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## CELEBRATIONS AND CUSTOMS OF ALPHA

BY MARION DRAPER (Alpha)

Alpha does not have many distinctive celebrations—but we do have scores of good times together. First came our spreads and sings. The renowned peanut and olive spread is a great favorite. The girls sit down on the floor and old newspapers are passed around. Nothing but newspapers are correct at this spread—we would regard plates with scorn. Then the obedient little freshmen come round with huge bags of unshelled peanuts, and dishes of olives, and the fun begins. Of course we sing the Peanut and Olive song on these occasions, and “crack our peanuts too” with a great deal of gusto.

The girls whose houses are in the city have given spreads to the chapter several times—coffee and sandwiches and lots of other good things to tickle our appetites and then a sing. We form a double circle around the piano, and lock arms in the good old Gamma Phi way. Besides the songs we all know—we have one which is Alpha's particular favorite, the Fireside song. We turn the lights low and sing it softly, and next to the song which we rank highest of all—I think Alpha girls like the Fireside best. The

picture of the girls swaying in time to the soft, low, music, in the dim light and with voices hushed and sweet is one we shall all carry with us always.

Alpha gives an informal dance every fall—called a freshman dance—to introduce her freshmen into college gaiety. Freshmen from the fraternities and the university are invited. It has been an Alpha custom for the seniors to serve the refreshments—in this way doing honor to the freshmen. Sometimes we have other informal dances during the year, and we always have our formal soon after the Christmas vacation. Now that we have such a splendid house, we have our dances there and it seems so much nicer. But every chapter has dances—and I must go on to Alpha's customs.

Our alumnae gave us an alumnae supper every year. They bring us the nicest things to eat—creamed potatoes and salads and cake; it is always a plate supper and the girls sit on the floor in a delightfully informal way.

It may seem a little out of season but we musn't leave out our annual Christmas tree. The last week before we go home for vacation we have a Christmas tree. Every girl brings a present, not to exceed ten cents in cost, for some other girl, and each gift is accompanied by a rhyme of some sort. The girl who is exceptionally particular about her room, got a feather duster; another, a fine arts girl, who practices diligently on her violin, received a tin ten cent Stradivarius. The chaperone, one year, was given a little bell to help her wake the girls in time for breakfast. There are many good-natured roasts and knocks but it is all great fun.

The girl who becomes engaged during the college year, has to pay something for her privilege. Ordinarily her fiancée is expected to furnish a peanut and olive spread, but sometimes the girls prefer to announce their engagement by giving a spread themselves. We have one such spread this year—and since they don't come very often, even if Syracuse is called a match factory—we made the most of it.

The great event of the year is the Sophomore Donation party. Every sophomore delegation gets up a splendid entertainment; the programme usually includes a series of songs by the entire dele-

gation, a special song or stunt, and a farce. This year the sophomores fairly outdid themselves—but we'll tell you about that in our letter, and send you a picture of the dancers besides. The alumnae are invited—and friends and parents of the girls come, too. The girls receive beautiful things for the house from our generous friends and feel well repaid for their efforts for it is no easy matter to get up a Donation Party.

Perhaps this is all very much like the doings of other chapters. At best, it cannot include all the nameless little things—the fun over new clothes, the excitement over success in the Dramatic Club (Boar's Head) or some other line of college activity, and all the other thousand and one incidents, which go to make up the Gamma Phi life of Alpha chapter.

#### ALPHA'S PLANS AND METHODS

It is not easy to tell the plans and methods of an organization whose personnel is constantly changing and whose plans and methods are also changing. One might almost say that there are really only principles which continue any length of time. Yet Alpha's plans today are not so very different from Alpha's yesterday.

Alpha's plans are founded on the same ideals as her sister chapters. She wants to build with strong material; she desires girls who have common sense as well as brilliancy—attractive personalities as well as pretty gowns. She plans to have leaders, who can take prominent positions in all the varied phases of college activity. This is all very good for a plan but you will want to know how we work it out. We do have certain methods, more or less clearly defined—which we use.

In rushing we try to make everything as natural as possible; we hold that if we are to get the girls we want we must know them. And it is practically impossible to know a girl by seeing her once or twice at a tea. This spring the different delegations have given small informal teas, inviting eight or nine girls at a time, and in this way we have become much better acquainted than we could at a large affair. In the fall, when rushing is more hurried, we have larger parties and supplement them by inviting the girls individually to lunch or to dinner. Of course we do not do all our rush-

ing this way; auto rides, theatre parties, and all sorts of functions are a part of our system—but in general, we can say that Alpha tries to become really acquainted with her rushees and endeavors to draw them in that way rather than to impress them with a sense of her importance.

So much for building—but that is only half the battle. Everyone has experienced that growing-up process during the first few weeks of college—when ideas change, and view points shift marvelously. Besides the college-wide lesson of freshman obedience we try to teach our newcomers what Gamma Phi loyalty is. Every girl must take some part in the activity of the chapter—along the line of her natural inclination if possible, but surely some part. It is quite generally the case that with the experienced upperclassman is put some underclassman, so that someone will be learning how that particular thing is done.

The chapter life is a small problem in comparison with university life of Alpha. We have to preach college activity quite fervently—and it has become a byword that Gamma Phis must “get out on the hill.” We send a delegate to the Silver Bay Y. W. C. A. conference every summer, because it helps Alpha to keep in touch with the other colleges and with the other girls in Syracuse. We hold our own with the other sororities in many college activities, and the Gamma Phis are always well represented at the Senior Ball, the Junior Prom and the fraternity parties.

We do not claim that our methods are always successful, nor even that we make the best sort of plans—but we sympathize with Portia in that we are

“Happy in this, we are not yet so old  
But we may learn; and happier than this,  
We are not bred so dull but we can learn.”

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## WITH THE BETA GIRLS

BY MARGUERITE MELVIN (Beta '14)

The Gamma Phi lucky number—13—has always been one of Beta's pet superstitions. For years there have been thirteen places at the Beta table, although now, in these days of large chapters, our ranks have visibly increased. We often hear of the splendid Gamma Phis of past years, who were both beautiful and brilliant, and we wonder whether that mystic number 13, had anything to do with it. Then we glance around at the faces of our present day members and—but I must not say it, as you all would undoubtedly consider us conceited.

However, even if we have abandoned that tradition, we have a few customs which in a measure make up for it. Each girl's birthday is carefully observed. The dinner table is artistically decorated with candles and flowers. Between courses we sing our Gamma Phi songs and our nonsense verses with such vim and vigor that the whole house resounds with our mirth and merriment as the birthday cake, shining with its many candles is carried into the room, we sing the fortunate maid's grind song.

Lest you may not understand what is meant by grind song—it is a tradition in Beta that each girl must have her own grind song—a verse based on some joke or individual trait. When any of our alumnae return, we immediately hunt up their grind songs and sing them with our own, as a sign that we welcome and greet them as true Beta girls.

Whenever a Beta maid, active, or otherwise, announces her engagement the fortunate man sends us a five pound box of candy, which we claim as our right and privilege for giving him such a splendid girl.

Every week after meeting, all the girls assemble in the parlors for the Social Hour. There is always a group around the piano singing our sorority songs, while others sew and talk. We feel that this time more than any other, brings us closer together and teaches us to know each other.

Before initiation, we have Probation Week for the freshmen,

who all live in the house during this time. They are obliged to observe the law of silence unless directly addressed by an upper-classman. They are required to obey every command and to show themselves true and loyal supporters of Gamma Phi. Of course, they always try to outwit the upperclassmen, and in after years, it is every girl's delight to tell of the stunts and witty remarks of her classmates.

The last Monday before Christmas vacation, we always have a party. The freshmen take charge of the affair—inviting the alumnae, trimming the tree, procuring the refreshments, and distributing the presents. Every girl receives three presents, all jokes and take-offs. As each present is given out, the recipient reads aloud the verse which comes with it, and holds the present on high, so that all may see. The alumnae take this time to show their good will toward us, and give splendid gifts to the house. After the packages have all been distributed, everyone joins in the joyous celebration and all eat pop-corn balls and candy canes to their heart's content.

On George Washington's birthday the freshmen give a play, composed by one of their own class. We make the affair into a fancy dress party and all the active girls come in costume.

On Valentine Day, we have a formal dinner. Afterward, each girl receives three valentines—flowers, candy, tender missives, or jokes. At this time, as well as at Christmas, the amateur poetesses come into prominence.

## A GLIMPSE OF GAMMA

BY ALICE RINGLING (Gamma '12)

Probably the most pleasurable custom Gamma chapter has established is that of entertaining our mothers at our annual "Mother's House-Party." It was tried as an experiment several years ago, and it so happened that we entertained our mothers two or three weeks after we had entertained at a rushing house-party. The latter affair was in all senses such a "rushing" house-party, and the former such a thoroughly enjoyable one, that we decided then and there to repeat the mother's house-party the next year. And so it has come to be an annual event. We try to have it at a time when there is something of interest going on in the university, and generally we plan only two or three specific forms of entertainment. The rest of the time the girls spend "just visiting" with their mothers. It usually happens that our guests entertain us more than we do them, for when we all get together in somebody's room and the mothers begin to tell funny stories, or to relate adventures of their own college days, we realize that we still have a great deal to learn in the way of making ourselves entertaining, and so we sit in the corner enjoying the fun. This year our house-party will take place the twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth of May.

Another custom, formed with a view merely to entertainment and sociability, is that of our weekly afternoon teas. Our chapter is so very large and such a number of the girls live outside the house, that we find it a splendid plan to get the girls together once a week just to visit. We all bring our sewing or else our playing cards—for "Give us this day our daily bridge" is one of our most earnest supplications—and sit around our fireside just like a big overgrown family. Two of the girls are appointed hostesses each week and they serve coffee or chocolate and sandwiches. Really we have such pleasant times getting together in this way that we find it more than worth while to devote one afternoon a week to it.

The year after I was a freshman the girls decided that a freshman cup was almost a necessity. I don't know whether there was



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 LOWER ROW—Walton, Winchell, Koss, Richardson, Corlett, Moore, Cozzens, Cooper.

any connection between this decision and the marks of our freshman class but I have always had a suspicion. At any rate the chapter voted unanimously on the purchase of a cup which was to be engraved each year with the names of the freshman having the highest marks. Our mantel was already so crowded with cups won by our long line of athletes, etc., that we thought for a time we would be forced to buy a pedestal for this particular cup, but we finally made room for it on top of one of the book cases. So far the cup has brought us no Phi Betas but if at some time it is the means of planting the seeds of this ambition in the breast of some worthy freshman, we shall consider the money well spent.

Last year we started the custom of giving an annual hundred dollar scholarship. This year, at the suggestion of Pan-Hellenic, each chapter entertains two girls from other chapters or from among the non-fraternity girls at dinner Wednesday nights. Wisconsin fosters the democratic spirit and this plan of encouraging democracy among the girls has proved most successful.

## EPSILON'S GOOD TIMES

BY MARY F. RICHARDSON (Epsilon)

Every Monday evening from five to six we have our chapter meeting. Every two weeks on Monday evening at six-thirty we have a spread. Sometimes we have these in "frat hall," but more often we go to the different girls' homes in Evanston.

We have about six parties a year to which we invite men. One of these is given by the freshmen and they take entire charge of everything; another one, in the late spring, is given by the underclassmen to the seniors.

We have a Christmas party each year, at Helen Paddock's home, for the active chapter and alumnae. Each one brings an appropriate ten cent gift for the girl whose name she draws, and these are usually terribly funny. We put them around our tree, and after supper each one is given her present, and she must read aloud the verse which accompanies it. After that is all over, we take up the rugs and dance while everybody has the best kind of a time.

And then, as the second semester is drawing to a close, we have our Spring Banquet. It is usually given in Chicago at the La Salle Hotel, and we plan for it months before. Our alumnae return in large numbers and after it is all over we are even more brim full of loyalty and enthusiasm for Gamma Phi. Of course, each year we have several other affairs, but these come round just as regularly as the year and are always enjoyed by everyone.

## WHAT ETA DOES

BY ELLEN ORD, (Eta ex-'12)

Among the many traditions of Eta chapter three stand out conspicuously—the Christmas tree, the vaudeville and the Alumnae teas. Most of the chapters have heard of our Christmas tree—which celebration is held on a Monday night shortly after the holidays and is in the nature of a reunion for the alumnae and the active girls with their parents. This year the gifts surpassed any of the preceding years. Such things as flat silverware and silver,



### SENIORS OF ETA CHAPTER

From left to right—Penelope Murdock, Josephine Le Conte, Carmelita Woerner, May Atkinson, Lorraine Andrews, Eleanor French

cut glass dishes, besides table linen, cooking utensils, and delicious jams were among the many things presented to the house. For it is to be remembered that this is a tree for the house and not for the members of the chapter. Santa Claus was impersonated by Ione Garnet, '08, and St. Nicholas surpassed himself in appropriate speeches. Dr. Hodgen, the father of Margarete, '13, gave a prize

of \$25 for the best Eta of Gamma Phi Beta song and had the pleasure of awarding the prize to Margarete Garthwaite, '15, at the closing of the evening just before refreshments were served.

The second of our customs is to give a vaudeville in the fall term. To this the alumnae are present for audience as the affair is given on a financial basis for the benefit of the building fund. The girls arrange the affair themselves and produce some very clever acts.

The alumnae teas which are as famous as our tree, are among the most enjoyable events of our sorority life. These are held at the homes of alumnae and generally two or three times a semester. Different guests of honor such as Pan-Hellenic delegates, non-sorority friends, mothers and especially honored visitors and alumnae are made the motive of these charming informal afternoons.

This year we begin a new custom which is to be continued by the generations to come. This is a Commencement Breakfast given by the other classes to the seniors on the morning of graduation. To this, formal invitations are sent and the whole function is in the nature of a farewell to the departing sisters. Besides these we have our Spring Banquet and Thanksgiving Dinner.



### THETA CHAPTER

FIRST Row, left to right—Katherine Sheldon, Gertrude Bent, Elizabeth Hessler, Ruth Whitford, Belle St. Clair, Amy Speers.

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THIRD Row—Frances Brown, Muriel Steele, Inda Davis, Desdelora Stevens, Marie Garrison, Eunice Robinson.

## AT THE THETA LODGE

BY BELLE ST. CLAIR (Theta '13)

"Ne plus ultra—Hurrah for Theta!" With this cry on their lips and a feeling of splendid loyalty tugging at their hearts, Theta girls begin their chapter life each year.

During our rushing season the chapter social affairs are restricted by the local Pan-Hellenic to two functions. First comes the musicale. Our custom has been to have as guests our own mothers as well as the mothers of the invited freshmen and this has proved a most satisfactory arrangement. The program is furnished by our own girls and is always splendid. Our other fall party is a formal dance given at a large hotel. The appointments are as perfect as college girls can devise and it is one of the very happiest—most beautiful affairs of the year. Every fraternity man in college receives an individual invitation to the formal. Several smaller dances are given throughout the winter and spring.

On Founder's Day the Theta and Denver Gamma Phi Betas proudly wear in their pins a bit of double brown ribbon as a token of remembrance for those sisters who made Gamma Phi possible to us. On this day too we initiate our freshmen. Happy is the maid who on this day of days can say the vows which make her a Gamma Phi forever. The initiation is followed by some sort of celebration—a luncheon at the Tea Cup Inn or a supper at some home; but always old girls and new girls join hands and hearts as they sing and dance and make merry. The reunion on this day of our girls from far and near is eagerly anticipated.

As the holidays approach, the freshmen, having been burdened for many days by repeated hints—and often, sad to say, requests—from the anxious upperclassmen, give a party in sheer desperation. These are given at the Lodge and of course are a success, for our baby sisters, knowing the capacity of their elders, lay in an enormous supply of things to eat. And there are presents—wonderful creations which hit our foibles. Many a senior and junior has squirmed at the bold trick of some all-seeing freshman who for once can play her joke with perfect safety. Our freshmen also en-

tain the freshmen of the other sororities in the university. These parties foster between the younger girls most friendly feelings which are of immense advantage later on.

On New Year's Day the Gamma Phis receive the faculty and men of the university and many other college men of Colorado. This is a gay and resplendent occasion. Everyone is radiant with good cheer and formality does not even make its appearance.

The play! Those two words speak volumes to every Theta girl. For who has not enthused and slaved and triumphed and then enthused some more over the play? From leading lady and manager down to prompter and super and even emergency scene-shifter the whole chapter is heart and soul in this annual production. It is a vital part of our chapter's being—without it life would be wormwood indeed! The active chapter generally manages the play but this year the alumnae took that responsibility. For several years the proceeds were devoted to raising our pledge of \$1000 to the Gym fund, but now the receipts swell the building fund for our own new lodge. Men are chosen from each of the fraternities and from the professional schools of the university to take parts in the play and happy indeed are the fortunate ones. Soon after the play we entertain in honor of these men who have worked so hard to make it a success. This affair takes the form of a huge beef-steak fry followed by the jolliest dance in the world—or else a dance at one of the pretty club houses near Denver.

On Valentine's day the active girls shower our "valentine"—the Lodge, with gifts both ornamental and substantial. As perhaps in every other chapter—hours like these, when we are alone together are among the happiest.

Early in the spring we begin to get acquainted with High School seniors. During the spring vacation of the Denver schools we ask a large number of these girls out to the university. We show them our buildings and hint darkly at the delights of campus life. Then there is a large luncheon at the Lodge followed by songs and a more or less impromptu entertainment where chapter talent shines.

Another rushing stunt of the early spring occurs on the night set by the faculty and students of the university to receive all

High School seniors. About five o'clock the girl guests arrive at our fairy bower—the Lodge—which is made most enchanting with huge Japanese lanterns. Here at attractive little tables dotted over porch and lawn, a supper is served. Later on, men come over from the different houses and escort our guests and our own girls to the reception in the Gym. This early rushing has been very successful for as a result of these affairs many splendid girls become interested in college work and fun.

This year we have begun a series of teas at which we entertain the girls of the school organizations, the German, French, Spanish, and Glee clubs, the Y. W. cabinet, and the members of the other sororities represented here.

In May the active and alumnae chapters again find opportunity to meet—this time at the Spring Banquet. This is given in some large hotel and is a joy and an inspiration. There are songs to which our hearts respond—there are toasts which make our eyes shine, and flowing beneath it all is the strong, deep feeling of belief in what is most worth while.

Before the Commencement festivities begin the undergraduates do honor to the seniors. Sometimes we entertain them at a theatre party—sometimes at a last happy supper at the Lodge. But whatever it is, it is a time to be merry and yet to be sad—a time to make one think.

No account of the life of Theta chapter could be complete without a word of the Lodge. This little brown house with its shining letters and its mantle of leaves has a place within it for every Gamma Phi who enters its door. And it in turn has a place in the hearts of us all. For it has seen our smiles—sometimes a tear—it has nourished the most lasting friendships of our life; it is the embodiment of years we shall never forget; it is the heart of Theta of Gamma Phi Beta.

## THETA'S ANNUAL PLAYS

BY LUCY MOORE LENNOX (Theta '08)

Early in the winter of 1905, Theta chapter realized that athletics, then at their lowest ebb in the University of Denver, needed her support not only mentally but financially and set about to find some means of obtaining money for the Athletic Board. The fertile brain of an alumna suggested a play and this alumna at once revised a short act she had written previously for the girls to present at a party they gave for one of the local fraternity chapters. The play was entitled "A Leap Year Cinderella" and nine from the chapter were selected to take the parts. There was one male character, a "football hero," and the question arose, "who shall be the gentleman?" Edith Garrigues (now Mrs. Painter) was selected, because if I remember rightly, she was taller, more robust, had a deeper voice and less abundant hair than some of the others. Next we were confronted with the problem, *how* could she observe the proprieties of our college and appear in trousers. The playwright's ingenuity saved the day—the hero should be injured in the great game and thereafter appear, wrapped in rugs, enthroned in an invalid's chair. Thus so the conquering hero came. To train us, we secured the services of a real actor, a former stage director of some stock company, then much reduced in circumstances but still possessed of his manager's Prince Albert coat and a wonderful amount of patience. By dint of said patience and modest compliments to latent dramatic ability contained in the cast, he gave a successful performance and we made upwards of \$50 for athletics.

The next year there was but one phrase to convey our thoughts—"the play's the thing." Once more the athletic department gave us a worthy object and Miss Barbee, the vehicle: "Minerva versus Venus." One of our own members volunteered to coach the play, with an increased number in the cast. Then came the selection of men for the *Dramatis Personae*. What problems we faced in those early days of the play! Apportioning our parts, equally to each fraternity, how impossible some of the men selected seemed; but upon trial what great successes they proved. With what infinite tact,

the group of loyal Sig girls in the chapter endeavored to outwit the Beta contingency and the Kappa Sig supporters, and to select a Sig for the hero! And oh! the compromising before the final *Dramatis Personae* could be officially announced. Now the college is larger and in proportion, the spirit of "frat" jealousies has been outgrown and Theta today selects her male members of the cast wherever the talent exists with only now and then a consideration of fraternal "policy."

The ladies of University Park gave us our first inspiration for a more elaborate production than we had been giving on the small rostrum in the college chapel, for they offered to pay the expenses of our performance in the Woman's Club Auditorium, if we would repeat "A Leap Year Cinderella," for the benefit of the Campus fund. We cleared enough money to buy the trees for the new extension of the Campus to the car line. How we did glory in those trees, although they were not large enough to afford us any shade for our campus strolls before we, who gave them, left college. The conveniences at the Woman's Club so facilitated the production of our play, that we have, since that time, given our annual performance there each year increasing our receipts and each year presenting a more elaborate and a more finished production to a "standing-room-only" audience.

The past three years the plays given by Theta have swelled the building fund of our Lodge over \$300 and for the past two years we have been handicapped in our efforts by the disapproving attitude of the university faculty, so we feel highly gratified at the results. To the university, we gave fully \$500, the net receipts of the previous years. Beside the monetary benefit received from this annual play, Theta chapter gains a more loyal, self-denying spirit in her unified efforts to make each performance outshine the last, in brilliancy and cleverness; and to this same loyalty and spirit, in addition to business forethought and ability, is due the great success of our play.

Enough credit can not be given our playwright for the ultimate triumph from an artistic and a dramatic standpoint. To Miss Edna Sprague, our coach for the past four years, do we owe a

large amount of our proficiency in staging the plays; and lastly to Theta's own girls, who act, sell tickets, boost and if necessary shift scenes is due the effectiveness and the final success of the annual play.

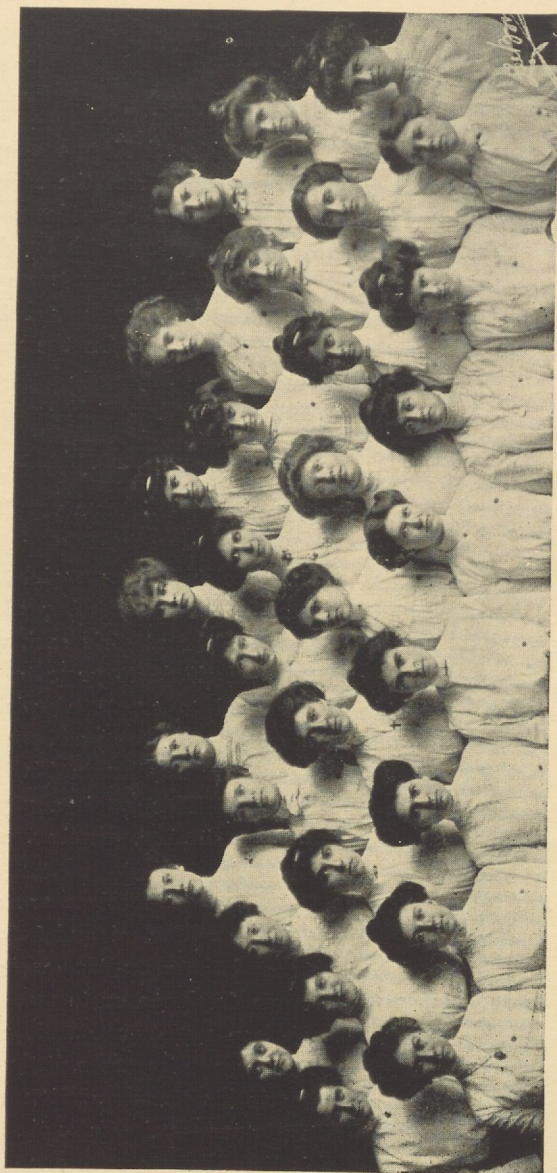
## KAPPA FUN

BY MAUD PALMER HART (Kappa)

On a Monday afternoon, the Gamma Phis of Kappa chapter may be found, singly and in groups, wandering from the campus, down University Avenue. If it is a spring day, the wide, roomy porch of the chapter house is apt to be overflowing with laughing and chattering girls; and games are often in progress on the lawn. As five o'clock approaches, all disappear within; but an hour or so later, they reappear, laden with trays. On the porch, on the steps, on the lawn where the trees are beginning to bud, they establish themselves in gay little groups. Much laughter, animated conversation, and desultory singing accompany the meal. And if you really wish to meet and know the Gamma Phis of Kappa chapter, one of these "after meeting spreads" furnishes a propitious time.

They were instituted for the convenience of the town girls, who found that they were always late to dinner on meeting nights. They are furnished and managed by two different girls each week. They do more than any other one thing, I think, to promote good fellowship among the individual girls and to create a spirit of chapter loyalty and love. At least once during the year, we prepare a little more elaborate spread, serve it in Shevlin Hall, our woman's building, and invite our alumnae. This too is always an occasion of much enjoyment, followed by singing, dancing, and a great deal of "visiting."

Since girls and their methods of enjoying themselves are much the same in all colleges, I suppose that our formal and informal dancing parties, our annual banquets, and the receptions which we hold from time to time to introduce our freshmen or to meet each others mothers, are similar to those given by Gamma Phis everywhere. Perhaps, however, our Christmas parties are a little more our own. They take place during each Christmas vacation at the chapter house and are such delightfully informal affairs that they are deservedly popular. It is at this time that we have our Christ-



### KAPPA CHAPTER

TOP Row, left to right—Jeanette Welch, Ella Morse, Louise Mc Gilvra, Gertrude Prescott, Enid Willcox, Ruth Hall.  
 SECOND Row—Grace Willcox, Maud Hart, Lucile Babcock, Anne Brown, Mary Rhodes, Gertrude Hagy, Helen Crane, Marion Brown.  
 THIRD Row—Nettie Monroe, Blanch Willcox, Harriet Ahlers, Gertrude Moore, June Ames, Dorothy Bell, Eunice Mc Gilvra, Margaret Nachtrieb,  
 Helen Sheridan.  
 BOTTOM Row—Constance Davis, Bertha Poole, Hazel Strong, Anna McCauley, Louise Sunner, Lynn McMahon, Helena Fitzsimmons,  
 Katherine Sullivan.

mas tree and make our gifts to the house. Perhaps, also, all of our sisters in Gamma Phi Beta do not share our fondness for vaudeville performances. No college year is complete without one of them. At this very time an unexcelled one is in preparation. An atmosphere of mystery pervades, and conjecture is rife concerning the mad magician who is to dazzle our credulous eyes, the orchestra whose music is said to be the most unmusical ever produced, and other much lauded attractions. The Gamma Phis of Kappa chapter are certainly partial to good times and create many of them.



#### NU CHAPTER

TOP ROW, left to right—Erma Clifford, Jay Stanfield, Anne McMicken, Lenore Hanson, Flora Dunham.

SECOND ROW—Florence Cleveland, Mildred Whittlesey, Edith Sheehy, Alsea Hawley, Helen Cake.

THIRD ROW—Esther Carson, Ruth Beach, Marie Zimmerman, Grace Bean, Ada Kendall.

FOURTH ROW—Catherine Carson, Lyle Steiwer, Beatrice Lilly, Margaret Sheehy, Florence Kendall.

## THE GAMMA PHIS AT STANFORD

BY MILDRED GILBERT (Mu)

It is difficult to sit down and to decide in just what you are peculiar or different from other people; so in this case it is hard to say in what respect Mu chapter differs from other Gamma Phi chapters.

In the first place all of us have banquets and probably ours are very similar to the others. They are always dress affairs, toasts are given, much grape juice is drunk and many songs are sung while, if the occasion be the senior banquet, each senior is presented with a large picture of some part of the "Quad" or of the campus. If an engagement is to be announced the girl walks around the table three times, though, I believe this is a universal Gamma Phi custom.

Since we have begun with the most formal function we shall degenerate into the regular "feeds" and here we do flatter ourselves that we are a bit different from our sister chapters. We have one really sporty feed a semester and these are original in character. Last semester every one came in costume and many and varied was the choice; even the colored trade rubber and the gold dust twins were present while our dear house-mother made her initial appearance in a clown's costume coming through the door in a somersault.

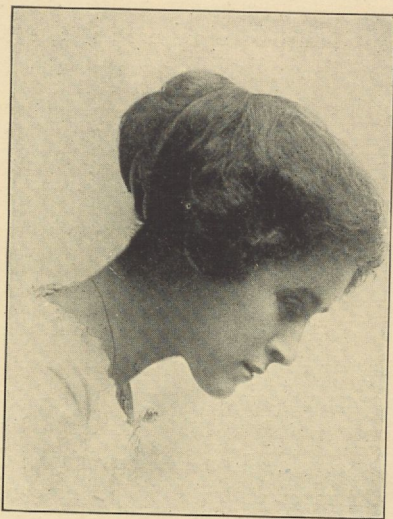
This year the program was different for a tamale spread was served with mattresses placed on the floor as a table and with pillows for chairs. Kimonos and kid curlers composed the costumes. Afterwards the mattresses were placed on the stairs and all enjoyed a "chute-the-chutes."

I do not know whether all houses have the custom of singing at meals, but sing we do, at breakfast, luncheon, and dinner, and the songs run all the way from college airs to latest opera hits. We invariably dance after dinner—all of which sounds very frivolous, doesn't it.

## GAMMA PHI BETA AT OREGON

BY HELEN BEACH (Nu '12)

The customs and traditions of a college sorority are necessarily closely linked with the manners and ideals of the whole college. Gamma Phi Beta at Oregon is very young—the college itself is new—and naturally our traditions are few and even our customs are not firmly established. We have the distinction of being the first national sorority to enter Oregon and, as such, have been forced to take the lead in inter-sorority affairs. We suggested the



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Our New Pledge

forming of a college Pan-Hellenic when other national sororities entered Oregon and made such an organization necessary. Pan-Hellenic, of course, determines uniform house and rushing rules. Our freshmen are pledged after a week of rushing and are initiated early in the fall. The average number of girls in the house is twenty and until this year, we have had a rule against pledging town girls. On the 13th of November, four years ago,



## XI CHAPTER

Top Row, left to right—Olive Kodletz, Margaret Butler, Grace Bolger, Irene Losney, Harriet Bolger, Jessie Coran, Lois Rowley, Iva Emmett.  
 Middle Row—Charlotte Tuttle, Ruth Annett, Gladys Lessinger, Linda Roe, Kathryn Smith, Marguerite Allen, Marguerite Means.  
 Bottom Row—Louise Richardson, Kate Skillern, Laura Whitwell, Ida Walker, Beth Soulen, Elizabeth Hays, Dorothy Ellis.

we received our Gamma Phi Beta charter and every year we celebrate that date with a birthday party, when each class and also the alumnae present the house with a gift. In the early spring, we give a large reception to the town and university people.

Rushing at Oregon is, of course, done on a small scale. There is a faculty regulation prohibiting guests for all college dances except the Junior Prom. Junior Week End, then, is the time when we plan to do our most extensive rushing—we invite at that time, from ten to thirty girls to visit us. A "Dramatic Club" play, a "track meet," "baseball games," "University day" and the "Prom" are some of the attractions of Junior Week End.

During April vacation we give a rushing dance in Portland, which is the home of the majority of our college students. Then, in June, comes the Spring Banquet which is a time of reunion and the one occasion at which all of our girls, both active and graduate, endeavor to be present.

We have ever been well represented in college activities but our celebrities in the outside world are limited. It takes years to develop such a reputation and we are still too young—our present seniors were charter members—so that our history is necessarily short; but our future is full of promise—our hopes and ideals are high and our enthusiasm is indomitable.

## WITH THE BABY CHAPTER

Every fall Xi gives an annual reception to all college and town women to introduce our new pledges. In former years visitors were shown through our house but the "crush" at the reception is now too great and we are dropping this custom.

Each year we alternate a Gamma Phi banquet and dance. Every effort is made to have this banquet typically Gamma Phi. Gamma Phi songs are sung—the menu, courses, even the spirit breathes Gamma Phi. While our dance is naturally more public and less of the true spirit of Gamma Phi is shown, we manage to have each one called the "prettiest dance ever given at Idaho."

During the year, we entertain each fraternity at Sunday afternoon tea. We have found that in this way more than in any other can we become personally acquainted.

In contrast to these more formal entertainments, are the stunts and feeds within our circle—the little customs which draw us closer together and which make our thoughts wander back in after years.

Presenting moving pictures is by far our most favored "stunt." Eagerly we haunt the picture shows in search of a film for which we can gather the necessary properties. Every person's wardrobe is open to the actors and we often mystify our friends by such remarks as "Doll's pink messaline would be great in that scene!" Needless to say, these moving pictures are given behind bolted doors. A "spieler" is employed to announce the titles and restrain unruly members who make derogatory remarks about the gentleman (?) mutely expressing his love.

Our mask balls also cause gusts of laughter to penetrate the thickest walls. Everyone comes—the doll who says "mamma" when one presses the button, the fat twins made over from the tiniest and the tallest, the bemitted, short sleeved "Lizzie," even "Eliza and her blood-hound" attend this grand display of colored "rags" and unrestrained foolishness.

In the spring time, a longing for true western life in the primitive woods comes over us. Recruited with offensive guns and de-

fensive pillows, we hie us to the Idaho mountains to kill "hat-pins" stuck in the trees as targets—if a "bear" does not cross our path. Such gorgeously wild things those mountains are, covered with lonesome pine, abounding in deliciously cold springs, and rock-tables on which we spread our "eats." The Gamma Phis go out fairly to revel in Idaho's mother-nature—all by their lonesomes—to start the season. Then each week finds the mountains peopled with smaller parties of life-loving young people forgetful of "hated freckles" and conventionalities.

Just at this time I would delight in giving you a picture of a marshmallow roast under the pines with the stars so close and the flames from the fire fairly striving to lick them with an awesome resistlessness. Rules make us leave these fascinating mountains at a certain hour; so I leave them that I may tell you about a custom I had almost forgotten.

It is the important one of composing songs. The freshmen must present a concoction of originality to the upperclassmen before initiation. Some of the songs are beautiful and some—are appreciated by those who composed them. One of particular loyalty and love was written by Lois Rowley put to the accompaniment of "My Rosary."

Xi, in her infancy, has not formed many customs that are peculiarly Gamma Phi. However we have one big one of love and loyalty.

## CONCERNING THE CHAPTER HOMES

## ALPHA

The January CRESCENT contained pictures and description of Alpha's new home which is perhaps as perfect a type of the modern sorority house as there is. We quote from this article, "Alpha realizes that she has assumed a great responsibility with this house but she has tried to lay her plans carefully and has not shouldered any burden she cannot carry, unless Fate deals some unexpected blow. And she would say to any of you who are hesitating on the 'buy, build or rent' question—go and do likewise; you'll not regret it when you see the happy faces and hear the delighted cries of your active chapter."

## BETA

As you all undoubtedly know, Beta is at present building a new chapter house. A board of directors has charge of the construction, which is entirely under its supervision. This board consists of seven members—three local alumnae, three outside alumnae and the president of the local chapter.

At present we are living in a rented house, and every month a report of our affairs is sent to the board of directors. However, when the new house is completed, the rent and other assessments, which go toward the maintenance of the chapter house, will be collected and taken charge of by this board.

## GAMMA

When plans were made for building our chapter house eight years ago, a stock company was formed under the laws of the state of Wisconsin. Shares in this company were sold at twenty-five dollars, all of the alumnae being solicited to buy stock. The corporation was known as The Sorority House Association of Gamma Phi Beta. Mrs. Mary Clark Brittingham was elected president, Mrs. Minnie Knox Kreutzer, vice-president, Miss Helen Steensland, secretary, and Miss Carrie Morgan, treasurer.

So far the association has been able to pay 5 per cent dividends. Each year a number of the active girls in the chapter have bought stock in the company.



# DELTA CHAPTER

FIRST Row, left to right—Ruth Hatch, Marguerite Hill, Ruth Bartlett, Alice Reynolds, Marguerite Brant, Lucy Ford, Pauline Brant, Sylvia Ball, Ada Taylor.  
 SECOND Row—Marion Merrill, Alice Moulton, Mable Page, Florence White, Susie Williams, Eda Tarbox, Celia Marshall, Helen Farwell, Edna Simmons.  
 THIRD Row—Evelyn Poland, Helen MacNeil, Margaret Osgood, Violet Marshall, Rachel Hardwick, Helen Clark, Ruth Paul, Ruth Norton, Janette Collins, Elsie Jordan, Marjory Barnard, Millicent Harrison.

The money from the girls' room and board is turned over to the association, and the house bills are paid out of it. The chapter treasury yearly pays \$400 to the association for the use of the ground floor. This comes out of the sorority dues. The house is rented during the summer for \$50 a month.

#### DELTA

I was asked to write a few words which would give the sisters a peep into our "frat"rooms, or rather, room. Those who were here for convention know how large and pleasantly situated it is, but they had not a chance to see it in its everyday attire minus the business-like rows of chairs.

After our smaller quarters of last year, we rattled around at first in such an expanse, but now that we are used to it, we sigh for larger worlds to conquer. Although we enjoy our big bay-window overlooking staid, aristocratic Newberry Street, and although we admire the way the room lends itself to decoration for the spreads, we recognize (especially the freshmen) the limitations of "the hole in the wall" which serves as kitchen, and our sensitive nerves cannot stand the strain of realizing that every time we attempt a little aesthetic exercise, the landlady's cherished chandelier on the ceiling below wavers toward destruction. So next year we hope to have a little apartment to ourselves.

I think that if you really want a peep at our home, you should choose spread night. Then with the lights and candles lighted, the crowd of happy hungry girls perched on the couches or curled up on the floor, one girl presiding at the piano, and two others at the chafing dishes, it is at its best. For after all, you will agree with me that it is the people not the room, that make the home.

#### EPSILON

The sororities in the Liberal Arts department at Northwestern University are not allowed chapter houses, and as a substitute we have fraternity rooms in Willard Hall, one of the girl's dormitories. Willard Hall is the busiest place conceivable on Monday afternoon, for then all of the twelve sororities hold their meetings.

We have two rooms, and in that we are considerably more fortunate than many of the others. In furnishing our rooms we have kept

everything in our colors, brown and mode. The paper, rugs, portieres and curtains are all brown and mode. Our piano is walnut, and our furniture is mission with brown leather cushions. Our pictures are the various Epsilon chapters, some individual pictures of the girls, and some original sketches. On one wall we have an immense Gamma Phi Beta blanket of which we are very proud.

#### ZETA

The sororities at Goucher College have no houses, but hold their meetings in the rooms allowed them for that purpose. Zeta has an attractive "cozy corner" of her own where her sorority life centers.

#### ETA

Eta promises us a complete description and set of photographs for the October CRESCENT; for her new home is in process of building and will be complete and attractive in every detail.

#### THETA

The Theta Lodge—for so long a dream—is almost a reality. The chapter already has purchased two fine lots which face the mountains and which command a view from Pikes to Grey's Peak; a recent campaign among active and alumnae members has augmented the building fund until at present, it seems possible to lay the foundation of the house during the summer time. The history of this building fund is interesting.

In May, 1906 the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the active chapter:

*Resolved*, that, for the purpose of creating a building fund, each active member of our chapter shall execute two notes of \$5.00 each, payable one and two years after date respectively, and substantially in the following form:

\$5.00

DENVER, COLORADO, —————, 190—

On or before ——— year ——— after date, I promise to pay to the order of Gamma Phi Beta Building Fund the sum of five dollars, at The International Trust Company, Denver, Colorado.

Value received, with 8 per cent interest per annum after maturity until paid.

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*Resolved* further that it shall be the duty of the treasurer of the active chapter to obtain such notes not later than the 20th day of May, or when the 3rd meeting in May shall be held, of each college year from those who will not return to the University, and when so obtained she shall forthwith deposit the same with the International Trust Company, of Denver, Colorado.

*Be it further resolved* that the fund thereby created shall be known as the "Gamma Phi Beta Building Fund" and shall be used only for the purchase of lots and the erection of a chapter house or lodge for Theta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, and such moneys or funds shall be withdrawn only upon the signature of the then treasurer of the active chapter, and the counter-signature of one of the alumnae who is at the time of the passage of this resolution an active member of this chapter, and who shall, following the passage hereof, be elected for that purpose and be known as the "trustee" of such building fund.

*Resolved* that when it shall become necessary or advisable to draw upon or use the money of the "Building Fund," it shall be the duty of the "trustee" who shall countersign the checks, before withdrawing same or any part thereof, to give ten days notice by mail to each one who is at the time of the passage of this resolution an active member of the chapter, directing such notice to the last known address of each.

These notes have proved of invaluable aid to the chapter, not only in respect to the building fund but also in the guarantee of a sum for running expenses when the house is built. In December, 1906, Miss Louise Iliff made the following offer to the chapter:

I promise to pay to the Theta of Gamma Phi Beta Building Fund on June 1, 1907, or as soon thereafter as possible, as many dollars, not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), as will have been paid in and deposited to said Fund in The International Trust Company, Denver, Colorado, by any alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta between December 1, 1906 and June 1, 1907, on the following conditions, namely:

1. That all moneys given by me or by any alumna to the Building Fund during this period, shall be devoted exclusively to the purchasing of lots and the building of a Chapter House thereon.
2. That the location and the plans for the building of such Chapter House shall be subject to my approval.



# LAMBDA CHAPTER

FIRST ROW, left to right—Nell Tower, Edna Johnson, Wilhelmina Schumacher, Leah Miller, Gertrude Young, Aiadrie Kincaid, Mable Springer, Phoebe Froesch.  
 SECOND ROW—Palma Lee, Florence Lewis, Orpha Meacham, Frances Markey, Helen Steile, Bernice Sully, Dorothy Sander.  
 THIRD ROW—Margaret Meany, Josephine Eisenbeis, Helen Stenchal, Lovina Willson, Hazel MacDonald, Esther White, Nell Frater, Emma Schmitz.

3. Theta shall not create or assume any indebtedness for the lots or the building of said Chapter House.

On June 1, 1907 the Alumnae had raised \$488.25 and Miss Iliff paid an equal amount.

From the notes signed by active girls from the selling of old furniture in the Lodge, rugs, text, etc., from the contributions of the "pig"—a receptacle for stray pennies—and from the receipts of the annual play, the bank account has steadily grown and now the "House of Dreams" seems to promise a glorious reality.

#### LAMBDA

Lambda's home was built for her five years ago by Mr. Prosch, father of three of our girls. Since then we have rented it, paying rent for twelve months. If possible we re-let it during the summer. We try just to meet expenses, and although there have been years when the house was very full and when money has been saved, this doesn't happen very often. One of the upperclassmen manages the house. Of course we have dreams of building someday, but as yet they are but dreams.

#### MU

We own our house but not our lot, which is rented from the Leland Stanford, Jr. University. The house is incorporated, stock is sold, and a Building Company, consisting of one of the professors and several of our girls, manage the business affairs of the corporation. Now to come to the more intimate part of it. Of course we have our head of the house and an executive committee which discusses all questions pertaining to the good of the house. The house manager, together with an auditing committee attends to the financial affairs, an entertainment committee, scholarship committee, and so on looks after a particular phase of the running of the house and at each meeting all these various reports are given and all new questions discussed. Everything is systematized and, I think, the house could not run more smoothly. Each freshman has her particular duties, such as answering 'phone, door bell, getting flowers, dusting, etc.; of course we have a system of charging for guests and our aim and ambition is to be able to pay off all our notes and really, truly, to own our dear "brown house on the hill."

## TO THE MEN

The following original poem, written by Miss Carrie Morgan, was read by the composer last night in response to a toast at the Men's Club banquet at the Congregational church:

When woman's suffrage first became  
The theme o'er all the land,  
Her frail shortcomings were set forth  
Against man's virtues grand,  
Till we were forced to ask  
What are these virtues then,  
That make superior beings  
Of our brother creatures, men?

Of course there is man's intellect,  
That story oh! so old  
To Eves from Adam's day to this  
Has very oft been told.  
But we are forced to wonder,  
If, when the world began,  
Our Mother Eve was really  
Much inferior to man.

Perhaps it is her training  
That through the many years  
Has forced her to subjection  
And filled her eyes with tears;  
For we are e'er reminded  
That e'en in the days of Paul  
The women were admonished  
That they keep silence all.

Perhaps the sainted Paul foresaw  
The strength of woman's speech  
And in the kindness of his heart  
A lesson sought to teach.  
How she's obeyed this warning  
'Tis not my place to tell,  
It is upon men's virtues  
That I am forced to dwell.

We are told that those who vote must fight,  
But does anyone suppose  
That women cannot fight with men?  
Ask anyone who knows

About the bliss of family quarrels  
In his domestic life  
Who 'tis that conquers in the fray  
The husband or the wife?

'Tis said that women should not vote  
For they could not hold a meeting  
Conduct it in parliamentary style  
And give the proper greeting.  
Then too they might forget themselves  
And call each other names,  
Use language far from fitting  
The grand Colonial Dames.

Are men e'er guilty of these things,  
Call names and use bad language?  
Do they forget to go by rule  
And all in order manage?  
Would they forget to address the chair  
Or stop at tap of bell,  
Curb tongue and temper while they speak?  
I wonder. Who can tell?

Now patience is a virtue  
That all must e'er concede  
Belongs to the better half.  
An instance here. Give heed.  
The crying babe makes night  
Most hideous with its moan;  
The father calmly walks the floor  
And keeps his watch alone.

Another instance, in the school  
When Tom is bad and bold,  
The woman teacher calls the lad  
And e'er will frown and scold.  
Not so the man, his interview  
With Master Tom is brief,  
But when the session's ended  
Poor Tom is filled with grief.

Generosity's a virtue  
To men full oft ascribed.  
They give to balls and carnivals,  
To poor, both far and wide,

And even to the waiter  
They give the larger tip  
For breakfast, lunch and dinner  
And eke for what they sip.

Now is the man more generous then  
That woman fain would be,  
Or is it force of circumstance?  
Well come, and we shall see.  
The married woman has a sum  
Perchance from which to pay  
The butcher, grocer, milkman, maid,  
And all who come her way.

If after all is said and done,  
There is a sum left o'er,  
She may have it for her very own.  
What need, pray, to say more?  
And if her sister earn her bread  
And toil from sun to sun,  
Her pay is half what man would get  
For work no better done.

That man is broader-minded  
We surely must agree,  
But then with all his training  
Pray why should he not be?  
He is in the world of politics,  
Of business, and of strife,  
Within the narrow walls of home  
His partner spends her life.

Now all this leads us to the thought  
That things may often be  
The direct result of training  
Or of opportunity.  
Some things there are ascribed to men  
Then e'en the suffragette  
In summing up men's virtues  
Must surely not forget.

That man is strong and brave  
No woman will deny.  
Less prone to hasty judgment  
And never prone to cry.

He will let his reason govern him  
Far more than his emotions.  
His head is full of serious thought  
And not of silly notions.

So when we ponder o'er the work  
That is given us to do,  
And think of its diversity  
Is not this saying true,  
That one needs thought, another care,  
Another much detail?  
And if everybody were alike  
Our work would surely fail.

But when we sum the matter up  
And try the balance scale  
Man's prudence and forethought will go  
'Gainst care and great detail.  
So here's to brother-creature man,  
Co-worker kind and true.  
May every effort bring success  
And happiness to you.

## A PROTEST

BY RUTH A. LAYCOCK (Syracuse Alumnae)

Kappa Kappa Gamma'll get you if you don't watch out. She says so, in her *Key*. This same *Key*, she claims, were it not for herself being classed as a "muck-raker," might open the door to a chamber of horrors which would make Barbe Blen's beard turn green with envy. Plainly, she might classify each and every sorority as given over dominantly to "athletics, society, studies, usefulness, spending money, eating, sleeping, or neurasthenic activities." "If you want to judge a fraternity, find its publication and read its chapter letters," says the *Key*. Now isn't this almost as if one judged women by the way they act at a tea—which Heaven forbid!—or as if one weighed religion by the shouting force of a Kentucky revival? Perhaps it's fair to ask—"Then how do you judge a fraternity (or sorority, as we chance to prefer saying?)" Frankly, we do not judge, except from the inside, for it seems to us impossible to classify as given over to one particular thing, be it good or bad, anything at once so broad, so heterogeneous, so cosmopolitan, and—this I say in the face of "Stover at Yale"—so rightfully subterranean in its workings, as a secret organization embracing hundreds of members.

Perhaps, comparing a sorority magazine to a pink tea seems flip-pant, but they are essentially alike in that they are a wearing of one's outdoor clothes, the side one turns to the world. A chapter, or a sorority, may seem to other Greeks quite a different thing than she appears in her own home, to her own family. The tone and trend of a magazine may be influenced rather by what the sorority sees fit to show to the public eye, than by her internal workings. Did you ever hear the good old expression "a house with a Queen Anne front and a Mary Ann back?" Moreover, who knows the secret chambers of that same house? Not its guests, certainly. And for all practical purposes, a sorority magazine is the receiving day of the organization. The members undoubtedly give the affair, but they are not forgetting that they have hundreds of guests, nor are they airing their deepest hopes, their dearest ideals, their real accom-

plishments, for the benefit of those callers. Every correspondent has this same ineffaceable self-consciousness which is peculiar to the human race—and sometimes even shared by lower animals. To lose it is to lose one's identity of being. Naturally each new correspondent, reading her own magazine almost exclusively, patterns after what her predecessor has happened—I say *happened*—to adopt as the choice of events to be made public. This no more expresses the real status of the chapter than a newspaper represents the true views of its entire editorial staff and body of readers.

Furthermore, let us cease to “judge” and “classify,” even in our minds. We are alike in our very differences, in that these differences are surface merely, for we are all, underneath, trying for the best we can prevision, and upholding our allegiance not only to one organization, but to the Greek-letter system to which we all owe so much. Not one of us is given over to athletics, eating, sleeping, spending money, society, or neurasthenic activities, as times of stress have always shown. Perhaps the best sign any organization can give to outsiders—although we cannot judge it even by that expressed intention—is the desire to see in every other sorority, its likeness to her own.



"Vacation is here," she said with a sigh—  
This worn-out member of Gamma Phi—  
"I'll lie in my hammock the live-long day,  
And sleep and dream my cares away,  
I'll dream of the college life so dear,  
I'll dream of the fun I'll have next year,  
And rest secure in the joy that I  
Am wearing the crescent of Gamma Phi!"

"Vacation is here," she said with a sigh—  
This other member of Gamma Phi—  
"And I'll have time to think and plan  
To help my chapter however I can  
In the coming year. Without request  
I'll write for the CRESCENT. I'll do my best  
To hunt the future freshman down  
And urge her to come to our college town.  
I'll work, inspired by the fact that I  
Am wearing the crescent of Gamma Phi!"

And now we wonder, which of the two  
Is the type of the Gamma Phi that's *you*!

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**I**T is indeed interesting to peep into the home of each chapter, to learn of the many little customs that make up the chapter life, to note—those things by which we may profit. Some of the customs are especially worth imitating. Alpha believes in assigning the freshman to some particular phase of college life—a practical and helpful theory—for the chapter that is represented in college activities will be well-rounded and progressive; the freshman that is trained in so wise a way will be a vital part, not only of her chapter

but of her Alma Mater, and will develop into a stronger, more capable upperclassman. Each year, this same chapter sends a delegate to Silver Bay, so that Gamma Phi may keep in touch with other college girls—another instance of farsightedness and of desire to broaden its own horizon.

Zeta, Iota and Delta have annual house-parties after the close of college. If each chapter could follow this custom, we should find sorority ties drawn closer and sorority friendships made stronger and dearer.

Beta's "birthday party" for each girl is a delightful custom—for some little personal attention is due each member and the chapter life is thus made infinitely more informal and more home-like. And what alumna returning to her chapter would not be surprised and touched to be greeted by her own particular "grind song?" Why can't each chapter have these "grind songs?" They surely solve the problem of making the alumna "one of the girls."

Gamma—praise be to her—has founded a scholarship—a proof that Greek-letter life is not altogether selfish. As an incentive to freshmen, she offers a scholarship cup—go thou, each sister chapter and do likewise! And these Gamma girls, in the midst of their busy college routine, take time to know each other; for one afternoon each week is devoted to this becoming acquainted. Indeed, this is the primary function of each chapter life; the better we know our sisters, the better we work together; the greater the united effort, the stronger the chapter itself.

There are spreads and spreads—and yet each differs from the other. Read of Epsilon's, of Kappa's and of Mu's and see if they don't! There is also a Christmas tree for each chapter it seems—but even this holiday festivity bespeaks the individuality of its particular band of merry makers. Nu celebrates the granting of its charter by a "birthday party"; each Theta girl wears on November 11, in honor of our founders, a bit of double brown on her pin. Isn't it a pretty custom—and doesn't it bring the past very close to the present, and should we not stop a moment in our busy routine to pay tribute to those who made Gamma Phi possible for us?

Eta's alumnae teas furnish an example of what loyal and en-

thusiastic graduates may do for the younger girls; and the breakfast given by this chapter on Commencement morn must surely be the sweetest memory of the day to those seniors in whose honor it is held.

Customs—customs—and yet back of them all is the same love and loyalty for our sisterhood, the same glory in the fame of Gamma Phi, the same desire to make our crescent stand for all that is true and helpful and worth while.

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**S**TATISTICS are never thrilling—nevertheless they talk—and even if you do not happen to read the editorials in your magazine, please peruse the following:

For October CRESCENT—

No letters from Chicago and San Francisco.

For January CRESCENT—

No letters from Mu and Milwaukee.

For March CRESCENT—

No letters from Gamma and Chicago.

For June CRESCENT—

No letters from Zeta, Iota, Chicago and Minneapolis.

Not a single issue has had its complete file of letters—this is unpardonable in a sorority of so few chapters. Through the year, only four unsolicited articles have found their way to the hands of the editor. In the wildest flight of imagination, this does not promise unrestrained enthusiasm on the part of the readers. Appeals for promptness, accuracy, contributions and subscriptions have so filled the pages of our periodical that no repetition is necessary. What are you going to do about it, oh Gamma Phi Beta? Remember that a successful football coach relies not upon spectacular touchdowns and brilliant plays—but upon the individual work of his team. Your magazine cannot be wholly supported by the willingness, the aid and the money of a few—what it needs is concentrated interest and united effort. There stands the goal—Shall we reach it? Then *how*? Listen—“The team worked as one man and pushed the ball over.”

ENGLAND believes in expansion—and the sun never sets on her possessions; America is an advocate of the same policy—and each day she gains in power and in influence. A nation becomes greater as it widens its sphere of activity, as it realizes the potent force that lies in extension of its boundaries. A sorority is but a little world within itself—it, too, must assume responsibilities for the future, must face the question of progress. If it hopes to grow, to increase and to flourish, it must solve this very problem of expansion; it must realize that an organized body goes forward or stands still. Conservatism is a splendid thing—it is a safeguard against rashness and foolish mistakes—but like everything else it has its limitations. Now that a new college year is before us, let us once again meet the matter squarely; let us be ruled not by narrowness, by hearsay or by personal prejudice but by the needs of Gamma Phi Beta.

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IT is with great regret that we announce the resignation of Miss Bertha White, our Alumnae Editor. Miss White has been, not only an efficient member of the staff, but a loyal member of the sorority and we shall miss her capable work and her hearty co-operation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Will each chapter send to Miss Barbee as soon as possible the name of its associate editor for next year?

Seniors, notice! Before you leave the college walls, send in your name and home address to the Business Manager that she may enter you *at once* upon the list of subscribers.

It is shown by the names of chapter corresponding secretaries, Mu, Milwaukee and San Francisco have no representatives. May this matter be attended to *immediately* as it is both unnecessary and unbusinesslike to have any vacancies on this list.

The article on "Stanford University" in the March CRESCENT was not written by Muriel Steele (Theta, '13) but by Mildred Gilbert (Mu, '13). This was a mistake of the printer.

There are many subscribers who have not paid for their CRESCENTS this year, and some are two years in arrears. Will you not kindly give this matter your early attention? If a subscription blank accompanies your CRESCENT, it means that you have not paid your subscription, unless you hold a receipt proving the contrary. Some may have paid between the time of sending in the mailing list and the appearance of the magazine.

All subscribers who have paid for the year just closed and all whose subscriptions are unexpired will receive the October number, but no further numbers will be sent, unless a definite subscription is made.

The management must know just how many dollars can be depended upon next year in order to limit the cost of the magazine to the amount that will be received. Please show your loyalty to the CRESCENT by subscribing *now*.



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Send all Chapter Letters and Personals to Miss White.

Next letter must be in her hands Sept. 15th.

#### ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Edna Brand	Hazel Peck
Rachel Bulley	Esther Potter
Ella Brooks	Lydia Rhodes
Bertha Dodson	Gertrude Shaver
Hilda Gresham	Helen Stevens
Genevieve Joy	Marion Weaver
Ruth King	Marion Barker
Janet Morrison	Marion Bretz
Marguerite Cooke	Grace Beaver
Clara Corbett	Augusta Briggs
Marion Draper	Katherine Dawley
Mary Gardner	Florine Deuel
Helen Hitchcock	Gladys Fearon
Lucile Pearson	Ruth Holdridge
Emily Price	Helen Leete
Florence Shaw	Zade Lighthall
Ethel Snyder	Dorothy Potter
Laura Beecher	Kathryn Sears
Henrietta Bidwell	Mary Stevens
Isabel Brown	Gladys Timmerman
Mildred Fish	Hazel Whitmarsh
May Loveland	

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Alpha held her formal dance on February 28th. It seems rather far away now but we have not forgotten what a pretty dance it was. The house was trimmed with yellow jonquils and the lights were shaded with yellow. There were forty-five couples on the floor, but we were not crowded. Refreshments were served upstairs; chicken salad, olives, sandwiches, coffee, ice cream, and cakes. After intermission, the girls gathered around the piano and sang two or three songs much to the delight of our guests. Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Baker (Florence Palmer, 1877) Mrs. Frederick (Cora Willard, 1881) and Mrs. Edgecombe (Grace Webb, 1893) were our patronesses.

On February 29th Alpha held it first rushing party. The house was decorated as it had been for the dance. A cobweb had been made all through the house, and each guest was given a string to follow out. Later the girls entertained them with clever songs and stunts.

One evening we invited three of the Fine Arts faculty in to dinner. Our guests seemed to enjoy the evening, and I am sure we did, too. On April 18th we invited the trustees of our new house



#### THE BALLET

From left to right—Gertrude Shaver, Helen Stevens, Isabel Brown, Esther Potter, Laura Beecher  
Center—Lydia Rhodes

and Mrs. James R. Day and Miss Imogene Day (Alpha, 1900) to dinner. The tables were decorated with candles, and with the flower centerpiece, was very pretty.

The city girls gave the chapter a spread on April 26th, the first we have had since midyear examinations. We had a good sing after it, and decided we wouldn't wait so long before having another.

The delegations have been giving small rushing parties. The seniors gave theirs first, the juniors followed last week (April

27th). Mrs. Olive Hunt Herrick (Alpha 1910) helped the juniors entertain, and we were glad to have her with us.

The great event of the season has been the Sophomore Donation Party held March 15th, 1912. The Alpha girls can't say enough good things about the 1914 delegation for they certainly did splendidly. They got out a very clever poster, but the entertainment was even better than the poster.

The curtain rose on a minstrel show. Hazel Peck was interlocutor and Henrietta Bidwell and Lucile Pierson were end men. Black faces and wooly wigs were much in evidence, and we could scarcely recognize our sophomores in their dress suits; they had such an air of importance. The jokes were splendid, too; the songs had some clever hits in them. Marion Weaver did the Sailors Hornpipe.

The next act was a scarf dance. The girls were costumed in pink tarletan, pink slippers, and stockings and it was the prettiest dance ever seen. Alpha has never done anything better, and the girls are certainly to be congratulated on the success of that part of the evening's entertainment.

But the last act capped the climax. The sophomores reproduced a house breakfast scene, with comical exaggeration of a very real thing. Lucile Pierson impersonated the maid and rang the bell with great fervor. Laura Beecher, dressed a la Mrs. Wood, (our chaperone) appeared soon and "wondered why the girls didn't come down." Then the seniors and juniors began to come in,—each girl taken off by the sophomore who looked most like her. The girls had rifled the seniors rooms, and kimono and breakfast caps were quickly recognized. The senior who has an eight o'clock rushed in all ready for class. There wasn't a peculiarity of tone or manner which wasn't reproduced in the most comical way. The audience fairly laughed themselves hoarse, and certainly the upperclassmen took their medicine with good grace.

The alumnae chapter has invited us to an alumnae supper for next week and I am sure we will have a splendid time. Commencement and June banquet are not far away. Alpha wishes all her sisters a pleasant vacation.

## BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Lilian Brown	Edith Benson
Ruth Burdsall	Rose Bjork
Osee Jewell	Helen Crane
Erna George	Francis Rhodes
Edna Thuner	Marion Davis
Maleta Moore	Marie Brookes
Elizabeth Bostwick	Fanny Hogan
Pauline Kleinstück	Dorothy Peet
Wanda Seeman	Bernice Stuart
Bessie Smurthwaite	Marion Scott
Marguerite Melvin	Marjorie Walker

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Scarcely had our last CRESCENT letter been sent off, when Washington's birthday arrived. College always closes for that day, and we Gamma Phis always celebrate with a fancy dress party and a play given by the freshmen. The play this year was quite clever and the puns and jokes on the different girls were remarkably apt. We were delighted to have several alumnae with us that evening.

Quite a few of our out of town alumnae came to Ann Arbor for the Women's League Banquet. We had a house party over that week-end and pledged Barbara Preble of Chicago, a Gamma Phi daughter, and Alpha Middleditch of Detroit. On Saturday afternoon of that week, Pauline Kleinstück gave a very pretty green and white tea for her cousin, Margaret Hoyt of Kalamazoo, Michigan, a Beta pledge.

The Pan-Hellenic party this year was voted a great success. One of our girls is president of the Pan-Hellenic Association this year.

Last week we had a house party. On Friday evening, we gave an informal dance at the home of Isadore Thompson Scott. Mrs. Scott has been a very good friend to us, opening up her home for us whenever we wished to give a party.

Last Thursday, Mrs. Scott gave a tea for Francis Haven Morris, Alpha. We were all delighted to meet her and found her very charming indeed.

And now just a word or two about our new house—the foundation has just been completed, and we are daily expecting the building to be started. We saw a sample of the brick which is to be used in the house, and to say the least we are highly delighted with it. By the time the next CRESCENT letter is due we hope, and indeed expect, to be able to say, "Behold the Beta Chapter House." In the meantime we all wish you a successful and prosperous semester and a happy vacation.

## GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Ruth Cotten	Florence Goselin
Lorine Pollock	Florence Scofield
Florence Sayle	Nell Bundy
Marie Chamberlain	Beula Heddes
Clara Jensen	Margaret Puster, '15
Alice Ringling	Elizabeth Kreis, '15
Elizabeth Perry	Anne Kellog, '15
Edna Howard	Katherine Ryan, '13
Helen Scofield	Mildred Harrington, '15
Edith Winslow	Jessie Sumner, '14
Gladys Hayden	Ernestine Spencer, '15
Grace Burgard	Agnes Boeing, '13
Helen Harrison	Stella Hayden, '15
Harriette Brown	Edna Cantril, '13
Marie Leavens	Grace Mitchell, '15
Delia Linwell	Portia Miars, '15
Lina Duffy	Hildegard Hagerman, '15

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters: I have so many things in mind to tell you in this letter that I scarcely know where to begin, for my ideas are equally jumbled on all subjects except the all important one—thesis. Don't worry, I shall not tell you about it, for I was taught once, always to put my most pleasant thoughts into a letter. I can think of no more pleasant way to begin than by telling you of our new members. In March we initiated Edna Cantril of Denver, and Grace Mitchell of Chicago. I would say some very nice things about them if I were not certain that they will read this letter and I would not have them vain.

Socially we have not been doing a great deal. In fact outside of a few matinée dances and a St. Patrick's party we have done nothing at all. I must not neglect to tell you that we "have been done by" however. The Delta Gammas entertained us very informally at their lodge on the afternoon of April 19th, and we had a very enjoyable time. But even if we have not done much we are going to do a few things very shortly. We are planning our annual mother's house-party for the week-end beginning May 24th. These house-parties have been so successful in the past that we all look forward to this one with great pleasure. The university will help us entertain our mothers, for the annual water-carnival and pageant will take place that same week-end. We give our formal party the seventeenth of May and we expect a number of the "old girls" back for it.

I am afraid we were never intended to be athletes although we struggle along. Our bowling team has worked hard, and while we may not be champions, when the games have all been played we ex-

pect to come near the top. We have a few individual stars. Edna Howard and Helen Scofield played on the champion basketball and hockey teams, while Edna Cantril made the varsity team. We have been rather prominent in dramatics too this year. Katherine Ryan took a prominent part in the junior play, and Alice Ringling played the leading part in the Red Domino Club play "Her Own Way" and has been appointed chairman of the Senior Class Play Committee. Mildred Harrington made the Red Domino Dramatic club.

We will have ten graduates this year, which will make quite a difference even in as large a chapter as ours, for since the sophomore pledging went through, we will not be able to take in any straight freshmen next fall. Marie Chamberlain, Florence Sayle, Ruth Cotten, Edith Winslow, Loraine Pollock, Edna Howard, Helen Scofield, Elizabeth Perry, Clara Jensen, Gladys Hayden, and Alice Ringling will take their degrees this June.

As this is the last CRESCENT letter this year, Gamma, in closing, hopes that you will all spend a very enjoyable summer, and next fall whether you are in school, or teaching, or globe-trotting, we will still all be interested in hearing what you are doing, so "don't forget to write" to the CRESCENT and "tell us all the news." And so good-bye, with love to all our sisters in Gamma Phi.

#### DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Celia Marshall	Constance Flanders
Elizabeth McClelland	Lucy Ford
Helen McNeil	Millicent Harrison
Alice Moulton	Elsie Jordan
Mabel Page	Margaret Osgood
Eda Tarbox	Edna Simmons
Florence White	Sylvia Ball
Susan Williams	Marjorie Barnard
Ruth Bartlett	Pauline Brant
Marguerite Brant	Helen Farwell
Ruth Hatch	Marguerite Hill
Ruth Norton	Rachel Hardwick
Ruth Paul	Violet Marshall
Rachel Rice	Marian Merrill
Helen Clark	Evelyn Poland
Jeanette Collins	Alice Reynolds

Ada Taylor

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Although it is now time for April showers and May flowers, yet before you read this letter, it will be June and commencement time. So it is altogether fitting to wish you all the best and happiest of summer vacations.

Speaking of showers reminds me of the one that fell on Mabel Page, our bride-to-be, last Thursday at the frat room. The drops all fell from a large white flower which was attached to the ceiling.

After the excitement of opening packages and finding heaps of pretty things, we had a spread with many good things to eat and introduced by little umbrella-shaped menu cards. I wish that you might have had a piece of our pink-frosted bride's cake. On it, was a little china bride and groom, and in it were a ring, a thimble, a penny and a pin. I must tell you also about the "stunt" that followed the spread. The seniors formed themselves into a kitchen orchestra. They wore long kitchen aprons, and each carried a different kitchen utensil, such as an egg-beater, toaster, strainer. To these were attached "kazoes", a kind of toy trumpet into which one must hum. The drum was a galvanized wash-tub and drum-stick, a stick with a potato fastened on it. The program was fastened to the back of the leader, and the various numbers were designated in some such way as:

Kitchen Garden Solo.....Mendelspoon  
Culinary Chorus.....Handle

During this semester, we have been giving spreads by classes and have had many pleasant surprises. The sophomores gave us a valentine party; the freshmen, a Japanese party; and the juniors entertained us on April Fool's Day.

Next Saturday, we seniors are going down to May Sheperd's summer home at Nahant, and are expecting to have a wonderful time.

It may seem that we are having nothing but parties and good times, yet some honors have fallen to us by the way. Rachel Rice, '13, has been elected vice-president of Y. W. C. A. and Jeanette Collins, '14, secretary. Mabel Page, '12, has been appointed treasurer of her class. Eda Tarbox, '12, is on the senior banquet committee. Celia Marshall, '12, is in the senior play and some of the rest of us are to take part in the Latin play next week.

#### EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Ardis Ade	Lois Johnson
Ruth Eastman	Ruth Umphrey
Carolyn McCarty	Ruby Walton
Laura Hall	Camilla Crane
Zita Murphy	Harriet Sluss
Marguerite Robinson	Gladys Moore
L. Louese Wheeler	Joyce Farr
Mary Richardson	Wilma Leonard
Dorothy Winchell	Helen Lewis
Helen Paddock	Hazel Earle
Florence Hildebrand	Jessie Robinson
Klea Cozzens	Jessie Vawter
Ruth Cooper	Mildred Ross

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: What a short time it seems since that strenuous week of rushing last September! It hardly

seems possible that Commencement is so near, and with it of course a good long vacation which everyone is anticipating. Our girls usually indulge in frequent house-parties, camping trips, and other things throughout the summer, and in this way manage to keep in pretty close touch with one another.

We have been especially 'dined and wined' lately by our alumnae. Mrs. Page entertained the active chapter with a lovely spread one evening, and two weeks later Mrs. Corlett extended the same courtesy. We enjoyed a splendid birthday spread given by Mrs. Paddock for Helen, and recently Wilma Leonard, one of our freshmen, entertained us all at a Sunday night supper. We initiated Helen Lewis in April, and we are especially proud of our latest pledge, Hazel Earle of Evanston. On the evening of April 20th we gave an informal at the Ravenswood Country Club, to which we invited rushees. Our annual banquet is scheduled for June 7th at the La-Salle, and we are hoping that a large number of alumnae will be present. On the ninth of June a beach-party is to be given for the seniors, and we will probably conclude our sorority affairs with an informal dance, which is sort of a recent custom.

Commencement is the twelfth preceded of course by the usual week of college festivities. This year there are five seniors in Liberal Arts, Ardis Ade, Ruth Eastman, Laura Hall, Carolyn McCarty, and Zita Murphy, and Mildred Ross in the School of Music.

It may be of interest to you to know that sophomore pledge day has just gone through at Northwestern. It has caused much argument and commotion, but has finally been adopted for a term of three years beginning in September, 1912. For this reason we are not anticipating the 'opening of school'—for Gamma Phi has been perfectly satisfied with our rushing season, verbal bids, and all other things which must necessarily be changed with the new method to be used.

Epsilon sends best wishes for a splendid vacation to each and every one of you.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

(No letter received)

## ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Lorraine Andrews	Beth Hoyt
Genevieve Atkinson	Margaret Hodgen
May Atkinson	Luelle Jackson
Dora Atwater	Josephine Le Conte
Winnifred Bridge	Rita Morris
Thoda Cockroft	Ora Muir
Gertrude Comfort	Penelope Murdock
Dorothy Daniels	Imogene Mason
Pauline Davis	Ethel Nowell
Sue Davis	Marian Nowell
Luzina Denio	Grace Partridge
Gertrude Elliot	Harriet Pasmore
Eleanor French	Kathrine Philleo
Margaret Garthwaite	Emily Stewart
Ruth Genung	Lurita Stone
Ida Hale	Carmelita Woerner

Dear Sisters: Every one here is as busy as busy can be for our finals start today. Of present excitement there is very little that is of interest. Still we have done a good deal in the last month, and of course there is much to come. The chapter has been getting better acquainted lately through Monday afternoon teas. Each class entertains in its turn, usually just toasted buns and tea are served but all the girls are present and we have lovely Gamma Phi talks. Our annual spring banquet was held at the St. Marks Hotel in Oakland on the thirteenth of April. It was a luncheon this time, and a very lovely one. Gorgeous red tulips were used for decorations, and everyone said it was one of the most delightful reunions we have ever had.

We have been getting acquainted with some of the prospective freshmen through the informal teas. It is such an easy delightful way to meet them, and one can get so much better acquainted over a cup of tea and toasted buns in a cosy corner than by any formal affair.

As for college affairs there have been many of interest. The track meets have been splendid. The intercollegiate at Stanford was won by California with 80½ points to 41½, and eight records were broken. Last week the interscholastic meet was held on California Cinder Path; about three hundred high schools were entered. This event is under the auspices of the Big "C" Society and is not confined to the schools of this state but includes all the Pacific states. Several Pacific Athletic Association records were broken. The evening after the meet the college students held a circus for the entertainment of the young visitors. One of the side shows was the presentation of the moving pictures taken by the seniors, and showing

the chief events of the college year; such as Student Labor Day (29 of Feb.), Student Election day, Charter day, and the Spring Festival. Other concessions of the circus were chiefly burlesques on college customs, organizations, and activities these were all most clever.

The English Club elected Margaret Hodgen, '13, for her work in literature, and Lurita Stone, '14, for her dramatic ability, to their membership.

Gertrude Comfort, '13, was elected vice-president of the Girl's mandolin and guitar club.

At the last university meeting of the year Lorraine Andrews, '12, who is president of the Associated Women Students, delivered a splendid speech, and she will speak in front of the Doe Library on Class Day during the Pilgrimage. She has been chosen by the faculty to be one of the four speakers at the graduating exercises, the other speakers being men.

This year the usual play by the Associated Women Students was substituted by a Spring Festival and Masque, which was written by a senior student, Miss Anna Reardon. The play, entitled *Partheneia*, has been pronounced by eminent critics to be a masterpiece of English Literature. The theme was the awakening of the spirit of maidenhood, which part was taken by Harriet Pasmore, '14, and in the course of the *Partheneia*, those who had won distinction during their college career were crowned. Among the five girls, Lorraine Andrews, '12, was crowned for Poetry. Ora Muir, '12, took the part of Ilna, the spirit of the past, while seventeen other Gamma Phis took part in the pageant.

#### THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Eunice Robinson	Kathryn Herbert
Anne Henry	Inda Davis
Belle St. Clair	Gertrude Bent
Jean Mentzer	Mary Carman
Elizabeth Hessler	Marie Garrison
Katharine Sheldon	Lela Tait
Muriel Steele	Amy Speers
Frances Hoop	Ruth Whitford
Mildred Morgan	Desdelora Stephens

Carlota Roose

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Spring is trying to arrive in Colorado, though it is having a hard time, and with it there is a great shower of "doings." It seems as though there weren't nearly days enough to do all that must be done between now and June.

Friday, April 26th, the seniors appeared in cap and gown at

chapel, which was almost empty, because the juniors were conducting a rival attraction in the shape of a funeral of the said senior class in a neighboring vacant lot. Two of our girls headed the procession, bearing aloft an effigy of the noble senior concocted out of our perfectly good Gamma Phi broom. The service was very impressive, and incidentally very clever.

The evening of the same day was High School Night—a big reception in the “Gym” for high school seniors. Theta had a supper at the lodge before hand, at which eighteen of these senior maidens, plus several of our alumnae, were the guests. We were seated at small tables with a freshman to serve at each one. Afterwards we sang by the light of the Japanese lanterns, and then the men arrived to take the girls over to the reception.

May Day festivities are coming soon. May Queens are elected from each class, and the one representing the class which wins in a relay race is to be crowned. Jean Mentzer was elected for the junior class Queen and Fern Kohankie, our latest pledge, is chosen from Warren Academy.

We gave a dance in March for the men who had helped us with our play, and we have been giving informal teas for our mothers and friends, entertaining the different organizations in school. Our freshmen have been having a gay time this spring giving beefsteak fries.

As summer draws near we are both glad and sorry to see the close of college. We have only two seniors to lose this year—Anne Henry and Eunice Robinson, and we hope most of the other girls will be back next year.

Theta wishes all her sisters a happy vacation.

#### IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE

(No letter received)

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Katherine Whitney  
Helen Jewett  
Helena Fitzsimmons  
Lynn McMahon  
Anna McCauley  
Louise Sumner  
Eunice McGilvra  
Margaret Nachtrieb  
Constance Davis  
Bertha June Ames  
Dorothy Bell  
Marion Brown

Helen Sheridan  
Alice Ames  
Nettie Monroe  
Harriet Ahlers  
Lucile Babcock  
Katherine Sullivan  
Helen Crane  
Gertrude Hagy  
Louise McGilvra  
Ella Morse  
Gertrude Prescott  
Jeanette Welch

Mary Rhodes  
 Gertrude Moore  
 Blanche Wilcox  
 Grace Wilcox

Enid Wilcox  
 Maud Hart  
 Ruth Hall  
 Anne Brown

Hazel Strong

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We would like to know who arranged it so that exams. loom up and the theses and reading notes fall due just as the campus knoll bursts into green, and the birds begin to sing again. These days the class room can not compete with the tennis court and shady river bank. Studying out under the trees proves to be a signal failure. We don't know what to do about it.

Cap and Gown day has been celebrated. Commencement is imminent. One of our dear seniors, Louise Sumner, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and all of them are invested with the dignity of near-alumnae. Then too spring brings the banquet and the formal, and other distracting festivities. The banquet is to be held this year on May 25th at the Leamington Hotel. The formal took place on May 3d at the Minnikahda Club. Despite the fact that thunder and lightning and rain were holding forth outside the doors, we had a most delightful party.

During March active and alumnae Gamma Phis enjoyed a spread in Shevlin Hall. Another affair of a similar nature is being planned for the eleventh of May. It is to be given at the chapter house, and the active girls are going to present a vaudeville show—"bigger and better than ever"—for the amusement of their guests. During February the active girls were entertained by Margaret Nachtrieb at a charming Washington's Birthday party. Another Gamma Phi function which occurred since our previous letter was the initiation which made Katherine Whitney of Minneapolis a member of our order. You will have to meet and know her before you can congratulate yourselves properly.

Chapter honors for 1911-1912 have been: Louise Sumner, Phi Beta Kappa, and senior representative on Woman's League Council. Helena Fitzsimmons, session representative on Athletic Board, and Member of *Quill*. Anna McCauley, treasurer of Woman's League, and member of University Catholic Association Board. Lynn McMahon, president of Athletic Board. These girls are seniors.

Junior honors are: Margaret Nachtrieb, member of Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, secretary of Student Government Association, Member *Gopher* Board. Member of *Quill*. Eunice McGilvra, member *Gopher* Board and of *Quill*. Constance Davis, junior representative on Woman's League Council.

Gertrude Moore, sophomore representative on Student Council;

Harriet Ahlers, member of *Minnesota Daily* staff, are our sophomore honors.

The freshmen held the following positions: Gertrude Hagy, freshman representative on Woman's League, and treasurer of *Bib and Tucker*. Helen Crane, president of *Bib and Tucker*. Gertrude Prescott, Mu Phi Delta, and member of the University Chorus. Maud Hart, member of *Minnesota Daily* staff, and of the University Chorus.

Chapter honors received as a result of the spring elections to date are: Senior—Eunice McGilvra, president of Student Government Association; Margaret Nachtrieb, vice-president of the Woman's League Council.

Junior—Gertrude Moore, treasurer of Student Government Association; Lucile Babcock, member of *Quill*.

And now best wishes for the summer holidays from the Gamma Phis of Kappa chapter.

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Nell Frater	Leah Miller
Florence Lewis	Orpha Meacham
Lovina Willson	Dorothy Sander
Gertrude Young	Josephine Eisenbeis
Bernice Sully	Airdrie Kincaid
Esther White	Emmy Schmitz
Frances Markey	Margaret Meany
Hazel MacDonald	Palma Lee
Edna Johanson	Mabel Springer
Helen Steuchal	Nell Tower
Wilhelmina Schumacher	Helen Steele

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Exams almost here again. And oh what a busy time this spring is proving to be! Campus day has passed, and was a glorious success in spite of rainy weather. The class picnics are over now too. But Junior Day, Junior Prom, May Fête, the opera "Mocking Bird," "The Servant in the House," and Commencement, not to mention those exams, are still to come. One of our freshmen, Nell Tower, has a main part in "The Mocking Bird." "The Servant in the House" was given last year, and was so well interpreted and received, and the university has had so many requests to repeat it, that it is to be given again this year by the same cast. Leah Miller, a Gamma Phi Junior, has the principal of the two women's parts in the play.

At the last Pan-Hellenic meeting, it was decided to have two weeks rush next fall, with dates limited to dinners on college days, Fridays open from twelve at noon until twelve at night, and Saturday open all day. This is not satisfactory. But since Gamma Phi

tried and failed to put through semester rush here last term, it seems the best possible for the time being. It is almost inevitable, however, that semester pledging will come in time, and we are doing all in our power to hasten the day.

Last week, we made a deep dive into the treacherous sea of politics, and came out with Lovina Willson, a Lambda junior, as Women's League President. This organization, started at Washington by a Gamma Phi, has grown to a very important and responsible position, and we feel sure that Lovina is fully competent to take her place at the head of it.

Since we last talked to you we have given our formal. This year we started a custom we hope to continue, that of having both active and alumnae at this function. It was great fun to have all the girls together again, and to meet many Gamma Phi husbands whom we had never seen before. We were forced to give it down town at the Washington Hotel, since there is no place large enough on the campus. For years, the girls have given their formal at the house, just before Christmas. But that time was impossible this year, and although we hated to break the custom, it happened for the best after all.

The girls are planning a glorious celebration at the end of this year—a three-day house-party here at the house with nothing but rollicking good times to take away the bad taste of exams. Our plans for those days get bigger every time we talk them over until it looks almost as if we should be forced to extend the time in order to get them all in.

And now Lambda sends love and loyalty enough to all of you to last through a whole summer full of rest and happiness.

#### MU—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY

Edith Engelhard	Helen Batcheller
Ruth Hutchinson	Lyetta Hays
Grace Childs	Dorette Jones
Gladys Gill	Lois McCoy
Marion Curtner	Rachel Pinkerton
Caroline Squires	Emile Steel
Cordelia Smith	Florence Mackey
Grace Delmick	Gladys Allen
Edith Ireland	Ruth Lorraine
Edith Hutchinson	Mabel Angell

Lydia Long

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Many and varied are the things of which we have to write this time, for these last months have been busy ones for Stanford people. In the first place a new plan is being adopted by the Stanford women, namely, the sponsor-

ship system. Some of you will probably know what this is, but for those who do not, let me explain that it consists of a committee of fifty upperclassmen, whose duty it is to see that the incoming freshmen are met and welcomed, and are told about Stanford organizations and activities. Three of our girls are on this committee, Ruth Hutchinson, Marion Curtner, and Mildred Gilbert, the last named being chairman of the fifty.

Another thing of general college interest is that the annual Young Woman's Christian Association convention is to be held this year at Mrs. W. R. Hearst's beautiful country home, "Hacienda." Ruth Hutchinson is chairman of the committee arranging this.

Senior week this year is to be of special interest to all undergraduates, and we have decided to add to the general fun by holding a "Track Meet," a strictly Gamma Phi affair. Two teams have been picked, and all are now in training for the various events. We are expecting many new records to be made at this event.

This semester has been a trying one in several respects, for one of our sophomores, Helen Batcheller, has been very ill with diphtheria. There were many anxious days, but she has now entirely recovered, and we hope to have her back next semester. Of course we were quarantined for a short time, and this necessitated delaying the date of our big dance, which finally took place on May 12th, and was a decided success. The house was decorated with moss, smilax, and great yellow tulips, and the favors, candle-shades, etc., were symbolical of Holland, while a little girl in Dutch costume served punch.

Schubert Club, our musical society, among its new members, counts the names of two of our freshmen, Lois McCoy and Ruth Lorraine.

#### NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters: Springtime, the time when college events, social, political, and studious, crowd one upon the other. Our faculty is making stricter and stricter regulations in regard to our college courses, and the grading of each subject. By doing this, the standard of our college has risen considerably since a year ago and since the change comes gradually, the students do not notice it perceptibly. The girls in our house are very much in favor of this new system, although it does require more hours spent in study and less in society. Our new freshmen are taking hold of the active college life remarkably well, and we now have a good percentage of Gamma Phi Beta girls in every college organization.

The Junior week-end committees have been appointed, and several of our girls have prominent places in committee work. Flor-

ence Cleveland and Jay Stanfield are on the University day committee; the former is also on the music committee for the Junior Prom, and Lenore Hanson assists on the decorating committee for the same dance. Anne McMicken, besides being on the refreshment committee of the Junior Prom, is the manager of the Woman's Edition of the *Emerald*, which comes out at Junior Week-end. Lenore Hanson has charge of the society page of that edition. Grace Beau, one of our sophomores, drew the heading for the society notes in that paper.

During the spring vacation, we girls gave a dance in the Portland Heights Club House, to which about thirty-five prospective college girls were invited. Most of our alumnae attended and helped us wonderfully in our entertaining.

The busy life of Junior week-end and the arrival of many guests is just one week away. We expect about twenty girls to help us enjoy the two track meets, the Dramatic Club play, the work of University Day, and the Junior Prom. But the time which we as Gamma Phis are longing for most is commencement week, when our one senior—Jay Stanfield will graduate. Every girl is planning to remain through the entire week, and our alumnae expect to visit us, then to be present at our annual spring banquet, which will be a time of grand reunion for us.

During April we greatly enjoyed a very short visit from Ruth Guppy, of Beta, who is now teaching at Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma. Alice Benson Beach of Eta accompanied her, and the girls were very enthusiastic over both of them.

Nu chapter has always had a ruling never to initiate town girls, but at last we have done away with that, since we desired very much to pledge a Eugene girl who was also being rushed a great deal by other sororities. No sooner had we discarded this ruling than we bid and pledged Pauline Potter, a junior in college, and one of the loveliest girls on the campus. She has been in the house with us, nearly all the time, since we pledged her, and every girl is so happy over our new sister.

No definite plans, as yet, have been made for our summer rushing or vacation meetings. Nu chapter sends happy vacation wishes to each of her sister chapters, and hopes that each one will have much of interest in the way of rushing news and future plans for Gamma Phi Beta to tell us in the early fall letter.

## XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

Charlotte Tuttle	Irene Tosney
Linda Rae	Marguerite Allen
Iva Emmett	Olive Kadletz
Ruth Annett	Dorothy Ellis
Kathryn Smith	Marguerite Means
Louise Richardson	Lois Rowley
Jessie Coram	Flo McConnell
Ida Walker	Grace Bolger
Elizabeth Hays	Margaret Butler
Gladys Lessinger	Laura Whitwell
Harriet Bolger	Beth Soulen

After a delightful week of rest and recreation during spring vacation, we have all returned, much refreshed, to enter upon the short final stretch, which will doubtless prove to be a very busy one, from all indications, for many of our girls. Friday and Saturday nights the junior class presented the opera "The Pirates of Penzance," in which four Gamma Phis had parts, Olive Kadletz, Jessie Coram, Marguerite Means, and Kathryn Smith, the latter one of the leading rôles. The sophomore class play, "Football and the Girl," is also to be presented this month, and after a most severe try-out system, Irene Tosney was chosen as leading lady. In the English play, "As You Like It," to be given Commencement week, Lois Rowley, '15, has the rôle of Celia, and Charlotte Tuttle and Irene Tosney have parts also. And in the English Club entertainment, given a short while ago, Gamma Phi was also well represented, Charlotte Tuttle, '12, Laura Whitwell, '15, and Marguerite Allen, '14, taking part in "The Kleptomaniac," (Charlotte and Marguerite having the two leading rôles) Gladys Lessinger, '14, being a Spanish dancer, and Margaret Stolle giving a very amusing reading, which was encored again and again.

Easter morning we carried through one of the most successful of our entertainments this year—an Easter breakfast. The weather was ideal. It was a beautiful spring day, and we had the front porch and lawn arranged as a most inviting reception hall, for the parlors and reception hall we needed as dining-rooms, in which were placed four large tables, seating in all twenty-two couples. The color scheme of yellow and white was carried out in beautiful daffodil centerpieces, yellow streamers, place-cards, and bunnies and chickens perched around on the tables, while many of the courses were made suggestive of the day. Altogether it was one of the prettiest and most unique events of the season, as our guests profusely informed us.

There have been but few informal entertainments this spring besides the regular class dances, but we are proud to say that, of

both the Sophomore Frolic and the Freshman Glee, we had representatives on almost every committee appointed. For those girls who remained here during spring vacation, Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta Theta entertained at various little dinner parties during the week. And next Saturday evening, Theta Mu Epsilon entertains the entire sorority at dinner, while the dancing party, which Phi Delta Theta was going to give us a few weeks ago, had to be postponed, because it happened to come on Good Friday.

Today we see the last of our guests off, who came to attend the Interscholastic meet, in which all the big High Schools of the state were represented. The meet had to be postponed until Friday on account of the weather, but many of the visiting teams and their rooters arrived Wednesday morning, so we have been kept busy entertaining them. Friday evening after the performance of "The Pirates of Penzance," the medals were awarded to the winning athletes, and Saturday morning an informal dance was given in their honor. Our house has been full of company, but it has been well worth the trouble, for out of the number who visited us we will surely win some mighty fine girls for Gamma Phi Beta.

## CHICAGO

(No letter received)

## SYRACUSE

Florence Wooster Allen  
 Gertrude Andrews  
 Jeanette Atwell  
 Marian Beecher  
 Emma Norton Browne  
 Florence Palmer Baker  
 Kate Gardiner Cooke  
 Florence Bailey Crouse  
 Eunice Adeline Curtis Curtis  
 Emogene Day  
 Isabel Gage Dibble  
 Grace Webb Edgcomb  
 Alvia Horton Fish  
 Laura Page Flick  
 Cora Willard Frederick  
 Mildred Fulmer  
 Alma Louise Klocktrench  
 Helen Gowing  
 Alice R. Graves

Millicent Hinkley  
 Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt  
 Mabel Jacoby Johnson  
 Clara B. Knapp  
 Ruth A. Laycock  
 Lucy Yates Manning  
 Genevieve Ostrander Porter  
 Isabelle Yates Porter  
 Grace Leslie Paltz  
 Christiana Van Allen Oakley  
 Doris Oakley  
 Nettie Sadler  
 Mabel Stone  
 Katherine Sibley  
 Marian Scott  
 Christine Reed Townsend  
 Florence Trowbridge  
 Harriet Budd Wadleigh  
 Mary Whitford

Clara Worden Wilcox

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: This correspondent is so overcome by the capabilities of another sorority magazine which asserts

its ability to classify us all as athletic, socially frivolous, somnolent, or greedy, according to the chapter letters we send in, that she is scared of writing a word! If she should remark that last month's meeting with Florence Wooster Allen was a much enjoyed sewing and talking bee, behold Alpha at once in the socially frivolous class. And as to mentioning refreshments—*never!* Let her say only—we gathered, and will gather again May 4 at the chapter house, where actives and alumnae will have a supper, followed by an entertainment which the seniors will offer. Spring banquet and the annual alumnae luncheon at Skaneateles Lake will also furnish reasons for a concourse (good word; we *do* run together) of loyal Gamma Phis.

The Syracuse Alumnae Club, the women's organization of alumnae, held its annual guest evening in April. Frank Ling, a student at the university, gave a most interesting talk on "Present Aspects of China," to an audience of nearly two hundred. Among the Gamma Phis assisting were Mrs. Russell Sprague, Alice Graves, Marion Scott, Doris Oakley, and Mildred Fulmer. The club will hold its annual business meeting and luncheon at the Hotel Onondaga on May 11th. Millie Morgan Dove is secretary, Nettie Sadler chairman of the membership committee; and Mrs. C. Loomis Allen, Alice Graves and Mrs. C. N. Daman, active workers on the entertainment committee of this club which has done much in holding together the women of the university, are all members of our chapter.

Syracuse alumnae, herself—alas! no longer trembling before the ogre of examinations, tenders her best wishes to the active chapters, and also her hearty congratulations to those of you who are about to become "old girls" like herself. It's not so bad!

#### BOSTON

Carlotta Brant	Harriet Wilcutt
Elizabeth Putnam	Agnes Hayward
Miriam Rice	Belle Dalton
Mary Shepard	Maud Hodges
Florence Sherman	Esther Lurvey
Marion West	Lucy Morse
Katherine Whiting	Louise Putnam
Grace Newhall	Agusta Putnam
May Wren	Elizabeth N. Sanger
Elizabeth Hacker	Olive Marshall
Helen Byrne	Katherine Hardwick

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: It is with fear and trembling, and clothed in sack-cloth and ashes, that I "take my pen in hand" to scratch a few words to be sent as the Boston chapter letter. How could I have read that the chapter letters were due May 15th,

when in black letters, and underscored, it lies here before me—"May 5th?" Well, if Boston chapter has no letter in the CRESCENT this month, I take all the blame, and most humbly beg forgiveness.

The life of Boston chapter has not been over-exciting these past few months. The February meeting was held at the rooms of the active chapter, as usual, but instead of having lunch there we departed from the established custom and went to the College Club. Needless to say, we enjoyed ourselves immensely, (and there were no dishes to wash.) We were so glad to have with us Mrs. J. B. Chase of Baltimore. The April meeting was held at the usual place and in the usual way. Last Saturday, for the May gathering, we went to the home of Mary Shepard, at Nahant, and she certainly gave us a most enjoyable time. Perhaps we should have been over-awed in the home of the Grand President, but you see we never can remember that. A sweeter, dearer Grand President there surely could never be. The seniors of the active chapter were our guests at this meeting.

I must not forget to tell you how proud we were of our active chapter at the time of their sale a short while ago. We never realized before quite how skillful they were.

When this letter was started, I thought there was nothing to say, and now I find I could write on indefinitely, but I must not because, even with a special delivery stamp (which I am sure will take my "last five cents," and I dare not charge it to the Chapter) I am afraid that this will not arrive in time for the CRESCENT. So I with love and leave you all until the next time, when I will try to send Boston's letter in a manner more staid and becoming.

#### NEW YORK

Gertrude Andrews, Alpha  
 Gertrude Hulse Beakes, Alpha  
 Florence E. Beers, Iota  
 Ella Cole Bohr, Alpha  
 Helen Brown, Iota  
 Jean Bruce, Iota  
 Olive Strayer Caughey, Alpha  
 Anna Louise Cole, Alpha  
 Emma M. Enright, Iota  
 Elda Fink, Iota  
 Jesse Gore Frost, Zeta  
 Laura Latimer Graham, Alpha  
 Ruth Hakes, Iota  
 Una Winterburn Harsen, Iota  
 Mary Connor Hayes, Zeta  
 Florence Heermans, Alpha  
 Sadie A. Holt, Iota  
 Leola Jermy, Alpha

Gertrude M. Leets, Alpha  
 Emma F. Lowd, Delta  
 Clara Reed Morgan, Alpha  
 Florence Reed Murray, Alpha  
 Helen Newbold, Iota  
 Blanche Shove Palmer, Alpha  
 Grace Malvina Peters, Iota  
 Ruth Alva Russum, Alpha  
 Sarah Rome, Iota  
 Helen Savitz, Iota  
 Janet R. Seibert, Iota  
 Abby Benson Slawson, Alpha  
 Edna W. Stitt, Iota  
 Linda Savitz Thompson, Iota  
 Elizabeth Moulton Thorndike, Delta  
 Emilie G. Treadway, Alpha  
 Laura K. Van Cise, Iota  
 F. Louise Warr, Alpha

Janet L. Kevand, Alpha  
V. Louise Kimball, Iota  
Anna Knapp, Alpha

Isabella White, Delta  
Clara H. Whitmore, Delta  
Elizabeth C. Zangler, Iota

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: The only festivities in which we have indulged since the last letter are two chapter meetings. The first was held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Caughey. Many of us came out, and were glad to see each other and to make the acquaintance of Mrs. Caughey's little son and daughter.

Our last meeting of the year before the spring banquet was on April 20th, at the home of Elda Fink in Westfield, New Jersey. We had a day which was especially made to be spent in the country. Miss Fink met us at the station, and we all had a short automobile ride from there to the house, and a splendid opportunity of showing our appreciation of the good things Miss Fink and her assistants had ready for us.

After luncheon we elected our officers for next year.

The New York alumnae wishes every sister a summer full of fun and recreation.

#### MILWAUKEE

Bernice Hunter Hoffman, Gamma  
Leonore Horan Williams, Gamma  
Allison More Kieckhefer, Gamma  
Mary Laffin Jones, Gamma  
Grace Steiner Lindsay, Gamma  
Julia Richardson McLenegan, Gamma  
Etta Smith Lafflin, Gamma

Hazel Milverstedt Conger, Gamma  
Katherine Matthewson Moss, Gamma  
Lucy Churchill Baldwin, Gamma  
Clara Erwin, Gamma  
Gertrude Ross, Gamma  
Ann Martin, Gamma  
Mabel Duncan Bartlett, Gamma

Bessie McNaney Peterson, Gamma

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: There is not much news to tell you about the Milwaukee alumnae chapter in this CRESCENT, as we have been rather quiet since the last issue.

At our February meeting, a luncheon given by Mrs. Herbert Laffin, we had Carrie Morgan, Gamma, of Appleton, Wisconsin, with us, and we were all so glad to have a good visit with her, and to hear all the news she had to tell us. Although the attendance was not large we had the best time, and the luncheon was delightful.

On the twenty-third of March we had another meeting, at the home of Mrs. Louis Conger. A goodly number of the girls attended, and we had the usual good time, eventually transacting quite a bit of business.

Our last meeting will be in May, after which we will disband for the summer months. We expect to meet with Mrs. Baldwin at West Allis.

We wish you all a most happy and enjoyable summer.

## SAN FRANCISCO

My Dear Sisters: What have we done since we last sent ourselves to print? We have given the annual breakfast to the seniors at Rachel Colby's, and we have attended the spring banquet. We have had a meeting at Katie Willis Cowden's. There we discussed weighty matters, but we did not let these dull our enjoyments of Katie's beautiful new home in Piedmont. We rather excel in enjoying homes. We have become women of one idea—a home for Eta, and, although that one idea is not wholly ready for publication, we promise ourselves "to-morrow."

May all pleasure be yours in the vacation months!

## DENVER

Katherine Allen, Theta  
 Jessie Austin, Theta  
 Helen Barbee, Theta  
 Lindsey Barbee, Theta  
 Janet Newkirk Berkins, Theta  
 Kitty Lee Bishop, Theta  
 Eda Birkhalter, Theta  
 Margaret Carrman, Theta  
 Saida Baechtold Crosby, Theta  
 Ethel Clark, Theta  
 Blanche Champlin, Theta  
 Belle Connor, Theta  
 Eva O. Davis, Theta  
 Edith Boughton Denious, Theta  
 Esther Doll, Theta  
 Caroline Wolf Dittus, Theta  
 Mabel Walker Edwards, Theta  
 Gertrude Wolf Foley, Theta  
 Mayme Gallup, Theta  
 Elizabeth Church Grant, Theta  
 Mary Allen Green, Theta  
 Mildred Hansen, Theta  
 Blossom Henry, Theta  
 Mabel Brown Holt, Theta  
 Cotheo Price Hough, Alpha  
 Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Eta  
 Helen Hersey, Theta  
 Edith Hoop, Theta

Louise Iliff, Theta  
 Edna Mason, Theta  
 Marjorie McNeil, Theta  
 Lisle Brownell, Theta  
 Fern Mitchell, Theta  
 Lucy Moore Lenox, Theta  
 Ora Bowman Moore, Theta  
 Edith Wallace Potter, Theta  
 Irene Poole, Theta  
 Daisy Dillon Stevenson, Theta  
 Ella Jamieson Sanderson, Theta  
 May Shiffer, Theta  
 Grace Evans Shannon, Theta  
 Mabel Short, Theta  
 Clara Sperry, Theta  
 Genevieve Knight, Theta  
 Margaret Packard Taussig, Theta  
 Winnie Schumway Thompson, Theta  
 Florence Hozey Taylor, Theta  
 Julia Worth Tanner, Theta  
 Helen Welles Thackwell, Beta  
 Mary Platner Uzell, Theta  
 Bertha Webb, Theta  
 Ruth Wheeler, Theta  
 Mary Woy, Theta  
 Chellie Stephenswright, Theta  
 Lucia Patterson Young, Theta  
 Mary Cary Moore, Zeta

Lois Miles Jackson, Epsilon

If the rest of the alumnae chapters had meetings every other week, as we do, I'm sure you'd see how impossible it is to crowd all we say and do into a chapter letter. Tomorrow we are expecting to have an unusually nice meeting with Edith Boughton Denious, for the active chapter have been asked to spend the latter part of the afternoon with us. And I suppose we'll have the same old business,

always interesting to us, though it may not be quite so much so to you. Of course you know this business is our to-be lodge. But even if you have heard of it before, wouldn't you like to know how loyally the old Theta girls came to our aid when they knew that we were planning to build soon? Many of the girls who have been away from the active and alumnae chapters for years sent their best wishes for our lodge, and with them the wherewithal to make the wishes come true. As a result we have many houses—on paper.

We are looking forward to a very pleasant time with the other Pan-Hellenic members at a breakfast to be given May 11th at the Savoy Hotel. And a week later, on May 18th, we are expecting one of the happiest times the Gamma Phis have together, our spring banquet.

MINNESOTA

(No letter received)

## PERSONALS

Anna Spencer Harrington, Gamma, has moved from Lansing, Michigan, to LaPorte, Indiana, where Mr. Harrington is to be Manufacturing Engineer for the Runnely Company, manufacturers of agricultural machinery.

Helen Steensland Nielson, Gamma, '88, is living on a fruit ranch near Pasadena, California.

Josephine Allen Weed, Gamma, has gone to Texas to live.

Mary and Ruth Allen, Gamma, are living in Pomona, California.

Elsie Minn Fisher, Gamma, has moved from Merrill, Wisconsin, to Stevens Point, Wisconsin, where her husband is engaged in the practice of law.

Mr. William C. Winton, of Duluth, Minnesota, whose wife was Lena Knox Winton, Gamma, '88, passed away at Los Angeles, California, on March 14th. The sympathy of every Gamma Phi Beta goes out to Mrs. Winton in her affliction.

Mary Clark Brittingham, Gamma, '89, is spending several months in Europe with her daughter Margaret, who is studying in Paris.

Ruth Phillippi Sparling, Epsilon, who has been visiting in Omaha, was called to her home in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, owing to the fact that Dr. Sparling was seriously injured in a railway accident. While Dr. Sparling is recovering, his improvement is not as rapid as could be wished.

Frieda Hansen, Epsilon, has been compelled to give up her work as Secretary of the Associated Charities at Calumet, Michigan, owing to ill health, and will return to her home in Sioux City, Iowa, shortly.

The Denver Gamma Phis sympathize deeply with Mayme Gallup, Theta, in the loss of her mother at La Manda Park, Los Encinas, California, on May 1st.

Helen Hersey, Theta, has returned to her home in Denver, after spending another winter studying music in New York City.

The Denver Alumnae chapter is glad to welcome Lois Miles Jackson, Epsilon, as one of their members. She and her husband are making their home in Denver.

Louise Iliff, Theta, has just returned to Denver after a short trip to New York.

Marguerite Burdsall, Lulu Liesmer White, Louise Wieber, Frances Brown Davis, Clara Ely, and Margaret Hoyt, all of Beta chapter, have been in Ann Arbor this spring visiting relatives and friends.

Elizabeth Kneeland, Beta, '14, and Hermine Haller, Beta, '14, have been obliged to leave college on account of illness.

Lois Whipple, Beta, '15, is very ill at her home in Owosso, Michigan.

Helen Faxton, Alpha, '97, has been visiting friends in Syracuse.

Doris Oakley, Alpha, '10, is teaching in Warners, New York, and making her home with her sister, Christine Oakley, who is of the Syracuse Medical College.

Alice R. Graves, Alpha, '98, spent some weeks this spring in Kingston, Pa.

Mildred Fulmer and Marion Beecher, Alpha, '10, spent three months in New York, Washington, and Baltimore this winter. Miss Beecher is now the guest of Elinor Pudor, Alpha, '10, at Savannah, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace Townsend (Christine Reed, Alpha, '10) have taken possession of their new home on Sumner Avenue, near the Syracuse University campus.

Dr. and Mrs. Russell Sprague and daughter Elizabeth, spent the Easter holidays with relatives at Kingston, Pa.

Gamma Phis will be interested in a corporation which has gained the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company, with traction, electric, and gas franchises for those towns. C. Loomis Allen, whose wife is Florence Wooster Allen, Alpha, is president of the company. Mr. and Mrs. Allen will continue to reside in Syracuse, although Mr. Allen has resigned his position as General Manager of the Syracuse Rapid Transit and the Oneida Railway.

Frances Brown, Theta, '13, has gone to California with her mother, on account of the latter's health.

Henrietta Bidwell, '14, Hazel Peck, '14, and Edna Brand, '12, all of Alpha, went with the senior class of the Library School on their trip to Washington. They stopped in New York City and Philadelphia, also.

Alpha is very sorry that Marguerite Cooke, '14, has been obliged to leave college on account of her health. We hope to have her back next year.

Margaret Lighthall, Alpha, '12, has been ill at the home of her aunt in New Bedford, Massachusetts. She expects to return home soon.

Alpha's representatives in the intersorority class societies in Syracuse University, for next year, have been pledged. They are: *Iota Tau* (sophomore), Kathryn Sears and Helen Leete. *Iota Alpha Mu* (junior), Henrietta Bidwell and Esther Potter. *Eta Pi* (senior), Marion Draper.

Mrs. Ward Benton (Eleanor Peabody, Kappa), visited the Alpha

chapter house for a few minutes while in Syracuse recently. Alpha is always glad to have her sisters come in.

Eleanor French, Eta, '12, has left for an eastern trip. This summer she is going to Europe with her cousins, Dr. and Mrs. Linforth, who are to spend their sabbatical year there.

Mrs. A. H. Allen (Lillian Parker, Eta, '98) goes to Europe in July with her family, to be gone a year.

Elizabeth Bridge, Eta, ex-'12, comes back to California in June after finishing her course in Teachers College, Columbia.

Alice Bevan Coolbaugh, Gamma, '03, has moved to Berkeley, and the Gamma Phi Betas there have been very glad to have her with them.

While Pauline Davis, Eta, '14, has been convalescing from the injury to her knee, she has visited the girls of Mu chapter, and is also spending some time at San Jose.

Mrs. Vernon Kellogg (Charlotte Hoffman, Eta, '99) is in Europe with her husband, who is a professor at Stanford.

Alice Hoyt, Eta, '10, has gone to Oregon to visit her sister.

Mrs. John Hoffman (Mary Le Conte, Eta, '05), has returned to Berkeley from Mexico, to remain for a time at least.

Rebecca MacNair, Eta, '07, is in Albany, New York, studying at the New York State Library School.

Florence Noyes, Eta, ex-'11, has returned to Berkeley after a long visit in the East with her mother. The girls were so glad to see her again, and to see how well she looks.

Dora Atwater, Eta, '15, entertained the Gamma Phi Betas and many of her other friends at a charming tea recently, at her home in Oakland.

Willia M. Fricke, Iota, '06, has been appointed externe at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Mr. C. B. Whitwell has purchased an assaying and metallurgical business at Nevada City, California. Mrs. Whitwell was Florence Nye, Iota, '05.

Ruth Allen, Lambda, who is attending the University of Chicago, visited Epsilon recently.

Nelle Ade and Mabel Sell of Kentland, Indiana, both of Epsilon, attended Epsilon's informal on April 20th.

Mrs. Grace Lasher Berry, Epsilon, entertained Epsilon chapter on the evening of April 30th, to meet Mrs. Frances E. Haven Moss, who was a guest in Evanston.

Dorothy Stearns, of Monroe, Wisconsin, visited the chapter recently. She was a guest of L. Louese Wheeler, at Willard Hall.

Florence Wallace will act as toastmistress at Epsilon's annual banquet, to be given June 7th, at the La Salle Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mosher (Edna Wyckoff, Eta, '01), have been motoring through Southern California. They have brought back word of many Gamma Phis.

Zoe Riley Dyer, Eta, '07, has moved from Orwood, to Middle River, California.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Babcock (Mary Palmer, Epsilon, '99), have moved from Brookline, Massachusetts, to 11 Loring Street, Newton Center. Dr. Babcock will conduct his usual European tour this summer, and Mrs. Babcock and son will spend the time in the Adirondacks.

Jean Williams, Gamma, of Chicago, formerly a member of the Milwaukee alumnae chapter, visited in Milwaukee the first week in May.

Julia Richardson McLenegan, Gamma, was very ill in a hospital in Milwaukee for several weeks in March. The Milwaukee alumnae chapter is very glad to say that she has regained her health.

Gertrude Holmes, Nu, '11, Pearl McKenna, Nu, ex-'12, and Edna and Clara Caufield, Nu, '07, visited Nu chapter in order to attend the Beta party in March.

Marie Zimmerman, Nu, ex-'13, and Edith Woodcock, Nu, '11, spent several days with Nu chapter, and attended the Kappa Sigma party given April 5th.

Gladys Farrer, Nu, '09, and Sophie Catlin, Nu, '11, who were guests at the Sigma Nu dance, visited Nu chapter in March.

Caroline Benson Unander, Mu, was a guest of Nu chapter for several days early in April.

Veronica Foley, Xi, '11, is visiting her old home at Wallace, Idaho.

Margaret Stolle, Xi, ex-'13, came from Kendrick, and Gladys Collins, Xi, ex-'14, from her home in Wardner, Idaho, to spend spring vacation at the chapter house in Moscow.

Pearl Wickstrom, Xi, '05, is now principal of the Union High School of Wardner and Kellogg, Idaho.

Bess Dunn, Xi, '11, came down from Coeur d'Alene for the Military Ball, and spent the week end at the chapter house.

Marie Cuddy, an Alpha Delta Pi, '02, came up from Boise the latter part of March to be initiated into Gamma Phi Beta.

Mrs. Jerome Day (Lucy Mix), Xi, is visiting in Portland, Oregon.

Helen Noyes, Xi, ex-'13, has returned to her home in Spokane, Washington, from spending the winter in Los Angeles.

Mrs. J. B. Chase, Zeta, is at present living in Brookline, and Delta chapter and Boston alumnae are very glad to have her near by, so that they may come to know each other.

Louise Putnam, Delta, during a recent trip to New York, was most delightfully entertained by the members of Alpha, Delta, and Iota chapters.

Mabel Robbins, Delta, is anticipating a trip abroad this summer.

Mrs. V. C. Sherman (Leora Chase, Gamma), who is president of the fifth district Minnesota Federation of Women's Club, was toastmistress at the annual luncheon of the Thursday Musical, held in Minneapolis, recently.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bayard S. Morrow (Jessie Rowton, Xi, '08), a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smoot (Madge Miller, Beta, '08), a son, Frederick Miller, on March 30th, 1912.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James N. H. Campbell (Marion Moulton, Beta, '05), a son, Malcolm Griswold, on March 7th, 1912.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hanna (Wanda Muir, Eta, '05), a son on March 31st, 1912.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bassick (Della West, Eta, '07), a daughter, on April 30, 1912.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Kneeland (Bertha Junkins, Delta, '98), a daughter, Helen Crockett, on December 24th, 1911.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clifford (Blanche Huston, Nu), a daughter, Dorothy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Craig Graves (Edith Hedges, Iota), a son, Edson Haines, on March 29th.

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## ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced of Laura E. Mathews, Iota, '05, to Mr. Mortimer Cole.

Neora Case, Mu, '13, has announced her engagement to Mr. Stanley Visel, Kappa Alpha.

Maud Bassett, Mu, '11, has announced her engagement to Mr. Satlie McDougal, Chi Psi.

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## MARRIAGES

The marriage of Lela Tait, Theta, ex-'15, and Mr. Clarke Gallup will take place on May 24th.

The marriage of Margaret Sidney Hall, Epsilon, to Mr. Chauncey C. Colton of Duluth, Minnesota, will occur June 27th, at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

Jennie Alice Heartt, Mu, '11, and Mr. Girard Richardson, Delta Kappa Epsilon, were married at the home of the bride in Los Angeles, California, on April 30th.

Edna Caufield, Nu, was married to Mr. Lou Henderson, Sigma Nu, at Oregon City, on April 17th.

The marriage of Constance Covell, Nu, ex-'11, and Mr. George Dolph, took place in April in Denver, Colorado.

The marriage of Clara Barkhausen, Gamma, '03, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barkhausen of Green Bay, Wisconsin, to Dr. W. H. Bartram of that city, took place on April 10th. After the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. Bartram left for Vienna, Austria, where Dr. Bartram will do special work along surgical lines.

On June 24th, 1911, Edith I. Hedges, Iota, was married to Mr. Craig Graves of New York City, at her home at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, Dr. Lyman Abbott officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Graves reside at Rochelle Park, New Jersey.

The marriage of Edna Lee Price, Xi, ex-'13, to Mr. Edward A. Holcomb, a Sigma Nu of W. S. C., took place in March, in Spokane, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb have made their home in St. Maries, Idaho.

Last December the marriage of Martha Sempert, Xi, '08, to Mr. J. W. Lindley of Creston, Washington, took place at Portland, Oregon. They are residing at Creston, Washington.

## OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR FEBRUARY—*Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Delta* of Sigma Nu; *Beta Theta Pi*.

FOR MARCH—*Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Phi; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *Circle* of Zeta Psi; *Quarterly* of Delta Upsilon.

FOR APRIL—*Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Quarterly* of Delta Chi; *Circle* of Zeta Psi; *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *Beta Theta Pi*.

FOR MAY—*Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Parchment* of Sigma Iota Chi.

### FRATERNITY EXPANSION

Kappa Alpha Theta—University of South Dakota.

Alpha Delta Phi—University of Illinois.

Phi Mu—University of New Mexico.

*Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha contains among other interesting articles, a talk by one of its members, Miss Hopkins, before local Pan-Hellenic at Boston University from which we quote:

Have you ever stopped to consider how ridiculous—yes, how unbecoming, some of the local Pan-Hellenic rules are? And especially inappropriate when you consider that they are supposed to be made by women of high aims, high education, and the highest type of character? Consider how foolish it sounds to say—"no rushee can be seen with the same fraternity girl twice"; or "no rushee can be entertained by any one fraternity more than a certain number of times,"—and the dozen other petty rules. Can you conceive that a high minded person with force of character would need such rules? Such are only the product of selfishness and narrowness.

What is a fraternity anyway? It is the natural grouping together of girls who have the same desires, the same aims, and who therefore can work for the same good.

Put CRESCENT for *Themis* and kindly answer the following questions. The editor will thank you.

I. What changes would you suggest in *Themis*,

- (1) in general make-up;
- (2) in regard to articles;
- (3) to chapter letters;
- (4) to news-notes;
- (5) to exchanges?

II. In what way may the active chapters aid in this?

III. In what way may the alumnae aid?

IV. How may more general interest in *Themis* be stimulated?

The *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi for March contains a plea for accuracy on the part of the sorority girl—of “quiet, sustained efficiency.” In regard to this we quote the following:

Any one who has even been in any national work in *any* fraternity—man or woman’s—will bear me out when I say the unbusiness-like execution of business on the part of our undergraduates (and indeed the alumnae in general are not much better) is appalling and is a serious reflection upon our educational system. Nor is the trouble local—“from East unto the West” is found this same carelessness in minor things that annoy and in major things that well nigh destroy the very scheme of things. We all realize the life of the average undergraduate is far too strenuous, but in every chapter are many girls, not only able but willing to perform creditably the fraternity work. If the college training does not fit *every* girl to execute her work in an intelligent manner, at least spare the officers—all of them women far busier than any undergraduate—the unnecessary work of educating a careless and incompetent representative of your chapter. Choose a member who has some innate business ability and some sense of responsibility.

The March *Adelphean* is an especially good number and contains many practical articles which we should delight to copy. The following clipping is both interesting and instructive:

#### SOME INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING FRATERNITIES

Date of Founding—The first fraternity was Kappa Alpha, founded in 1825. Two years later Delta Phi and Sigma Phi sprung up. Before 1840 Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Upsilon, Delta Upsilon and Beta Theta Pi existed. Between 1840 and the Civil War fourteen fraternities were founded. From 1865 to 1873, a critical period in

the history of our nation, six successful fraternities were started: Southern Kappa Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, and Phi Sigma Kappa.

The two oldest sororities are Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Mu, founded in 1851 and 1852 respectively. Then came Pi Beta Phi in '67, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma in '70, Alpha Phi and Delta Gamma in '72, Gamma Phi Beta in '74 and Tri Delta in 1888. Since that time several others have been born.

Mother Chapters—At Miami were founded: Sigma Chi, Beta, and Phi Delta Theta. Union claims the distinction of being the birthplace of six societies: Chi Psi, Delta Phi, Kappa Alpha (N), Phi Upsilon, Sigma Phi, Theta Delta Chi. Jefferson is the home of Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi. At V. M. I. Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Nu looked their first upon the Greek Letter world. The University of Virginia is the birthplace of Kappa Sigma and Pi Kappa Alpha.

Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Mu were both born at Wesleyan, the oldest woman's college in the U. S.; Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma at Monmouth, and Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta at the University of Syracuse.

Colors—It is interesting to note the popularity of blue as a frat color. (The following per cents were made from 37 societies.) 17 of these 37 have blue as one of their colors. The actual per cents are as follows:

blue 26%	white 18%	brown 5%
gold 16%	red 16%	black 5%
	purple 7%	

and the rest is taken up in silver, pink, and gray.

Out of 22 societies the rose seems to be the most popular. Second is the carnation, and third, the lily-of-the-valley.

Official Publications—The official publications of fraternities and sororities usually refer to the name of the frat itself, to the pin or to the colors. In the first class are: the *Beta Theta Pi*, the *Delta Kappa Epsilon* and *Delta Upsilon Quarterlies*, the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the *Phi Kappa Sigma Quarterly*, the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, the *Sigma Nu*, the *Adelphean*, the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, and the *Kappa Alpha Theta*. In the second lot are: the *Star and Crescent* (of Alpha Delta Phi and also of Kappa Sigma), the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, the *Signet* of Phi Sigma Kappa, the *Shield and Diamond* of Pi Kappa Alpha, the *Shield* of Sigma Phi, the *Trident* of Tri Delta, the *Anchora* of Delta Gamma, the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma,

the *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi. In the last class are the *Purple and Gold* of Sigma Phi, and a few others.

Frat Pins—The pins of the fraternities are an interesting study. The official badge of Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, and Delta Tau Delta bear the Masonic eye as an emblem. Some ten or twelve pins have one or more stars. The significance of the star varies with the number of stars, their position, etc. The diamond shaped pin and the cross shaped pin are the most common. Several fraternities have monogram pins. The shield is also seen. Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Delta Phi (f), and Kappa Sigma have the crescent.

The average number of founders of a fraternity is six. Kappa Sigma was founded by 2 men, while Delta Kappa Epsilon had 15. It seems that the number of founders is immaterial, the work done afterwards being all that counts.

The March *Kappa Alpha Theta* has pictures of its attractive chapter houses and interesting articles concerning the building and maintenance thereof. More than half of Kappa Alpha Theta's chapters enjoy chapter house life; six own their houses though no one is free from debt. \$80,000 is a fair estimate of the real estate, while furnishings and personal property are worth about \$20,000 more.

#### PAN-HELLENISM

"When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war."

Thus history tells us of the days of yore;

But now Greeks meet and smoke the pipe of peace,

And counsel take against the foes of Greece.

—Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*.

The *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi has a series of very instructive articles upon Home Economics and an interesting account of the settlement school which Pi Beta Phi has founded. This splendid and praiseworthy work is an example of what each sorority should attempt and should accomplish—for the true sisterhood will look beyond its own circle and will find its greatness in the help it brings to others. We quote from the article:

It is not by the old education, not by establishing a "college," that we wish to help these children, these farmers and hunters and these lonely, drudging mothers. The old education, by which is meant knowledge acquired altogether from books, is too apt to make

the young people dissatisfied with life in the mountains and to lead them away from home, leaving the life there impoverished rather than improved. What we wish to do is to join in the effort to show them how to use their own resources, to develop industries suitable to their environment, and to lead more happy, healthful lives. We want to help, as far as we can, to educate the mountain boys and girls back to their homes instead of away from them.

The March *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta contains interesting sketches of three prominent Delts—Champ Clark, James Robert Mann, minority leader in the House of Representatives and Major Archibald Butt, one of the heroes of the Titanic disaster.

The following beautiful article upon "Fraternity Loyalty" we copy in full from *Kappa Alpha Theta*:

#### FRATERNITY LOYALTY

We were five, and had climbed Great Hill hand in hand for our last sunset talk. Quoth the Poet: "On such a night, —" . . . An odd little break in her voice made further speech unwise. Discreetly we turned our eyes westward.

What we saw there amid the feathery cloud-masses, rose-tinted, I, the Scribe, cannot properly tell. For there were five of us, and we looked with different eyes. Some dream come true, perhaps, brought that tender glow upon the face of the Practical Person, and I guessed from the Singer's parted lips and eager gaze that she was probing the heart of a glorious hope. The Poet, reading the vast epic of the western skies, and the Silent One, who, sunrise or sunset, lived with her memories, were all-oblivious. I . . . I was not looking at the sunset. I, be it confessed, was looking at my comrades.

Yes, surely we were comrades, battle-scarred, on the threshold of a new campaign. It was commencement eve, and four years, term in, term out, we had marched shoulder to shoulder under the black and gold.

Scarred? . . . Many a time and honorably. To count the cost and to pay cheerfully, that scars, does it not? Each of us had seen her bravest labors go unrewarded. All of us knew the sting of unkind comment. Yet in our fraternity life was something which had repaid us for sacrifice and grief and disappointment and misunderstanding; something which had nerved us to our finest and most unselfish effort. Was it—

"Gone," came a chorus of sad little gasps. The last sun of our college days had set.

"What shall we take with us into the big tomorrow, oh, thou Silent One?" I questioned.

"Our memories."

"They will fade, a greater token must we have," said I.

"Our ideals." "Our hopes." "Our love." The answers of the other three followed close upon my challenge.

Then I, the Scribe, dearly loving a battle of words, and the tug and strain of quick thoughts behind the words, went on: "A talisman stronger than all these, one which will realize our ideals, speed our hopes and preserve our love."

"Do you mean loyalty?" asked the Poet.

"I mean fraternity loyalty," I replied.

"What is it, this fraternity loyalty which has made our four years so precious?" queried the Singer.

The Silent One opened her lips as if to answer, but quickly thought better of it. Her unspoken words would have been sad, I think, for her eyes were tired and her shoulders drooped. We did not know until many months afterward of the bitter disillusionment in whose shadow the Silent One had been walking. Harsh words, all unwittingly said, said where the world might hear . . . critical words they were, words that tore and stung and rankled.

"Shall we each name our ideal fraternity loyalty?" suggested the Practical Person. "Name it and carry it down the hill with us and out into the world?"

There was a murmur of assent. So we sat in the twilight, trying to weave into all too meagre words the great soul of sisterhood. One by one the stars came out as if to punctuate our loving thoughts.

And one by one we offered our carefully chosen phrases.

Said the Singer: "To be loyal to each day as it comes along is the best way for me to show my loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta. To get up in the morning with the hope of living the best day that I have ever lived and by so living to show what Kappa Alpha Theta means."

True was the maker to her creed.

Said the Practical Person: "To work enthusiastically for my own chapter and for the interests of the whole fraternity, to speak and act in such a way as to bring honor and never discredit to the fraternity, to help and stand by my fellow-members in every need, this is my fraternity loyalty."

And it was.

Quoth the Poet: "Fraternity loyalty is a spirit, a self-effacement

and loving service, regardless of personal prejudice or private ambition; a reluctance to listen to words of blame; a steadfast, active devotion to the fraternity ideal."

If so, then was the Poet loyal.

Somewhat of the evening calm must have entered the heart of the Silent One, for she spoke gravely and gently: "By fraternity loyalty we mean, do we not, faith in the national fraternity and in each other; a realization that, in spite of mistakes and failures, we are working for the right ideals; and a love that makes us judge lightly and trust much."

Finally I, the Scribe, fearing to mar the perfect tributes so given, yet anxious to add my little word of cheer and good-intent, did speak as now I write: "A resolution and a prophecy, my sisters. We five go forth into the world. Since the fraternity has mothered us with infinite tenderness and travail, we shall speak no word but good of her, of her ministrations and of her children, counting criticism well lost for love. And we shall stand ready to assist her in her hours of discouragement or of misfortune."

Have you noticed the Theta pin in the south-eastern heavens? I am sure it shone clear on that night in June. We looked at it so long that its outlines became blurred. Could it be that we were  
\* \* \* \* \*  
Swiftly we walked down the hill and home, a new vow in our hearts.

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