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Just a Minute—

■ IT IS WELL for all the chapters to read the article Silver Landmark, and start preparing for that shining day, and with a lifting and knowing program to make that occasion an inspiring one. The next Twenty-Five years will be very much as we show appreciation for the first Twenty-Five years of Alpha Kappa Pi's history. Heritage and History form the backbone and heartbeat of any organization worth commemorating.

We point to Alpha Eta's chapter letter in this issue of THE ALPHA. Read how a dignified Dean and a brilliant Professor have been carrying on while the rank and file of the chapter's membership are at the battle front. It gives a spiritual lift as well as a concrete proof that Alpha Kappa Pi brothers do RE-MEMBER.

Once more attention is called to the Educational offer through the G.I. Bill of Rights. Here is an open sesame to a further pursuit in rightful acquirement for a fuller life, and noble expression of its tenets. Now is the time to decide yes or no in making the proper use of this national offer.

Again the bell tolls and Brother Curran, Alpha Kappa chapter, Rensselaer, has joined our ever lengthening Gold Star listings. Read and consider anew what we owe to these noble American young men. Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for his friends and country.

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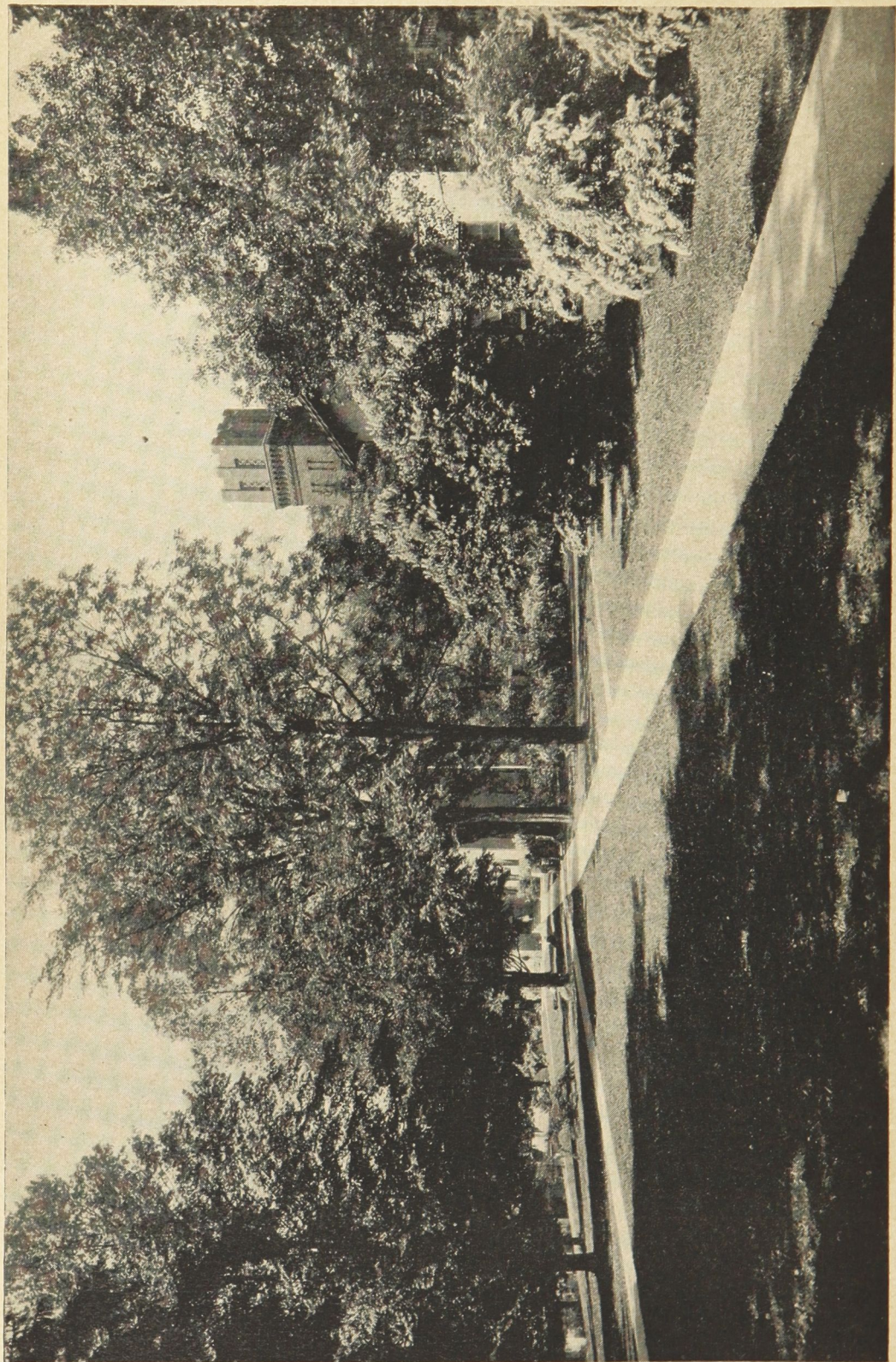
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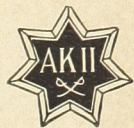
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TRI-STATE'S PLEASANT CAMPUS



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Silver Landmark

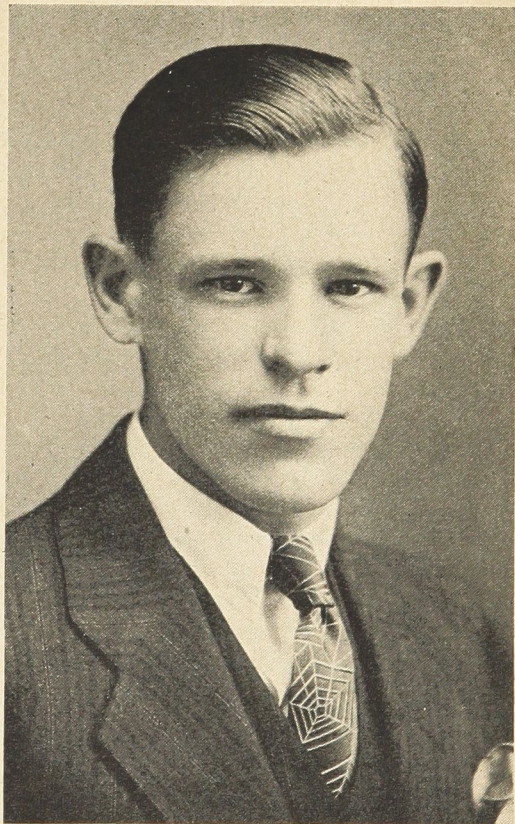
■ IT IS CERTAIN the members, of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, are tuning up for the Silver Anniversary to fall due in the year 1946. We draw this conclusion from the way, despite the fine part the fraternity is doing in helping to win the World War now gripping the Nations. Certain chapters have been holding preliminary celebrations and other chapters, collegiate and alumni, have made hotel reservations, with definite dates following the Declaration of Peace, and Victory over the enemy Nations.

Read the chapter letter from the Alpha Delta, University of Toledo, and it will be seen quite readily that Toledo, a veritable hot bed for Alpha Kappa Pis, will be fully set and ready for the Twenty-Fifth anniversary of the fraternity. A main feature of this celebration was the presence of Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, *Iota*, Scio, Ohio, and to make it more complete, Mrs. Krebs was present at the entertaining hotel, and met the Alpha Kappa Pi members present. Toledo and Alpha Delta chapter will be among the top flight celebrants when the big day arrives.

Not to be outdone Mu chapter, and the Huntington, West Virginia, alumni, observed Founders Day with a banquet and get-together, and are all tuned for the coming event in 1946. Grand Secretary W. Sam Kitchen, *Mu*, Bluefield, West Virginia, was a guest of honor.

At Oneonta, New York, the brothers from

Alpha Alpha chapter, Hartwick College, joined with the alumni, to hold a banquet at the Wilson Hotel, with Dean Le Roy Weller, *Alpha Alpha*, Oneonta, one of the principal



GRAND TREASURER FRANK J. KREBS, *Iota*, GUEST
SPEAKER AT THE TOLEDO, OHIO,
FOUNDERS BANQUET

speakers. Past President H. H. Heins, now at Gettysburg Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., was also a head line speaker along with local alumnus Frisbie.

Down in North Carolina the Chi chapter has held in reservation, for some time, the entire top floor of the famous Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina, for a big rally of the Alpha Kappa Pi brothers, just six months after the Peace papers have been signed. The Xi chapter, North Carolina State, expects to join with Chi chapter in this state-wide celebration, it is hoped, in marking the anniversary of the fraternity. Further South both Eta and Alpha Theta, Presbyterian and Wofford College, will make fitting observance of the Twenty-Fifth birthday of the fraternity, and are already tuning up for the event.

In the Middle West practically all the chapters are looking forward to a proper observance of this big day when it arrives. So THE ALPHA again throws out this suggestion that all the chapters, if active then through the initiative of the brothers in college, if inactive for reason of the War, that the local alumni step into the breach and make such arrangements. A good and pleasant way for the alumni to start their tuning is to hold monthly or even weekly luncheon parties, and thus start the build-up for the final celebration. To make this anniversary a credit and a success in our fraternity history let all members, collegiate and alumni make a continual use of the now time, and thus be ready when the actual time arrives for the honoring of the Founding of our beloved fraternity. Let there be no slackers.

Secretary Speaks

Tells of attending Mu chapter dinner and meeting as A K II, brothers, representatives of the Hatfield and McCoy families, not only one time feudists, but prime builders of the State of West Virginia. From Bluefield, West Virginia, Secretary Kitchen speaks:

Attended the Mu founders day banquet and it was a real joy to renew old friendships and make new ones. Had a pretty good turnout. Incidentally, there is a good story

for the Alpha. There is a Hatfield in the chapter and he was responsible for pledging a McCoy. They are bosom pals and are direct descendants from the feuding families. This would be interesting reading for the Brooklyn and New York brothers, because every time I come to a convention up there, the metropolitan boys always make some reference to the McCoy-Hatfield feud, knowing I am from West Virginia.

The G.I. Bill

THE ALPHA again calls attention to the G.I. Bill of Rights. There is no question that herein lies a splendid opportunity for many returning war veterans. Among the estimated one million ex-service persons desiring more education will be found many Alpha Kappa Pi members. So THE ALPHA feels it is a part of the fraternity magazine to again set forth simple and concise statements of the essential facts, such as knowing who is eligible for this offer and where the information may be readily obtained.

First we set down the requirements:

1. Honorable discharge.
2. Not over 25 years old, or show that education was interrupted by military service.
3. Serving of 90 days or more; or released by actual service injury or disability.
4. Start education program within two years after discharge or end of the war.

Second: Length of training. One year, or its equivalent in part-time study. When such courses are satisfactorily completed, additional education may be arranged; not to exceed length of active service between September 16, 1940 and the end of the war. No course of education shall exceed four years.

Third: Types of training are so inclusive and varied, from elementary to college and university; including correspondence courses, business, vocational, scientific, technical, etc., that it is safe to say that any type desired can probably be arranged.

Four: Expenses paid, to institution. Tuition, fees, etc., customarily charged. Books,

supplies, equipment and such necessary expenses may be paid, exclusively of board, lodging, living expenses, and travel. Such payments shall not exceed \$500 for an ordinary school year.

Five: Living allowance, \$50 per month if no dependants, \$75 if dependants. This may be reduced if students attend on part-time basis or for compensation for work done as part training.

Six: May apply for credit for what was learned in service. Amount, if any, to be determined upon evidence acceptable to institution.

Seven: Counselling centers, at one or more universities in each state are being established by the Veterans Administration. Details of program must finally be arranged with the institution attended.

Final: For further information and application blanks, write to:

Army: United States Armed Forces Institute, Madison, 3, Wisconsin.

Navy: Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, 25, D.C.

Marine Corps: Marine Corps Institute, Marine Barracks, Washington, 25, D.C.

Coast Guard: United States Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, 25, D.C.

General Information: American Council on Education, 744 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C.

Flash!

As this issue of THE ALPHA goes to press word is received that Alpha Kappa Pi, Franklin and Marshall College, Pennsylvania, stands first in scholarship.

Heartaches Answered

THE ALPHA takes pride in presenting the answer, to Mrs. Glenn Frank's article, appearing in the April issue of *The Woman's Home Companion*, "Heartaches on the Campus" and by a young gentleman, still under draft age, but a student at the Newark College of Engineering; where he is fitting himself for service in his country's uniform, and where he is a member of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. He sets forth the carefully thought out answer under seven points, and a concluding paragraph. The answer follows:

1. The schools which force pledges from students that they will not join fraternities are by this very act un-American.

2. The idea of Mrs. Frank to strike at fraternities when they are down is a tactic of the Nazis and if such actions as she proposes represent her idea of Americanism then we as a nation are degenerating.

3. The examples she cites are undoubtedly the "rotten apples" by which she hopes to spoil the "barrel" for I am certain that they do not portray a true cross section of fraternity life in America.

4. Does Mrs. Frank think that all men in fraternities are spoiled rich men's sons? Our college is a relatively modest school and the majority of students in it have earned their tuition in part or in full by hard work. Engineering like Law and Medicine is an exacting master and requires much study in and out of school. Such a life can soon be reduced to drudgery and we look to the fraternities on our campus for the social activities which relieve our burden and give us the added incentive to go on.

5. May I point out that the requirements of a fraternity as to religion, etc., are to prevent internal disunity and in most cases

they are the same inherent prejudices which we all employ when selecting our own friends—most fraternities I believe do not use a man's father's position or bankroll as a criteria for membership. Furthermore, if a poor boy attends a rich man's school it is just as possible for him to be snubbed and shut out of social life if there were no fraternities on the campus.

6. The question of refusal of admittance—how many of us face disappointments in our life. If we are not men, they defeat us; if we are men, they strengthen our character. Emotionally maladjusted to our present way of life is the man or woman whose life is ruined by one disappointment such as not being asked to join a fraternity.

7. The question of veterans—how many of those veterans were not college men taken from their studies and fraternity life, who most certainly wish to return to college and find their fraternities. Veterans have a serious outlook on life, therefore, they warrant and will get special consideration from the fraternities—they cannot be expected to perform tasks which are to their minds too frivolous. However, too serious an outlook can result in a morbid outlook on life. The social life of fraternities must serve as an outlet for these pent-up emotions.

In conclusion, I would like to state, that in fraternities, as in all the other expressions of life, we must know the age-old injunction holds: "If there be any praise, think on these things." In true fraternalism it is certain that the Heart Impulses for Helpful Service far outweigh any possible and fleeting "Heartaches on the Campus."

ROBERT LINDBERG, Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity, Newark College of Engineering, Newark, N.J.

REPEATS

Alpha Kappa Pi, Connecticut, won scholarship.

Panhellenic Notes

■ ALPHA XI DELTA sorority has entered Marietta College, Ohio, by chartering the 36-year-old Beta Theta local society. Beta Theta is the oldest woman's organization on that campus. Alpha Xi Delta will meet Chi Omega and Phi Mu.

Secretary Ralph Burns, Alpha Sigma Phi, is back as a full time officer in his fraternity, and at headquarters, 42 Broadway, New York City.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has placed a chapter at Bowling Green State University, Ohio; and there joins P K A and A T O, with the only local, Beta Gamma Upsilon, petitioning Σ N.

Ancient local fraternities are growing fewer in numbers each passing year. These remain, and all of them vigorous and forceful: Lambda Iota, 1836, University of Vermont; Phi Nu Theta, 1837, Wesleyan, Connecticut; Kappa Kappa Kappa, 1842, Dartmouth College; Delta Psi, 1850, University of Vermont; Archania, 1854, College of the Pacific; Pi Epsilon Phi, 1854, Evansville College; Rho Lambda Phi, 1858, College of the Pacific; Kappa Phi Lambda, 1862, Westminster College, Pennsylvania; Kappa Gamma Chi, 1868, Bard College; Q.T.V., 1869,

Massachusetts State College; Phi Kappa Pi, 1885, Monmouth College; Phi Beta Epsilon, 1890, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and sororities: Collegiate Sorosis, 1886, University of Michigan; Willard, 1889, Nebraska Wesleyan.

The number of academic college fraternity men serving their country, in the different setups, is not far below the 400,000 mark. Disloyalty is rarely found on a college or university campus. Triangle, with 17 collegiate chapters, and more than 4600 members is now a senior member of National Interfraternity Conference, with Farm House a junior member of N I.

Secretary Cecil J. Wilkinson, Phi Gamma Delta, Rust Building, Washington, D.C., is the only person to have been chairman of the NIC, and of its two associated organizations: Fraternity Editors' Association and Secretaries' Association. "Scoop" is now head of the Secretaries.

Toledo University is being occupied by the sororities: Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Delta Delta, and Alpha Chi Omega, and more to follow. A K II is the one national fraternity on campus.

"War Cannot Destroy Our Principles, Ideals"

■ "War and dictators cannot destroy ideals, nor crush principles. That is why we find leadership coming from college men. If all our college-trained men were removed from the government and services the loss would be great indeed and possibly irreparable. The nation would suffer a great loss. Not only a numerical and technical loss, but a loss in the will to lead and fight and die

for the ideals that made this nation possible. These very ideals have helped and fostered our Fraternity. Our principles are the very essence of democracy. Of course there are some things that can weaken and even destroy fraternity and idealism. These same destructive elements can destroy democracy." —Joseph Richard Walsh, Supreme President, in *The Xi Psi Phi Quarterly*.

Alpha Kappa Pi News

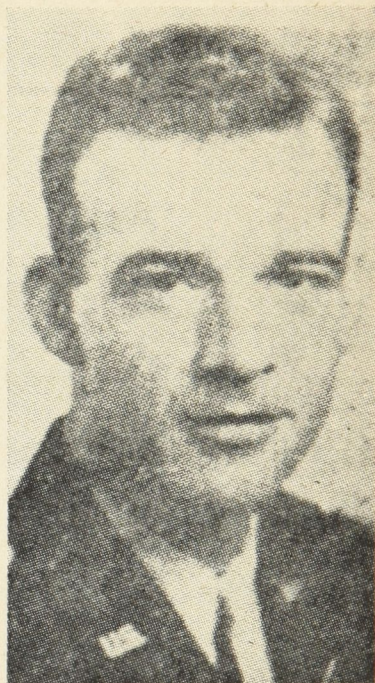


First Lieutenant Ralph Sudderth, Mu chapter, Marshall College, above, returned to Huntington, West Virginia, wearing the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters and the ETO campaign ribbon; the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Sudderth, 312 West Eighteenth street, Huntington, West Virginia, he spent nine months as a bombardier with the Eighth Air Force in England and has completed 30 missions against the enemy.

Reported Missing

First Lieutenant Paul E. Dempsey, Mu chapter, below, has been reported by the War Department as missing in action in Germany since December 21. An Infantry officer, he is the son of S. H. Dempsey and the late Mrs. Dempsey, 728 Ninth avenue, and the husband of Mrs. Lucille Sisson Dempsey of Matewan. He is a graduate of Central high school and Marshall College. A sister, Mrs. Carl Conway, resides here and a brother,

er, Corporal Lloyd Dempsey, is with the Ninth Army in Germany.



Another Gold Star

Alpha Kappa chapter, Rensselaer, has received the tragic news of the death of another of the brothers in Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. Pfc. Jerome F. Curran, South Meriden, Conn., was killed in France, January 21, 1945. Brother Curran was a member of the class of 1946, and enlisted in the Army Reserves. In June 1943 he was called to active service. After receiving his training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and Camp Rucker, Alabama, with studies, in between camps, at the North State Teachers College, he was shipped overseas. In France he was attached to a French Armored Division, which entered Strassburg. He was then awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Then on January 21, 1945, he was reported killed in action. His loss was doubly felt at Alpha Kappa for several of the brothers now active were initiated at the

same time that Brother Curran received his Knighthood. To his parents and other relatives THE ALPHA offers the deepest sympathy of the Alpha Kappa chapter and the entire fraternity of the Alpha Kappa Pi. He gave his life for Truth and Fidelity, and Country.

Woodman Promoted

Word has been received from *The News Release*, Public Relations Office, Central Pacific Base Command, of the promotion of Lieutenant Robert G. Woodman to Infantry Captain. Captain Woodman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Woodman, reside at 75 Norman Place, Tenafly, N.J. Brother Woodman was one of the leading members of the Phi chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, St. Johns College, Annapolis, Md. THE ALPHA sends the best of greetings to our honored brother.

Wounded in Action

In the General Patton, Third Army, spearhead drive into Germany, during the month of March, Lieutenant Robert J. Havill, *Iota*, Mount Union College, was wounded in chest, face and leg by an exploding bomb. He is now at the U. S. Hospital Plant No. 4316, and his A.P.O. 887, and personal number O-10112205. To address him send mail c/o Postmaster, New York City, N.Y. His home is at 671 West 193rd Street, New York City, N.Y.

Prisoner of War

Receives Award—Second Lieut. H. Clifford Schmutz, Alpha Gamma chapter, Franklin and Marshall College, Pa., Army Air Force pilot, a prisoner of war of Germany, has been awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, for "meritorious achievement." Because Lieutenant Schmutz was unable to receive the award personally, they were presented to his wife, Mrs. H. Clifford Schmutz, of 90 Chetwood Terr., Fanwood, at ceremonies recently in the Officers' Club at Weequahic Park, Newark, N.J.

Scout Training

Robert Untch, *Iota*, Mount Union College, and the field executive of the Canton, Ohio, District, Boy Scouts, has completed an extended training course at the Boy Scouts National Training School, Mendham, N.J.



He reports that one of the interesting features at the school was the attendance of fourteen representatives of Latin American countries. Brother Untch resides at 1310 Rowland, N.E., Canton, Ohio.

Study in Contrast

The annual meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference, held in New York City, at Thanksgiving time, affords a study in contrast that is both interesting and, maybe, something new under the sun in unraveling some of the items concerned therewith. The Delta Phi fraternity, founded in 1827 is there with the Lambda Chi Alpha founded in 1909, with chapter rolls respectively standing at fifteen and one hundred and ten. At the present time a Delta Phi is Chairman of the Conference while his immediate predecessor was a Lambda Chi Alpha. Also we find Delta Psi founded in 1847 with nine chapters along Sigma Phi Epsilon

founded in 1901 with seventy chapters. Then Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Xi, Phi Delta Theta, listing more than 100 chapters hobnobbing with the oldest of all the fraternities, Kappa Alpha (North), with eight chapters. Also Kappa Alpha (South) elbowing with the Psi Upsilon, wholly Yankee with no chapter below the Mason-Dixon Line, and numbering 28 collegiate centers. These and many other contrasts that might be head-lined would seem to show that fraternity, after all has been said and done, is individual rather than corporate in its realization and application of the respective ideals and precepts. Above all it proves that no one fraternity, nor yet group of fraternities, holds a mortgage on the young manhood of America,

and that true aristocracy is the Aristocracy of Accomplishment.

Wedding Bells

On Saturday, January 20, 1945, at half after four o'clock, in the Chapel of the Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, New York, Miss Janet Potter was united in marriage to Ernest Ludwig Daman, and in the presence of family relatives, and invited guests. The groom is a graduate of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, and a member of the Delta chapter, of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. Several of his chapter brothers witnessed the ceremony, and among them Second Vice-President, Parke B. Fraim. Brother Daman is now in his country's service.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Alpha—Newark Engineering

Alpha chapter members, owing to time limitations and the speed-up program in studies, hold business meetings at the noon hour each of five days of the week, and social affairs Saturday evenings.

Since at least one half of our active members are reaching eighteen years in the matter of age, and will be going into the armed services, it requires that we keep building from the entering classes to keep the chapter in good working order. So on March 9 a party was given to a number of selected freshmen, at our rooms, for the purpose of introducing them to fraternity life here at Newark. The entertainment proved a fine success in that our guests showed a decided interest in Alpha Kappa Pi, and at the pledging time, we are confident in selecting several worthy men from this group of new students.

Alpha was pleased to have with us at this party, and aiding in the capacity of host, Brother Bob Hoiermann, *Iota* chapter, Mount Union College, Ohio. Such contacts bring home to the brothers the fact that Alpha Kappa Pi is a national order of college men.

Other social events have been the dance given in honoring Brother Anthony Stanley, who visited us while on Navy leave. Another visitor was Brother Robert Dickie who gave us a call while on his way to Camp Meade, Maryland, awaiting his call for overseas service.

The active brothers at Alpha are working hard to help restore the old time organization of our alumni members. Any help along this line will be greatly appreciated.

Success to all our chapters, and we here, at 37 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey, extend our hospitality. Come and see us.

ROBERT LINDBERG

Beta—Wagner

Initiated: Eugene Elzer Scala '47, Staten Island, New York.

Gamma—Stevens

Initiated: William Phillip Brotherton '45, Lyndhurst, N.J.; Theodore Rudolph Eilenberg '46, Flushing, N.Y.; William Edward Elgin '47,

Hagerstown, Md.; Albert Gerard Ginouves '47, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Delta—Brooklyn Polytechnic

Pledged: Richard Carucci '47, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Arthur Bennettson '48, St. Albans, N.Y.; John Hughes '48, Laurelton, N.Y.; Edmund Hamburger '48, Glendale, N.Y.; Albert Linquiti '48, Jamaica, N.Y.; John Nelson '48, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Anthony Portera '48, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Richard Rittenhouse '48, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Frank Vultaggio '48, Brooklyn, N.Y.

At the February pledging season the Delta chapter was highly successful, and pledged nine splendid new members. It is with just pride that we present them to the fraternity, and through the offices of THE ALPHA.

In our recent elections the following brothers took their places as officers: President, Frank Lefor; vice-president, Fred Roberts; treasurer, Fred Zeuthen; secretary, Emil Sammak; historian, Earle McGuigan; chaplain, John Sinnot; sentinel, Frank Raffa.

One of the most successful Father and Son Smokers, in the history of Delta chapter, was held March 2. As a result of this affair seven men were pledged. Two of our faculty brothers, Professors Fraim and Smith, attended and added greatly to the good time enjoyed by all the brothers and invited guests.

It is with great sorrow, but with best wishes for the future, that we see two of our most active brothers, Bill Stolze and Vinny Variano, graduate. After their graduation they will become the first new members of an alumni chapter that is in the period of formation. In his participation in campus affairs during his undergraduate career, Bill was: president, Alpha Kappa Pi, president of A.I.E.E., vice-president Eta Kappa Nu, vice-president Tau Beta Pi, president student council, and many other lesser honors. Among Vinny's laurels were: Treasurer A.I.E.E., secretary senior class, treasurer Alpha Kappa Pi, and many other honors. A party was recently held in honor of these brothers. It was as much a success as we know Bill and Vinny will be when they enter their chosen fields of endeavor.

Like our many other brothers, throughout the land, we of Delta chapter, commemorated March 11 by solemn prayer. Among the many friends

present were Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, parents of our deceased brother, Leonard Weeks. After the services a gathering was held at the fraternity house where many valuable suggestions were received from our alumni. We reverently bow our heads and pray that Memorial Sunday next year will see us all in the best of health, and enjoying the full benefits of fraternity life and the blessings of national peace restored once more.

EARLE MCGUIGAN

Chi—Wake Forest

Initiated: James Wesley Harris '47, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Erwin Melvin Jacobs '46, Newark, N.J.; Henry Mack Parrish '47, Ocala, Fla.; Ray Esmer Burns '47, Belmont, N.C.; David Bennett Hill '48, Rutherfordton, N.C.; Richard Alexander Kelly '47, Canton, N.C.; Frank Lee Manly '46, Goldsboro, N.C.; James Tillman Powell, Jr. '47, Canton, N.C.

Pledged: Nicholas Demetrios '47, Baltimore, Md.; Wimpy Fishel '47, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Jesse Jayne '47, Asheville, N.C.; Richard Steele '47, Asheville, N.C.

Second semester is well on its way and Chi chapter once again finds itself on top. In the field of athletics, our basketball team won 19 out of 20 games. High school teams as well as fraternity teams bowed to the men who wore the Green and White. Once again we won the trophy which is given annually, to the best fraternity team on the campus, by the Panhellenic council. We can now boast of more trophies than any fraternity on the campus. Four of our brothers were honored by being placed on the all-star fraternity team. They are: Mack Parrish, Robert Smathers, Ed Bridger, who was high scorer on the all-star team, and James Powell, who was high scorer for the Green and White.

We were also well represented in the field of dramatics. Ernest Nott, was director of our last college production, "My Man Godfrey." Brother Nott is a member of the Student Council, a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the Assistant in the Music Department, and a member of the Alpha Psi Omega, the national honorary dramatic club.

Right now we feel that we have one of the most outstanding fraternity men on the campus. He is Mack Parrish, Ocala, Florida, and has excelled in his studies as well as in sports. He is president of the sophomore class, drum major of the Wake Forest college band, and vice-president of the International Relations Club. Brother Parrish is a member of the Alpha Psi Omega, dramatic fraternity, and had a leading part in the latest production.

Other major honors and offices which Chi is able to name are as follows: Henry Reeves was chosen a member of the Gamma Nu Iota, honorary pre-medical society, and in which Brother Nick

Sacrinity, is vice-president. Brother Sankey Wright Robinson has been elected president of Phi Delta Omega, the local honorary pre-law society. He also serves as secretary of the Panhellenic Council. David Hill is president of the freshman class, Mack Parrish president of the sophomore class, Nick Sacrinity vice-president of the Student Body, and Charles Morris and Ernest Nott, senior representatives to the Student Council.

Dr. Hermon M. Parker, our faculty counselor, is now working at Newport News, Virginia, with an aeronautical commission, the N.A.C.A., in drawing up plans for war and commercial planes. All the brothers are looking forward to his return to the Wake Forest campus. He was an associate professor in the physics department, and a member of Alpha Psi Omega. He also participated in fraternity sports while he was here, and was the high scorer for the Alpha Kappa Pi basketball team last year.

Plans are now being made for our building fund which will aid us in acquiring a new post-war fraternity home. The following brothers have been lost to the armed services: Jack White, who is acting sergeant in the Army; Ivan Welborne, who is doing his part in the Navy; Richard Edgeworth, now in the Merchant Marines, and James Powell, who recently entered the Naval Air Corps.

The chapter received a letter from Brother Harold "Bud" Fuller, '46, who is now in Germany. He was recently decorated for bravery. Word was also received from Brother John Blanton, past president of Chi chapter, who is in the Army Air Corps, stationed at Westover Field, Massachusetts. Brother Jim Hayes, '47, recently received the Oak Leaf Cluster. Chi men are giving a splendid account of themselves in all branches of the country's service, and in all parts of the world.

JOHN DOMBALIS

Iota—Mount Union

Initiated: Nicholas Stuffer '46, Alliance, Ohio.

Pledged: Charles Brown '48, Alliance, Ohio; Melvin Rockwell '48, Sebring, Ohio; David Hively '48, Minerva, Ohio; George Corey '46, Canton, Ohio.

As the number of male students increases, at Mount Union College, Iota chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, is making a laudable effort to regain its place on the campus of this historic institution of learning. At the present time we feel that splendid progress is being made, and the real start has just begun.

Saturday evening, March 17, 1945, Nicholas Stuffer, Alliance, Ohio, was given the ritual work of the fraternity, and invested with his badge of membership. The initiation was held at the Alliance State Street high school building, where Brother Lowell Lamb, an alumnus of this college and chapter, is the principal. The following

brothers were in charge of the different stations, all of them being alumni except the chapter president, Henry Hansen, Jr.: Henry Hansen, Jr.; Donald Heffelfinger, John Fairless, Lowell Lamb, Victor McFarland and Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs.

As stated, in previous letters to THE ALPHA, and for the benefit of our scattered alumni, we repeat that the chapter house is absolutely safe financially, and the monthly rentals gradually amortizing the rather small mortgage which is held by one of the Alliance banking houses.

Brother Robert Hoiermann, Iota alumnus, has been in Newark, New Jersey, for the past few weeks and has found the Alpha chapter, Newark College of Engineering, most hospitable. He has been attending their chapter meetings as well as the social affairs.

We were grieved to hear that Lieutenant Robert J. Havill, Iota, with General Patton's Army, has been seriously wounded in action. He is now in the U. S. Hospital Plant receiving the best of care and attention. We all pray for his early recovery. Brother Havill's home is in New York City.

In closing we desire to state that Iota is trying hard to have the chapter life a going affair on this campus, when our brothers in our country's service, come home once more.

HENRY HANSEN, JR.

Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan

Initiated: Charles Herbert Fenton, 3rd '48, Buckhannon, W.Va.; Arden Lee Pratt '45, Clarksburg, W.Va.

Alpha Beta—Tri State

Initiated: Robert S. Ahrens '47, Saint Paul, Minn.; James Crawford '47, Swithland, Ky.; Frederick Pentica '47, Angola, Ind.; Marvin Morley '47, Edgerton, Ohio.

We, Brothers of Alpha Kappa Pi at Tri-State College, are still working hard to keep the Alpha Beta chapter functioning. We are proud of the four recent initiates, and whom we are introducing to the fraternity at this time. They are all worthy and loyal brothers.

Since the Christmas holidays, and the brothers are back at college, we have been enjoying some excellent house parties. All of these parties have been most successful and tend to inspire the chapter to greater efforts for our fraternity.

During the past two years we have experienced a big drop in our active membership, but we have stuck together and worked all the harder to keep our chapter house open, and thus far we are happy to state that we have been highly successful. We are resolved to do our best to keep the chapter in active service as long as it is at all possible.

Alpha Beta extends fraternal greetings to our Alpha Kappa Pi chapters everywhere and expresses the hope they may all meet with success as they work to keep the chapters going, or in the efforts to re-organize them as the work is found feasible. Let us all keep pulling together for our fraternity.

GEORGE XENAKIS

Alpha Gamma—Franklin and Marshall

Initiated: Robert Kutz Townsley '46, New Holland, Pa.; Elvin Mentzer Musselman '48, New Holland, Pa.

Pledged: George Geisler '48, Spring Grove, Pa.

The Alpha Gamma chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, Franklin and Marshall College, Pennsylvania, became active in November 1944, after two years of inactivity. The ten men, loyal and true, were initiated in November of that year, rented a room in the Theological Seminary, where chapter meetings were held and plans discussed for action. During the Fall session the chapter received four new pledges, two of whom have been initiated and reported as in this issue of THE ALPHA.

An able corps of officers piloted the chapter through the early months of our re-organization, and under the presidency of Brother John M. Bevan. The first formal initiation, under the ritual work of the chapter, was held Tuesday, February 12, 1945, and proved to be a very inspirational service, not only for the two new brothers initiated, but for the ten brothers in charge of the ritual revelations. The chapter felt honored in having with us, on this occasion, Adviser A. H. Wilson, New York City; and Professor Herbert Anstaett, our faculty counselor.

The following men are now our officers: President, Francis E. Ringer; vice-president, Raymond Bower; secretary, Elvin Musselman; treasurer, Miles Acker, Jr.; chaplain, Thomas M. Snyder; historian, Joseph Miller.

The chapter is happy to announce its latest development. We have given up the room in the Seminary and have moved into the Phi Kappa Tau house, and on a co-operative basis with the members of this fraternity. There are now four Phi Kappa Tau members and eight Alpha Kappa Pi members residing at this center. The episode proves to be a very interesting experience, and we hope that through concessions that are necessary for such corporate residence, we may successfully experience true fraternity brotherhood.

The chapter takes pleasure in extending greetings and wishes for success to all Alpha Kappa Pi chapters.

JOSEPH MILLER

Alpha Delta—Toledo

Initiated: Thomas Coffey Farrell, Jr. '48, Toledo, Ohio; Norman Kenneth Gladieux '48,

Toledo, Ohio; Donald Dennis Johnson '48, Toledo, Ohio; Richard George Reisbach, '47, Toledo, Ohio; John Lester King '48, Toledo, Ohio; Clarence Francis Graser '48, Toledo, Ohio; Fred William Shultz '48, Toledo, Ohio; Norman Ralph Johns '48, Toledo, Ohio.

Alpha Delta chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity presents to the general fraternity eight new initiates. The active brothers are very proud to call these newly made Knights, brothers. Of these excellent members two have entered the country's service. Richard Reisbach and Donald Johnson left for the Army shortly after their initiation.

A Memorial Book Fund was recently inaugurated, on the University of Toledo campus, for university men who have given their lives for their country. Alpha Kappa Pi was the first campus organization to contribute, and already have given a number of books on Business Administration to the library. These books are being dedicated to Robert Whitney, who was a student in this department of the university, when he entered service. Alumni contributions are beginning to swell our own Robert L. Whitney Memorial Fund.

The University of Toledo chapter of the International Red Cross recently sponsored a drive on campus, by auctioning student services. Of all organizations on campus Alpha Kappa Pi was third in giving to this worthy organization.

Among our alumni recently home from service are: Edward Draheim, Paul Melucas, John Hamel and William Foussianes. Melucas is a C-47 cargo plane pilot, and has seen action in the Mediterranean area. Bill Foussianes has been instructing Air Force men at Yale University. We are always happy to see these men when they return, and want to continually advise them of our big homecoming just after the war.

Alpha Delta chapter decided to give a week-end celebration of Founders Day this year, so a committee of three brothers, was named to carry out this program: Wesley Taylor, alumnus, chairman, with actives Robert McCollough and Robert Douglass serving with him. Brother Frank J. Krebs, Iota, Grand Treasurer, was successfully contacted, and made the trip from Scio, Ohio. He arrived Friday, March 23, and that night we held our Founders Day Banquet in the Toledo Room of the Commodore Perry Hotel. Wesley Taylor served as toastmaster, and performed an admirable job. After singing Alpha Kappa Pi songs, our chapter counselor, Dr. James McCrimmon, English Instructor at the University, addressed us on "The Viewpoint of a Counselor." Dr. John Brandeberry followed with a fine talk on "Past, Present, and Future" of the fraternity. Then, at exactly ten o'clock P.M., Brother Krebs dedicated the Founders Toast. His talk to us was both interesting and inspiring. We all benefitted greatly from this association with our fine Grand Treasurer, and all

questions were clarified and answered in a pleasing manner. Our chapter president, Lawrence Muttart, gave a splendid presentment of the policies and planned future of the chapter. Before closing the Board of Trustees was completed by the election of Wesley Taylor, alumnus, to become a member of the board.

Alpha Delta is progressing in every fine way and in high hopes that our soldier brothers will be with us soon, and the war in Europe brought to a speedy and successful close.

ROBERT C. DOUGLASS

Alpha Eta—Milton

Initiated: Winton P. Burger '48, Janesville, Wis.; Jack Morgan Hebbe '47, Ft. Atkinson, Wis.

Alpha Eta chapter is pleased to report the initiation of two splendid young men into the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, Milton College. Pledges Winton P. Burger, 1529 Carrington Street, Janesville, Wisconsin, and Jack M. Hebbe, 531 East Milwaukee Street, Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin, were given the ritual work, Sunday evening, March 4, 1945, at the home of Brother John N. Daland, Dean of Milton College. It was a very effective and beautiful ceremony with alumni brothers Dean Daland, Wilbert Stewart, Riley Schloemer, Elmer Lipke, all of Janesville, and L. Milton Van Horn, of the college, filling the chairs. After the initiation the new and old Alpha Kappa Pis were served a bountiful dinner under the direction of Mesdames John N. Daland and L. Milton Van Horn. All of us are grateful to the Dalands for throwing open their home for this splendid occasion.

Brother Lipke left the following morning, March 5, for induction into the armed forces of our country. It was a happy farewell to this enthusiastic Alpha Kappa Pi brother.

L. M. VAN HORN

Alpha Kappa—Rensselaer

Initiated: Richard Goon '47, Portland, Me.; Philip Andrew Vautrain '46, South Hadley, Mass.; Allan Igo Bennett, Jr. '46, Ligonier, Pa.

Alpha Kappa chapter has once more returned to a very prominent place here at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Our active membership has been increased through the initiation of three outstanding young gentlemen, and we are pleased to present them to the fraternity in this current issue of THE ALPHA.

Three of the brothers are members of Phalanx, the highest honor students can achieve at Rensselaer. These honor men are Fred Janson, Mal Graham and Jim Langley. Brother Graham is also president of the Student Chapter of A.S.C.E., and of Chi Epsilon, national honorary civil engineering society.

Several successful vic dances were held the past weeks, and plans are being made for several more, of these most pleasing affairs, in the immediate future.

Very shortly six of our brothers will be leaving the Naval Unit, having completed the course necessary for degrees. So we are now busy forming plans for the enlargement of our membership, and to be ready to receive back at R.P.I., the boys who left for the service before completing their college education.

FREDERICK W. SMITH

Alpha Mu—Carthage

The Alpha Mu chapter, Carthage College, is still inactive, but the alumni are alert and will be ready to re-kindle the flame when the normal life returns to the campus. Meanwhile chapter counselor Calvin Sifferd, Birmingham, Iowa, sends in these items referring to alumni and undergraduates of the chapter in service.

It is an interesting fact that these Carthage Alpha Kappa Pi members are so thoroughly knit in their fraternity ties, when so quickly scattered to all places of the war zones after the installation of the chapter. Gladstone Cale is with the China Air Wing Command, and stationed in India. Robert Horsfall, pledged at Alpha Mu chapter, was killed in Germany, November 18, 1944. He had been through all the engagements through Holland and Germany from September until paying the supreme sacrifice. Dick Sebert, for the past two years, a member of the armed guard on American merchant ships, is attending naval school in Alabama learning to pilot landing craft. Waldo Berger, 2nd Lt. USMC, is finishing his training near Morehead City, North Carolina, and expects to go on foreign duty shortly. Milus Bonker, the leader in the nationalizing of the local group at Carthage as the Alpha Mu of Alpha Kappa Pi, is married and now attending Northwest Seminary in Minneapolis. The sender to THE ALPHA of these notes of his chapter, Calvin Sifferd, will again be at the University of Illinois for the twelve weeks of the Summer months, in charge of a group of boys on a diet experiment, and one that Brother Sifferd worked out last Summer at this University. While there he will be able to pursue certain graduate studies in which he is deeply interested.

In closing it might be well to state that none of the fraternities at Carthage are now in active operation, but awaiting the end of this World War No. 2.

CALVIN SIFFERD

Alpha Nu—Connecticut

Pledged: Howard Hevern '48, Willimantic, Conn.

Greetings to all of our brothers throughout the

nation and the world. This is Alpha Nu at the University of Connecticut, tucked away amongst the foothills of the Berkshires in the blue hills. And—for you Southern brothers—we already had this written to tell you that the rains had cleared away our snow, leaving only mangy splotches to dapple the hillsides, when we awoke to find a heavy, moist snow had covered everything with a layer of cotton! Every twig, wire and branch had its outline of fluff.

We are the newest chapter to be added to Alpha Kappa Pi, but among those at the very top in spirit. As this shall be our last word until the next college year, we shall try to give you a good picture of our chapter.

We have been fortunate this semester in obtaining a suite in the men's dormitory at Koon's Hall for our fraternity lounge. We worked hard moving furniture and decorating, but it was well worth the effort, to have our own quarters, where we could all meet together and congregate when we pleased. Our chapter shall remain static, as we have the two members mentioned at the beginning of our letter, to take the place of our two graduating brothers.

Our conscientious and able president, Leonard D. Rinaldi, who has kept Alpha Nu together since Pearl Harbor, is graduating this June with his degree in Arts. He has seen our brothers leave one by one, until he practically held the fort alone. Leonard has majored in mathematics and actuarial work and is one of the few persons in the country who has prepared in quality control work. He is president of the Math. Club, and a representative on the governing body of the fraternities on campus—The Mediator.

Brother Edward J. Planz, vice-president of Alpha Nu, is also graduating. Ed has been accepted at medical college, and may go to Tufts, where our neighborly Tau chapter exists. Ed has majored in chemistry. He has remained a bulwark in the foundation of Alpha Nu and has worked to keep our chapter active and to help build it up as greatly as feasible.

We cannot resist from telling this little Alpha Kappa Pi anecdote, but: Brother Planz was very happy the day that he received a letter from Tufts and went up to Boston for an interview at the school. While he was there he thought that he would pay a visit to our Tau chapter house. He rang the bell of their beautiful colonial home and waited gleefully to meet his Tau brothers! The click-click of heels down the stairs did not awaken any unconditioned response, for it might have been a house mother! Nevertheless, when he was confronted by an attractive young lady, to whom he could not give any handshake, or greet her in true Alpha Kappa Pi brotherhood spirit, he just stuttered a bit and left. Ed had not remembered in his exuberant state that Tau was inactive, and that their house had been converted to a girl's

dormitory. However that is the picture of conditions throughout the country today that we are all experiencing.

But, while Uncle Sam has taken many of the Alpha Kappa Pi boys away from their chapters, the real spirit of fraternalism has been felt more strongly than ever when he has allowed the boys home on furlough or leave. It has been a boost to our morale as well, to see our members away on "leave of absence" return. It will not be long *now* when the next step will be the return for good, and to continue in the stopping off place where they left. Fraternities can help their brother veterans as well, if not better, than a lot of other pseudo-patriotic agencies from an angle of real personal application and appreciation.

A couple of months ago Ray Lee, whom some of you might remember from our fraternity meeting in New York City, was on campus to visit us. He is now in New Guinea, from where he wrote us a letter by candlelight. We enjoy receiving word from our brothers and we feel as though we were with them in spirit, at least in retrospect.

Corporal William Depatie was on campus a few days after finishing school in Florida, before returning to camp and leaving for overseas. We patiently wait for word from Bill and wish him all the success that our seven points stand for. Julius Silversteen, who is now studying medicine in Philadelphia, came up a few weeks ago for the weekend.

And, we had an especial surprise in the person of Dick Phelps, our past president and originator, who was injured in the battle of Metz. He has been sent back to the States for a further operation and visited us a few times while at home on furlough, before reporting to the hospital. It was a little reminiscent of old times to have him at one of our meetings. Our fraternity counselor, Mr. Joseph Brown, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages, also attended for the business discussion, and contributed to the plannings.

We are constantly hearing from our brothers via V-mail and personal contact exists between them and their girl friends and relatives on campus. The bond of Alpha Nu is strong among us!

Another of our brothers, Herbert Levi, who came over from Germany a few years ago, has established himself as an artist worthy of note and has been bothered by museums in New York City to exhibit his paintings of unusual theme, such as cubistic and pacifistic. However Herb has been very busy doing research work with spiders, in addition to a very heavy school load. We expect great things from Herb in the future.

We are going to initiate Howard Hevern into the national soon. We here at Alpha Nu are all rooting for Howie, as he is a third alternate in the state slated for Annapolis, and we would be proud to have Alpha Kappa Pi represented in that branch.

Alpha Nu chapter is pleased to announce to the fraternity at large that we have again won the scholarship cup, which is sponsored by the inter-fraternity governing body. We came out on top above all eighteen sororities and fraternities on campus, and six places ahead of the nearest fraternity. We had an average of 28.0 QPR's (Quality Point Ratio) which is equal to two points minus a B average for all members. The Cup has been running since 1926, and this is the third time that we have had it in our possession, and are now sole possessor.

Socially we have been quiet, with occasional weekends together and dances in Willimantic and New Haven, Connecticut. We have been busy representing Alpha Nu at all the sorority and fraternity pledge dances, formals, and parties. We have had our Military Ball on campus, as well as the Football Hop, and are looking forward to the Co-Ed Weekend soon, when the girls pay the bills; and to the Junior Prom and other dances. But especially are we looking forward very soon to our Greek Letter Dance which all the sororities and fraternities on campus are sponsoring. It promises to be one of the most outstanding affairs of the year, as usual.

Our elections have been voted to be held April 17, so we will let you know then what the results are. Our second semester rushing has begun and is to be completely open this time. We have few students who have arrived in February, mostly veterans, and our plans are formulating.

Uniting with their brothers the world over, the men at Alpha Nu chapter celebrated Founders Day by drinking a toast to the fraternity on March 23. Conscious of their obligations and extremely proud of the efforts of their brothers throughout the world, the Alpha Nu chapter devoted the evening to a tribute to the fraternity.

We have had a difficult time here at Alpha Nu chapter, as our brothers have been watched through the metamorphosis of students, to pledgees, then initiates, and mostly all into the service, with some returning home on furlough, and a couple honorably discharged. It is with the greatest pleasure that we watch our ranks slowly grow again with the men returning to take their rightful places, along with those who have pledged, to help with a pioneer spirit of striving. We have fought to remain active with very few people, but now number seven, along with the ever-promising future before us as our goal.

While we are at present ensconced in a lounge in the men's dormitory, we look forward soon to the building of our new fraternity row with a mansion for each group on campus, and the promise of the first available house to us, which is now the only group on campus without a house.

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