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Just a Minute—

WE CALL attention once again to the article, Bill of Rights, Vol. 19, No. 1, THE ALPHA, and suggest that it be re-read. It may solve the educational needs of worthy young men seeking the way into a larger and desirable field of service.

It is human kindness for THE ALPHA to rejoice with the Hawkins family in the coming of Roberta Owen, daughter of Major and Mrs. Robert Owen Hawkins, to comfort and to help heal the hurt in the loss of her heroic father. Not only the Mother, but the Grandparents, are blessed in having this living reminder of their loved one. In the shadows there is still the sunshine.

THE ALPHA urges the alumni to bear in mind that it is up to them to assist the collegiate chapters in every possible way, and while our soldiers are in the country's uniform. These absent brothers have a right to expect this more than ordinary attention. Read the letter, in this ALPHA, from Psi chapter, and make it personal.

In his remembrance, even while battling in the skies, and over a strange land, Brother Robert Whitney, Toledo, has set a living example worthy to emulate. He has made the badge of Alpha Kappa Pi more significant to all men wearing it. Read Alpha Delta's letter in this ALPHA.

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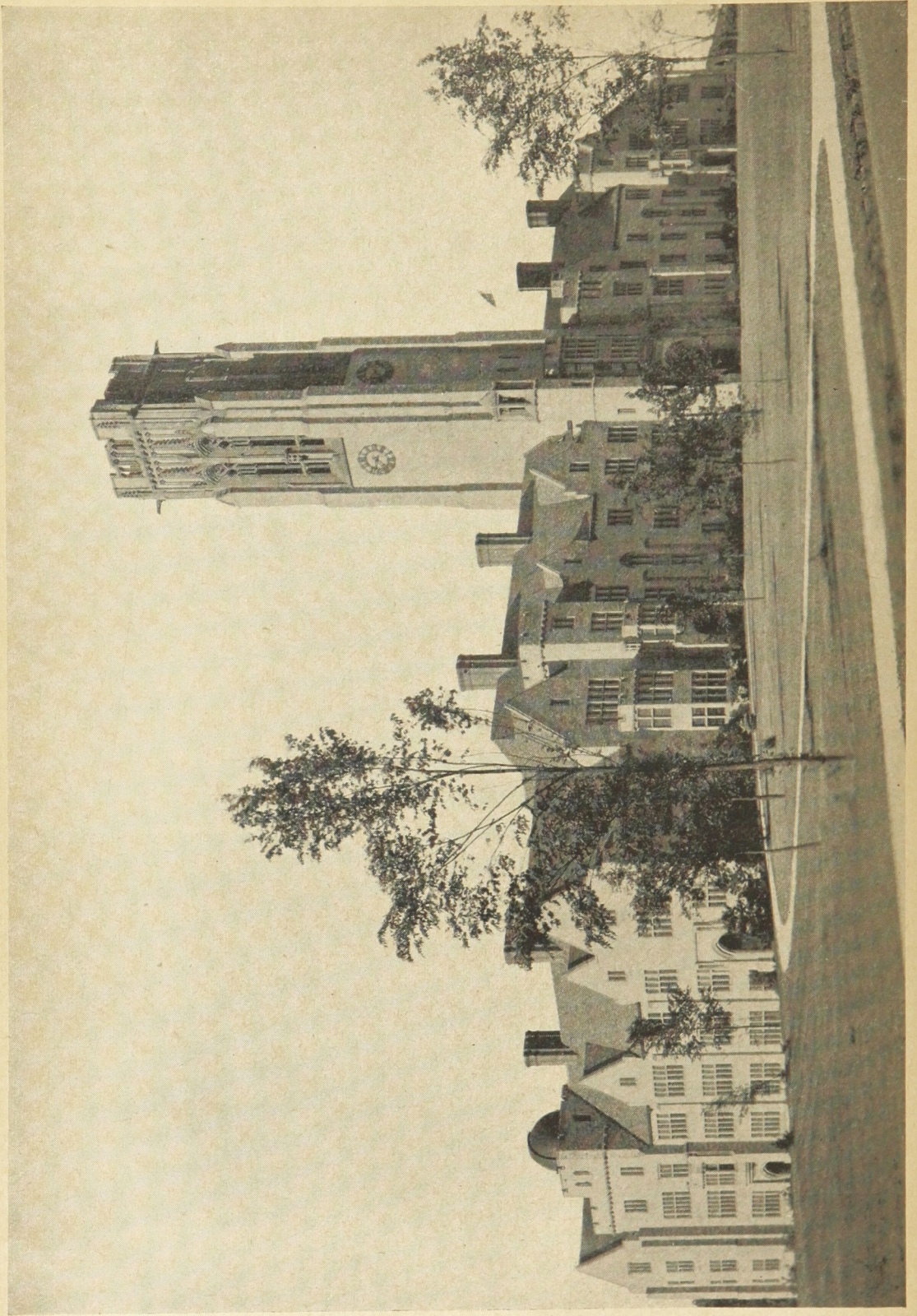
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Note Book

■ FROM A NOTE BOOK these items are given over for the fraternity to read, and consider what some chapters are actually doing in face of tremendous odds. All these notations were made in the presence of the chapter members, hence are factual and not willfull wishing.

In a call at the Delta chapter, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, and in company with Vice-President Parke B. Fraim, we found the chapter making excellent headway. In fact the chapter membership is almost equal to the pre-war years. Delta deserves great praise for the men did not quit under pressure, but found the way to carry on for Institute and Fraternity. Practically all these men are preparing for the day when they shall lay down their books and take up their arms for country. This call was made during the month of November and the work still prospers.

The next chapter call was at Alpha Nu, University of Connecticut, where five men were working hard to keep the chapter active, and have been succeeding nobly. While there the entire chapter was entertained at dinner, Nathan Hale Hotel, and several hours spent in conference. Since then two new members have been added and pledge date is near at hand. Much determination was evidenced to keep Alpha Kappa Pi ready for the return of the brothers now in battle lines over the earth.

Following the visit to Alpha Nu the next

call was at Franklin and Marshall where ten pledges were initiated and Alpha Gamma chapter started on its way to deserved successes. The December issue of *THE ALPHA* gives the story of this return to active service.

Shortly before the Christmas Holidays a trip was made to Hartwick College, and the Alpha Alpha chapter. Here we witnessed the initiation of one freshman and one member of the faculty. This issue of *THE ALPHA* will carry the story of this fine work being done by this chapter that sparkles with Alpha Kappa Pi life and spirit. Dr. and Mrs. Weller kindly threw open their lovely home for this occasion and after the initiation, Mrs. Weller, assisted by Mrs. Hakanson, wife of the initiated professor, served delicious refreshments. Hartwick is beautiful for situation and is ideal for the full development of the fraternal ideals and precepts. Alpha Kappa Pi is fortunate to possess this college for its exemplification of true fraternalism. Alpha Kappa Pi will never have any hardships for reason of the Alpha Alpha chapter. The local alumni, under the leadership of Brother Frisbie, are a power of strength.

Just prior to the Alpha Alpha visit we were at the Beta chapter, Wagner College, Staten Island, and, as reported in the December issue of *THE ALPHA*, witnessed the pledging of thirteen splendid first year men. Beta successes have become traditional in the annals of this fraternity and even in war restrictions is meeting every issue with spirit

and good will. Beta is doing splendid work for the fraternity. The standing of the chapter is deservingly at the very top on this campus. The faculty members are not only brothers but most interested and loyal to the work of the chapter. A sobering strength that can be sensed easily.

Before many weeks have passed the plans are laid to make personal calls on the nearby chapters, and the next one planned is to spend some time with the Alpha Kappa chapter, Rensselaer, Troy, New York. As we

jot down other items it will be a pleasure to reveal them to the general fraternity and within the pages of THE ALPHA of the Alpha Kappa Pi.

In closing let us urge alumni, within reach of their own or any other chapter, to make it a point to get into personal touch with these groups. It will not only help the chapter, but it will renew the human interests of life to the one contacting these centers. Once in the bonds it is hard to escape the allurements of them.

Extension Committee

■ FOR THE FIRST TIME in its history the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity has created an extension committee, to advise and assist the Fraternity Adviser, in such work as tends to the proper growth of the fraternity as to new charter grants, or the restoration of charters becoming inactive through the war demands, or other contingencies. The naming of this committee in no manner mitigates against any interested Alpha Kappa Pi expressing himself, or calling to attention, as to where the additional extension of the fraternity should go. To meet its own demands and to rightly share its assets with other college men, the fraternity must of sheer necessity, as well as meeting a deep obligation to the colleges and universities of

our land, plan carefully in lifting the chapter roll of collegiate chapters to at least sixty active chapters. The men thus far selected for this committee are:

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Alpha Kappa Pi News

Gold Stars

Since the December appearance of THE ALPHA two more Gold Stars have been added to the Honor Roll of the fraternity. Brother Robert Lewis Whitney, Alpha Delta, Toledo University, and Brother Orville Otis Hughes, Psi, West Virginia Wesleyan, having paid the supreme in service. Alpha Kappa Pi now counts twenty-one of these Gold Stars to show anew the great price that is being paid for our freedom and comfort. Such willing and courageous giving behooves all of us to seek to be worthy of these sacrifices.

Christmas Gift

At Meriden, Connecticut, and on December 22, 1944, there was born to Mrs. Marion Savage Hawkins, and the late Major Robert Owen Hawkins, a daughter, and the little lady has been named Roberta Owen, and to comfort her Mother in the loss of the Father as announced in the December 1944 issue of THE ALPHA. Herewith the entire Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, through the offices of THE ALPHA, welcomes little Miss Roberta Owen, and sends congratulations to Mrs. Hawkins. As the Grandmother, Mrs. William Hawkins, Pinehurst Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, writes THE ALPHA, a lovely Christmas gift came to bring cheer and comfort: "This little girl was certainly a welcome Christmas gift for us."

He Remembered

The first member of the Alpha Delta chapter, University of Toledo, to give his life for the cause for which this country is contending, is Brother Robert Lewis Whitney, No. 3474 on his chapter roll. He was a Waist-Gunner on a Flying-Fortress and was shot down somewhere over Italy. When search was made for complete identification, there was found pinned underneath his coat his Alpha Kappa Pi badge. Truly he had Remembered. His chapter, to honor his mem-

ory, has created a memorial fund, and when the new chapter house is erected at Toledo, the name of Brother Whitney will be enshrined for all time on the campus of that university. The Whitney home is 528 Langdon Street, Toledo, Ohio, and THE ALPHA, for the fraternity, sends deepest sympathies to all the members of the bereaved family. His single life has been cut off but his multiplied life shall live forever.

Field Director

Richard R. Schwartz, Theta, has entered Red Cross war work as an assistant field director, and has taken up his preliminary work at the American University, Washington, D.C. For a number of years Brother Schwartz has been superintendent of the Sunday school, Church of the Saviour, New York City, where fraternity adviser, A. H. Wilson, is the pastor.

In Florida

Grand Second Vice-President Parke B. Fraim, after several months of intensive teaching Navy men at both Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and Columbia University, welcomed a few days off at the Christmas Holidays, and spent the time in and about the City of St. Petersburg, Florida. It goes without saying that Brother Fraim has been and is making a fine contribution to the war efforts in giving instructions to these carefully selected and future leaders in Naval affairs. He is now back on the job once more.

The Triangle

Brother Ellsworth N. Wheaton, Jr., is doing a splendid service for Rho chapter, Rutgers University, and the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity in general, by compiling and mailing out the chapter paper, *The Triangle*. It is a masterpiece of its kind and gives the items of particular interest to the brothers from the chapter at Rutgers. The list of members in the service is an amazing one and shows the high spirited membership that

always marked Rho chapter as a leader in campus and fraternity affairs. THE ALPHA files away these *Triangles*, for they will be of great value to the future historians of the general fraternity. Should other alumni, from other chapters, desire to follow along this line of keeping their soldier and civilian brothers informed of plans and purposes, we give the address of Brother Wheaton: 25 Myrtle Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Miami University

The ancient and honorable Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, stands out as one of the richest colleges in the Nation when the founding of Greek Letter fraternities are considered. Here at Miami were first conceived the plans and ideals that have given to the college world three of the oldest and largest of the American College fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi. In later years there was also founded the vigorous and forward-going Phi Kappa Tau. Thus four still active fraternities owe their origin to this historic campus. Magnificent in its educational endowments and appealing in its site for natural beauty of country. The Phi Delta Theta is planning to erect a national headquarter's building in Oxford and have it ready for service shortly after the World War II has ended. Phi Kappa Tau fraternity has been carrying along its work in its own headquarters in the Town of its origin.

All these accomplishments are somewhat interesting to the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity since there was founded, in the year 1921, at Miami the Sigma Delta Rho fraternity, that remained active and a member of the Interfraternity Conference, until 1935. Then it disbanded with the permission of each chapter to seek membership where desirable. The Alpha Kappa Pi received into its roll of chapters three of the former Sigma Delta Rho groups: Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; University of Toledo, Ohio, and University of Cincinnati, Ohio. Thus Alpha Kappa Pi owes a living debt to Miami and Sigma Delta Rho.

Another Lifer

Dr. John T. Woods, Iota, Mount Union College, and now residing at 415 East Union Avenue, Bound Brook, New Jersey, is a paid up life subscriber to the Alpha Kappa Pi, THE ALPHA. Let us all work and see the numbers grow. There should be at least 1,000 life subscribers. Next?

Shadows Before

It might be well for all collegiate chapters in Alpha Kappa Pi to place this statement on their billboard, that all and sundry might read and digest. At the 1944 national interfraternity conference, Hotel Commodore, New York City, it was recommended that the colleges and universities, throughout the country, see to it that all forms of hazing, including mental torture and paddling, be abolished, and that offenders be disciplined. More and more college Deans and Presidents attend these annual conferences and it is time for fraternities, still given to these practices, to realize that corrective action is just around the corner, if not already arrived. Right or wrong one fraternity, at a leading State University, has had its chapter removed from the campus, and by the decree of the university. It would seem that impressions must now be made at the top and not at the bottom of the individual being initiated. Coming events cast their shadows before. The shadow of fraternity recommendations has passed into actual university accomplishments.

Roberta Anne

THE ALPHA sends the congratulations of the entire fraternity to Brother Bert and Mrs. Heinmiller, in the arrival of their first born, Roberta Anne, December 30, 1944, at Washington, D.C. The charming name given the little lady is a combination of the parents' names thus they are honored in equal parts. Brother Heinmiller is the Past Grand Secretary of the fraternity and at the present Chief of Eta Province.



CHAPTER NEWS

Alpha—Newark Engineering

Initiated: George Francis Doby '45, Union, New Jersey; Thomas John Jennings '47, Newark, New Jersey; William Patrick Ryan '47, Newark, New Jersey; Eugene Walter Zelazny '47, Newark, New Jersey. With the initiation of the four excellent men announced herewith the chapter strength stands at eight in numbers but the spirit is far greater. We are out to increase the membership from time to time, despite the difficulties imposed upon us by war conditions. In February Brother George Miller is forsaking the engineering world for a place in the business realm, and is transferring to the School of Business Administration, University of Newark.

Alpha chapter is still enjoying social life and these events have been greatly augmented by the Friday evening dances sponsored and chaperoned by our most gracious housemother, Miss Mac-Hugh. The Christmas was made more enjoyable by a Candle-Light Party and once more the work of our housemother. We are truly grateful for these courtesies.

Thus far Alpha chapter has not been called upon to display any Gold Stars, but war has drained our ranks at a rate greater than we have been able to find replacements worthy to take up the work of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. Brother Stewart F. Paterson, training at the Ohio State University, reports that he has met a number of Alpha Kappa Pi men on that campus. Brothers from Brooklyn Polytechnic and Pennsylvania State College, as well as John Vallekamp from the Newark College of Engineering.

Two of our brothers in service have married recently. Pfc. F. W. Wilson to Miss Rita Charles, and Ensign R. L. Lauburn to Miss Ruth E. Vanderhoof. To these splendid young persons we offer the best of congratulations.

It is the sincere desire of Alpha not only to carry on in true Alpha Kappa Pi spirit, but to wish that all our chapters may find it possible to be back in active service shortly.

ROBERT LINDBERG

Beta—Wagner

Initiated: Edward Vincent Smith '46, Staten Island, New York; Charles Kerfoot '46, Staten

Island, New York; Donald Stoughton '46, Wagner College, Staten Island, New York; Albert Timm '46, Staten Island, New York.

Just before the Christmas Holidays Edward Smith was initiated into the brotherhood of Alpha Kappa Pi, and on January 18, 1945, our first initiation for the new year, brought the badge of membership to Donald Stoughton, Charles Kerfoot and Albert Timm, bringing our active initiated membership in Beta to nine.

Since the war demands have taken away some of our pledges that list has been cut down to five. These remaining pledging are planning a social evening for the initiated brothers to be held during the month of February, and there will be dancing and a general good time. Already the chapter is looking forward to the Annual Spring Dance and Reunion, to take place after Easter, and in the month of April. This is one occasion our alumni make more than an effort to return to chapter and college. Full particulars will be given later.

To all brothers everywhere Beta chapter sends best wishes and hopes for a World peace in the present year of 1945.

WALTER KORTRAY

Delta—Brooklyn Polytechnic

Initiated: Robert Haase '49, Brooklyn; Earle McGuigan '49, Brooklyn; Dominick Casale '49, Brooklyn; Roy Olsen '49, Brooklyn; Michael Grosso '49, Brooklyn; Frank Raff '49, Brooklyn.

Pledged: Richard Norton '46, Brooklyn, New York.

Owing to our brothers going into active military service, every term of the college year, it is necessary to elect new officers from time to time. These officers are now in charge of chapter affairs: President, Joseph Cassano; vice-president, Fred Roberts; treasurer, Fred Zeuthan; secretary, Emil Sammak; historian, John Sinnott; chaplain, Al Brown.

Recently Delta chapter has seen these active brothers enter the country's service: Joseph Kubikowski, Joseph Kren, Vito Matulonis, Joseph Turchiano, William Taylor and Albert Brown. So Delta brothers are continually on the lookout for worthy men to take the place of these departing brothers. By pledging and initiating each

term of the college year we have been able to keep our ranks filled.

Socially we have been active and have other such events scheduled for future enjoyment. In college affairs the chapter is prominent with several brothers on the different athletic teams, while Brothers Ribeiro and Fred Roberts are president and treasurer, respectively, of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Student Branch. Brother Roberts is also president of the sophomore class. Brother Zeuthan is president of the Fine Arts Club, and William Stolze is treasurer of the same organization.

For the present we are at 118 Livingston, but are planning to move to a larger place if such accommodations can be found. Meanwhile we extend a cordial invitation for all brothers to come and see us.

EMIL SAMMAK

Iota—Mount Union

Initiated: Henry John Hansen, Jr. '45, Canton, Ohio.

Pledged: Nicholas Stuffer '47, Alliance, Ohio.

The first initiation, at Iota chapter, Mount Union College, since the beginning of the World War II, took place November 11, 1944, in the Library Room of the State Street High School, Alliance, where Brother Lowell Lamb is the school principal. The full ritual was revealed by a group of alumni with Frank J. Krebs, Grand Treasurer, president; Robert Hoiermann, vice-president; John Fairless, secretary; John F. McBane, treasurer; Victor A. McFarland, chaplain; E. George Guisti, sentinel; W. Lowell Lamb, marshall. Attending brothers were Carl Parks, Iota chapter and Clarence Shepherd, Alpha Beta chapter, Tri State College.

Brother Lamb was the most gracious host and helped to make this initiation a most impressive one. It was a proud moment for the initiate and the other brothers when the badge, ribbons and tea rose were pinned on our new brother. Brother Hansen may be reached at 1304½ South Union Avenue, Alliance, Ohio.

Pledge Stuffer will be initiated as soon as certain scholastic requirements have been met. None of the five fraternities at Mount Union College are operating chapter houses. Iota is most fortunate to have her house rented to most excellent persons and there will be little time lost in restoring the chapter house life once this war has been won. Meanwhile the income from the rent payments is cutting down the small mortgage, and on a monthly basis.

Mu—Marshall

Initiated: Donald Frederick Jenkins '48; Richard Roland Thompson '48; David E. Becker '48;

Adrian R. Hatfield '48; Philip A. McDaniel '48; William L. Schools '48; James P. Staley '48; Frank C. Walls '48; Frazier M. Phillips '48.

Since hearing from Mu chapter we are happy to state that eight splendid men have been initiated into Alpha Kappa Pi, and at Marshall College.

The four active brothers returning to college for the present year were: Clifford Plymale, Richard Barton, Harry Nenni and William Garda. With our eight new initiates we number twelve brothers and two pledged members. Not bad for a war time chapter.

BILL GARDA

Chi—Wake Forest

Initiated: Charles Thomas Barbour '46, Wake Forest, North Carolina Ernest Clayton Nott, Jr. '45, Ocala, Florida; Harold Thomas Pace Hayes '47, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Frank Donald Hardin '48, Canton, North Carolina.

Pledged: James Godsey '47, Laurinsburg, North Carolina; Boyd Hawthorne '47, Newport News, Virginia; Richard Edgeworth '47, Monroe, North Carolina; Robert Jackson '47, Lafayette, Alabama; James Powell '47, Canton, North Carolina; Ray Burns '47, Belmont, North Carolina; David Hill '47, Rutherfordton, North Carolina; William Sutton '47, Burlington, North Carolina.

As announced in the December issue of THE ALPHA Chi chapter is back on Fraternity Row, Wake Forest College campus, after being out of the Row for two years. The Army Finance School came to Wake Forest, and all fraternities had to give up their houses. The Chi chapter did not disband as some fraternities were forced to do. After much moving about we gave up the hope of finding a house in Wake Forest. However with the guidance of our chapter counselor, Dr. Herman Parker, we struggled on. One year ago Brothers Blanton, Brand and Morris, the only active men in the chapter, and without even chapter rooms, pledged eight splendid men. With this nucleus we took over the upstairs portion of The Colonial Club as our home. Here we pledged other good men and began our climb back to one of the strongest fraternities on the campus.

Chi is able to present several of the outstanding students on the campus. Brother Charles Morris is Chairman of the Social Committee of the College, member of the Student Council, and selected as a member of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. Brother Morris has served as Music Department Assistant; and is the student aid to the College Athletic Department. Brother Ernest Nott has been elected to Omicron Delta Kappa, for his active participation in music, and dramatics. Brother Nick Sacrinty is All-Southern football player, and also a member of the Student Council, and Vice-President of the Student Body.

He also has the distinction of membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, and in *Who's Who*.

The chapter is proud of its contribution to the "Deacon" football team. Brother Nick Sacrinty is the leading tailback, Pledge Bob Smathers is number one wingback. Other contributions to the squad are Brothers James Harris, guard; Frank Hardin, blocking back; Bob Jackson, end. Pledge Doug Livengood recently left for the armed service, but not until he had been chosen "the end of the week in the nation" against the University of Maryland.

Chi chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity sends greetings to all our brothers.

CHARLIE MORRIS

Psi—West Virginia Wesleyan

Initiated: William Jacob Sutton '47, Sutton, West Virginia; William Vaughn Wagner '47, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Greetings to all brothers wherever you may be! For some time the undersigned have contemplated the preparation of a letter which would be mimeographed and sent to as many of the Psi brothers as could be reached the world over. Contemplation has finally resulted in reality.

First of all we take this opportunity to say a few words in remembrance or recognition, as the case may be, of those of our number whose fortune it has been to suffer the greatest sacrifices in this terrible conflict. In any group as large as that comprising the alumni of Psi chapter, with so great a majority in military service, immunity from casualties could not logically be expected. And indeed we have suffered our share, of course casualty figures are continually mounting and our list may not be complete. We do hope so, however, least of all from the statistical viewpoint, for each new name which is added represents not only personal suffering but also bears with it the concern of family, fellow brothers, and friends. Following is the list as it now stands:

Killed in Action

Cpl. Orville Otis Hughes '42 of Ravenswood, July 30, 1944.

Missing in Action

Lt. Sam Gwosden '42 of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, since July 12, 1944 in Franco.

Prisoners of War

Lt. John Brunson Williams '37 of Buckhannon, since March 1944 in Germany.

Captain Lee Browning Coleman '38 of Buckhannon, since July 1944 in Germany.

Wounded in Action

Captain W. B. Hicks, Jr. '39 of Buckhannon, legwound in France.

Brother "Skeeter" Hughes entered Wesleyan as a freshman in the fall of 1939 and completed two years before transferring to Marshall College.

May this supreme sacrifice not have been in vain!

Sam will be remembered as one of Psi's outstanding representatives on Wesleyan's basketball and football teams being called by the Army before graduation. The term "missing in action" as we all know is merely Uncle Sam's way of saying "we don't know what happened." It is quite indefinite yet at the same time so meaningful. We can only hope and pray that Brother Gwosden is safe and well and will be returned in due time.

"Bunny" and "Brownie" are of course well known to the older brothers of the middle 30's. But because their town is Buckhannon, most of us who were around in the years following their graduation have also had the opportunity of knowing them. Staying in a concentration camp, we are sure, is by no means pleasant but time certainly will bring about their release.

Brother "Buddy" Hicks, president of the chapter during the 1938-39 school year, also was around the house many times after his graduation. We understand Brother "Teeny" Hicks got down from Scotland to see "Buddy" in the hospital in England. His injury is reported as a flesh wound with no complications. It is tough luck but we are glad it was not more serious.

Now for a glance at the present status of Psi chapter and plans for the future. As you might well expect the war has played havoc with social fraternities everywhere and our own chapter is no exception. In the spring of 1943 finding it impossible to continue, the house was closed, and the opening of school in the fall of the same year found only three actives left to carry on. This year one active, Brother Don Taylor, remains. He is going ahead as best as possible under very difficult conditions, as one might well imagine. The Kappa Alpha chapter somehow has fared slightly better, and are occupying the top floor of their old Florida Street house which now has become the freshman men's dorm. Their position is of course strategic. However, we are still in there pitching in true Alpha Kappa Pi fashion, and as long as there is the slightest thread, Psi chapter will be in existence.

What about the future? It is always the alumni of any organization who make it or break it. How true that is with fraternities, and now, more than ever in our history, does the future of Psi chapter depend upon us who long since have departed by graduation. When the war is over many of you fellows whose education was interrupted will be returning to Wesleyan to graduate. This group will serve as a nucleus from which will spring an even stronger Psi, of Alpha Kappa Pi. However, without a strong foundation no structure can be substantial. That foundation must be laid before the brothers return and we are the ones who have to do it. In order to reorganize, it's going to take money and plenty of it. The more the better; And



ALPHA ALPHA INITIATION, HARTWICK COLLEGE

*Top row, right to left: Walter Flanders, Gordon Smith, H. H. Heins, Charles Root, Philip Frisbie.
Bottom row, right to left: A. H. Wilson, F. E. Hakanson, G. E. Nichols, LeRoy Weller.*

it is our duty to see that that money is there when it will be needed. The undersigned are not begging, for you are as much Alpha Kappa Pi as we and we are sure our feelings and views on the matter will be universal with the group. Many of you probably have been wondering why something already has not been done. Actually we are just about twelve months late in getting started but "better late than never," in this case. If we could get a large majority of the boys each to start with five or ten dollars and then send in regularly each month amounts of their own choosing, in a short time a very nice sum would be accumulated. No contribution is too small or infrequent. For the purpose of insurance and security with a check on each other, all contributions will be sent to: Pfc. Kenneth R. Knox, 1025 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania, who will record each amount as it comes in and in turn will send the total regularly each month to Brother Taylor for deposition on a special account in the bank or for investment in war bonds as you so desire. Every six weeks or so

a report will be sent out to inform one and all of our progress.

It is our hope that every alumnus no matter where you may be, will receive a copy of this letter for we do not want to slight any of our group. We have delayed too long now so let us get the ball rolling! We have a big job ahead but for the future of Psi of Alpha Kappa Pi. We know your support will be wholehearted.

Good luck and best wishes.

Fraternally always,

KENNETH R. KNOX

Alpha Alpha—Hartwick

Initiated: Frank Eugene Hakanson, Faculty, Oneonta, New York; Glenn Eddy Nichols '48, Jefferson, New York.

Near the end of the old year, 1944, Alpha Alpha chapter held an initiation of much significance in that one of the men initiated was Professor Frank E. Hakanson, head of the Music School,

Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York. Also one of the outstanding freshmen of the college, Glenn Eddy Nichols, was given the ritual, the induction being held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. LeRoy Weller, 300 Main St., Oneonta. Besides the chapter there were present alumnus Philip Frisbie, Oneonta, and Fraternity Adviser A. H. Wilson, New York City. After the initiation a delightful luncheon was served by Mesdames Weller and Hakanson.

The Alpha Alpha chapter has sent more than sixty of its members into the services of their country, and the small but courageous chapter at Hartwick is determined to carry on until peace comes and their soldier brothers have returned to home and college once more.

It is with pride that Alpha Alpha introduces her latest initiates to the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity and the college world.

WALTER FLANDERS

Alpha Beta—Tri State

Initiated: Gordon Edward Bachman '47, Howell, Michigan; Paul Spencer Bryson '47, Berkshire Heights, Pennsylvania; James Sturgis Crowl '47, Pleasant Lake, Indiana; Robert Grice Schauder '47, Dayton, Ohio.

The Tri State brothers in the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity are still hard at work to keep the Alpha Beta chapter functioning. We are proud of the four new initiates whom we introduce to the fraternity at large in this issue of THE ALPHA. They are all loyal brothers.

One of the highlights of the chapter life was the visitation of the brothers from our Alpha Delta chapter, University of Toledo, shortly before the Christmas holidays. Such get-togethers cannot but prove helpful to the fraternity and surely enjoyable to the participants. The party and dance given in their honor proved most successful.

As time goes along the brothers on this campus may be found doing their best to keep the chapter and fraternity in that high place we have always held at Tri State College.

Alpha Gamma—Franklin and Marshall

Pledged: Eugene Friedline '48, Jennerstown, Pennsylvania; Robert Knowsley '45, New Holland, Pennsylvania; Charles Price '45, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Elvin Musselman '48, New Holland, Pennsylvania.

Since its rebirth in November, 1944, Alpha Gamma chapter, Franklin and Marshall College, has been a beehive of activity. The following officers for the present semester have been elected: John M. Bevan, president; Francis E. Ringer, vice-president; Luther J. Binkley, secretary-treasurer;

J. Miles Acker, Jr., historian; Robert A. Smith, chaplain. The president appointed Ray L. Harwick, sentinel; Joseph Miller, marshal; Theron M. Snyder and Ray L. Bowers, delegates to the Interfraternity Council.

At present we have our headquarters in the Seminary Dormitory, but we hope by the beginning of the March term to have housing facilities.

The chapter has decided to again edit the *Al-Gam*, our fraternity paper. Raymond A. Foulds has been elected editor-in-chief with the authority to choose his own staff. The *Al-Gam* has been quite a success in the past and we look forward to its resumption with great anticipation.

We are striving for a better and bigger chapter and pleased to present the names of our four pledges since getting under way once more. These are splendid men and will prove worthy Alpha Kappa Pi brothers. We now number fourteen active members.

Despite the work of reorganization of our chapter, we have found time for social activities. There have been several informal get-togethers which everyone enjoyed immensely. Most of our brothers and pledges attended the interfraternity Winter Formal, January 6, given in the ballroom of the Brunswick Hotel. It was a most successful occasion.

Greetings to all our Alpha Kappa Pi chapters everywhere. May they all succeed as they begin reorganizing wherever possible to do so.

MILES ACKER, JR.

Alpha Delta—Toledo

Pledged: Donald Barret '48, Frank J. Beauregard '48, Charles Cannon '48, Melvin Davis '48, Thomas Farrell '48, Norman K. Gladieux '48, Clarence F. Graser '48, Norman Johns '48, Donald Johnson '48, John Daniel Jones '48, John King '48, Edward Kirk '48, Daniel Radecki '48, Richard George Reisbach '48, Frederick Shultz '48, Richard Wilniak '48, Frederick Bercher '48, James Burdette '48, all from Toledo.

Since the above class of eighteen men were pledged to Alpha Delta chapter, two of them, Frederick Bercher and James Burdette, have entered the armed service. The chapter is very forceful and well organized. The officers of the group are: president, Frank J. Beauregard; vice-president, Melvin Davis; secretary, Donald Barret; treasurer, Charles Cannon. One of the most pleasant evenings enjoyed by the initiated members was the social given them by their pledged brothers.

Two active members were recently elected to fill vacated offices: Lawrence Muttart is our new president and John Henzler, secretary.

One of the social events of the chapter was the recent marriage of one of our most loyal alumni, Wesley Taylor, to the charming Miss Rita Four-

nier, of the City of Toledo. The vows were taken at the Immaculate Conception Church, Toledo. Their home is now in Toledo, where Brother Taylor is the research superintendent for the Sun Oil Company. The chapter extends the best of wishes to these splendid young people.

While speaking of weddings, an event of great importance to the Alpha Delta chapter was the marriage of Dr. John B. Brandeberry, the guiding spirit of this chapter, and Mrs. Rose Starner, instructor in mathematics, Toledo University. To Brandy and his bride we extend the best of wishes.

Before the Christmas holidays fourteen of our members journeyed to Angola, Indiana, the home of Tri State College and our Alpha Beta chapter, where a wonderful party and dance was given in honor of the Alpha Delta brothers. We are not fully able to express the deep appreciation we feel for the fine courtesy and enjoyable evening given us through the courtesy of our Tri State brothers.

The first Alpha Delta chapter active to lose his life in this present World War is Brother Robert L. Whitney. He was a waist gunner on a Flying Fortress which was shot down in Italy. He died with his Alpha Kappa Pi badge pinned to the inside of his coat. Previous to his death Brother Whitney had been cited for bravery in action. In honor of him and his deeds, this chapter has created "The Whitney Memorial Building Fund" which is being established for the securing of our future chapter house, and all present funds have been turned into this memorial establishment. He was a true and loyal Alpha Kappa Pi brother.

In another Toledo University war bond drive our chapter members purchased \$3,500 in bonds, and topped all other organizations in this work. The chapter was cited for purchasing this record-breaking amount.

Alpha Delta is working faithfully, and we believe successfully, to keep the light of fraternity burning brightly on the University of Toledo campus.

ROBERT C. DOUGLASS

Alpha Theta—Wofford

Initiated: Wilmot Heinitsh Mitchell, alumnus, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Alpha Theta chapter is not as yet active on the campus, by decision of the college authorities. However we are alert and ready to re-activate as soon as the privilege is afforded us. One alumnus, a well known resident of the City of Spar-

tanburg, Wilmot Heinitsh Mitchell, has been initiated by the Alpha Thetas residing in this city. The membership of our alumnus brother will be of great help to Alpha Theta when we open again on the campus.

We are all distressed over the death of Brother John Ferguson, who was killed in France. He was one of our most prominent men at Wofford College. Also Brother George Hendly has been reported missing in action, but we are all hoping that he is still alive.

Alpha Theta, while inactive on campus, is still a very wide-awake chapter, and only awaiting the word to return in full force to college activity.

WILMOT MITCHELL, JR.

Alpha Kappa—Rensselaer

Alpha Kappa chapter is planning to become as active as it is possible under the present war restrictions on this campus. We are meeting regularly each week, and in our own lodge room. These meetings are held Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M., and our local alumni often meet with the active brothers.

The following officers have been chosen and the future should hold much in store for Alpha Kappa Pi at Rensselaer: president, Malcolm Graham; vice-president, Albert E. La Plant; treasurer, Harold Benel; secretary, Frederick R. Smith.

F. R. SMITH

Alpha Nu—Connecticut

Initiated: Milton R. F. Clarkson '48, Storrs, Connecticut; Thomas Frank Bordonaro '47, New Britain, Connecticut.

Alpha Nu chapter is fully organized and though only four actives returned to the university last September we have kept in good standing with the national headquarters and lifted our active number to six by the initiation of splendid men: Milton Clarkson, Storrs; and Thomas Bordonaro, New Britain. Both Connecticut residents.

Just before the Christmas holidays Adviser A. H. Wilson had the chapter at the Hotel Nathan Hale for dinner and a discussion meeting. We are now working hard to increase our membership when pledge time reaches us.

We at Alpha Nu chapter are pleased to report to our alumni and to the fraternity in general that Alpha Kappa Pi won the scholarship cup and are striving to keep it in our possession.

LEONARD D. RINALDI

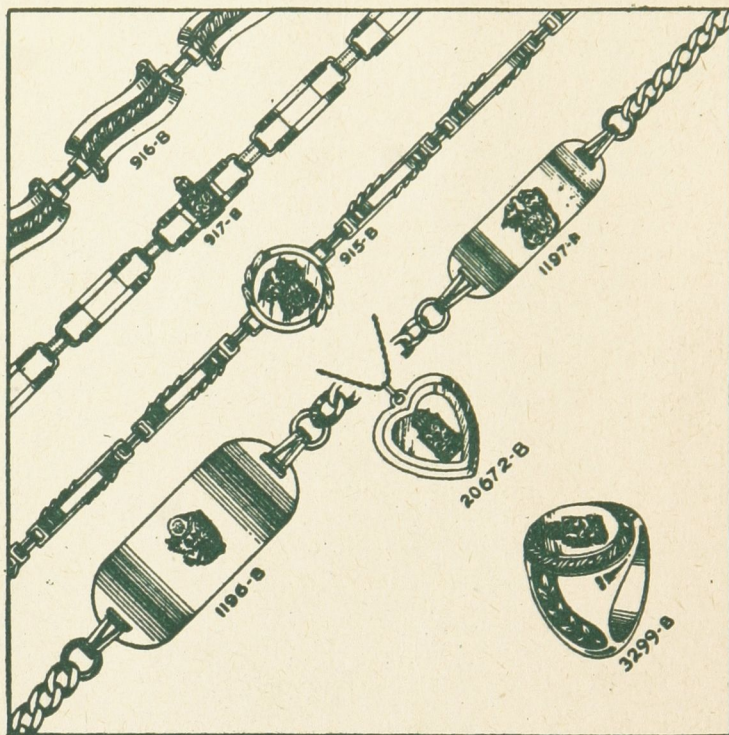
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