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By the Way—

■ BECAUSE the legislation and rulings of the Grand Chapter affect all of you, whether you are an undergraduate or an alumnus, we have attempted to report as completely as possible the proceedings of the convention. We urge that you read it attentively.

■ THE article entitled "National Defense and the Fraternities" is from the much discussed report of the Committee on Policy of the N.I.C. This Committee was headed by Paul G. Hoffman, President of the Studebaker Corporation and of Delta Tau Delta. It is realistic and practical and worthy of your earnest consideration.

■ SPACE has prevented the presentation of the All-Alpha Kappa Pi Football Team of 1940 in this issue and the announcement of these selections has been held over until the next issue.

■ THE next issue will also contain a Song Book insert. All brothers and chapters using fraternity songs not heretofore published are requested to send in words and music at once.

■ Pursuant to the mandate of the Grand Chapter, the Editors have planned to devote the December, 1941, issue to a fraternity directory. There will be further announcements of this at a later date.

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The President's Message

¶ With the very successful Grand Chapter meeting in New York City still fresh in the minds of so many Alpha Kappa Pi men, let us study the present state of our Fraternity.

¶ We know that we are on the upgrade but there is a vast amount of real work ahead to maintain our position, accept our full measure of responsibility and capitalize on our better approach to education.

¶ The financial position of many chapters should be improved. With the counsel of your Board of Governors, a marked change for the better should be evident at the time of the next Grand Chapter meeting. Unless its balance is in the black, with all outstanding accounts paid, no chapter can enjoy success. The matter of pledge dues is not a serious one. Chapters should not pledge a student who cannot be initiated as soon as possible, for such pledges are liabilities, regardless of their position on the campus.

¶ With the exception of the Convention delegates, many brothers are not acquainted with the Grand Officers. We hope to remedy this fault during the coming two years. If you will write to the officer nearest your chapter, stating that his presence is requested at a particular function, you may be sure he will do his best to be present.

¶ Your Grand Officers are deeply aware of the honor you have bestowed upon them. We are also mindful of our responsibilities. We pledge you our conscientious and untiring efforts in the administration and upbuilding of our Fraternity.

ARBA S. TAYLOR
Grand President



The ALPHA of Alpha Kappa Pi



Grand Chapter Adopts New Constitution

Arba S. Taylor Succeeds Fraim as President

By C. Russell Kramer, Editor

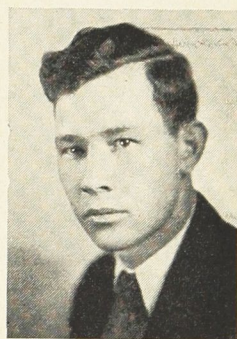
■ THE Twelfth Grand Chapter meeting of Alpha Kappa Pi has come and gone but it was one which will long be remembered by the brothers who attended because of its atmosphere of informality and good fellowship. The largest convention yet conducted, both in chapters represented and in numbers attending, it will stand forth in the annals of the fraternity for its constructive accomplishments, including the adoption of the revision of the constitution, the presentation of the revised ritual for the first time to the entire brotherhood, and the recording of reports reflecting the continued progress and the more efficient administration of the fraternity.

The Twelfth Grand Chapter was called to order on Friday morning, December 27, 1940, at the Hotel Commodore in New York City by Grand President Parke B. Fraim. A smoker and reception the preceding evening arranged and sponsored by the brothers of Theta chapter at Columbia, served to acquaint the delegates and visitors. After the opening ceremonies, the roll call, and the adoption of the minutes of the Eleventh Grand Chapter meeting, Grand President

Fraim gave his report. After welcoming the delegates on behalf of the Executive Council, he pointed out that Alpha Kappa Pi, in



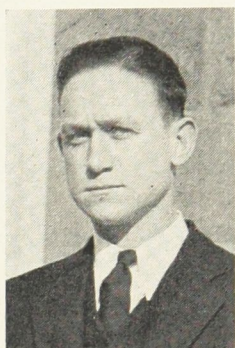
PARKE B. FRAIM, *Delta Retiring Grand President and the new Grand Second Vice-President.*



W. SAMUEL KITCHEN,
Mu Re-elected Grand Secretary

rounding out twenty years of its existence, was now composed of thirty-three undergraduate chapters with a total membership of 3,105, consisting of 526 undergraduate members and 2,579 alumni members. He stated that Alpha Kappa Pi was a vital part of the fraternity system of the United States

and Canada, which fraternity system now consists of sixty national fraternities with 2,452 chapters and 850,000 living members. He reported on the installation of four new chapters since the last Grand Chapter meeting and welcomed them to their first conven-



DAVID S. BLANKENSHIP, *Eta*
Advanced to the office of Grand First
Vice-President

tion. Commenting upon the advancement of Alpha Kappa Pi from junior to senior membership in the National Interfraternity Conference, he cautioned that this advancement brought new responsibilities but averred that Alpha Kappa Pi would not be found wanting. He reported upon the last meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference, mentioning in particular the banquet conducted in connection therewith, at which sixty members of the fraternity were present, all being designated with a yellow tea rose in their lapels. He also called attention to the fine financial condition of the fraternity and expressed confidence that it would weather any financial storm which might be ahead during the next few years for all fraternities because of present world conditions. He then outlined the program for the convention and in concluding paid tribute to the fine support and co-operation of the Executive Council and Fraternity Adviser Albert H. Wilson during his term as President.

Grand Secretary W. Samuel Kitchen reported that the membership of the fraternity had doubled in the last six years and congratulated the delegates on the honor ac-

corded them in being chosen to represent their chapters at the Grand Chapter meeting. He also pointed out that the fraternity, during its almost twenty years of existence, had given to its members the greatest of gifts—the opportunity of service.

The report of Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs as usual showed all bills paid and no current liabilities. The report showed that the net worth of the fraternity as of November 30, 1940, was \$12,853.51, of which sum \$6,373.03 was represented by cash on hand or in banks. He also reported that the gain from operations for the year ending November 30, 1940, amounted to \$2,082.34.

Fraternity Adviser Albert H. Wilson, whose report to Grand Chapter meetings is always anticipated with great interest, paid tribute to Nu chapter at Lehigh University as the chapter par excellence year in and year out. "Financially it is always on the right side of the ledger; scholastically, it is always crowding the leaders; socially, it is always holding its own with the best on its campus; athletically and in collegiate honors, it is more than pulling down its share; and fraternally, a most agreeable and hopeful atmosphere always prevails." He pointed out that the state of affairs at Nu is all the more remarkable because competition is nowhere more exciting than at Lehigh where nearly thirty fraternities rebuild their membership each fall.

The Adviser cautioned against the danger of giving pledges too many social and fraternal privileges resulting in unwarranted continuation of the pledge status, and urged that some program be adopted which would set up a life subscription to THE ALPHA. He also spoke on extension policies and the experience of other national fraternities of the same age as Alpha Kappa Pi.

"The fraternity belongs to the college man and the officers are concerned solely with your welfare," said the Adviser in concluding his report. He promised prompt, courteous and fraternal consideration of all matters and questions submitted to his office, and stated that any misunderstandings would be errors of the head and not of the heart.

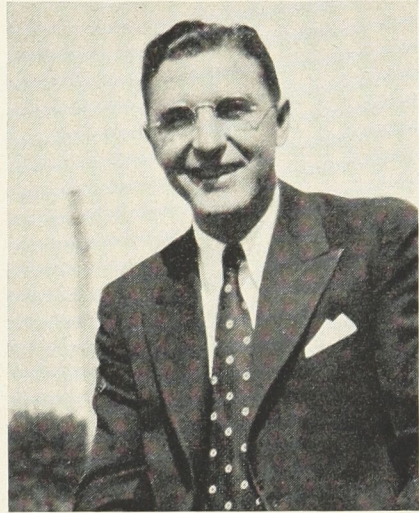
New Constitution Adopted

The revised constitution was presented to the convention for action by Grand First Vice-President Arba S. Taylor, who was chairman of the committee to revise the constitution. The last Grand Chapter meeting had directed that copies be sent to all chapters for suggested changes. Brother Taylor reported that it had been suggested that the time for wearing a black ribbon on the badge as a sign of mourning for a deceased brother be reduced from ten to three days; that the Grand Chapter, instead of the Executive Council, determine the time and place of Grand Chapter meetings; and that alumni chapters be given a vote in the Grand Chapter meeting. The last proposal evoked considerable discussion but it was the consensus of the meeting that no vote be given to alumni chapters because they pay no dues, do not vote in their own undergraduate chapter meetings, and because the fraternity's primary concern is with the undergraduate and not the alumnus. None of these suggested changes were approved, and the constitution was then placed before the conven-

session of the Twelfth Grand Chapter meeting came to a close.

Second Session

Brother C. Russell Kramer, Editor of *THE ALPHA*, reported the resignation of Royal E. Cleveland, *Alpha*, and Jack H.



GEORGE E. OWEN, *Lambda*
Re-elected Grand Chaplain



ALBERT G. JAHN, *Omicron*
Re-elected Grand
Historian



FRANK J. KREBS, *Iota*
Re-elected Grand
Treasurer

tion for action. After roll call the revised constitution was declared adopted by more than the necessary two-thirds vote.

After a discussion on the advisability of publishing a new neophyte guide resulting in a recommendation that this work be undertaken by the Executive Council the first

Skinner, *Alpha*, as associate editors, because of the press of other business affairs. *THE ALPHA* now has a complete and current file of all members of the fraternity. The change in publication dates from the months of January, March, May, and November to the months of February, April, September, and December, he reported, was decided upon so that an issue would appear in September of each year which could be used for rushing purposes as well as a senior recognition number. He expressed his appreciation to all chapter historians for their work and made special mention of the regular contributions of Grand Chaplain George E. Owen and the splendid assistance of Fraternity Adviser Wilson in the work of publishing *THE ALPHA*. The editor's report also recommended a new cover design and requested the chapters to submit their suggestions. He also called for assistance from brothers with journalistic experience, located in New York



13TH NATIONAL CONVENTION BANQUET
ALPHA KAPPA PI FRATERNITY
HOTEL COMMODORE
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TWELFTH GRAND CHAPTER BANQUET, NEW YORK CITY, DECEMBER 27, 1940

City or vicinity, with the editorial work. He strongly urged the adoption of a life subscription plan in order to assure the continued interest of the alumni.

The delegates expressed the desire for the publication of a fraternity directory and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried the editor was directed to devote one issue of THE ALPHA every four years to a directory of the fraternity.

Although there was considerable discussion concerning a life subscription program no definite action was taken but the Executive Council has since authorized a limited life subscription plan for alumni only which is more fully set forth in the report of the proceedings of the Executive Council.

The Grand Secretary urged that a uniform practice be adopted by the chapters in preserving and filing instructions and correspondence from the national officers. The procedure followed by several of the chapters was explained by their delegates for the benefit of those chapters which had been careless in this matter.

The problem of maintaining perfect attendance at chapter meetings was presented by the delegate from Alpha Gamma chapter. Although a system of fines for non-attendance was discussed, it was the sentiment of the convention that any problem in the matter of attendance was the fault of the chapter itself at the time members were pledged.

The second session of the Grand Chapter meeting came to a close with a discussion of the advisability of lengthening and elaborating upon the pledging ceremony, but no action was taken.

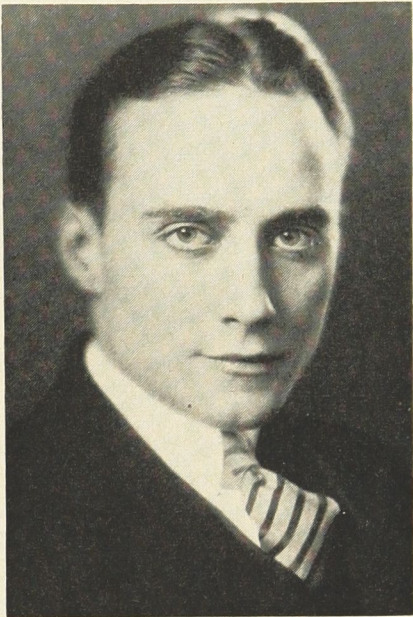
Grand Chapter Initiation

The initiation ceremony, the presentation of which has been a regular feature of the past several Grand Chapter meetings, was conducted immediately preceding the Convention Banquet on Friday evening. The Grand Chapter officers composed the initiation team, presenting for the first time to the entire brotherhood the revised ritual. Leonard L. Fromm, *Delta '44*, of Brooklyn,

New York, was honored by being formally initiated by the Grand Chapter. The initiation ceremony, with all the brothers attending the convention present, became all the more impressive.

Third Session

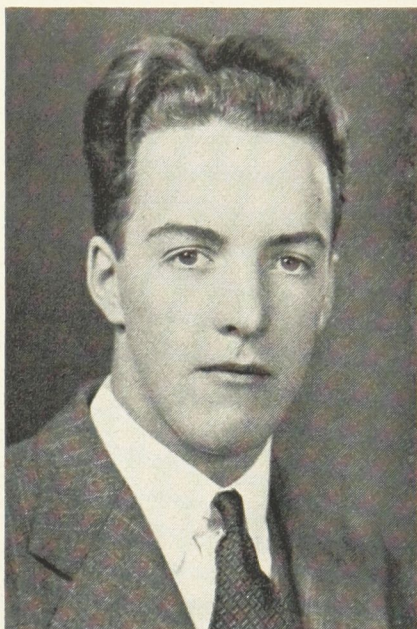
Grand Chaplain Owen presented the report of the Scholarship Committee to open



ADELBERT W. HEINMILLER, *Zeta '28*
New Chief of Eta Province

the third session on Saturday morning. The report listed the relative scholarship standing of each chapter on its respective campus. The Scholarship Committee presented the following recommendations:

1. That serious consideration be given by the Executive Council to the selection, in each convention year, of the undergraduate with the highest scholastic average among all the chapters, the winner to be presented with a scholarship key at the Grand Chapter meeting and to have his expenses to the convention paid by the fraternity.
2. That the chapters in awarding their chapter scholarship key consider the **greatest** improvement in scholarship as well as the highest record; that the names of the



WESLEY E. ROGLER, *Beta '32*
New Chief of Alpha Province

winners of the scholarship key in each chapter be published annually in THE ALPHA as a role of honor; and that the scholarship keys be presented before the Christmas holidays of each year in order to bring campus recognition to the winner.

3. That the chapters continue the practice of making an undergraduate brother responsible for the scholarship of each pledge and that if this system does not produce satisfactory results that a chapter proctor be designated in co-operation with the college authorities.

The convention adopted all of the resolutions presented by John M. Hood, delegate from Nu chapter, who reported for the Resolutions Committee. The resolutions expressed appreciation to the Convention Committee, the Executive Council, Fraternity Adviser Wilson, and the Hotel Commodore.

The convention rose and stood with heads bowed in silence in respect to the deceased brothers as Grand Chaplain Owen read the report of the Omega Chapter Committee.

Grand Treasurer Krebs, in presenting the report of the Financial Committee, submitted

the budget for the next two years, which budget was adopted. The committee in making its report announced that all receipts were conservatively estimated.

The Chair asked for a discussion of the revised ritual as presented at the initiation ceremony the previous evening. Although the Executive Council has sole power to revise the ritual, the reaction of the delegates was welcomed by the Chair for the consideration of the Executive Council in making the final additions to the ritual.

Officers Elected

The report of the Nominating Committee was received and, there being no nominations from the floor, the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot. The following officers were elected: Grand President, Arba S. Taylor, *Tau*, Cranford, New Jersey; Grand First Vice-President, David S. Blankenship, *Eta*, Atlanta, Georgia; Grand Second Vice-President, Parke B. Fraim, *Delta*, Brooklyn, New York; Grand Secretary, W. Samuel Kitchen, *Mu*, Huntington, West Virginia; Grand Treasurer, Frank J. Krebs, *Iota*, Dell-



MELVIN S. HAAS, *Tau '40*
Epsilon Province Chief

roy, Ohio; Grand Historian, Albert G. Jahn, *Omicron*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Grand Chaplain, George E. Owen, *Lambda*, Richmond, Virginia.

The only change in the officers was the advancement of Taylor from Grand First Vice-President to the presidency and the advancement of Blankenship from the second vice-presidency to take Taylor's place. The election of Fraim to the office of Grand Second Vice-President assures the fraternity of his continued service as a National Officer and as a member of the Executive Council. All the officers being re-elected there is no change in the personnel of the Executive Council.

Leon R. Fencil, *Omicron*, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was elected to the Board of Trustees to take the place of Raymond E. Roush, *Omicron*. The other members of the Board of Trustees were re-elected, and the Board, in addition to Brother Fencil, is now composed of Frank G. Helyar, *Rho*, Stelton, New Jersey; Kenneth A. MacFadyen, *Alpha*, North Arlington, New Jersey; Paul E. Schweizer, *Alpha*, Arlington, New Jersey; and N. Ellsworth Wheaton, Jr., *Rho*, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

The Fraternity Adviser proposed that Alpha Province, which comprises the States of New York and New Jersey, be divided into two separate provinces, one to consist of the State of New Jersey and Staten Island and to retain the name of Alpha Province, and the other to consist of the balance of New York State and to be designated as Theta Province. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried this change in the provinces was approved by the Convention.

The Fraternity Adviser then announced the appointments of the following province chiefs:

Alpha Province, Wesley E. Rogler, *Beta*, Weehawken, New Jersey.

Beta Province, Albert G. Jahn, *Omicron*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Delta Province, Lynn Durham, *Chi*, Burlington, North Carolina.

Epsilon Province, Melvin A. Haas, *Tau*,



LEON R. FENCIL, *Omicron* '28
New Member of Board of Trustees

Beverly, Massachusetts.

Zeta Province, Jackson W. Rafeld, *Psi*, Akron, Ohio.

Eta Province, Adelbert W. Heinmiller, *Zeta*, Washington, D.C.

Theta Province, Clifford T. Graham, *Delta*, Brooklyn, New York.

No Chief was appointed for Gamma Province but the Adviser reported that this position would be filled very shortly. Chiefs Rogler and Heinmiller will be serving their first terms as Province Chiefs. All others were reappointed.

The Chair asked for suggestions from the delegates as to the time and place of the next convention. This discussion produced just about as many suggestions for places for the next convention as there were delegates present. Although there was no general agreement as to a location for the next convention it was the sentiment of the Convention that it be held anywhere but New York City.

There was also serious consideration given to changing the time of the convention to the early part of September and this sugges-

tion was taken under advisement by the Executive Council.

An innovation in the program was the period allotted to a discussion of the evaluation of the convention. The Smoker immediately preceding the convention and the Convention Banquet were highly favored by the delegates. Probably the most important suggestion was that each chapter send in a general report, at least six weeks before each convention, containing the highlights of the chapter activities since the last Grand Chapter meeting. It was proposed that these reports be co-related into a general report which would gather up any useful suggestions which might otherwise be overlooked during the course of the convention.

Before calling for the installation of the new national officers, the Grand President thanked the Executive Council for its splendid support during his term of office and the chapters for giving him the honor and opportunity for serving as Grand President.

The installation ceremonies of the new Grand President, Arba S. Taylor, were conducted by Adviser Wilson and the other Grand Officers were installed as the first act of office by the new Grand President.

An inscribed gavel was presented to Brother Fraim on behalf of the delegates and the Executive Council in consideration for his years of service to the fraternity, by Grand Second Vice-President Blankenship immediately before the adjournment of the convention sine die.

Convention Banquet

The banquet with 170 brothers present proved to be the high point in the convention program. Fraternity Adviser Wilson presided as Toastmaster.

The feature of the banquet was the presentation, as honor guests, of four of the seven brothers who led Alpha Kappa Pi from a local status into a national organization. These four men, Wilson R. Hull, Harry Dierman, Ralph Brader, and James Gibbons, all from Alpha chapter, received a great acclaim from the brothers as they were pre-

sented. John Kern, now residing in Texas; Paul Clemen, now in Holland; and Harry McKnight, of New Haven, Connecticut, all from Beta chapter, were the three other brothers who could not be present.

Brother Wilson, on behalf of the fraternity, presented a full crown pearl badge to Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs in recognition of his ten years of service. Brother Krebs, surprised and overwhelmed, was unable to express his sentiments.

Speeches were limited to two, with Editor Kramer speaking on the alumni and Grand President Fraim on the undergraduates. Asserting that no chapter is any stronger than its local alumni organization, Brother Kramer pointed out that these local alumni organizations provided continuity of tradition, business practice, and high quality of new men in the undergraduate chapter.

Grand President Fraim, speaking of the undergraduates, spoke of the unity and progress to be attained by working together in a common cause, but to attain this each individual must do his part. "Live long, my son, but live so that others will not think it long," said the Grand President in concluding his address.

The banquet closed with the clasping of hands in a fraternal circle, which ceremony has become traditional with all convention banquets.

Executive Council Proceedings

The Executive Council met on December 26, 1940, immediately preceding the Convention, held several meetings while the Convention was in session, and met again immediately upon the adjournment of the Grand Chapter meeting to take up matters which had been presented to it by the delegates.

The suggestions presented on the floor of the Convention with reference to the ritual were discussed and the committee appointed by Grand President Taylor was instructed to have the ritual ready for publication within one month. The Executive Council directed that both the Constitution and the

ritual be published and distributed to the chapters by the Grand Treasurer.

A committee was also appointed to re-assemble the material already collected for the neophyte guide and instructed to have a draft drawn as soon as possible for the approval of the Executive Council. It is planned to have the neophyte guide ready for publication before the end of the school year.

In the absence of any general enabling legislation by the Grand Chapter to establish a general life subscription plan for THE ALPHA, which would be compulsory for all undergraduates, the Executive Council authorized that a life subscription to THE ALPHA be offered to all members of the fraternity on a voluntary basis at \$15. The Editor was directed to circularize all present alumni subscribers and also to permit payment of the subscription over a four-year period at \$4.00 per year. Payments of this subscription in installments would amount to \$16 instead of \$15. Any person defaulting in his installment payments would sacrifice all money paid in. It was the opinion of the Executive Council that the experience obtained from this program would be of inestimable value in properly presenting a plan for compulsory subscription for all members of the fraternity at the next Grand Chapter meeting two years hence.

Convention Committees

Finance

Lewis D. Loring, *Tau*
Charles Buckley, *Alpha Beta*
Philip Unhock, *Theta*
Eugene Zytikus, *Alpha Delta*
Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, Chairman

Resolutions

Donald F. Smith, *Alpha*
John M. Hood, *Nu*
Lane C. Drye, *Xi*
Kenneth W. McCormick, *Alpha Gamma*
Grand Second Vice-President Blankenship, Chairman

Scholarship

Harry Newby, *Alpha Iota*
Gordon Seidel, *Lambda*
Ralph S. Dobbins, *Psi*
Grand Chaplain George E. Owen, Chairman

Omega Chapter

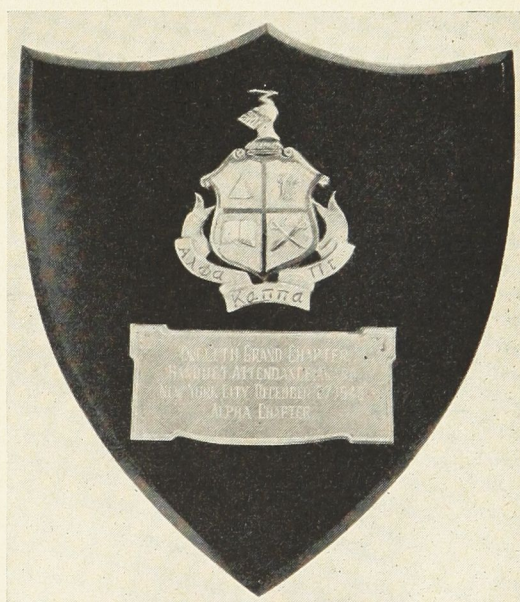
Robert Intemann, *Beta*
Francis Williams, Jr., *Phi*
Grand Chaplain George E. Owen, Chairman

Nominating

Adelbert W. Heinmiller, *Zeta*
Robert P. Williams, *Lambda*
Grand Historian Albert G. Jahn, Chairman

Alpha Chapter Wins Banquet Attendance Award

Alpha chapter, with 47 members present at the Convention Banquet, was adjudged the winner of the Banquet Attendance Award. The award, which is in the form of a five-inch bronze coat-of-arms mounted on a mahogany shield, suitably inscribed, becomes the permanent possession of the winner. First authorized by the Executive Council for the 1938 Grand Chapter meeting, the award was based on convention attendance, but was this year limited to banquet attendance. Beta chapter, which topped all contestants in 1938, finished in second place. Especially noteworthy was the attendance of Alpha Kappa, our newest chapter, which



THE PLAQUE WON BY ALPHA CHAPTER FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE CONVENTION BANQUET

finished in third place with 13 of her 17 undergraduate members present.

The winner is determined on a point basis, with five points for each member present and an additional point for each member for each twenty-five miles from the chapter to the place of the convention.

Following is a tabulation of the final standing of the first seven chapters:

Chapter	Number Present	Distance (Miles)	Mileage Points	Attendance Points	Total
Alpha	47	25	47	235	282
Beta	25	25	25	125	150
Alpha Kappa	13	150	78	65	143
Chi	5	550	105	25	135
Alpha Zeta	3	800	96	15	111
Delta	17	25	17	25	102
Psi	3	700	84	15	99

Convention Register

Allen, Fred, *Alpha Kappa*, Katonah, N.Y.

Amico, Antonino, *Theta*, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Arnold, Colin, *Alpha Kappa*, Yonkers, N.Y.

Backes, John, *Beta*, West New Brighton, N.Y.

*Baffa, Joseph J., *Alpha Epsilon*, Cincinnati, Ohio

Ballentine, William, *Alpha*, Irvington, N.J.

Belluardo, Frank V., *Lambda*, Fairview, N.J.

Benedict, M. D., Jr., *Alpha*, Newton, Mass.

Benson, W. C., Jr., *Alpha*, East Orange, N.J.

Betancourt, Frank, *Beta*, New York City

Beyer, C. E., *Chi*, Providence, R.I.

Blankenship, C. H., *Nu*, New York City

Blankenship, David S., *Eta*, Atlanta, Ga.

Books, Thomas V., *Alpha*, Rutherford, N.J.

Brader, Ralph A., *Alpha*, Bloomfield, N.J.

*Buckley, C. H., Jr., *Alpha Beta*, Boston, Mass.

Buonassisi, Charles, *Alpha Kappa*, Katonah, N.Y.

Bzdyk, Joseph, *Theta*, New York City

Carlos, Juan J., *Delta*, Manila, P.I.

Chase, Richard R., *Alpha Zeta*, Pleasant Ridge, Mich.

Cole, Matheson, *Alpha*, Newark, N.J.

*Cook, Ryder F., *Iota*, Queens Village, N.Y.

Danielson, Alfred, *Beta*, Staten Island, N.Y.

Davidheiser, Lee, *Beta*, Staten Island, N.Y.

Davis, Richard, *Alpha*, Bloomfield, N.J.

DeCarlo, Charles J., *Delta*, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Deitz, Charles E., *Alpha Alpha*, Hollis, N.Y.

Dias, F. K., *Psi*, Irwin, Pa.

Dierman, H. W., *Alpha*, Tenaflly, N.J.

Dietrick, S. W., *Beta*, Camden, N.J.

*Dobbins, Ralph S., *Psi*, Charleston, W.Va.

Donohoe, Howard, *Nu*, Drexel Hill, Pa.

*Drye, Lane C., *Xi*, Landis, N.C.

Durham, Lynn D., *Chi*, Burlington, N.C.

*Durham, Marshall, *Chi*, Burlington, N.C.

Eberhardt, Luther, *Beta*, Staten Island, N.Y.

*Eisele, Joseph R., *Alpha Kappa*, Lawrence, N.Y.

Ellor, James, *Alpha*, Point Pleasant, N.J.

Ernst, Charles F., *Tau*, Teaneck, N.J.

Evans, Roy W., *Chi*, Milltown, N.J.

Fencil, Leon R., *Omicron*, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ferris, Charles W., *Alpha*, Newark, N.J.

Feuerbach, Theodore, *Alpha*, Newark, N.J.

Fischer, Ernest A., *Alpha*, West New York, N.J.

Flaherty, John J., *Alpha*, Jersey City, N.J.

Forbes, Jack, *Alpha Kappa*, Lake Shenorock, N.Y.

Fraim, Parke B., *Delta*, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Franzreb, Thomas, *Beta*, Tomkinsville, N.Y.

Georgilas, Herbert, *Alpha Zeta*, Detroit, Mich.

Giacometti, Alfred E., *Theta*, Long Island City, N.Y.

Gibbons, James A., *Alpha*, Westfield, N.J.

Gibney, Herbert N., *Beta*, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Graham, Clifford T., *Delta*, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Grim, Thomas H., *Lambda*, Wheeling, W.Va.

Guttler, John, Jr., *Beta*, Staten Island, N.Y.

Haas, Melvin S., *Tau*, Beverly, Mass.

Halbig, G. O., *Omicron*, Philadelphia, Pa.

Hedman, Sverker N., *Pi*, Stoneham, Mass.

Heider, Edward A., *Alpha*, Newark, N.J.

Heinmiller, A. W., *Zeta*, Washington, D.C.

Heinzelman, Fred, Jr., *Delta*, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Higgins, Edward P., *Alpha*, Newark, N.J.

Hoffman, William H., *Alpha*, Hackensack, N.J.

Holmstrup, Christian P., *Beta*, Staten Island, N.Y.

Holt, Ray, *Alpha Kappa*, Ridgefield, N.J.

Hommel, James G., Jr., *Alpha*, Morristown, N.J.

*Hood, John M., *Nu*, Arlington, Va.

Horner, Frank W., Jr., *Alpha*, Montclair, N.J.

Horrocks, Robert I., *Alpha*, Westfield, N.J.

Houghton, John L., *Alpha*, Westfield, N.J.

Hull, Wilson R., *Alpha*, Rye, N.Y.

Husted, Harry, *Beta*, Richmond Hill, N.Y.

*Intemann, Robert, *Beta*, Liberty, N.Y.

Izard, Richard L., *Beta*, Staten Island, N.Y.

Jahn, Albert G., *Omicron*, Philadelphia, Pa.

Jermak, Peter P., *Alpha*, Jersey City, N.J.

Johnson, George B., *Alpha Kappa*, Brewster, N.Y.

Johnson, Thomas, *Alpha*, East Orange, N.J.

Johnson, Werner, *Beta*, New York City

Jones, Edward J., Jr., *Beta*, Staten Island, N.Y.

Kennington, Charles H., Jr., *Alpha*, Newark, N.J.
 Kerwin, Kenneth, *Beta*, Staten Island, N.Y.
 Kessler, Charles M., *Alpha*, Maplewood, N.J.
 Kitchen, W. Samuel, *Mu*, Huntington, W.Va.
 Klemann, Leonard, *Beta*, St. Albans, N.Y.
 Knutson, Harry, *Delta*, Bronx, N.Y.
 Kolb, Guenther, *Alpha Alpha*, Hollis, N.Y.
 Kramer, C. Russell, *Rho*, Montclair, N.J.
 Krebs, Frank J., *Iota*, Delroy, Ohio
 Kugler, F. S., *Xi*, Salem, N.J.
 Kuszen, Frank, *Rho*, New Brunswick, N.J.

Laestadius, John E., *Delta*, Staten Island, N.Y.
 Lohan, J. Brooks, *Psi*, Charleston, W.Va.
 Loock, George E., *Delta*, New York City
 *Loring, Lewis D., *Tau*, Medford, Mass.
 *Lowery, Kenneth H., *Rho*, Mendham, N.J.

Mallon, David J., *Alpha*, East Orange, N.J.
 *Martin, Fred, *Omicron*, Drexel Hill, Pa.
 *McCormick, K. W., *Alpha Gamma*, Adam, Pa.
 McDonald, Rufus D., *Iota*, New York City
 McEvoy, James, *Alpha Kappa*, Albany, N.Y.
 McGuiness, John, *Alpha Beta*, New York City
 Meskill, Robert E., *Alpha*, Montclair, N.J.
 Meyer, Henry, *Alpha*, Leonia, N.J.
 Miller, Alexander, *Rho*, Newark, N.J.
 Miller, Allan, *Beta*, Staten Island, N.Y.
 Mitchell, Roy L., *Theta*, Woodside, N.Y.
 Moelter, Gregory, *Alpha*, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Muench, Frank J., Jr., *Alpha*, Newark, N.J.
 Murtland, John M., *Alpha Gamma*, Margate, N.J.

*Napier, Oscar T., *Mu*, Huntington, W.Va.
 *Newby, Harry, *Alpha Iota*, Washington, D.C.

O'Donnell, Daniel, *Delta*, Great Neck, N.Y.
 Overman, Fletcher B., *Alpha*, Rutherford, N.J.
 Owen, George E., *Lambda*, Richmond, Va.

Palmisano, Edward, *Gamma*, Bogota, N.J.
 Peterson, Donald, *Alpha*, Belleville, N.J.
 Petro, Stephen Jr., *Alpha*, Belleville, N.J.
 Petroskey, Walter, *Alpha*, Kearny, N.J.
 Pharo, William G., *Alpha*, Lyndhurst, N.J.
 *Pound, Glen M., *Alpha Eta*, Milton, Wis.
 Pruner, Henry E., *Alpha*, Rutherford, N.J.

Radus, Clifford R., *Rho*, Midland Park, N.J.
 Rafeld, Jackson W., *Psi*, Akron, Ohio
 Rengen, Harry, *Beta*, Little Falls, N.J.
 Restivo, Frank, *Alpha Delta*, Toledo, Ohio
 Roberts, Martin, *Delta*, Rockville Center, N.Y.
 Roel, Edmund L., *Delta*, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Rogler, Kenneth W., *Beta*, Weehawken, N.J.
 Rogler, Paul B., *Beta*, Weehawken, N.J.
 Rogler, Wesley E., *Beta*, Weehawken, N.J.

Sammond, John H., *Delta*, Woodhaven, N.Y.
 Sauerborn, Eugene, *Alpha*, Newark, N.J.
 Saul, Edwin, *Beta*, New Brunswick, N.J.
 Saunders, Henry E., *Xi*, Bloomfield, N.J.
 Schroeder, Conrad, *Beta*, New York City
 Schroeder, Martin O. F., *Beta*, New York City
 Schultz, Alton A., *Alpha Alpha*, Dumont, N.J.
 Schwartz, Richard, *Theta*, New York City
 Schweizer, Paul E., *Alpha*, Arlington, N.J.
 *Seidel, Gordon, *Lambda*, Arbutus, Md.
 Sharke, Karl G. E., *Alpha Kappa*, North Tarryton, N.Y.

Sheen, Robert T., *Nu*, Chestnut Hill, Pa.
 Skinner, Walter E., *Alpha*, West Norwood, N.J.
 Skurla, Peter J., *Alpha*, Irvington, N.J.
 *Smith, Donald F., *Alpha*, Jersey City, N.J.
 Smith, G. B. L., *Alpha Kappa*, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Smith, Russell A., *Beta*, Staten Island, N.Y.
 Snyder, Alton, *Alpha Alpha*, Oneonta, N.Y.
 Sondergaard, Henry C., *Beta*, Ridgefield Park, N.J.
 *Stanhouse, Rea W., *Kappa*, Oneonta, N.Y.
 Steeper, William, *Gamma*, North Bergen, N.J.
 *Stengel, C. William, *Gamma*, Jersey City, N.J.
 Sterner, Wilbur H., *Beta*, Staten Island, N.Y.
 Stillwaggon, John C., *Alpha*, Arlington, N.J.
 Struever, Ralph L., *Alpha*, Palisades Park, N.J.
 Sukowich, Paul, *Beta*, Elizabeth, N.J.
 Swenson, Robert L., *Alpha*, Bloomfield, N.J.

Taylor, Arba S., *Tau*, Cranford, N.J.
 Thierry, Theodore, *Nu*, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 *Tigue, Joseph, *Alpha Zeta*, Detroit, Mich.
 Turley, J. F., *Alpha*, Elizabeth, N.J.
 Tyrell, Harold, *Theta*, New York City

*Unhock, Philip G., *Theta*, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Van Pelt, Thomas, *Beta*, Wantaugh, N.Y.
 Vomacka, Robert, *Beta*, Bronx, N.Y.

Wallace, Richard M., *Lambda*, New Castle, Pa.
 *Wamboldt, George, *Delta*, Staten Island, N.Y.
 Weis, H. S., *Alpha*, Maplewood, N.J.
 *Williams, Francis P., Jr., *Phi*, Annapolis, Md.
 Williams, Robert P., *Lambda*, Millville, N.J.
 Wilson, Albert H., Adviser, New York City
 *Worman, Wilson J., *Alpha Alpha*, Middleburgh, N.Y.
 Wright, Willard O., *Rho*, Hackensack, N.J.

Zemetra, M. J., *Delta*, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Zirkuly, Victor, *Alpha Kappa*, Yonkers, N.Y.
 *Zytkus, Eugene, *Alpha Delta*, Toledo, Ohio

*indicates official chapter delegate

The New Grand President

By C. Russell Kramer, *Editor*

■ IN A WORLD ravaged by war and in a world adjusting itself to new social orders, those charged with leadership find their course uncharted and beset with uncertainty.



ARBA S. TAYLOR, *Tau*, Grand President

Especially is this true of those who have been given the responsibility of administering the affairs of college fraternities. The effects of conscription, national defense taxes, and the efforts for total defense are not yet evident. Alpha Kappa Pi has chosen a man with a record of college, fraternity and business experience and accomplishments to navigate its ship of state during the next two years.

Our new Grand President, Arba S. Taylor, *Tau* '26, of Cranford, New Jersey, takes over our highest fraternity office after serving as a member of the Executive Council for the last four years. He was first elected to national office in 1934 as a member of the Board of Trustees. He then subsequently served as Grand Second Vice-President and then Grand First Vice-President.

Brother Taylor is a graduate of Tufts College, and received his B.Sc. degree in Engineering in 1926. While at Tufts he was a member of Delta Phi Sigma and was initiated into Alpha Kappa Pi in June, 1932, when that local received its charter as the *Tau* chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi. While an undergraduate Brother Taylor compiled a distinguished record. He was President of the Student Union, and the Pen, Paint and Pretzel Dramatic Society, as well as Chairman of the Student Branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He was Vice-President of the Student Council and the Interfraternity Council, manager of the basketball team, and a member of the Senior Class Day Committee. In addition to his many campus activities, Brother Taylor was active in his fraternity affairs and was president of his chapter in his senior year.

A loyal alumnus not only to his chapter but to his Alma Mater, he thinks nothing of flying from his home in Cranford, New Jersey, to Medford, Massachusetts, to attend to his many duties. He has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Tufts College Alumni Association of New York for thirteen years and is President of the Northern New Jersey Tufts Club. He is Class Agent of the Class of 1926 of Tufts College and has represented the college on numerous occasions on behalf of the President.

Brother Taylor is with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey at their plant in Bayway, New Jersey. He is a member of the Army Ordnance Association and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

An experienced amateur photographer, especially in aerial views, Brother Taylor has given numerous lectures illustrating his pictures before college and local groups.

Alpha Kappa Pi will go forward with confidence and assurance under the able and courageous leadership of Arba S. Taylor.

Alpha Kappa Chapter Is Installed at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

THE FORMER Lambda chapter of the Theta Nu Epsilon cut the final ties that bound it to the old fraternity, when the members were initiated into Alpha Kappa Pi on Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16, 1940. Seventeen members of the fifty-six year old chapter were initiated by the ritual team which went to Troy, New York, to conduct the ceremonies.

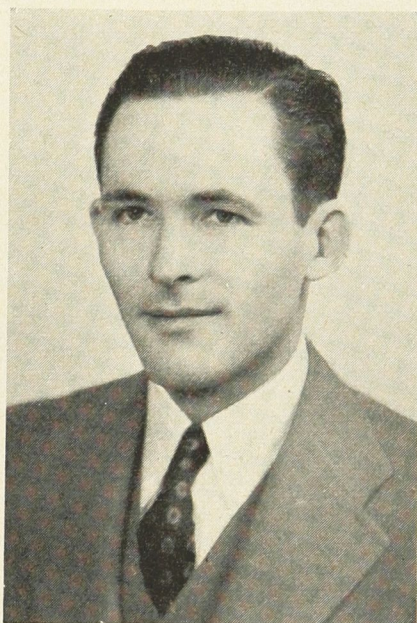
The activities of the week-end commenced on Friday evening when the initiation team, alumni, and the brothers and pledges of the house attended a smoker at the chapter house. The more solemn business of the week-end started at ten o'clock Saturday morning and lasted until early evening, with a respite in the afternoon when the group witnessed the Massachusetts State-Rensselaer football game. The ceremonies were conducted at the splendid Hotel Hendrick Hudson.

The ritual team was headed by Grand President Parke B. Fraim, who was assisted by Clifford T. Graham, Alpha Province Chief; John Laestadius, *Delta* '39; James Seelig, *Delta* '40; Rufus D. McDonald, *Iota* '32; and Warren Novak, *Delta* '43.

At the banquet given at the Hotel Hendrick Hudson, Saturday evening, Everett J. Lester, president of the local chapter, acted as toastmaster and welcomed the visitors to Troy and Rensselaer. Joseph R. Eisele, *Alpha Kappa* '41, gave a brief history of the old Lambda chapter from its founding at Rensselaer in 1884 to the present time, and its passing into the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity as the Alpha Kappa chapter. The principal speaker, Grand President Fraim, spoke of the meaning of the fraternity to both the collegiate and alumnus member. Following this address the chapter was installed and the different officers given an outline of their duties and obligations.

The following men were initiated as the charter members of Alpha Kappa chapter:

Arthur Allen, '42, Glen Rock, New Jersey;
Frederick Allen '42, Katonah, New York;
Colin Arnold '42, Yonkers, New York;
Nicholas Brasser, '42, Chicago, Illinois;

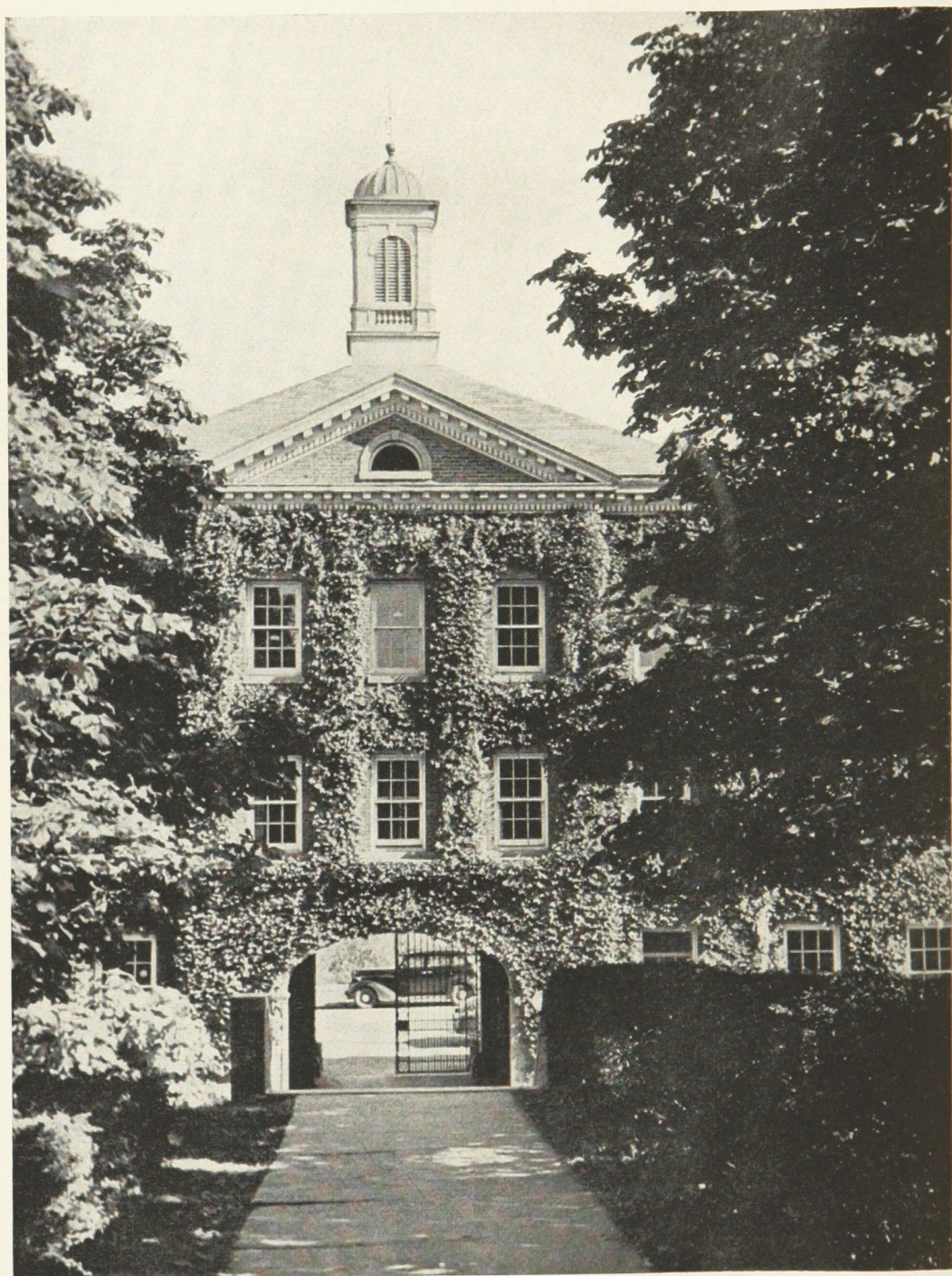


EVERETT J. LESTER, *Alpha Kappa* '41
First President of Alpha Kappa Chapter

Charles Buonassisi '41, Katonah, New York;
Joseph R. Eisele '41, Lawrence, New York;
George Fitch '42, Rushville, New York;
John Forbes '42, Lake Shenorock, New York;
Raymond Holt '42, Ridgefield, New Jersey;
George Johnson '42, Brewster, New York;
Everett J. Lester '41, Santa Barbara, California;
James McEvoy '41, Albany, New York;
Charles Rabolli '41, Garfield, New Jersey;
John Schwartz '41, Caldwell, New Jersey;
Karl G. Sharke '42, North Tarrytown, New York;
John Vossler '43, Eggertsville, New York;
Victor Zirkuly '41, Yonkers, New York.

History of R.P.I.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute was founded in 1824 at Troy, New York, by



AN ARCHWAY IS THE EXIT FROM THE VINE COVERED FROSH QUADRANGLE AT R.P.I.

Stephen Van Rensselaer of Albany, New York. His purpose in founding the school is defined in a letter to the first president Dr. Samuel Blatchford:

"I have established a school in the north end of Troy for the purpose of instructing persons in the application of science to the common purposes of life."

The first courses taught at Rensselaer School, as it was then called, were chemistry, land surveying, natural history and experimental philosophy. In the institute were organized the first laboratories in chemistry and physics for the regular teaching classes used anywhere. From its inception Rensselaer has been a pioneer in methods of teaching scientific and engineering education. It was here that field work was introduced to the United States. During the summer a ten-week period was devoted to a trip along the Erie canal for the purpose of collecting botanical and zoological specimens. In these respects it possesses traditions that are not exactly duplicated elsewhere.

In 1826 the school received from the legislature of the state of New York the powers and privileges accorded to higher educational institutions. Between the years 1826-34 it conferred the traditional academic degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. In the year 1835 it conferred the first degrees in engineering granted in any English speaking country.

Since Rensselaer was the first engineering school in the country its graduates laid the foundations of the departments of science and the schools of engineering in many of the universities of the east.

In the year 1837 the name of Rensselaer School was changed to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute by an act of the state legislature.

Acceptance of the direction of the Institute by Dr. B. Franklin Greene in 1847 marks an epoch in the history of the school. With the exception of the founder and the first director, Amos Eaton, it owes more to him than to any other person. After careful and intensive study of the curriculums of the scientific and technical schools of Europe,

Professor Greene thoroughly reorganized the curriculum. The reorganization, which included a material enlargement of the course of study and a more rigid standard of scholarship from candidates for degrees, took place in 1849. At the time of Rensselaer's reorganization there had been established only three other engineering schools in the country.

In 1862 a course in Mechanical Engineering was established at the institute. The first two years of this course were to be identical with the curricula of the Civil Engineering course, and the last two years were to be devoted more to the theory of machine construction. This course marked the birth in America of Mechanical Engineering since it was the first course in the United States that separated mechanical from civil engineering.

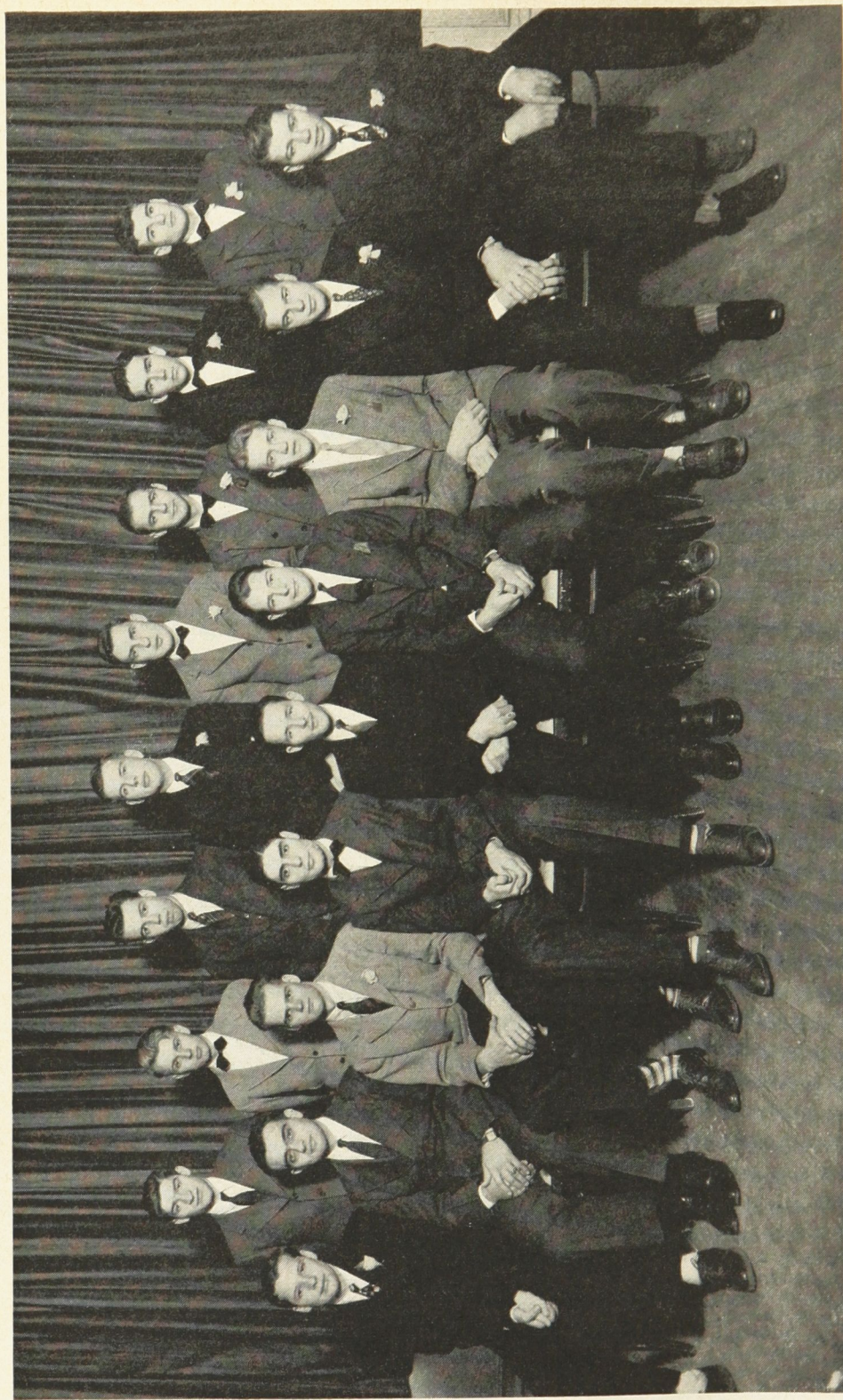
In 1871 it was decided to improve the course in civil engineering and to concentrate the efforts of the institute upon it. Therefore, three courses in natural science, the course in Mechanical and Mining Engineering were abolished. In 1904 the school was destroyed by fire. The alumni as well as Mrs. Russell Sage and Andrew Carnegie rallied and contributed funds which resulted in facilities unsurpassed among technical schools.

In 1907 in recognition of the need, the course in Mechanical Engineering was re-established and a course in Electrical Engineering was added. Since then the curriculum has been extended to include a department of Arts, Science and Business Administration, a department of Chemical Engineering in 1913, department of Architecture in 1929, and in 1933 departments of Aeronautical, Industrial and Metallurgical Engineering.

The campus consists of 15 buildings, 2 athletic fields, a grandstand, and 14 tennis courts. Honorary societies at the schools include Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, Pi Tau Sigma.

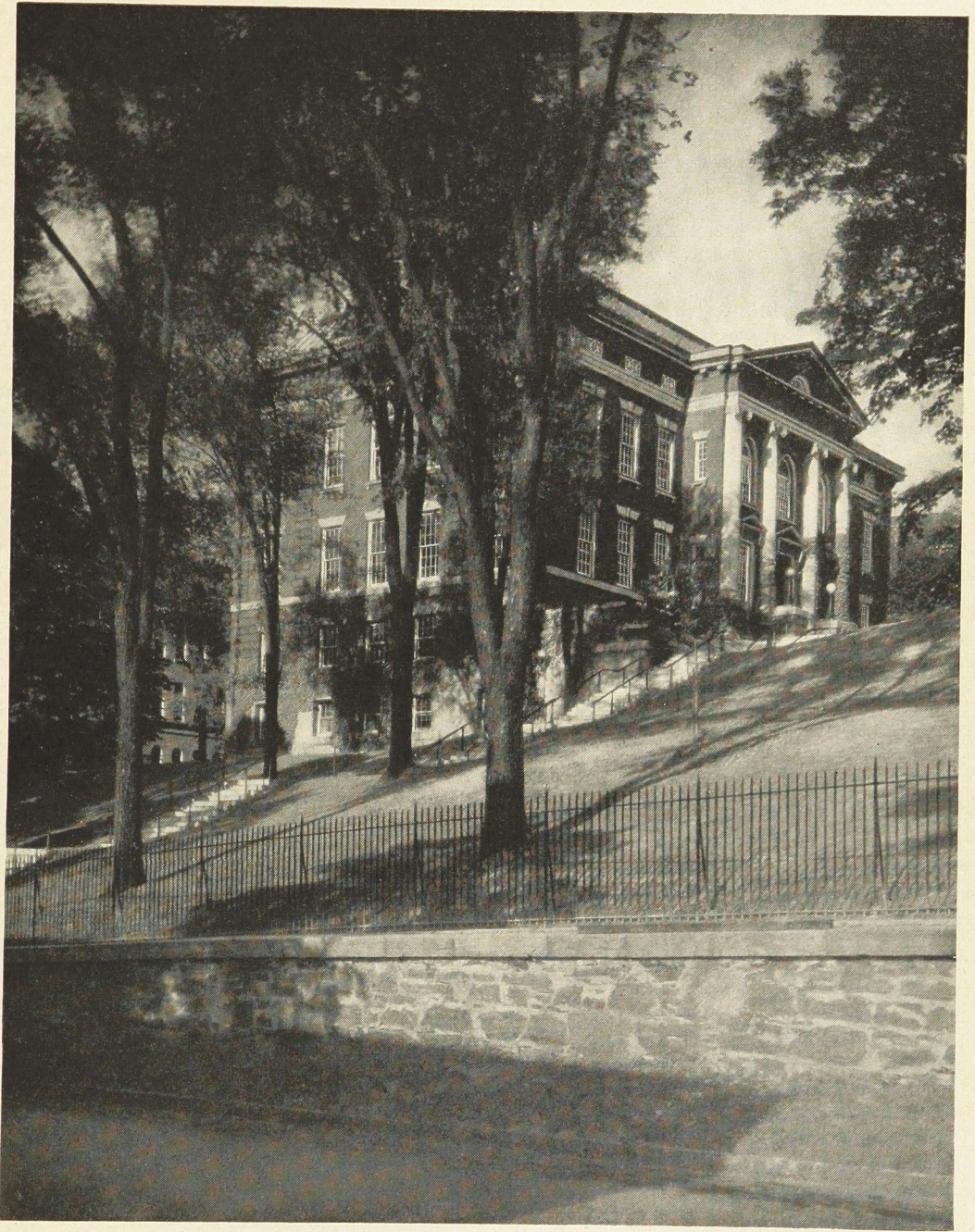
The History of Alpha Kappa Chapter

The Theta Nu Epsilon society was first organized by a group of students from Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut, on December 5, 1870. Up to 1920 it



CHARTER MEMBERS OF ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER

First Row (left to right): Ray Holt '42, Nicholas Bassar '42, Frederick Allen '42, Charles Buonassisi '41, Everett J. Lester '41, Joseph R. Eisele '41, Jack Schwartz '41, Victor Zirkuly '41, and John Vossler '43. Second Row: Charles Rabolli '41, George Fitch '42, Jack Forbes '42, Karl G. Sharke '42, George Johnson '42, Arthur Allen '42, James McEnoy '41, and Colin Arnold '42.



A VIEW OF THE CAMPUS AT R.P.I. SHOWING THE PITTSBURGH BUILDING

was a secret society for sophomores whose honorable intentions were to foster school spirit and love for the Alma Mater; but during its existence it acquired many sub-rosa and clandestine chapters which did much to hinder the existence of Theta Nu Epsilon chapters on many campuses.

At Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the Lambda chapter was installed on January 21, 1884. As was common in the chapters of Theta Nu Epsilon, its members were also members of other national fraternities until the early 1920's. Lambda chapter experienced much trouble during its early existence, and therefore, to keep its activities quiet they devised a secret code by which everyone was assigned a number. The code also included various phrases so that information could be passed on without being divulged. In 1920 the chapter was banned from the campus, but after a thorough reorganization, it was the first chapter to be legally recognized by its school authorities.

At that time they were the proud proprietors of a house which they sold several years later with the thought of bettering their location. Since 1926, the chapter has lived in seven different houses.

After dual membership in fraternities was banned, Lambda chapter began to take its place among the leading fraternities which dominated the interfraternity sports and scholastic standings. In 1926 and 1927 Lambda chapter won first place trophies in cross-country and a first place trophy in baseball in the spring of 1928. Although since then it has not obtained any trophies in athletics, it has been up in the fighting lines of second and third place.

During the year 1937-38 a scholastic award was established at the Institute and Lambda chapter was the first fraternity to receive this scholarship plaque. Lambda has consistently maintained a position in the upper third of the twenty-odd fraternities.

Fraternities at R.P.I.

The Greek letter life on the Rensselaer campus has been an ancient and most honorable one. It began a few years before the

War between the States, when the Theta Delta Chi fraternity placed its Delta chapter there. Then near the close of that same war the Theta Xi fraternity was founded on the Rensselaer campus and quickly followed by the Lambda chapter, Delta Phi fraternity, and then by chapters of Zeta Psi and Delta Kappa Epsilon. All these fraternities flourished for a number of years but in the time between the years 1893 and 1896, during a decline in college attendance, Theta Delta Chi and Zeta Psi withdrew their charters, and have not restored them. These two fraternities make up the only dormant units on the campus.

Before the arrival of the year 1900, and in the order named, these fraternities were attracted to Rensselaer: Chi Phi, Delta Tau Delta, and Theta Nu Epsilon, the latter in the year 1881, and out of which finally evolved the petition to the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity.

Shortly after the year 1900 the college broke away from the one course in Civil Engineering and with the magnificent increase in endowments, and an extensive building program, along with a great and ever increasing student body, other fraternities were attracted toward Rensselaer. The attendance began to grow in leaps and bounds from a scant two hundred men until today there are between sixteen and seventeen hundred men enrolled in the regular courses. In 1908 the Theta Chi fraternity, just breaking away from its local life at its founding college, Norwich University, Vermont, and with chapters only at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Maine, came out of New England and placed its Delta chapter here. Since that time the fraternities have come along in a very satisfactory way, and in the following order: Phi Sigma Delta, Kappa Nu, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Mu Delta, Pi Kappa Phi, Alpha Phi Delta, Phi Iota Alpha, Phi Kappa, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Phi Epsilon. There are also two old and very forceful local fraternities, well housed and wholly accredited,

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National Defense and the Fraternities

Excerpts from the Report of the Committee on Policy of the N.I.C.

■ OUR NATION has just started a gigantic effort in preparedness which may, perhaps, end in war. Already it has registered millions of young men who, in the armed forces, in industry, or on the farm, will be called on to serve their country. This is primarily the task of youth—fraternities are interested mainly in youth. The challenge, therefore, to the fraternities is plain and must be met. We must not fail the young men who are our members, the colleges with which we are affiliated, and the nation to which we owe our deepest devotion.

How then can we discharge this triple duty? In an effort to answer this question the Committee on Policy has given careful consideration to the many repercussions which the college fraternities will experience as a result of the national defense program.

First, it is obvious that the defense program will necessitate heavier taxes on both corporations and individuals. As a corollary the net incomes of men who send their sons to college will probably be appreciably lower.

Second, it is almost certain that prices of commodities such as coal and food will be higher, and that the fraternities will also have to pay more for services to janitors, cooks, and waiters. Taxes on fraternity real estate will also probably rise. This means that the fraternities will find their expenses mounting at a substantial rate and at the same time their members, by reason of their fathers' curtailed incomes, will be less able to meet the higher bills.

Third, there is a strong probability that the selective service act will encourage many college men to enlist for military service when they reach the age of twenty-one and thus decrease the number of juniors and seniors in the local chapters. This presents a serious problem in the matter of leadership.

If the situation indicated by our study should eventuate, our college fraternities will

face the following problems:

- a. With less money to spend, men attending college will question more seriously the desirability of joining a fraternity.
- b. With expenses increased, chapters will have to enlarge revenues or reduce expenses.
- c. With the loss of leadership due to the military enlistment of the older men, additional guidance will have to be provided.

To meet the problem that will grow out of the reluctance of desirable undergraduates to join fraternities, chapter life must be made vital enough to attract the more serious-minded and substantial men on the campus. Fraternities have been and are a useful adjunct in our system of higher education. They must be made more useful. To whatever extent necessary, they must be so repositioned that they will contribute to the scholastic and cultural, as well as the social life of their members.

To meet the problem of increased costs, we suggest that the expenses of the national headquarters and the local chapters be subjected to a vigorous challenge. The country may, and probably will, have a pseudo prosperity based on heavy Federal borrowing for the tremendous armament activity. Fraternity executives, however, must not be deceived or diverted by this false boom. Many economists predict that the coming boom will be followed in two or three years by a more serious depression than that which culminated in 1933. The need for economy is certain to come and the time to meet it is now. . . .

We have urged that primary emphasis be placed on economizing rather than attempting to increase chapter revenue, for these reasons. Revenues could be increased only by increasing chapter membership or by raising dues. Prior to 1918, few chapters averaged over thirty men. Since the last war,

membership has run from forty to forty-five and in some cases much larger. Unwieldy chapters are almost always weak—the standards of selection are lowered and they become more like clubs than fraternities. A further increase in average membership might well prove disastrous. Similarly, an increase of dues is out of the question. The expense of belonging to a fraternity is already high enough. To increase it further would be extremely dangerous. . . .

Decreasing Chapter Expense

A general survey of the fraternity situation indicates the desirability of considering the following means for cutting down expenses in the chapters themselves:

a. *Co-operative Buying of Food, Coal, and Other Supplies*: This is already done in some colleges. It can be organized almost everywhere either with all or some of the fraternities participating. The chief essential is an able purchasing agent, and the savings should be large enough to permit a salary to be paid adequate to secure competency.

b. *Co-operative Accounting*: We strongly urge the alumni to secure the services of an accountant or bookkeeper who will audit the chapter's books and serve as its financial guide. Usually three or four chapters can combine on a single campus and use the same man at a cost of not over \$200 or \$300 per year for each fraternity. There should, of course, be a close liaison between the alumni treasurer, the undergraduate treasurer, and the local accountant.

c. *Repairs*: Labor costs will undoubtedly mount and we, therefore, urge alumni associations to move speedily to put their houses in the best possible state of repair. We call particular attention to the heating plant which will burn unnecessary amounts of fuel if it is not in good shape. Undergraduates are notoriously slow to see the need for repairs or to move to rectify them. Their attitude is usually that they are in college for only a few years and that the house will hold together during their undergraduate lives. Therefore, this important question of renova-

tion is the 100% responsibility of the alumni.

d. *Letter to Parents*: Excellent results have been obtained by some chapters which have sent out to the father of each man pledged a complete statement of the financial requirements of the chapter, together with a short account of its history and traditions. When this has been done, no misunderstanding can arise either with the newly-elected member or his parents as to what the expenses are, when they are due, and what penalties are entailed in the event of their non-payment. It is our belief that every chapter should consider sending out such a letter immediately after the pledging of each delegation.

e. *Bad Debts*: Thousands of dollars every year have to be written off by our member fraternities due to "dead beats" among the members. The alumni associations should tighten up on the question of bills for dues and board in an effort to cut down these constantly recurring losses. It will be found that the local accountant will be of great assistance in securing results. No undergraduate should be allowed to run more than thirty days in arrears, and if he cannot pay what is due to the treasurer he should be immediately suspended. Telephone tolls are another source of loss to our chapters, and a system should be worked out whereby these charges also shall be paid each month under penalty of discipline.

We make two suggestions as to the avoidance of bad debts at their source: Men who question their financial ability to join a fraternity should not be over-persuaded. The professional "big shot" in college, who is keenly aware of how valuable an acquisition he is for the college and the fraternity, invariably leaves a trail of unpaid bills behind.

f. *Eliminate the Frills*: Elaborate house parties and dances should be either curtailed or abolished. "Big name" orchestras should give way to music of less pretentious character. Whenever possible, the work around fraternity houses should be done by members—we refer particularly to snow removal, clean-

ing of the house, waiting on table, tending the furnace, and making the beds.

g. *New Obligations:* The Committee warns the chapters against unwise borrowing at the present time. Each chapter should be slow to incur new financial burdens; instead, every effort should be made to reduce or pay off existing mortgages.

Military Service

To meet the problem which will result from the possible loss of juniors and seniors due to military service, two alternatives are open: More field service could be provided by the national headquarters, but this is a move in the wrong direction. We suggest that less rather than more field service might be in order. The other alternative is to call for more support and guidance from the chapter alumni associations. It is our earnest hope that during the trying times ahead of us, devoted graduates will rally to the assistance of their several chapters and will study means of strengthening them in a spiritual, financial and scholastic way. As a matter of fact, progress in instituting the program of economy suggested for the chapters themselves will depend almost wholly on the activity of the alumni associations. Young men in college cannot be expected to have the experience and ability to institute such a program.

During the next decade the probabilities are that the financial demands upon the alumni will be increased. Those who are more fortunately situated financially should be encouraged to carry one, two or more scholarship men. Often our most successful and devoted alumni are men who were given aid as undergraduates by their fraternity chapters and who have repaid that assistance a hundredfold in loyalty and hard cash since their graduation.

There is a small way in which all alumni can contribute. We suggest that when they return to their several campuses and eat at the fraternity house, they pay for their meal. Undergraduates would be loath to suggest that they do so but alumni would be far more welcome if their visits imposed no financial burdens.

In conclusion, may we say that your Committee is impressed by the problems which confront the college fraternities, but in no way dismayed by them. Essentially, it is a "call to arms" for the alumni. If their interest can be reawakened by this emergency, much good will flow in two directions. The chapters themselves will be strengthened by contacts with the alumni, and the alumni will find gratifications arising out of their contacts with their younger brothers which will more than repay them for their efforts.

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that compete in every way with the national fraternities. One of these locals is the old and powerful Rensselaer Society, and the other not so old but well established and wholly competent Phi Epsilon Phi society. It was into this forceful and beneficial college and fraternity life that the Alpha Kappa chapter, of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, entered on the days of Friday and Saturday,

November 15 and 16, 1940. If the old saying is true that a man is known by the company that he keeps, then Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity may well be proud of its Rensselaer chapter, not only for its own innate worth, but for the fraternal associations extended to it on the world famous campus of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



TWELFTH GRAND CHAPTER MEETING

First Row, left to right: UNHOCK, *Theta*; LORING, *Tau*; RESTIVO, *Alpha Delta*; ZYTKUS, *Alpha Delta*; HORNER, *Alpha*; MESKILL, *Alpha*; COLE, *Alpha*; STILLWAGGON, *Alpha*; TIGUE, *Alpha Zeta*; CHASE, *Alpha Zeta*; GEORGILAS, *Alpha Zeta*; LOOCK, *Delta*; GRIM, *Lambda*; SEIDEL, *Lambda*; BALLENTINE, *Alpha*; and LOWERY, *Rho*.

Second Row (sitting): M. DURHAM, *Chi*; RAFELD, *Zeta Province Chief*; LYNN DURHAM, *Delta Province Chief*; OWEN, *Grand Chaplain*; KREBS, *Grand Treasurer*; TAYLOR, *Grand First Vice-President*; FRAIM, *Grand President*; BLANKENSHIP, *Grand Second Vice-President*; KITCHEN, *Grand Secretary*; WILSON, *Adviser*; SCHWEIZER, *Alpha Province Chief*; HAAS, *Epsilon Province Chief*; GRAHAM, *Alpha Province Chief*; R. P. WILLIAMS, *Lambda*; W. E. ROGLER, *Beta*; and HEINMILLER, *Zeta*.

Third Row: HOOD, *Nu*; PETROSKEY, *Alpha*; NAPIER, *Mu*; BUCKLEY, *Alpha Beta*; MARTIN, *Omicron*; MCCORMICK, *Alpha Gamma*; BAFFA, *Alpha Epsilon*; SMITH, *Alpha*; INTEGANN, *Beta*; COOKE, *Iota*; DRYE, *Xi*; F. P. WILLIAMS, *Phi*; DOBBINS, *Psi*; EISELE, *Alpha Kappa*; WORMAN, *Alpha Alpha*;



NEW YORK CITY, DECEMBER 27, 1940

HIGGINS, *Alpha*; STANHOUSE, *Kappa*; WALLACE, *Lambda*; and KRAMER, *Editor*.

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The Fraternity Dollar

The First of a Series of Articles on Chapter Financial Management

By Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs

A dillar, a dollar
A ten o'clock scholar
What makes you come so soon?
You used to come at ten o'clock
But now you come at noon.

■ THIS little nursery rhyme reflects the type of fraternity man quite a number of us happen to be. We are very delinquent in paying our accounts to our chapter. Instead of paying the account at ten o'clock we very often do not even pay it at noon because we have spent our dollar on a big party or a heavy date.

Every brother who has taken the vows in the ritual obligates himself to give his best to our fraternity, locally and nationally, in ideals, service, and financial support. A fraternity is not merely a place to eat, sleep, and enjoy social functions while attending college, but it is a "heritage and each generation of college students must pass it on to succeeding generations, finer and firmer than when it came into their hands." A great fraternity leader once stated that a fraternity is the research laboratory of life where members may try experiments of leadership, of competition, of management and of service, and take measure of themselves and their fellows. It is a workshop where one may serve four years as an apprenticeship to life.

If therefore Alpha Kappa Pi is to prove to its members and to the world that it has the right to call itself a fraternity, we, her sons, must be true to her ideals and loyal to her cause. The "young Greek," in the days of Pericles when Athens lived in her Golden Age, upon reaching the years of manhood, took an oath never to bring disgrace on his city and to fight for the ideals and sacred things and, finally, to "transmit this city, not less, but greater, better and more beautiful

than it was transmitted to us." Therefore how much more should we who in this modern age have taken the name of Greeks lay a foundation for a brotherhood that future generations of college students may enjoy.

For ten years I have been privileged to work for our fraternity. During these years I have learned a great deal of fraternity finances and of chapter management. This knowledge was acquired by various methods. Most of it by following wise counsel. Someone has said that experience is the best teacher, but what penalties chapters must pay while their treasurers are learning. Then, after the chapter treasurer has mastered a few simple rules of keeping records, and if he hasn't bankrupted the chapter before he graduates, the so-called fraternity books are turned over to the next brother who hopes that he will be able to keep the financial house from toppling over at least while he is in college. As the French King said when France faced bankruptcy, "At least it will last during my time; after that the deluge." Most treasurers have had very little training in budgeting or spending such sums as the average chapter budget entails. The amount is usually much larger than the family income. How many families in the United States would intrust the spending of the family income to a young man of twenty-one? And yet in many chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi we expect a young man who has just passed out of the teens to successfully and alone manage a fifteen or twenty thousand dollar budget. In many cases the treasurer has help. This may be from an interested group of alumni whose active Board of Governors gives financial advice to the chapter treasurer, or it may be that the educational institution on whose campus the chapter is

located requires the fraternities to use an accounting system furnished by the college and to report from time to time to the college bookkeeper who inspects and audits all fraternity accounts.

At the last national convention the books of many Alpha Kappa Pi chapters were inspected by your Grand Treasurer. This was the condition that he discovered: most of the treasurers had no training in keeping accounts and records and only a few had or were receiving supervision from capable alumni or from the college authorities. It is to correct this sad state of financial affairs, to build strong chapters that will be able to weather financial storms in years to come, and to make each brother feel that he has certain financial obligations in return for pleasures and privileges that this series of articles has been written.

In the writing of these articles four distinct and definite objects have been kept in mind..

1. To emphasize the importance of chapter

officers, and the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of the officers as well as the privileges, pleasures, and opportunities which their official position affords them.

2. To define a budget, emphasize its importance, and designate a plan by which it can be followed intelligently throughout the year.

3. To present to the chapter officers, and especially to the treasurers, a simplified system of keeping books that may be understood readily by the individual members of the chapter who have had no previous experience or training in accounting, and which at the same time may be kept up to date with a minimum amount of effort.

4. To show how to present reports to the chapter and the national officers which will mean something definite and which can be understood.

A poet once said, "Not failure but low aim is a crime." I would say a treasurer is negligent if he is unwilling to learn a simple method of keeping accounts.



MAIN BUILDING AT WAYNE COLLEGE



THE ADVISER'S CORNER

■ AT THE recent national convention of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, the status of the chapters as to athletics was shown to be in high favor toward clean and wholesome participation in these contests. However, it was shown that more and more all fraternities are swinging away from the idea that it pays either fraternity or college to carry athletes just for the honor they are supposed to bestow upon their chapter or alma mater. Subsidizing of athletes is not necessary, and, if insisted upon, will in the end disrupt the solidarity of the chapter and prove a menace to good government. Alpha Kappa Pi is for the man who does not wish to collect for the honor, in whatever line of endeavor, he bestows upon the chapter by reason of his prowess.

■ THE ALPHA staff has arranged with Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, of Dellroy, Ohio, to run a series of articles as to good bookkeeping. The first offering appears in this issue of THE ALPHA, and we urge the chapter treasurers, in particular, to make a careful reading and study of these suggestions, and from a man qualified to state the facts. It is a happy arrangement and we are certain great good will accrue. Without financial integrity and clarity of records no chapter is building on solid ground. We are grateful to our Grand Treasurer for this proffered service.

■ ONCE the college year runs into the month of February it is time to begin preparing for the June closing. Therefore let me urge that all chapter presidents see to it that the chapter treasurers are attending strictly to their sworn duties by making all collections for room and board and not building up future trouble by taking promises for cash. Fraternity is brotherhood but it is also co-operation, and no brother, in any chapter, should call it un-fraternal when the man paying his bills rather expects that every other brother shall be doing the same. Now is the time to end the year with a clear balance sheet. To the wise president or knowing treasurer it is not necessary to go longer into this matter.

■ AMONG fraternity men there is no one topic more placed under discussion than how to build and to keep a chapter strong and forceful. There is nothing new in the suggestion offered here in securing this very desirable state of affairs, but their very marks of being ancient make them the stronger. There are three pillars, which, if kept in repair, will make any fraternity chapter, on any campus, strong and forceful: Fraternalism, Scholarship, Financial Integrity.

ALBERT HUGHES WILSON



THE EDITOR'S DESK

Art of Living

- THE supreme art of life above all other arts is the art of living together justly and charitably. There is no other thing that is so taxing, requiring so much education, so much wisdom, so much practice, as to how to live with our fellow men. In importance this art exceeds all productive industries. All skill and knowledge aside from that is as nothing. The business of life is to know how to get along with our fellowmen. What an opportunity is given the Alpha Kappa Pi man, who spends his four years in college at the chapter house, rather than slipping away to some sequestered place in dormitory or private home, to learn this art. No finer place is to be found anywhere to learn this lesson of getting on with others than in the give and take life of the college fraternity home. Why neglect the opportunity?

Let's Be Different

- A NEW YEAR and a new semester are with us. Let us then be different from what we might have been in the Old Year and the old semester. Pick out the good points in your chapter and talk about them whenever you get the opportunity, and if you do not see an opportunity, make one. The best advertising for a firm in business is the talk of its satisfied customers. Talk your chapter up if you have been doing otherwise. When inclined to find fault, just be different and boost a bit. Change your tactics, face about. It is perfectly all right to point out errors, to offer suggestions, to make corrections, to criticize constructively, but all of this is different from plain griping or fault finding. Criticize to help, not to hinder. Here is a fine time of the calendar and col-

lege year to be different. Let us form the new habit in discussing our chapter or fraternity.

Fraternity Yardstick

- IF YOU would know the true measure of an Alpha Kappa Pi in so far as it relates to his fraternity or chapter, take note of him in the latter half of the second semester of the college year. All Alpha Kappa Pi men are enthusiastic and vigorous when the college or university opens in September. The mind is fresh and the Alpha Kappa Pi member takes a large and forceful view of things. He is regnant in his desire to pay his bills, meet his obligations, and to help build his chapter to the highest possible point in honorable achievement. However, as the college days go along, and the steady drain is made on his good nature, and his just agreements, and the small annoyances begin to gain a place in his thinking, then it is that the true measure of the Alpha Kappa Pi is given, and the differences in the size of men become markedly apparent. The little man loses his temper and just dealings; the big man, under pressure and even irksome exactions, takes a firmer hold and becomes bigger and more loyal in the closing months of the college year than even at the beginning of that year. As the individual measures so measures the chapter as a corporate group.

Eternal Youth

- MEASURING life by the calendar robs us of vigor and hastens old age. Why is it that dumb animals live eight to ten times their maturity, while man lives only about twice his? Because man hastens decrepitude and decay by too much holding the thought of old age before him. Men ought to ripen

with years into great health and maturer wisdom. Many of the world's famous men did their greatest work long after the age when most men are in their graves. If there is no other sentiment to keep men in Alpha Kappa Pi working for its advancement and contribution to the college world let this be sufficient: In Alpha Kappa Pi and its services there is always to be found the dew of an eternal youth. Ponce de Leon went searching for it in some hidden spring. Alpha Kappa Pi comes asking to be accepted, and for men to forget their self-complacency and self-complainings in a lively service for the other fellow.

N.I.C.

■ OUTSTANDING in the 32 years of its history was the 1940 meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, November 28-30. The dinner program, at which Wendell L. Willkie was the guest speaker, was enjoyed by 3,600, the largest assembly of fraternity men in history. For the first time in the existence of the conference every fraternity eligible for membership was included in its roll of sixty. The first annual awards for distinguished service were presented. The conference received a valuable and beautiful trophy to be awarded annually to the undergraduate interfraternity council which carries on the most worth-while program.

It was a significant address with which Chairman L. G. Balfour opened the 32nd annual meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference, Friday forenoon, after the Rev. A. H. Wilson had pronounced the invocation. In welcoming to the council tables Kappa Alpha Society, Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Phi, and Alpha Kappa Pi as a senior member, Chairman Balfour reported that for the first time in history the conference presented a united front, being now able to speak authoritatively for the general college fraternity world.

The N.I.C., by a constitutional amendment, restricted the expansion of its members to four-year educational institutions accredited by the Association of American Universities. This action will not affect any

of the 2,452 chapters which at present belong to the sixty member fraternities. L. G. Balfour was re-elected chairman, with the distinction of being only the second chairman who was ever re-elected in the history of the conference.

One of the panel discussions, which was part of the conference program, was led by Grand President Parke B. Fraim.

Convention Sidelights

■ PHIL UNHOCK and his assistants from Theta chapter, Columbia, did an excellent piece of work with the smoker arrangements. The games and the marked pipes helped make the opening evening a huge success.

Grand Chaplain Owen gave to all gatherings the proper spiritual tone and proved a most capable leader in problems affecting the larger successes in the fraternity.

Brother Hood, delegate from Nu chapter, was one of the most forceful of all the delegates with forward going ideas and ideals. Nu chapter is tops in scholarship and if plans carry, will be Alpha Kappa Pi landlords before many weeks have passed.

Glen Pound was the representative of the Alpha Eta chapter, Milton College, Wisconsin, and by the way he stands for his rights and the best interests of his chapter and fraternity, the name Pound should be advanced to the tonnage nomenclature. We thank Alpha Eta for sending this erudite brother as its first national delegate to an Alpha Kappa Pi convention.

Brother Sverker Hedman, *Pi*, and more popularly known as "Pete," was one of the best known and best men at the convention. He is living for the time to come when the once lively and forceful *Pi* chapter shall make its return to the University of New Hampshire.

It was inspirational to again have past Grand Secretary Adelbert W. Heinmiller, *Zeta '28*, in attendance at the convention. His designation as Eta Province Chief brings this forceful worker back into the official family.

Brothers Allan Miller, *Beta*, and Henry E.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Alpha—Newark College of Engineering

Initiated: Richard William Davis '43, Bloomfield, N.J.; James Gascoine Hommell, Jr. '43, Morristown, N.J.; John Lovelle Houghton '42, Westfield, N.J.; Anthony John Geraci '42, Newark, N.J.; Stephen Petro, Jr. '43, Belleville, N.J.; William George Pharo '43, Newark, N.J.; Ralph Louis Struever '41, Palisades Park, N.J.

Once again, as the first day of February rapidly approaches, the residents of #38 James Street, Newark come face to face with the stark realization that mid-term examinations are close at hand, before we shut ourselves off from the world, for this week of serious endeavor, a bit of reminiscing would not be out of order.

Some time back, in the not too distant glorious past, the Green Wave of the Alpha chapter, trotted forth onto the greensward of Branch Brook Park, to engage the Alpha Mu chapter, Sigma Pi fraternity, in the annual football classic. After the game had ended it was discovered that the Green Wave had completely inundated their opponents by the score of 21-0. Perhaps the outstanding feature of the game was the sparkling line play exhibited by the brothers. It was a game worth witnessing.

Two of Alpha's illustrious alumni, namely, Brothers Fred Dugan and Lowe Wenzel, have embarked upon the enticing sea of matrimony. In order to see that they were launched in the proper manner the chapter held stag parties in their honor, and bestowed upon them our best wishes.

The last week in December was crammed full of pleasant memories. On the twentieth the interfraternity dance was held at the Continental Ballroom, Newark. Brother Stillwaggon was in charge. If the opinions of the brothers, who attended, are any criteria, the affair was a huge success.

On the following night the chapter Christmas party was held. Under the able guidance of Brothers Morgan and Horner, the house was lavishly decorated, and the festive Holiday spirit was in full evidence. The brothers were presented with gifts by a rather pathetic personage attired in a red coat, claiming to be Kris Kringle. The climax of the evening was the presentation of the scholarship and activity keys to the highest

ranking graduating seniors. Brother Greg Moelter was the deserving recipient of the scholarship key, while Brother Stillwaggon became the proud and rightful possessor of the activity award.

The evening of December 27 witnessed forty-nine actives, alumni and pledges, from Alpha chapter, journeying to the Hotel Commodore, New York City, to attend the Alpha Kappa Pi Biennial convention banquet. After spending a few pleasurable hours, at the banquet board, the Alpha delegation retired to a suite in the hotel and there held open house, and enjoyed meeting brothers from practically all the chapters of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. It was a memorable occasion.

In order to openly express their appreciation for the brothers patient treatment and guidance, during their pledge period, the pledges held a Shipwreck party, January 10. The entertainment highlight was the playing and singing of Brother Charlie Kessler and Pledge Jim Hummel. These artists accompanied themselves with their guitars.

Along athletic lines Brother Pete Skurla has been elected captain of the varsity basketball team. Other brothers on the varsity squad are: Jim Ellor, Paul Johnson, Charlie Kessler, and Pete Jermak. The Managerial end of the team is taken care of by Brother Ernie Fisher, Manager; ably assisted by Brothers Matt Cole and Don Peterson.

The fencing team is well on its way to another successful season. Brother Stillwaggon and Pledge Geraci are the two stalwarts of the foils team, while Brother Petrosky is the ace of the saber squad, with Brother Johnson a close runner-up.

Until the next issue of *THE ALPHA*, the Alpha chapter bids a fraternal farewell, and extends a cordial invitation to all of the brothers to drop in at #38 James Street, Newark, New Jersey, when you are in this vicinity.

HENRY C. PRUNER, *Historian*

Beta—Wagner

Pledged: John Franzreb, Herman Schleuter, Donald Banty, Walter Boecher, Howard Lenhardt, Howard Guhl, Herbert Bosch, Carl Koppenhaver, Frederick Reissig, Robert Schwarz, John Nelson, William Snee, Donald Winsor, Bradford Smith, John Mentha, Frank Wall, Alastair Sellers, Richard Malmgren, George Schipani, Harry Ringer, James Le Hart, Eric Grosse, Charles McCarthy,

George Fischer, Fred Vollweiler, Harold Hammond, Stanley Smith, Stanley Rycyk, Frank Reynolds, Herman Fersch, Carl Heilsberg, Herbert Von der Osten, Erwin Nolte, Arthur Collier, Robert Trehwella, Clifford Suessman, Joseph Leber.

Since our last report the most important happening at Beta has been our pledging. As usual a late pledging season was held and we are particularly proud to announce that we have pledged thirty-seven men. This may seem like a large number to some chapters, but these men represent the very best in manhood and capabilities on the Wagner campus. "The cream of the crop" is the cry that fraternities raise after pledging, but in Beta's case it is the consensus of all persons in and about the college. Our pledges are already organized and are planning a social to be given for the initiated brothers. The pledge captain is Fred Vollweiler; assistant captain, James Le Hart; secretary, Walter Boesch; treasurer, Harry Ringen.

Our annual Christmas social was held on December 18, and chairman, Alf Danielson, ran an affair that will live long in the memories of Beta men. Each brother was presented with a gift accompanied by a poem, which, like the gift, had something to do with the recipients previous missteps or outstanding characteristics. An enjoyable if embarrassing time was had by all of us. Even Pledge Jumbo Le Hart loosened up and danced but naturally refused to confess that he really enjoyed it.

Beta was very well represented at the National Convention, Hotel Commodore, December 26, 27 and 29, 1940. It was at this time that Dr. Wesley Rogler, an alumnus of Beta chapter, was named as Alpha Province chief. Congratulations and best wishes from all the brothers in Beta chapter. It was at this time also that Brother Bob Intemann won the dubious honor of acting as host to a group of Beta brothers. Brother Alf Danielson, in one of his more inspirational moods during the convention, in conference with Brother Porky Shurla, Alpha chapter, and they came to the conclusion that the true spirit was lacking between Alpha and Beta chapters, and they decided that a joint social and get together would correct any such errors. Don't disappoint us, Alpha brothers, for the Beta men are looking forward to a good time.

It is fitting that mention is made of the Christmas Play given by the Varsity Players for there were several Beta members in this play with Brother Husted taking the part of Joseph. Besides Brother Husted there were also Brother Betancourt, and Pledges Bosch, Banty, Lenhardt, and Suessman in supporting roles.

Beta chapter extends a sincere welcome to Alpha Kappa chapter.

ED SAUL, *Historian*

Gamma—Stevens

Initiated: Carl Frank Parenti '43, Brooklyn, N.Y.; William Purdy Steeper '43, North Bergen, N.J.; Christian William Stengel, Jr. '42, Jersey City, N.J.; Warren Glahe Wells '42, West Orange, N.J.; John Martin Pfromm '42, Hoboken, N.J.; Raymond Anthony Marvinney '41, Jersey City, N.J.; Thomas Joseph Lenihan, Jr. '43, Hoboken, N.J.; Wilfred Purkett '42, Union City, N.J.; Edward James Losi '43, Brooklyn, N.Y.; William Alexander Johnston '43, North Bergen, N.J.; Warren Howard Fisher '43, Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

Delta—Brooklyn Poly

As the day of reckoning draws near—more familiarly known to Poly men as final exam period—the quiet pall of earnestness settles over No. 54 Sidney Place.



OFFICERS OF DELTA CHAPTER

Seated: Al Borer, vice-president; Edmund Roel, president; Martin Roberts, secretary. *Second row:* John Sammond, treasurer, and Warren Painter, chaplain.

Added to such worries was the unfortunate failure of our heating system just after Christmas. While the repairs were being made, the brothers congregated around the living room fireplace and managed to keep warm with the aid of Yuletide foliage. Dark as the scene may appear there were, however, many bright spots in our fraternal life.

On the Friday before Christmas we gathered around the Christmas tree for Brother George Wambold, who acted as Santa Claus, to distribute the gifts which the brothers had exchanged. This was preceded by a Christmas song-fest in which all were allowed to join. On Saturday evening a Christmas dance was held at which a fine time

was had by all. At this dance we were honored by the presence of two of our more illustrious alumni, Brothers Fred Heinzelman and Vincent Eckstein, who cavorted in their usual suave manner. At this time of year we had the pleasure of welcoming Leonard Fromm, who was initiated at the national convention, into the brotherhood.

Politically Delta is represented on the campus by Brother Bill Hunter as president of the senior class and Carl Braun who fills the president's chair of the student council. The basketball team which is pointing toward a good season is captained by Brother Charles Walsh. Also performing ably on the floor for the basketball team is Brother Dick Schwarting. Brothers McHale and McDonald are assistant managers of the team. Besides the fact that Brother Walsh is captain of the basketball team, he is quite a celebrity about the school by virtue of the fact that he was privileged to accompany that great baseball team, the Brooklyn Dodgers, on their western tour which they made by plane. Charlie travelled with the team as a batting practice pitcher. The rifle team has brother Braun captain and Brother Al Borer, last year's high scorer, as manager.

Bill Hunter who performed as a lecturer at the General Electric exhibit for the thousands who visited the World's Fair last summer, was elected to Tau Beta Pi, which society Brother Braun is secretary of. Also elected to membership in an honor society was Brother Dan O'Donnell who gained membership in Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical engineering fraternity.

The chapter elections resulted in the president's gavel being handed over to Brother Ed Roel. Although he is but 5' 6", we expect, judging from the zeal with which he has attacked his duties, that Brother Roel, who holds a B.A. degree from Columbia, will be a tower of strength during his term of office. Brother Borer assumed the vice-president's office while Brothers Sammond and Roberts were elected treasurer and secretary respectively. Warren Painter was chosen to fill the post of chaplain and John McHale took up the duties of historian. Alex McDonald was appointed marshal and Tom Foster was appointed sentinel.

JOHN MCHALE, *Historian*

Theta—Columbia

Pledged: James Keansdale '43, New York City; Alfred Nicoletti '43, Westchester, N.Y.

The pleasant duty of writing another chapter letter, for the appreciated Alpha of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, has arrived. Theta sends warmest greetings to all members of the brotherhood, and understands that we are all working to the one end of making our fraternity tops on every campus where we are located.

During the Christmas holidays Theta had its

Lodge Rooms redecorated in a most luxurious manner. Incidentally, we expect to display banners of the colleges where Alpha Kappa Pi is carrying on its good services. So if any chapter would send Theta its college banner, in return for a Columbia banner, the courtesy would be highly appreciated.

Theta is extremely proud to announce that Brothers William Batiuchok, Joseph Bzdyk, and George Miles have been deservedly admitted to the first year classes of the Medical College of Columbia University. Let us all join in extending our sincere congratulations, and wish that our other pre-meds the same success when their time arrives for admittance to this most exacting School of Medicine.

Mid-year examinations at Columbia are over, and by this time, we hope only pleasant memories remain.

We are herewith introducing two splendid sophomore pledges in James Keansdale and Alfred Nicoletti. Theta will be greatly served by these outstanding students and gentlemen.

ALFRED GRANATELLI

Eta—Presbyterian

Eta's activities recently were highlighted with the annual Mid-Winter dance series held January 31 and February 1 under the sponsorship of the Panhellenic council, interfraternity organization. Freddy Johnson and his orchestra played for the three-dance series and Eta entertained with a highly successful intermission party during the Friday night formal.

In recent student body elections at Presbyterian for the three elective positions on the staff of *The Blue Stocking*, weekly student newspaper, Eta gained two out of three. Charles MacDonald, rising senior, was elected to edit the publication during the coming year and Bill Culp, rising junior, was elected as business manager.

The election of Brother Culp to the position of business manager of *The Blue Stocking* calls attention to a rather unusual fact. Ever since 1934 an Alpha Kappa Pi man at Presbyterian has held that position—and there are five other Greek letter social fraternities on the campus too!

Richard "Footsie" Yow held the position in 1935; Marion Bird in 1936; John Bonner in 1937; Jule McGregor for two terms in 1938 and '39; Allen Fessenden is the retiring business manager; and that brings it right up to date.

Retired president Hugh Gettys and vice-president Bill Culp represented Eta on Presbyterian's 1940 football team. Gettys was a star center, and Culp, while only a sophomore, is being hailed as one of Coach Walter Johnson's (who, by the way, this past season celebrated 25 years as head Coach at this institution) stellar backfield men.

Bill Gibson is representing the Alpha Kappa Pi's on the basketball court at present.

Officers at Eta are now as follows: Charles MacDonald, president; Bill Culp, vice-president; Sidney Mathis, secretary; and Allen Fessenden, treasurer.

Second semester is in full swing down here in the Southland now and it brings to mind the fact that only a few more months and there's that plague graduation. Eta loses only one man this year, Allen Fessenden, but seems we'd like to lose more numbers rather than such a capable worker.

Well, that's about all the Southland air we can blow this time. Thanks to everyone for those nice Christmas greetings, and "ETA'LL" be pretty soon that we'll be seein' ya again.

CHARLES MACDONALD, *Historian*

Iota—Mount Union

Initiated: John Sponseller '42, Alliance, Ohio; John Hart '42, Alliance, Ohio.

Iota chapter has opened the season, after the Christmas Holidays, greatly inspired by the reports of the National Convention. Brother Ryder Cook was Iota's interested and efficient chapter delegate.

Besides Brother Cook this chapter was represented by Brother Rufus D. McDonald, one time Grand Secretary of the fraternity, and now a lawyer in New York City, and by Brother Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, who rounded out ten years as treasurer of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. The brothers in Iota were pleased to have this hardworking brother honored at the national convention through the presentation of the Alpha Kappa Pi badge.

Since the last report from Iota two worthy men have been initiated into membership. Brother Sponseller was pledged at the Alpha Epsilon chapter, University of Cincinnati. Transferred to Mount Union and Iota immediately pledged him and now he is a brother among us. Thanks to Alpha Epsilon for first making the discovery. Brother Hart is the brother of Alumnus Charles Hart, Mansfield, Ohio, and is one of the assistants in the biological department at the college. We are proud to present these two splendid men.

At the present time interfraternity ping-pong is the rage and Alpha Kappa Pi has its team entered to meet the teams from the four other fraternities here.

Examinations are the next big hurdles and Iota, now holders of the scholarship cup, is out to maintain that high record and thus keep this cherished emblem at the Alpha Kappa Pi house.

Iota chapter extends a sincere welcome to Alpha Kappa chapter, and wishes success and prosperity to the new brothers.

EUGENE WHIPPLE, *Historian*

Lambda—Bethany

Since this is the first issue of THE ALPHA in the new year, we at Lambda sincerely wish all of our sister chapters a happy and prosperous new year and hope that it will be bright and replete with the good things of life.

On December 14, on the occasion of our annual Christmas party, the fellows put on a mock opera entitled "Gigoletto," it being a parody on Verdi's famous opera "Rigoletto." It was great fun, and though it can not be said that auditors went into raptures over its musical excellence, still they demonstrated their appreciation by vociferously applauding time and time again at the wit and "pun" gent humor set forth by the artists. Brothers Seidel, Belluardo, Wallace and Grim, and Pledges Deer and O'Brien were featured. Professor Rush Carter provided a spirited and rousing piano accompaniment. After the opera, bridge and dancing were enjoyed by our guests, nor should the writer neglect to mention the delicious refreshments that were served, which, in the opinion of many, crowned a most pleasant evening. There are still repercussions concerning the opera.

Following upon the heels of our Christmas party came the all-college Christmas party on December 20. After a good dinner we students and a portion of the teaching staff sat back in our chairs and watched intently while certain members of the faculty stepped out of their staid role of trying to be the "very epitome of professional dignity" to exhibit themselves in a play called "Pyramis and Thisbe," a modern version of the play in Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream." The writer need not say that it was funny. The audience howled, whistled, screamed, and pounded each other in paroxysms of uncontrolled laughter and exuberance at the ludicrous antics of the actors. Santa Claus visited us after the play, and Santa was none other than our own genial, corpulent Brother Seidel, who announced that a gift for everyone was waiting outside the door. Each person, upon leaving, was presented with this gift, which turned out to be a handsome cedar letterholder. Everybody agreed that much fun was the order of the evening.

The National Convention of Alpha Kappa Pi was the next important affair of the year, and to New York Brothers Seidel, Grim, Williams, Wallace, and Belluardo, as did Pledges O'Brien and McKenna. Much time was spent walking and riding about the city observing the sights when meetings did not conflict. The initiation ceremony on the night of the banquet was very impressive and set a model which individual chapters may endeavor to emulate, which is as it should be.

Soon after college took up its affairs on January 6, cases of influenza began to become quite prevalent, and an epidemic of considerable proportions ensued; indeed, close to 100 cases were re-

ported, among whom were 6 Lambda fellows. Much against the students' wishes the college did not think the attack serious enough to warrant its closing for a few days. We had vainly hoped that we would obtain some time in which to do some much-needed study before exams hit us.

An announcement of peculiar interest to the men of the college was made January 15 by President Cramblet, to the effect that plans for a recreational center which would include dining facilities, were being completed and set in motion. The plan is to have all male freshmen of Bethany College eat in the proposed new building during their first year. Too, dining facilities would be open to upperclassmen. The president expressed the hope, based upon some conviction, that it would be completed before June of 1941, and urged all college men to discuss it among themselves and let him know their reaction. Fraternity men will certainly view with some misgivings such a plan, since they too operate dining tables, a fact which is a strong rushing point.

Having run dry of news, this historian closes by wishing all who have exams "good cramming" and the best of luck in this new year.

THOMAS H. GRIM, *Historian*

Mu—Marshall

Initiated: James Lawrence Penland '43, Ridgeview, W.Va.; David Garland Webb '43, Ceredo, W.Va.

The February issue of THE ALPHA will find the contribution of the Mu chapter as very meagre owing to the fact that our chapter historian, Oran Mills, withdrew from college and the matter was overlooked. However one item that interests this chapter very much at this time is the matter of Alpha Kappa Pi songs. We offer the suggestion that another issue of the fraternity songs be set forth in THE ALPHA as of a few years ago. It adds greatly to all chapter occasions and Mu makes this suggestion as one that would be most helpful.

Mu has no outstanding athletes to offer for the All-Alpha Kappa Pi Football team; hence we must be content in reading what other chapters have to offer in this line. Right now this chapter is doing its best to win back its high place in scholarship. For several years Mu chapter has led all the fraternities on the Marshall College campus, but slipped a bit the first semester, but we are certain this experience is only temporary.

Mu also takes this opportunity to congratulate alumnus brother, Durward D. Darnell in being made Province Chief of the new Iota Province, and to compliment the fraternity in selecting so outstanding a man and fraternity brother.

We welcome and extend best wishes to Alpha Kappa chapter.

C. KENNA PRIDMORE

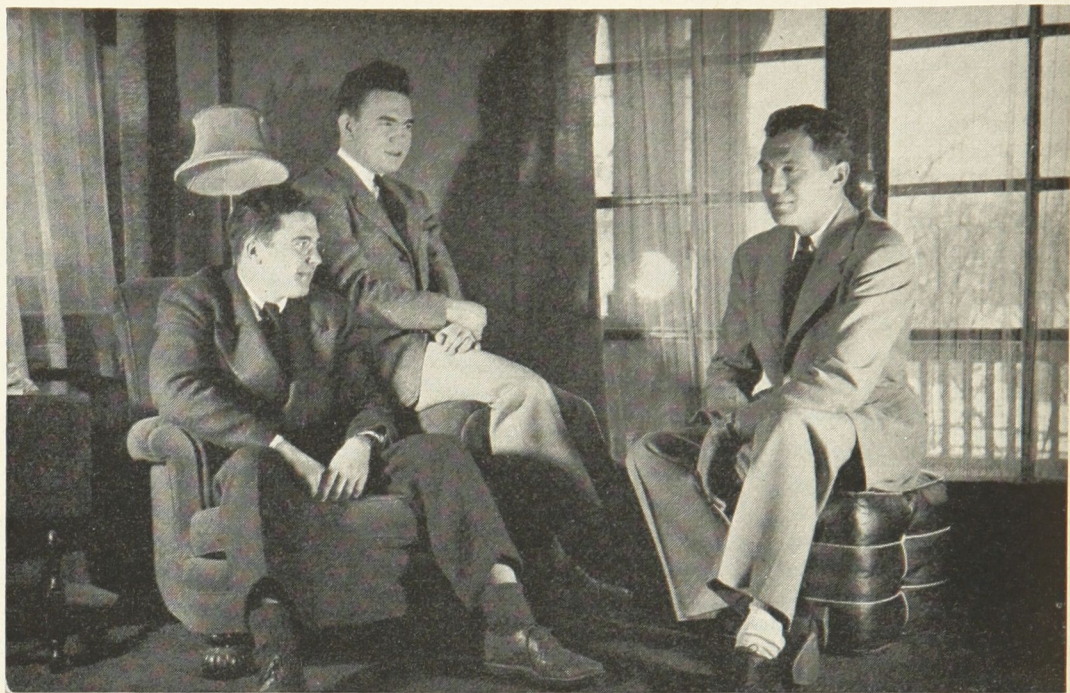
Nu—Lehigh

The Christmas Season brought the usual rush of activities to the Lehigh campus and the brothers of Nu were right in the midst of the action. In the few weeks before the vacation, most of the campus organizations held initiations, banquets, Christmas parties, or conventions. The Alpha chapter of Tau Beta Pi initiated their pledges at a formal dinner meeting. Brothers Shepherd and Werft, treasurer and secretary respectively, were active in the organization of the meeting and their work resulted in a very successful evening. The student course societies had their Christmas parties the Thursday before Christmas, which were followed by an Alpha Kappa Pi party held at the chapter house. The brothers exchanged gifts and had a chance to dig out the "skeletons" of the fall term, much to the amusement of the other brothers. The Mechanical Engineering Society's party was attended by several of the brother Alpha Kappa Pi's and brother Wilson helped to arrange the entertainment. The Chem Society had as its feature attraction a play which was a burlesque of the professors in the department. Two of the Profs were well imitated by brothers Donohoe and Shepherd. The Bethlehem Post of the Army Ordnance Association held an anniversary dinner to welcome its new members. Brother Shepherd, President of the Association, was toastmaster, and besides his task of introductions, he voiced a word of welcome to the new members which included Brothers' Donohoe and Pfeffer.

Brothers of Nu traveled North to New York, South to Washington, and West to Indianapolis to attend three National Conventions. The representatives to our Grand Chapter, Brothers Hood and Donohoe, returned with a fine report on the convention and make us all sorry that we were not present. Brother Hood also attended the National Convention of the International Relations Club and was elected Treasurer of the Eastern Seaboard Section. The delegation from Lehigh successfully won the privilege of being hosts to the next convention. Brother Shepherd traveled to the mid-west as a representative of Alpha Phi Omega. Shep was not only a delegate, but also one of the speakers. His talk on leadership was received very favorably by the convention.

One of the brothers had the privilege of broadcasting over the radio when Lehigh debated Bucknell. Brother Donohoe spoke for the negative of the topic, "Resolved: That a permanent union between the U. S. and "Great Britain should be established." Don has done a good job of intercollegiate debating, but unfortunately this will prevent him from representing the house in the intramural debating.

While football passes into the background Nu is still well represented in intercollegiate athletics. Harry Boyer wrestled on the varsity against Kansas



JOHN HOOD, HOWARD DONOHUE, AND RICHARD SHEPARD TALK OVER THEIR RECENT CONVENTION EXPERIENCES IN THE LEHIGH CHAPTER HOUSE. Hood and Donohue were delegates to the Twelfth Grand Chapter. Shepard was Delegate to the Alpha Phi Omega Convention and Hood also attended the International Relations Club Convention.

State. Lehigh came out on top but Harry lost a very close match by a referee's decision. Joe Ambroggi just returned from a basketball trip to the South where Lehigh spent a busy week meeting such teams as Duke, Richmond, and the University of Virginia. John Hood has been working out regularly in the pool and is all set for an active season of swimming. Larry Mosier won fame for the freshman class in the recent rifle match when he was high man for his section and won a silver bullet.

The year 1941 opens with Alpha Kappa Pi still growing stronger and stronger. Our Grand chapter did a lot to bring us close together and make us feel that we are not just a scattered group but a strong, united fraternity. The report of our brothers returning from New York has assured us that we can well be proud of our name.

JAMES PFEFFER, *Historian*

Xi—North Carolina State

With the New Year just under way, Xi chapter, again wishes to extend its greetings to all Alpha Kappa Pi brothers. This New Year holds great promise for the brothers of Xi and we hope for all of the chapters.

Study is one of the necessities if we remain in college and so the brothers at Xi are trying

hard to recuperate from the rather strenuous holidays and return to the old routine grind of study.

There were no brothers of Xi on the North Carolina State football team this college year. However, in basketball, Xi is well represented by Brother Ray Smith, who is co-captain and current high scorer of State's "Red Terrors." In the other sports we find Pledge Charlie Armstrong a member of the freshman "grunt and groan" squad; while Goral is the senior manager of the varsity swimming team.

The new term saw the arrival of two sorely missed necessities—the return of Brother Tom Moran and the purchase of a new radio, complete with pickup and automatic record changer. Both Tom and radio were welcomed with open arms.

This about takes care of the news for the present—so until the next issue of THE ALPHA—good luck and fraternally.

MICHAEL GORAL, *Historian*

Omicron—Penn State

Pledged: Carl Lundbaum, Greensburg, Pa.; Alex Rugala, Mayfield, Pa.

Well here we are at the beginning of a new year. Our Christmas vacation was well spent visit-old friends, renewing acquaintances and making new ones. The old year slipped silently out and

the new year came in with a loud, hilarious bang. We, here at Penn State, drifted back singly, doubly, and in carloads, but we all came back safe and sound to complete the last two weeks of our semester.

Looking back on the old year we are reminded of the swell Christmas banquet we had before vacation. The brothers were all dressed in their formal attire with Dr. Robert E. Dengler, Prof. Samuel Wyand, Prof. Julius Kaulfuss, and financial advisor Gordon D. Kissinger as our guests of honor. The little Christmas spirit that we had before the banquet was soon increased by leaps and bounds as we sang the old Christmas carols. The annual presentation of the Scholarship Cup was also made at the banquet. Brothers Reichard and Henrich shared double honors because their averages were so close that to differentiate between them would have been difficult. They have been presented with engraved keys as a memory of their winning the cup. Their names will be engraved on the back of the cup with the numerous other winners as an incentive to future Alpha Kappa Pi's.

Looking further back into the past year we are reminded of the brothers who graduated last June. We are proud to say that all have positions with well known concerns. It may be of interest to other Alpha Kappa Pi's to know just where our alumni of 1940 are. So here's the list: Donald Rhoads and Micheal Siwy, Bethlehem Steel; Norman Herz, Westinghouse; Robert Menapace, Glen Martin Aircraft; Albert Wunderlich, Jones and Laughlin Steel; James VanValkenberg, General Electric; James Uber, Pennsylvania Telephone Co.; Lyle Russell, Indiana Hospital; David Morgan and Herman Fogel, Du Pont; Linwood Zulick, University of California (Masters Degree).

This February we are going to lose another brother of long standing. Frederick Martin is graduating and is going to be employed as a Dairy Inspector.

Once back we soon learned of the wonderful time our two representatives had at the National Convention in New York over the holidays. We were ably represented by Fredrick Martin and George Halbig who gave us a report on happenings at the Convention.

During the past few weeks everybody has been very busy studying for their final examinations. The house has been unusually quiet and the boys have been slipping up to their rooms early to cram for those last blue books and to prepare for that last hateful weekend—final weekend.

Our winter sports have not been neglected. Over weekends the boys turn out en masse to enjoy the exceptionally fine ice-skating that has been available here. As far as skiing is concerned the answer is nil for we haven't had a decent snowfall since Thanksgiving but all of us still have our hopes.

Brother Erwin is again on the swimming team as a diver and is representing the house very nobly in this sport. Brother Zimmerman is out for the boxing team and we are all pulling for him. Brother Ritzel has again found his place on the debating team where he is practicing his chosen field of law.

Well, if we all pull through these next few weeks you will hear from us in the next issue.

HERMAN E. STAUB, *Historian*

Rho—Rutgers

Pledged: William Davenport '43, Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

With Christmas vacation over, we find ourselves here at Rutgers entering the final two weeks stretch before mid-year examinations. Until after that time, campus activity is expected to reach low tide, however to rise again with the commencement of the new term.

Our newest pledge, "Will" Davenport is a student in the college of Agriculture and a member of the track and cross-country teams. He has brought into the house with him, the fascinating game of chess which up to now few of us knew anything about. This very likeable chap has quickly adapted himself to his pledgship and a definite place in Alpha Kappa Pi.

Our first annual Winter Formal was a huge success and was an event to be remembered and looked forward to in future years as an annual event. A stag christmas party closed the pre-vacation period as the pledges and Brothers exchanged comic presents. The highlight of the evening's entertainment was the play put on by the pledges at the expense of the Brothers.

On December 26 President "Bud" Gladwin was married to the former Miss Ann Lunger, daughter of Mrs. Anthony F. Lunger of Morris Plains, New Jersey. All of Rho chapter attended the reception which followed the wedding ceremony.

During the Christmas vacation, Brother Larry Blair underwent an appendectomy and at present is recovering as expected. The removal of the troublesome organ will permit his participation in the varsity swimming schedule.

The intramural basketball tournament has begun and Rho is undefeated to date. Brothers Gebler, Strassburger, Ross, and pledge Wieboldt have been outstanding in their performance on the court. In the intramural cross-country meet pledges John Fish and Don Bockoven took 2nd and 4th place respectively from a field of 53.

Rho is well represented in varsity sports this year. In basketball Bob Mengel holds down a varsity berth while Cliff Radus is sinking shots for the Junior Varsity.

Richie Snethen is the 175 pounder on the Varsity Wrestling team and shows improvement

daily in his performances. Dick Kamprath has been appointed as frosh wrestling manager by Brother Al Miller, the Senior manager.

"Randy" Cramer is training for the winter meets in Madison Square Garden and other localities of interest to outstanding track men.

Jack Dingle and Ken Ross represent the house in the Honor School, which is comparable to the Dean's List in other colleges. Both these men are active on campus. Brother Ross is a member of the lacrosse team and may earn All-American honors this season. Brother Dingle is a member of the Scarlet Rifles, the honorary R.O.T.C. drill unit.

The next event of social interest is the Junior Prom Weekend, February 21-22. Instead of having a house party dance on the night following the Prom, Rho has decided to have some other type of entertainment in keeping with the weather of the time. Skating, sleigh-ride, and scavenger hunt parties have been discussed as possibilities.

Brother Walt Lewis was recently elected to the executive council of the Forestry Club.

Brother Ray Wheaton was recently elected to the Journalism Club. Ray is also on the staffs of the *Anthologist*, campus monthly magazine and our year book, *The Scarlet Letter*.

Brother Ken Lowery is doing a fine job as Senior manager of the Debate team, which incidentally has one of the most extensive programs of any team in the country. The schedule has carried three different divisions of the squad into New England, the Middle West, and the South. By way of alumni information, we hear that Brother "Mike" Dixon '38 has joined the Royal Black Watch and expects to leave soon for active service in Egypt. Brother "Gus" Beyer ex-'40 has recently become engaged to Miss Eleanor Robsky '40 of New Jersey College for Women.

Rho chapter extends a hearty welcome to Alpha Kappa chapter and hope that sooner or later the men from Rensselaer will find their way to our house on Fraternity Row.

So in closing may we wish everyone the best of luck on exams and hope that all the Brothers everywhere will be able to answer to the roll call after the grind is over.

FREDERIC L. KADEY, *Historian*

Tau—Tufts

Initiated: Franklin Dean Chambers '42, Everett, Mass.; Francis John Ranieri '42, Quincy, Mass.; Ralph Salucci '41, Waltham, Mass.; Harvey Wade Whitten, Jr. '41, Lynn, Mass.

Phi—St. John's

Things are in status quo at this college insofar as fraternity matters stand, but there is hope remaining. It was great to be at the national convention and to meet the many fine men from the

different chapters. Since returning to college after the Holidays and the convention experience life on the campus seems much brighter. Later, when certain plans are a bit more mature, we are expecting to call on Province Chief A. W. Heinmiller, Washington, D.C., and Adviser A. H. Wilson, New York City, to come to Annapolis and help in any final arrangements.

Phi wishes to extend to the new chapter at Rensselaer Polytechnic a most fraternal welcome into the fraternity.

FRANCIS P. WILLIAMS, JR., *Historian*

Chi—Wake Forest

Pledged: Beverly Moser '42, Burlington, N.C.

The boys of Chi have a full schedule this month. What with examinations, basketball season getting under way, making preparations for the annual Mid-Winter dances. We are really excited about this year's affair, but more about that later.

As always, Chi is represented on the athletic field. We recently pledged Beverly Moser, stalwart lineman on this year's great varsity football team. He is a letter man, and played a fine brand of football this year. He was especially outstanding in the George Washington game. He plays tackle and occasionally alternates at guard.

Also we are proud to boast that we have a brother on the varsity basketball team—Ev Berger. He is the first-string guard, and our coach, Murray Greason, says that he has one of the finest left-handed shots in the game. Brother Berger was largely responsible for the victory over Duke University last week, our first win over this old rival in many a long year.

As was mentioned before, this year's Mid-Winter Formal is going to be the "best yet." These dances are sponsored by the Panhellenic Council, of which Brother Marshall Durham is president. Brother Durham has spared no effort in making this a real affair.

Jack Teagarden's orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music. One of the highlights of the week-end will be the selection of queen to reign over Saturday night formal dance.

Chi was well represented at the National Convention this year with five members present. Brother Durham, our delegate (Yes, he's quite a fellow), gave us a very interesting report on the several meetings and the banquet.

In closing, we wish to say to Advisor Wilson that we enjoyed his visit very much and hope that he will be able to come down again very soon.

JAMES H. WARD, *Historian*

Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan

Initiated: Richard Dias, Irwin, Pa., '43; Roy McQuiston, Irwin, Pa., '41; Orlin Hughes, Charleston, W.Va., '43; Joseph Bailey Buckhan-

non, W.Va., '41; Kenney Knox Grafton, W.Va., '42.

Pledged: Denton Adams '44; Harold Allman '44; John Carpenter '44; Thomas Clawson '43; Dale Colerider '44; Joseph Duglass '44; Fred Griggs '44; Robert Holcomb '44; Richard Hopkins '44; Coy Lang '44; Hsys Melton '44; William Mowery '44; Ray Runt '44; Fred Sautter '44; and William Simpson '44.

To all of our new brothers we extend a cordial welcome. May all of the brothers come to know you as we do.

After fully recuperating from the vacation the Psi boys are ready to start celebrating the completion of exams.

Nothing but favorable reports were brought back from the Convention by Brothers Dobbins, Lohan, and Dias.

As the semester ends so end the careers of three brothers; they are Mason Darnell, Roy McQuiston, and Doyle Davidson. To these brothers who have contributed so much to the fraternity in the past, we wish all the success and prosperity in the future.

The Psi boys are well represented on the hardwood court this year. Those on the squad include Frank Ellis, Frank Feola, Kenney Knox, Sam Gwosden, and Jack Moore. Frank Ellis, a last year all conference man, is back in the harness and living up to his reputation as the best forward in the state. In the first five games Frank has scored an even 100 points to lead the Bobcats in the scoring department. Ellis is closely followed by Sam Gwosden who has 68 points to his credit already this year. With forward "Sparkey," Feola these boys make up the forward wall of the Wesleyan team. The Bobcats are still undefeated in the West Virginia Conference and are favored to win the conference title as they did in 1940.

The Psi boys have been more active in intramural athletics this year than ever before. The sophomore football team captained by Frank Feola captured the title by defeating the seniors tutored by Brooks Lohan. Psi boys on the all intramural team included Lohan, Ellis, Feola, Myers, Dias, and Reppert.

In volleyball it was Dick Dias' team which won the title. Dick Dias, Roy McQuiston and Ralph Dobbins were picked on the mythical six.

With basketball just getting under way it looks like the seniors are top heavy favorites with Lohan, Reppert and Morrison representing the Psi chapter. The ping pong title will probably be captured by Lohan who says he doesn't use mirrors.

Vincent Legg, social chairman, tells us that the winter formal will be held January 25, in the Masonic Temple in Weston. The band will be the Commanders from Charleston. It really promises to be a high spot around here in the way of social life this year. The band, composed of fourteen men and a girl, has been a favorite among colleges for many years. All of you brothers are

invited to cut a rug with us. Don't forget the twenty-fifth.

The Psi boys who aren't talking about exams are interested in conscription. Gohen Pifer a member of the National Guards will be placed in the air force as a result of his training during his stay at Wesleyan. Leonard Reppert '39 and Kenney Stuerer '40 have filled out questionnaires and are waiting their chance to serve Uncle Sam. Good luck boys.

Brothers Lohan and Morrison, co-prepmasters, say the preps this year are better than ever before. The boys are keeping the house as clean as an Old Maids house and are treating the actives with a spirit of respect such as the actives have never seen before. As Brother Legg said, "I must be dreaming."

Since the pool table has become a fixture at the Psi house many examples of misspent youths have shown themselves, the most outstanding being "Mouse" Mowery "the Irwin Shark" as Brother Lohan called him as they hung up a cue with disgust. In a round robin of Big and Little brother combinations Reppert and Mowery far overshadow the accomplishments of the other teams.

The Psi boys are becoming social lions and taking up the game of bridge, almost any night you can find a fourth waiting in the card room for a game which continues into the wee hours.

When Wesleyan played Alderson Broadus the Psi boys went to the game in a group and gave several yells. Prep Thomas Clawson had the embarrassing task of leading the boys in the cheering. At first the boys were stumped as the yells had to do with the winning Wesleyan team who were trailing for three quarters but in the last quarter the boys as well as the players really went wild.

Odds and Ends

Brothers Stuerer and Bill Kiddy came home and have been seen around the house for the past two weeks. Both boys are on a vacation before their call to the army.

Bud Meyers has been taking instruction in aviation and will receive his private pilot license very soon.

Frank Dias has been given the honor of being called the Southern colonel, he succeeds Gohen Pifer.

Brooks Lohan was elected president of the senior class. This will be the second year as the president of the class of "41." Other Psi boys to hold office are: Frank Ellis, president of the sophomore class; Frank Feola, secretary of the sophomore class and Kenny Knox, vice-president of the junior class.

As a representative of the K.A. Informal, Bill Morrison was asked how he liked the dance, his reply was, "They needed "Turkey" Legg to put it over."

The freshmen on the basketball squad include "Dent Adams" and "Mouse Mowery" who have no doubts as to who will take the positions vacated by the two senior guards. The boys won't mention any names.

Well news is getting very scarce so we will see you again in the March ALPHA.

RICHARD REPPERT, *Historian*

Alpha Alpha—Hartwick

Initiated: Stanley Boggs '41, Copenhagen, N.Y.; Howard Geiger '41, Amsterdam, N.Y.; Charles Deitz '42, Hollis, L.I.; Guenther Kolb '42, Hollis, L.I.; Donald Kempster '43, Fort Jefferson, N.Y.; Traver Sanley '43, Oneonta, N.Y.

Pledged: Joseph Bogdanowicz '44, Copenhagen, N.Y.; Cyril Smith '43, Deposit, N.Y.; Leonard Tinker '43, Stockport, N.Y.

The chapter house became a "Night Club," Saturday evening, November 30, when the brothers of the Alpha Alpha, and their guests, engaged in a house party. Cards, games, and dancing entertained the guests. The new victrola, constructed for the fraternity, by one artist Brother Frank Shutts, furnished the music. Those in charge of the affair were Brothers Milton Walsh, chairman; Joseph Bogdanowicz, Howard Geiger, Cyril Smith and Leonard Tinker.

Alpha Kappa Pi has two members of the college debate team in Brothers Leonard Tinker and Jerol Kent. Nondecision debates were held with Ursinus College and Lehigh University. We are also proud of the splendid work done on the *Glimmerglass*, college literary magazine, by Brothers Frank Shutts, Editor-in-Chief; and Richard Davis and Jerol Kent.

Saturday, December 14, and at the Elk's Club, Oneonta, the members of all the fraternities and sororities at Hartwick College, danced to the music by Harden Downing and his Continentals. This was one of the highlights of the social calendar. Alpha Alpha was well represented by active brothers and alumni returning for the event.

Our delegate to the Alpha Kappa Pi National Convention was our chapter president, Wilson Worman, and he brought back glowing reports of the three days sessions at the Hotel Commodore, New York City.

The annual Christmas party of the chapter was held December 13 with Brother Jerol Kent acting as the able assistant to Santa Claus. We were pleased to have with us that evening our chapter adviser, Dr. Le Roy Weller, of the college faculty.

We are all proud of Brother Morton Van Hoesen who has completed the work and passed the government examination in the C.P.T. aviation course given at Hartwick College. He is now making the necessary cross country trips to prove his abilities in this line of endeavor.

The chapter is happy to announce that we have

won the fraternity scholarship cup. The cup was presented to the chapter by Dr. Herman Keiter, chairman of the interfraternity council of this college.

The "Bars and Chevrons" Club have Alpha Kappa Pi men as heads of the organization. This is a military society and recently these same brothers showed their versatility by taking charge of the chapel exercises. Richard Davis and Charles Deitz are the leading lights on the prom committee, and all of which goes to show that the brothers of this chapter are doing their part here on the Hartwick campus.

On the football team the chapter was ably represented by Ray McMillan, star end; Don Kempster, tackle; and Don Pickering, backfield.

Alpha Alpha chapter takes great pleasure in sending a fraternal welcome to our Alpha Kappa chapter, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New York.

MURRAY R. MAYES, *Historian*

Alpha Beta—Tri State

Initiated: William Rousseau, Collinsville, Ill.; Robert Woodruff, Summit, N.J.; John Bachman, Springfield, Mass.; Russell Hahne, Decatur, Ill.; Robert Hall, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Kenneth Moar, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada; Richard White, London, Ont., Canada; Duncan Black, London, Ont., Canada; Stelio Corte, Kimball, W.Va.; Ghlee Cozad, Dayton, Ohio; John Ulrick, Reading, Pa.

Alpha Beta's membership is waxing strongly these days. Thirty-eight brothers have returned to assume the cares and joys of college and fraternity life, and the possibility of ten or twelve pledges assures us of a successful term. To fraternally lead us through the present period, we have chosen John Burt, a capable and sincere president.

Our participation in interfraternity athletics has netted us, exclusive of the less concrete returns of competitive sportsmanship, the permanent possession of a baseball cup and a runner up position in football. We are looking forward, of course, to the placement of the trophies for bowling, basketball, and softball upon our mantel. Our optimism and spirit should carry us far enough to acquire a trophy case.

Scholastically, the brothers are looking forward to seeing eligibles Bob Hall and Bob Lapp joining John Bachman in Tau Sigma Eta, an honorary engineering society at Tri-State. To encourage scholarship, we have adopted the policy of restricting bull sessions to the living rooms; it should give the desired results.

Our graduating and new members' banquet, held at the Berghoff Gardens in Fort Wayne was, conservatively speaking, a success. Awards, consisting of activities, past president, scholarship, and

pledge marshall keys were presented respectively to Mirto Corte, Warren Metzger, Robert Lapp, and John Burt. Gifts, designed to produce embarrassment to each brother were exchanged, and Mirto Corte's receipt of a "nigger baby" resulted in a foundation-shattering chaos of laughter. Victor Camfield's impressive farewell speech will be nearly as much remembered as he will be; a quiet and reserved chap—all of us were sorry to lose him into the Aeronautical Engineering field.

Carl Orr has been elected to succeed himself as kitchen steward, and although the brothers will continue to jokingly comment upon his "vittles" we will be provided with excellent food with the dining hall under his supervision. Bill Johnson has been appointed to the pledgemastership, and I am sure he will make fraternity men out of the neophytes. House manager Reg Hale has some fine ideas for the further improvement of the house, and if his vigor is taken as an indication we will have a better home. With newly elected Stanley Bellows keeping the books we should have no trouble with the ledgers. Harold Barber, the right man for the job we all agree, will set an example as chaplain for the term.

In closing, we of Alpha Beta ask the pleasure of extending our hospitality to you brothers of Alpha Kappa Pi when you are in this neck of the woods.

ROBERT D. LAPP, *Historian*

Alpha Gamma—Franklin and Marshall

Pledged: James E. Heider '43, Johnstown, Pa.

We don't have so much to write about this time, since only a month has elapsed since our last letter, and in that time we had a two-week vacation. We can say that we all had a swell Christmas holiday (at least, most of us are just getting over it) and we sincerely hope all of you had the same. I guess the best thing to do is to pick up where we left off in the last letter. We spoke of the pledge dance to be held November 1; it went off with a bang. It was informal, a record dance, chaperoned by our faculty brothers, Dr. R. W. Higgins and Prof. H. B. Anstaett. Refreshments were in the form of crullers and cider, and we hardly need mention that everyone thoroughly enjoyed himself.

On the week-end of December 13 we held our Winter House Party. Our program started Friday evening with the Green Room Club's (Franklin and Marshall's dramatic club, which, incidentally, is considered one of the best amateur troupes in the East, having been commended by *Time Magazine* and the *New York Times* and Philadelphia *Inquirer*) production of "Missouri Legend." E. B. McGinty's Broadway hit dealing with the life of a certain Jesse James. From there we proceeded to the Moose Hall where we danced to Johnny Mc-

Gee 'till 2:00, when we called it a day. The next day, Saturday, we spent an afternoon of fun at the Log Cabin, a club outside of town, by singing and otherwise just acting natural. At 5:30 we returned to the chapter house for a buffet lunch. At 8:00 we went down to the local Armory to see F. & M. defeat C.C.N.Y. in wrestling. Then to the high spot of our week-end, our Formal. It was held at the Hotel General Sutter in Lititz with dancing from 9:00 'til 12:00. Music was by Tal Lewis and chaperoning by Dr. M. V. Marshall, and Professors Luis Navesques and R. L. Charles. Arrangements were by Brothers McCormick, McIntyre, Bevan, and Hyde. The decorations carried out the Christmas theme. We promised, in our general letter to alumni concerning the house party, the finest week-end in the chapter's history, and I am confident that we did not fall short of that expectation. Alumni back with us were J. O. LeVan, J. C. Musser, H. L. Pennington, G. E. Raab, W. W. Winters, K. M. Kutz, and Walter Niblett (who, it might interest you, is raising chickens in Maryland). Former Brother R. M. Wiker, now of Omicron, was also present, as he often is.

Brothers Hyde and Ryan did one swell job at painting and refinishing our kitchen during the Christmas holidays.

Alpha Gamma wishes to thank all its brother chapters for their best wishes during the Christmas season. We really got a pile of cards and each one was greatly appreciated. I guess that's about all we can say now, so we shall close with an earnest wish for a glad New Year and a standing invitation to all to drop in to see us.

WILLIAM BEVAN, JR., *Historian*

Alpha Delta—Toledo

Initiated: Ed Baker '42; Frank Dennen '42; Clarence Merritt '42.

Pledged: James Allen '44; Paul Bowes '44; Bob Bowman '44; William Carnicom '43; Oliver Crawford '44; Richard Dussia '44; Basil Fousianes '44; William Jones '44; Kenneth Keating '44; Glenn Moore '44; George Pappas '44; Robert Palicki, '44; Richard Poppen '44; Roy Roesch '43; Robert Smith '44; Paul Wingart '44.

Alpha Delta is hitting on all sixteen cylinders this year. Yes, sir, we're rolling along at a fine pace. We pledged sixteen freshmen in November and they have turned out to be pretty fine fraternity men-to-be. They are all eager, ambitious, and intelligent neophytes. They represent a little bit of everything. Richard Dussia is a golden gloves champion, while Robert Palicki is an excellent heating engineer and does most of the work on the furnace in the fraternity house. Bill Jones is quite a bowler; he substituted for an active on the bowling team the other day and came through in grand style, carrying the team

on to its usual bowling victory. Really, here at Alpha Delta, we are mighty proud of our bowling. We have won thirty-three out of thirty-six games at the present writing and are in first place for the interfraternity championship. Our batting average is .916 and we are five games ahead of second place. Bud Restivo is bowling captain and deserves lots of credit.

Glenn Moore is a journalist and reports for the *Campus Collegian*, while Roy Roesch is a master plumber. Roy, recently took the entire plumbing system of the house apart and put it together in excellent condition. Our plumbing worries are over. Richard Poppen is a printer and Paul Wingart is a florist. Quite a combination!

We are still reminiscing over our Christmas Formal Dinner-dance. It was held December 30 in the Commodore Perry Hotel. It was an excellent affair and Brothers Harry Sterling, John Iffland, Harry Childers, Ray Ahrberg and Elroy Streit deserve many thanks for their splendid work. The seven-pointed star of Alpha Kappa Pi shed its benevolent light over the dancers the entire evening and that star will always linger in our memories as a bright spot of the evening. Oh! Oh! I almost forgot to mention that Paul Melucas was chairman of the affair and took some share of the responsibility.

Charles Buell, of the Alpha Beta chapter, attended the Christmas formal. Brother Buell always "blows in" for these affairs and he is a most welcome guest.

President Eugene Zytus has been elected to represent Toledo University and, of course, Alpha Delta chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi in *Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities* this year. This is quite an honor and Alpha Delta is very, very proud of our worthy president.

Harry Childers, has brought more honor to Alpha Delta, by being chosen chairman of the annual Panhellenic Council Dance, this spring. Brother Childers, you know, is our ladies man and the best wolf of the pack.

January 11, Brothers Zytus, Herb Engler, Jim Byrne, Harold Bohler, Dick Shoemaker, George Maludy, Melucas, and Wingart, rambled up to the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, Michigan to attend the annual Mid-Winter Dance of the Alpha Zeta chapter. They had a wonderful time and wish to inform all brothers of Alpha Kappa Pi, that when Alpha Zeta throws a dance, it's a wonderful affair. We hope to get together more often with our nearby brothers.

Brothers Zytus and Restivo are still talking about the National Convention. They gained lots of new ideas and Alpha Delta is putting them to work.

The pledge chapter recently honored us actives with an informal dance in the Student Union. It was a very enjoyable evening and it brought to light the fact that if Pledge Master George

Maludy keeps his head, these pledges will become fine fraternity men.

We all tremble at the thought of the coming examinations and are cramming every day in order to keep up the point average of Alpha Delta.

We wish to extend greetings to all our brothers and wish them lots of luck.

PAUL J. MELUCAS, *Historian*

Alpha Epsilon—Cincinnati

Plans are rapidly being completed for an impressive ritual service to be held early in the month of March, and at such time receive into brotherhood our worthy pledges.

On December 16, 1940, the pledges from the university's seventeen fraternities, attended the tenth annual interfraternity pledge banquet. This event was held at the University Y.M.C.A. building, and a delightful time was enjoyed in fellowship with the members and pledges of our neighboring fraternities.

At our very recent house party, every brother and pledge was present. Dancing and games were the principle diversion of the evening. Brothers Redding and Yarnall engineered the radio-phonograph hookups so that the records could even be heard out in the kitchen. Mrs. Colwell, our house-mother, later served a tasty lunch which brought our enjoyable evening to a close.

Unfortunately, we had no varsity football men the past season. We are growing larger and stronger every year, and soon we expect to have our chapter more fully represented in campus varsity athletics.

Alpha Epsilon hopes that the mid-semester quizzes haven't gotten the best of any of our Alpha Kappa Pi brothers, so let's keep plugging in there until we hear from each other again in the next issue of THE ALPHA.

KENNETH CHARLES, *Historian*

Alpha Zeta—Wayne

Initiated: John Trentacosta '43, Detroit; Robert Gordon Larsen, '43, Detroit; William Harry Garland '43, Detroit; Lawrence Albert Smith '43, Detroit; William Lutz McClurg '44, Detroit; Gordon Speirn Schmelz '44, Detroit; Aloysius Joseph Suchy '44, Detroit; Robert Jackson Lehto '44, Detroit.

Alpha Eta—Milton

Initiated: Robert Weld Roberts '43, Fort Atkinson, Wis.; George William Lake '43, Harvard, Ill.

Alpha Eta activities, at the present time, are pretty well confined to general affairs, including preparations for the mid-year examinations. To cheer us along Brother Severance treated the

brotherhood to a venison dinner on his return from the northern part of the state of Wisconsin. He bagged an eight point young buck. The dinner was served the night we formally initiated George Lake and Robert Roberts, December 12, 1940, and it was indeed a royal occasion.

The beard growing contest the Alpha Eta brothers held just prior to Christmas vacation caused a great deal of sport and the winner was Brother Harris of West Allis, Wis., with Brother Professor Milton Van Horn runner-up. A board of local co-eds were the judges and rendered the decision at the Alpha Kappa Pi Christmas dance.

Please include for the writer of this letter a note of well wishes to all the brothers whom I met at the National Convention, and a special one for the brothers from Beta chapter, Wagner College, and my pals from Alpha, Newark Engineering, who treated me so royally during the days of the great convention, New York City. Then even more so for Brothers Higgins, Stillwaggon, and those two Johnsons. Tell them all that the latch string always will be out for all Alpha Kappa Pis if they should ever find themselves in these far parts. Just for the benefit of the Beta brothers let me state that we do not make a practice of sleeping five in a double room as we happily did at The Commodore. Best greetings to all the chapters in our fraternity.

GLEN POUND, *Historian*

Alpha Theta—Wofford

Initiated: Dean S. Hartley, Jr. '41, Darlington, S.C.; Wilmot H. Mitchell, Jr. '44, Spartanburg, S.C.; H. William Koopman, Jr. '44, Spartanburg, S.C.

Alpha Theta began the new year by initiating the above named young men into the brotherhood of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. We are proud to make the announcement of their membership in Alpha Theta for they are splendid Wofford men and enthusiastic Alpha Kappa Pi brothers.

We have been making improvements in our chapter lodge rooms and thus far we have accomplished much toward making the Alpha Kappa Pi hall the most attractive on the campus.

Thus far our social activities have included several parties and dances. We are now working out plans for our coming banquet after which event the annual dance, always given in the early spring, will receive careful attention. This is one of the big occasions on the Wofford campus.

Alpha Theta takes this opportunity to offer best wishes, health, success, and happiness to our brothers throughout the New Year.

GROVER C. HOLLOWELL, JR., *Historian*

Alpha Iota—American University

Initiated: Vaughan Agy, faculty, Washington, D.C.; Edgar Keller '42, Washington, D.C.

Pledged: Jesse Copsey '44, Washington, D.C.; Richard Crompton '44, West Pittston, Pa.; Jack Huddleston '44, Washington, D.C.; Ned Krouskop '44, Bellefontaine, Ohio; Heath King '44, Ballston, N.Y.; Al Strang '44, Sellersville, Pa.; Armand Valliers '44, Merrimac, Mass.; John Wood '44, Washington, D.C.; Burke Hertz '42, West Falls Church, Va.

With the first semester of Alpha Iota history complete, we brothers here at American think we have done right well by Alpha Kappa Pi.

Along the line of pledging, we were fortunate enough to skim the cream right off the freshman crop. And now, since we have our physics instructor as a brother, our physics class looks like a first-class fraternity meeting.

Then, after making an excellent start in football intramurals, the team was finally nipped in the play-off. But that defeat has made the spirit all the higher for the intramural basketball championship. The team is a strong one this year with Brothers Newby, Abbadessa, Barkdull, Bean, Keller and Shenton as the stars.

But now a different task is facing the members. Only recently the chapter obtained a remarkable little house on the campus which possesses excellent possibilities as a fraternity house. Of course, not to waste the creative instincts of the brothers, the draftsmen, interior decorators, and carpenters among us, we have decided that a change in the motif of the building is absolutely necessary. The semi-rustic effect has been proposed, therefore, and so out go the radiators. Now the gigantic project of installing a fireplace in the house to improve the effect has been approved. The brick-laying job has been eagerly accepted by Brother Bob Neff, who claims to be an expert at the art.

We'll catch up to you older chapters yet!

EDWARD WOOD, *Historian*

Alpha Kappa—Rensselaer

Pledged: Richard Sittner '43; Maurice Alger '44; John Brunalli '44; Peter Burn '44; Steve Yerazunis '44; Howard Judson '44; Paul Schweitzer '44; George Stefanco '44; Harold Benel '44; Charles Lane '44; Robert Turchetto '44.

This is our first contribution to THE ALPHA, since our installation as a chapter in the fraternity, and will not be so very extended, since a display of our entrance as a chapter in the Alpha Kappa Pi will be found elsewhere in this issue of THE ALPHA.

Alpha Kappa chapter was instituted on November 16, 1940, and the initiation was a great event in our individual lives and the life of our campus. The Thanksgiving vacation followed very shortly and most of the brothers went home for a few days break in the college routine. Upon our return to Troy we were back at the books.

About that time most of the fellows decided

to have a Victrola dance after each home basketball game. On December 7 we held the first of these dances. Before the dance all the brothers attended the game to see Brother Victor Zirkuly starting his last season on the R.P.I. team. The next week-end we played Brooklyn Poly, and after the game had the entire team, and the coach, over to the house. Brother Charles Rabolli secured most of the dates for that evening. It seems that everybody was pleased with his date since the pick of Sage College visited the Alpha Kappa Pi house for this festive occasion. Sage College is the Woman's College here in Troy.

On December 19 we held our annual Christmas party in the house for brothers and pledges. After dinner Santa's representative, in the person of President Lester, distributed the gifts. Somehow the funny verses did not accompany these gifts. Why? The next afternoon the brothers, by every conceivable mode of traveling, headed for home for the holidays.

At the National Convention, Hotel Commodore, New York City, many of the fellows got together and swapped their experiences of the Christmas holidays. After this little reunion we were all ready for the more serious things of the convention. We were happy to have been able to be there and to meet our brothers from the other chapters.

By Sunday night, January 5, 1941, everyone was back at the Alpha Kappa Pi headquarters and getting ready for the reviews, and hoping for exemptions from the examinations looming ahead of us. Thus we find ourselves at this writing busily at work on our reviews.

Just before the Christmas vacation Brother James McEvoy was initiated into Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering society. Brother Lester is the outstanding president of the society.

Thus in closing, we wish to extend our invitation to you all, to drop in and see us whenever you are in our vicinity.

KARL SHARKE

The Editor's Desk

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Saunders, Xi, who have not missed a Grand Chapter meeting since 1930 and 1931, respectively, again took an interested part in the proceedings. Brother Saunders claims to be the only Alpha Kappa Pi whose draft number was called twice in the great national lottery under the Selective Service Act.

The most striking chapter scrapbook on display at the convention was that of Chi chapter with its handsome wood carved cover depicting the coat-of-arms.

The display of the bound volumes of THE ALPHA from Vol. I, No. 1, to date seemed to prove especially interesting to the delegates.

The suite of Grand President Fraim on

the twenty-first floor of the hotel was the busiest center of activity outside of the meeting room itself. The fact that the Grand Treasurer doled out the expense allowances from this suite also might have had something to do with the coming and going.

Grand Historian Jahn headed a delegation of four from the Philadelphia alumni chapter. "Ducky" is a worker as well as a badge wearer and no convention would be complete without his usual fund of good cheer and Alpha Kappa Pi spirit.

Kenneth H. Lowery, Rho '41, who was the delegate from Rho chapter, was initiated by the Grand Chapter at the last convention.

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Philadelphia Alumni Chapter

Another holiday season has come and gone. We hope all of you had your desires fulfilled and wish you the best of everything in 1941.

If you have made no resolutions, decide now that you will give one night a month to your alumni chapter. We're counting on each of you to make this a banner year. Come out and fraternize once a month, renew old acquaintances, meet new brothers, and always bring a frater with you.

Brother Harvey Battersby writes that his new address is 6437 S. Kimback Ave., Chicago, Ill. He is with the Carnegie Illinois Steel Co. and will be in Chicago until about June. After that he expects to be in Gary, Ind. Best wishes and good luck to you, Harvey, in your new venture.

Since the middle of December, John Welker has left the Philadelphia Electric Co. and became associated with the Milton Roy Pump Co. in Philadelphia. Best wishes in your new job, Johnny.

In December, "Ducky" Jahn and Lee Fencil called on Ray Roush who is now living at 104 Allegheny Ave., Towson, Md. Ray is in the auditing department of the Glen L. Martin Airplane Co., Baltimore, Md.

The Alpha Kappa Pi National Convention took place December 26, 27 and 28 at the Hotel Commodore, New York. The banquet on December 27 was attended by 180, the largest number ever. Good food and no speeches insured a pleasant evening. Brothers "Sieg" Dietrich, Fencil, Jahn and "Bob" Sheen represented the Philadelphia

alumni. Wish more of you could have been present.

Our chapter again gained recognition through the re-election of "Ducky" Jahn as Grand Historian. Your humble servant, Lee Fencil, was elected to the Board of Trustees.

During the convention, the Nu chapter delegates from Lehigh extended a very cordial invitation to us to attend their initiation on February 8, 1941 at Bethlehem, Pa. A banquet will follow the initiation ceremony. Not only are all Nu alumni expected to be there but also the alumni from all chapters. If you want to experience a real welcome and enjoy just a good, old time, plan now to attend. Bet a lot of you have never seen initiation since you left school. This is your chance to witness the new ritual.

Remember Ladies Night? This annual affair has become a "must" in our program. You won't want to miss it this year. This is the ONE for '41. Join those who already are planning to attend to make it the biggest turnout ever. Give the wife or girl friend a "break" for a fine party. The date is February 22. Place—Oak Terrace County Club. Dress—*Informal*. One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per person covers the dinner, dancing, games and prizes. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. and this notice gives you plenty of time to join us.

LEE FENCIL, *Secretary*

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