.

Last, but not least, we come to the social activities of Xi chapter. Early in the season we had a swell house dance, at which all the Brothers and their guests had a good time dancing to the music of Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, and Hal Kemp. Oh yes, I forgot to mention the fact that the music was recorded. Then came Mid-winters, sponsored by the interfraternity council. Reggie Childs supplied the music; we took advantage of the fact and made merry. The Brothers of Xi are planning an alumni banquet which you will be hearing about later.

This may be a little in advance, but the Brothers of Xi chapter send best wishes for a swell spring vacation. Until the next when—Goodbye and 30.

L. R. PARSONS, JR.

## Omicron—Penn State

*Initiated:* John Dornsife '41, Pottsville, Pennsylvania; James Uber '40, Harborscreek, Pennsylvania; Albert Wunderlick '40, Collingdale, Pennsylvania; Arthur Christman '41, E. Greenville, Pennsylvania; Benny Moss '41, Wesleville, Pennsylvania; Milton Sheen '41, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Sam Beck '38, Pottsville, Pennsylvania;

*Pledged:* John Verbalis '40, Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

The further this year progresses the better it gets. Omicron is really getting into the swing of things here at State, with many of the boys going to the top in various extracurricular activities.

Pledge John Hoffman is out for the Freshman lacrosse, squad, and looks pretty good. Brother Johnny Van Kirk has risen to first assistant manager in fencing. On March 12 Van will make the trip to Philadelphia with the fencing team for their match with the University of Pennsylvania. Brother Warren Oliver has been doing great work on the swimming team as a member of the medley team. He also swims the 200 yards in the breast stroke matches.

Brother Bill Fenner was elected Staff Manager of the Penn State Thespian Club after three years of hard work on the stage crew. This gives Bill entire charge of the production end of the club. His former position of Stage Manager was taken by Brother Pete Greiner who is continuing Bill's good work. Brother Gordie Thomas is still treading

the boards as a hooper for the club.

The candid camera craze has smitten the Alpha Kappa Pi house to a great degree. Brothers Schwartz, Martin, Christman, Sheen, Moss, and Beck have made a dark room in one of the vacant rooms on the third floor and may be found there any time developing pictures. They have gotten some fine shots of the house and campus, and some very interesting albums are the result.

Brother Sammy Beck is working for the *Bell* as an art editor. Recently he has been busy taking pictures of the Thespians at work to be used by the advertising department for their forth-coming musical comedy "Hey Rube." Sammy has also been holding down his job as captain of the Penn State gym team, though how he finds time for it all has not yet been discovered.

February 25 was Senior Ball week-end at State. Tommy Dorsey's orchestra played for the dance, and had the swing fans stomping madly. The House had a booth for this dance next to the orchestra, and so were right in the midst of things.

Pledge Max Houser has been suffering a bad arm, but expects it to be O.K. in time to pitch Penn State to victory in baseball this coming season. Brother Jim Uber is now a campus cop, and does a good job of handling sport fans at the various meets. Freddie Martin is raising fish and white mice to the great consternation of the rest of the brothers. They seem to be thriving, and a few new members are expected in the near future. Unfortunately the mice are not very popular with the brothers and the great event is not being awaited with much enthusiasm. On April 23 the Phi Mu girls' fraternity is going to hold a dance in the Alpha Kappa Pi House to which all the Brothers are invited. All in all the House is getting along swell here at State, and hopes to continue to do so in the future. A better average for the group has done a lot to place Omicron along with the leaders. Until next time Omicron sends best wishes to all our Brothers.

GORDIE THOMAS

## Rho—Rutgers

Eight men have been initiated into Rho chapter at Rutgers since the new term began. This brings the total number of brothers and pledges to thirty-four.

Two members of the junior class, William Boes of Sommerville and Donald Sloane of New York City; five sophomores, Fred J. Potter of Milltown, Walter S. Connors of Audubon, Boyd E. Beyer and Wilbur S. Darby of Elizabeth, and Gaza E. Wolf of New Brunswick; one freshman, Arnold De Angelus of New Brunswick; and one alumnus, Samuel Allcorn Jr., of Hillside make up the group of new Alpha Kapps.

These new members are active in many campus functions. "Fuzzy" Darby is on his way to being a



three letter man, having already played varsity 150-pound football and been a member of the varsity swimming team. He is now out for lacrosse and from his record on the freshman team last year, he will probably be playing with the varsity this spring.

Fed Potter is another football player who played his first games last fall with the revived junior varsity team. His name will go down with the immortals who held the Navy "B" team to a 126-0 deadlock as a climax to their otherwise good season.

Walt Connors is working on the news staff of the University's newspaper, *The Targum*, while at the same time he holds down the job of campus correspondent for his home town paper.

On March 8, new executive officers were elected to carry on the responsibilities of Rho chapter. James E. Dean of New Brunswick, a junior song leader and member of the Scarlet Key Society succeeded C. Righter Dixon as president. Thomas Reichelderfer replaced Kenneth W. MacWhinney as vice-president, Philip Stowell became the new secretary, and Girvin H. Cuthbert was reelected to the position of steward.

Warren Geigel of Woodridge has just been initiated into that other great fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa. While busy attaining this highest of scholastic awards, Warren still found time to sing in the Rutgers Glee Club and Choir during his four years on the Banks.

Kenneth Deith of Trenton, a member of the Scarlet tank team in the capacity of diver these past two seasons, has just won the New Jersey State A.A.U. diving championships. This makes Deith the best amateur diver in the State at the present time.

Our proficient swimmer-debater, Ken MacWhinney, has just returned from a two-week tour of college campuses as far west as Chicago. Fifteen debates, a dual swimming meet with Franklin and Marshall, and the Eastern Collegiate Championships in Pittsburgh in which we took second place, kept Ken pretty busy, but he seems to have been able to find time to visit many of our Middle Western chapters on the way. Ken will probably swim for Rutgers in the National Intercollegiate to be held in the Rutgers gymnasium on March 25-26.

Mike Dixon of Ridgefield will play one of the leading rôles in the forth-coming presentation "Free White and 21," to be put on by the Queens Players on April 7, 8, and 9. This will be the first revival of light, all-boy musical comedies since 1914. A pony chorus, humorous cast, and a darn good story will be combined to bring the Varsity Show back to the important position which it held on the campus years ago.

Our varsity football end, Zoltan Takacs, of New Brunswick, was among the 52 Spring training candidates to report to head Coach Harvey J. Harman, new Rutgers football mentor. With a

new million-dollar stadium, the fine material left from last year, and the new spirit among the undergraduates, our new coach should go far in bringing the old football fervor back to the "Banks of the old Raritan."

W. KENNETH MOSS

## Chi—Wake Forest

Intramural basketball has just begun at Wake Forest and Chi chapter got off to an excellent start by defeating Theta Kappa Nu in the first game of the series. Pledges Phil Latta and Jack Roberts have worked hard at getting a team in shape for the contests.

Since our last writing, two new pledges have joined our ranks: Bill Prevette of Pontiac, Michigan, and Dick Wodehouse of New Brunswick, New Jersey. This brings the total number of pledges up to sixteen. Buck Stephenson was initiated in December and we are planning to admit six more of the pledges very soon.

Early in January we were honored with a visit by Dr. Wilson, who attended one of our meetings and gave us a very inspiring talk.

Chi chapter is well represented this year in campus musical organizations. Brother Lynn Durham and his brother, Pledge Marshall Durham, make up the drum major team for the band, and do their strutting in fine style. Brother Peele pounds the bass drum, Pledge Hinson reenforces the down beat with the big bass horn, and Brother McDonald and Pledge Wodehouse hold forth in the clarinet section. The last three men named make up approximately twenty-five percent of the campus dance orchestra just organized this year. Pledge Latta, who to the despair of his roommates is much given to extracurricula crooning, helps swell the crescendos in the first tenor section of the glee club.

The Panhellenic council is, at the end of this semester, presenting a silver cup to the fraternity on the campus with the highest scholarship rating. President Evans has been exhorting both members and pledges to look much to their books, and, judging from our past semester's record, we stand in good stead to win this honor.

Our chapter is one of the co-sponsors for a series of dances to be given on March 11 and 12, featuring the music of the "Rhythmairs" of station KYW in Philadelphia. All the brothers who are devotees of the Terpsichorean Art are anticipating one of the most enjoyable social affairs of the season.

President Evans is now working out with the football squad, and will represent us in his usual fine style on the gridiron next year. Spring practice is now in full sway and, with the varsity being supplemented by some outstanding men from last season's state champion freshman team, prospects are bright for next season.

In a recent hotly contested game, Wake's bas-



keteers were bested 45 to 40 by the North Carolina State five. The stellar playing of Brother Honeycutt of Xi chapter on the State team was very evident throughout the evening, and contributed much toward Wake's defeat.

The chapter loses this spring only two men by graduation. Brother Peele will receive his diploma from academic school and Brother Durham receives his degree in law. Your scribe has been accepted for entrance into the medical school here and will enter this fall. Brother Martin, former scribe who graduated at mid-semester, is now practicing law at High Point, North Carolina.

M. J. McDONALD

### **Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan**

*Initiated:* David Tennant '39, West Union, West Virginia; Fred Arnold '40, Buchannon, West Virginia; Sexton Linger '39, Buchannon, West Virginia; Fred Linger '40, Buchannon, West Virginia; Paul Gatskie '39, Farmington, West Virginia, and James Herndon '39, Buchannon, West Virginia.

The resounding initiations of "Hell Week" have just concluded and the actives (and pledges, too) are breathing a sigh of relief, taking full advantage of their chances to get caught up on sleep and recuperate in general from the strain.

All twenty-two of our fine preps survived the rounds in customary fashion and are well started toward becoming big cops in the management of the local chapter. Included in their ordeal were a graveyard census, scavenger hunt, and trail night, among other duties to perform.

The lone complaint registered against their services lay in the vocal rendition they gave the student body between halves of the Wesleyan—West Virginia University basketball game, being based on opinions that they sang the school anthem "off key," "out of tune," and "in varied tempos." However, when they gushed the "Highball Song" in all its splendor, the proud chests of the actives present swelled with gratifying regularity.

Psi's mid-winter formal frolic was staged in the Masonic Temple, Weston, on January 8 and we are happy to report that things went off with all the smoothness optimists had predicted. Brother Jack LaBay, in charge of arrangements, secured the services of Tom Care and his Virginians to play for the dancing.

Gay colors of green and white were artistically designed in the orchestra pit and hundreds of balloons of varied hues strung from the ceiling. The evening went off "with a bang" when, after someone started bursting balloons, everyone followed suit, which lent to the occasion despite morning-after protests by unfortunate residents of the immediate vicinity that they thought the Japanese Air bombers had raided central West Virginia!

According to the more authoritative socialites of the frat, our most successful social venture of

the season was an old fashioned "Barn Dance" the actives "threw" in honor of the neophytes on Wednesday evening, February 16. Whitescarver's Hall was the scene of this outing, which proved to be "as informal as a country hoedown." The males were garbed in overalls, sweat shirts, brogans, and straw hats—and no few rank-smelling corn cob pipes were seen promiscuously protruding



STEELE, HUNTER, LABAY, BRANCHIK IN  
HUNTING TOGS

from between their teeth. Femmes donned rustic-looking cotton dresses.

Just good old-fashioned fun was the slogan of this party as dancers tripped to the rhythms of Gil Berry's swing band, prominent in this area. Brother Lebay was again in charge.

Due largely to the intuition of Brother "Matt" Edminston, Psi rented the spacious new Roller Skating Rink on Friday, March 4, the eve of its grand opening, and held a mammoth skating party. The rink has since become the city's most popular pleasure resort.

A huge turnout responded to the "newfangled skating fad" and brothers, big and little alike, rolled over the hardwoods with amazing grace and agility. P.S.—The management of the place considered giving Brothers Vande Linde, Campbell, and Pledge Jack Moore refunds for dusting off the floor prior to their learning the knack of balance on wheels, but declined the proposition after reconsidering the wear and tear these hefties had given the floor and surrounding banisters.

We observed "Memorial Sunday" here on March 13 by attending church in a body.

Wesleyan fared in basketball only slightly better than it did in football the current season, but the court performances were interesting for the most part. Thirteen cagers from Psi, composing a ma-





PSI ACTIVES AND PLEDGES READY FOR TRAIL NIGHT DURING HELL WEEK

jority of the squad, were in harness.

Brothers LaBay and Albie Coleman, Seniors, climaxed their careers with good seasons. The former was a steady long-range scorer from his guard post, and the latter's services were invaluable at the pivot slot.

Other big guns in the Methodist attack who bore the Alpha Kappa Pi insignia included Jimmy Herndon, diminutive forward who led the team in scoring for the year; Allen Mackey, stellar guard dependable; Don Gatewood, who saw a great deal of service at center, "Zeke" Turner, Moon Mullen, Paul Gatskie, Bill Kiddy, and Woody Wilson. Among the Freshman sensations were Jack Moore, "Sugar" Cain, and "Mag" Steele.

Brother Jim Thornhill concluded his fourth successive managerial year as head of the "togs and equipment" department.

The College's first musical comedy, "Moon Over The Campus," was presented March 2, being written, directed, and enacted by students. Pledges Bill Morrison and Brooks Lohan were included in the cast. Pledge Dave Carter "slapped the bass fiddle" in the orchestra which furnished accompaniment.

Psi sports enthusiasts are taking active interest in the College's Intramural program. At present there is bitter feudalism in the basketball events being run off, and before long members of the conflicting classes will tie into each other with the approach of softball. Incidentally, plans are being fostered this spring for organizing an interfraternity baseball loop on the campus. Psi hopes

to have another crack nine, with most of the veterans on hand.

Rapid development is in progress toward the annual State High School basketball tournament, which will be held here March 24-26. This year will mark the silver anniversary of the colorful State Tourney, and several members of Psi will take part in carrying out the meet.

Brother Dave Tennant filled a temporary vacancy in the house left by Brother Paul Jackson, who did not return to school the second semester. Tennant established residence with Brother Branchik on second floor, replacing Brother Moyer, who moved to third.

We presume every chapter has its own particular "hobby pests," who tax the patience of all concerned with their singular interests. At Psi amateur photography is becoming the craze. At the moment enthusiasts are paced by Brother Jack Hunter and Pledge "Tuffy" Rickards, who were recently struck with "snapshot fever." The two have spared no effort to photograph the mansion and its inmates in entirety and their work has received a reasonable amount of success. A sample of it may be seen in the photos herein.

To mention a couple of campus personalities, Brother "Boisterous Billy" Kiddy is notably discharging the duties of his treasurer post with the Progressive Sophomore class. Pledge John Hall is bringing the life of the student body to new heights with his enviable cheerleading.

Kenny Moore, our ubiquitous "Iron Man" football center has just returned from Baltimore,



Maryland, where he underwent a shoulder operation to relieve an old ailment. The repair is expected to put his "joint" in top notch shape for next grid season, which will be his last. Brothers Branchik and LaBay recently disclosed they had signed pro contracts with the Cleveland Rams, members of the National Professional Football league, Western Division.

Plans have already begun to formulate toward our spring informal dance. Attractive program-favors have been ordered and the social committee is making strides toward securing a prominent orchestra for the occasion.

Another headliner event of the more near future is the Zeta Province convention, here April 15-19. We are also planning to celebrate Founders Day in a big way on March 23!

And before we forget it, we'd like to extend our congratulations to Mu chapter, Marshall, on their recent annexation of the Rafeld historian trophy.

Alumni who have paid us a current visit include Brothers Nick Cody, of Bell; Bill Long, of Clarksburg, and "Stretch" Howell, of McMechen. Come again!

In closing may we wish everyone lots of luck during the remainder of the school term!

JAMES L. ELLIS

### *Alpha Alpha—Hartwick*

The Alpha Alpha chapter has just concluded a most successful rush season. As a result of pancake suppers, theatre parties and other forms of entertainment, we have added ten new men to our group. The new men are: John Robertson Dietzel of Binghamton; Harold Daley and Larry McNeil of Albany; Norman Burton and Richard Clifford of Pine Plains; Louis Reddington of Otego; Raymond Johnson of Elizaville; William Fisher of Wayland; Maurice Woodcock of Morristown; and Wilson Worman of Middleburg. The pledge ceremony was held at the fraternity house on Thursday, March 10.

In the intra-mural basketball tournament, Alpha Alpha stood second on the list. Last fall we won the volleyball tournament. At the end of the basketball tournament two "all-star" teams were selected. Two of the men selected for the first "all-star" team were Alpha Kappa Pi men, Hubbard (R. G.) and Tennant (L. G.). Two others, Clifford and Burton, have been pledged to the fraternity since the "all star" group was selected. In the second "all-star" team William Fisher was selected as left guard. He is another one of the new men. Alpha Alpha is participating in sports more than it has in the past.

Soon a series of tournaments will be held at the fraternity house. There will be ping-pong, checker, chess, pool, and card tournaments. These tournaments are for our own participation.

On Sunday, March 13, we attended the First

Presbyterian Church. Dr. Boyd McCleary, a friend of the fraternity and the college, was the officiating clergyman.

There are three important social affairs now being planned. On March 23 we plan to hold the Founders Day banquet at Weir's Restaurant. On March 25 our fraternity is to have charge of the chapel services at the college.

The third important social affair now being planned is an "Alumni Week-end." On May 21 it is planned to have an alumni reunion and meeting in the morning, followed by a picnic for past and present members. On Saturday evening our annual dinner-dance will be held. On Sunday we will observe open house. We want every alumnus to be present if it is at all possible. The program committee and the dance committee are co-operating to make this innovation a great success.

Recent visitors at the house were Milton Beemer '37, John Gourley '37, Philip Frisbee '37 and Ray Stanhouse.

F. M. ANGELL

### *Alpha Beta—Tri State*

Initiated: Max F. Alters, Bellefonte, Pa.; Courtney Van Riper, Minneapolis, Minn.; Thomas Roscoe, Chicago, Ill.; George Smith, Ingersoll, Ontario; Charles Sharpless, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Gilbert Gable, Akron, Ohio; Jean Smith, Richmond, Ind.

On the afternoon of March 13 the above men were formally initiated into brotherhood. Following the ritual a banquet was held in honor of our new brothers and Brother Bruce Dayoe who graduates this March. Brother Dayoe has distinguished himself for his scholarship and his athletic ability. He is a member of the honorary engineering society and caught on the baseball team. His throw to second was as straight as his scholastic average and with his incomparable determination, we all know that someday every Alpha Kappa Pi will be proud of him.

Nineteen men are now living in the house, along with our one man band, Miller. Brother Miller represents us very well on the stage, taking the leading part in the last two productions put on by the dramatic club. Incidentally, he is also a member of Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity.

Alpha Beta has come through again! We are proud to announce the return of the scholastic cup among our trophies. The president of the college presented the cup at the Interfraternity dance on March 5, which incidentally, was Alpha Kappa Pi's night. Besides winning the scholastic cup, we boasted the best decorated wall.

On February 12, Alpha Beta held its winter house formal, the first in our new home, and the most successful ever held. A five piece orchestra provided the music, and Brother Scarlett the antics.

The basketball season came to a close last Saturday with our college winning very few of the



fourteen games. Nevertheless, they played clean, fought hard, and our Brother Poweska won his laurels and letter for last minute rallies. Brother Hoagland stands among the high scorers in Intramural basketball, and promises to be next year's Golden Gloves sensation.

With Brothers Le Feuvre president of the Canadian Club, Stearns president of the Sigma Epsilon Society, Piefer president of the Civil Engineering Society, Hoagland president of the Interfraternity Council, and Patterson business manager of the campus weekly, affairs are going very favorably on the campus for Alpha Beta.

With the coming of spring our thoughts are turned to our week's vacation and the coveted baseball cup held by the Betas. Last spring Alpha Kappa Pi was the only fraternity to defeat the Betas, but suffered a defeat at the hands of the Alpha Lambda Tau fraternity. This year however, we are ready to take on all comers and should prove stiff opposition.

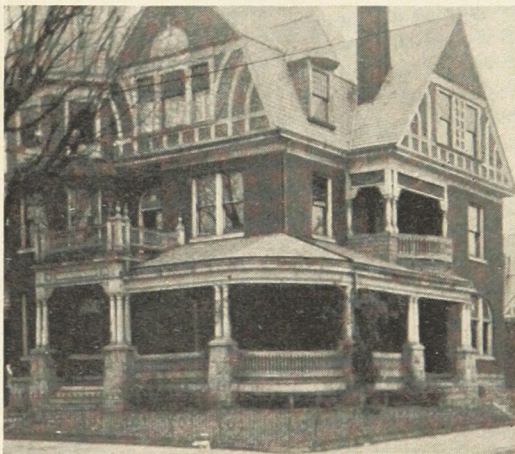
Plans are being made for our annual Spring Frolic in June, and from all appearances it will be a tremendous success.

In parting, may every member prosper as our fraternity, and may we all be sincere when we drink a toast to the future success of Alpha Kappa Pi.

GEORGE CLARKE

### *Alpha Gamma—Franklin and Marshall*

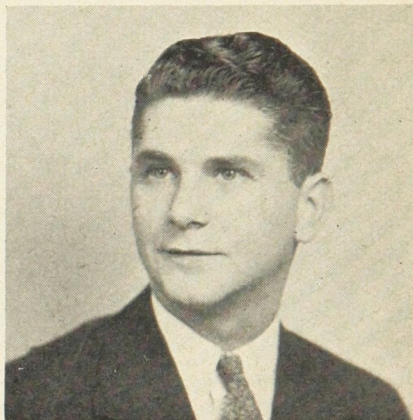
Alpha Gamma has again been the center of attraction at F. & M. Having decided, among other things, that the old chapter house would no longer accommodate the increasing number of pledges, a new, spacious, three story mansion has been acquired. Immediately new interest and increased rushing was begun, with the result that Wm. Mac-



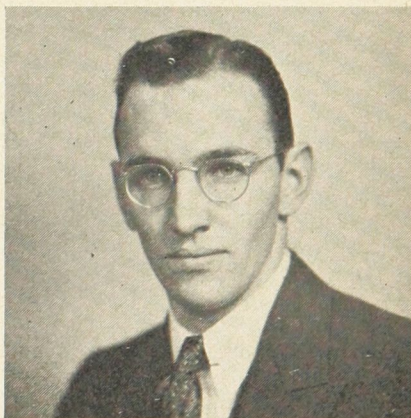
ALPHA GAMMA'S NEW CHAPTER HOUSE

Intyre, Six Mile Run; J. Richard Sellers, Hollidaysburg; and Richard Deckard, Lancaster, were pledged and Donald Burnett and John Hershey initiated. Extensive rushing is being continued and each Wednesday night of every week is set aside for this purpose.

Athletically Alpha Gamma fared better in basketball than in football. Although hampered by the jinx of not being able to put our full strength on the floor each game, we walked away with quite



BROTHER HEGIDUS, PRESIDENT



BROTHER LE VAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

a few games and gave a good sportsmanlike account of ourselves in every game. Baseball is in the air now and as usual Alpha Gamma will be represented by a strong team, this being one of the favorite intramural sports. Brother McLaughlin will no doubt again heed the call of the cinder path and run in the sprints for F. and M.

Socially Alpha Gamma has been outdoing herself. A valentine dance held at the chapter house proved to be one of the most successful dances this year. The purchase of a victrola has given birth to several informal affairs. The most prominent



dance of the year for the fraternity men, the Interfraternity ball was held at the Hotel Brunswick on March 4, with Jan Savitt and his Top Hatters supplying the music for dancing. It was a huge success and all the men had an enjoyable evening. The spring formal is now in the air and with Brother DeSilva at the helm big things are expected. This dance will be held on Friday evening at the Iris Club, followed by an informal dance at the chapter house the following Saturday evening.

We wish to take this opportunity to introduce to you our new mascot. It is a pure bred shepherd police dog and has been named "Fritz." He is very popular (?) with all the fellows and is proving himself as a watch dog.

Alpha Gamma has gone in for another sport in a big way. Namely ping pong. Many of the fellows have become experts but "Big Mac" MacGinnis will challenge anybody, anywhere—when he has one of his "on" days—(and if he can find a ball).

News flash!!!! Brother Hershey has just been elected managing editor of the college newspaper, *The Student Weekly*. Congratulations.

Not being like the babbling brook who can go on forever we bid adieu for this issue but not without reminding the alumni to make the forthcoming spring formal a red letter day on their calendars.

F. WENDLE McLAUGHLIN

## Alpha Delta—Toledo

*Initiated:* Herbert Drager '38, Lawrence Bennet '40.

Here we are again to report on two of the busiest months in the history of Alpha Delta chapter. On December 18, seventy couples gathered at the New Secor Hotel for our annual Christmas Formal dinner dance. Brother Ahrberg and his committee, Brothers Palm, Miller, Knowles, Landwehr, Schmeltz and McMahon, gave us the best formal Alpha Delta has ever had. We don't want to brag, but it was also the most successful affair of the season sponsored by any campus organization, both socially and financially. This was followed by a series of skating and toboggan parties, planned by Brothers Lecklider, Thompson, and McMahon.

On January 3, the formal initiation of Herbert Drager completed the transformation from Sigma Delta Rho to Alpha Kappa Pi. He is the last of the old guard to take the final step. Former editor of the yearbook and a member of Arx, men's honorary society, Brother Drager is a man whom Alpha Delta is proud to claim as a member.

Intramural basketball and boxing have claimed their share of our time, though the results are far from satisfactory. Densman and Powers repeated their quasi-successes of last year, both going through to the finals only to lose out in their last fights.

The basketball team has to its credit one win in seven starts, with half of the schedule yet to be played.

Tuesday night, January 11, nine men from Alpha Delta, including Brothers Brandeberry, MacRitchie, McMahon, Jennings, Schmeltz, Jameson, R. Littin, Nickle, and Powers, journeyed to Detroit, where they pledged thirty-two members of Psi Delta fraternity to Alpha Kappa Pi.

The ceremonies were followed by a buffet lunch.

The pledge chapter of Wayne visited Alpha Delta on February 1, for a smoker. The event was almost marred by lack of food, due to last-minute changes in arrangements, but with a great deal of hurrying about, a suitable lunch was prepared.

February 12 was another great day for Alpha Delta chapter as four men, Brandeberry, MacRitchie, Ahrberg, and Powers worked with Brothers Kitchen and Rafeld in the initiation of the members of Alpha Zeta chapter at Wayne.

Brandy has been nicknamed "The Paul Revere of Alpha Kappa Pi," because of his mid-day ride to Toledo, for registration blanks. The banquet was held at La Casa Loma, and it really was the best we ever attended. However, we won't go further into the story of the initiation, as it will be told elsewhere in this issue.

The second semester is now under way at Toledo, with Brother Buell and Pledge Williams back in school, while Brother McMahon has dropped out. Ed has finally decided to study osteopathy at the Kirksville, Missouri, school. Brothers Herringshaw and Engler are no longer wearing their frat pins, though neither has announced his engagement. Brother Nickle has been elected to replace President MacRitchie in Panhellenic Council, as Mac is unable to attend meetings. Brother Foulk, who is business manager of the Blockhouse, has been elected to Arx, men's honorary.

DEAN POWERS

## Alpha Epsilon—Cincinnati

Here we are back in school after a very pleasant Christmas and a very happy New Year. On January 3 every one in section one was introduced to our new house mother, Mrs. Walters. She is from the land of Dixie, and boy can she bake the best pies, southern style, one of the best among the fraternities on our campus. Mrs. Walters works at all times with the club and together they make an excellent combination in helping the fellows and keeping up the morale of the chapter.

January 15 the pledges of Alpha Epsilon had an old clothes party for the actives and their girl friends. The fellows wore old trousers and dark shirts, while the girls wore short dresses and large hair ribbons. We played a few games and the remainder of the evening we danced to our radio. At twelve o'clock we had refreshments of cocoa and doughnuts.



On February 8 the actives gave a smoker at the chapter house for pledges and prospective pledges. We had a great time playing poker, hearts and pinochle. Around twelve o'clock we had some cocoa and sandwiches followed by a long bull session. After the smoker President Allison, Brother Werle and the two pledges, Mr. Dodson and Mr. Church, played pinochle until three o'clock in the morning.

We are participating in University Intramural Bowling League this term. We have a very good team. It consists of Brother Baffa, Brother Werle, Brother Tilton, President Allison and Brother Pfeifer. This year, out of twelve games, we have lost only three and these games were lost by just a few pins.

"Hell Week" started February 6 at twelve o'clock. During this week the pledges ate their breakfasts and dinners with spoons and each night around eleven o'clock they were sent out to get something (for example the signatures of the policemen on duty in the city jail). Saturday night they were taken down into the "Blue Grass State" of Kentucky on their final ride. Before letting them start on their walk back to Cincinnati we poured "Karo Syrup" over their heads and into their trousers. They arrived back at the chapter house at 4:30 A.M.

To finish up the school term everyone of the actives in first section went to the Junior Prom to dance to Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra at the great Topper Ballroom in Cincinnati.

FORD B. PFEIFER

### Alpha Zeta—Wayne

In this number of the ALPHA, Alpha Zeta makes its first appearance in print before the rest of the brotherhood. Highly pepped up by our new status as Alpha Kappa Pi members and possession of seven-pointed stars, Alpha Zeta is in the mood for a successful year and progress no end! Our first rush party at Alpha Kappa Pi was held on Wednesday, March 2, with an excellent turnout of prospects. Our second rush party is to be held soon and in the next issue we hope to report our most successful pledging season. National membership, we find, is a most enchanting allurements in snaring the wary pledge. Accounts of the initiation and installation ceremonies were carried by the

*Detroit Collegian*, *The Detroit Times*, and *Free Press*. If this keeps up Alpha Zeta will be well known over a wide area.

In the field of inter-frat activities we seem to be making excellent progress; the Inter-frat ping-pong tournament is practically within our grasp, if Bob and Al Nelson, Robert Huffman, and Jim Jones keep up their usual form in the remaining matches—but Alpha Zeta never counts its ping-pong trophies until they are hatched. Inter-frat tournaments in bridge and debating are also coming up, and we plan to give a good account of ourselves in these, as well as in the swimming tournament which is rapidly approaching.

In school sports we are depending on Rogers Liddle and Joe (call-me-Escanaba) Pryal to uphold the fraternity's reputation in track and football, and on Bob Nelson for spring football in season. Wayne was to have a baseball team this season, but the idea had to be dropped due to lack of funds; this was a great blow to Bob Nelson's prospects, since he is conceded to be an excellent man at second base.

The chapter house is in excellent condition with Roy Ossman as our new house-manager. Five men are now living at the house, a goodly number considering that Wayne students live at home for the most part. Bob Webster, well known Wayne alumnus now living at the house, is planning (lucky fellow that he is) to go to South America in April. Of this more later.

The officers elected for this semester are: James G. Jones, president; Robert Nelson, vice-president; Rogers Liddle, secretary; Eugene Peugh, treasurer; Alexander Jerensick, chaplain; Robert Donaldson, sentinel; Donald Munro, historian, and Roy Ossman, house-manager.

Alpha Zeta is proud of its faculty advisers: Dr. Pixley of the Mathematics department, Dr. Phelps and Dr. Roulon of the Physics and Zoology departments respectively. Dr. Paxon of the Mathematics department has not yet formally affiliated himself with Alpha Zeta as yet, but we feel that we have found in him a firm and loyal friend.

At this point the Alpha Zeta chapter, as well as "Psi" the fraternity cat, wish to extend assurances of our warmest hospitality to any brother who may chance to be visiting Detroit in the future.

DONALD MUNRO

### OMEGA

Albert Hayes, *Gamma '26*, was killed on January 23, 1938 in a gas explosion while at work for the Consolidated Edison Company of New York City. Al was employed as an engineer in the sales technical bureau of that organization.



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