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THE HISTORY OF THE PHI BETA CLUB

Six or seven years ago, after a careful consideration of the whole sorority situation at the University of Illinois, the Phi Beta Club was formed to petition for a chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. Slowly the plan grew until from the nucleus of three members, Lelah Brownfield, Edna Hoskins and Marie Scott, who constituted the membership roll in 1907, the present club of twenty-four active members and twenty-eight alumnae members has evolved.

In the autumn of 1910, the present home of Phi Beta, a twenty-room house on California Street, was chosen. To the twelve girls who entered the house that fall, the rental of one thousand dollars a year looked very large, but due to the ability of Miriam Gerlach none of the anticipated financial difficulty was experienced. We now have our house furnished in a comfortable and home-like manner, and are free from debt.

From the beginning Mrs. Frances Haven Moss, one of the founders of our national sorority, was most interested in having a chapter established here, and devoted a great deal of her time and attention to the new undertaking. Mrs. Violet Jayne Schmidt, of Beta chapter, was equally generous in giving aid and advice to



MRS. VIOLET JAYNE SCHMIDT

the girls. Under their direction and guidance a conservative yet ambitious policy has been developed. The club has started no large undertaking without consulting them, and even most of its smaller problems have been settled only after asking their opinions.

Girls have been selected carefully, always with Gamma Phi in mind, and have been accepted only when high school records were good, when community standing both at home and at college was high and when college work was of good quality.



FRANCES E. HAVEN MOSS

Phi Beta girls, from the very first, have taken an active interest in literary societies, in girls' athletics, in Y. W. C. A. work, in politics, and in social life. Indeed, as the Honor Roll shows, they have played a prominent part in all university activities. Within six years we have had three Woman's League presidents, two Y. W. C. A. presidents, one May Queen, seven members of Phi Delta Psi, four Phi Beta Kappas, and one Sigma Xi. We are particularly proud of our record in the Woman's League and the Y. W. C. A. because we feel that it shows the esteem in which our girls are

held throughout the university. This year we think we are particularly fortunate in Frankie Halton's election to the Y. W. C. A. presidency, in the selection of Alice Carter as one of the six undergraduate delegates from the entire United States to the World's Y. W. C. A. Conference in New York, and in the choice of Irma Latzer as May Queen.

Members of Active Chapter of Phi Beta: Gertrude Elliott, Josephine Conley, Ruth Canfield, Katherine Theilen, Lillian King, Nelle Hartsock, Sada Harbarger, Vida Collins, Irma Latzer, Lillian Savage, Frankie Holton, Ruth Keefer, Ruth Dickinson, Jessie Rothgeb, Helen Hanes, Alice Carter, Helen Coe, Margaret Huntington, Grace Geyer, Bess Tillotson, Willie Cary, Margaret Dodge, Charlotte Bar, Florence McElhiney, Mary Henry.

The history of the club would be by no means complete without mention of our chaperone. Mrs. Hunt is a sister of the vice-president of the university, a woman of charming manners and refined taste, and with a mother's interest in the girls. We are most fortunate in that she will continue to be with us in the life under our new name.

THE CHAPTER ROLL

Frances Dorcas Abbott, '10, A.B., Science
Morrison, Ill.

Phi Delta Psi

Chemistry Club

Illiola Literary Society

Second Cabinet, Y. W. C. A.

Secretary Class of 1910

Woman's League Advisory Board

Chairman of Committee to interest Legislators in Dormitories

Assistant in Chemistry, Agri. Exp. Sta. Univ. of Ill. 1910-11

Geneva Mae Bane, '12, Household Science

Pontiac, Ill.

Athenean Literary Society

Le Cercle Francais

Second Cabinet, Y. W. C. A.

Kappa Delta Phi

Juliet Lita Bane, '12, Household Science
Pontiac, Ill.

Athenean Literary Society
Household Science Club
Second Cabinet, Y. W. C. A.
Le Cercle Francais
On Staff of *The Agriculturist*
Kappa Delta Phi.

Charlotte D. Barr, '16, L and A.
Freeport, Ill.

Mary C. Barry, '12, Literature and Arts
Champaign, Ill.

Phi Delta Psi
President, Woman's League
Alethenai Literary Society
Alethenai-Ionian Play
Illio Board
Second Cabinet, Y. W. C. A.
Senior Memorial Committee
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First Cabinet, Y. W. C. A.
Le Cercle Français
Advisory Board, Woman's League

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Astoria, Ill.

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Advisory Board, Woman's League

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Class Basketball Teams
Captain, Junior Basketball Team
Woman's Athletic Association
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Mathematical Club
Kappa Delta Pi

Mabel F. Bebb, '12, Literature and Arts

Muskogee, Okla.

Household Science Club

Helen Eva Bliss, '11, A.B., Literature and Arts

Shreveport, La.

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Illini Staff

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Advisory Board, Woman's League

Classical Club

Class Day Committee

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Rushville, Neb.

Captain Senior Basketball Team

Woman's Athletic Association

Second Cabinet, Y. W. C. A.

Classical Club

Der Deutsche Verein

Senior Basketball Team

Lelah Brownfield, '10, A.B., Literature and Arts

Urbana, Ill.

Senior Basketball Team

Spanish Play

Woman's Athletic Association

Ruth Canfield, '14, L. and A.

Holton, Kas.

Alice Carter, '15, L. and A.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Alethenai Literary Society

Illinois Representative, World's Y. W. C. A. Conference

Manager Girl's Stunt Show, '13

First Cabinet, Y. W. C. A.

Willie Ready Cary, '16, L. and A.

Chicago, Ill.

Alethenai Literary Society

Freshman Basketball Team

Helen L. Coe, '15, Science

Springfield, Ill.

Vida Lucile Collins, '07, A.B., Univ. of Mich., '10; M.A., Univ.
of Ill.

Assistant in English, Univ. of Ill. 1908-13

Hon. Member of Mask and Bauble

Omega Phi

Josephine V. Conley, '13, L. and A.

Streator, Ill.

Ruth Dickinson, '14, L. and A.

Sidell, Ill.

Margaret Rapalje Dodge, '16, L. and A.

Champaign, Ill.

Alethenai Literary Society.

Gertrude Louise Elliott, '13, Household Science

Tonica, Ill.

Illiola Literary Society

Household Science Club

Treasurer, Woman's League

President Woman's League 1912-1913

Secretary, Class of 1913

Phi Delta Psi

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Mt. Vernon, Ill.

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Doniphan, Mo.

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Junior President, Phi Delta Psi

Editor, *Illinois Magazine*

Secretary, Woman's League

Chairman, Girl's Junior Cap Committee

Executive Committee, Woman's League

Scribbler's Club

Alethenai Junior Play

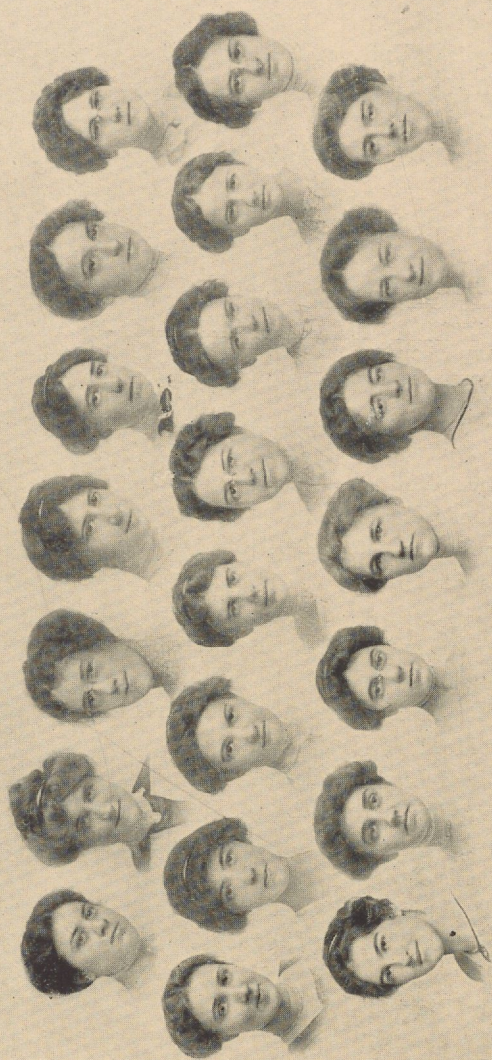
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Illini Staff

Illinois Magazine Board

Senior Memorial Committee

Class Poet



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Top row, left to right—Ruth Keefer, Gertrude Elliot, Nelle Hartsock, Florence McElhiney, Lillian Savage, Irma Latzer, Bess Tillotson.
 Middle row—Margaret Huntington, Helen Hanes, Charlotte Barr, Jessie, Rothgeb, Alice Carter, Ruth Dickinson, Grace Geyer, Margaret Dodge.
 Bottom row—Willie Carey, Helen Coe, Ruth Canfield, Josephine Conley, Frankie Holton, Lillian King, Katherine Theilen.

Grace Geyer, '16, L. and A.

Roswell, N. M.

Illiola Literary Society

Freshman Basketball Team

Nina Vivian Gresham, '10, A.B., '11, A. M., Literature and Arts

Champaign, Ill.

Scribbler's Club

Illini Staff

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Scholarship in Psychology, 1910-11

First President, Geneva Club, 1912

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Springfield, Ill.

Sada Annis Harbarger, '06, A. B., Ohio State Univ.

'09, A. M. Univ. of Ill.

Columbus, Ohio.

Assistant in English, Univ. of Ill. 1907-13

Alethenai Literary Society

Executive Committee, Graduate Club 1908-10

Secretary, Graduate Club 1910

Secretary-Treasurer A. C. A. Ill. Branch, 1913-1914.

Nelle M. Hartsock, '14 L. and A.

Clinton, Ill.

Household Science Club.

Woman's Athletic Association

Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior Basketball teams.

Athletic "I", 1913

Frankie Leo Holton, '14, L. and A.

Sidell, Ill.

Illiola Literary Society

Phi Delta Psi

President, Y. W. C. A., 1914

President, Junior Illinae

Delegate National Y. W. C. A. Conference, 1913

Preliminary Honors

Edna Hoskins, '12, Household Science

LaGrange, Ill.

Illiola Literary Society

- Household Science Club
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 Aberdeen, S. D.
 Alethenai Literary Society
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 Ph.D. Univ. of Chicago
 Phi Beta Kappa
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 President A. C. A. Central Ill. Branch, 1908-09
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 Preliminary Honors
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 Scholarship in German, 1910-11
 Irma A. Latzer, '14, Household Science
 Highland, Ill.
 Freshman Basketball Team

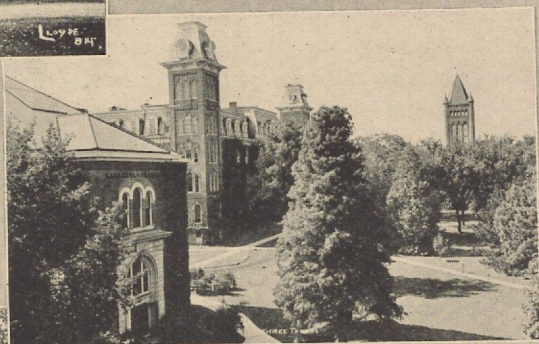
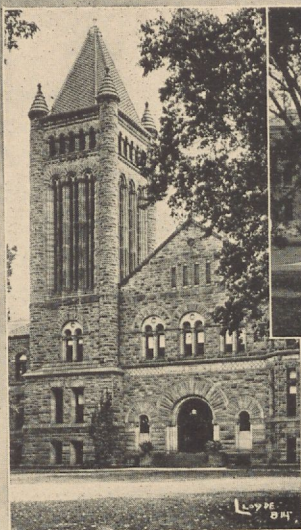
- Captain, Sophomore Basketball Team
May Queen 1913
First Cabinet Y. W. C. A. 1913-14
Household Science Club.
- Lenore Lydia Latzer, '06, B. Sc. Univ. of Ill., '07 A. M. Univ.
of Mich.
 Highland, Ill.
Preliminary Honors
Final Honors
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Instructor in Bacteriology, Univ. of Ill. 1910-11
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 Margaret Katherine Theilen, '13, Literature and Arts
 Camp Point, Ill.
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 Preliminary Honors
 Athenean Literary Society
 Phi Beta Kappa
 Bess Mae Tillotson, '16, L. and A.
 Roswell, N. M.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The University of Illinois, situated at Urbana, occupies 200 acres of land and has some thirty buildings. Considering the fact that it is a comparatively young institution, for it was incorporated in 1867 and first admitted students in 1868, its growth has been remarkable. Though its beginning was small, through increased state help and a small amount of government aid, it has forged rapidly forward until now it takes its place among the foremost institutions of the United States, ranking ninth in size among all collegiate institutions, and fourth among all state universities. So great has the scope of the university become that this year the President's budget calls for more than \$1,900,000 to further the necessary work of a growing institution—an institution which maintains courses in literature and arts, science, engineering, agriculture, law, medicine, music, library, science, and pharmacy. Besides these undergraduate departments, Illinois has a strong and progressive graduate school. In addition, the state and national governments maintain on the campus stations for research in numerous public enterprises, such as The State and National Government Agricultural Experiment Station, The State Engineering Station, The State Water and Geological Surveys, The State Survey of Natural History, The State Entomological Society. To carry on the work in such a great institution requires an instructional corps of more than five hundred people, seventy-three of whom are women.

As in other universities, Illinois students participate in all the varied activities that are common to university life. They are interested in the student union, in literary societies, in dramatic clubs, in musical organizations and most keenly of all in athletics. Fraternities and sororities have flourished without opposition; indeed, they have proved a valuable factor in university life. At present there are twenty-two social Greek letter fraternities for men, beside diverse professional and honorary organizations. For women, there are ten social Greek letter fraternities, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa, Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi. Two honorary sororities exist—Phi Delta Psi, (the junior so-



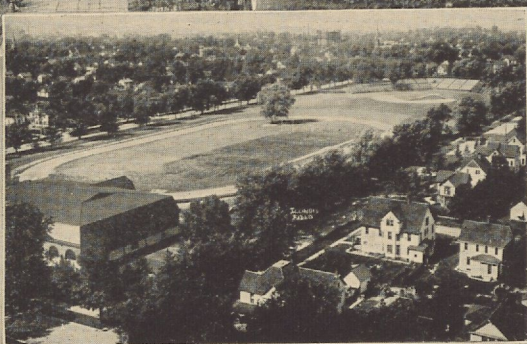
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Agricultural Building and Auditorium

A Bit of Campus

President's Home



Lovers' Lane

Senior Seat
May Day Queen and Maid of Honor
Athletic Field

ciety) and Yo Ma (the sophomore interfraternity). All the nationals have chapter houses which help them to keep the internal organizations strong, and which offer comfortable homes to the members. But despite the fact that there are many fraternities who live in groups, Illinois has been able to maintain a notably democratic spirit practically free from that harsh criticism which has so recently been turned upon fraternities in many other institutions. Fraternity and non-fraternity students work amicably together for the general good. They support many publications such as *The Illio* (the year book), *The Illinois Magazine* (a literary monthly), *The Daily Illini* (one of the few daily college newspapers), *The Siren* (a humorous magazine) *The Agriculturist*, and *The Technograph*.

Though women were not admitted to the university until 1870—two years after the university first opened—their presence has always been welcomed, until now there are 980 women registered. They are given equal share on the class committees and on class day programs; they are always represented on the editorial staff of the various student publications. One entire day of interscholastic week—the day on which the May Pole Dance and The Girls' Stunt Show are presented—is given over to the women.

The comfort of the girls on the campus has been carefully considered. Very recently the Women's Building, which as its name suggests, is devoted entirely to the women, has been so enlarged that it is now one of the most complete and attractive buildings on the campus. The Y. W. C. A. has at the present time almost completed a new building which will furnish accommodations for fifty girls. This year it is expected that we shall receive appropriations for a residence hall for women. Hence the future for the girl at Illinois looks very bright. Indeed, as far as one is able to forecast, the future of Illinois seems full of all that is greatest and best, for with its ever increasing scope and resources there seems no reason to doubt that Illinois is just in the beginning of its development.

graduate; and one by a known writer of acknowledged fame—Shakespeare, Bernard Shaw! This year just one play was given; an original one, "Broke", by Lewis Parmenter. Marion Weaver, one of our juniors, has had important parts in several plays. During Senior Week 1912, she took the part of Dolly in Bernard Shaw's "You Never Can Tell". This year, in "Broke", she took the part of Gussie, and in pictures of the various scenes, she may be seen followed by the ever-faithful Sammy.

DENVER

"The Thread of Destiny" is a thing of the past and we have but a memory of many-flounced gowns, blue and gray uniforms and martial music. Every seat in the house was taken, the audience was responsive and enthusiastic, the girls were perfect in their parts—and there was never a hitch nor a prompt from the time the curtain rose on the beautiful Montgomery garden till it finally hid from view the fair Virginia and her soldier lover. Kittie Lee Bishop and Belle Connor, as managers, did wonderful work; the staging, the costumes, the old-fashioned furniture was "according to Hoyle" and never was there a prettier sight than these Theta girls in their quaint gowns of '61. Kathryn Herbert ('15) in the lead was adorable—everybody said so; Frances Hoop ('14) and Lucia Herbert ('16) as the Fairfax twins were so alike that their best friends could scarcely distinguish them; Muriel Steele ('13) as meddling Miss Melissy gave a truly professional interpretation of her part; Mildred Morgan ('15), with her corkscrew curls was the sweetest child imaginable; Marie Harris ('16) made the part of Mrs. Montgomery a beautiful thing while Delphine Shader ('16) as Fanny did some of the cleverest work of the evening. The men were splendid helps—and from John Merivale Morton—the most loyal Gamma Phi on record and the mainstay of Theta chapter—to ever-amiable George Washington and his irresistible shuffle—they shone resplendent.

And—as an aftermath to all this glory—a sum of two hundred dollars above expenses was realized and this is carefully laid away in the Gamma Phi treasury.



Bob Spencer (Σ A E) as George Washington and Delphine Shader as Fanny.

Laurel Grimes as Marion, Madelyn Keezer as Mammy, Ruth Coldren as Marcella and Jerry Vasconcelles (Σ X) as Tom

Mildred Morgan as Betty
 "THE THREAD OF DESTINY"
 (Theta)

Cast of Characters

(Named in order of appearance)	
Fanny	Delphine Shader (of the Montgomery plantation)
George Washington	Robert Spencer (of the Bailey plantation)
Betty Montgomery	Mildred Morgan (The "little Colonel")
Edith Sherman	Elizabeth Hessler (The Northern cousin)
Mrs. Montgomery	Marie Harris (a true Virginian)
Colonel Montgomery	Elmo Robinson (a gentleman)
Virginia Montgomery	Kathryn Herbert (the toast of the county)
Beverly Montgomery	Dr. A. B. Brusse (a Confederate Scout)
Sally Ann }	The Fairfax twins..... { Frances Hoop
Laura Lee }	Lucia Herbert
Tom Randolph.....	Jerry Vasconcelles (a southern gallant)
Martha }	Southern girls..... { Ruth Carson
Susan }	Isabel Tully
Jane }	Artie Lee Gorsuch
John Merivale Morton	Stuart Sweet (of the North)
Mammy Dinah.....	Madelyn Keezer (a faithful servitor)
Marcella }	Southern girls..... { Ruth Coldren
Marion }	Laurel Grimes
Peyton Bailey.....	Joseph Weiner (Captain in U. S. Army)
Uncle Billy.....	Morris Donaldson (a friend)
Louis Lawton	Mary Garrison (in the employ of the federal government)
Ralph Francis	John H. Jenkins, Jr. (who did not go to war)
Madge Young.....	Katherine Sheldon (of Southern spirit)
A Union Scout.....	Lowell Thomas
Miss Melissy.....	Muriel Steele

SYNOPSIS



Joe Weiner (B Θ II) and Kathryn Herbert as Peyton and Virginia.

Stuart Sweet (B Θ II) as John Merivale Morton and Frances Hoop and Lucia Herbert as the Fairfax twins.

Elizabeth Hessler as Edith and Lowell Thomas (K Σ) as the scout.

Lucia Herbert (sitting) and Frances Hoop as the Fairfax twins.

"THE THREAD OF DESTINY"

(Theta)

Act. I. Garden of "Ashurst" the Montgomery home near Richmond, April, 1861.

Act. II. Hall of "Ashurst", May, 1864.

Act. III. Grounds of "Ashurst" Six weeks later.

BARNARD

Barnard, not blessed with coeducational advantages, must needs transform its own fair maidens into bloody heroes when the occasion demands; which she does with becoming grace, acting on the following assumption.

"Men may be proud, but faith! for aught I see,

They neither walk nor look so well as we—

Why should not then we women act alone?

Or whence are men so necessary grown?"

Taking this view of life, each class eagerly contributes its share to the dramatic joys of the college.

The freshmen give a sort of vaudeville performance, generally "taking off" some of the college's most conspicuous or important adjuncts—as Professor Knapp, Mrs. Liggett, Junior Crushes, and Big Black Jim. We Gamma Phis have been anything from Indians, Brownies, or dancers, to oysters.

The sophomore class asserts its would-be dignity by choosing a real play, often one in which a favorite actor has appeared. "His Excellency the Governor" was this year's play. Edith Stiles, one of our new girls, took the part of the lucky Captain Carew with exceptionally heroic grace. Last year's sophomore show was "The Road to Yesterday."

When 1913 gave its junior play, it entered upon a new field, and delighted us with an original musical comedy called "The Card House". It was whispered that the members did this thing, because they had no sufficiently masculine female in the class, nevertheless it made a pleasant change, and portrayed a great deal of talent. But 1914 did not follow in their footsteps; it presented Hope's "Case of Lady Ursula", which was also greatly enjoyed.

The senior play is always given on a June evening, out on the campus, and a prettier setting than that among the bushes on the terrace, can not be found. "Mid-summer Night's Dream" was given

last year. Mary Mulqueen, Louise Comes, Sophie Lingg, Varian White and Jean Shaw taking part—and "Robin Hood" will be sung this June.

The undergraduate play, however, is the largest and most important of the year. Four performances are given the middle of April. "Jeanne D'Arc", "The Winter's Tale", and "Cyrano de Bergerac" were the last three staged, and they met with the highest enthusiasm.

Then too, the French and German plays might be mentioned, though they do not belong distinctly to Barnard, for the "Société Française" and "Deutscher Verein" of Columbia play the men's rôles, so share the laurels and profits.

A new plan was brought up before Student Council in the last meeting of this year, suggesting that instead of the class plays, a dramatic club be formed. However, action will not be taken until next year, and the general feeling of the college is not in favor of the change.

BOSTON

On April 11 in Jacob Sleeper Hall an entertainment was given for the purpose of raising funds for Silver Bay. Although there had been no time for rehearsals, the affair was a great success. Each class had a special "stunt", and the Kappa Kappa Gammas and Gamma Phis besides taking part in these, offered their services for extra acts.

The seniors gave a burlesque on a faculty meeting and some of the impersonations were very clever. The juniors, always intellectual, illustrated "Miles Standish". The sophomores were in their element in moving pictures, and the freshmen gave a Scotch act called "Loch-invar". The Kappa Kappa Gammas attired in Scotch costume illustrated "The Lady of the Lake."

The Gamma Phis under the leadership of Rachel L. Hardwick, played their famous kitchen orchestra. Their conventional uniform was a voluminous Mother Hubbard apron and a dust-cap. Miss Hardwick made a most vigorous leader, and Miss Brant played her violin with true grace and skill. Among the others taking part



RACHEL HARDWICK
Leader of Delta Orchestra

were Marion Merrill, Helen Farwell, Helen Clark, Elsie Jordan and Constance Flanders.

IDAHO

Gamma Phi Beta has been represented in all the college dramatics given this year, a record of which we are very proud. In the fall our own play, "Breezy Point" was given before a large and enthusiastic audience. Thirteen Gamma Phis composed the entire cast.

May 7th, Kathryn Smith '13 had the leading part in the "Sleeping Car", a sketch given by the senior class of the University. Ruth Motie '16 gave a song and dance number, and Marjorie Zumhof '16 and Edwina Yearian '16 appeared in a Japanese scene.

Gladys Collins '15 had the part of Agatha Posket in the sophomore play, "The Magistrate," given March 22nd.

On April 5th, the opera "Priscilla" was given by the glee clubs

of the University. Ruth Motie '16 and Marie Kettenbach '14 had leading parts, while Jessie Coran '13, Constance Gyde, '16, Lorraine Rank '16, Marjorie Zumhof '16, and Edwina Yearian, '16 were in the chorus.

A dance recital was given by Miss Stephens, director of physical education, on April 9th. Anne Wilmot, '16, Alta Taylor, '16, Marjorie Zumhof, '16, Edwina Yearian '16, Lorraine Rank '16, and Helen Pitcairn, '15, appeared.

The girls of the senior class will give a play May 2nd. Our four seniors, Jessie Coram, Ruth Annett, Ive Emmett, and Kathryn Smith have been named in the cast.

BERKELEY

THE PARTHENEIA

On the fifteenth of April, in a glade on the campus before an audience of over 4000 was given the second annual Partheneia, by the women of the University of California. The masque, written



DREAM SPIRITS AND MAIDENS

this year by Evelyn Steele, a senior, was entitled "The Awakening of Everymaid", and was chosen from sixteen that were submitted in competition. The masque dealt with the prescribed theme of the passing from maidenhood into womanhood, and was interpreted by

dances in which over four hundred women took part. The beauty of that performance can not be imagined by one who has not witnessed it. The difficult theme was handled with a delicacy and a skill worthy of a master of literature, rather than an undergraduate.

To give an idea of the charm, as well as of the plot of the masque, I take the liberty of quoting part of the prologue, recited by Spring.

"Here beneath low boughed oaks, there lies the dim gray Shadow-Land of Girlhood's Dreams. Now shall ye see how Every Maid doth wonder in this land of Dreams, led by a misty shadow of herself. Now shall ye see the bright dream fabric of a Maiden's life whereof she weaveth Visions.

"Here for a little space your world-dimmed eyes are cleared and ye may gaze into this Land and see a Maiden's Visions of the future.

"But Spring must fade. The Dream World cannot last. And now Desire of all the World seizes on Every Maid, and lures her on to drain the Wine of Life. She longs to see, to feel, to live all that Life holds of good or ill. Power, Fame and Knowledge to her eyes gleam bright. Achievement stands before her as the goal of shining hopes . . . until . . . there comes again the Shadow of a Dream, faint music, and a space of utter silence, wonderful . . . and then there comes to Every Maid the Vision! . . . and she awakes—a Woman. . . ."

The masque was a series of splendid pictures, living in rhythm and grace and motion—picture of Every Maid and her companions in their play, of the Alma Mater and her followers, of the Knights of Arthur's Table Round, of the little children at play, of Desire of the World, Pride of Life, True Knowledge, Wealth, Gay Pleasure, Fame, Power, Achievement, (who crowns those girls who have won distinction in their college life) with all their gorgeous followers. The last Vision, which wakens Every Maid to Womanhood, is that of the Madonna, the child in her arms, followed by Sacrifice, Hope, Deep Joy and Blessedness, and Love.

It is the ambition of every girl who has any literary talent to write a successful Partheneia. Several Gamma Phi's competed last time, and, though unsuccessful once, they are eager to try again.

But we can always take part—if not leading parts, at least chorus parts. In this year's Partheneia, Gertrude Comfort was in

the Maidens' chorus, and was crowned for Art; Luzina Denio was in this chorus too; Berenice Arnold was leader of the Wine of Life group, and Imogene Mason one of the chorus; Harriet Pasmore impersonated the Alma Mater, Dorothy Westrup was a Knight; Grace Partridge a nun, Winifred Bridge an attendant of Desire of the World; Dorothy Rankin and Dorothy Coombs were dreams; and Thoda Cockroft assisted Miss Hatch, the trainer of the dancing, in the stage directing.

The beauty of the Partheneia is lasting; for it lingers in one's memory all the year, ineffaceable, alluring; one needs but shut her eyes, to see the rhythmic mazes of the dances, and to hear the haunting strains of the Vision Motif.

MINNESOTA

During the last few years, Kappa chapter has not been represented in any of the star parts of college dramatics, though every year we have had some members in the Masquers, the college dramatic club, and this year one of our seniors, Margaret Nachtrieb, is vice-president of the club. The wonderful success which Mary Heritage attained in dramatics has never been equalled by any one in the chapter since her graduation. Athletics has seemed to absorb our attention this year so that interest in dramatics has waned.

But, although we have had no one in the cast of characters for the larger college plays, yet each year there have been Gamma Phis in smaller productions. For the last three years Margaret Nachtrieb has accompanied the dramatic club on its annual trip to Stillwater on Decoration Day, to play before the prisoners at the state prison. The first time she took part in a short skit and the last two years has done fancy dancing. Then there are the French plays which the French department stages each year. Last year Constance Davis and Lucile Babcock took parts and this year Lucile is to appear again in the play, "Pondre aux Yeux", which will be produced in May. I may say that a part in the French play depends not only on dramatic talent but also on a speaking knowledge of the French language, in both of which Lucile excels.

Dramatics play a very large part in the college life here at Minnesota and, for the last ten years, the English department has taken great interest in them, both by presenting courses in the study of

modern plays and by encouragement of local talent. One year Dr. Richard Burton, the head of the English department, took the leading rôle in one of Ibsen's plays. Last fall the club put on "Arms and the Man" by Bernard Shaw, and this spring it produced a play written by one of the students. This is not the first time a student production has been put on, for we have had several good light operas written by students. The senior class play each year is written by a committee from the senior class. Margaret Nachtrieb again represents us on this committee. The class play is always a state secret so as yet no idea of it can be given. However it promises to be the best that has yet been written.

Some of our modest members perform frequently for the amusement and edification of the active and alumnae chapters at the Gamma Phi house and though this may not be a matter of national interest, yet we feel that it has a place in our chapter circle as important as that of the larger productions in college life.

OREGON

Dramatics here at Oregon did not blossom forth until December 6, when the chosen ones of the class in Dramatic Interpretation presented "Dombey and Son". Flora Dunham appeared as Mrs. Skewton, making a great success in the part.

In the first Annual Girls' Glee Club, the night of March 14 three Gamma Phi Betas—Florence Cleveland, Eva Brock and Catherine Carson—appeared behind the foot lights. In addition to an important part in the skit, Florence sang two solos; while Catherine also took part in the play and danced her original "Chinese Fantasy" in costume.

Ann McMicken was the Irish woman in the college play "A Strenuous Life" given by the senior class in April and her Irish blood enabled her to interpret the part perfectly.

Gamma Phi's most recent appearance in dramatics was at the April Frolic where the entire chapter shone. The April Frolic is the annual gathering of the women of the University, for mutual amusement. Each house favors the assembly with an original song, dance, play, or whatever it desires. Our contribution was a one-act caricature of college life here at Oregon entitled, "The Desperate Seniors."



Courtesy of The Lyre

JOURNALS OF NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC
CONGRESS FRATERNITIES

THE N. P. C. JOURNALS

Each one of us has felt an interest in the different sorority journals and has had a natural curiosity to know of these magazines and the editors thereof. Miss Florence Armstrong, the resourceful editor of *The Lyre* decided to satisfy this desire and for the January issue of her journal wrote a most interesting article entitled "Among My Exchanges." With her permission, we publish the photographs of these editors and of the covers of the N. P. C. sorority journals and from her article we glean many items of interest which we summarize for our readers, with an introduction in Miss Armstrong's own words. "To those who are not editors! *Knowledge is Power and Appreciation. Know your contemporary Greeks. Nothing so reveals the real self of a Fraternity as its journal.*"

And so—briefly —

The Adelphean of Alpha Delta Phi is in its sixth volume, is alive and up-to-date, with a strong exchange department. The editor, Miss Dorothy Richardson is a teacher of English in the Kaukauna High School and is, by the way, the only editor residing in Menasha!

The Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly is in the fourth volume and is especially strong in its chapter letters. Miss Edith V. Sage of Minneapolis, general student secretary of the Y. W. C. A. is editor.

To Digma of Alpha Omicron Pi deals wisely and forcibly with fraternity problems and is interested in progression of all kinds. Mrs. Ward B. Esterly of Berkeley is the editor.

Twenty-five years of service for *The Alpha Phi Quarterly* and 82% of its membership enrolled as subscribers. A clever, newsy journal from cover to cover with Mrs. Evans Holbrook of Ann Arbor as editor.

The Alpha Xi Delta, under the guiding hand of Miss Polly Fenton—a member of the cataloguing force in the Milwaukee Public Library—is an interesting, practical and attractive publication.

For dignity and beauty, *The Eleusis* of Chi Omega is unsurpassed. It often publishes articles from distinguished men and is especially interested in social and civic service. Miss Martha Land is the editor.

Few editors have gained so much valuable experience as Miss Louise Fitch editor of *The Trident* and, at the same time, inspector



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Top row, from left to right—Mrs. Evans Holbrook, Alpha Phi Quarterly; R. Louise Fitch, The Trident; Lindsey Barbee, The Crescent; Dorothy Richardson, The Adelphean; Mrs. Ward Esterly, To Dragma; Edith V. Sage, Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly; Sarah G. Pomeroy, The Arrow.
 Second row—Grace Alexander, The Lamp; Ida Shaw Martin, Sorority Editor, The Greek Exchange; Ethel M. Tukey, The Anchora; Polly Fenton, Alpha Xi Delta.
 Third row—Florence A. Armstrong, The Lyre; Martha M. Land, The Eleusis; L. Pearle Green, Kappa Alpha Theta; Mrs. R. T. C. Jackson, The Key.

for Delta Delta Delta—and certainly, no one has done more for her sorority in every way. Her personality pervades the magazine—and makes it sparkling, clever and intensely interesting.

Miss Ethel Tukey of Omaha is editor of *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma—a strong, conservative journal that is in its twenty-eighth year.

The youngest of the N. P. C. journals is *The Lamp* of Delta Zeta which is edited by Miss Grace Alexander of Indianapolis, and which gives every promise of a splendid maturity.

The Kappa Alpha Theta, one of the very best of the journals—broad, dignified and thoughtful—is in the hands of an unusually capable woman, Miss L. Pearle Green of Ithaca who has served her sorority “as Grand Secretary for more than a decade, as a District President for four years, as author of *Policy Handbook*, and as President and Secretary of the National Pan-Hellenic conference.”

The Angelos of Kappa Delta, edited by Miss Elizabeth May Thompson of Virginia and *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu, edited by Miss Helen E. Hinton of Mississippi are two young magazines which are full of enthusiasm and ambition and which are growing at a rapid rate.

The oldest of women’s journal is *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma edited by Mrs. Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson who has written much for the magazines. The exchange department of no other publication is so witty and clever as that of *The Key*.

The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi has the largest circulation and the most pages; it is exceedingly interesting and has as editor, Miss Sarah Gertrude Pomeroy, author of several books, whose literary experience is of invaluable aid to the magazine.

The Triangle of Sigma Kappa—edited by Miss Helen F. Gilmore is interesting and progressive; and *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha, edited by Miss Margaret P. Levy contains articles of real value and practical worth.

Miss Armstrong’s own *Lyre* is indeed a readable journal, with interesting and special departments and a comprehensive grasp of many general phases of fraternity and college life.

Mrs. Ida Shaw Martin, Delta Delta Delta, Editor of the Sorority

Handbook, the friend of all sororities, is now entering upon her duties as Sorority Editor of *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

In conclusion, Miss Armstrong writes:

My exchanges are good friends. They are a constant source of pleasure, enlightenment, and wisdom. They have their faults—one finds among them traces of gush, shallowness, self-centeredness, a lack of organization of material, but then, we know our own faults. The strong features are the things we remember, and to me the distinctive strong features of many are cameo-like in clearness.

The Lamp is the youngest, most eager to learn; *The Aglaia*, *The Triangle*, *The Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*, *Themis*, *The Adelphean*, and *The Angelos* the fastest growers; *To Digma*, the most fearless; *Alpha Xi Delta*, most practical in details; *The Alpha Phi Quarterly*, the best supported; *The Arrow*, the most interesting and journalistic; *The Crescent*, the most attractively printed; *Kappa Alpha Theta*, the keenest, farthest seeing; *The Trident*, the breeziest; *The Eleusis*, the most beautiful; *The Key*, the oldest and most literary; and *The Lyre*—the dearest to us because it's ours!

PAN-HELLENIC NEWS

The Peoria Pan-Hellenic sends out an attractive Year Book, whose list of members contains the names of 7 Pi Beta Phis, 6 Tri-Delts, 5 Alpha Phis, 5 Alpha Chi Omegas, 3 Kappa Kappa Gammas, 3 Gamma Phi Betas, 1 Chi Omega, 1 Delta Gamma and 1 Alpha Omicron Pi. (The Gamma Phis are Miss Ruth Cooper, Mrs. Clifford Gustine and Mrs. Thomas B. Lewis). The topics discussed during the year have been—The “New” Fraternities, The Pan-Hellenic Congress, College Pan-Hellenic Organizations, Sophomore Pledge Day. There have been reports from the various fraternities represented in the association and the year closed with a formal luncheon. Mrs. Farnum (Pi Beta Phi) the secretary writes in regard to the association interest. “We have had a most successful and delightful year. There were twenty-three present at the last meeting, which speaks for itself of the growing interest in Pan-Hellenic. We have affiliated with the Civic Federation and Child Welfare League of Peoria, and we feel there are great possibilities of broadening our work for another year.”

The Woman's Pan-Hellenic Association of Denver, Colo., held its annual spring meeting, in the form of a progressive luncheon, in the Italian garden of the Metropole hotel, Saturday, April 19th, 1913. About 100 members were present. The singing of college songs and the Pan-Hellenic song, between courses, displaced the usual program of toasts.

A business meeting and election of officers succeeded the luncheon, at which, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Miss Ada Caldwell, Chi Omega; Vice-president, Mrs. H. M. Barrett, Kappa Alpha Theta; Secretary, Miss Bessie Neighbor, Sigma Kappa; Treasurer, Miss Lillian Beck, Alpha Phi; Philanthropic Board, Mrs. McCaw, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Council, Miss Edna Pierce, Pi Beta Phi; Miss Mildred Hansen, Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. Lanagan, Delta Gamma; Mrs. E. W. Wood, Delta Delta Delta.

Marian S. Van Dyne (Theta '02) writes the following:

“I thought it might be of interest for you to know that we have a

Pan-Hellenic here in Greeley, nine sororities being represented. It was organized last year, but only two meetings were held. Our last one was in the nature of a luncheon last Saturday attended by about twenty-five. I believe there are nearly thirty-five who are members, and there seems to be an excellent spirit and a desire to do something worth while. May Wheeler Shattuck and I are the only Gamma Phis resident here."

THE THETA LODGE

Theta chapter, ever alive to the beauty of its western country, chose a perfect setting for the little Lodge whose doors have at last been opened. Facing the west and an unbroken line of mountains—famous Pike's Peak, hoary Mount Evans—with a southern exposure and a long sweep of open country to rest the weary eyes, no more inspiring site can be imagined. The dream of years has been realized—and the little house means much to those whose loyal hearts and willing hands have made it possible. It is the tangible result of the task in which so many have shared; it has been founded on the rock of co-operation; it has been cemented with the strength of friendship; and more than anything else, it will, in the years to come, draw active and alumnae members together into a bond that will never be weakened, that can never be severed.

Early in the summer of 1912, the Board of Directors, consisting of Mabel Brown Holt, Elizabeth Church Grant, Louise Iliff, Margaret Carman, Lindsey Barbee, Belle St. Clair and Frances Hoop met to plan the chapter structure, and after much discussion and much pondering of submitted drawings, the present building was evolved. Cement of a light brown and woodwork of a darker shade proclaim the Gamma Phi headquarters, while a pretty pergola (the gift of the charter members) and a great, south porch are attractive features.

The meeting room into which one enters, has its large fireplace in rough brown brick and this room is furnished in mission style. Back of this room is a pretty cloak room and still farther back, the kitchen, equipped with every convenience and a constant joy to the domestically-inclined members of the chapter. Extending the entire length of the house on the southern side is the assembly room—opening into the meeting room, into the kitchen and on the large porch by French doors of many tiny panes. The huge fireplace, adorned with artistic andirons (the gift of Beta Theta Pi) is a distinctive feature of the room—and when all the proposed furniture is installed, a great davenport will be placed before this hearth, where so many fires of good fellowship are to be kindled. Rugs and pil-lows of soft browns, window draperies of cream marquisette and

tinting of a beautiful brown make the rooms harmonious, artistic and homelike.

Later on, the basement will be finished—and this will mean two more rooms, the larger of which will be converted into an initiation hall. The grounds will be given over into the hands of a landscape gardener and by September, we trust there will be flowers enough, and greenery enough, to make an attractive background for our new home.

And—finally—joy to all of us—the house is entirely paid for. Even if we must wait a while for the furniture and the “extras”, it is a blessing to be free of debt and its means much to the girls who hereafter will wear the crescent. And remember this, oh sister chapters all over this broad land—that there is always a place for you in the circle around the fireplace—and that the hand of every girl is outstretched in the eager, cordial welcome of the West!



"THE king is dead—long live the king!"—only in this case, Xi is anything but a moribund chapter—and has only laid aside her A-B-C book that she may play big sister to the Gamma Phi baby—Omicron. And as to Omicron—there is not much that we can teach her, for as Phi Beta she stood for the most complete organization, the highest of ideals and the maximum of achievements. No chapter has ever entered into our midst with more pæans of thanksgiving from those who have long desired her; no chapter has ever brought more college honors, more splendid records, more loyal followers. She has taught Gamma Phi the lesson of faith, sweet-spiritedness and undaunted effort; be it our duty and our joy to show her the beauty of cooperation, the strength of sisterhood and the glory of Gamma Phi Beta. A potent force in the college community, a well-organized group of the best type of college women, Omicron gives promise of a wonderful maturity, and Gamma Phi may well be proud of this addition to her chapter roll. Therefore each one of us, active and alumnae bids Omicron welcome and pledges her the love and loyalty of the sorority of which she became a strong and vital part.

A LUMNAE interest and alumnae activity are two things greatly to be desired. For one to keep in touch with the affairs of a college chapter, to be informed upon all matters that pertain to the growth of her society and the spread of Pan-Hellenism, to give to her order the benefit of mature judgment and experience, is the surest way of becoming a strong and helpful sorority woman. The formation of an alumnae chapter means all this—and we extend

the warmest welcome to the Detroit Gamma Phis who have chosen to band themselves into a definite organization. This new chapter will not only add to the strength and welfare of Gamma Phi, but it will assist the magazine in a practical way and will be a source of help and inspiration to the Beta girls.

EVIDENTLY, with Gamma Phis, "the play's the thing" and it is with great interest that we read of their activity in dramatic lines. If we were inclined to moralize, we might digress upon the well-worn theme of "All the world's a stage"; but rather, in emulation of the beloved bard, do we declare that our little college life is but a four act drama in which each of us must play her own particular part. To the sound of gay, mirthful music the freshman makes her bow—and we hear only the glorious gladness of her care free, comedy lines. Staccatos of arrogance—full chords of pride—soft pianissimos of love herald the advent of the sophomore—and the plot thickens! Steady, steadfast and sure is the junior and it is hers to unravel the twisted threads, to bring order out of chaos, to clear the way for the "all's well" of the last act. Then—the senior—and the knowledge that for her, the college drama is almost ended and the curtain is about to fall. She may not have been the star, the lover may not have been for her; she may have been but a faithful prompter, a patient scene-shifter—but it was her part and no one else could fill it. The lights die out, the flowers fade the music ceases and the audience is gone; only the memory of many faces, happy voices and tender lines, and the realization that the inspiration and the endeavor are eternal. For behind it all is the playwright—dear Gamma Phi Beta—and ever she writes steadily on, giving us the parts we best can play, planning our exits and our entrances and loyally keeping watch above her own.

SOMEONE has said that the great need—and lack—of the modern college girl is efficiency. Let us substitute for *college girl*, chapter correspondent—and suggest another characteristic—courtesy. Any business letter claims a prompt reply yet the *Crescent*

communication is often entirely ignored; is it any wonder that the editor of the magazine sometimes putteth forth her voice? The sorority journal is a business proposition; without the cooperation of each chapter, it cannot be maintained; and without a reply to her request, the editor is a bit at sea and the publication must necessarily be delayed. The chapter is not always expected to respond favorably to what may be demanded of it but the correspondent *is* expected to inform the editor in regard to the decision and to do it within a reasonable space of time. Lately, there has been no special feature planned in which all chapters have been represented—and this does not speak well for the interest of the sorority. The compilation of a magazine is no easy task at best; it seems that the members of Gamma Phi should realize this and that each would endeavor to do her part in making the enterprise a success.

REST on your laurels, dear Gamma Phi Betas and enjoy a peaceful, quiet summer. Then when the autumn months call you back to work and endeavor—enter upon your tasks with renewed vigor, redoubled enthusiasm and unfaltering determination to do your best for Gamma Phi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do not let the college year close without sending in your long-due subscription to the magazine.

Once again, seniors! Let us remind you to enter your name upon the mailing list for next year. Keep in touch with Gamma Phi, help us to maintain the magazine, do not lose your interest in chapter and in national affairs.

As soon as possible, send Mrs. Graham the name of your new correspondent and of your new secretary, so that she may not be delayed in sending her letters to the chapter.

Will *Lambda, Mu, Nu, Omicron, Syracuse, San Francisco, Milwaukee* and *Detroit* send time and place of meeting so that the Directory of meetings may be complete?



MRS. WM. J. GRAHAM. Alumnae Editor, 388 8th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Send *all* Chapter Letters and Personals to Mrs. Graham.
 Next letters must be in her hands by Sept. 1.

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Dear Girls: Finals but three weeks off! How can we think of anything else? Our seniors will soon be leaving us only to come back once in a while as alumnae, to banquets and initiation. Marion Draper has just been chosen Salutatorian of the senior class on account of high scholarship, and we are all very proud of her. Augusta Briggs ('13) has charge of the "Humour" in a new college publication *Orange Peel* which will be ready for sale just before Moving Up Day, May 6. The *Orange Peel* is to be like the humorous papers that Cornell and some other colleges publish, and of course we hope that ours will be superior. Hazel Peck, another senior is one of the founders, and the President of Kappa Pi Sigma, an honorary pedagogical society. Mary Gardner ('13), and Ruth Abell ('14) are likewise members. May Loveland ('14) at the recent elections was made president of the Y. W. C. A. for next year.

Moving Up Day is Tuesday May 6—probably you all know what Moving Up Day is, as it has been described in the *CRESCENT* with other Syracuse customs, but it is worth repeating.

That day is always a holiday, and the exercises consist of the regular chapel exercises enhanced by the fact that all the colleges hold chapel together, and the entire Faculty in caps and gowns sit on the platform. The program is in the hands of the president of the senior class, and he calls upon the chancellor, various members of the faculty, and the presidents of the other three classes for short speeches. It is needless to say that the combined cheers and hisses and cries of "Laughter", "Gesture"—"Speech" and other helpful suggestions make the speeches of the two underclass officers very interesting.

After the exercises all the colleges combine to produce a very

wonderful and marvelous parade. Altogether we would miss Moving Up Day more than any other celebration if we were denied it.

The night before Moving Up Day the alumnae and active chapters are to give an entertainment for the house. It is to be a very extensive affair, but as the program is known only by those in it, you will have to wait for a description!

With all the festivities that are to occur for the seniors, and examinations too, we Alpha people hardly know what to do next! We hope you all pass!

PERSONAL

Helen Hitchcock of the Minneapolis Conservatory of Music gave a piano recital early in May.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Greetings from Beta to her sisters: It has been so long since you last heard from us that you may have thought that, as a result of the strenuous investigation of sorority and fraternity standings we had retired from public life. But such is not the case, for indeed we are fine and flourishing. Since the completion of our beautiful new home, we have been very gay, as you know there are many social obligations which must be met at such a time.

January seventeenth we gave an afternoon and evening reception to the Faculty of the University. On that day we were very proud of our new home and our girls. The rooms were gay and festive with palms and beautiful flowers, and it was a joy to see these intellectual and awe-inspiring professors eating our ice cream and drinking our coffee to the music of a stringed quartette. Many of the faculty men and their wives came, and we hope that they enjoyed the party as much as we did. During the reception the girls conducted tours of inspection through the house, and we hope that everyone of our guests was impressed with our artistic home.

This reception was the occasion of the presentation of many gifts for our new home. Mrs. Douglas, one of our Ann Arbor alumnae, gave us engraved invitations and the plate, her husband gave us brass andirons and his sisters gave two brass candlesticks. Kathleen Cutting, Gretchen Lydecker, and Linda Kinyon donated a wicker flower basket filled with yellow and white spring flowers; Mrs. Lombard, a professor's wife who is a Gamma Phi pledge, gave us a picture of the Parthenon which almost covers one wall of the reception room and is a great addition to the room. Mrs. Winifred Kinne gave us two oriental rugs. Miss Forsythe, our chaperone, presented us at Christmas with a brass candelabra, Clara Ely sent us a handsome center-piece, and Louise Wieber, a mahogany tray. Since then we

have received a tray from Anne Bohning, tablecloth from Florence Bennie's mother, and another from Margery Walker's mother, a set of wicker furniture and a wicker lamp for our sun-parlor from Edith Benson and her father, a plant-stand from Mrs. Hinschelwood, an alumna, a wicker chair from the freshmen, and two silver cake-plates from Wanda Leemann's mother and father. Doesn't that sound like Santa Claus?

Over the seventh, eighth, and ninth of February we gave a house-party for high school girls. This was the first party we had given in our new house, and everyone put forth great effort to make it a success. The guests arrived Friday afternoon, and Friday evening we danced and roasted marshmallows around a blazing log fire in our fire-place. Saturday afternoon the freshmen took the guests to the Majestic Theater, and afterwards gave them a tea at the house in order that the town alumnae might meet the girls. Saturday night we gave an informal dance, and the guests left Sunday afternoon carrying away with them the memory of a very enjoyable time.

The next great event was the annual valentine party. This was a formal dinner at which each girl received three original valentines. The dining-table, extending the length of the dining-room, was very beautiful with its centerpiece of red carnations and its red candles casting a pleasing glow on the merry faces about the table.

Two weeks after the Valentine party the freshmen felt very much abused at having to give the annual freshman play to the upper-classmen. However they rallied their forces, and wrote an original four-act play, each girl writing her own part, and Ruth Weeks, our Vassar graduate freshman, worked the parts together. The play represented the life history of a Gamma Phi and a Delta U. Many personal touches were brought in, but to the minds of the freshmen the best part of the entire play was the "Gamma Phi Goat" who merely echoed the sentiments of the class. Despite some sarcastic remarks made by members of the cast, the audience entered into the spirit, and all had a fine time. The finale in which the aged Gamma Phi sits before the grate-fire, and, after telling her granddaughter of her college days and friends, hears in her dreams the dear old Gamma Phi songs, brought tears to many eyes. The upper classmen were dressed in fancy costume, and the freshmen were very pleased with their sister's loyal support. At the end of the play a flashlight was taken so that we might have a lasting memento of the occasion.

One Sunday in March we gave a tea for Gamma Phi's friends among the college men. Contrary to the usual custom they came early and stayed late. The Delta U. quartette sang songs, among them a new Gamma Phi laudation.

On March third our one second semester girl, Pauline Adams, was initiated.

The Junior Girls' Plays were given on the third and fourth of April. "Realm of Dreams", the first play, was a musical comedy, and "Daily Life", the second was a local color skit with hits on the seniors and faculty. Two of our girls took part in them, Betty Bostwick and Peggy Melvin.

The first event after Easter vacation was a rushing party at which we had thirteen guests. We took them up the river on drays for a beefsteak roast, we took them to the Majestic and a tea at Kathleen Cutting's, gave them a formal dinner and house dance, and ended up our glorious week-end by taking the girls to church Sunday morning. They were a very enthusiastic lot of girls, and said they had the time of their lives. This house-party will be the last one we will give for hereafter we are to have sophomore pledging, written-bids, and very strict rushing rules. This makes the future of sororities look very dark, but we all think that in the long run it will be a splendid thing.

Last Thursday the seniors "swung out" in their caps and gowns. It was a very thrilling occasion. The under-graduates of Gamma Phi experienced a mingled feeling of pride and sadness when they saw their five seniors don their caps and gowns. Next year we shall miss these dear sisters greatly. Why is it that one feels so inspired to see so many men and women wearing the symbol of knowledge and achievement? As we saw the long line of seniors marching out of University Hall where they had just listened to an address by Doctor Angell and President Hutchins, we couldn't help but realize the deep significance of college life. At seven o'clock that evening all senior men gave a "sing" on the steps of Memorial Hall. To stand beneath the great trees in front of the building that stands for the spirit of past classes and to hear these men, about to leave their Alma Mater for wider fields, singing the dear old college songs surely made the chills run up one's back and a lump come into one's throat.

Every Monday and Thursday from now until the last of June the seniors will wear their caps and gowns on the campus.

Next week comes the May Festival and the spring games. Later will come Cap Night, and far in the future commencement.

Next Wednesday we are going to give a tea for all college girls, and with that our social activities will be ended for this year.

Beta is in favor of expansion, and is willing to help advance the cause.

The wide discussion concerning the abolition of sororities is touching us very closely, and Michigan faculty is investigating the situation. We, the girls of Gamma Phi are going to do all in our power

to justify the existence of fraternities and to make them stand for bigger and better things than they have heretofore. We all think that the following years are going to be splendid ones and we must make ourselves useful institutions before nineteen fifteen when our doom will be sealed.

Before I go I must tell you the names of our pledges. They are Marie Henze, Helen Kotting, and Lois Devereaux from Detroit, Fredricka Meyers, Cornelia Dewey, Helen Mills, and Evelyn Lay from Kalamazoo, Florence George from Detroit, Ruth Kelsey, Professor Kelsey's daughter, Lynda Everback of Ann Arbor, Grace Spalding from New Jersey, and Norine Weickgenaut from Battle Creek.

We all wish you could be here in Ann Arbor at this fairyland time of year, but since you can not, we send to you best wishes and hopes that you may all spend happy and joyous vacations.

BETA.

PERSONALS

Desdelora Steevens, Theta, ex-'15, spent last week-end with us. Miss Anderson spent one Saturday with us.

Mrs. Alice Preble spent several days with us before Easter vacation, and upon her departure presented us with a welcome gift of money.

We all enjoyed a short visit from Mary Hollington.

Marian Pellow honored us with a short stay in our midst.

Laura Hall spent one day with us.

We had the pleasure of a visit, brief though it was, from Mrs. Gertrude Miller Sherwood. Mrs. Kinne gave a tea for her while she was in Ann Arbor.

Last Saturday Mrs. Bess Bigelow Moore called on us.

Anne Bohning, a Chi Omega from Smith College, was the guest of Edith Benson for a few days.

MARRIAGE

Ethel Smurthwaite was married to Mr. H. W. Bigelow on the thirty-first of March.

ENGAGEMENT

Mary Hollington has announced her engagement to Mr. George Rifle.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: I must tell you a little about what the Legislature of Wisconsin has been doing this winter in an attempt to abolish fraternities in Wisconsin.

In January, Assemblyman Anderson introduced a bill to the effect

that all fraternities and sororities, in fact, all secret societies in the University of Wisconsin should be abolished. Naturally, this bill came as a complete surprise to many people and there was great excitement about it. All the active members of Greek letter societies were considerably alarmed, and loyal alumnae all over the state decided to fight the bill as strenuously and effectively as possible. The bill, however, was reported upon favorably by the committee, and was brought before the Assembly for discussion. After much argument it was laid upon the table for a week. Later, it was brought up again, discussed, and a second time was laid upon the table. After several weeks it was brought before the Assembly a third time, and thanks to the united efforts of the active members of organizations here in Madison and anxious alumnae, the bill was killed in the Assembly.

Just a week or two ago, a new bill was introduced by the same Mr. Anderson, to the effect that honorary fraternities be allowed to remain at Wisconsin, but that all other Greek letter organizations be abolished. This bill was declared unconstitutional and was dropped immediately, so we are at peace again, at least until the next session of the Legislature.

Perhaps this account is not purely Gamma news, but the agitation of the fraternity question has, of course, been of vital importance to us, and we know that you are all interested in our struggles.

We feel quite proud of our work in athletic fields this year, and feel that we have made quite a record. Edna Cantril made the hockey team, and she has been teaching some of the gymnasium classes in the university. Helen Harrison has been captain of the junior basketball team, and has played tennis and bowled for honors. Francis Lauder made the basketball team and the hockey team, and has also won swimming and bowling honors. Nell Bundy made the senior basketball team. Cornelia Mathews and Stella Hayden have both played basketball on the second team. Grace Burgard and Nell Bundy both took part in a little play given by the Athletic Association. Lina Duffy and Adelaide Rawson both made swimming honors. Letters are awarded for honors or team work here at Wisconsin, so all these girls wear University trophies. Don't you think we have just cause to be proud of such a list?

Only six weeks now until the day set for graduation. It doesn't seem possible that another year has passed, but Gamma has been most successful in every way, and each girl can go home for the summer with a sense of satisfaction over both work and play well done, and with pleasant anticipation of the work and play to be commenced again in September. And to you all, Gamma sends her best wishes for a very happy vacation!

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brittingham of Madison, have just returned from a trip to Central America.

Irene Wilson, ('11), of Chicago; Belle Fleek, of Brodhead; Winifred Coon of Edgerton; Marion Spencer of Chicago, attended our Spring Formal on April 18th.

Mrs. Bundy and daughter, Katherine, spent the week end of April 18th with us.

Mrs. Leavens of Milwaukee, visited her daughter, Marie Leavens, over the week end of April 18th.

Elizabeth Perry has been visiting us.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mathews and daughter have been visiting here. Mrs. Mathews was a member of the class of '91, and now has a daughter, Cornelia Mathews, in the active chapter.

Mrs. J. F. Case of Havana, is visiting in Wisconsin and will be in Madison for commencement.

Mrs. G. L. Woodward of Electra, Texas, will spend the summer in Clinton, Wisconsin.

ENGAGEMENTS

Jessie Sumner, '14, to Damon Brown, '13.

Winifred Coon, '10, to Edward Rankin, '10.

Portia Maiers to Henry Hohlmeier.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters: Isn't it splendid that we are to have a new chapter and so many new sisters, and I hope before this year is up that we will have still other chapters to join the ranks of Gamma Phi. We are all so interested in expansion, and we wish that we might be better represented in the South. Most of our chapters are in the West, and a few in the North and East, but only one in the South. Let us try to find more sisters there, so that we may truly say that our crescent extends north, south, east, and west.

Are many of you in favor of sophomore pledging? That seems to be a question with an unlimited fund of arguments, but Delta has never considered it as a possibility. It has always been the custom at Boston University for all sororities to have freshman pledging, and so we cling to tradition. But our general opinion is that the rushing season is long enough now, and if it were extended, it would be too much of a strain on all concerned. So we are quite satisfied with our present system, and we have voted pledge day to be about the middle of November. We have many sisters and friends who will enter college next fall, so we are looking forward to a goodly number of pledges. A few of them have attended some of the

spreads, so have already had a glimpse of Gamma Phis' good times, and we hope to entertain others on our house-party. We haven't yet decided where our annual house-party will be held, but we are all looking forward to it with pleasure, for wherever it may be, it is always a typical joyous Gamma Phi gathering.

We have had few social activities this winter. There was the Gamma Phi dance, of course, which is ever enjoyable, and by the time you read this, the Mother's Tea will have taken place, and also the Spring Luncheon to the Alumnae. College work has been so heavy and "quizzes" have come with such astonishing rapidity, that we have been quite content to let the social whirl pass by. Junior week was the all-important event among college functions, and we were most proud of the Junior Prom which was held at the Hotel Somerset, managed by a Gamma Phi, Elsie Jordan, as chairman, and a very capable committee of seven, of whom two were Gamma Phis, Lucy Ford and Constance Flanders.

By the way, it is interesting to note the rule in different colleges about closing hours for social functions. One o'clock is the very latest for a college dance here, and our sorority dances end at eleven-thirty or twelve. College dances always occur on a Friday night, and the others generally hold to the same rule.

We take very little part in athletics, for the University is not particularly active in that line. The girls have a basketball team, but the games are mostly interclass affairs. I think it is splendid for a college to have athletics and for the girls to win trophies as well as the men. There is nothing which keeps up college spirit so well as the opportunity to cheer for your Alma Mater in a contest with other colleges.

How Miss Rickert has roasted the sororities in general! One has to smile at the absurdities of the attack at the same time feeling "warm" at the injustice of it. What do we think of the sorority? Of course, we may be prejudiced, hopelessly prejudiced, but when we think of the unity, the ready help, the warm friendship, the deep sympathy, and the whole-hearted joy which our sorority represents, what one of us does not utter down in her heart a little thanksgiving that she is a sorority woman?

PERSONALS

The following have just been elected members of Phi Beta Kappa: Ruth Bartlett, Ruth Hatch, and Elizabeth Keats McClelland.

Rachel Rice who is spending some months abroad has sent interesting postals from Italy and Switzerland.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: This is the last CRESCENT letter for this college year—a year that has gone nobody knows where. Is it at all egotistical to suppose that we corresponding secretaries best realize how fast time flies?

Epsilon has three seniors to be graduated in June, Dorothy Winchell, Mary Richardson, and L. Louise Wheeler, and we deeply regret losing them. Dorothy Winchell and Mary Richardson are expecting to remain home for a year, and their nearness to Evanston will enable them to keep in close touch with the chapter. Louise Wheeler is expecting to teach music, beginning next fall.

On March 17th, we held our second semester initiation, and Frances McCarty (Tuscola, Illinois), Mildred and Margaret Ross (Carbondale, Illinois) and Mrs. Mary Hall Nicholls (Chicago, Illinois), from Xi local chapter were the victims.

Northwestern Pan-Hellenic is trying out its first year of sophomore pledging. We feel greatly opposed to the system, as there has been frequent disregard of the rules, and "trust" in one another has proved of little consequence. It may truthfully be said that there is no longer that universal democratic feeling among sororities now, that existed here, even so short a time as a year ago.

Some of the girls have shared to a considerable extent in the college activities this semester. Florence Hildebrand ('14) served on the managing committee for the junior play, "A Gentleman From Mississippi", which was presented on April 12th.

Klea Cozzens ('14) was a member of the board of the *Syllabus*, the Northwestern annual, edited by the junior class.

L. Louise Wheeler ('13) was secretary of the senior class in Music School.

Margaret Bentley ('16) had full charge of the music for the play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" given by the literary societies on April 26th.

Ann Potter, ('16) having secured fifteen hours "A" work the first semester, was on the university honor roll, and was also chosen to attend the Pan-Hellenic banquet given in honor of the highest in scholarship from each sorority. Joyce Farr ('15), Klea Cozzens ('16) and Helen Paddock ('16) were also on the honor roll.

Ann Potter was elected chairman of the Finance Committee of Y. W. C. A. for next year.

L. Louise Wheeler will give her graduating recital in voice the latter part of May.

Our annual June banquet is to be held at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago on June 6th, and, if all reports are true, it will be the largest one that Epsilon has ever given.

Joyce Farr ('15) is to have one of the principal parts in the play, "The Medicine Case", which is to be staged by the University Dramatic Club, Commencement week.

After the examinations are over we are planning to entertain our senior girls at a beach party.

Each year just before the girls leave for their vacation we are accustomed to have a farewell party. On Commencement night, after all of the college activities are over, we are to have an informal dance at the Kenilworth Country Club.

Many plans have already been made for the summer: Ann Potter is planning to attend the Y. W. C. A. Conference at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The last week in June, Mildred Ross ('12) is to have a house-party for six of the girls at her home in Toledo, Ohio. L. Louise and Jeanne Wheeler are to take an extensive trip through the west. They expect to spend several weeks at Yellowstone Park. Helen Lewis (Oratory '14) is to have four of the girls visit at her home in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, in the early part of the summer. Klea Cozzens ('14) will leave June 14th to spend the entire summer at Lake Maxinkukee, Culver, Indiana. She is also planning a house-party.

PERSONALS

Mildred Ross ('12) of Toledo, Ohio, Gladys Moore (ex-'15) of Morris, Illinois Frances Jenks (ex-'13) of Rockford, Illinois and Beulah Truitt (ex-'14) of Dexteur, Missouri, were guest at our dance on April 25th.

Nell Ade (ex-'13) was the guest of Epsilon the last week of April.

L. Louise Wheeler and Mildred Ross entertained for Nell Ade at a pre-nuptial luncheon at the Blackstone, Chicago, on May 31st.

Marie Donley ('14) attended a Beta house-party at Illinois University the week-end of April 25th.

MARRIAGES

On June 5th Nell Ade (ex-'13) was married to Mr. James D. Rathbun, Σ N, at the bride's home in Kentland, Indiana. The entire chapter witnessed one of the most beautiful of weddings. Ardis Ade ('12) acted as maid of honor. Mabel Sell (ex-'13), Mildred Ross ('12), L. Louise Wheeler ('13) and Gertrude Smith were the bridesmaids. Mr. Harker C. Crow, Σ N, was the bridegroom's best man. Mr. F. C. Boltz, Σ N, Mr. V. C. Coffey, Σ N, Mr. William Rathburn, Σ N and Mr. John Ade, Σ X, acted as ushers.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Haller (Louise White, E '98), a son, on April 25th.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Dear Sisters: Since our last chapter letter many things have happened but one stands out above all others as the most important. As you doubtless know, Goucher, after a hard struggle, has successfully passed her financial crisis. The Million Dollar Fund was completed on Friday April 4th. The campaign was unique in that the students took a large part in the work. Each girl gave money through her class pledge but her work did not stop with that. The students were all divided in teams each of which had a certain amount to raise. In this way it was thought that many whom it was impossible for the college to reach would give assistance. The work during those weeks certainly aroused our college spirit as nothing before had done.

We thought that such an event should not pass without some celebration. On April 7th this took place. After all the students in the academic costume had passed through Goucher Hall and had sung some college and class songs, we listened to speeches by the founder of the college, the acting president and the dean. On the campus in front of Goucher Hall girls dressed in white and carrying blue and yellow lanterns formed the letters "G C". All around red fires were burned. Several balloons were sent up and altogether we had quite a lively time.

We told you in our last letter that we were expecting to be in Washington for Inauguration. Our long talked of trip turned out finely. There were twelve of us who went to Margaretta Williamson's home in Washington for the three days. The afternoon of March 3rd we spent either in marching in the Suffrage Parade or in watching it, for some of us have not yet cast our votes in favor of Woman's Suffrage. Of course Inauguration Day we spent sitting on the stand opposite Central Market on Pennsylvania Avenue and watched the great and interesting parade. During the time which was not taken up with parades we tried to see a little of the city and in the evening the wonderful illumination and fire-works. So much was crowded into those few days that we felt as if we had been on quite a vacation.

On April 19th every Gamma Phi took advantage of the trip to Gettysburg which had been planned for Goucher students. We left early in the morning reaching Gettysburg about eleven o'clock. We found carriages waiting for us at the station to take us over the Battlefield. It was a wonderful trip. To think we were really on the ground where that great battle took place! Of course the old guides told many interesting stories. After a six-hour ride over the field our little visit ended very pleasantly for us Gamma Phis for we were entertained at the Phi Psi House which is said to be one of the oldest fraternity houses north of the Mason and Dixon line.

We gave a reception at the College Club on April 9th. We were very happy and fortunate in having Mrs. Gibson (Mary Thatcher Alpha ex-83) in the receiving line.

Each year the junior class gives an entertainment to the freshmen. This year the juniors gave the operetta "Cinderella in Flowerland". Aleda Hier '14, took the part of Cinderella most attractively, while Margaret Martsolf '14, played the role of the proud sister "Tiger Lily".

Some of the elections for next year have taken place. We are glad to say that Margery Sawyer has been chosen for Y. W. C. A. president and Margaret Martsolf for editor-in-chief of the college monthly, *Kalends*.

In athletics, we are not allowed to have games with other schools or colleges, but we have class teams in basketball, with three regular games each year, seniors vs. juniors, sophomores vs. freshmen, and the championship game between the winners of the other two games. We always go in for tennis, as we have such splendid courts, and in the spring we have a field day with the usual contests.

We are now planning for our June house party which we expect to have near Claybourne on the eastern shore of Maryland.

PERSONALS

On April 16th May Wilson Loveland, Alpha ('14) pleasantly surprised the Zeta girls by a visit on her return from the Young Women's Christian Association Conference at Richmond, Va.

Katherine Scranton Paton ('09), and her husband who have been in Europe on a year's furlough have returned to their home in Seoul, Korea. Mr. Paton is the English Vice Consul there.

Marion Scranton ('09), has been spending the winter in Dresden. She expects to visit in England during the summer and return to Korea in the fall.

Ruth Porter ('10), attended the Y. W. C. A. Conference held in Richmond, Va.

Anna Blanton ('11), stopped off in Baltimore on her way to the Inauguration.

Isabel Kline ('12), visited Margaretta Williamson over Inauguration.

Margaretta Williamson and Marie Ohle, Zeta ('13), expect to take a summer course at the School of Civics and Philanthropy at Chicago.

Grace Atkinson, Zeta (ex-'14), visited the chapter from April 25th to 29th.

Isabel Drummond, Zeta ('15), visited friends in New York City from April 25th to April 29th.

MARRIAGES

Sarah Webb '14, of Bell Buckle, Tennessee was married to Dr. Ben Witt Key on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth of February. They are living at 140 W. 57th St., New York City.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: This short breathing spell between the Partheneia and final examinations affords a good opportunity for the retrospection necessary in writing a chapter letter. Events have come fast and furious up to now, and one has to pause and reflect on what comes first.

Preparations for the Partheneia have been going on all this semester, and the performance took place finally on April 15. It is described on another page, so I shall not say more than that there were many Gamma Phi's taking part in it.

Eta's social activities have been moderate this year. During Lent we were very faithful to our books, but the wonderful Chicago Grand Opera season in San Francisco drew many of the girls across the bay from time to time.

On the eighth of March, Elizabeth Bridge ('12) entertained the active girls and the 1912 girls at tea. A delightful afternoon of gossip and a dainty feast made the occasion one worth remembering for those who accepted her hospitality.

The Spring Banquet was a great event, held on the fourth of April, and marked an epoch in Eta's history, for active girls and alumnae, fifty-three strong, sat down in Eta's very own house. An attractive scheme of decoration was worked out in white poet's-narcissus and maidenhair, with streamers of deep yellow baby-ribbon, and a gay yellow butterfly on each water-glass for a place-card. Sue Dunbar filled the part of toastmistress with great success, choosing for her scheme the four letters of the chief word of our open motto—R-O-C-K. The speakers were:

R for Recollections—Lena Redington and Emily Stuart.

O for Obligations—Lurita Stone.

C for Companionship—Dora Atwater.

K for Knowledge—Thoda Cockroft.

The dance at Mu chapter, Stanford, was attended by half-a-dozen Eta girls, who enjoyed a most delightful time, spending the weekend in becoming better acquainted with our Stanford sisters.

On April 7th, our freshmen gave a party for the freshmen of Beta Theta Pi; one of a series of informal dances between freshmen, following a popular custom on our campus.

The following week, the sixteenth, Eta returned the compliment

of Sigma Chi, and received the whole chapter. There was dancing in an informal way, and simple refreshments were served.

Eta's views on sophomore pledging are sought. We do not have it here, as yet, but we have a rule which forbids initiating until after six months' work has been taken, a rule made last December by our local Pan-Hellenic. We expect that the faculty will soon force us to the next step, sophomore pledging.

We are not looking forward to it with a great deal of joy. Most of us agree that *theoretically*, it would be a good thing, for it seems on the face of it a more normal, sane way, giving rushers and rushees both more of an opportunity to observe one another, to become better acquainted, and to prove their own mettle; besides making rushing less of a strain by distributing it more easily over the term. But, practically, we believe, as the experience of other universities has shown, that instead of easing up the rushing, it would merely make it a prolonged agony, and instead of being over with in a few weeks, and leaving the girls to settle down to work with joy, it would drag on and on; it would cause continued bad feeling between sororities, which always prevails more or less in rushing season; it would necessitate strict rules for rushing, which would be a great pity, for every one knows that the fewer the rules, the saner the rushing, and the fewer infringements. Besides all this, it would come pretty heavily on some of the houses for that first year, without freshmen.

These are not all the arguments on either side but they seem to me to be the most important.

The girls have a prominent part in the athletics of the college: We have tennis, basketball, and fencing—when we get our new swimming-tank, no doubt swimming will be added. We are very active, and have interclass contests and contests with our neighbors, Stanford University and University of Nevada. The girls on the big teams are awarded numerals and block letters, and there are other trophies too.

There are rules for closing hours of social functions; formal college (class) dances close at 12, promptly. Fraternity dances close usually at 12.30, though there is no rule save an unwritten one.

Eta has not lacked for honors this semester. Gertrude Comfort ('13) won the contest for the Partheneia poster design. She was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa, being the first member, at this university, to be admitted from the Department of Architecture.

She was also made a member of the Prytanean Society, an honor society for women. Harriet Pasmore ('14), also entered this society; she was elected to the English Club, and had a leading rôle in the French Club play.

Lurita Stone ('13), had the rôle of Olivia in Twelfth Night, the

English club production for this semester. She also took a prominent part in the Mask and Dagger play.

And now, good-by. Eta wishes her sister chapters all success in examinations, and a happy, restful summer.

PERSONALS

Nora Buell, Gamma, spent a week in April with her sister Persis and the Eta girls.

Ora Muir ('12), whose marriage to Mr. Max Thelen will take place on May 1, is now in Berkeley with her mother, who will remain until after the wedding.

Alma Eastin was a recent visitor at Eta's home, and spent the week of April 13 in San Francisco.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ione Garnet has announced her engagement to Mr. John Rainey of Salinas. The wedding will take place in May.

MARRIAGES

Sarah Morgan and Mr. Henry Hawley Patterson were married on the twenty-sixth of February in Los Angeles. They have made their home in Newark, California.

BIRTHS

To Margaret Henderson Sawyer, a daughter.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Dear Sisters in $\Gamma \Phi B$: Theta has had so many good times since our last letter that it seems as if she has had almost more than her share. March the twenty-seventh was High School Day. As is our annual custom, we asked many of the high school seniors out to luncheon. April the fourth was our play, "The Thread of Destiny." It was the most clever play Lindsey Barbee ever wrote and everyone declared it a grand success. A short sketch of the plot may be interesting. It is laid in the time of the Civil War. Peyton Bailey, a young Southern youth is engaged to Virginia Montgomery. War is declared and following the convictions of his own conscience, Peyton decides to follow the cause of the North. Learning of this intention, Virginia breaks the engagement. After three years of struggle and separation, the thread of destiny leads Peyton back to the beautiful Montgomery plantation. Virginia forgets the past and Peyton goes back to his responsibilities of war with her promise and the utmost faith in the thread of destiny bringing him back to her again. Kathryn Herbert was most attractive in her rôle as Virginia Montgomery. Elizabeth Hessler

showed great ability in her part, Edythe, the Northern girl visiting at the Montgomery home. Frances Hoop proved a very vivacious Virginia girl, captivating the hearts of all the men in the vicinity. In fact, all played their parts well.

Theta entertained the Kappa Sigma fraternity at a house dance at the home of Grayce McDonough, April 21. April the twenty-sixth, the Beta Theta Pi fraternity delightfully entertained for Gamma Phi at a dance at the Monclair Club.

The grand opening of our new Lodge was on High School Night, April 25. We had about thirty of the new girls out to dinner after which we sang Gamma Phi songs by the light of our large grate in the livingroom. Theta probably never experienced greater joy than the realization of her long dream of a home of her own. As we sang the songs, we all were drawn together by a closer feeling of friendship and a deeper responsibility of being true and worthy Gamma Phis. The fraternity men came over afterwards and escorted the girls to the gymnasium where a very interesting program had been planned by the University. High School Night of 1913 will long be cherished among the fondest memories of Theta. We wish that all Gamma Phis might visit us in our new Lodge.

Theta sends her best wishes for the prosperity and happiness of all Gamma Phi chapters.

IOTA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Behold your two new sisters, Edith Stiles and Frederika Belknap, who were initiated on Monday afternoon, March seventeenth, at the apartment. Being St. Patrick's Day, the supper decorations were in green, and even our beloved carnations appeared in a patriotic hue. This makes us have seven sophomores, which is about the average in a small college like Barnard.

On Friday, April twenty-fifth, the chapter held its spring dance in the Barnard Theater. The weather being so mild, and the night so perfect, the walks around the colonnade were enjoyed as much as the dancing—if not more.

The luncheon for actives and alumnae was given the Saturday after the dance. It was held at the Marie Antoinette, and proved a most enjoyable affair for all who attended. Hazel Plate was toastmistress, and toasts were given by Alice Brown, Helen Newbold, and Jean Barrick. The menu cards, done by Mrs. Graham, called forth much wonder and admiration.

A shower was given Edna Stitt on May fifth, whose engagement

to Doctor Robinson of New York has been announced. A number of the Alumnae were present to enjoy the good time, which culminated in a nice little supper followed by singing Gamma Phi songs.

Our house-party will be at Point Pleasant, New Jersey, from the fifth until the twelfth of June.

The Fraternity Investigation Committee has put the result of their work in the following set of resolutions:

1. Fraternities break friendships.
2. Fraternities hurt those left out.
3. Fraternities are a bad influence on college politics.
4. Fraternities detract money and energy from other valuable forms of social life.
5. Secrecy gives fraternities morbid importance in the eyes of other students.
6. Secrecy inspires suspicion in outsiders.
7. Rushing and pledging are a source of confusion and bad manners.
8. Fraternities cause division and hard feeling among alumnae.
9. Fraternities detract loyalty and support from Barnard.

This same Commission has provided that a delegate be sent from one of the fraternities to refute the arguments. Miss Pratt, from Alpha Omicron Pi was chosen. We are confident that the concerted action of all the fraternities will prove that we are really not detrimental to the college, and I am sure that we will benefit by having had our faults shown us.

PERSONALS

Alice Brown, Louise Comes, Sophie Lingg, Jean Shaw and Varian White will receive their diplomas this June. Alice and Sophie have majored in German, whereas Louise, Jean, and Varian majored in Mathematics.

Florence Rhoades '14, the glee club accompanist rendered two piano solos at both of the concerts this spring.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters: Some time ago you read that athletics at Minnesota were rising to prominence. They have risen, and with them several Gamma Phis. The basketball tournament, March 14, being an established custom, was the most important. Katherine Whitney, post-graduate, managed it in Smithsonian style, choosing the final contestants by a series of preliminary games. A consolation match was played the same night between the unfortunate classes, in this case the juniors and sophomores. For the first time we followed girls' rules—that strange, less-exhausting, keep-in-your-own-

alley variety. Marian Brown played on the senior team, and Jean McGilvra on the freshman, and the freshmen won by two points. Now they dangle little gold basketballs on their watch-fobs with noticeable nonchalance, while the runners-up have class numerals blazing forth from their sweater sleeves. The skating tournament, Feb. 27, and the swimming meet, March 13, were innovations in the girls' athletic world. Gamma Phi won these two contests beyond a doubt, Margaret Nachtrieb ('13) finishing first and Eunice McGilvra ('13), second by one point in both. No, nothing has happened; they are still marvelously good friends. I ought to add that Dorothy Bell ('13) finished third in the swimming meet.

About this time the junior ball rolled away in taxis, dreamy music, and all manner of luxury. A number of campus-promoters, publicly denouncing the aristocratic, ninety-couple limit, and privately considering their tuneless pockets, planned a Common Peepul's Dance for the same night. It was to be a genuinely democratic affair, for the leader of the grand march was to be *elected there* after the fourth number. Now some Gamma Phis were not asked to the junior ball, and one of these decided that a Common Peepul's Party called for calico garb and other signs of "commonness." I'll not tell you her name, but I will tell you that when she appeared in the ball room (where all was silk and muslin) with a dress just old enough to look ridiculous, not quaint, and with a high-booted flannel-shirted, lumber-jack partner by her side—ripples of laughter spread about the hall and grew into a delighted roar. The costumes won them the leadership of the grand march, also much notoriety.

Many who have followed college activities at Minnesota for any time have believed that there were too many organizations on the campus, constitutionally differing, yet all trying to do approximately the same thing. S. G. A. had charge of Shevlin Hall; Woman's Student Council voiced student sentiment to the faculty and vice-versa; and the Woman's League accomplished much in a desultory, social sort of way; but they all continually found themselves encroaching on the others' territories. Those three women's organizations have been turned into a melting pot and the result is a new, sturdy Student Government Association. There will be fewer office holders on the campus but just as much work along the same lines, only it will be directed by a strong, central body. The new S. G. A. was organized in time for us to send delegates to the convention at Madison, May 1-3.

The legislature has at last granted us the appropriation for a Woman's Gymnasium. The same bill also stipulated for a building for the men—a kind of masculine club house on the campus—but the grant could not be made large enough to cover the furnish-

ings. Hence the Men's Union is out to raise the extra money and an All-University Circus is being advertised for May 9-10. The girls, as ever, will provide the eating tent and its contents for the hungry circus-goers. Our post-office boxes disgorge mail stamped with pictures of donkeys pulling wildcats, camels running away from ducks, and polar bears brandishing broomsticks. Posters everywhere, and everything allures with the boosting air of mystery.

This winter our local Pan-Hellenic has been occupied with working out the by-laws for sophomore pledge day. They go into effect next year, so we have no experience to describe.

Reverend Hugh Black is lecturing at the university April 26-30. That item needs no comment; everyone knows it means crowded chapels and vividly intense addresses.

Are you wondering how we as a chapter fare in the midst of all this turmoil? There, there, you shall have a nice family gossip right here. In the first place, we have two new members, Jean Brawley ('16), from St. Paul, and Jessie Phillips ('14), from Minneapolis. Our chapter now has its first original song, for Jessie is a musical soul with a composing turn of mind, and her initiation song will rollick its way through Kappa until the crack of doom. If any of you wish a copy let us know and we'll send it to you. Our formal party will be May 3—a dance at Shevlin Hall and supper at the chapter house. The annual banquet follows, May 24, at the Leamington Hotel.

Katherine Sullivan ('14), has been appointed on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet for next year, as chairman of the Meetings Committee. Margaret Nachtrieb was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Seven seniors will leave us this commencement. For most of us the summer means rest, and next winter—means many things. For Constance Davis it means a year at Simmon's in Boston. Dorothy Bell is going to Wellesley. Marion Brown expects to teach, and Mary Rhodes intends to come back to college for graduate courses. The rest of us are busy advertising ourselves, and hoping for work.

We see ourselves each day crawling nearer to our longed-for house party and we ache for the promised freedom of "College is over and finals are gone." If any Gamma Phis are near Lake Minnetonka from June 10 to 20, we hope they will visit us on the Upper Lake.

PERSONALS

Ella Morse (ex-'15), has returned from a three months' trip to Europe.

Alice Ames (ex-'14), now at Smith, spent Easter vacation visiting friends in Washington.

Gertrude Hagy ('15), will spend the summer visiting relatives in Pennsylvania.

June Ames ('13), plans to spend the summer in the east.

Marian Slater, P. G., a member of the class of 1912 of Oberlin, expects to visit Oberlin for commencement.

Gertrude Prescott (ex-'14), will be married to Vernon Pigeon, St. Paul, on June 9. The ceremony will take place at her home in Alexandria, Minn.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Dear Sisters:

Our last letters were written in the over-awed quiet which follows mid-year examinations. The shadow of the finals is already over us. But four short weeks remain in which to piece together our scattered fragments of learning. The mention of finals has become a sensitive topic and already our faces begin to lengthen as we toil on toward an uncertain end.

If there is one day of all our year—one grand celebration—that is distinctive of Washington it is Campus Day. On that day we are indeed "wild and woolly" westerners and in part live up to the fearful expectations of the East. Stiff collars and ties are *absolutely* "taboo" and the custom has become so established that even our Governor cheerfully removes his and dons the cap of an underclassman on his arrival. Campus Day is a day of action. Every corner of our dear three hundred and fifty acres is cleaned and beautified, Governors' Grove is enlarged—one big maple for each governor of our state—and much "eats" are disposed of. Over 800 men are seated at the big W. table on the lawn, served by 400 girls under the careful supervision of an able staff. Three Gamma Phis, an unusual representation, served on the general staff, "Captain" Airdrie Kincaid, Leah Miller and "Colonel" Margaret Meany. After lunch the motley crowd listens to greetings from our distinguished guests and the newly-elected members of the Oval Club (senior-junior honor society) are announced. The day's festivities end with the Campus Day dance—the most informal and popular dance of the year, where the fellows shed their coats and the girls wear simple white.

Sophomore pledging has not been tried at Washington and its future is not promising. Our first attempt at semester pledging is about to end and although no definite decision has yet been reached for the next year, the general sentiment tends toward a shorter rushing season.

Girls' athletics at Washington are confined entirely to inter-class contests. Lovina Willson is at present our only "W" girl

although many of our girls have played on class teams this year—Edna Johanson in basketball and tennis, Anna Baker in hockey, baseball and track, Willie Schumaker in tennis and Gladys Morris in baseball. A girl's "W" is indeed an honor, for owing to the many restrictions, they are exceedingly scarce. Rowing here is a men's sport. A crew fund has been successfully campaigned here to send the Washington crew to race at Poughkeepsie, ample proof of the enthusiastic support behind our 'varsity athletes.

In dramatics Gamma Phi has a goodly representation. Leah Miller ('13), member of the Dramatic Club and Red Domino, carried the lead in "The Servant in the House" two years ago—a play of statewide reputation. Lovina Willson ('13), member of the Dramatic Club carried the lead in "Making Good" a Washington product of unusual success this year. Gladys Morris ('16), and Margaret Meany are also members of the Dramatic Club.

In debate, Wilhelmina Schumaker, Lovina Willson, Gezina Thomas and Lois McBride are members of the Athena Club. Edna Johanson and Margaret Meany are members of Sacajawea. Lois McBride, our newest pledge, is a member of the intercollegiate team which meets Oregon this spring.

Lambda chapter was much honored by a visit from Eleanor Verden, Theta, while she was playing in Seattle. We were delighted to have her with us at our formal on April 19.

Commencement this year is overshadowed by the fearful new system of senior exams. The sheepskin at Washington grows more elusive each year. Were it not for the comforting haven of Gamma Phi, I fear many of us would be lost in this last mad scramble for knowledge.

MU—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY

Mu chapter has been having an exceedingly busy time since last we had the opportunity to tell you about events down here in our college world at Stanford. First we wish to introduce to you with great pleasure and pride our two new freshmen, Ruth Long and Lorene Wilcox. Ruth, who was a sister was pledged shortly after the opening of this term and initiated in February, while Lorene was initiated on April fourteenth.

Our one big formal dance of the year took place March 14 and it was counted a success in every way. We had about one hundred and ten people present, including several of the girls from the Berkeley chapter who came down for the occasion. It was just apple-blossom time, so we scoured the surrounding country and the resultant effect of the pink blossoms massed against the brown walls of our dear house on the hill was delightfully effective. Of course

we had pink programs to carry out the color scheme and let us tell you how we contrived to make them a little different. Perhaps it will interest you if you have found as we have that a new idea in programs is one of the rare things of the world! Instead of having the order of dances printed in the conventional long way on the insert, they ran across and the gold sorority monogram on the outside was placed in the same position.

Several of the girls in the house had birthdays in April so we hit on the scheme of having one grand combination party for them.



MU CHAPTER

Top row, left to right—Lydia Long '13, Caroline Squires '13, Mrs. Della Barnhardt Pfitting '08, Ruth Lorraine '16, Mrs. Lyon, Ruth Shaw '14.

Middle row—Cordelia Smith '13, Ruth Long '16, Evelyn Haydock '16, Mabel Angell '15, Dorothy Doud '16, Luella Behrens '15, Rachel Pinkerton '15, Lyetta Hayes '14, Mrs. Mildred Gilbert Roth '10.

Bottom row—Zetta Mills '16, Doretta Jones '14, Grace Helmick '13, Lorene Wilcox, '16, Edith Ireland '13, Florence Mackey '14, Lois McCoy '14.

Ethel Hutchinson '13, snapped the picture.

April the twenty-first after meeting was the day selected so in response to invitations written on children's note paper, we all appeared as our younger selves. Many varieties of costumes appeared from the conventional short sox-age dresses, down to a sailor lad and a (would-be) track sprinter. A prize was offered for the best somersault which turned out a miniature cigar set—very pleasing to the children of course. We were all given favors and after a general jollification the huge, candle-lighted birthday cake was cut with much ceremony and rejoicing. It was an excellent way for the entire

chapter to get together and enjoy each other without one thought of the bugbear of oncoming ex's to disturb the present happiness.

On April nineteenth practically the whole chapter decamped to U. C. to view the crew races and the track meet. Nine of us enjoyed the cordiality of Eta chapter on the evening preceding the meet and the big day itself and enjoyed the sincere hospitality of their delightful new chapter house. The friendship was not one bit marred by the fact we returned victors from the crew race and also from the track meet by the narrow and exciting margin of 2/5 of a point.

This evening, May second, we have our customary banquet for the graduating seniors. Edith Hutchinson, Edith Ireland, Cordelia Smith and Grace Helmich are the four dear girls to whom we are very reluctant to say farewell. It has been usual to present each one on this occasion with a picture with some Stanford view. This year however some have chosen to receive a silver Gamma Phi Beta spoon instead. We are all going to assemble this evening before the banquet to have a picture taken of the group and if time permits, one will accompany this letter to the CRESCENT.

We are fast approaching the end of the college year and final examinations will be over on May 14. Then follows Senior Week, a series of events which starts with the senior play and culminates with the senior ball, May 19, held at the Hotel Vendome in San José. Then we say a reluctant farewell until we meet again in the fall. Mu chapter sends many best wishes for a delightful summer and wonderful vacation to all her sisters.

PERSONALS

Florence Forbes ('09), spent three weeks with us at the chapter house in April. Miss Forbes was engaged until January in social service work in San Francisco. While in college she was very prominent in women's activities and was a member of the honorary Cap and Gown society.

Ethel Palmer ('10), spent a few days with us in April while on her way home to Los Angeles from a trip to Panama.

Gladys Gill ('11), has left for a three weeks' visit with Anna Louise Hardman ('10), now Mrs. George R. Koehler at the army post in Spokane, Wash.

Ruth Gilbert ('06), has been teaching in the high school at San Diego this year.

Miss Alsea Hansley, Nu, now attending Mills College, spent the week-end at the Stanford chapter house in April.

Ruth Hutchinson ('12), who graduated at the Christmas semester, has been doing post-graduate at the University of Southern Cali-

fornia. Miss Hutchinson intends to return to formally receive her degree at the May commencement exercises.

Miss Marion ('14), who spent this year at Wellesley, expects to return to Stanford to complete her course this coming year.

ENGAGEMENTS

Gladys Allen ('15), announced her engagement to Mr. William Sevier ('14), at the chapter house April 28. The wedding will take place the first week in August at the home of Miss Allen in Los Gatos. The couple will then make their home in Eureka.

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Things are happening at the University of Oregon this spring. With a great deal of enthusiasm we have worked for and watched the development of first a Woman's Athletic Association and then the formation of the Woman's League. It certainly gives one quite an inspiration to be a charter member in two such worth while organizations. With all the glowing reports of the faculty women of like organizations at Michigan and Wisconsin, we can't keep from longing for a woman's building of our own. However we intend to work very hard for it and in 1927 when you all come to convention here in Eugene we will show it to you.

Another step we have made here at Oregon is the adoption by Pan-Hellenic of second semester initiation. This custom will go into effect next year.

As the women of Oregon have received the privilege of voting, the women of the university have taken it upon themselves to investigate the social and political questions of the state. Accordingly the Agora Club has been formed and the members report the meetings very beneficial as well as enjoyable.

As to the social side of life we have also had our share. During our spring vacation, on Saturday, April 19th we entertained some very nice rushees with a luncheon at the Portland Hotel and a theater party afterwards.

The night of April 25, in honor of several week end guests we gave an informal house dance. The next night we all attended the April Frolic. Every woman in the university (there are no men allowed) was dressed in some costume to make her look as strange as possible. Sixteen skits were given, all remarkably good. Afterwards we danced, ate ice cream cones, stick candy, drank punch and had a perfectly good time.

In just two weeks from now, May 8th, will be junior week end. We have much planned, but the weather always has a great deal

to do with the final result. However you may be certain that 1316 Alder street will be filled from attic to cellar and that we intend to give our guests the very best time possible. Flora Dunham has been chosen leading lady in the play to be given Friday night of that week end.

We have decided on some day of the week just before commencement for our spring banquet as more of our alumnae will be able to come then than any other time. Also they will be able to see our six "superior seniors" receive their degrees. I assure you we are all looking forward to a glorious reunion.

With much love and best wishes to the rest of the sisters from Nu chapter.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

When we initiated our pledges we were delighted to have Dorothy Cannon Dodge, (ex-'09), among the number. We had one continual concert the week Mrs. Dodge was here and still express our envy of the audiences who are hearing her beautiful high soprano from the concert stage. Many affairs were given in her honor, among which a luncheon given by Mrs. Jerome Day was especially beautiful. The week preceding initiation was one of jolly and goodnatured fun. Among the stunts our freshmen had to perform were character sketches of the girls, mock concerts, and imitation menageries. The verses recited every evening at dinner gave the most pleasure and disclosed many budding geniuses who sang in honor of Gamma Phi Beta. Katherine Pitcairn, ('15), was unable to be initiated with the other pledges because of an appendicitis operation. Her sister, Helen Pitcairn, ('15), waited with her and both girls were made Gamma Phis on March 2nd, just before Katherine Pitcairn left for her home in Southern Idaho.

Of all our activities and interests since our last letter, our Formal, given March 28th seems most important to us. We were especially pleased because we succeeded in having a truly beautiful dance and, at the same time, fully complied with faculty restrictions on expenditures. The following description is taken from *Argonaut*, the University publication:

"The effect of a delightful garden party was given Friday evening at the Gamma Phi Beta Formal. The party was one of the prettiest of the university season. Green and white were the predominating colors in the decoration, with a very effective use of apple blossoms. The ceiling of the hall was latticed with green and white streamers, while massive pillars with a lattice in green and white and arches of apple blossoms were arranged about the balcony. Beneath the balcony, porch furniture and park seats were placed among ever-

greens and afforded a delightful resting place divided by latticed arches from the dancing floor. During the evening mint punch was served from an old-fashioned well arranged in one corner of the room, and later dainty refreshments were served upon the stage, which had been arranged with a miniature lake in the center while surrounding were palms and evergreens with apple blossoms to relieve the green and white. Among these, tables and couches were arranged. For the Gamma Phi Beta special, a beautiful effect with the crescent and monogram arranged in electric lights was used. During the encore the guests were showered with apple blossoms".

We have instituted a system of faculty dinners on Tuesday evenings and greatly enjoy meeting our instructors on other than a class room footing.

Our four seniors and several home economics instructors have formed a social Thursday evening club. To most of us the club means only savory odors and joyous laughing from closed rooms but to the members it seems to mean a great deal of mutual enjoyment.

On March 15th Miss Isabel Stevens, physical director, entertained the Gamma Phi Beta girls in her classes at an evening party, where an informal program of dancing and candy making was enjoyed.

We have also been entertained at an afternoon tea by Miss Schermerhorn, Home Economics instructor.

Ruth Motie ('16), and Edwina Yearin, ('16) have recently taken part in a program given by the University String Quartette in the city hospitals.

Gamma Phi Beta is active in support of a Woman's Vocational Conference at Pullman, Washington, April 18 and 19. Kathryn Smith ('13) and Iva Emmett ('13), are members of the general committee on arrangements, and many Gamma Phis will be interested auditors of successful women who have taken up varied lines of vocational work.

Our usual large show of college honors must not be forgotten. Elizabeth Hays ('14), and Irene Tosney ('14), have been elected respectively president and vice-president of the Idaho Home Economics Association. Since this association has recently affiliated with the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs, its work has become quite extensive and we are very proud of these important offices. Marguerite Allen ('14), has been elected chairman of the General Committee which has charge of social university teas on Tuesday afternoons. Gladys Collins ('15), has been elected associate editor of the 1914 *Gem of the Mountains Annual*. For the freshman-

sophomore "Bury-the-Hatchet" party given after the class fight March 17, Elizabeth Soulen had a place on the refreshment committee. For the freshman glee April 18, Constance Gyde ('16), and Ruth Motie ('16), are on the decoration committee; Anne Wilmot ('16), program; Alta Taylor ('16), and Edwina Yearin ('16), refreshment. Elizabeth Soulen ('15), has been elected vice-president of the sophomore class. Edwina Yearin ('16), played at a concert given by the university orchestra at Potlatch, Idaho, April 12.

Mrs. Warren Truitt, one of our patronesses, recently gave a luncheon in honor of the Gamma Phi Beta seniors.

We are making extensive plans for entertaining during the interscholastic track meet held here May 1-3. At this time we are able to meet girls from most of the high schools of Idaho and part of Washington, and we are never slow in grasping the opportunity.

Tennis is the only form of athletics in which girls participate at Idaho. A trophy cup is offered each year. Elizabeth Hays ('14), won the cup in competition with Ruth Annett ('13), the last time it was awarded. Marie Kettenbach ('14), and Ruth Annett ('13) are both actively interested in the Tennis Club this year.

Gamma Phi Beta is actively supporting Miss French, Dean of Women, in her efforts for early closing hours at social festivities. We have found that if necessary the "frills and furbelows" can be put on at an earlier hour and look all the better for being removed promptly at midnight.

Idaho Gamma Phis are opposed to sophomore pledging in an institution as small as Idaho University for several reasons: It would mean one year of rushing instead of two weeks as at present, for no matter how strict the rules against it, rushing in some form or another would continue. The freshman year in the house means more to the individual girl than any other year can mean. It is then that she adjusts herself to conditions and allows herself to be adjusted, as would be impossible in her sophomore year. Then the financial end of it, we cannot overlook for we would have a hard time keeping up our house without the freshmen. We sincerely hope that sophomore pledging will not be established.

Our best bit of news is the pledging of Lucile Dermott, who will be initiated when she makes her twelve credits next June.

PERSONALS

Misses Evalyn Cox of Kellogg, Idaho, Anna McDonald and Edith Turner, Wallace, Harriet Bolger, Winchester, Abbie Mix, Clarkia, and Florence Zumhof, Wallace, were out of town guests at the Gamma Phi Beta formal.

Florence Daniels of Potlatch and Kathryn Fix of Lewiston, Idaho, were guests of Gamma Phi Beta and attended the Phi Delta Theta formal, April 12.

Georgie Kaufman ('15), has accepted a position as teacher in the Mullan high school.

Mrs. Quigley, of Seattle, Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta, visited at the Gamma Phi house March 12.

We have been unusually fortunate in visits from mothers of the girls. Mrs. Hays, Boise; Mrs. Gyde and daughter, Sally, Wallace; Mrs. Pitcairn, Twin Falls; and Mrs. Smith, Potlatch, have been our guests since the last letter.

Lois Rowley, ex-'15, Lewiston, made a short visit with us in March.

ENGAGEMENTS

Flo McConnell ('15), has announced her engagement to Proctor K. Perkins, Kappa Sigma.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Louise Richardson, (ex-'12), to Lawrence E. O'Neill, Kappa Sigma.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnard (Veronica Foley '11), a son, Thomas Albert Barnard.

CHICAGO—(NO LETTER)

SYRACUSE

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: We have been very busy the past three months in more ways than one, not individually but collectively, as a chapter. The first meeting after our last letter was held at the home of Mrs. Seth Baker, 801 Walnut Avenue. We had a beautiful time in Mrs. Baker's lovely home and a very enthusiastic meeting. The Syracuse University alumnae association had planned a vaudeville for March 17, to be given for the benefit of the college, and each sorority "on the hill" was invited to give one stunt. To "fill the bill" properly, Gamma Phi had to discover, first, the talent lying dormant in our sisters, and then, spur it to action. To accomplish this, some energetic members announced a Cabaret Show, at Wadleigh Theatre (the home of Mrs. Harriet Budd Wadleigh) and everybody was asked to furnish a number on the program. This was planned and parts assigned at the above mentioned meeting. The Cabaret Show took place March 11, at 8 o'clock. No guests were admitted without fancy dress and mask, so that the guests contributed as much to the amusement of the company as the enter-

tainers proper. Our celebrated orchestra under the leadership of Ruth Laycock gave their usual side-splitting concert and were loudly applauded. There were four "African Blacks" who did the tango and sang the new and popular song "You're My Baby." An Indian war dance and song, given by Alice Graves and Mrs. Sprague, *en costume*, was especially good. After the program, masks were removed and great fun ensued upon the discovery of "who was who." We then journeyed to the large billiard room on the third floor of Wadleigh Theatre where a large fireplace with its blazing logs illumined a repast set out on the white clothed top of the billiard table. We had popcorn balls, peanuts and olives, of course, and toasted marshmallows—Such fun as it was!

Our next meeting for March was a picnic supper at the home of Mrs. E. Adeline Curtis, E. Willow St. I think this was really the largest regular meeting of the year, which fact proves conclusively that Mrs. Curtis is one of the most popular members among us. Each girl brought something, and after the business meeting, supper was served by the committee in charge. At this time the stunt for the vaudeville was discussed and though the talent discovered proved attractive, not one of those who had participated consented to perform in public, so Millicent Hinckley came to our rescue, and presented a Dickens Sketch which pleased everyone. That was accordingly accepted and a committee appointed to run off the number in the style befitting Gamma Phi. A plea from Goucher College was read but our own finances were in such a condition we could not help them. Every cent we have to spare must go to our new chapter house. We feel selfish but we also feel the responsibility of that new home.

The April meeting occurred at the home of Emogene Day, our Chancellor's daughter, and was largely attended. The plans for our part of the coming vaudeville had been carried out and a report showed that all was going well. Miss Beecher ('10), presented a plan for the raising of money for the chapter house, which was approved and accepted with appreciation. A circus is to be given May 5 at the chapter house by alumnae and active girls. The whole house is to be used and there will be a fortune teller, popcorn for sale, a candy booth, a midway and a ring or two with circus stunts taking place therein. We are *so* excited about it and feel "in our bones" that it will be a success financially, and every other way.

The vaudeville by the alumnae of the whole university was given April 17, in the Y. W. C. A. hall. Only ladies were admitted to the audience, which caused a great deal of curiosity among the husbands and men friends of the company. It was a great success and

brought in a fine sum of money. We were very proud of our number, as it was unique in itself, and so well done.

There is a meeting Friday May 2, which our next CRESCENT correspondent will tell you about.

BIRTHS

A child was born to Olive Pierce Kilpatrick ('10) the middle of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Herrick (Olive Hunt '10) are rejoicing in the birth of a child, born in April, 1913.

MARRIAGES

The marriage of Lua Chamberlain Noyes ('00), to Dr. James Meikle Williams occurred January 22, 1913 at the bride's home. Doctor and Mrs. Williams are living at 61 Cortland Ave., Geneva, New York.

June 5, 1913 will occur the marriage of Mildred Fulmer '10, to Mr. John Bloomfield Usher (Cornell) at the home of the bride's parents, 405 E. Fayette St., Syracuse.

June 21, 1913 is the date set for the marriage of Marion Belle Scott ('09) to Mr. Maxwell Brace (Yale) of Tarrytown on the Hudson. The ceremony will occur at the Park Central Church, followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, 204 Summit Avenue.

BOSTON

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Of all dreadful times for a chapter-letter to become due, the arid waste between the Christmas spread and the spring luncheon is the worst for a conscientious disciple of the Immortal George with a blank sheet before her. With which preliminary wail, we proceed.

Boston chapter has been ambling on in her usual unambitious course—her members so caught in the rush of domestic and social service that the meetings on the first Saturday at 284 Dartmouth street are feasts of frivolity and flows of—anything but business, as a reaction. Then we wend our way down Commonwealth Avenue, where the trees and the grass and the nursemaids and the children all have a spring-time, festive air, to luncheon at the big table between the windows at the College Club—the table that holds nine, can seat ten, and has been known to accommodate twelve, when we were forced to eat with our elbows glued to our concaved sides, like trussed turkeys. Beyond that number we annex smaller tables and try not to disturb too much the other denizens of the pretty room.

Some of you who were here at convention may remember this

Club that is such a boon to Boston's scattered college women. It started in a rather Bohemian studio building with two large rooms in 1890. Five years later it was incorporated and enlarged its membership, until now it is nearly a thousand strong, including honorary and non-resident members, and occupies two large neighboring houses on Commonwealth Avenue near the Public Garden. The equipment includes over a dozen bedrooms furnished and named for the various colleges represented in the club membership, a beautiful drawing-room extending across the entire front of both houses, with a large reception room, a members' rest room, and a library behind it; and on the ground floor two public and one private dining room and two reception rooms. The food is daintily served and cooked, and the whole house beautiful and restful in the good taste of its decorations and the quiet ease of its management.

Every Saturday and Monday afternoon the drawing-room is thrown open to members and their guests; usually there is an entertainment of some kind, where rather unusually interesting men and women "do things" for us under the comforting assurance that no report of College-Club affairs ever is allowed to reach the newspapers. Some of us like best the "tea days" when there is no formal entertainment, and the members drift in to a tea-table presided over by a hostess dowered with the gracious tact of the days when there were salons and conversation.

To the present frivolous scribe the chief beauty of the Club is that in it—almost alone of feminine Boston organizations—one is never "proselyting" for new members, never need attend a business meeting unless she wishes to, and where—best of all—there is no chance for philanthropic uplift or social service, search she never so zealously. It is to this, I am certain, that the Club owes its almost masculine atmosphere of leisure and ease, wherein we begin to feel that for a little while we may live our own lives in a quietly-moving, low-voiced, and infinitely pleasant world.

In these brief respites from her life of "sturm und drang," Boston chapter is already beginning to plan for the summer. This year the summer gatherings are to be continued each month, sometimes at the girls' summer homes, sometimes picnic-wise in the open, wherever seems good to the homing teachers who are glad again to see the pin and hear the news that they have missed in the winter months of absence. Foregather with us this summer, all sisters of any chapter, who intend to make even a temporary home in Boston. The circle expands readily and comfortably. Try it.

A happy, restful vacation to all of you, is Boston's parting benediction. Lo! She proceeds to take a little of the same prescription herself.

DEATHS

Boston chapter extends its deepest sympathy to Grace Newhall and Bess Newhall Sanger ('99) in the loss of their mother. So many of us have known her kindly interest in the sorority that meant so much to her girls, that ours is a personal as well as sympathetic sense of loss in this sudden going of so beautiful and sympathetic a Gamma Phi mother.

BIRTHS

Boston chapter reports the arrival, early in March, of a son to Eugenie Ward Rigby ('01). His mother reports that during the first few days the missing Inaugural Bawl might be witnessed in Mansfield. We hope that "beyond these voices there is peace."

NEW YORK

Since we last chatted with you through the CRESCENT, we have had two regular meetings and our spring banquet which is the final meeting of the year.

Edna Stitt, assisted by five of the members entertained us at her home on March first. We were pleased to have as guests, Mrs. Priest, Delta, Louise Putnam, Boston alumnae, Mrs. Garth and Mrs. Williams, Lambda, Mrs. Clara Bingham Collins, Alpha, Mrs. Helen Worrall Haight, Iota, Alice Malleson, and Louise Comes of Iota.

Our meeting on April fifth was with Mrs. Gertrude Hulse Beakes, at her new home in Prospect Park, White Plains. How we admired her house, her view, and her conservatory with real tomatoes, endive, and lettuce growing as well as flowers. Our guests of the day were Mrs. Marion Williams Jolly (A '08), and Mrs. Marion Heffron Porter (A ex-'09).

On April 26 we had our spring banquet at the Hotel Marie Antoinette, a bit earlier than usual in order to escape the finals at Barnard. Our menu and toast list cards were most attractively done by Mrs. Graham, who drew and painted little Japanese scenes in Gamma Phi Colors. Hazel Plate was toastmistress and her plan was an up-to-date one of Progress in Art, Suffrage, Economics, History and Music.

Helen Newbold was possessed of the rhyming spirit once again so I shall let you enjoy her Economic Progress with us.

"I'm supposed to deal with Progress

Of the economic kind,

But if I stray to other things

I hope that you won't mind!

We're all of us so busy

With the things we have to do

That we do not always notice
Some change from old to new.
So it's well to stop and ponder,
Lest we fall behind the band,
And appreciate the progress
That is sweeping o'er our land.
We may not be commuters
To the far off Jersey wilds,
But we ought to get acquainted
With the tubes that span those miles.
No more breakfast in the pantry,
No more running for the boat,
You can stop to buy a paper
And to button up your coat
All you do is take the tunnel
And you land at Fulton Street,
Without delays or worry
For the boss you know you'll beat.
We've become so well acquainted
With the autos in the street
That I really shouldn't wonder
If, when next we meet,
We'll see a cloud approaching
And, as our necks we crane,
Some one will come encroaching
With a forty bird power aeroplane.
But this is only surmise
Which I'll leave for time to tell,
And return to things more certain
That we think will serve us well.
The Parcel Post we greet with joy,
And hope it's come to stay
For it's surely most convenient
And more useful every day.
In weight up to eleven pounds,
In any shape designed,
No more than seventy-two inches
In length and girth combined.
These are the regulations
As to size and also weight
On the limit as to contents,
I will now expatiate:
One may send the produce of the farm,
Fresh eggs and other food

But pistols and revolvers
Are among the things tabooed.
No intoxicating liquors
Even if the lid is off,
Or bombs, or other missiles
That there's danger may go off.
That first enlightening sentence,
'The produce of the farm,
Is the thing that makes our eyes grow bright,
And makes our hearts grow warm.
High cost of living, out of sight!
Go, hide your head in shame.
Your day of vantage is no more
No victims can you claim.
We're living better, spending less,
Our appetites improve,
No fear of ptomaine poisoning
From our parcel posted food.
Revision of the Tariff
Is another step we're taking,
And while it does seem radical,
May it prove invigorating!
Free meats, free wool, free lumber,
Have already made men sore,
But I wonder how those men will feel
When sugar is no more?
If the income tax is levied
And the Tariff Bill goes thro'
We shall have to turn our efforts
To 'green fields and pastures new.'
But in a scheme of peace, I fear,
Our progress has abated,
For Mexico both struck the blow,
And then retaliated.
Then too, if California
Scorns the President's appeal,
A Japanese uprising
May endanger public weal.
And now I think I've covered
All the things I had to say,
And I haven't any real excuse
For a prolonged delay.
So let us toast this progress
With our banners all unfurled

For 'God's in His Heaven
And all's right with the world.'

Many of us are hoping to join Iota in her house party at Point Pleasant from June fifth to the twelfth. We are sorry to say fare-well so early this spring, but it seems we must.

PERSONALS

We extend to Florence Heermans our sincerest sympathy at this time in the sudden death of her father at his home in Clifton Springs, N. Y., Friday April 25.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson (Linda Savitz, I '08) a daughter, April 24, '13.

MILWAUKEE (NO LETTER)

SAN FRANCISCO

Since the last letter we have had two very interesting and pleasant meetings.

The February meeting was held with Mrs. Thompson at her lovely new home in Alameda, at the edge of the Bay. After business was dispensed with, we enjoyed her garden of tulips, narcissus and other spring plants, and then had a fine visit with each other over the tea cups. It is these visits that bring us all together again, for we get news of our friends who are now so scattered. At this meeting we were fortunate enough to enroll four new members in our chapter, some of the "younger girls" who are just eligible, and some who have been away and not able to be active before.

The March meeting was in the form of a luncheon to the seniors of both universities, California and Stanford. Our loyal and always enthusiastic and generous Mrs. Colby received us at her home, as she has done many times before, and gave us an unusually good time and good luncheon. We older girls enjoyed meeting the about-to-be graduates, and certainly got more of the "breeze" of college than we have had in many a day. There were plans for the examinations, the balls, and finally for the class days all enthusiastically described. We sincerely hope that we may be fortunate enough to secure some of this enthusiasm for our chapter in the near future.

On April 4 the alumnae were invited to the annual spring banquet which was given at our chapter house in Berkeley. It was an occasion of the greatest satisfaction for many reasons. In the first place, this gathering once a year, in our best clothes at a formal affair, seems to round out our sorority relations, and there

is never one of us who enjoys such an evening that is not gladder than ever that she is a Gamma Phi. In the second place, this is the first time we have ever had a successful banquet in our own home, and this year the enjoyment was keener because the house is really ours, and we could entirely and happily feel at "home." The toasts were fine, the general theme being "Our New House, Founded on a Rock." The past trials, tears and laughter of the members who have been in the chapter from its beginning were recounted, and when Miss Redington had finished her story of the succession of houses we have "inhabited," we all felt like giving a rousing cheer both for the patience and hard work of those who have made our new home a real thing, and for the new home itself.

The summer vacation is near at hand, and San Francisco Alumnae send greetings to all the sister chapters, and hope that the summer may be one of pleasure and recreation for one and all.

PERSONALS

Bertha Knox has been confined to her bed with an injured knee for the last several months, but we are glad to say that the cast has been taken off, and we are hoping that she may recover so rapidly that she will be able to follow out her original plans and spend the summer in the mountains, "homesteading" her claim.

Lillian Parker Allen is still in Europe, and we miss her, but are glad she is having such a fine trip.

Florence Ewing is also "over there," enjoying things in a leisurely manner.

Bess Rothermel is making a distinct name for herself at Columbia University where she has taken up the chemistry of foods and cooking. She has her own laboratory and is already an authority.

BIRTH

Margaret Henderson Sawyer ('04), has a little daughter.

DENVER

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Spring is very much in the air today, and brings with it a hot breath that suggests what may be in store for us in the days to come. Following close upon the heels of a cold snap and snow-storm, such a day is a relief but sets us a-puffing with thoughts of what our summer days may be. Still we in Colorado are fortunate, for the refreshing breeze from the Rockies seldom fails us and brings relief to otherwise oppressive days.

The time has passed very swiftly since our last CRESCENT letter and how that time has been spent is as quickly told. Three great

events in the chapter life stand out in our memory of the past month. It is indeed a privilege for us to be so near a college chapter, for our interest in and co-operation with Theta chapter brings us into close touch with the college life.

We have talked about "our play" and "our lodge" so much that to our readers the topics, no doubt, seem worn out. But I am sure that if you could attend one of our plays or join hands with us in our little new home, you would become as enthusiastic as we are.

Theta's ninth annual play is now a thing of the past and a topic of much animated conversation. Lindsey Barbee has mounted another round in the ladder of fame and has given us the best of her great talent. The play, "The Thread of Destiny" was as nearly perfectly produced as could be done by amateurs; the individual parts were well chosen and splendidly acted, while under the capable management of Kittie Lee Bishop and Ella Belle Connor, two alumnae, the proceeds far exceed those of other year's plays.

Since our lodge is completed and ready now to be furnished, a part of the proceeds of the play and moneys otherwise earned are being used to swell the furnishing fund. To help in this matter the alumnae chapter, last Thursday, April 24, gave an unique and very enjoyable entertainment. Mrs. Ida Kruse McFarlane, an instructor of English at Denver University, graciously consented to lecture for us. Her subject was "Irish Literature" and was one upon which she was well able to speak, especially since her return only a few months ago from Ireland, where she had the opportunity of talking with one of the Irish dramatists. Mrs. Moore again opened her beautiful house to us, and in those lovely surroundings, with a perfect lecture delivered by a charming woman, and among many friends, each one voted the afternoon a great success and begrudged not a whit the fifty cents admission.

With the smiles from the day before still lingering on our faces, we joined Theta on Friday the 25th in their supper for their high school guests and later in the evening a reception to the college men. That was the night of the annual reception to high school seniors given by the faculty of the university, and was chosen by the Theta girls for their first house opening. How proud we all were of our perfect little home, and how we sang, the songs interspersed with little shrieks of joy. Many were loath to leave the bright fireplace with its new brass andirons, or the cunning little kitchen where the ice-cream freezers stood, to go to the gymnasium and listen to the entertainment there.

But how much time I have spent in telling all this; what a little it seems after all, and yet how much it has meant to us. Before the next letter is due we shall have had more "stunts" so I am

hoping for some interesting things to tell you next time. For we have yet our spring banquet in store, and are planning a big "house-warming" to which all our friends will be invited.

Now we wish for each sister a successful completion of the year's work and a restful, happy, vacation.

RUTH E. WHEELER.

PERSONALS

Eva S. Davis and Margaret S. Carman (Theta '08), leave early in June for a six months' trip in Europe. Denver alumnae will greatly miss them this summer but we congratulate them on their great good fortune.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henderson, (Zena West, Eta '02), have a baby son, James Reid Jr., who arrived March 4, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Loring C. Lennox (Lucy S. Moore, Theta '08) are also the proud parents of a little son, William Orin, born April 20, 1913.

MINNESOTA

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi: There has been a great deal said about "tempus fugiting," but the mystery of its disappearance seems particularly unexplainable when commencement time rolls around each year and everybody wonders where the year has gone. To be sure it may have seemed long "in spots," but when we come face to face with the realization that it is over, we can not help wondering what in the world we have accomplished in all that time. Our work this year as an alumnae chapter has seemed to center about our annual sale which we held in December and which we have already described to you. In the fall our meetings were devoted to plans and the preparation of articles for that event, and since that time we have been busy disposing of the proceeds. That sounds as if we were closely related to the money kings, doesn't it? Unfortunately, such is not the case, but even if it were, I doubt if we could enjoy more our discussions of the needs of the house and the active chapter. The pros and cons of both these interesting subjects are eagerly debated at our meetings and with Marion Jones, the house chaperone, acting as what Benson might call "the moderator of the talk," we have some very profitable discussions. And our discussions are by no means limited to local problems. We are very much interested in expansion and a number of our girls away from here are keeping us informed about new places where it might be desirable for Gamma Phi to go. The last CRESCENT left nothing further to be said of such articles as the *Century* has been pleased to publish about sororities. As to the agitation in state legislatures

about the fraternity question, we feel that such organizations in high school should be abolished, but college fraternities, decidedly not.

We have had three regular meetings since our last CRESCENT letter. The first was held Feb. 28, with Alice Redfield Davis, the next with Eva Kaye on March 28, and the last one with Ruth Spear Newkirk on April 25. The final alumnae meeting comes May 30, with the Misses Hitchcock, but we consider our spring banquet the real close of the year, for of course that includes everyone—active, alumnae and all Gamma Phis in town. This year our banquet will be held May 24 at The Leamington in Minneapolis.

Minnesota sends you all the best of good wishes for the best of summers.

PERSONALS

Ruth Hall (Kappa ex-'09), of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, has been visiting Mary Bierer Albritton (Epsilon '08), in St. Paul.

Gamma Phi Beta was well represented in a very successful play recently given by the College Women's Club in Minneapolis. Ellen Brooks, Rewey Belle Inglis and Katherine Crocker took important parts and Helen Lovell had charge of the properties.

Margaret Bell Corson (Kappa '05), is in Avondale, Penn., and is soon going to South America to live.

Geraldine Brown Batson (Mu), is going to California to attend the Stanford commencement and will visit in California for two months.

Georgia Campbell Kieth (Kappa '06), of Princeton, Minn., and Lynnferd McMahon (Kappa '12), of Fergus Falls, Minn., came to Minneapolis for grand opera.

Grace Kingsley Wales (Kappa '08), of Sewaren, New Jersey and Sara Preston Finley (Kappa '07), of Centralia, Wash., will spend the summer in Minneapolis.

Ruth Fagundus, Margaret Menzel and Eva Wilkinson have returned from California.

Mary Hought (Kappa '10) is visiting Helen Jewett (Kappa '11), at Fergus Falls, Minn.

Mary Bierer Albritton has gone to housekeeping at 1049 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul.

Nina Miller Casady (Gamma) has come to Minneapolis to live.

Lorena Kreider (Kappa ex-'09), will visit in Denver this summer.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement of Ruth Tallant, (Kappa '09), to Mr. Oscar Peterson of Litchfield, Minn., has been announced. The wedding will take place in May.

MARRIAGE

The marriage of Natalie Niles (Kappa ex-'13), and Mr. Arthur Smith of Anoka has been announced.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Tudor (Margaret Kinney, ex-'13) on April 5, twin boys, Richard Berrisford and Robert Bruce.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, it has pleased a kind and loving Father to take from our midst our beloved sister, Josephine Ross Fisher, and

Whereas, we appreciate her great beauty of character and patience in long suffering, and realize the loss that our order has sustained, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we express to the members of her family our sympathy in their affliction, and that copies of these resolutions be sent to them and published in the CRESCENT, our sorority magazine.

CARRIE E. MORGAN.

ADAH G. GRANDY.

For Gamma Chapter.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER MEETINGS

ALPHA meets every Friday evening at 7:30 in the chapter house,
117 Euclid Avenue.

BETA

GAMMA meets every Monday evening at 7:00 in the chapter house.

DELTA meets in the chapter rooms, 284 Dartmouth Street.

EPSILON meets every Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 P. M. at the
sorority rooms, fourth floor of Willard Hall.

ZETA meets every Saturday evening at 307 East 24th Street.

ETA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house,
2732 Channing Way.

THETA meets every Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the Lodge in
University Park.

IOTA meets every Monday afternoon at 4:00 at Miss Kimball's
apartment, 3129 Broadway.

KAPPA meets Monday afternoon at 5:00 at the chapter house,
1018 University Ave., S. E.

LAMBDA chapter meetings are held on Monday evenings at 6:45 at
the chapter house, 4524-17th St., N. E.

MU

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XI meets every Monday afternoon at 5:00 at the chapter house.

BOSTON meets the first Saturday of each month at 11:00 A. M. at
284 Dartmouth Street.

CHICAGO meets the first Saturday of each month at the Chicago
College Club Rooms—Fine Arts Building, Luncheon at 12:30.

SYRACUSE

DENVER meets fortnightly at 3:00 on Friday at the homes of
members.

NEW YORK meets October 19, December 7, January 11, March 1,
April 5, at 1:00 at homes of members. Banquet in May.

MINNESOTA meets the last Friday of the month at the homes of
members. Banquet in May.

SAN FRANCISCO

MILWAUKEE

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR FEBRUARY: *The Beta Theta Pi*; *The Circle of Zeta Psi*; *To Dragma of Alpha Omicron Pi*; *Quarterly of Delta Chi*.

FOR MARCH: *Banta's Greek Exchange*; *Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*; *Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon*; *Journal of Kappa Alpha*; *Aglaia of Phi Mu*; *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Cross Keys of Kappa Kappa Kappa*; *Quarterly of Delta Upsilon*; *Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta*; *Quarterly of Alpha Phi*; *Quarterly of Alpha Gamma Delta*.

FOR APRIL: *Arrow of Pi Beta Phi*; *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*.

FRATERNITY EXPANSION

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Kansas State College.

Delta Chi—Iowa.

Phi Mu—Hanover, Maine, Knox.

Pi Beta Phi—Stetson.

Sigma Kappa—Kansas.

Alpha Gamma Delta—Northwestern.

Alpha Omicron Pi—Minnesota.

Beta Sigma Omicron—Hollins.

Chi Omega—Miami.

Delta Delta Delta—Nevada, Wyoming, Cornell.

Alpha Chi Omega—James Millikin.

FRATERNITY CONVENTIONS

JUNE:

17-19 Sigma Iota Chi at St. Louis, Mo.

24-27 Kappa Alpha Theta at Lake Minnewaska, N. Y.

24-27 Sigma Sigma Sigma at Buffalo, N. Y.

26-28 Delta Gamma at Niagara Falls, Ont.

Alpha Kappa Psi at Jacksonville, Fla.

Alpha Sigma Alpha at Alliance, Ohio.

Sigma Chi at Oxford, Ohio.

Omega Upsilon Phi at Denver, Colo.

Phi Mu at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

JULY:

8-11 Sigma Kappa at Denver, Colo.

Banta's Greek Exchange.

In *Banta's Greek Exchange* for March, Miss Fitch, editor of *The Trident* and Mr. John De Moss Ellis of Phi Delta Theta have interesting articles that answer definitely and conclusively Miss Rickert's much discussed literary effort in the November *Century*. In this same number, Dr. T. B. Pearson, editor of the *Phi Chi Quarterly* makes a plea for the professional fraternity and Miss Pomeroy, editor of *The Arrow* tells of the work of Pi Beta Phi.

The following—clipped from the *Kappa Alpha Theta*—is interesting:

There are six squelch societies at Goucher; one in the senior, one in the junior, two in the sophomore, and one in the freshman class, and one composed of all the red-haired girls in college.

The membership of the senior society is limited to nine. It is supposed to represent the most prominent girls in the class, but when one looks at the division of membership, one sees the futility of this argument in behalf of the *raison d'être* of society. Alpha Phi has always one member, Tau Kappa Pi—a local—two, Gamma Phi Beta two, Delta Gamma one, Kappa Alpha Theta one, Pi Beta Phi one, and non-fraternity one. Every spring each graduating member chooses, with the approval of the other eight members, the girl in her fraternity whom she wishes to succeed her.

This is the mode of election in all the squelch societies. Sometimes an exception is made; for instance, this year the senior Thetas were so strong that one Gamma Phi Beta was replaced by a second Theta.

This society is known as the *Red strings*, for on every Friday, and on every college occasion, the members appear with a narrow red ribbon slung around their necks and tantalizingly hanging on the left shoulder. What is more natural than that an innocent freshman should attempt to straighten the ribbon or ask its meaning; and what more reminiscent of the horse-play of Shakespeare's time than the senior's rude reply or freezing look? Fun for the experienced onlookers perhaps, but burning mortification for the victim.

There are seven members in the junior society, called the *Forks*. On a certain day of the week, the members wear around their left arms a band of black velvet on which is embroidered a fork. Alpha Phi has one member, Gamma Phi Beta one, Tau Kappa Pi one, Delta Gamma one, non-fraternity two.

There are two sophomore societies; the *Whistles* and the *O³S³s*. The membership of the latter society is very limited, only three fraternities being represented: Delta Gamma with two, Tau Kappa Pi with three, and Alpha Phi with three. On their special day of

the week, they wear to all their class-rooms their caps and gowns; on the backs of the gowns are pasted large figures of O^3S^3 cut from gold paper. The *Whistles* have a wider field of membership; two from Kappa Alpha Theta, one from Alpha Phi, one from Pi Beta Phi, one from Tau Kappa Pi, one from Gamma Phi Beta, one from Delta Gamma, and two non-fraternity girls. They wear little silver pins in the shape of a whistle.

After pledge-day each fall eight freshmen, two each from Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, and Tau Kappa Pi, and two non-fraternity girls, are made *Tea Pots*. Their insigne is a pin formed like a tea-pot.

The squelch society whose basis for membership is most reasonable, is that of the *Titian Tints*, for any girl boasting red hair is eligible for membership.

In view of the fact that $A \Phi$, $\Gamma \Phi B$ and $A \Gamma \Delta$, were all "Mothered" at Syracuse, and that our expansion and policies have all been similar, this note from the *Trident* is interesting.

The January *Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta is quite interesting to outsiders who have long wondered how long Gamma Phi would persist in her non-expansion policy, in the present age of expansion of everything. This number of the *CRESCENT* might be called an "Appeal for Expand." Gamma Phi has been the least progressive in the matter of expansion, of any of the fraternities, having granted but six charters since 1897. Alpha Phi is a close second with only eight in that length of time. Judging from the *CRESCENT* there are now Gamma Phis who realize this policy in this age does not bring the same results that such a policy did twenty years ago.—*Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

The following statistics, reprinted by the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi from the *Shield and Diamond* of Pi Kappa Alpha are exceedingly interesting.

All figures given below are explained, so that the reader may know and see exactly how they are derived. And in case he does not agree with the ranking, as gained directly from the figures, he will at least know how the fraternities compare with each other in the different phases of fraternity strength—the wealth of the national fraternity; average wealth of the chapters; average age of the chapters in order of establishment at the schools; and more which, as said before, are derived by a compilation of the figures in *Baird's Manual*.

NATIONAL WEALTH OF THE FRATERNITIES

GENERAL		EASTERN		WOMEN	
1. B Θ Π.....	\$734,750	Δ K E.....	\$603,000	K A Θ.....	\$95,250
2. Φ Δ Θ.....	682,000	A Δ Φ.....	566,000	A Φ.....	72,000
3. Φ Γ Δ.....	483,000	Ψ T.....	504,000	Δ Γ.....	58,500
4. Φ K Ψ.....	447,600	X Ψ.....	397,000	Γ Φ B.....	58,200
5. Δ T Δ.....	412,200	Z Ψ.....	376,000	K K Γ.....	58,000
6. Δ T.....	392,500	X Φ.....	293,000	X Ω.....	53,500
7. Σ A E.....	368,500	Δ Φ.....	269,000	Π B Φ.....	37,000
8. K Σ.....	309,600	Δ Ψ.....	245,500	A Ξ Δ.....	20,000
9. Σ N.....	289,600	Θ Δ X.....	232,250	Δ Δ Δ.....	16,000
10. Σ X.....	254,900	Σ Φ.....	194,000	Σ K.....	12,000
11. Φ K Σ.....	230,500	K A.....	143,500	A X Ω.....	3,000
12. A T Ω.....	157,750	A X P.....	75,500	B Σ O.....	2,900
13. Φ Σ K.....	144,000			Φ M.....	1,500
14. K A.....	78,000			A O Π.....	1,200
15. A Σ Φ.....	46,500				
16. Θ X.....	30,500				
17. Π K A.....	26,500				
18. Σ Φ E.....				

AVERAGE WEALTH OF FRATERNITY CHAPTERS

GENERAL		EASTERN		WOMEN	
1. Φ K Ψ.....	\$10,409	Δ Ψ.....	\$35,071	A Φ.....	\$4,235
2. B Θ Π.....	10,205	A Δ Φ.....	22,640	Γ Φ B.....	4,157
3. Δ T.....	9,813	Δ Φ.....	22,417	K A Θ.....	2,886
4. Φ Δ Θ.....	9,216	X Ψ.....	22,060	Δ Γ.....	2,659
5. Φ K Σ.....	8,537	Ψ T.....	21,913	X Ω.....	2,229
6. Φ Γ Δ.....	8,186	Σ Φ.....	21,555	K K Γ.....	1,611
7. Δ T Δ.....	7,361	K A.....	20,500	A Ξ Δ.....	1,250
8. Φ Σ K.....	5,334	Z Ψ.....	15,667	Σ K.....	1,200
9. Σ A E.....	5,118	Δ K E.....	14,357	Π B Φ.....	860
10. A Σ Φ.....	4,650	X Φ.....	13,953	Δ Δ Δ.....	421
11. Σ N.....	4,323	Θ Δ X.....	8,933	B Σ O.....	223
12. Σ X.....	3,983	A X P.....	6,290	A X Ω.....	166
13. K Σ.....	3,920			Φ M.....	166
14. Θ X.....	3,500			A O Π.....	86
15. A T Ω.....	2,450				
16. K A.....	1,446				
17. Π K A.....	803				
18. Σ Φ E.....				

NUMBER OF CHAPTER HOUSES OWNED BY FRATERNITIES

GENERAL		EASTERN		WOMEN	
1. Φ Δ Θ.....	48	Δ K E.....	32	K A Θ & Π B Φ.....	8
2. B Θ Π.....	47	Ψ T & A Δ Φ.....	19	A Φ & X Ω.....	5
3. Φ Γ Δ.....	34	X Φ & Θ Δ X.....	15	Γ Φ B, Δ Γ & K K Γ.....	4
4. Σ A E.....	29	Z Ψ.....	14	Δ Δ Δ & B Σ O.....	2
5. Σ X.....	29	X Ψ.....	12	A Ξ Δ, Σ K, A X Ω.....	1
6. Φ K Ψ.....	28	Σ Φ.....	8	Φ M & A O Π.....	1
7. Δ T Δ.....	24	Δ Φ.....	7		
8. K Σ.....	23	Δ Ψ.....	6		
9. Δ T.....	23	K A.....	5		
10. Σ N.....	22	A X P.....	4		
11. A T Ω.....	15				
12. Φ K Σ.....	10				
13. K A.....	9				
14. Φ Σ K.....	6				
15. Π K A.....	4				
16. A Σ Φ.....	3				
17. Θ X.....	3				
18. Σ Φ E.....	0				

PERCENTAGE OF ACTIVE CHAPTERS OWNING HOUSES

GENERAL		EASTERN		WOMEN	
1. B Θ Π	65.3	Σ Φ	88.8	A Φ	29.4
2. Φ K Ψ	65.1	Δ Ψ	85.7	Γ Φ B.....	28.5
3. Φ Δ Θ	64.8	Ψ T	82.6	K A Θ	24.2
4. Φ Γ Δ	57.6	Δ K E.....	78.5	X Ω	20.8
5. Δ T	57.5	A Δ Φ	76.0	Π B Φ	18.6
6. Σ X	45.3	K A	71.4	Δ Γ	18.2
7. Δ T Δ	42.8	X Φ	71.4	B Σ O.....	15.4
8. Σ A E.....	40.3	X Ψ	66.7	K K Γ	11.1
9. Φ K Σ	37.0	Δ Φ	58.3	Φ M	11.1
10. Σ N	32.8	Z Ψ	58.3	Σ K	10.0
11. A Σ Φ	30.0	Θ Δ X.....	57.7	A O Π	7.1
12. Θ X	30.0	A X P.....	33.3	A Ξ Δ	6.3
13. K Σ	29.0			A X Ω	5.5
14. A T Ω	24.2			Δ Δ Δ	5.2
15. Φ Σ K.....	22.2				
16. K A	19.1				
17. Π K A.....	12.1				
18. Σ Φ E.....	0.0				

The average order of the establishment of the chapters of the fraternities is next given. This is valuable and accurate in comparing in "eastern" fraternities; and also between the "general" ones that cover the *same territory*, i. e., between Σ N or K Σ , and Δ T Δ or Φ K Ψ ; but not between Φ Σ K and K Σ , as the latter's figures would be lowered because a large percentage of its chapters are in the South in small colleges with few chapters at them. Hence the figures given are those of the average order of establishment of the fraternities' chapters at the colleges:

AVERAGE ORDER OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRATERNITIES'
CHAPTERS AT THE COLLEGES

GENERAL		EASTERN		WOMEN	
0. K A	3.42	K A	4.00	K A Θ	2.00
1. B Θ Π	3.84	Δ Ψ	4.87	K K Γ	2.16
2. Φ Δ Θ	4.35	A Δ Φ	5.25	Π B Φ	2.75
3. Σ X	4.68	Δ K E.....	5.39	Δ Γ	3.33
4. Φ K Ψ	4.93	X Φ	5.47	Γ Φ B.....	3.50
5. Π K A.....	5.39	Z Ψ	5.70	A Φ	3.90
6. Φ Γ Δ	5.54	Δ Φ	5.90	Δ Δ Δ	4.10
7. A T Ω	5.64	Ψ T	6.00	A Ξ Δ	4.45
8. Σ A E.....	5.66	Θ Δ X.....	6.24	X Ω	4.95
9. K Σ	5.88	X Ψ	6.83	A O Π	5.20
10. Δ T	6.62	Σ Φ	8.50	A X Ω	5.90
11. Δ T Δ	6.82	A X P.....	12.70	Σ K	6.00
12. Σ N	6.89				
13. Φ K Σ	7.65				
14. Θ X	8.00				
15. Σ Φ E.....	10.10				
16. Φ Σ K.....	10.12				
17. A Σ Φ	16.30				

A greater question of personal opinion then arises, in ranking these fraternities. Authorities would differ as to how much importance should be placed on the different items listed above. These opinions, however, would all center about the same thing. The rank of the fraternities as given below, is based upon the strength in the important items listed above; having more or less importance placed on each one according to its value as a part in a total of all.

There is no doubt but that a due regard must be given for a creditable growth in the number of chapters—hence, the regard and extra stress was laid upon the number of owned chapter houses. Also, “age” can not be given as of much importance, for the reason that if it were, fraternities such as ΣN , $K \Sigma$, $\Pi K A$, $K A$, $A T \Omega$, and $\Sigma A E$, would be ranked impartially, as they entered into such a large number of schools in the South where the number of chapters in a school is comparatively small. One can see by taking the totals of any fraternity’s rank in the different columns above, and averaging them, that the most stress has been laid on the number of chapter houses, national wealth, and wealth per chapter, in the order named; and thus the most importance was placed upon the points which are more a criterion of the national standing of the fraternity. In this manner credit for the size of the fraternity, which is certainly due, is given; and at the same time the surprising importance of the ultra-conservative fraternities in the fraternal world is shown.

This table shows, then, the *average position* of the fraternities in the tables above, after making allowance for the excess importance of some of them, and is the only practical method of solving the rank of the national fraternities.

GENERAL AVERAGE

GENERAL		EASTERN		*WOMEN	
1. B Θ Π	1.0	A Δ Φ	1.5	K A Θ	1.0
2. Φ Δ Θ	2.2	Δ K E, Ψ T, Δ Ψ ...	2.8	K K Γ	3.7
3. Φ K Ψ	2.8	X Ψ	6.0	A Φ	3.8
4. Φ Γ Δ	4.0	X Φ	6.3	Γ Φ B.....	4.0
5. Δ T.....	5.2	Σ Φ	6.8	Δ Γ	4.1
6. Δ T Δ	6.2	Δ Φ	7.8	Π B Φ	4.4
7. Σ A E.....	7.2	Z Ψ	8.0	X Ω	6.8
8. Σ X.....	7.3	K A.....	9.0	Δ Δ Δ	8.0
9. Φ K Σ	9.5	Θ Δ X.....	11.0	A Ξ Δ	9.0
10. Σ N.....	10.2	A X P.....	12.0		
11. K Σ	10.5				
12. A T Ω	12.3				
13. K A.....	13.5				
14. Φ Σ K.....	13.6				
15. Π K A.....	15.1				
16. A Σ Φ	15.2				
17. Θ X.....	15.3				
18. Σ Φ E.....	18.8				

*In ranking the women’s fraternities, of course the most importance was placed on the age of the chapters.

The April number of *The Arrow* fully handles the suffrage question. Each active chapter and each alumnae club was asked to vote upon the matter; opinions of many alumnae are cited—and the statistics are interesting. An interesting sketch of Carrie C. Catt, world woman suffrage leader, an article, “The Enfranchisement of Women” by Mrs. Catt, “The Views of an Anti-Suffragist,” “The Woman Suffrage Movement in Great Britian,” are a few titles which give an idea of this interesting and distinctive number.

The Michigan Junior Hop, greatest of Michigan's social events and one of the most magnificent balls in the college world, has been abolished. The action was taken by the faculty, the immediate impetus for the step being given by the near riot that occurred at the doors of the recent hop, when a mob of students and townspeople, seeking admission to the gallery whence they might watch the great ball, overpowered the university officers and janitors, battered down the gymnasium doors with sections of gas main, and so obtained access to the hall.

The fact that the tango and other objectionable forms of dancing were indulged in, despite a strongly expressed sentiment against them, was another reason advanced by the faculty in support of their measure suppressing the hop. The general extravagance of the affair also caused much criticism. This last feature had caused the people of the state to make a strong protest.

Plans are being laid to move toward the re-establishment of the annual ball. It seems evident that a strong effort in this direction will be made. One suggestion is that the affair be taken out of the hands of the fraternities and put in charge of the Michigan Union.

The war on the tango in the university dancing circles is growing in vigor. The women of the university have gone on record as opposed to it and to all other forms of dancing that may be regarded as objectionable. The action was taken by a resolution adopted by the Women's League. The men's organization, the Michigan Union, after first limiting the tango, has now suppressed it completely, neither the tango or any similar dances or "clutch holds" being allowed on the Union floor where a majority of the University dances are held.—Ann Arbor correspondence, *New York Times*, February 23, 1913.

Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

The sorority system is on trial. The recent action debarring fraternities from the University of Wooster—though this was influenced by financial motives—makes us ponder on the matter. From *Banta's Greek Exchange* we clip the following:

Last year sororities were abolished at Brown University and Shorter College, and in the Mississippi State colleges sororities and fraternities were both ousted. In Ohio a bill is to be introduced into the legislature to remove all Greek-letter orders from the state-supported institutions, while already several privately endowed colleges have taken steps for their abolition. So violent has the agitation against them become at the University of Texas that the non-fraternity students have issued a pamphlet stating the

grounds of their opposition and containing the following resolutions adopted at a mass meeting January 8, 1913: "Whereas we, the non-fraternity students of the University of Texas, believe that the further existence of fraternities and sororities is detrimental to the best interest of this University, and whereas, the question of their abolishment is to be considered in the coming session of the legislature; wherefore, be it resolved, that we, in mass meeting assembled, do respectfully petition that the President, Faculty, and Board of Regents of the University do co-operate with us in the present movement to abolish said fraternities and sororities, and lend their aid and support to any bill to that effect which may be submitted." To what is this growing opposition due? Is it merely personal antagonism of those who are not of the Greek World? Is it the thoughtful well-considered opposition of those who are in a position to know! Or are we ourselves to blame for the evil days that have fallen upon us? Whatever be the cause, it rests with us of the Greek world so to conduct ourselves and our orders that all such opposition shall be harmless to us in its final results.

And from *Kappa Alpha Theta*:

Fraternities are not things apart, but part of college life—a truth completely ignored by the opposition. A fair decision of this fraternity question can be reached only by a thorough study of the environment of *each* college and of the fraternities as a *part* of that environment. If at any institution such a study should *prove* fraternities inimical to the best life in that college, there is no fraternity that would not cheerfully and gladly withdraw from said college. Usefulness and helpfulness are part of the creed of every such organization, and only in such an atmosphere can fraternity life be of value to members or college.

As a nation we are in the throes of a popular struggle for greater democracy, so the charge "undemocratic" is hurled at the fraternities. Why? Because of a failure to appreciate the meaning of democracy. That Judge Doe and Editor Smith find relaxation in different social circles of the same city does not prove either of them "undemocratic."

Literature and history eloquently attest the great value of personal friendships. The very nature of friendship limits the number of one's friends, and he who tries to be friends with all the world, knows no one and no one knows him. A kindly interest in all mankind and a wide acquaintanceship in one's community are most desirable, but it is an abuse of a beautiful thing to confuse these with friendship.

In our commendable zeal for the good of the whole, we must not lose sight of the need for personal development of the individual. Those with no inner shrine of their own have little to contribute to the world. All social life common for a student body of fifty may be a delightful possibility, but for a student body of hundreds it becomes an impracticable impossibility.

The so-called selfishness urged against fraternities is a characteristic of all human institutions. Even a church makes a distinction between members and non members. Is a woman selfish because she marries only one of the half dozen men who aspired to become her husband? The fraternity idea is not patented, all who want fraternity life can have it by giving of their brains, time, and means for the organization of such.

And again from *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*:

The *Century* Magazine for January contains a symposium of the opinions of a number of well-known men and women in educational circles, regarding the sorority, or as some would call her, the fraternity woman. These expressions are comments upon articles which appeared in the November and December *Century*, relative to the same subject. It is apparent that in the opinion of certain legislatures, and some others, the fraternity system is on trial. I believe this is not so much because outsiders can claim that we have failed to make good as groups of women striving for best in all round scholarship and womanhood but because although the fraternity system is growing, it is not growing as rapidly as the institutions, and therefore the system attracts much attention. It is true that our system has faults to be intelligently searched out and struck out, and I believe we are doing that every time we meet in conclave and act in spirit. For your own information read the articles, be wise and thoughtful in your consideration of them, and where we have fallen short, let us make new paths; where we have made good, let us double our efforts.