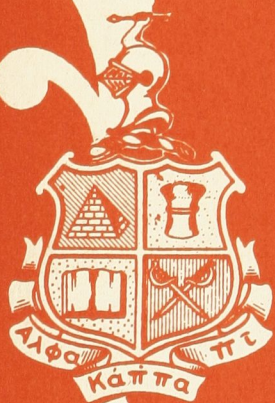


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Just a Minute Please—

■ HEREWITH we urge all chapters, collegiate and alumni, to appreciate the fact that Alpha Kappa Pi is now in the beginning of its twenty-sixth year as a brotherhood of college men. The past quarter century has been marked with much success and fraternalism. Those who have gone before have played their part valiantly. What the next quarter century brings to the fraternity is largely in your keeping. What will the verdict be at the end of fifty years in Alpha Kappa Pi? Now is the time to start the creating of that answer.

It is inspiring to note the way the collegiate chapters are swinging back into active service. If the present enthusiasm and labors continue Alpha Kappa Pi should be back on all campuses, where Alpha Kappa Pi was flourishing when World War II caused the brothers, to lay aside their books, and take arms in defense of home and country. Only the weak and vacillating chapters will fail to be in working order by the opening of the colleges in September, 1945. Brother alumni, where will that time find your chapter?

Two new chapter houses have been added to the homes now owned by the fraternity. The Alpha takes this opportunity to hail the brothers at Brooklyn Polytechnic and Rensselaer in their successful labors, and generous giving, in making these homes possible. Both Delta and Alpha Kappa chapter will benefit through these advancements.

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The Silver Jubilee

▪ THOSE of you, brothers in the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, who recall some lines from *Cicero*, will appreciate the following as apropos to those gifts that come to you from your fraternity membership: "Friendship, the only thing in the world, concerning which the usefulness of which all mankind are agreed," for we have come to know that loyalty to a cause is what keeps life fine, and loyalty to a cause must not be only spoken, it must be lived.

For twenty-five years the men in the Alpha Kappa Pi have been given the privilege of testing these uplifting statements, for on January 1, 1921, this fraternity was brought into existence. From a very few in numbers the Alpha Kappa Pi has grown until today more than four thousand initiates proudly wear its badge of membership. Had there not been this friendship and this loyalty, as herein mentioned, long ago the fraternity would have withered and died and its very name

been lost in the myths of collegiate lore and the word ichabod inscribed above its portals.

It is not the intention here to set forth the full accomplishments, embraced within the pages of this issue of the ALPHA, but just to give the statement that in the first issue of the ALPHA, for the year 1946, there will be a fuller and more just estimate given of the first twenty-five years of our history. Until that appearance let every member of the Alpha Kappa Pi ponder seriously, and happily, what his fraternity has done for him, and then resolve that within the next twenty-five years, we shall make this vow that we shall be asking not so much what can my fraternity do for me, but rather what is there that I may do for my fraternity? Thus to enrich my own life and the lives of the young men seeking membership at our altars.

New Home

▪ THE ALPHA KAPPA PIS at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute have not only returned to their college campus, after valiant service for their country during the war years, but are back with the same enthusiasm for chapter and fraternity that marked their ways before being disrupted in their studies. To show the fine spirit thus evidenced we have

only to point out that chapter, actives and alumni, have collaborated to purchase a chapter house and also resumed with vigor the pledging and initiating of other worthy men into their brotherhood at Troy. The ALPHA hails the men of Troy for their faithfulness and fine labor for the fraternity.

Fraternity Pessimists

■ THE USUAL fraternity pessimists had their big day while World War II was in full swing. The cry was heard from members in all the different fraternities that when the soldier members returned to campus they would be too mature to take up where they left off. Some went even farther and vowed the entire fraternity system was in the testing, and from these returned veterans of land and sea and air. The whole build-up in pessimism has exploded in the faces of the gloom builders. The direct opposite is taking place on practically every campus and the most enthusiastic and the best skilled in rebuilding the chapters, chapters in all fraternities, have been and are these very fraternity brothers for whom the soft-cushioned boys were maligning and rather intimating it would be just as well if they did not return to their respective chapters and colleges. So another much to do about nothing has come to pass, and if there is any sense of making

good there are apologies to be made, and if not big enough for that part, then "see how red my face is" when the fine work of these returned veterans is being shown these builders of ghost stories. How much better it would have been if these men, with the penchant to hunt the juniper bush, had given that time and energy helping their respective chapters to be in the best possible shape to extend a welcome to these returning men. Their loyalty has been shown not only to country, but to college and fraternity. Let us hail them as the finest among the rebuilders on the campuses of the universities and colleges at the present day. As men grow older there is too great a tendency to grow cynical and even to have their heads screwed too much in looking backward. Not the spirit of gloom but the verve of enthusiasm is the need of the hour. In nation, in college, and in fraternity. The pessimist has been given a very black eye.

Brooklyn Alpha Kappa Pi

■ THE POLYTECHNIC *Reporter*, for the month of December, 1945, had the following very fine estimate to set forth concerning the Delta chapter, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, during the war years, as well as its present status. It is all encouraging and Delta chapter is to be complimented:

The Delta Chapter of the AKII is one of the few fraternities at Poly which has been able to remain active during the war. Most of the members were taken into the service in the first year of the war or graduated that same year. The remaining few moved to smaller quarters and kept the fraternity active throughout the war.

Since VJ day, the enrollment has been steadily increasing. At present, there are twenty-nine members, sixteen brothers and thirteen pledges.

On the basis of this current increase in enrollment, the members' hopes that soon it will be possible to secure a house have come and one of the

most attractive in the campus neighborhood has been purchased. Possession in February.

There are also a large number of faculty brothers, Professor Raymond T. Ellickson, Mr. John E. Laestadius, Professor Cornelius Wandmacher, Professor Parke B. Fraim, Dr. Gilbert Smith, are some of the faculty brothers.

The officers are as follows: President, Frank Lefor; Vice-President, Frank Raffa; Secretary, Fred Roberts; and Treasurer, Edmund Hamburger.

The present lodge rooms are located at 118 Livingston Street. They consist of two fair sized rooms on the second floor. Ping pong table, radio, and card tables are the major items of furniture present.

A large number of social functions are sponsored by the fraternity. Parties and dances, some of which are held in conjunction with sororities from nearby colleges, are frequent occasions.

This chapter is one of the many collegiate chapters located throughout the country.

Welcome, Chapters!

▪ THE ALPHA, in the name of the fraternity, bids a fraternal and hearty welcome to the Alpha Kappa Pi chapters, gradually resuming their old places on our different campuses. With this issue of the ALPHA we are able to report the following collegiate chapters as fully returned to active service, and indeed a few of them were able to carry along, even if numbers were small, throughout the entire duration of the war:

Alpha, Newark College of Engineering; Beta, Wagner College; Delta, Brooklyn Polytechnic; Eta, Presbyterian College; Iota, Mount Union College; Mu, Marshall College; Chi, Wake Forest College; Psi, West Virginia Wesleyan; Alpha Alpha, Hartwick College; Alpha Beta, Tri State College; Alpha Gamma, Franklin and Marshall College; Alpha Delta, University of Toledo; Alpha Zeta, Wayne University; Alpha Eta, Milton College; Alpha Kappa, Rensselaer Polytechnic; Alpha Nu, University of Connecticut. Nu. Lehigh University, has its house rented until the fall of 1946, but a forceful alumni is in complete control of chapter affairs; Omicron, Pennsylvania State College, has its

house rented and will not make a big try at reviving until the fall of 1946, as at Lehigh so we find a splendid group of alumni handling chapter affairs with a knowing hand. Tau, Tufts College, will not be able to have possession of its house until the end of the college year. It is now in use by the college. Here again a most loyal alumni is taking care of chapter matters and when the restoration time comes Tau will be in its usual place of leadership. Alpha Theta, Wofford College; Alpha Iota, American University; Rho, Rutgers University; and Gamma, Stevens Institute of Technology, will be strong in returning to active status as soon as campus matters have adjusted themselves. At present there are no Alpha Kappa Pis on the campus at University of Cincinnati; North Carolina State College; Carthage College, and a complete rebuilding must be made at these once strong centers. Theta at Columbia reports five pledges with prospects good for other pledges and for the return of some of their soldier members. In whatever state of reconstruction the ALPHA greets you, and will welcome your historians' reports.

We Take a Bow

▪ AT THE 1945 annual meeting of the Fraternity Secretaries held at Absecon, New Jersey, the Alpha Kappa Pi was recognized, even if in great part unknowingly, when it was found that for the first time in such assemblies there were no controversies or argumentations over the matter of Theta Nu Epsilon. The fact is that Theta Nu Epsilon was given its final burial when the Alpha Kappa Pi heard the prayers of the Theta Nu

Epsilon chapters at R.P.I., and O.N.U.; and chartered them as the Alpha Kappa and Alpha Lambda chapters, respectively, in the life of the fraternity. At the National Interfraternity Conference, 1945, General Secretary Wilkinson, Phi Gamma Delta, remarked the fact that Theta Nu Epsilon was no longer a problem and was not even mentioned at Absecon. We therefore persuade ourselves to take a bow.

Greek Notes

■ ALPHA XI DELTA has placed chapters at Marietta College, Ohio, and the Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Missouri. The ninth collegiate in Ohio and third in Missouri.

Sigma Chi is organizing a local society, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, to petition for charter. Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Nu are already established there.

Alpha Sigma Phi has entered the fraternity life at Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Missouri, and meets the Sigma Nu in friendly rivalry.

Alpha Kappa Pi has purchased chapter houses at Brooklyn Polytechnic, Brooklyn, New York, and Rensselaer Polytechnic, Troy, New York.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has sold its headquarters building in Richmond, Virginia, and will build, at a later time, a new structure to take care of the fraternity's needs. The rooming house feature of the former set-up will be abandoned.

The Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity fire, Rutgers University, that destroyed the Phi Gamma Delta house which was rented for the war's duration by the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, has caused drastic fire escape rul-

ings to be enforced on all other fraternity houses at that campus. Something that should be done on all campuses and before tragedies have occurred.

Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, has plans in the making to house all fraternities there in a system of lodges for meeting and social purposes. The members of the fraternities residing in college dormitories. After the style of fraternities at Davidson College, North Carolina; and the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

Mr. Maurice Jacobs, Alpha Epsilon Pi, is the new chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference. His address is 320 Lewis Tower, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity observed its one hundredth anniversary, December 6, 1945. The main celebration was held at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, and was attended by the National Grand President, Wilbur H. Cramblet, president of Bethany College, West Virginia. Other rallies and banquets were held throughout the country. Alpha Sigma Phi was founded at Yale College.

Phi Delta Theta became dormant at Rollins College during the War, and will not be re-established.

Attention, Please!

■ THE PRESENT or December issue of the ALPHA is more or less of a fill-in issue to note the return of the collegiate chapters and to make way for the Silver Anniversary issue of the ALPHA in February, 1946. Meanwhile we are able to state that with the February issue there will be presented again a full alignment of chapters, collegiate and alumni, with name and address of the chapter presi-

dent and historian for each chapter, as well as the names of officers and trustees with their mailing addresses also. Meanwhile, to help all persons desiring to contact the Grand Officers, Trustees, or Collegiate Chapters now in active service, we herewith set forth the names and the how to make the desired connection:

National Interfraternity

■ THE NATIONAL INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE met at the Hotel Commodore, Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24, 1945. This conference marked the Thirty-seventh Annual Session, and there were representatives from sixty membership fraternities. This marked the first conference since the ending of World War II, and the inspirational understanding of that fact was evident throughout the entire gathering. The conference was presided over by Chairman

Verling C. Enteman, a member of the Delta Phi fraternity. In the election of officers for the year ending November, 1946, Maurice Jacobs, Alpha Epsilon Pi, was named Chairman.

Alpha Kappa Pi was represented by Grand President Arba S. Taylor, Second Vice-President Parke B. Fraim, Grand Treasurer Frank J. Krebs, and Grand Historian Albert G. Jahn.

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All Southern Conference

■ AT THE close of the football season, and by the voices of the conference coaches, athletic officials, and sports writers in Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia, North and South Carolina, Nick Sacrinty, the great broken field runner and passing ace at Wake Forest College, was named a member of the backfield to make up the All-Southern Conference team for the year 1945. This an-

nouncement was made, during the month of December, by the Associated Press. The ALPHA herewith compliments Brother Sacrinty for bringing this worthy honor not only to himself but the fraternity in general. Brother Sacrinty is a senior at the college, weighs 175 lbs., and his home is in Reidsville, North Carolina.



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