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MESSAGE OF SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN

WHEN I agreed last December to take the chairmanship of the National Scholarship committee, I was under the impression that all involved would be for me to collect scholarship averages from the various chapters at the close of this academic year and on that data to make a report, on the basis of which the winner would be awarded. That seemed comparatively simple and perhaps not beyond my ability.

As I have corresponded and talked with different people both in Gamma Phi Beta and other sororities and in fraternities as well, I realize that the work of the scholarship committee embraces many things and is far-reaching beyond my hasty conception in the beginning.

Just because scholarship is so fundamental a thing it touches our life and experience in college at many points little guessed at first. The maintenance of a fair to good scholarship is fundamental because it implies diligence, earnestness or seriousness of purpose, perseverance, effort, foresight and careful planning often, promptness, fresh energy or strength that has not been impaired by too much attention to other activities, open-mindedness, co-operation and many more qualities which are at the foundation of character. These are, so to speak, the roots which may be bitter, but they surely flower in the fruits which are sweet. Hard work leads to understanding, and understanding leads to sympathy and tolerance and

kindliness; and these, I think, are cardinal virtues. Kindliness applied in all relations and contacts necessarily implies strength of character. Just think this through in connection with some incident in your every-day experience and I think you will agree with me that it is so.

Well, to be concrete, I discovered, much to my sorrow, that one of the unforeseen things that the work of the Scholarship Committee involved for me was to write an article for the CRESCENT. My Waterloo was met at the opening of the campaign. I am one of those unfortunate people whose thoughts, such as they may be under normal circumstances, take wings as soon as the pen is in hand. Those of you who write do not quite realize what this means. The same thing happens to me when I try to write letters to my own family, and it has always been a saying with us that my letters are like so much straw. I can make scholarship averages, though, (who couldn't) and I rather like to work with figures; so I will offer that as my apology and my *raison d'être*.

Our work—and by us I mean all the scholarship chairmen in the various chapters—is, as I understand it, concerned not so much with representation in college activities or membership in honor societies, extremely important as those things are, as it is with seeing to it that each girl in each and every chapter sets a standard for herself and so orders her college life that she will reach that standard. To this end the freshman study table is organized or the special study table for any members of the chapter falling by the wayside. To this end, too, the number of dates during the week is regulated, and members are penalized by forfeiting dates. This last has always seemed rather a shame to me but I realize that some penalty is necessary. Our work, though, if we could swing it, should be the ounce of prevention which would do away with such measures.

Mrs. Younger, whom you have now probably all met, has already been in Berkeley, and I was fortunate enough to have an opportunity to talk with her for a little while one afternoon at the chapter house. The real message that I have to give you is the one which she gave me, and that is, that we try as a sorority to keep a consistent average from year to year. This, of course, is much more valuable to each individual than would be one semester or year of supreme effort reaching as a result a high place in the list, followed by a possible reaction in which we would drop down, and, moreover, it gives more stability to the sorority as a whole. Consistent, dependable people always stand for more in the long run than those who are erratic. "We build the ladder by which we rise," you know, and "we mount to its summit round by round; so who knows, a consistent C or C + (though I don't think much of those as

grades, mind you) may furnish the stepping stone to a consistent B— or B. Personally I have no patience with D grades, under ordinary circumstances, and I don't think B's and A's, however much they may bring up an average, make up for the D's in what they represent of carelessness or indifference.

This brings me to my other idea which was also given me by Mrs. Younger. Our actual business while we are in college is the business of studying and of preparing the work that is set for us. Truly, we are there for no other purpose. I do not mean by this to minimize the importance of the friendships and social contacts or of the part we take in college activities, because these are things that are invaluable and necessary. I would not give a fig for a person who did not have a reasonable if not a large share in one or all of these, but they are all by-products. They are the most wonderful fun and they give zest to all the days, but did you ever realize that they are unique and are found in just this form only where people are gathered together for the purpose of study.

You will notice that in all that I have said I have had reference to the average person, only. There are always the brilliant and gifted people whom we all admire in the extreme, and on whom we depend for a great deal but after all most of us belong to the general run.

Do you know, I feel as if I had grown to know every single one of you as I have been writing because I think I have been projecting myself into your lives. After all, these things are very easy to say but you are the ones who have to do. Good luck and my best to you,

CARMEL RILEY.

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A prize of \$25.00 is awarded annually by the Alumnae Corporation to upper classman making greatest percentage of gain in scholarship over the preceding year. Also, a reward of \$10.00 is given by the alumnae to the freshman having the highest grades, providing the average is 85 or over.

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The junior with the highest average during her third year is allowed to wear, as recognition, the Mary Harned pin.

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Gamma chapter offers no special incentive for scholarship to chapter members, other than the maintenance of the good record

which the chapter has always held. To the one freshman making the highest average for her first two semesters in college is awarded the privilege of having her named engraved, along with a list of the high members of classes before her, upon a cup which stands in the chapter room.

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A gift is bestowed annually by Chicago Alumnæ Chapter upon the senior who has done most for her sorority. Scholarship is a necessary asset for this gift.

ZETA

Zeta offers several incentives to its members for good scholarship. The alumnæ chapter presented a silver cup some years ago to the active chapter, to be given to the member who received the highest average during the year, regardless of what class she was a member. We took great pleasure in presenting this cup to Harriet Tynes at our initiation banquet this year, which makes the second time she has had it.

There is also a guard pin offered to the freshman who makes the best grades for the first semester. Frances Hosterman, who has been so active in extra curricular affairs, received it this year, also at initiation banquet.

ETA

Scholarship cup for girl in the house with the highest average.

THETA

✓ Theta, herself, does not offer any particular incentive, but the Denver Alumnæ chapter has for years offered \$50.00 to both Theta and Tau for having a chapter average of 85 and no individual average below 80. Sad but true, it has been a long time since Theta has won this, but it is ever before us, and we do want to gain it in the near future.

KAPPA

When the fall quarter reports were issued from the registrar's office, our active chapter was most proud of the fact that it ranked first out of nineteen national sororities on the campus, but eleven freshmen below grade brought the total standing of actives and pledges down to third place with Phi Mu and Delta Delta Delta leading by a mere margin. We are attempting to aid our freshmen in every possible way, so that when the final ratings of the year are issued, we may be the recipients of our own scholarship cup, which is presented by this chapter to the sorority maintaining the highest grades for the year.

Besides the cup, mentioned above, which brings competition among the sororities on the campus, we have our own freshmen scholarship cup, newly acquired this year. The freshman who maintains the highest average during the year will have her name and class inscribed upon the cup. Juniors in the chapter compete for the "Marion Jones pin," which is presented at the Founders' Day banquet on May 21 to the junior with the highest scholastic average. Elizabeth Craddick is now in possession of the pin. The history of this honor dates back to the very founding of our chapter. Marion Jones was the first Phi Beta of Kappa. When she died several years ago, chapter members and alumnae decided that she would desire most to have her pin used as an incentive to scholarship, so the tradition has passed on from class to class.

LAMBDA

✓ Lambda offers a yearly scholarship of fifty dollars in the Liberal Arts. It is called the Winefred S. Haggett Scholarship and was won last year by Dorothy Haggett. This is the first time a Gamma Phi has won it. Our "alums" also offer us an incentive to study. They have given us a hundred dollars for first place in scholarship, seventy-five for second, fifty for third, and twenty-five for fourth place. Our study table has also been very successful this year. All freshmen and those sophomores who are not getting a B average must attend. It is held from 7:30 to 10:00 each evening, and is supervised by an upper classman. We have also tried having the girls pledge hours of A. At the beginning of the quarter each girl pledges as many hours of A as she thinks she can possibly make, and then tries her utmost to live up to her pledge. This gives us something definite to work for.

XI

As a chapter, we offer no definite inducement for scholarship. There is, however, a scholarship cup offered each year to the women's group with the highest scholarship average, and competition for it is very keen. Last year we were merely "runners up" because we lost to the Delta Gammas by one thousandth of a point. This year, however, we have every hope of making it a different story, and we are all studying as hard as our various natures allow to help attain our goal—the scholarship cup!

OMICRON

The freshman with the highest scholastic average has her name engraved on the Omicron scholarship cup.

Competition forms the basis of the brown and mode teams. The house is divided into two teams, membership on each being chosen

by lot, and they are captained by the two girls with the highest scholastic averages for the preceding semester. At the end of the semester the team with the lower average stakes the other team to a "feed."

PI

✓ The freshman whose grades are the highest each year has her name engraved upon a beautiful silver loving cup. We have found this to be an additional incentive since all are striving earnestly to make the required eighty per cent and there is a commendable spirit of rivalry. In order that the initiated girls will not slump after once making the average we have a bronze plaque on which is engraved the name of the girl whose average is the highest in the sorority. This may happen to be the freshman, whose name is on the cup, but all of the girls try for it.

As a visiting member enters Pi chapter house her eye is immediately attracted by the gleaming splendor of our scholarship cup. We are proud of it for we have kept it for two years in succession and now are striving to keep it a third year, which makes it ours forever. The winning of the cup signifies that we have the highest scholastic standing of any sorority on the campus. This cup and our national Gamma Phi Beta Scholarship urn were decided aids in rushing last fall.

SIGMA

✓ The freshman achieving the highest scholastic average is presented with her initiation fee.

TAU

Tau chapter has a silver scholarship shield which is hung in the chapter house and upon which is engraved each year the name of the freshman girl who receives the highest average. Ruth Mechling is the latest one to win the honor.

UPSILON

Upsilon has a scholarship cup which is presented at our formal spring banquet to the freshmen making the highest grades for the year. Last year Dorothy McDowell and Eleanor Russell tied for this honor.

PHI

✓ A library system for pledges, whereby they report to some active Gamma Phi is required. There is also a ruling that all members must make C or become inactive.

CHI

In the way of an incentive for good grades, we have a freshman scholarship cup. The name of the freshman girl who has had the highest grades throughout the school year is engraved on the cup.

PSI

As you may remember, Psi offers a Gamma Phi Beta ring to her pledge making the highest average. This year something unusual happened: two girls tied for first place with very high averages! They are Nannie Hall, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Lee Dell Shives, Norman, Oklahoma. It was up to Psi to order another ring, so she did, very proudly. The freshmen do not know that there was a tie, nor that two rings will be given this year. We can hardly wait until the other ring arrives so we can present them to Nannie and Lee Dell!

Grades are issued here every six weeks. Psi allows every freshman who makes her average the first six weeks out of study hall as long as she continues to make them. She also requires every girl in the sorority who fails below average to go to study hall. You should see us work to keep out of study hall!

OMEGA

Omega chapter offers a cup for the highest scholastic standing in the freshman and senior classes.

ALPHA ALPHA

Alpha Alpha chapter awards two scholarship prizes each year, the one, a Gamma Phi Beta crest shield, to the member of the active chapter who makes the greatest improvement in her standing in the spring finals from those of the previous year and the other, usually well-bound books, to that year's initiate who comes highest in her spring finals. This year, Marjorie Hull, '25, who came highest in the Pass Course last spring, with first-class honors, was awarded the shield, and Irene Brown and Muriel Thompson, both of '27, tied for first place among the initiates. Doris Shiell, Alpha Alpha, '26, winner of the initiate prize last year, again carried off first-class honors and highest standing in the modern language course. Doris is the president-elect of the Modern Language Club for next year.

ALPHA GAMMA

A prize of fifty dollars for each semester that the chapter heads the honor roll (offered by the alumnæ).

ALPHA DELTA

Scholarship activity ring is presented to freshman having highest grades and most activities.

ALPHA ZETA

Scholarship cup is given first term to the girl with highest chapter grades; in winter, the cup is passed to the member who makes most improvement over the fall term's record. A similar cup goes to the highest ranking freshman. Each chapter member pledges herself to study three hours each day.

ALPHA ETA

As an incentive to scholarship we have a cup on which is to be inscribed the name of the girl making the highest average each year.

ALPHA THETA

As a chapter, we offer to the freshman making the highest average a Gamma Phi Beta shield, and to the class whose average is highest each term, a silver cup.

ALPHA IOTA

It was our custom when we were local to award the girl with the highest scholarship in the chapter with a crest ring and we intend to continue this custom in Gamma Phi. Our famous twins, Linda and Hilda Klamroth won the ring last year.

RENO

At initiation banquet Reno presents a corsage bouquet to each Alpha Gamma girl on the honor roll. A prize of fifty dollars is offered to Alpha Gamma if it leads the campus in scholarship.

CHICAGO

Chicago Alumnae chapter presents a gift each year to the senior who has done most for the chapter and who has gained the highest scholastic honors.

SYRACUSE

A scholarship committee secures chapter grades, reports to the alumnae chapter, and confers with Alpha and with college authorities. A prize of \$25.00 is offered to the sophomore, junior or senior making the greatest percentage of gain in scholarship over the preceding year. Ten dollars is given to the freshman with the highest average, providing the average is 85 or over.

SAN FRANCISCO

At the annual initiation banquet San Francisco presents a corsage bouquet to the girl in each class whose scholastic standing is highest.

DENVER

A sum of \$50.00 is given each year to Theta and to Tau if a chapter average of 85 is acquired.

MINNEAPOLIS

In 1921 a scholastic cup to be awarded to the sorority at the University of Minnesota holding the highest scholastic average was presented by Minneapolis Alumnæ chapter. The cup is now held by Phi Mu Gamma. Minneapolis also has a scholarship committee which keeps in close touch with Kappa.

BALTIMORE

Baltimore gives an alumnæ guard pin to the freshman with the highest average in scholarship for the first semester.

TORONTO

Toronto presents a shield to Alpha Alpha to be held for one year by the member whose academic standing shows the greatest improvement over previous year's record. The sorority crest in silver is on an ebony shield, and each year, a small silver shield is mounted on the ebony to form, eventually, a circle around the Gamma Phi crest. This small shield bears the name of the winner and the year during which she held the shield.

EUGENE

Eugene celebrates in some way in honor of the girl having the highest scholastic record.

PHI BETA KAPPAS IN GAMMA PHI BETA

ALPHA

Frances Ward can write like a George Eliot and a Wordsworth combined; she can play basketball; she can—well she can do anything. She is that "attractive Brownie Ward."

During her four years in college "Brownie" was very prominent and popular. Several titles were hers—first president of the English club. Then "Jill,"—through her authorship of that spicy hill column in the Syracuse journal—*Jack and Jill*. Again—Phi

Beta Kappa—for with all her outside work “Jill” found time to dump bushels of A’s in the chapter scholarship treasury. And lastly, a title that must efface and overwhelm all others—that of—Mrs. Edward Flint Rice.

GAMMA

Elections to honorary societies for the current year have not been made. Last year, however, Gamma Phi Beta had the honor of having Mary Burchard, ’24, elected both to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.

ZETA

Harriet Tynes was our one representative in Phi Beta Kappa last year. Harriet comes from Virginia, where she attended school before coming to Goucher. She was extremely well liked while in college and had the happy faculty of being able to get good grades in spite of being active on the campus. As business manager of the *Goucher Weekly*, whose name describes it, she was an able instrument in bringing the best news of the college activities before us each week. Harriet is now teaching in Virginia and brings us wild tales of the hardships of a chaperon at all the school dances.

KAPPA

Kappa boasts no Phi Beta Kappa among its active ranks at present. Last year Ruth Smalley, ’24, was honored with membership in the society; she was also a Mortar Board. Three years ago Helen Shei, ’23, and Elizabeth Young, ’23, were taken into the organization in their junior year. Elizabeth, too, was a member of Mortar Board. Selections for this year will not be made until late spring and we are all hoping earnestly that a Gamma Phi will be so honored.

LAMBDA

Dorothy Haggett, who has been very active in both class and university work all through her college career, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa last spring. She is a member of Tolo, women’s upper-class honorary. This year she is teaching freshman composition at college and also working for her master’s degree in English. She was unanimously elected as graduate representative on the Board of Control.

MU

Frances Sheldon (See chapter letter).

XI

Eugenia Alford was the only one of our seniors to make Alpha society, the local honorary which is petitioning Phi Beta Kappa.

Since there were only six seniors altogether who did make it, we feel that we have almost our fair share—especially since Phi Beta Kappa members on the campus have assured us that we have every chance for furnishing them with three more members by June.

But about Eugenia. To look at her, you'd never suspect that she was either a senior or a potential member of a national scholarship fraternity. She is little and dainty *and* independent, and so far no one has been able to catch her doing very much studying. She must do it, though, for during her four years in college she has very seldom dropped below an A in any subject—and since her major subject is Spanish no one can accuse her of taking a snap course. We're all almost as proud and glad that she is a member of Alpha Society as she is herself.

PI

In 1923 Gamma Phi Beta had four Phi Beta Kappas, Belle Farnam and Davida Van Gilder, who were also Mortar Boards, and Beulah Grabil and Josephine Gund. Last year Dorothy Teale was our Phi Beta Kappa. Dorothy, who lives in Lincoln, became a Gamma Phi in her sophomore year of school, spending her first year at Rockford College. In her first year here she became active in Y.W.C.A. and W.A.A. work winning the university swimming championship for Nebraska. In her senior year she taught the university swimming classes. Her last honor, a Phi Beta Kappa key, was the culmination of all her college activities.

SIGMA

Mary Lois Ruppenthal (See chapter letter).

PHI

Grace Oberschelp McGeoch (See chapter letter).

PSI

Mary Ellen Stafford made Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year. Quiet, dependable, always ready to listen and help—she is the kind whose proud sisters may say, "We always *knew* she would." Mary Ellen is teaching in her home, Lawton, Oklahoma, this year, but will return to get her degree next year.

ALPHA ALPHA

Alpha Alpha has no Phi Beta Kappa, no honor societies of any kind for women, so we cannot make any report in this connection.

ALPHA ETA

Katherine Squire has fulfilled the requirements for Phi Beta Kappa and she will be elected to that society in the spring. Her freshman and sophomore years were spent at Defiance College. She has made an exceptional record in her two years here. Besides, she has been very active in other fields, especially in dramatics and debate.

ALPHA THETA

We are proud of our Phi Beta Kappa representative. In Susie Langford, Alpha Theta has a distinct acquisition. She is quiet and unassuming on the campus and in the class, but, as one of the freshmen so aptly put it, "Susie is boss at the house." She has been in the chapter since its infancy as a local and her highest ambition was realized when our charter was granted and when she was presented the Phi Beta Kappa key.

SPECIAL CHAPTER HONORS

ALPHA

Prize of \$25.00 (offered by Alumnae Corporation for most improvement in grades) won by Alice Coonley.

Prize of \$10.00 (offered by alumnae to freshman with highest grades) won by Helen Johnson with an average of 91 per cent.

ZETA

Emily Foster—Sigma Theta, honorary at Goucher.

KAPPA

Helen Benham, '25, a freshman in the chapter, brings to us the distinctive honor of a Carleton College scholarship in French which provided her with a year at the Sorbonne University at Paris. When she returned to the University of Minnesota no credits were allowed for her year at the Sorbonne, but in examinations lasting over five days, she succeeded in making thirty-three credits and consequently will be one of our graduates this June.

LAMBDA

Ruby Canfield was elected to Lambda Rho, women's art honorary, last spring and is planning to continue her art work in Paris.

MU

Eloise McClea—Women's Economic Club.

Elsa Barber—Winner of \$100.00 offered by Colonial Dames for an American historical essay.

NU

Four members on college honor roll: Frances McGill, Lou Ann Strong, Isabelle Amon and Lyle Veazie.

OMICRON

Jessie Williams, '25, is a member of Gamma Epsilon Pi, honorary commerce sorority. Jessie, who is a transfer from Smith College, is quite the business woman but in spite of all her "busyness" she finds time to make a very able president of our house.

Frances Killefer, '25, and Cornelia North, '25, are members of Sigma Delta Phi, honorary public speaking sorority.

Nathalie Dodge, '25, is a member of Theta Sigma Phi, honorary professional journalistic sorority, and has worked on the *Daily Illini* for three years.

THETA

I. Kedros.

Though we haven't Phi Beta Kappa on our campus here at Denver University, we still have a senior society standing for high scholarship as well as campus activities and all-round development. Kedros is the name of this society and it too has a key for its symbol. A girl must have an average of 88 in her whole college course, and must be active on the campus.

Theta is immensely proud to claim Jane Butchart, the president of Kedros, as one of its members. She is also a very fine chemical student, is on the *Clarion* staff, and assists in the English Department.

Bess Vesey is another Kedros girl. As head assistant she has made a name for herself in the Psychology Department, and belongs to Tau Kappa Alpha, the honorary national debating society. The Denver chapter was the first to initiate women. Bess also had an average of 90 throughout college.

SIGMA

Harriet Gilbert and Adele Waidner—elected to *El Ateneo* open only to majors in Spanish.

UPSILON

Three of last year's Gamma Phi seniors were members of Freya, the honorary society at Hollins. They were Margaret Sorg, chapter president, Pamela Sparrow and Mary Wells Knight.

Gamma Phi led with the highest scholarship on campus for the first quarter. The freshmen led all other freshmen by five points in scholarship for the semester.

CHI

Catherine Sandon, member of the National Collegiate Players, a national honorary dramatic society. Catherine is a junior and has been very active in dramatics during her three years.

Ruth Joslyn, member of the National Collegiate Players, a national honorary dramatic society. Ruth is a sophomore and made the Players through work done in *The Pot Boilers*, which was presented at the first part of this year.

PSI

Doris Pearson, Phi Mu Gamma, honorary dramatic society.

Aimée Fry and Lulu Clark, Pi Zeta Kappa, honorary religious sorority.

Helen Mitchell, Mu Phi Epsilon, honorary music sorority.

OMEGA

Florence Hahn is a member of Omicron Nu, national home economics scholarship organization. Florence was our last president. She is graduating this quarter and is also a member of Mortar Board.

Nelle Taylor is a member of Omicron Nu and Mortar Board. Nelle has an enviable record in activities and is at present vice-president of the Y.W.C.A., in which organization she has held other offices including undergraduate representative to the council.

Ethel Greenway is a member of Jack-o-lantern, a junior society composed of girls of the highest rank in scholarship and campus activities. Ethel has been Big Sister chief the past year. Last summer she attended the Geneva Conference. She is also a member of the glee club in which organization she has practically the lead and belongs to Lambda Mu, music fraternity. Ethel is probably the most outstanding girl in our chapter, both because of her activities and of her personality.

Katherine Holden is a member of Jack-o-lantern and is women's representative on the publication board.

Agnes Noble and Katherine Holden were appointed to attend Merrill-Palmer School at Detroit, Michigan. This appointment is made in consideration of scholarship and leadership in campus activities.

ALPHA BETA

Bernice Boyd, '25, and Verona Hansen, '24, have been elected to Quo Vadis, senior girl's honorary society.

ALPHA GAMMA

Lucille Blake, Elizabeth Barndt and Kathleen Griffin were on the honor roll.

ALPHA DELTA

Mildred Naas, Alpha Pi Zeta, brought fifteen hours E to chapter. Katherine Quisenberry and Dorothy Mayes, Alpha Zeta Pi. Dorothy Mayes, Alpha Omicron (for creative writers only).

ALPHA EPSILON

Maude Plunkett, distinguished honors.
Florence Bertine, senior honors.
Louise McKee, freshman honors.

ALPHA ETA

Six members of Alpha Eta have point averages for last semester ranging from 2.3 to 3. This is remarkably good and we are very proud of Louise Merwin, Katherine Squire, Gwendolyn Mills, Margaret Bing, Virginia Wilkinson and Frances Colvin; also two pledges, Mary Lou Thornton and Katherine Whitney.

ALPHA THETA

Susie Langford was the only sorority girl in the university to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa on junior standing.

Last June when the fraternity and sorority averages were made up for the year, Alpha Theta, then Delta Sigma Upsilon, stood at the head of both fraternities and sororities in scholarship. She hopes to attain the same position for 1924-25.

Doris Hawkins has a fellowship this year in the Biology Department, awarded unsolicited because of her excellent and outstanding work in that field. She will receive her M.A. in June.

ALPHA IOTA

Members of Prytanean, honor society (junior and senior): Floris Alexander, Dorothea Cassidy, Lois Cleland and Thelma Gibson.

Members of Agathai, senior women's honor society: Dorothea Cassidy and Thelma Gibson.

MAKING SCHOLARSHIP RESPECTABLE

[The following apropos article, published in *The Daily Californian* is forwarded by our Chairman of Scholarship for this particular issue of the magazine.]

A PLEA for scholarship to be considered on the same plane as vocational businesses, occupy and other things of a worldly nature, was made by Chester H. Rowell, regent of the University of California, in his lecture, "Making Scholarship Respectable," given in Wheeler Auditorium at the university last night.

Rowell called attention to the fact that scholarship in American universities does not occupy the place it should. He said that even among the so-called scholars themselves, they considered their achievements with a rather sheepish air.

This, he said, was due partly to tradition, and partly to the fact that the majority of the students in the universities being incapable of doing work of the same quality as the gifted minority, adopted the attitude of disdain towards those who pursued learning.

Taken from a traditional standpoint, he explained that our scholarship standards were taken largely from Harvard, and Harvard obtained its standards mostly from Oxford University in England. In the past it had been the custom for students attending Harvard to get the so-called gentlemen's mark—an average grade high enough to permit the student to pass.

This must be obtained without much work. If one had to work, it meant that a certain amount of intelligence was lacking in one's make-up and to get more than an average grade was considered bad form by the rest of the students. This attitude has persisted to a great extent down to the present day, Rowell said. However, in England, one may go out for honors—a record in scholarship—and not be looked down upon by the rest of the students, he said. This is not true in this country.

Considering the attitude of disdain toward scholarships taken by the majority of the students in this country, Rowell says: "This is largely due to a defense attitude taken on the part of those who wish to believe others who are capable of doing better work than they. By doing so, they bolster up their own self-esteem. The American universities have need of a different attitude toward intellectual life."

PROBLEM DISCUSSED

He told of a dinner that he attended some years ago at Stanford University. The affair was given by the Phi Beta Kappa scholarship fraternity. At the dinner the topic of discussion was why are

scholars in the American universities considered in such a deprecatory light.

The reason was finally arrived at being due to the fact that outside influences penetrated into the university life, and gave value to such qualities as leadership, personality and athletic activities, to the detriment of cultural life, which was not considered as being of such great value in the world. As a result, he said, the things which ranked high in the world were put on an even higher plane in the university life.

However, Rowell explained that the attainment of scholarship in those studies that led to a vocation were looked upon with favor by the students and by the world in general, due to the fact that money was respectable and considered a necessity.

Culture studies—scholarship for the good of knowledge to be obtained—is just as necessary, he says, because in the broader sense it is preparing one for the future enjoyment of existence. It is furnishing life and equipping one with a point of view capable of understanding the significance of life and its many problems.

As a result, it should be put on a plane with vocational pursuits. And the students who pursue learning for the sake of knowledge should hold up their heads and consider their achievements in the same rank as those relating to worldly activities. If the majority of the students adopt an attitude of disdain toward the scholars, then the scholars in return should adopt an air of superiority and stand their ground.

In closing, Rowell made a plea for a broad development. The college individual, or any one, for that matter, should do his utmost to live life to its fullest, partake of things in moderation. The quickest way to make this goal, he said, is to develop one's scholarship which makes for an understanding of the values of life.

STUDENT LOAN FUNDS

NOW that our Endowment Fund is tangible and achieved, a definite loan fund—quite apart from the Lindsey Barbee Fellowship devoted to graduate study in social service is possible and probable. In view of this enterprise, it is interesting to note the similar funds of our sister organizations.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

This fund, which has reached approximately \$45,000, is awarded by the chairman of the fund, Charlotte Powell Goddard, after satisfactory letters from the dean of women and one professor concerning any applicant who has finished her freshman year in any college

where there is a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The applicant is not necessarily a Kappa. Interest of four per cent until maturity of the note is asked of every applicant not belonging to the sorority while every Kappa pays the same rate of interest after the maturity of the note. The note is paid according to the wish of the applicant. It is interesting to note that the first loan of \$250, made fifteen years ago when a sum of only \$400 was in the bank, produced a Phi Beta Kappa who, otherwise, must have given up her college work.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA

Loans are not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500 to one person. They may be taken in one installment, or two or three, as the applicant desires.

Interest is four per cent, payable annually.

Security is asked in the shape of two endorsements of the note by financially responsible members of the applicant's chapter, active or alumnæ.

Loans are payable within two years after the beneficiary has left college.

This fund is open to all undergraduate Thetas, and applications are received at any time. There are no formal application blanks.

Application should be addressed to the secretary of the committee, Miss Jane Spalding, 134 North Gates Street, Los Angeles, California, and should state the applicant's chapter, her year in College, when she expects to graduate, what she intends to do after graduation, whether or not she is wholly dependent on her own efforts, is partially self-supporting or not, an official transcript of scholarship record, and any other items that will assist the committee.

—*Triangle of Sigma Kappa.*

DELTA GAMMA

A scholarship committee of three members administers the Scholarship Fund. We use the interest for the loans, and a large part of the principal of the fund is already loaned on well secured Delta Gamma house mortgages. We try to have requests for loans sent in by August of the school year for which the loan is desired. However, there are always emergencies which we meet as best we can during the year. We charge no interest on our loans until the girls has been out of college for three years, then four per cent is charged until the loan is paid.—*Triangle of Sigma Kappa.*

SIGMA KAPPA

A girl may borrow any sum from \$50.00 to \$350 at the rate of four per cent to be paid back within two years after graduation, or

after she has left college. Application for a loan must first be made to the local advisory board who shall investigate the needs of the applicant. If they approve the loan they shall forward recommendation together with the application to the chairman of the Loan Fund Committee. To facilitate matters it would be well to send copies to the other members of the committee as well.

Last year, two girls were given assistance. Others applied for aid but the fund had not yet reached a sum that would permit more loans.

The active chapters have been asked to contribute to the fund, not as individuals but as groups. Let us hope that they will take up this proposition whole-heartedly.

PI BETA PHI

For the year 1925-26, Pi Beta Phi will offer one graduate fellowship with a value of \$500. This fellowship is open to any member of the fraternity who has received her bachelor's degree, and may be used at any university, either in this country or in Europe, which offers special opportunities in graduate work along the particular line desired by its holder.

Two points will be considered by the grand council in awarding the fellowship: scholastic standing and all-round development of character with its resulting ability worthily to represent the fraternity. Each applicant must state definitely the university which she wishes to enter, the courses which she desires to pursue, and the ultimate aim of her graduate study. Applications accompanied by photographs of the applicants, credentials from college professors, and other recommendations must be in the hands of the grand president, not later than March 1, 1925. All material should be collected by the applicant and submitted as a whole. Blank forms for application for the fellowship may be obtained from the grand president at any time. If she so desires any applicant of former years who has not received the fellowship may make a new application.

All applications for undergraduate loans should be made to the committee in charge of the loan fund. Information as to conditions, credentials, and terms of loans may be obtained from the chairman of the Committee on Loan Fund, Monta Hunter, Y.W.C.A., 5th Street and Avenue C, San Antonio, Texas.

AMY BURNHAM ONKEN, *Grand President.*

KAPPA DELTA

The Kappa Delta Student Loan Fund is governed by a board of five members, consisting of the national president and two members of the national council appointed by her; two alumnae members

appointed by the national president to serve as chairman and treasurer of the board.

The chairman receives applications from the candidates and transmits them to the board for a vote. A unanimous vote is required to grant a loan. The candidates are judged by (1) character and service to the sorority, (2) scholastic record, and (3) health and ability to repay the loan. This information should be sent by May 15 preceding the year for which the loan is granted. No loan shall exceed \$300 for one year.

The treasurer of the board receives and disburses all money of the fund. She attends to the signing of a note together with the securities of the candidate.

The interest on the loan is two per cent per year. The terms of payment are twenty-five per cent of first-year loan on January 1 of the year leaving college; twenty-five per cent on June 1 following, and continuing until loan is repaid.

The money is raised by voluntary subscriptions by members and chapters. At the last convention pledges were taken for the fund. Advertisement is only through letters to the chapters and a page in the *Angelos*.—*Triangle of Sigma Kappa.*

ALPHA XI DELTA

The Alpha Xi Delta work is very new. The convention of 1920 authorized the fund and the chapters were assessed various amounts to raise in proportion to their membership age and financial strength. For three years they have sold Christmas cards, and have raised most of their assessments that way. There have been a few gifts from alumnae, none larger than \$50.00 in any one year. Some of the money is to go to an A.A.U.W. fellowship. The balance is loaned to our own members who need help in securing the rest of their education. It goes to juniors and seniors. The scholastic year of 1924-25 is the first year any money has been loaned.

—*Triangle of Sigma Kappa.*

ALPHA OMICRON PI

Purpose: A fellowship to be known as the Alpha Omicron Pi Fellowship, in memory of Ruth Capen Farmer, will be awarded to a college woman, and is to be devoted to graduate study in any accredited institution. The successful applicant will not be limited as to her field of work but preference will be given to women who are planning study or research in humanitarian lines with a view to practical service.

Amount: The amount of the fellowship is five hundred dollars, payable to the successful applicant in two installments of two

hundred fifty dollars each, on September 1, 1925 and January 1, 1926.

Eligibility: Applications will be received from any woman graduate of the institutions listed below. She shall have received at least the bachelor's degree. Applications will be received from women holding the master's or doctor's degrees, providing at least one of the degrees shall have been awarded by a college or university listed below:

H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College	Syracuse University
New York University	University of Washington
University of Tennessee	Southern Methodist University
Randolph-Macon Woman's College	University of Indiana
University of Nebraska	University of Wisconsin
University of California	Montana State College
DePauw University	Vanderbilt University
Tufts College (Jackson)	University of Pennsylvania
University of Maine	University of Kansas
Cornell University	Miami University
Northwestern University	University of Michigan
Leland Stanford University	University of Oregon
University of Illinois	University of Oklahoma
University of Minnesota	University of Maryland

Applications: Application blanks may be obtained from the office of the dean of women of the above institutions or by writing direct to the chairman of the Fellowship Award Committee. To be considered, an application must reach the chairman of the committee by midnight, March 15, 1925. Announcement of the successful applicant will be made not later than May 1, 1925.

Correspondence regarding the fellowship and applications are to be mailed direct to

ELIZABETH HEYWOOD WYMAN, *Chairman,*
Alpha Omicron Pi Fellowship Committee,
456 Broad Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

THE PANHELLENIC CLUBHOUSE IN NEW YORK CITY

THE dream of a Panhellenic Clubhouse in New York City has assumed outlines of reality. This clubhouse is the biggest undertaking that has yet been attempted by the women's fraternities, and the New York Panhellenic Association has expended much time and effort in "selling the idea." That a Panhellenic Clubhouse in New York is needed and wanted is proved conclusively by the fact that, of the sixteen fraternities interested in the project, fourteen have completely taken over their quotas of the common stock. The other two groups, with over half their stock sold, because of special conditions within their fraternities, have been granted an extension of time, but are pledged to complete their quotas in the near future. The stock has been sold to individuals, to active, and to alumnae chapters, and, in many cases, considerable amounts have been taken by the national fraternity organizations. Approximately \$90,000 has been subscribed, and the ten per cent cash payments made. This money is being held as a trust fund, and will not be used until all stock payments, both common and preferred, are completed.

The next step is the sale of the preferred stock. The common stock has been sold through the fraternity groups, but the sale of the preferred stock will be handled by the house corporation. Rochelle Rodd Gachet, Alpha Omicron Pi, has been employed as executive secretary by the board of directors of the house corporation to give her full time to organizing the work for the sale of preferred stock, and to head up the development of the general work on the project. Temporary offices have been secured. Benefit theater performances and other means of raising money are being used to finance this preliminary work.

The preferred stock campaign will be launched in the fall of 1925. Preferred stock need not necessarily be owned by fraternity women. It is expected, however, that a considerable portion of it will be, and, of course, the corporation is counting on the support and co-operation of fraternity women to interest others in the project.

There has been such a demand for a Panhellenic Club that it has been decided not to postpone the formation of a club until the clubhouse building is up. A plan of organization for a Panhellenic Club is now being worked out, and a membership campaign launched. It is hoped to secure a large apartment as a temporary home. This would serve as headquarters for fraternity women and

the fraternity groups, and would furnish living quarters for a few girls. The house corporation would also have its offices at the club. Membership in this club is now being opened up to the original 1,000 girls who backed the house project in the beginning, and to holders of the common stock, *without initiation fee*. Other fraternity women will be charged an initiation fee. The annual dues have been fixed at \$10.00. If the membership campaign yields quick results, it is hoped to have the club ready for use by fall, or possibly even earlier.

All fraternity women going to New York, who are interested in the clubhouse project, should look up Miss Gachet at the office of the house corporation, 105 West 40th Street, Room 709.

MRS. MOSS' PORTRAIT

O MICRON boasts a painting of Mrs. Moss, truly a possession to be coveted by other chapters. Mrs. Moss' own description of the "sittings" (from a personal letter to the editor) will be of interest to CRESCENT readers. "Then I must tell you about my portrait. We have among our girls, Juliet Armstrong, whose father is principal of one of the Chicago high schools. About fifteen years ago, a Bohemian young man who had come to America when a child, decided he needed more education and entered this school. Mr. Armstrong took him into his household to help about the place. After graduation he entered the Chicago Art Institute where he was given his tuition fee on account of his talent, and he worked away at portraiture for a number of years. In the meantime, he painted all the members of the Armstrong family, some several times, and they seem to have been pleased with the result.

"Well, Juliet succeeded in making the active girls and alumnae think that they wanted my portrait, and it ended with his coming down here the latter part of January, and we turned one of the rooms into a studio. For two weeks I dressed up in a black velvet gown and put on my most seraphic expression, while Mr. Prucha painted and painted. He allowed me to sit in my own easy chair, and I think obtained a very good likeness, though I very much doubt if he had ever painted an old lady before. He said I posed well, and if I ever found myself in need of funds he would recommend me to the Art Institute as a model. Of course this has taken a load of anxiety from my shoulders!"

INDIANA GAMMA PHIS BREAKFAST TOGETHER

THE national convention of the American Association of University Women met in Indianapolis April 8-10 and we are very proud to have two Gamma Phis as state officers: namely, Dean Agnes E. Wells, Beta, president, and Mrs. W. R. Davidson, Delta, treasurer. Thanks to Eleanor Day, Gamma, who made the plans, we had a delightful breakfast honoring Miss Wells on Wednesday morning at the Spink-Arms Hotel. Each one present was surprised to meet so many other Gamma Phis. Those present were Agnes E. Wells, Beta, Genevieve Hayes Husted, Omicron, Beulah Clute Rodecker, Omicron, Jean Leete Andrews, Alpha, Dorothea Flintermann Garber, Beta, Jeanette Fuller Leete, Alpha, Mrs. T. R. Kadsy, Beta, Mrs. Homer McKee, Gamma, Mrs. W. R. Davidson, Delta, Grace Ferguson, Kappa, Gertrude Shannon, Theta, Flora Shattuck, Theta, Eleanor Day, Gamma, and Mildred Dimmick, Omicron.

We hope this will be the beginning of an alumnae organization in Indiana.

MILDRED DIMMICK, *Omicron*.

A GROUP OF POEMS

[Louise Smith, Gamma, whose work is receiving favorable comment in various literary circles, sends three poems to THE CRESCENT.]

CE QUE C'EST

It is an elf child, pale and cold,
Lost in the moss grown woods of old.

It is the pain which a poet took
Hid in the uncut page of a book.

It is a swift and subtle thought
That slips from the mesh of words uncaught.

It is a strange and lovely line,
Lost in an intricate design.

It is a stillness no sound can break—
The kiss that I gave, and you did not take.

Wisconsin Literary Magazine (1923).

SONNET

Not so much ugly as grotesque and strange,
Like some weird mask you wear your hideous face,
So now I half believe the fairies place
Strange spells on men that work unearthly change.
The meeting of our eyes must still estrange
My friendship which had sought yours for a space,
And in one devastating glance efface

The words of tenderness we might exchange.
But once I dreamed my eyes were opened wide
Upon your beauty, like one perfect bloom,
Or one white candle in a still, black room;
Your mask, your hideous mask was laid aside.
And then I knew the horror of my doom:
To know and love you then when you had died.

Wisconsin Literary Magazine, (1923).

BAD LUCK (*Unpublished*)

She waved the mirror to and fro
And said with smiling lips,
"Seven years bad luck, you know,
If my finger slips."

She left her happiness to chance—
Oh, she would be strong!
She would not make the first advance
Though she had been wrong.

To play with fate is a mistake
Twice seven years shall rue;
Other things than mirrors break,
And some bad luck comes true.

GAMMA PHI BETA TOUR

June 19

Sail from Montreal on *S. S. Antonia*; berth at \$145.00 included.

June 29

Arrive London.

June 30-July 5

LONDON, the world's largest city. Visits to the Tate and National galleries, the British Museum (the foremost museum in the world), Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London where the crown jewels are guarded, St. Paul's Cathedral, London Museum, and possibly the Houses of Parliament. A drive through the great parks and business thoroughfares of the city. Motor to Windsor, Eton, Hampton Court and Oxford, one-day excursion to the Shakespeare country. Night service to Brussels.

July 6, 7

ANTWERP and BRUSSELS. Visit to the royal parks, the Hotel de Ville, the Palais de Justice and the Cathedral of Ste. Gudule.

- July 8 To Cologne, whose great cathedral is one of the finest examples of modern Gothic building.
Rhine Steamer to Mayence.
- July 9 FRANKFORT and HEIDELBERG, one of the most romantic of university towns. Visit to the picturesque ruins of the old Schloss.
- July 10, 11 Through the Black Forest to Lucerne.
- July 12 LUCERNE. Thorwaldsen's famous Lion, cut in the rock face of a precipice and the very interesting "Glacier Garden." An excursion on the *Vierwaldstattersee* to Vitznau and the funicular railway to the top of the Rigi.
- July 13, 14 INTERLAKEN. Excursion to Lauterbrunnen, Kleine Scheidegg and Grindelwald.
- July 15, 16 Via Loetschberg and Simplon to Baveno.
- July 17 BAVENO, on Lake Maggiore.
- July 18 MILAN, with ample time to see its great marble cathedral (and climb to the top of its lacy marble tower) and Santa Maria delle Grazie where is what is left of Da Vinci's world-famous picture, "The Last Supper."
- July 19 "The Last Supper."
- July 20, 21 VENICE, the Queen of the Adriatic; a morning in historic San Marco and the Doges' Palace with its great halls, star chambers and dungeons; the art treasures of the Academia and the Frari; gondola trips about the city and on the lagoons at night; excursions to the glass factories on the island of Murano and to the famous bathing beach at the Lido.
- July 22 To Florence.
- July 23, 24 FLORENCE, the first city of the Renaissance. Here we visit all the great galleries—the Uffizi, the Pitti, the Academia, the Bargello; the great churches—Sta. Croce, San Lorenzo, the Duomo; the famous Medici Tombs, by Michelangelo; and a drive by way of the Boboli Gardens to San Miniato and the high Piazza Michelangelo.
- July 25 To Naples.
- July 26, 27, 28 NAPLES; excursion by motor to the tragic ruins of Pompeii and to Amalfi and Sorrento, thence by steamer to Capri and the Blue Grotto and back to Naples.
- July 29, 30, 31-Aug. 1 ROME, the Imperial City. A drive to the Janiculum, with its stirring memories of Garibaldi, affording a wonderful view of Rome and its seven hills; a visit to St. Peter's and the Vatican; the Pincian Gardens and the Borghese Gallery; the ancient Forum and the Palatine Hill; St. John Lateran and the Sacred Stairs; the immense baths of Diocletian and the National Museum; the Appian Way, with visits to the Catacombs and the graves of Shelley and Keats; the great Basilica of St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls, where the Apostle is supposed to be buried; Santa Maria Maggiore and the little church that shelters Michelangelo's famous "Moses"; the Rospigliosi Palace,

	containing Guido Reni's "Aurora"; the great Pantheon, built by Hadrian; the Capitoline Hill and its museums; the austere Coliseum.
<i>August 2, 3</i>	PISA, with its Leaning Tower and GENOA, the home of Columbus.
<i>August 4</i>	To Nice.
<i>August 5</i>	Nice, the gay capital of the Riviera. The famous motor trip over the Grande Corniche road to Mentone and return via Monte Carlo with a visit to the celebrated Casino.
<i>August 6</i>	To Avignon.
<i>August 7</i>	AVIGNON. A visit to the Palace of the Popes, and a motor trip to Nimes, where an old Roman amphitheater is still being used, and to the Pont du Gard, the most colossal of all Roman aqueducts. This region was the very center of life of Roman Gaul.
<i>August 8</i>	To Paris.
<i>August 9-14</i>	PARIS, the most beautiful city in the world. The Paris program will include a one-day rail and motor trip to Chateau Thierry, Belleau Wood and Rheims; drives about the city; visits (with special lecturers) to the Louvre, the Luxembourg, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the National Pantheon (the Westminster Abbey of France), the impressive Tomb of Napoleon, and the Pantheon de la Guerre. Excursions to Fontainebleau and to Malmaison and Versailles. There will be time for shopping, and there will almost certainly be an opportunity to attend a performance at the National Opera, the most luxurious opera house in the world.
<i>August 15</i>	Sail from Cherbourg on S. S. <i>Ohio</i> ; berth at \$150.00 included.
<i>August 24</i>	Arrive New York.

PRICE: \$975.00, including suit case for each member.

For particulars and literature apply to

MRS. I. M. STAEHLE,
1110 W. Nevada St.
Urbana, Ill.

NOTE

As time limit for reservations was necessarily prolonged by Mrs. Staehle on account of several members who could not make decisions until later the management has been changed from Beale Tours to Temple Tours.

A bonus of twenty-five dollars is offered to any chapter which secures a member for the party.

PANHELLENIC DEPARTMENT

[The following clippings from the *Anchora* of Delta Gamma (Panhellenic number) are of special interest and benefit to us, not only because they freshen our knowledge of all things and people Panhellenic, but because it is wise to review this particular subject before the advent of rushing season. Accordingly, it is recommended that one meeting be devoted to a reading and discussion of this subject.]

THE PANHELLENIC FRATERNITIES

There are nineteen fraternities for women which have banded together into a National Panhellenic Congress to further mutual understanding and good will. These nineteen groups may be described as social organizations, and their membership in the National Panhellenic Congress indicates that they are so-called general fraternities, as distinguished from professional and honorary Greek-letter societies, from societies restricted to one race, such as the fraternities for Jewish women or colored women, or to one religion, such as the fraternities for Catholic women, or to membership in Masonic orders.

THE NINETEEN PANHELLENIC FRATERNITIES

The nineteen women's fraternities, with dates of founding and number of chapters is as follows:

Name	Date of Founding	Number of Chapters
Alpha Delta Pi	1851 (Reorganized 1904)	39
Pi Mu	1852 (Reorganized 1904)	43
Pi Beta Phi	1867 (Took Greek-letter Name 1883)	
Kappa Alpha Theta	1870	68
Kappa Kappa Gamma	1870	52
Alpha Phi	1872	50
Delta Gamma	1874	27
Gamma Phi Beta	1874	38
Sigma Kappa	1874	33
Alpha Chi Omega	1885	35
Delta Delta Delta	1888	44
Alpha Xi Delta	1893	65
Chi Omega	1895	38
Zeta Tau Alpha	1889	72
Alpha Omicron Pi	1897	42
Kappa Delta	1897	29
Delta Zeta	1902	35
Alpha Gamma Delta	1904	39
Beta Phi Alpha	1909	33

Youth in this category does not by any means indicate weakness.

The newer groups have wisely profited by the experience and the blunders of their elders and today show signs of organizations free from many of the entanglements of those whose early history is perhaps vivid. Any classification of fraternities into groups is, of course, difficult. None of the National Panhellenic Congress fraternities is sectional, although Delta Gamma, for instance, has no chapters in the southeast and few on the

Atlantic seaboard. A classification on the basis of size can be made, but few of us would concede any lack of strength solely because of lack of numbers. However, it is interesting to note that the five having the largest number of chapters are Chi Omega, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

In general the women's fraternities have substantial scholarship loan funds, either already on hand or in process of collection. These funds are maintained for the purpose of making loans of sums anywhere from \$50.00 to \$500 to members of the fraternity who require financial assistance to enable them to finish their college courses. In certain instances these loans are open to women students in general.

A few fraternities, notably Pi Beta Phi, Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Omicron Pi award \$500 annually as a fellowship. Gamma Phi Beta awards this fellowship through the A.A.U.W. from a fund known as the Lindsey Barbee Fellowship Fund. These loan funds and fellowship gifts are no small part of the fraternity's budget, for Theta announces scholarship loan awards for the year up to October, 1924, at nearly \$10,000, and Kappa at nearly \$7,700.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

There is evidence that the twentieth century woman's fraternity is conducting the business end of organization in a most approved and careful fashion. Funds are being concentrated in one department and handled by trust companies, records are being kept with exactness, and general movement is being made toward the opening of central executive offices. Chicago is the favorite place for such executive offices. We have personally visited the Alpha Phi central office on two occasions, and have left with heart overflowing with unchristian envy. These central offices are located in some convenient business building, separate from the distractions of private telephones and domestic interruptions. An able stenographer on full-time work and pay in charge of the office, to which come the members of the council for their regular board meeting, for conferences and to do the routine work incident to their offices. It is only a question of time before all fraternities will adopt this system for this reason, if for no other, that with the growth of the fraternity a large endowment fund must inevitably accumulate, and the regulation and care of money running into the hundred thousands must be handled with all the safeguards of any purely commercial enterprise.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Almost all the fraternities have a growing endowment fund. In some instances the principal is invested in chapter house mortgages and the interest applied to scholarship loans. In others the interest is used for the general maintenance of the fraternity's executive office. So exacting has become the administration of the business affairs of a fraternity that many fraternities have felt it unfair to ask the unremunerated services of its officers. We are informed that among our Greek-letter associates from one to five officers in each group are paid substantial salaries, the highest that we know of being \$5,000 a year guaranteed for a period of ten years.

A TRAINING SCHOOL FOR DEANS

Each fraternity takes great pride in the outstanding women in its ranks—women who have a life interest in fraternities and colleges, women who have devoted years of real service to the advancement of their fraternities both

spiritually and materially. These women have come to know in an exceptional way the problems and needs of college girls. The work which they are called upon to do by virtue of their office gives them a sympathy and a technique which cannot be gained in any other way. Their knowledge and their training, plus their basic social qualities as fraternity women, give them an influence over the members of their chapters which college presidents are only just beginning to appreciate. It is our belief that the administrative councils of women's fraternities are building up a class from which deans of universities and colleges might advantageously be drawn. There is no school for deans more practical than a fraternity council. We recall with interest that Mrs. Richardson, former president of Alpha Phi, is dean of women at Northwestern University, and Dr. Keller, Panhellenic Delegate of Pi Beta Phi, is dean at Westhampton College. The dean of fraternity women, so to speak, is, we believe, Miss L. Pearle Green, of Kappa Alpha Theta, and in our personal judgment, the most influential Greek-letter officer in the country today is Mrs. Mary C. Love Collins, president of Chi Omega. However, we think immediately of Miss Lindsey Barbee and Miss Lillian Thompson, Gamma Phi Betas, of Mrs. Westermann, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and of dozens of other Greek-letter women we should be glad to have all Delta Gammas meet. There is a common bond between us all; we are educated women picked because of certain personal qualities. By the fact of our initiation we are marked off in such a way that although we may be placed in separate groups we stand, nevertheless, in unity before the outside world.

L. J. H.

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC RULINGS

FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS
(1902-24)

The acts of the National Panhellenic Congress may be divided into three groups. The first group consists of those measures which are put before each fraternity in the Congress for a vote by chapters or by Grand Councils. These acts form an interfraternity compact binding on all chapters of all congress fraternities. The second group consists of those measures which the National Panhellenic Congress passes by virtue of its right of limited legislation. These also are binding on all chapters of all congress fraternities. One of the most important set of acts passed in this way is the one establishing and regulating college Panhellenics. The third group consists of the formulation by the Congress of its policy or convictions on various matters of interfraternity interest. These statements are intended to influence public opinion in the fraternity world and to serve as a guide to the Executive Board of the National Panhellenic Congress and to the grand officers of congress fraternities in dealing with the various difficulties which arise and in meeting the various needs of the fraternities. In this report these three groups are carefully separated.

Since the National Panhellenic Congress began its yearly sittings in 1902, its name has been changed from "Intersorority Conference," to "National Panhellenic Conference," and finally to "National Panhellenic Congress." The word "sorority," used in the first reports, has been dropped in favor of the word "fraternity" but for purposes of clearness and uniformity this report retains throughout the terms in use at present.

INFORMATION FOR THE GUIDANCE OF COLLEGE
PANHELLENICS

BULLETIN No. 1, 1921

Compiled in 1921 by order of the National Panhellenic Congress.

The material in this Bulletin is to be read and discussed as soon as it is received, first in every chapter meeting and then in every college Panhellenic. It is to be filed for reference.

THE PANHELLENIC CREED

We, the fraternity undergraduate members, stand for good scholarship, for the guardians of good health, for whole-hearted co-operation with our college's ideals for student life, for the maintenance of final social standards and the serving, to the best of our ability of our college community. Good college citizenship as a preparation for good citizenship in the larger world of *alumnæ* days is the ideal that shall guide our chapter activities.

We, the fraternity *alumnæ* members, stand for an active, sympathetic interest in the life of our undergraduate sisters, for the loyal support of the ideals of our Alma Mater, for the encouragement of high scholarship, for the maintenance of healthful physical conditions in the chapter house and dormitory and for using our influence to further the best standards for the education of the young women of America. Loyal service to chapter, college and community is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity officers, stand for loyal and earnest work for the realization of these fraternity standards. Co-operation for the maintenance of fraternity life in harmony with its best possibilities is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity women of America, stand for preparation for service through character building inspired in the close contact and deep friendship of fraternity life. To us fraternity life is not the enjoyment of special privileges but an opportunity to prepare for wide and wise human service.

PREPARED BY THE EDITOR'S CONFERENCE.

STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

1. That in case of Panhellenic difficulties all chapters involved do their utmost to restore harmony and *to prevent publicity*, both in the college and city community.

2. That any national Panhellenic fraternity whom a local is petitioning shall insist that such group conform to college Panhellenic conditions as to pledging, etc., where it is established.

3. That national Panhellenic fraternity chapters unite in assisting local groups in colleges and universities to obtain national charters.

4. That visiting officers of national Panhellenic fraternities shall be expected not to interfere with regular routine work of the college but, on the contrary, that they shall encourage chapters to keep the college business day free from social engagements.

5. That it is beneath the standards of fraternity women:

(a) To speak disparagingly of any fraternity or any college woman.

(b) To create any feeling between fraternity and nonfraternity women.

(c) To allow an account of minor social functions to appear in public press.

6. That national Panhellenic fraternities shall impress upon its members that they shall respect and obey the letter and the spirit of any agreement which has been made either by the college Panhellenic or national Panhellenic.

REPORT OF ETHICAL COMMITTEE, 1919.

THE INTERFRATERNITY COMPACT

RULES OF PROCEDURE

A. Concerning the establishment and regulation of college Panhellenics.

1. Panhellenics shall be established in all colleges where two or more national fraternities exist.

2. These Panhellenics shall consist of one alumna and one active delegate from each fraternity represented in the Congress.

3. It shall be the purpose of these Panhellenics to discuss and act on all matters of interfraternity interest in the colleges in which they exist, especially such matters as are suggested to them by the National Panhellenic Congress.

4. The chapter first established at each college is to organize the Panhellenic. The chairmanship is to be held in rotation by each chapter in the order of its establishment.

5. A re-established chapter is to take its place in Panhellenic according to the date of its re-establishment. (This rule, passed in October, 1921, is now retroactive.)

6. No chapter of any national Panhellenic fraternity shall have the power to withdraw from a college Panhellenic.

7. No college Panhellenic can expel a chapter.

8. The withdrawal of any chapter of a national Panhellenic fraternity from a college Panhellenic shall cancel the membership of the fraternity involved in national Panhellenic and place its chapters in every college on the basis of local fraternities in all college Panhellenic matters, providing that the national fraternity concerned does not require its chapter to return to Panhellenic at once, four weeks from the date of supposed withdrawal being the maximum time allowed the fraternity for adjusting the situation.

9. Patronesses, alumnae and pledges shall be bound by Panhellenic rushing rules.

10. The proof of a girl's being pledged shall be a dated written statement, signed by the pledge and witnessed by a member of the chapter.

B. Concerning college Panhellenic difficulties.

In case of difficulties which cannot be settled by the college Panhellenic, the following procedure shall be pursued:

1. Report the matter to the grand president of the offending chapter and to the grand presidents of the chapters involved.

2. If the grand presidents cannot settle the case it may be appealed by any grand president to the Executive Committee of national Panhellenic.

3. If the Executive Committee cannot settle the case it may be appealed either by a grand president or by the Executive Committee to the National Panhellenic Congress, whose decision shall be final.

4. There shall be no publicity of any kind in Panhellenic troubles.

PANHELLENIC PROGRAMS

During each of the two college years, 1921-22 and 1922-23, every college Panhellenic shall arrange for five meetings at which the following subjects shall be discussed in the order named:

1. Health (especially college customs or conditions which affect it).
2. Education.
3. Vocations.
4. Reports by each fraternity of its national work.

5. Contributions of Panhellenic to the college in maintaining high social and scholastic standards.

Signed

LILLIAN W. THOMPSON, *Gamma Phi Beta*,

MRS. WM. M. HUDSON, *Pi Beta Phi*,

MRS. FRANK A. FALL, *Alpha Chi Omega*,

—From the *Proceedings of National Panhellenic Congress*.

CITY PANHELLENICS

The editor of *Lamp* has asked me to set down for her Panhellenic number the function of the Committee on City Panhellenics.

The various committees were announced almost at the close of the National Panhellenic Congress, giving no one the opportunity to refuse or time to seek much information as to the duties of the office to which she was appointed.

My work on this committee has involved answering letters from Panhellenic women who desired information with regard to the organization of city Panhellenic associations.

Lillian Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta, was chairman of this committee for at least six years before this chairmanship was assigned to me, and at the last Congress presented such a comprehensive and informing report that the Congress voted to have it published and ready for distribution, at a small cost. This report, besides being a history of her work, includes two model constitutions, one for small city organizations and one for large city organizations. There are many suggestions for the work and programs for meetings. Any city Panhellenic wishing a copy of this report may have one if they will write to me and send twenty-five cents in stamps to cover the cost of publication and postage. These are the instructions given me by the Executive Committee of National Panhellenic Congress.

Letters come to me from all parts of the country asking how to organize, and who is eligible to membership; also what local associations may do to help the National Panhellenic Congress. Practically all these and many more questions are answered in Miss Thompson's report.

One constantly recurring question that comes to me concerns the eligibility of special and honorary fraternity members. There are in some cities good enough reasons for granting them associate membership. In other places it makes for complications.

National Panhellenic Congress does not seek to dictate the policy of city Panhellenics, simply to direct when direction is sought or needed.

Members of the nineteen national fraternities that constitute the membership of the National Panhellenic Congress are by virtue of the annual dues paid by their own fraternity members thereof. Each fraternity has but one vote. Office in National Panhellenic Congress is by rotation. The congress meets once in two years, at a time and place selected by the Executive Committee.

City Panhellenics offer a congenial way of keeping posted on fraternity development and achievements. There are cases where they have helped admirably in an advisory capacity. Some associations maintain one or more scholarships. Some offer rewards for scholastic achievement. In a few cities Panhellenic clubs offer a congenial and pleasant home to college women for a very much smaller cost than the same comforts can be secured elsewhere. In this one particular city Panhellenics more than justify their existence.

It occurred to me that members of my own fraternity might be interested in the work of this committee. Mrs. Westermann, Kappa Kappa

Gamma, and Sarah Blue, Kappa Delta, compose the City Panhellenic Committee of National Panhellenic Congress.

NANCY BROWN WOOLLETT.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Could not some of the following and other penalties be made sufficiently severe in one year to correct or punish all offenders?

1. Postponement of pledging beyond the regular pledge date from one day to several months with open rush for all others during that time.

2. Curtailment or cancellation of the chapter's social functions for a definite period.

3. Elimination from all fraternity scholarship ratings.

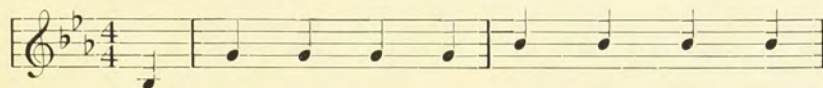
4. Loss of college honors and activity points.

5. Penalization of any member or members of a chapter who are responsible in any way for violations. The punishment of the individual will bring quicker action than any other method for each person will consider the effect that it may have upon her. Her chapter should place her upon probation, cancel her social engagements and make her forfeit college honors and offices to any extent they see fit.

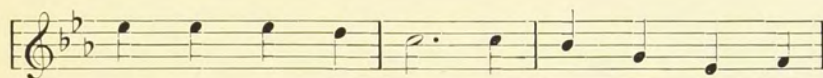
Perhaps restricting the office of Panhellenic president to only those who have been a member of Panhellenic at least five years will strengthen the efficiency of Panhellenic. Some Panhellenics have already done this, as they feel that otherwise the president lacks the fraternity background and experience; neither do they have the advice and help of alumnæ in less time.

Alpha Theta Song.

The following song, sung at the Alpha Theta installat.on banquet, was written by Helen Hopkins of Alpha Theta.



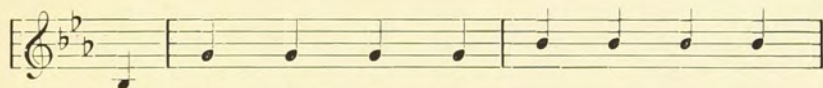
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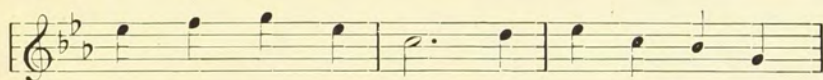
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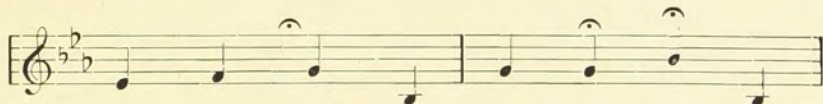
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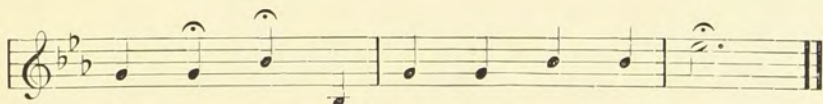
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best the long years through, The one we love with



all our hearts, O Gam - ma Phi, O



Gam - ma Phi, O Gam - ma Phi, it's you.



EDITORIALS

Φιλοσοφία Βίου Κυβερνήτης *Philosophy, the Guide of Life*

A philosophy that means the love of culture in its truest sense; a philosophy that may be symbolized not only by the shining golden key, but by the intelligence and understanding of the modern college girl; a philosophy that promises its followers the choicest treasures of yesterday, of today, of tomorrow.

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Once upon a time—years ago for some of us—we struggled with a certain paragraph in Cicero's oration upon Archias—a paragraph which bade us stop to realize the glory of culture as a personal possession and which read: *Nam ceterae neque temporum sunt neque aetatum omnium neque locorum: ar haec studia adulescentiam alunt, senectutem oblectant, secundas res ornant, adversis perfugium ac solacium praebent, delectant domi, non impediunt foris, pernoctant nobiscum, peregrinantur, rusticantur.*

Today the paragraph still brings its message; perhaps, as we translate it, we realize in a fuller sense, the truth and timeliness of the message. *For other recreations of the mind do not belong to all times, all ages and all places; but these studies nourish youth, delight old age, adorn prosperity, furnish a refuge and a consolation in adversity, charm us at home, do not hinder us abroad, are with us at night, go into other lands with us and share our holidays.*

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At a post-convention luncheon in Syracuse, the editor sat by one of Alpha's interesting and enthusiastic members—an early initiate and a close friend of the four founders. During the course of the luncheon we said: "Tell about the founders as girls. What was the personality of each? How did one differ from another?" She

thought a moment and replied: "Helen was the student; Fanny, the artist; Eunice, the affectionate one, and Minnie, the aristocrat." Helen, the student: Fanny, the idealist: Eunice, the friend: Minnie, the aristocrat! And the thought came—How the outstanding characteristics of each girl had merged into the life and purpose of Gamma Phi Beta, for truly the Spirit of Fifty Years has brought us the gifts of our founders—culture, ideals, friendship, pride.

Scholarship means not only a knowledge of what lies between our book covers but culture in its truest sense—a trained mind, a real appreciation of the beautiful in life, a love for knowledge that will be an eternal joy. Idealism we must have—an idealism that means the flame of devotion and, enthusiasm and self-sacrifice. Friendship is Gamma Phi's dearest possession—a friendship that lasts not only through college days but through the years to come. And lastly, pride. Not the pride of arrogance but the pride of humility; not the pride that boasts of superiority but the pride that sets the highest goal, that is tireless in building the perfection of tomorrow from the mistakes of yesterday and today.

To the many initiates of the sorority who are wearing for the first time the crescent shield of the order, we pass these gifts of the founders. Cherish them; be true to them; and in so doing, be true to Gamma Phi. *Culture, Ideals, Friendship, Pride.* Keep before you the goal of culture—for culture brings many riches. Hold on to ideals—for it is a barren life that does without them. Only by ideals will you achieve self-development and self-fulfillment; only by ideals will you gain what is worth while, and even if you fail to attain them you have kept faith with yourself. Be loyal in your friendship; be loyal to one another; be loyal to your pledge, for loyalty means unselfishness, and unselfishness means love, and love means the invincible bond that unites you to each other and to Gamma Phi Beta. Lastly, rejoice in the pride that craves for the sorority what is worth while. Be able to say, "I am proud of my organization—proud of her achievement, her history, her prominence, proud that I am to do my part in helping her to keep this prominence."

And what gift have we for the Spirit of Fifty Years? The gift of service—service that asks no return for labor and loyalty, that is willing to give its best for the mere joy of giving; service that glimpses the vision infinite, that claims unselfishness, self-effacement, idealism as its reward. The happiness of service lies in service itself—and this is Gamma Phi Beta's gift to the Spirit of Fifty Years.

Faculty dinners are often chronicled in chapter letters, and duly approved by those in authority. Truly, an acquaintance among faculty folk is greatly to be desired; and a friendly companionship outside of classroom walls may be of mutual benefit and pleasure. And yet—do we make the most of this opportunity? Do we restrict our conversation to matters of common interest? Do we intrude our own sorority affairs, our own sorority interests? In the February *Atlantic Monthly* is a most interesting and clever article, *Am I Too Old to Teach?*—from which the following paragraph (apropos of the foregoing meditation and perhaps applicable to sororities) is quoted:

Egotism and romance, I have always found, do not house well together, for romance has an element of humility, an eagerness to worship, an expectation of unmerited pleasure in the remote, the external. But the egotist has few surprises, has no mellow haze over his anticipations. I think about this sometimes when I am dining at a chapter house. I have time for thought, for I think while my hosts are singing. Periodically the chapter says, "Who'll we ask to dinner Thursday?" They have heard of whom, but they don't care for the people who use it. And someone says, "Let's ask old P—— and his Frau. I've just got to kill that course of his this time." On this basis we are invited. Often we go and are compassed with pleasant young attentions. We dine. At intervals during the meal our hosts burst into song—usually just between the subject and predicate of my sentence. Do they sing a passionate ballad, gallant and gay? Do they sing of old unhappy far-off things, or of love, or war, or Alma Mater? No, they know no such songs. Even what were once called college songs are unknown to them. The Spanish Cavalier has gone into his retreat permanently. They sing—it surprises you when you first hear them—their own praises. Sometimes they sing before they begin—a blurb instead of a grace. Their own glories flavor the meat. But they don't exhaust their merits with that. The soup dishes removed, they warble again—their pin, their flower, themselves, their honor, their friendship, their supereminence. You don't know just where or how to look. How do you look when a man is telling you earnestly that he is the greatest man that ever lived? You don't look anywhere but at your wife, and you see that she is sweetly composing an appropriate thing to say when they have ended the blurb. You leave it to her. To be fair, though, there is one point on which they make no boasting; they never weave mention of their scholarship into their lays, with their other forms of eminence. I know that they are looking on me with condescending eye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Endowment Fund Board, chosen by and from Chicago Alumnae chapter is as follows:

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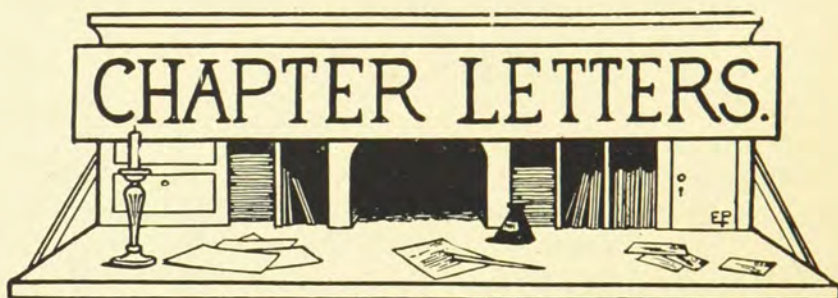
All checks for this fund are made payable to Mary Thomas McCurley and are sent to her address. Pledge installments are also sent to Miss McCurley.

"SORORITY HANDBOOK"

Have you a Sorority Handbook? If not, order the ninth edition immediately, for it has been revised, enlarged, and brought strictly up to date; each chapter should possess a copy. The history of the sorority movement, the articles upon the higher education of women and the mission of the sorority are invaluable; and Mrs. Martin has included all necessary data concerning Greek-letter organizations and colleges containing chapters of the national sororities. The illustrations of badges are full and attractive, and the book is an addition and a necessity to every chapter library. The price is \$2.25, and orders are to be sent to The Sorority Handbook, 5 Cobden Street, Boston 19, Massachusetts.

THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution has been revised according to convention decree and will soon be presented to the chapters for ratification.



Send *All Chapter Letters and Personals to the editor.* Next letter *must reach her by August 1.*

Delinquent College Chapters

Rho—Hope Heffner

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Gamma Phi noses are glued to philosophical pages

'Tis a sad, sad tale which I have to unfold—we didn't get the much heralded scholarship cup. We're still screening the empty "intellect niche" with shiny athletic cups. It *was* cruel—there we had it for two whole days. We strutted, fêted, celebrated. You see, we had long been delinquent and our joy was almost hilarious. Then someone conceived the brilliant idea of recording grades differently and the cherished cup was wrested from our eager grasp. We were crushed, but now Gamma Phi noses are glued to philosophical pages, and we're grim and determined pursuers for the honor next year.

I just hate to admit that there haven't been any shining lights in the world of knowledge so far this year. Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi elections have come and gone—but—well, there are two more elections in the spring. One lone "Phi Bete" graced our chapter last year, but she was quite the most wonderful specimen of the "intelligentsia"—Frances Ward. Elsbeth MacGoodwin, a Phi Beta Kappa at Smith College, now taking her master's degree, was initiated this fall.

Alice Coonley made the greatest percentage of improvement over last year's grades in the upper classes, thereby winning the prize of \$25.00 awarded by the Alumnae Corporation. Helen Johnson averaged 91 per cent and received the \$10.00 prize offered by the alumnae chapter for the freshman having the highest average.

When I gazed upon the request to submit an article on scholarship and that strange, almost unknown society called Phi Beta Kappa, I could only see "Alpha Chapter Letter—Blank." It is so very difficult to describe that subtle brilliancy which does not actually produce the gold material of honor keys and yet makes you feel and know that the ability is there. If I could only tell of the girls who should have them! Next time let's write on activities—it's much more conducive to copy. . . .

ALLADA FEENEY.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Thirty hours of A and two hundred thirty-two of B

Beta's rigid régime for study this past semester proved most effective, for eleven out of thirteen pledges were put through. February 28 marked Beta's forty-third annual initiation and banquet at which time the crescent motif predominated in decorations and general program. From the very newest of the neophytes to the very oldest of the alumnae, all felt the deep solemnity, and in making bonds for the youngest Gamma Phis we renewed the strength of our own.

Our statistics for scholarship have not been completed, but even in their unfinished state it is plain that Beta's deficiencies are being corrected, and we feel that in June, with our year of endeavor behind us, we shall have definitely assumed our place among the ranking sororities. Considering the unusually small size of the chapter, thirty hours of A and two hundred thirty-two of B are not to be scorned!

As for incentives for study, the juniors are offered the greatest inducement, for Beta has a unique tradition. The junior with the highest average during her third year is allowed to wear the Mary Harned pin, encrusted with diamonds, as recognition. This year Cornelia Shepherd, our president, wears it, and speculation runs high as to its next possessor.

Today Beta is playing her fifth game in the intersorority basketball tourney, which is nearing the finals, and so far is undefeated. Though our attention is focused mainly on study, we still have time for outside activities.

Last but not least, Beta announces the pledging and initiation of Frances Fuller, '28, former pledge of Omicron, who entered Michigan the second semester, and the pledging of Esther Merrick, of Detroit. These new girls help to fill in the void left by Mary Haskell and Janet van den Berg, who will not return to Beta until September.

BETTY POWELL.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dorothy Campbell, '24, to Lodge Dubois Stabach, '24, Delta Sigma Phi.
Margaret Barnun, '25, to Chester A. Sirrine, Delta Phi.

DEATH

Mrs. Harold Sykes (Stella Knapp, '15).

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Maintenance of good record

After the Christmas holidays, the first social event for Gamma was the formal banquet which followed the initiation, on January 17, of the following girls: Helen Cady, Angeline Gale, Kathleen Hawley, Rachel Learnard and Helen Nisbett.

Shortly after initiation, there loomed upon the horizon, formidable in aspect and exceedingly quieting in effect, socially, at least, examinations. Those toils and dangers past, all the good children, who had made a good record, were permitted to stay in college, and go to the 1926 prom—which was a prom to remember.

But one does more than remember prom dates—one repays them, according to authorities. So it was that most of the Gamma Phis took advantage of the opportunity offered by the pledge formal, which was given for the chapter at the Loraine Hotel on Friday the thirteenth. Neither the date nor its proximity to prom festivities had any bad effect on the party, which was pronounced a decided success.

There has been nothing of much note since the opening of the new semester. Things are just now getting away to a start. On Saturday the twenty-first, Gamma Phi Beta was represented in the university horse show by Catherine Clausen, who rode in the individual races, and Alice Lyon, who rode in the intersorority.

ELIZABETH BROWNING.

ENGAGEMENT

Margaret Jones to William E. Ritchie, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

PERSONALS

Sara Fletcher has been appointed to the W.S.G.A. Committee for Mothers' Day.

Ruth Pierson, Catherine Clausen and Virginia Stanley are newly-elected members of the Spanish Club.

Dorothy Bateman has been elected to the French Club.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Plans for a house next year

This has been a happy month for Delta. A few weeks ago we pledged Abbie Scott and re-pledged Esther Carrier, whose pledge had expired because she was not in the university last semester. We are glad to have her back with us again. February 28 we initiated Isabel Lummis, Helen Ropes, Abbie Scott and Florence Strickland and we are proud and happy to present them all to you. In welcoming Florence Strickland, Gamma Phi is greeting the daughter of Antoinette Brown Strickland, an alumna of Alpha chapter.

Initiation was followed by the banquet, with Betty Macey Kaufmann, president of Boston Alumnæ Chapter, as toastmistress and after the banquet we had our annual formal dance—all at the Hotel Vendome. Altogether it was a gala day, and a happy one.

Delta is both sorry and glad to tell you that Helen Crosby, CRESCENT correspondent, left within the month for a trip to Europe with her mother. She will be greatly missed, but the love and good wishes of all of us—and, we know, of all of you—go with her across the water.

On March 14 a bridge and mah jongg party was given by the alumnæ at the home of Betty Kaufmann. The proceeds are being used to swell the fund which we hope may make it possible for Delta to have a house of its own next year.

Everybody is working hard just now, struggling through a veritable seige of mid-semesters. Spring is on its way to Boston, and plans are already being made for house party.

AUDREY A. DAVIS.

ENGAGEMENT

Jacquelyn Stocking, '25, to James Greer, a student in Boston University School of Theology.

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

We welcome nine girls

Two especially important things have happened since the last CRESCENT letter was written. First, in order of appearance, our formal dinner dance, which was given this year on January 17 at the Kenilworth Club was a wonderfully successful party, so much so, in fact, that we're all looking eagerly toward our informal which will come sometime around the middle of April.

Then comes initiation. We welcomed nine girls at the home of Mrs. Ernest Barbour in Evanston on February 28. The initiates were Marijane Dovel, Manistee, Michigan; Gertrude MacRae, Isabel Orchard, Mary June Fellows, Elizabeth Wright, Evanston; Nellie Gibbs and Beatrice Older, Wilmette; Janet Dyer, Chicago, and Beatrice Lumley, Woodstock. Many alumnæ came back for the day, and altogether we numbered seventy-five. After the initiation ceremony, we had our customary spread and the initiates sang their original songs for us.

The immediate interest of Epsilon just now is the W.A.A. show, *The Tenth Attempt*, which was written by Gertrude Drew, one of our sophomores.

HELEN KENNEDY.

PERSONALS

Bea Lumley was elected captain of the freshman volleyball team, while Mary June Fellows and Gerry McKinley also made the freshman team, and Bea and Mary June made the varsity team. Fern Alder made sophomore volleyball team.

Nellie Gibbs, Josephine MacRae, Marian Schifflin, Gladys Crimmins and Bea Lumley, are members of the chorus of *The Tenth Attempt*, the W.A.A. musical comedy.

Helen Northrup has charge of side shows for the N.U. Circus.

Josephine MacRae was elected one of the twelve freshmen commission leaders for next year, and a member of Alethenai Literary Society.

Bea Lumley and Marian Schifflin were elected members of Eulexia Literary Society, and Marijane Dovel of Anonian Literary Society.

Gertrude MacRae took the part of Mrs. Agatha Whatcombe in *Captain Applejack*, which was produced recently by Campus Players.

Kathleen Wright was chairman of a committee for Speech Prom and led the left wing.

ENGAGEMENTS

Margaret Bracken, '25, to Robert Wheeland, '26, Phi Kappa Psi and Nu Sigma Nu.

Mildred Hunt, '27, to Charles Hunter of Helena, Arkansas.

Mary Alice Merrill, '24, to Jack Budinger, ex-'24, Delta Upsilon.

Unc Green, '23, to John Stewart, Sigma Alpha Epsilon of Colorado School of Mines.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Fox (Ruth Bartels), a son, on February 5.

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Basketball season at its height

Zeta is very active right now, both on the campus and in things which deal only with ourselves. The basketball season is at its height and Gamma Phi is being well represented on the field. Frances Hosterwain is the captain of the freshman team, Muriel Lee and Charlotte Bush play on the sophomore team, and Bear Ryan plays on the junior team. Just now all the classes are fighting for the championship, and the gym is rarely without a shrieking audience and a pair of teams valiantly struggling to win a game for one class or another. Frances Hosterwain, besides being captain of the freshman basketball team, is vice president of her class and also swimming manager.

We had initiation on Saturday, February 28, and received eight new sisters into our midst. First we had mock initiation in the room; then watched the freshmen being led around the streets, blindfolded, in an effort

to lose them before we finally brought them to Alumnae Lodge for the final initiation. We were through in time to have a sumptuous banquet at one of the tea rooms, where we were favored with speeches from the newly initiated and from several alumnae who graced the board. We danced afterward to the strains of a real orchestra and returned home tired but entirely "satisfied" with the new bearers of the Gamma Phi crescent.

We have lately conceived the plan of doing things as a body socially. We have had gleeful "pit" parties to the best shows, some of which open up in Baltimore. We have turned out en masse to the college performances, and have bent hearty efforts to support all possible benefits. We are planning to have a benefit card party to raise money for our pledges to national, and have decided to hold it after our spring vacation when everyone will be fresh and eager to put a great deal of enthusiasm toward making it go over. There have also been rumors of a rummage sale, and, although nothing definite has been planned, we are anticipating it greatly and hope to be successful.

MARGARET DENMEAD.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Scholarship Cup for girl in house with highest average

The most interesting and important event of our college year took place on February 6-7—the initiation and spring banquet. Ten were initiated and it made a very impressive and lovely service to have so many new and enthusiastic sisters really a part of the House. The neophytes were Virginia Lemmon, Elizabeth Sheafe, Yvonne Harley, Eleanor Whitmore, Carolyn Whiting, Katherine Linforth, Grace Eleanor Rawlins, Elizabeth Dempster, Marion Peake and Barbara Allen. The girls were invited for dinner the evening of the sixth, when they were asked to entertain us—This, to give them a taste of mock initiation. At midnight we had the midnight service in our chapter room, and the next afternoon, after a period of solitary meditation, the formal initiation was held.

After the ceremony the neophytes were the honor guests at the banquet held at the Hotel Whitecotton. There were ninety-four present, active girls and alumnae. The banquet was lovely and the speeches based upon the idea of the parts which are necessary to form an arch, were very well carried out. This year we had a silver scholarship cup for the girl with the highest average. It was awarded to Elizabeth Dempster, one of the freshmen, and we were all very proud of her.

Speaking of being proud, many of the members of Eta chapter have been receiving honors lately. Three girls, Patricia Sizer, Madeleine Putnam and Katherine Boole, are members of the Torch and Shield, honor society for activities.

Katherine Boole and Elizabeth Dempster were taken into Parliament, the debating honor society. Marjorie Bridge is a member of Mortar Board, a society for good fellowship. Haven't we a right to be proud?

The semester has been full of faculty dinners and formal rushing parties. A few weeks ago we gave a bridge party for the mothers of the active girls. At each table there were two girls and two mothers and every one seemed to enjoy herself exceedingly. Our mothers have done so much for us that we wanted to express our gratitude in some way.

Last week we were very happy to have Margaret Meany Younger, the National Delegate spend a few days with us. It was a hurried visit but we enjoyed having her very much and she gave us many helpful suggestions and much inspiration.

ROBERTA FIELD SPERRY.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Gives annual play

January was a busy month for Theta—busy in a scholastic sense, for mid-years came the last of the month. Fortunately, we survived once again. After many anxious hours spent in getting grades from professors, and figuring averages, our scholarship chairman announced that nine pledges had made their averages.

So, with light hearts, preparations were made for the initiation and banquet to be held on February 7. A lovely service was held at the home of Margaret Marr, followed by a banquet at the Brown Palace Hotel. Theta combined the celebration of Gamma Phi's fiftieth anniversary with the initiation banquet, and a great old celebration it was! There were one hundred seven present—actives, alumnae and initiates. Before this inspiring gathering the initiates entertained with impromptu speeches—amusing, but very much appreciated.

The new Gamma Phis are Alice Boggs, Elizabeth Carter, Reba Dawson, Ethelyn Pate, Jean Marr, Mary Peterson, Helen Quick, Margaret Watkins and Genevieve Young, the daughter of one of Theta's charter members. They're a wonderful group of girls and you'll hear much about them in the future.

We had one bridge tea rush party, and later pledged five more girls, Helen Brown, Maxine Hair, Mary Marzyck, Josephine Maroney and Marian Watkins. We just couldn't survive without some pledges to help us out.

The rest of Theta's time has been spent in preparation for the play—*The Triumvirate Meets*—written by Lindsey Barbee. It is to be given on March 21 at the Broadway Theater and just now we're all in an orgy of selling tickets. You all know what a job that is! However, we fully expect the play to be a success—it's so finely written, and everyone is working so hard on it.

Panhellenic is trying to promote good fellowship through sport and is conducting a Panhellenic volley ball tournament, in which Theta hopes to shine.

Now we've told you what's been happening to us. What have all the rest of you been doing?

LAURA GRAHAM.

SUPPLEMENT

Once again did the dramatic talent of Theta display itself in Lindsey's splendid play, *The Triumvirate Meets*, which we gave at the Broadway on March 21. Everyone said it was the best play ever, and a large crowd attended. Once the curtain forgot to go down, and once the telephone—well, that's our own secret, but aside from these minor happenings, all went smoothly. The girls all looked beautiful and the men didn't fall far behind in the example set by the girls for looks and acting. We made our pledge for the Endowment Fund and some money for our own needs.

We wish you all could share Lindsey's talent with us, but we are never going to let her go away from her own Theta chapter. Here's to another successful play.

LAURA GRAHAM.

PERSONALS

Helen Morse, '25, has been pledged to the Rilling Athletic Club.

Evelyn Runnette is publicity chairman for the May Fête.

Marian Watkins has been pledged to the Women's Athletic Association.

ENGAGEMENT

Mildred Thompson, '26, to Raymond Kennett.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Highest rating out of nineteen national sororities

Grades—and especially those of our freshmen—were our chief concern when we returned to enter upon a new quarter! Disappointment reigned in that all of the freshmen were not eligible for initiation. However, seven of our pledges exchanged the crescent for a Greek-letter pin on January 20—Marian Ashley, Katherine Baker, Helen Benham, Jess Marie Heinrich, Helen Lang, Martha Schute and Aimee Thomas. Initiation came as a wonderful culmination to a week of probation, which consisted in avoiding the front stairs and the living room, calling actives “Honorable Miss,” doing various odd cleaning jobs about “the house,” and preparing jokes for luncheon. Corsages were presented to the initiates at the banquet held after the ceremony. The new members sang original songs which commemorated pledge days or gave eulogy to Gamma Phi.

President L. D. Coffman has passed a new rule concerning scholarship in sororities and fraternities which necessitates consistently average work by each member of the organization. Those societies which do not maintain a C average will suffer a period of probation, during which time they must prove themselves capable of average grades. If they fail in this period, serious results will occur, even to the extent of losing their charter. We have no cause to worry about our active chapter; we are proud to announce that it had the highest rating out of nineteen national sororities on the campus, but eleven freshmen below grade brought our active and pledge standing among sororities down to third place with Phi Mu and Delta Delta leading just a bit ahead of us. Consequently, we are looking to our scholarship with renewed effort, hoping to top the list by helping the freshmen with their difficulties. We have limited their “nights out” and during each freshmen’s study hour an active is with her in order that she may assist her with any problems and see that she learns to concentrate on her books.

The first event on our social calendar for the quarter was the winter formal at the Minnesota Club on January 16. Supper was served at midnight. Ruth Leck and Elizabeth Martin were in charge of the arrangements and we were very glad to have several alumnæ with us. Everyone voted the evening a huge success, a fact made evident by various exclamations at departing.

The traditional valentine party of the “house girls” was held on February 14. The table was decorated with tiny hearts bearing love messages, and a lovely centerpiece of hyacinths. Heart be-sprinkled cookies and cakes also added to the general effect, but the feature of the evening was a large valentine box, decorated by Marion Jones, in which everyone had dropped missives to her “sweethearts.” After all inscriptions had been solved, a large package was presented to the house president, which proved to be a number of the latest victrola records from Mrs. Evans, our chaperon. No need to tell of the scrambling about the machine to hear Nick Lucas and Abe Lyman’s orchestra at their best.

The newest chapter acquisition is an exquisite red leather, gold embossed guest book which Jess Marie Heinrich made and presented to Kappa. It held the place of honor at the faculty banquet, given at “the house” on March 4. Treasured among its leaves are the names of famous Minnesota faculty of every department from music to history. It is indeed, a pleasure to exchange anecdotes informally with one’s history professor, or to discuss Coolidge with a Shakespeare authority. Decorations were spring flowers and pale blue and gold candles. Helen MacLaren was in charge of the party.

While speaking of gifts to the chapter, we must not omit the beautiful silver tray presented by Katherine Tancy Silversen. It arrived during "spread" on February 2 and caused great excitement and many delightful exclamations. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Silversen again for her very attractive and much-needed remembrance.

Gamma Phis are taking an active part in campus dramatics. Helen Benham played the leading rôle in *Le Medecin Malgre Lui*, presented by Le Cercle Francais. The play, written entirely in French, was difficult to portray because of the intense emotional scenes. *The Drama*, campus critic, said of Helen's interpretation of her rôle, "Helen Benham as Martine, the nagging wife, played the part to perfection. She was angry, sullen and scheming by turns." Marion Jones was recently initiated into Minnesota Masquers, sole campus dramatic organization to which women are eligible. She has served on the costume committee for *Kismet* and *You and I*, while Dorothy Plocher is taking the leading rôle in Tarkington's *The Intimate Strangers*, forthcoming presentation of Minnesota Masquers. This play will tour southern Minnesota towns during the spring vacation and will open on the campus in April.

Athletics, too, claim the attention of Gamma Phis. Helen Rhode is a member of the sophomore class basketball team, while Eleanor Lincoln is playing on the senior squad. The chapter basketball team, captained by Edith Quinn, were victors over the East Sanford Dormitory in a close match, ending in a score of 16-14. In the clash with the Alpha Phis, we succeeded in chalking up a score of 49-0. The Kappa squad, final victors in the tournament, brought us defeat to the tune of 14-3. The swimming team composed of Frances Bowen, Betty Horr, Katherine Lincoln and Mary Wilde entered in the intersorority relay here, and won fifth place. W.A.A. held the annual Penny Carnival on February 27 at which Gamma Phi was represented by a fake museum, containing curiosities "natural and otherwise." Marion Jones was in charge of the booth which was a clever take-off on popular campus personages and events. The greatest attraction was "Peter," our tiny alligator, imported from the swamps of Florida.

Now we come to our final and best announcement—Mary Staples was chosen to lead the junior ball, major social event at Minnesota, and Dorothy Adams, escorted by the general arrangements chairman, was fifth in line. Besides the two leaders, twenty other Gamma Phis were present. Perhaps the fact that two years ago Ruth Smalley led the procession and last year Elizabeth Martin was fourth in line may have inspired the following extract from "The Higher Lunacy" column of the *Minnesota Daily*:—"It is beginning to look as if the Gamma Phis is gettin everything but the small pox a round here as Lidberg went an let down the bars of discretion an ast Staples to go along with him at the J. B." We might add that the selection of girls for this highest social honor is based on contributions she has made to her university—her qualities and abilities throughout her college career.

The coming spring elections are already absorbing a great deal of our interest, for several Gamma Phis have been nominated to positions of importance, and so we are looking forward to adding even more laurels to the fame of Gamma Phi Beta!

BARBARA HARRIS.

PERSONALS

Ruth MacLaren, '27, and Mary Carpenter, '27, were recently chosen as members of the Y.W.C.A. sophomore commission. The selection is made on the basis of leadership among sophomore women.

Gwendolyn Morris, '25, was one of the members of the prom committee at Radcliffe.

Elizabeth Martin, '26, was chairman of the music on the junior ball association and Barbara Harris, '26, was a member of the banquet committee.

The newly-established Minnesota Traditions Club has two Gamma Phis as its only women delegates. Jean MacMillan, '25, was elected from the all-university council and Eleanor Lincoln, '25, represented the W.S.G.A. board. The purpose of this club is to perpetuate college spirit and keep alive old traditions.

Mary Staples, '26, was recently initiated into Thalian Literary Society.

Helen Carpenter, '25, was elected senior representative to W.S.G.A. board to fill a vacancy. This position also automatically makes her president of the Girls' Class Council, which is in charge of all general girls' organizations.

Hazel Smith, '26, drew the introductory plate for the sorority section of the *Gopher*. She is now doing all advertisement drawings for Donaldson's Department Store of Minneapolis.

Barbara Harris, '26, was initiated into Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary journalistic sorority.

Harriet Stevens, '28, was a member of the general arrangements committee for the freshmen hop.

Eleanor Lincoln, '25, was chairman of the nominating board of W.S.G.A.

Helen MacLaren, '26, was appointed by the Y.W.C.A. to be a member of the Interracial Commission.

Helen Carpenter, '25, is general arrangements chairman of the Matrix banquet, sponsored by Theta Sigma Phi, which is held annually to discuss girls' problems on the campus. Only the most prominent girls in the university are asked to attend and the bids are kept in strictest secrecy. Barbara Harris, '26, is chairman of the place where Matrix shall be held.

Ruth Leck, '25, Eleanor Lincoln, '25, Jean MacMillan, '25, and Mary Staples, '26, were among the few students, invited to the opening of the Arthur Upson Room of the new library. This room is dedicated to creative reading.

Barbara Harris, '26, was a member of the constitutional revision committee for W.S.G.A.

Jane Little, '28, is a member of the Y.W.C.A. tea committee.

Barbara Harris, '26, is secretary of the Bruce Curry central committee for the Y.W.C.A.

MARRIAGES

On February 14, at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, Lucille Curtis, Kappa, '24, to Clifford Dexheimer, Phi Kappa Psi, Beloit College. Mr. and Mrs. Dexheimer are at home at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

LAMBDA

"We are all working especially hard to keep up Lambda's scholarship"

The most important thing that has happened to Lambda recently is the initiation into active membership on January 25 of twelve of her pledges—Catherine Redpath, Imogene Rousseau, Virginia Grey, Florence Sweeney, Mercer Gregory, Annabel Hall, Margaret Holden, Elizabeth Joyner, Kathryn Luddington, Margaret Weigel, Ava Pattee and Virginia Saunders. Besides our initiates we have one new pledge, Marguerite Halburt, from Wenatchee. She is a very talented dancer and a credit to the freshman class.

All of Lambda's social events thus far have been in this quarter. Our informal, which was given on January 17, was a unique affair in the history

of informals. The decorations carried out the idea of a cocoanut grove; the palm branches were sent from California. Monkeys hung in the trees and wooden parrots perched among the leaves. The idea was further carried out by having palm leaf fans for programs and the punch served on an oasis.

The decorations for our formal, given February 28, converted our rooms into the dim halls of a Moorish palace. The walls were hung with batiks and the lights were softened. Leather cigarette cases were the programs. Altogether we pride ourselves on having given two very successful parties.

Everyone in the house enjoyed a feed which was given recently by the freshmen. They were enforced hostesses because their average for the last quarter was the lowest in the house. The feed was combined with a shower given for Winefred Clancy, who recently announced her engagement.

All of the girls in the house are arraying themselves in new spring attire and we could not have them outshine the house, so we are dressing it up, too. We have bought a new lamp, davenport and console table, and have brightened up the rooms with colorful pillows.

Lambda was well represented as usual in Junior Girls' Vodvil, which was recently given at the Metropolitan Theater. Dorothy Hager was supported in a dancing act by her chorus, and Juliet Glen appeared in a skit of her own composition.

We are all working especially hard to keep up Lambda's scholarship.

HELEN GORHAM.

ENGAGEMENT

Winifred Clancy to Harold Dagg, Lambda Chi Alpha.

MARRIAGES

Imogene Cornett to James Emmett Powrie, Phi Delta Theta.

Doreen Kennedy to Buell Beecher Blake, Sigma Chi.

Norma Howard to Stanley Powers, Sigma Nu.

Genevieve Johnson to DeWitt Clinton Burkes.

Kathryn Wagner to Elbert Lewis Harper.

BIRTH

A daughter to Harriet Parker Coleman.

MU—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

No flunks and no incompletes

The scholastic ratings of campus organizations for the year have not as yet been issued at Stanford University, but I *can* say that when the final grades for fall quarter were called for, there were no flunks and no incompletes and with two exceptions, C was the lowest grade received by any of Mu's members. On last year's rating Gamma Phi Beta stood third.

We have one Phi Bete, Frances Sheldon, whose praises we have sung before. Frankie is taking a few extra law courses this quarter although she is a full fledged member of the California Bar and only twenty-two. She is also a member of the Order of the Coif, a legal honorary fraternity to which only the Phi Beta Kappas of the Phi Beta Kappas belong. Frankie's room on the third floor is so characteristic of her! Two tables are piled high with her law notebooks, and a picture of the august members of the Supreme Court of the United States hangs over her big flat topped desk. Near by are her framed certificates of membership in the Order of the Coif and of the California Bar. Her dressing table contains all the

adjuncts to frivolous femininity, however, and her wardrobe is the source of admiration and envy to the rest of us.

Eloise McCleave, '24, was elected to Women's Economic Club last quarter, an honorary society of that department. Eloise is spending the season with her aunt and uncle in Washington, D. C., where she attended a ball at the White House and was presented to the President and Mrs. Coolidge.

Elsa Barber, '25, received the \$100 prize offered by the Colonial Dames for an American historical essay.

Winter quarter rushing week has just come and gone. We have very strict rushing rules and no decorations or novelty entertainments are permitted. Bidding will take place at the end of spring quarter rushing week, the last in April. The life of sororities is being persistently menaced, but there is no immediate danger of their abolition, as out of the ten sororities, six have voted for Greek-letter organizations.

Marion Cross, Muriel Saxon and Beatrice Hill are members of committees for Junior Week, during spring quarter.

Ruth McBride, '25, has been elected to Senior Cabinet of the Y.W.C.A.

We are expecting our Visiting Delegate, Mrs. Younger, on February 26 and invitations have been issued to all the alumnae to meet her at a tea on the twenty-eighth.

Fourteen Mu members went up to Berkeley on February 7 to Eta's initiation banquet. It was held at the Hotel Whitecotton and there were nearly one hundred guests.

Spring quarter at Stanford is not a season to stimulate scholastic endeavor. The lake is already brimmingly filled, and swimming and canoeing are in vogue, even though March has not arrived.

RUTH MCBRIDE.

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Four members on University Honor Roll

Spring is here with all the good times that accompany it!

Last week-end we had our formal dance and fourteen charming girls, who intend to enter college next fall, spent the week-end with us. We made the College Side Inn into a roof garden with bright colored awnings over the tables. Etha Garlick painted silhouettes of sky scrapers on the walls of the room, candles furnished the lighting and two girls in costume presented each guest with a corsage.

We are beginning to excavate for our new house, which we expect to occupy next fall. It is Old English Tudor style and will be the largest house on the campus.

We have two new pledges, Jane Hanrahan, Palo Alto, and Wilhelmina Shields, Portland, Oregon.

We are planning a stunt for April Frolic this year which will be the "Jabberwaker Jinks," with characters from *Alice in Wonderland*. Lillian Luders is the stage manager for the entire April Frolic.

This year four of our members, Frances McGill, Louann Strong, Isabelle Amon and Lyle Veazie, are on the university honor roll. That is the largest number claimed by any house on the campus.

JANET FENSTERMACHER.

PERSONALS

Harriet Baldwin was recently elected into Mu Phi Epsilon.

Frances McGill made an honorary history society.

Margaret Morrison is associate editor of *Old Oregon*.

Doris Kindle is vice president of Thespians, freshman honorary.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dorothy Schneer to Leo Gore, Phi Gamma Delta.

Helene Tyroll to Merriman Holtz, Cleveland, Ohio.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

"All of our seventeen pledges were initiated because they all, naturally, made the required average"

Initiation is over, and with it a few of our most prominent worries. In spite of the fact that most of us are new at running things, the services went along very smoothly and were impressively beautiful. All seventeen of our pledges were initiated, because they all, naturally, made the required average. Our new members are Mary Rusel, Reubens; Ruth Veasey, Chicago, Illinois; Virginia Hulburd, Spokane, Washington; Willy Moody, Sandpoint; Gladine Thompson, Gwendolyn Moser, Dorothy Ehrhardt, Lewiston; Lucile Eaton, Emmett; Mary Newman, Twin Falls; Constance Hill, Twin Falls; Margaret Clark, Helen McConnel, Pearl Glenn and Agnes Bowen, all of Boise; Mary Ramstedt, Wallace; Louise Simmons, Kellogg, and Virginia Angell, Moscow.

The day that we held initiation we also had our banquet and dance. About sixty of us were present at the banquet, and we wish you all might have at least peeped in! The tables were beautifully arranged, for we have at least one girl in the house who has an artistic soul. Of course there were pink carnations; but in addition, there were pink candles in gleaming silver candelabra, and dainty place card menus with pink organdie covers. For toasts, we used the idea brought out at convention—"A crown for Gamma Phi Beta." Each separate toast made us feel closer to our sorority and prouder that we, too, are members of Gamma Phi Beta.

We have recently pledged Ruth Green, of Moscow, who has been very active in campus affairs since she entered the university as a sophomore last fall. She is a member of the sophomore honorary women's organization, *Spurs*, and she has also taken part in the efforts of the Play Production class—in itself no mean distinction. We are very proud of her, even now, and feel that she will continue to justify our pride in her.

That is really all of the chapter news since the last letter. It's always like that, it seems—one or two events of real importance, and the rest of the days just ordinary ones, with their ordinary rounds of duty and pleasure. A few things have happened at the university, however, which might possibly be of interest. A very desperate attempt was recently made to move the Agricultural College from Moscow to Pocatello, but the general feeling that Idaho cannot properly support two institutions finally won the day, and the bill was lost. Another bill was passed, however, which will probably affect the future of the university a great deal. There is to be an out-of-the-state tuition fee from now on. Whether this measure will tend to make Idaho students feel that their state university is more exclusive and thus create a deeper feeling of loyalty to their home college is a problem that only the future can solve, of course.

CHARLOTTE JONES.

PERSONALS

Ora Budge has been elected vice president of the junior class.

Margaret Clark is a part in the all-college play to be presented soon.

Helen Wood is one of the members of a newly organized string quartet.

Dorothy Walker, of Wallace, and Emmy Lou Bolger, of Santa Cruz, California, both members of the senior class, have been compelled by ill health to withdraw from college.

Hazel Seely has re-entered college as a junior.

MARRIAGE

Helen Frantz to Garde Wood, Sigma Nu.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Roland Harding (Verna Wilkenson), a daughter, Jean.

OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

From thirteenth place to seventh place in scholarship

Omicron is happy. On the wall of our chapter house is a lovely portrait of our dear Mrs. Moss, which was recently made by a Chicago artist, Mr. Prucha. She is sitting in an armchair with a white rose on her lap (because it is an Omicron tradition that each year the pledges bring our founder a white rose), the Gamma Phi Beta pin which she received at convention on her breast and the Gamma Phi Beta shield faintly etched in the background. She is dressed in a black velvet gown with a lace collar, beneath which shows a beautiful blue scarf; she smiles at us as naturally and sweetly as though she were really there herself.

Early in January we pledged Harriet Harding, and more recently Winifred Connor and Violet Gilpin.

Speaking of pledges, I wish you could have come to the gayest party of the year which was in the form of a cabaret dance given by our pledges. We were instructed to enter by the west lower door, alias the cellar, where, by the flickering light of a lantern, a chorus girl gruffly demanded our tickets. We were conducted up the cellar stairs, met at the door by a superior head waiter who arranged for our seating at small tables for two couples each. Place cards were in the shape of bottles and under each table was a bucketfull of bottles of such mild liquor as pop. The walls were profusely decorated with posters of all colors and sizes. Gunny sacks served as curtains. We thought we were in a real cabaret, especially when a musician made his appearance and furnished music for dancing between courses. A chocolate cigar and chewing gum "lady" sauntered from table to table with a basket of goodies on her arm. When the party was at its height a raid was threatened but no one was arrested.

Some real dancing, singing and reading acts were given. Irene Styan sang, Harriet Harding sang and danced cleverly, and Jane Hudson, in a gruesome tone of voice, read to us "The Shooting of Dan McGrew." Elizabeth Sinclair and Marge Refior gave some clever parodies on Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Sheean which were aimed at upper classmen. Everyone was "peppy," and we regretfully disbanded, hoping the freshmen will make the cabaret dance a tradition.

Our alumnæ entertained the active chapter, patronesses, town rushees and their mothers and town mothers at a delightful tea on Saturday afternoon, March 7, in Mrs. Moss' lovely home. Mrs. Moss was the gracious hostess as always and made everyone at home. Mildred Eversole, '24, played and Audrey Miller, '26, played and sang.

Sorority averages have just been announced and while Omicron cannot boast proudly of having won the scholarship cup offered by Panhellenic, she need not hide her head in shame for the average was 4.8 and we jumped from thirteenth place to seventh.

Cornelia North, '25, announced her engagement to Bill Wheeler, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, at dinner Monday, January 5. The announcement was in the form of a clever cross-word puzzle the solution of which revealed the news. Cornie is our activity girl—peppy, popular and prominent.

NATHALIE DODGE.

PERSONALS

Irene Styann, '28, has been made freshman swimming manager and also chairman of the social committee of Blue Feathers, freshmen women's organization.

Jessie Williams, '25, has been initiated into Gamma Epsilon Pi, honorary women's commercial fraternity. She is also a member of the senior Cap and Gown committee.

Helen Werts, Vernalee Burpo, Faylene Forsythe, Florence Gratiot, Vaile Dry and Helen Homes have been initiated into Gold Feathers, a sophomore women's organization, membership in which is based on a system of activity points.

Virginia Supple, '28, is captain of the freshman basketball team.

Lois Baker, '28, is a member of the freshman basketball team.

Cornelia North, '25, has been initiated into Sigma Delta Phi, honorary public speaking sorority.

Elinor Otis, Virginia Hanna, Lois Baker and Geraldine Turner have been chosen for Freshman Commission.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Claims scholarship urn and Panhellenic cup

Anticipation! That spells it exactly. You see nothing has happened but it's all coming. We're just on our toes waiting for all the pleasant surprises of spring. The biggest moment, of course, is initiation. On March 21 we shall pin our shining crescent onto the dearest pledges imaginable. The grades are not out yet so we cannot tell you their names but we're hoping it will be all eighteen of them. After initiation we have planned a lovely banquet at the Lincoln Hotel but the delightful details of it all we must save till next time.

Then with spring comes the announcement of Phi Beta Kappas, the election of officers of the organizations the announcements of engagements. We can only promise, so just wait till our next letter.

We have one most pleasant memory, however, our formal of March 7. We entertained at a formal dinner just preceding the dance with about twenty charming rushees as guests. The softening candlelight, the rainbow tints of the evening dresses, the tinkle of the sparkling glass and silver, the laugh of happy voices—it fascinated one. And afterwards the party! The music was entralling, the decorations enchanting, the rushees radiantly happy. We all agreed that it was a perfect party!

Mrs. Paul Lawrence, formerly Gladys Wilkinson, a founder of Pi Chapter, has been visiting the past week in Lincoln. She has just returned from Los Angeles where she spent the winter. While there she was delightfully entertained by Alpha Iota Chapter. She speaks particularly of the charming personalities of the girls and of the delightful tea at which she and Nelle Wood Walt and Geraldine Nusbaum were guests. There were seven girls from Pi Chapter at Los Angeles this winter—Mrs. Ernest Smith (Dorothy Weaver) of Orange; Mrs. Eugene Doty (Caroline Kimball) of Monrovia; Mrs. Max Kalss (Eileen Aberman); Geraldine Nusbaum, Mrs. Walt (Nelle Wood), Eleanor Felton and Mrs. Lawrence. Eleanor Felton, who is studying art at the university, is secretary of Alpha Iota Chapter.

Oh yes—another anticipation, the upper classmen dinner dance on March 28. You see this can't be a very satisfactory letter—with such breathless conjecture as to what's going to happen, but just wait till next time.

VIRGINIA VOORHEES.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Usinger of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania announce the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Elizabeth. Mrs. Usinger was formerly Sarah Cole, a founder of Pi chapter.

Ruth Wells has been nominated for W.S.G.A. president, but the elections are too far distant to record the results in this issue.

Dorothy Peterson, a pledge, has been elected to the Student Council and nominated for W.A.A. board.

We were all pleasantly surprised during Christmas vacation by the marriage of Dorothy Teale and Warren Ogden, a member of Alpha Sigma Phi.

The freshmen entertained at a lovely St. Patrick's Day dinner at the Lincoln last week.

Jess Lucas, '26, who has been spending the last three months in New York, was present at our formal. She plans to sail for Germany and Austria about April 1.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Second in scholarship

Initiation is just over and thirteen little girls have been made the happiest little girls in the world, while Sigma again feels rejuvenated by the addition of new blood. There was a goodly number of alumnæ back for initiation and for the banquet which followed on the same evening. Mrs. Simonds and Mrs. Grey, both from Beta Chapter, took part in the initiation ceremonies.

Sigma was second in scholarship among the sororities on the hill this fall, but we all have the determination that she shall be first next fall. We have adopted the plan of offering to the freshman receiving the highest scholastic standing, her initiation fee. Several girls had high averages this year, but Huberta Russell won the honor. The same idea has been carried on into hill activities and a Gamma Phi Beta ring is offered as a reward for the highest number of activities. It was awarded to Louise Ridgeway this year.

And did you know that Kansas won the valley championship in basketball this spring? Everyone here fairly radiates at the very mention of the word. Now, however, all "the young men's fancies lightly turn to thoughts of boxing"; so the feminine enthusiasm has been somewhat tempered.

The *Follies*, of course, would not be complete without its quota of Gamma Phi Beta members. Harriet Gilbert, Merle Fair and Louis Wallingford were all chosen and all made very smart looking chorus girls. I'm sure Florenz himself would have viewed them with an unprejudiced eye.

The rifle team has almost completed its work for the year. Margaret Saunders and Louise Ridgeway have taken part in both previous meets.

Sigma is certainly proud of its president, Mary Lois Ruppenthal. We wakened one morning not long ago to find her president of Mortar Board for this year. The ten most representative girls on the hill are chosen for this organization and to think that Gamma Phi Beta contributed the president is more than we have ever dreamed. Today we were notified that she has also been elected to Phi Beta Kappa: wouldn't you be proud, too? Mary Lois is also a member of the *Kansan* Board.

Spring election on the hill! What does that mean? For Sigma it means running three girls: Margaret Philips for president of W.S.G.A., Barbara Becker for senior representative to W.S.G.A., and Alfreda Oakes as fine arts representative. The returns have not been announced but wish us good luck, dear sisters. No doubt but that we need it.

We have two new town alumnæ, Virginia Blackwell, who was recently married to George Docking of Lawrence, Delta Tau Delta, and Norma Pyle-Bullene, whom we just initiated. Norma is rather busy with her darling baby, George Innes, Jr., but she manages to come over to the house just the same.

Our Spanish majors have both been given the honor for which all good Spanish majors long, El Ateneo. Each person whose Spanish grades are sufficiently high is asked to try out and Harriet Gilbert and Adele Weidner both reached the pinnacle when they received bids to join the club. Adele has also made Rhadamanthi, the college poetry club.

The glee club has been making a tour through Kansas and, of course, Sigma sent her share. Alfreda Oakes, who is secretary of Fine Arts and who occasionally broadcasts over the radio, Barbara Becker and Merle Fair all took the trip.

The annual K. U. carnival, is to be held on March 21, Moyne Rice is assistant mnager and Sigma is to give a little stunt called The Moon Goes to College. Use your imaginations and guess what it will be.

We just heard that Grace Hyatt, A.B., '23, has had a poem accepted by a popular poetry magazine. Ruth Smith, ex-'25, is working as a fabric designer at Marshall Field's in Chicago.

I could go on forever citing the illustrious doings of Sigma but perhaps I'd better leave a little space to my fellow correspondents!

THELMA CARSON.

TAU—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Midyear rushing successful

The girls of Tau have just begun to breathe easily again after the second semester rush season. Although there are only a few eligible girls who come to Aggies for the second term the rushing is almost as strenuous as in September, because of the fact that there is more competition and open rushing is permitted. Our freshmen were especially enthusiastic this season and assisted greatly in enabling Gamma Phi to pledge three eligible freshmen girls, Vinnie Stream, and Eleanor Rhodes, Denver, and Edna Fox, Los Angeles against keen competition from the other sororities.

Our final rush party was a "1776" breakfast given at the Domino Tea Room. The tables were lighted by colonial doll lamps and these surrounded by very modern colonial ladies made a charming picture. Between courses a petite pair (no others than Julia Wakefield and Lillian Roberts) entertained the guests with a minuet dance.

A new custom was inaugurated this winter when Tau chapter gave its first annual mid-winter formal dance. Central Hall was converted into "peacock alley" for the occasion. Everyone is now looking forward to our annual spring dance which will be given at the Lewiston Hotel in Estes Park on May 9.

During the winter the active chapter assisted the alumnæ in collecting material for a rummage sale at which the sum of sixty dollars was cleared. This money was deposited in our house fund.

Elaine Hendricks, Marsha Wierman and Mary Haddox gave their traditional "engagement feed" to the other girls on March 14. The "feed" was an Irish dinner and the menus were printed on large shamrocks. Two tiny snapshots, which had been cut out and pasted on the inside of each leaf, announced the hostesses and their fiancés.

Our freshmen certainly have been enthusiastic this year. They have produced stunts on any and every occasion and have always entertained

with some clever skit when a rushee came to dinner. In January they gave the actives a dance at the Domino Tea Room and just this week they presented their annual freshmen stunt. This was a combination theater party and cabaret dinner in honor of the upper classmen.

On the evening of February 27 the chapter house seemed swarming with men, running up and down the stairs, tearing madly through dresser drawers, but no one was shocked because we knew the girls were getting ready to attend co-ed prom which is one of the cherished traditions at Aggies. At this time one half of the girls dress as men and escort their lady friends to the dance while the real men stand outside the windows of the Women's Building and gaze longingly at the forbidden festivities. All of the girls from Tau chapter attended this year and ten of them took part in the vaudeville which was staged before the dance.

MARY HADDOX.

PERSONALS

Dorothy Leach has gone to Texas where she will visit indefinitely with her brother.

Marianne Dean is at her home in Berkeley, California.

Mary Haddox is working with the Publicity Department at the college.

Mabel Sneider, who has just completed her nurse's training at the Fort Collins Hospital, is now in charge of the psychopathic ward at the State University Hospital in Denver.

Mildred Moore left school at the end of the first semester and is now teaching in Pueblo.

ENGAGEMENTS

Marsha Wierman to Albert Andrew, Alpha Kappa.

Lois Trumbull to Clarence Lody, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

BIRTHS

To Natalie Knight Tipton, of Monte Vista, Colorado, a daughter, Natalie Jeanne.

To Katherin Leach Akin, a daughter, Naomi Ruth.

To Dorothy Martin Hilliker, a daughter, Judith.

UPSILON—HOLLINS COLLEGE

"Face to face with the matter of scholarship"

Spring again, and our thoughts are turning toward those last two weeks in May, and all that they bring to us, and, as we think ahead and think back, we answer for ourselves the question, "What has Gamma Phi done on campus this year?" This question brings us face to face with the matter of scholarship, so it is very appropriate that scholarship should be the subject of the *Crescent's* articles.

We had initiation on Tuesday night, February 24 for Virginia Chapin, Mary Ellen Franklin, Julia Higgins, Eloise Kelly and Weldon Sibley. Oh! what a proud and festive occasion was Sunday night, March 1, when the initiates attended their first meeting.

The event of the past week was the Fashion Show, "a spectacle more gorgeous, more beautiful, more resplendent than ever before." The Fashion Show is an annual event, but this year it was made much more interesting and attractive by a little story running through it. The first act was a bride-to-be in a little French shop selecting street costumes for her trousseau. The second was a reception in the bride's home, and the third was of the bride's departure. It was all very lovely, and, of course, aroused the anticipated longings for an entirely new wardrobe. The proceeds of

the Fashion Show went toward the pledge made by the senior and sophomore classes for the new Big Gym.

Hollins enjoyed a wonderful privilege recently in hearing Ethel Leginska, composer and pianist, who gave a concert in the Little Theater. Leginska played for us two of her own compositions. We all realized fully how fortunate we were in hearing so remarkable an artist.

The chapter is planning an overnight hike for next week-end. On Saturday afternoon we shall all start out in true camper's style, with blanket rolls and provisions, to spend the night and the following day at "Camp Libesfroid." Even the name is appropriate, isn't it? We're all looking forward to this night spent in the "great open spaces."

The birthday of Charles L. Cooke, Hollins founder, was celebrated on February 21, and that day an announcement was made which was as delightful as it was surprising. For two months there had been a hint of mystery in the air, but we had been kept so perfectly in the dark that we felt like small children just before Santa Claus' visit. And then we were told! Hollins is to have a big new Music Hall given "by a Friend."! It's so very wonderful that we couldn't quite realize that it is true, and haven't yet. This building will be placed to form the third side of our second quadrangle and is planned to accommodate two hundred students. Fate is treating us very generously of late, in the matter of new buildings. We are all very happy and very grateful to our Friend.

MARTHA SPILMAN.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCallum (Virginia Burkes Martin, president of Upsilon chapter, '23 and '24) announce the birth of a daughter.

PHI—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

All members must make a C average or become inactive

"To the Greeks of old, knowledge was a very beautiful and precious thing."

Phi chapter is proud of her Phi Beta Kappa, Grace Oberschelp McGeoch. Last year she was just Grace Oberschelp, but at the same time that she acquired a Phoebe key she acquired a husband. Now, Grace keeps house, is writing her master's thesis, goes to faculty parties and entertains Gamma Phis.

Phi chapter has its incentives for scholarship among the pledges and the actives. We have a library system for the pledges whereby they report to some active Gamma Phi during their free hours. In the active chapter there is a ruling that all members must make a C average or become inactive.

At the present time one of the things which is occupying a lot of thought is our initiation. It is to be held in a church and we are all looking forward to it most anxiously, as are the six pledges, Margaret Houghton,

Bernice Thompson, Sibley Merton, Virginia Sankey, Jean Heller and Louise Lang.

The girls are all trying their best to sell *Hatchets* these days—and for a very good reason. Emilyn Arbogast is nominated for *Hatchets* Queen and has more than a good chance to win if every Phi girl works. However, Emilyn is not the only Gamma Phi who is desired for a queen as Margaret Williams, Phi's pledge from the sunny south, is up for Engineers' Queen. Maybe you think Phi isn't proud.

On March 13 Phi is to have her formal dance—*thrills!* And the rest of the campus is saying "thrills!"

LAURA HINCHMAN.

PERSONALS

Laura Hincham has a rôle in the *Thrysus Annual You and I*.

Sibley Merton is a member of Freshman Commission.

Polly Ewing is a member of Tanea, the literary society for women.

Phi chapter announces the initiation of Irene Wilson on January 12, 1925. Irene has been very sick with typhoid fever and is not in college this semester.

Louise Lang is a member of Tramps, a hiking club.

Virginia Sankey is a member of Ken Mair, the women's debating club and is on the debating team.

Margaret Williams was one of the candidates for Washington's most beautiful co-ed.

Lucile Miller and Ruth Bates are members of Kappa Beta Pi, women's legal sorority.

Lucile Miller is vice president of the junior law class.

Emilyn Arbogast is a member of the circulation staff of *Dirge*, our humorous magazine.

Mildred Kendall, '24, is secretary and treasurer of Panhellenic.

ENGAGEMENT

Bessie Mae Rostron to Oscar V. Cole.

CHI—OREGON STATE COLLEGE

"The freshman's big thrill—Initiation"

The freshman's big thrill—Initiation!! We staged a very complete pre-initiation for six "muchly" scared little pledges—Margaret Miller, Elizabeth Taft, Lenore Hobart, Elizabeth Peattie, Vivian Orcutt and Mary Rose which began on Wednesday, March 3 and ended with the final ceremony on Saturday.

This was quite the best initiation that Chi has had for several years, due to the return of so many alumnæ. They began arriving on Friday and by Saturday evening sixteen were with us. Grace Maxwell Gray, Edessa Campion, Edna Pense, Doris Clark Hathaway, Agnes Houck, Lillian Crawford Kirks, Rhoda Taylor Whitted, Esther Harris Taylor, Ruth Morton Myers, Madeline Brumbaugh, Marion Bauer Miller, Helen Johnson, Eckford Cameron Thompson, Anita McKillop Smith, Martha Mason and Clara Raymond came back. On Sunday morning we had a big breakfast for them all and tongues certainly traveled! We enjoy doing as much as we can for our "alums" when they visit us, because they have been so thoughtful of us—always giving or sending something for the house. On Sunday night we were left all alone with the exception of "Eddie" Pense and Edessa Campion, whom we simply couldn't let go. How quiet the house seemed—too quiet! So here's to another glorious initiation and Homecoming!

"All dressed up in her Sunday clothes"—that's us!! We have the most attractive new rose curtains for the living room, mulberry in the dining room and hall, and a newly covered davenport. That's not all, either! Those dear old seniors came home one night with the most mysterious package and after much secrecy and many squeals of delight, produced an adorable lamp with a shade to match our curtains. It was for our davenport table and, with a new shade for our piano lamp, a soft glow fills the room and completes the home-like atmosphere. Jean Dillingham Thompson sent us a decorative little bowl which adds very much to our hall table.

On February 22 our house began "bulging" to accommodate our quota of the visitors here for the big College Exposition. This is an annual event and takes up everybody's spare moments for a whole week-end. This year we had some very charming little high school girls—more than twelve—and did our best to give them an idea of how splendid college is. It certainly is a strain to be on your very best behavior all the time and to give them an impression of truly fine college women. Our freshmen were wonderful, and we certainly were proud of them. Some one of the visitors was very much impressed—how, I don't know—but Monday morning after the excitement was over a plant was delivered with a very nice "thank you" card.

Moonlight,—serenades,—spring!! and with it a week's vacation. Good-by until next term when we may tell you about our formal and, mayhap, some new pledges.

RUTH JOSLYN.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cooper (Glenva Gray, Chi, '21), a son, Howard Laraway.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Seven midyear pledges

Margaret Meany Younger is coming to visit us next Thursday! It is foremost in our minds now. We are anxious to meet her. We want to talk with her about, oh, so many things! Gamma Phis here always want to hear about other Gamma Phis.

The second semester started off with a royal bang! Rush was more exciting than ever before at mid-year and so we want to present our new pledges: Gladys Clark, Seminole; Mary Anna Saunders, Norman; Imogen Merrill, Oklahoma City; Elizabeth Kniseley, Kathleen Barnes, Idabel, Oklahoma; Joyce Burt, Sapulpa, and Evelyn Light. We were so proud when at last they had their little pledge pins fastened on over the mode and brown!

The new officers were elected and Puilla Hill is president. Everyone has such confidence in "Puddy"! Ruth Humphries is vice president, Helen Collar is corresponding secretary, Faye Todd, recording secretary, Gertrude Bonnell, *Crescent* correspondent, and Elizabeth Massey, rush captain.

Elizabeth Massey had been initiated earlier in the year at the same time with Mary Frances Hawk, Oklahoma City, and Wilda Starkweather, Anadarko. She started her term of office with a week-end party for some town girls and some girls from Oklahoma City. A cleverly planned bridge party with Saint Pat touches was a feature of Saturday afternoon.

Then came "Probation Week." And what wondering, study, and work agonized the hopeful little freshmen! Songs, sonnets, and sighs were prominent, but at last initiation time and we were able to initiate Pauline Redwise, Spiro, Zelma Parkinson, Okmulgee; Gladys and Lulu Clark, Seminole; Nannie Hall, Little Rock, Arkansas; Jewel Stone, Okemah; Lillian Walter, Tonkawa, Ruby Moffett Eagleton and Lee Dell Shives, Norman. That was last Saturday morning. The day was gloriously sunshiny, so the initiates were able to display their new badges as they along without any danger of catching colds from not wearing their coats.

GERTRUDE BONNELL.

MARRIAGE

Mary Mitchell, '24, to Colvern Henry, Acacia.

PERSONALS

Blanche Cooley Ratcliffe, one of Psi's charter members and a former Sooner beauty queen, and her little daughter, Blanche, from Fort Worth, Texas, have been guests at the chapter house several times during the past week.

Francis Harper (Mrs. R. E.), Tulsa, Oklahoma, is here attending the Annual A.A.U.W. convention.

Eugenia Kaufman, an instructor in foreign languages in the university, is on the freshman advisory committee. In the sorority she serves in the capacity of tutor, adviser and official sympathizer for those in need of sympathy.

Cards come to us from Eli (Edith) Mahier, who is studying art in Paris, France.

Pauline McKinney Moore, now of Muskogee, was our guest one day last week.

Some of the girls finished their work last semester. Gussie Lee Sullivan is at her home in Ardmore. Lucille Blanchard is an instructor of English at Hugo. Mabel Neal, Tulsa, received her M.A. degree and is teaching history in the Sand Springs High School. Lucille Moore went to Ardmore to teach, but had a very serious operation and has since then been recuperating at her home in Oklahoma City.

Evelyn Fuqua (Little Evelyn), Okmulgee, has returned to Gamma to work on her degree. We were glad to have her with us last semester.

Opal Belle Wilson, Purcell and Jean Brown (formerly of Sigma), of Laclede, Missouri, are with us this semester. They have already made themselves seem so necessary that we wonder how we ever managed without them.

Lillian Walter, Tonkawa; Maurine Rives, Holdenville; Billie Rives, Oklahoma City, and Gretel Burk, Pauls Valley are at their homes this semester but expect to return next fall. Louise Bradbury, Chicago, is out of college this semester. She expected to take work at Northwestern University and return here for her degree next year.

Muriel Walker was one of nine girls to be chosen from ninety contestants in the recent Junior Burlesque try-outs.

Gladys Clark, Helen Hambleton, Kathleen Barnes and Muriel Walker have been selected by a committee to submit their pictures in a contest for beauty queen in the *Sooner*. Eight of forty-six pictures will be chosen, so we have more than our quota in the contest. We shall let you know results later on.

Helen Collar continues to distinguish herself musically. She broadcasts for the university radio station and she accompanied Louise Bradbury at the Bristow, Oklahoma, station just before Louise went home. The Bristow station is considered the best in the state and recently had a big opening. Today Helen plays for the annual A.A.U.W. convention which is meeting here.

OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE

Scholarship Number opportune

The Scholarship Number seems very opportune at this time for in another week we shall have completed another quarter's work, and finals will be a thing of the past for another twelve weeks. Everyone is putting forth a last frantic effort to get things finished and the lights of our noble dwelling burn far into the night. Perhaps it is for the best that we are having rather a belated snow storm, for there isn't much time to wander from our work in order to marvel at the beauties of Nature or to contract spring fever.

Omega has not been neglecting the social side either. The chapter entertained Albert Spalding and his accompanist at a formal dinner on January 14. On February 7 we established a precedent on the campus by entertaining at bridge representatives from all the other sororities. In this way we were able to meet other Greek-letter women in a more intimate fashion. The pledges gave a very clever party complimentary to the other pledges on February 14, in the form of an interfraternity convention. March 7 marked the day of our annual formal, given at the Sheldo-Munn Hotel. Ex-Senator and Mrs. H. C. Adams and Senator and Mrs. C. W. Reed, of Des Moines, were guests of honor.

The local Panhellenic council is busily engaged in revising rules for pre-college rushing. This form of rushing will be new for us, so any suggestions from other chapters will be very welcome. Gertrude MacArthur is chairman of the general committee for this reorganization.

Our new officers are now in charge and doing credit to the chapter.

Pauline Peacock was elected president; Gwen Bingman, vice president; Mervyle Brown, recording secretary, and Beth Seidel, corresponding secretary.

DOROTHY COOLEY.

PERSONALS

Pauline Peacock and Miriam Buettell have charge of home economics open house for Veishea, a three-day, all-college May festival to begin May 14.

Katherine Holden has been selected as Iowa State representative to Merrill-Palmer School at Detroit, Michigan. Agnes Noble received this appointment last quarter.

Beulah Swihart has been elected to W.A.A. council.

Lucille Butcher is back in college after a year's absence.

Nelle Taylor and Florence Hahn were initiated into national Mortar Board when the chapter was installed here. Five alumnae were also initiated at this time.

Ernestine Chubb, Margaret Kinney, Ethel Greenway, Katherine Holden, Agnes Noble and Katherine Bell, a pledge, have had individual parts in the recent glee club concert tour.

Viola Jammer and Dorothy Cooley headed committees for the presentation of the Home Economics Vodvil, the all-college womens' theatrical production.

Edna Carlson, Gertrude MacArthur, Adele Herbst, Virginia Buck and Miriam Buettell was in charge of the spring style show, under the auspices of the Applied Arts Department.

Adele Herbst, Edna Carlson, Dorothy Cooley, Virginia Buck and Gertrude MacArthur acted as models.

Virginia Buck was elected undergraduate representative to the Y.W.C.A. council which means that she will attend the Geneva Conference this summer and the national convention in 1926.

Frances Fish, a pledge, was elected secretary of the Y.W.C.A.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mervyle Brown to Russel Paul, Phi Kappa Psi.

Beulah Swihart to Carol Streeter, Adelante.

MARRIAGES

Rose Storm, '23, to Frank Summers, Alpha Gamma Rho.

Edith Elder, '24, to Mark Brown, Adelante.

BIRTHS

To Florence Brown Quist, a daughter, Margaret Ann, on January 23.

To Grace Jones Bean, a daughter Betty Lou, on December 6.

ALPHA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Pot-Pourri—which means hash

Perhaps you have felt it too—spring fever, I mean. It's disease that afflicts me annually and this year's attack is an unusually severe one. I want to go out into the woods and wander along the banks of the Humber River. I want to find out whether or no the spring of cool water that I discovered last year is still flowing. I want to wear rubber boots so that I can slosh about in the mud puddles and, more than anything else, I want to recite poetry. You will begin to fear for my mentality, I know, if I say more—but I won't. I won't even try to be poetical. Instead, I'll take my fountain pen—which isn't flowing, but which might be induced to flow if I treat it very nicely—and try to tell you about some of the things that Alpha Alpha has been doing in the last few months.

The big event, of course, was our annual dance. It was held in Ryan's Art Galleries this year, a newly-opened antique gallery which makes an ideal place for a dance. Soft lights on old tapestries, softly-cushioned chesterfields among the palms and ferneries of the conservatory, Gamma Phi crescents gleaming from unsuspected places, an Indian mosque room with jeweled lamps, all sorts of novelties and novelty dances with an excellent orchestra to play for us how could we help but enjoy ourselves? Perhaps most of all, the success of the dance was due to the efforts of Ruth Ratcliff, Isabelle Whitlam and two or three others who looked after the arrangements "behind the scenes."

A great many of the alumnae were in town for the dance and we had as our guest, Helen Gourley from Winnipeg, a member of Alpha Omega there, and a very charming girl.

During the winter we had a number of snowshoeing and other outdoor parties, but one of the nicest was that given for the first-year girls who will be our rushees next fall. The party met at the end of the Bloor west carline, put on their snowshoes or skis and proceeded to the banks of the Humber River, where the snow was deepest. After tramping round for some time, we returned to the city limits and to a substantial tea at Muriel Thompson's home.

We have just our annual election of officers and are very proud of our new executives. Edith Hudson will be president, Fritz Legge; vice president, Muriel Thompson, treasurer; Marion Stirrett, corresponding secretary; Lillian McBride, recording secretary; Helen Burford, rushing captain, and Maxine Wrigley, CRESCENT correspondent.

Two of the new executives, Helen Burford and Muriel Thompson, were prominent on the winning interfaculty baseball team this season. Muriel Thompson was also vice president of her year, '27. Doris Shiell has just been elected president of the Modern Language Club for next year and is also in the running for vice president of the Players' Guild. Others of our chapter are nominated for various offices throughout the years, but as the elections have not yet taken place, we cannot tell just who will be who around college next year.

We have had some of the most delightful supper parties in the past few months. Seems as though someone discovers something new in the way of luscious things to eat every week and the rest of us sit back on the chesterfield, or somewhere, and say "Well, just one more—really I shouldn't," and marvel how they can give us such good things to eat for only twenty-five cents each. Sometimes we stay for a game of bridge afterwards, sometimes it is just for a cosy talk, with the lights turned low. We all love Monday evenings.

Our Monday evenings will soon be over for this year, for meetings cease automatically with the beginning of exams. Which reminds me I must stop. Here's wishing you all every success in your finals and a perfect holiday throughout the summer months!

MARXINE WRIGLEY.

ALPHA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Won Campus League basketball championship

Alpha Beta was sure that "spring had come" for all the snow disappeared and we enjoyed the most delightful weather. But March is fickle and the other day we had sleet, snow, lightning and thunder all at once—we almost thought the world was coming to an end.

Alpha Beta won the campus league basketball championship and as a result a lovely bronze cup graces our mantel. Frederick Yoder, Beta Theta Pi, was our coach and Dorothy Richards was captain of the team composed of Josephine Hanson, Audrey MacBride, Emily Laemmle, Vivian Law, Beryl Davies and Frances Haagenson.

Our Carney song contest was a huge success this year as Hazel Walker led the senior class to victory—and the fifty dollar prize. Marjorie Lebacken wrote the music to one of the senior songs. Genevieve Parsons was accompanist for the freshman class.

Mrs. C. M. Vuckel, our patroness, has gone to Duluth to make her home and so we gave a farewell tea in her honor. The patronesses, house-mother and two representatives from each of the sororities were invited. Appointments were in yellow and green and Madelyn Colton was in general charge.

Alpha Beta announces with pleasure the pledging of Emily Laemmle, Ashley, and Mona Williams, Walhalla.

"Flickertail Follies"—doesn't that sound interesting? It is a new idea at North Dakota sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, men's journalistic fraternity. Each organization on the campus is to prepare a fifteen minute act for the affair, which will be presented at the Auditorium, April 2-3. It is advertised as an all-university production and prizes are to be given. Marie Lysing is in charge of Alpha Beta's act.

Four more weeks and then Easter—which will be a great time for Alpha Beta, as Mrs. Younger will be with us at that time.

ALICE ERIE.

PERSONALS

Dorothy Richards was chosen as a Grey Gown, an honor given to twelve members of the junior class. Their duty is to act as ushers at commencement.

Kathleen Harriss is in charge of Campus Cut-Up, a university stunt night, sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. Kathleen was also a captain in the recent Y.W.C.A. drive.

Marie Anne Lysing danced at the Grand Forks Automobile Show. Marie also took part in the DeMolay play *Three Live Ghosts*.

Alice Erie is chairman of the invitations committee for the senior prom; also chairman of committee to choose the announcements and programs for commencement.

DEATH

Muriel O'Keefe Sullivan, '19, died January 7, at Grand Forks.

ALPHA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

Successful study hour period

Ring! Ting! Ting! Sh, girls, its study hour bell! And so for two hours every evening quiet reigns and the household settles itself to delve deep into the mysteries of zoology, taxonomy, Tennyson, Browning or dietetics. Our study hour period has been fairly successful and we hope to be able to say at the end of the semester that it has brought us to the top of the honor roll. We are proud of Lucille Blake, Elisabeth Barndt and Kathleen Griffin who were on the honor roll last semester. Lucille, a senior, was elected to Phi Kappa Phi, national honor fraternity. Alpha Gamma alumnae offer as an incentive to scholarship a prize of fifty dollars for each semester that we head the honor roll.

One of our happiest week-ends of the semester was that of Margaret Younger's visit. Her criticism and wonderful suggestions gave us a spirit to do better things and we are looking forward to more visits from her in the future.

Moonlight and roses and all that goes with springtime made our formal dance for our initiates at the Morrison home on Newland Heights a success. Myriads of flowers in pastel shades fell from the ceiling on serpentine and bright colored caps, given out during a favor dance, bestowed a festive air upon the party.

Our initiation banquet given in honor of Norma Robinson, LaVerne Blundell, Kathleen Griffin, Lois Bona, Elizabeth Coleman, Faye Graves and Bernice Johnson was carried out in a valentine scheme. In clever toasts the freshmen asked us to "Have a Heart," the sophomores told us of the "Heart of Gamma Phi," the juniors said "There's a spot in my heart for you," and the seniors responded by saying that "Hearts are trumps and you are my ace," and they all called to our minds the love for Gamma Phi that glows in the heart of each of us.

FLORENCE BENOIT.

ENGAGEMENT

Mary Cox, 25, to Dr. George McGee.

ALPHA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

"All our freshmen made their grades"

It's been so long since I wrote the last CRESCENT letter that I'm having rather a bad time picking up the loose ends. You know that thinking back over finals, initiation and many less outstanding items is a hard task.

The first news is that *all* our freshmen made their grades. We initiated all but three, two of whom had not carried enough hours, and one of whom was so recently pledged that she had not even had the formal ceremony. Our initiates are Helen Agee, Independence; Laura Frances Cottingham and Georgia Belle Donaldson, Kansas City; Marion Green, Brookfield, and Elinor King, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

On February 28 we had a tea dance which—of course—was a lot of fun. The color scheme was rose—rose shades on the lights, rose candles in candlesticks tied round with rose tulle, a huge basket of rose carnations on the table in the dining room and rose sweet peas on the console table in the hall. As a stunt dance the orchestra played one of our peppy songs and we all sang it as we danced.

We had two out-of-town guests for the dance, one of whom was Elizabeth Endres of Kansas City, a member of Alpha Delta last year. She stayed over till Sunday, and before she left she told us of her marriage to

Julian Payne, Phi Gamma Delta. We were very surprised and very happy for her, for Julian is the true "man of Gamma Phi."

We are looking forward to the visit of Mrs. Younger about March 26. Alpha Delta is particularly anxious for the opinion of a visiting delegate this year for we have done our best and only hope that best is good in other eyes than ours. We are planning to have our initiation banquet while Mrs. Younger is here. At the banquet we present the scholarship-activity ring—a ring offered to the freshman having the highest grades and the most activities. This year it will go to Helen Agee. We also present a French doll to the youngest member and this year it will be passed on from Dorothy Whitaker to Georgia Belle Donaldson.

So far this year we have no Phi Beta Kappas or Pi Lambda Thetas, but we claim many girls in honorary scholastic fraternities, and we hope we shall have some keys in the chapter this spring. Mildred Haas is a member of Alpha Pi Zetas and brought the chapter fifteen hours. E. Katherine Quisenberry and Dorothy Mayes are members of Alpha Zeta Pi, and Dorothy is a member of Alpha Omicron, a woman's fraternity for creative writers only. Cordelia Bruns belong to Delta Phi Delta, an honorary art fraternity.

In addition to all this our scholastic average for the last semester was very good, so you see we have possibilities, at least.

This is a poor letter, sisters, but it is the dull season at Mizzou—not much besides studying, picture shows, dates, and more studying. Even our alumnae are doing the same things they were last time—as far as we know, so I shall close with the excuse of spring fever and hard work in order to continue the fine scholastic record, which Alpha Delta as a whole made last semester.

DOROTHY MAYES.

ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Led campus nationals in scholarship during first six weeks

I wish I could write an immortal ode to the spring, for it seems that this particular spring has certainly brought to Alpha Epsilon a few gifts of the gods.

This is supposed to be a scholarship record, but in Arizona, we have one scholastic society, Phi Kappa Phi, and any similar honors are only awarded at the Presentation Assembly at the end of the college year, so accordingly, scholarship is rather a difficult subject to discuss. Last year Maude Plunkett received distinguished honors; Florence Bertine received senior honors, and Louise McKee, freshman honors. Arizona was officially recognized by the American Association of Universities last September, and it is expected that Phi Beta Kappa will be installed here in the near future.

Our seven new members fully agree with us that "virtue is its own reward." That needs a bit of explanation—the "bit" is—initiation was held Friday, February 15 and the girls were Pauline Ally, Irmajean Moore, Lucille Chambers, Alice Feeney, Gwendolyn Gillum, Minnie Mae Hudnald and LaVerne Rodee.

The semester comparative scholarship list was posted about the same time, and such despair! Gamma Phi was seventh on the list, but the nicest greeting we had for Margaret Meany Younger on her tour as visiting delegate was the first six weeks list, with Gamma Phi leading the campus nationals and second of any organization.

We gave our formal dance on February 28, at Clearwater, and it was, as Dean Cooper said, "Quite the nicest formal she had ever attended."

Nothing could have been more perfect, for our crescent was guarding us from the Arizona sky, and afterwards, when everyone was so tired and so happy, the varsity quartet came over and gave us a serenade.

The latest addition to the household decorations is a silver cup, awarded in assembly to the sorority getting the largest number of subscriptions to the *Desert*, our yearbook. This makes the second year we have won the award offered.

We had hoped to have the baseball trophy, too, but in the final game for the championship the varsity villagers conquered us 11-6.

Among other things that we take great pleasure in announcing, is the pledging of Emily Hart, Tucson.

PATRICIA SPONAGLE.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Marjorie Dicus of Psi Chapter is spending the winter in Tucson. Maude Plunkett, '24, was a visitor for a few days in Tucson.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. William Sims (Helena Sherman), a daughter, Helena.

ALPHA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"We come to college to learn what folks have written in books"

Alpha Zeta is very much encouraged about her prospects for Phi Beta Kappa since the fall term grades were returned. Nine of our girls made the honor roll and one of the freshmen had a straight A record. With that on which to base our hopes and with all the freshmen doing work that can be honestly commended in the scholarship line, we believe we can rise a few notches in the annual scholastic ranking issued by the dean, which we are most desirous of doing.

With this in mind, at the suggestion of our scholarship chairman, Gladys Miller, we all pledged ourselves to study at least three hours a day. This scheme was adopted a few weeks before finals, and was adhered to with a persistency that showed in the grades. Beside the dressing tables of many girls there appeared a neat schedule of days, and on every one of them the three hours for study was reserved. We are doing the same thing this term.

Last year we started awarding the scholarship cup every term. The first term the cup is given to the girl who makes the highest grades in the chapter, while a similar cup is awarded the highest ranking freshman. In the winter the cup is passed on to the girl who makes the most improvement over the fall term's record. In this way the girl who had to see the dean because she didn't Phi Beta in the fall, has a chance and an inspiration to try for the cup during the second and third terms of the year.

Last fall three girls among the initiated members tied for the number of points, and all three names were engraved on the cup. They were Winifred Higinbotham, Helen Boysen and Rachel Dunaway. Martha Chamness, the precocious freshman who drew the five As, has her name emblazoned on the pledge award.

Finals for the winter—this is final week, and it looks like any other final week, with worried girls wrapped around books and with the kitchen at the house a litter of coffee cups every morning after. We are realizing, as we are forced to realize some three times a year, that we come to college to learn what folks have written in books, and throughout this fateful week we hope to show the faculty that we are fulfilling our purpose.

RACHEL DUNAWAY.

PERSONALS

Evelyn Farrell, one of our freshmen, has received the signal honor of being chosen to accompany the Longhorn Bant on its annual tour of the western part of the state. The tour will occupy about two weeks. Always before, there has been only one girl performer in the band concerts, and she has been everywhere hailed with the greatest honors and courtesy. This year there are to be four girls taken on the trip. Evelyn, as an entertainer and singer, is to be one of them. We are so proud of her that we can't say enough about it.

Margaret Chamness and Lucy Cummins have made Turtleses, a swimming club.

Mildred Beall is representing the chapter in Panhellenic as vice president. Next year she is to be president.

Mary Steussy, one of our most beloved charter members, is back in college this year as a graduate student and as a chemistry tutor. Mary taught in Hillsboro last winter and is now working on her master's degree.

Helen Hamilton, Evelyn Farrell and Martha Chamness are members of the Freshman Commission, the under class study group of the Y.W.C.A.

Elsa Erler and Martha Chamness represented Gamma Phi Beta in the Queen's Coronation at the Texas State Exposition, as duchess and maid of honor, respectively. The affair was one of elaborate costuming, the oriental idea being carried out in entirety. We are still hearing extravagant comments of praise for the beauty and attractiveness of the Gamma Phi Beta representatives on that gala night.

Just last week Elsa Erler was proclaimed the best dressed girl at a costume ball given by the University Shrine Club, and in token of her selection was given a handsome scarf.

Rachel Dunaway has been recently elected to Scribblers, a group of students and faculty people who try to write. She has also been made managing editor of the *Longhorn Magazine*, the university monthly literary magazine.

MARRIAGE

Corrinne Neal, one of the charter members of Alpha Zeta, was married on Christmas Day to A. J. Cook, University of Texas, '24.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blackstock (Harriet Barrickman, Alpha Zeta, '22), a son.

ALPHA ETA

Presented with a Scholarship Cup

Rush week is over at last and here we are with ten beautiful and shiny new pledges! Of course we have that smug little feeling that they are the cream of their class but even an unprejudiced eye can see that they are ten fine girls. Besides the freshmen, we have two initiates, Margaret Bing and Frances Colvin, a junior and a sophomore.

Ohio Wesleyan has just held her annual Washington's Birthday celebration. February 22 is a holiday—no classes, a luncheon at the gym, a basketball game and a dance. There are speakers elected from each of the junior and senior classes to represent these classes at the luncheon. We are fortunate in having the senior speaker, Katherine Squire and the wit and brevity of her speech made it a great success.

Recent elections gave us a representative girl from the sophomore class, Norma Nelson, and one from the senior class, Margaret Wilson.

Norma Nelson and Ruth Thompson have been elected to the Woman's Red Cross Life Saving Corps. Henrietta Albaugh is second semester treasurer of the Clonian Literary Society.

Gwendolyn Mills and Katherine Squire did excellent work in a recent production of *Ice Bound*, Katherine receiving a curtain call from an audience of selected critics, which is no small honor in this university.

Our faculty sisters, Stella Bartlett and Mary Katherine Wallace, have presented us with a scholarship cup and we are anxiously waiting to see who will be first to have her name engraved upon it.

The sorority lodges are almost ready for occupancy. Our furniture is ordered—furniture that will be suitable for a house if we are ever allowed to have one. We are planning to have a benefit bridge to help finance the project. It will be a wonderful feeling to have some place that we may call our own.

Spring vacation is only two weeks off. After that the college year is almost gone but we are planning to get in a great deal of work and play before June.

HENRIETTA ALBAUGH.

PERSONALS

Pledges

Martha Ballenger, Bellefontaine, Ohio
 Martha Borden, Delaware, Ohio
 Helen Blair, Delaware, Ohio
 Violet Hughes, Cleveland, Ohio
 Florence Merrill, Schenectady, New York
 Josephine Suttles, Decatur, Indiana
 Ruth Hyde, Nelsonville, Ohio
 Ruth Thompson, Delaware, Ohio
 Mary Lou Thornton, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Katherine Whitney, Marysville, Ohio

ENGAGEMENT

Ruth Thompson to Everett Bonnett, Chi Phi.

ALPHA THETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

First national examination

Of first importance is our initiation dance, which was held one month after we welcomed our six new Gamma Phis. It was a valentine ball given at the Richland Club, which I know you believe by now is Alpha Theta heaven. A Gamma Phi mother from Florida sent us loads of Spanish moss and with that, plus myriads of hearts and gilded crescents, we converted the ballroom, staircase and mezzanine into a Valentine Delight. At ten o'clock the orchestra announced a freshmen special, and our six freshmen and two pledges descended the stairs and were introduced to the guests through a huge red heart. Not a single quaking maiden tripped!!

We initiated six girls immediately after the Christmas holidays and now, since the rigors of mid-year finals are over, we are to initiate two new pledges, making Alpha Theta's freshman list nine in number. We are exceedingly well pleased with our efforts and believe that we were wise in taking the girls we did after the regular rushing season was over. They too have already proven themselves honest-to-goodness Gamma Phis.

Doris Hawkins entertained for the freshmen with the cleverest peanut and olive party a Gamma Phi ever saw. The invitations were sealed inside peanut shells, the tallies were parrots made of peanuts, the "almonds" for the tables were stuffed olives and salted peanuts, and the prize for the

highest score in a most hilarious game of hearts was an olive fork which was won by Beulah Leach, our Goucher girl. Incidentally, we never had such a good pal and adviser as Beulah from Zeta.

We have held kangaroo court for our freshmen and they were duly impressed. They were arraigned before the judge for all their shortcomings and some that weren't, and duly fined and sentenced. Every freshman was given a theme of two hundred words to write on such subjects as "Your Grandmother's Opinion of Protoplasm"; "If St. Peter Could, Would He Flea-hop?"; "How to Restore Sight to Blind Dates and Speech to Dumb Ones," and so on. We expect to be highly entertained and instructed when these are read. The freshmen have sworn that they are keeping notebooks for future reference of all the "horrible" punishments inflicted.

Now that mid-terms are over Alpha Theta is preparing to settle down to a period of intensive persuing and preparation—for April 1 is the fatal day. This is our first national examination and we are literally in "fear and trembling."

MARGARET MALONE.

PERSONALS

Margaret Malone and Alice Briggs have been initiated into the Kappa chapter of Chi Delta Phi, national literary society.

Mary Bates has been elected as our junior representative on the Girls' Student Council.

Gamma Phi Beta was eliminated in the basketball finals but from all indications we won't be next year.

Elsie Waller, founder of our chapter, is to be married on May 27, Vanderbilt Founders' Day, to Joseph Sharpe, a former Vanderbilt man.

ALPHA IOTA—SOUTHERN BRANCH, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Freshmen for Valentines

Many unusual things have been happening on our campus during the past few weeks. A local fraternity, Phi Kappa Kappa, was formally installed as Phi Delta Theta on February 20, and on the following day a local sorority was pledged Delta Gamma. Shortly afterwards another sorority received official word that its petition to Kappa Kappa Gamma had been accepted. Both of the sororities expect to be installed sometime this spring. Finally, and most important, the university is to be moved! The present site has proven altogether inadequate to the growing needs of the university and so the regents have decided to move to some newer and larger site. They are to make a final decision at their meeting this week. An announcement has already been made to the effect that a section of the new campus will be reserved for the sororities and fraternities which means that our modest house-fund must necessarily take on larger proportions during the next year.

Gamma Phi started a new precedent this semester by not rushing. It was really not difficult to forego that pleasure. Our chapter is already quite large enough and since there were no girls in whom we were particularly interested it was great fun to stand by for once and watch the others worry and work. By way of compensation, Eley Eddy, a girl whom we had pledged when we were a local and who had left college because of illness, before being initiated, returned this semester and became a pledge to Gamma Phi.

The formal which our alumnae gave us in January, held at the Encino Club, was a great success. Much confetti and many horns added color and considerable noise to the already colorful affair. The Panhellenic formal was also held in January at the Biltmore Hotel. It was brilliant, impres-

sive and dignified, and since it was really too crowded to dance we spent the time in admiring new gowns and comparing corsages. The programs, by the way, were tan leather picture holders.

Initiation was held on February 14, followed by a formal banquet at the Mary Louise. The initiates reluctantly sang their original songs; the cleverness of the verses was equalled only by the pathetic rendering given by their respective authors. We realized then if not before that modesty is a virtue common to most new members. Those who donned the crescent are Lucille Berry, daughter of Grace Berry of Epsilon, Ruth Chase, Eleanor Chatfield, Eleanor Friend, Kate Frost, Margaret Hampton, Helen McKee, Beulah Middleton and Lucille Posson, sister of Mabel Posson Redline, of Lambda. I should also mention the skit which these girls presented at the banquet. It was one of those hackneyed Hollywood affairs involving two men and a beautiful girl but was presented in a most unique way. It was acted three consecutive times, the first time as it would normally appear, and the second and third times as slow and fast motion respectively. By the final curtain (which, like the other properties, was imaginery) the entire room was in an uproar.

The first duty which we imposed upon our new members was to prepare a muffin worry on Monday evening before meeting. The idea proved so successful and the girls such good cooks that we have decided to make it a tradition at Alpha Iota, as it is at other chapters.

We have issued invitations to the other sororities on the campus to tea to be held this week in honor of Mrs. Younger, who arrives in Los Angeles tomorrow. Since this is Mrs. Younger's first visit to Alpha Iota we are naturally a wee bit excited over the prospects. Perhaps our next letter will be a wiser though sadder one.

EILEEN MEAD.

DELINQUENT ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

Des Moines—Mrs. Frances Turner Byers.

St. Louis—Mrs. John Rush Powell.

Spokane—Thelma Ehrenberg.

CHICAGO

New Year begun auspiciously

Since writing the last letter, Chicago Alumnae Chapter has elected new officers with Mrs. Douglas Waite as president. Until about a year ago she was Marian Drew, and I am sure that those of you who went to the Seattle convention will remember her. The election was held at our first luncheon in 1925 where there was an extra large attendance, and we are hoping that it was a forecast of the number that will come all year.

You have all heard of our Mothers' Club and the wonderful help they have been in all our undertakings. They have their ever-increasing fund with which they plan to help furnish our new home. In February, they held a card party at the home of Mildred Hunt and her mother from which they cleared over \$90.00.

On February 21, the annual Panhellenic luncheon was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel and Gamma Phi Beta was well represented. Klea Cozzens Ramsey, a Gamma Phi and secretary of Panhellenic, managed the program. Jack Barker, star of *No, No, Nannette*, and a Sigma Chi from Northwestern, sang for us, and Dean Thomas Arkle Clark of the University of Illinois gave a very interesting talk on present day young girls, comparing them to those of a generation ago.

As the May CRESCENT is to be Scholarship Number, it might be interesting to tell you of Chicago's custom of presenting at the end of each year a gift to the senior in the active chapter who has done the most for the sorority. Though scholarship is not the only requirement, it is judged an important one.

Clementine Lewis Peterson, Sigma, and Inez Schifflen Kaempfer, Gamma, have recently moved into new homes on the North Shore. Lucile Moses has just returned from a fine trip to Miami. We have two weddings to announce: Jane Kendall, '19, to Theodore Hoffman, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, of Chicago. Jane has been in Los Angeles for five years, and we are all glad to have her back again. Rowena Gamble, '23, was married to Harold Brown, and is living in Evanston. Mary Alice Merrill, '24, has announced her engagement to Jack Budinger, Delta Upsilon, of Wilmette.

Helen Lewis Crosby, Epsilon, '16, is visiting Helen Truesdell in Evanston.

Ruth Bartels Fox has a little son, John Stuart, born February 4.

Lila Robbin Weichbrodt has a Gamma Phi daughter, born March 11.

GLADYS PFEIFER.

SYRACUSE

Greatly interested in Alpha's scholarship

Although we as individuals have passed beyond the clutches of the scholarship ogre, we are, as a group, greatly interested in the scholarship of the active chapter and are proud of her standing.

A scholarship committee is appointed by the alumnae chapter at the beginning of each year, the duties being to secure college chapter grades and report to the alumnae chapter, to confer with Alpha and college authorities if necessary, and to secure information for the use of the alumnae and trustees in awarding prizes. Margaret Goreth is chairman of this committee. Since she is living at the chapter house and is a member of the university faculty she can exert her personal influence with the girls and interview the professors of those who are down in their work.

A prize of twenty-five dollars is given annually by the corporation to the active girl in the sophomore, junior or senior class making the greatest percentage of gain in scholarship over her preceding year. In addition, a ten dollar prize is given by the alumnae chapter to the freshman having the highest marks, providing she stands eight-five or above.

Now for our recent activities! The alumnae have been divided into groups, each of which is devising various ways of making money to be used as capital for our bazaar which is to be given for the Syracuse University Fund. Like all co-operative activities these provide pleasure as well as labor.

On Friday, March 13, we are to hold a supper meeting at which the Alpha seniors will be our guests.

There is one personal which involves three Gamma Phis. Mildred Faulkner Rice has adopted a three-months'-old baby from Polly Delevan's orphanage and she has named it for Muriel Breeds Whitehouse.

DOROTHY COLLINS BROWN.

BOSTON

Two thousand for Delta

"Have you subscribed to the \$2,000 fund?" is the question all Boston alumnae are now asking one another. Our slogan this year is to make Delta chapter our first interest, both in our group and in our central meetings—and to that end we have started a campaign for \$2,000. This money is to

aid the active girls in securing an apartment and buying the necessary furnishings. If you have ever visited Boston University, you are doubtless aware of the unusual situation which exists regarding sororities. Boston University is a college in the heart of the city, with no campus, and consequently no opportunities for near-by sorority or fraternity houses, such as one thinks of in the Middle West or West. Seven of the sororities at Boston University have separate suites where the girls live with a housemother. These apartments are run on a business-like basis and have proved successful and a delight to the girls themselves. So, when September 1925 rolls around, we want to see Delta girls in an apartment of their own, attractively furnished, which will be a source of pride to us all.

'Midst mah jong and bridge parties and monthly group meetings—all for the benefit of the above mentioned fund—we are now launched on a much needed membership campaign. How easy it is not to bother to pay one's dues to the alumnae chapter! Sometimes, just a little personal work will bring in results, and Boston chapter is hoping to increase its membership greatly in the very near future.

Last, but by no means least, we are looking forward to a most successful spring luncheon at the University Club, on April 25. At this time, we expect to have ready some attractive booklets containing our by-laws and the names, with addresses, of all ever initiated into Delta of Gamma Phi Beta.

GLADYS KINGMAN.

PERSONALS

Ruth Eynon Bennitt, Radcliffe '23, is at present private secretary to the treasurer of the Massachusetts General Hospital, in Boston.

Florence Barbour, '09, has accepted a position at the State Hospital in Mattapan, Massachusetts.

Esther Willard Bates, '06, is the successful author of the recent pageant *Love's Labor Lost*, which was presented at the one hundredth anniversary of the Morgan Memorial in Boston. The pageant was given under the direction of Boston University Department of Pageantry and Dramatic Art, of which Miss Bates is the head.

Rena Fowler Dewey, '14, has been spending the winter in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mildred Felt, ex-'25, has been enjoying the winter months in Florida and Cuba.

Judith Moss Harlow, ex-'22, has been aiding her husband in the writing of his recently published book *Samuel Adams*.

Madeline Lewis, '21, has spent the past year at her home in Wollaston. In the fall, Madeline returns to Vassar College to take up her work in the Chemistry Department.

Edith Snow, '20, while attending a Library Conference in Troy, New York met Mabelle L. Moses, '99, who is now teaching in the Russell Sage College in Troy.

Marjorie Stevenson, University of Michigan, '23, is at present with Curtis, Fosdick and Belknap, lawyers, in New York City. The firm is engaged in research work for John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Atossa Thomas, '03, and Martha Hersom French, '05, are leaving in April for a three months' trip through Italy, Switzerland, France and England.

Marjorie White, Columbia University, '23, has accepted a secretarial position in Boston, with Phipps, Durgin and Cook, attorneys at law.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Guy Calafato (Esther Anderson, ex-'23), a son, Francis Eugene.

To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goudey (Marjorie Pelton, '22), a son, Pelton.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hastings Hawkes (Belle Dalton, '11), a daughter, Charlotte Hastings.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDougall (Olive Johnson, '23), a daughter, Olive.

To Mr. and Mrs. Norman Whitehead (Elsie Jordan, '14), a daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

DEATH

Boston Alumnæ chapter extends sympathy to Edna O. Spinney in the death of her mother.

NEW YORK

An uneclipsed crescent the inspiration for high scholarship

We have a premonition that many practical suggestions for high scholarship will be advanced by other chapters. New York wishes to draw attention to the fact that with the moon and the world striving to blot out the sun, the CRESCENT was the only thing that wasn't eclipsed. Somehow, it seems as if that should be an inspiration for high scholarship.

Miriam Creiglow and Willie Carter Witt entertained at a lovely tea on February 7, at Students Hall, Barnard College. Laura Hill Soule, Alpha, accompanied by her daughter, sang some charming folk songs of South America.

The Panhellenic tea was held on February 28 at the Hotel Roosevelt. Ruth Draper, who is well known throughout the country for her clever impersonations, presented the program. Nearly one thousand sorority girls and their guests attended.

Twenty-five Gamma Phis were present at a supper party given at the home of Mrs. Millard Robinson, on March 2. Mrs. Robinson was assisted by Dorothy Dean, Fredericka Belknap and Mrs. Charles C. Black, all members of the Iota Chapter. There were some very interesting topics of conversation—frivolous ones, such as the delicious refreshments, and new spring clothes, and more serious ones, such as raising money. Four hundred twenty-one dollars for Goucher College, one hundred fifty for Syracuse University, and fifty dollars a share for the Panhellenic Club-house were just a few of the items.

Our bridge party to raise money for the Endowment Fund is to be held on April 25 at the home of Mrs. R. W. Sherman.

HELEN CODLING HALSTED.

PERSONALS

Beckie Bowe Cornwall, Alpha, '08, has a daughter, Barbara Hastings, born in the fall of 1924. Mrs. Cornwall lives at 55 East 76th Street, New York City.

Sannie Callan, Theta, '20, is doing dietetic work for the East Harlem Nursing and Health Institution.

Ruth Zirkle Kauth, Theta, '19, is doing volunteer work at Henry Street Settlement, where her husband holds a position.

Dr. Nan L. Gilkerson, Alpha Zeta, '22, is taking postgraduate work at the Eye and Ear Hospital in New York. She expects to practice in Lubbock, Texas.

Kathryn Herbert, Theta, '16, is editor of the *National Electric Light Association Rate Book*.

Helen Olson, Theta and Tau, '20, is studying commercial art at the Florence Wild Studio.

Mary Wooley Mechling, Theta, '24, has recently moved to New York.

Harriet and Mildred Peery, of Pi Chapter, are spending the winter in New York. Mildred is studying at the School of Retailing of New York University, and Harriet holds a position in the training department of Lord and Taylor.

PERSONALS

Willie Carter Witt, expects to sail the latter part of June for a three months' trip abroad.

Florence Light Simpson, Epsilon, who is living at Jackson Heights, Long Island, attended the last luncheon at the McAlpin Hotel. Thirteen Gamma Phis attended. What do you suppose that means?

DEATH

Alice Marion Waugh, Iota, '02, who was a charter member of Barnard chapter died at her home at Mount Alliance, Ohio, the first of the year.

MILWAUKEE

Drama of splendid spirit

Setting—The living room of Alice Coerper's attractive home. The day is clear and cold, and the light, streaming through the windows, shines upon some twelve alumnæ, true Gamma Phis, busily tying and sewing baby quilts for charity.

Titian Gamma Phi (triumphantly snipping off the tops of some little knots of brilliant pink yarn): "Well, my money for the fund is all raised and turned in. I even exceeded my quota. My thanks to everyone who came and played bridge at my house for the cause."

Earnest New Member (looking perplexed and a little bit shy): "But how shall I earn any money? I can't do a thing better than anyone else unless, of course, I change my budget and make my husband eat "Near East" dinners for a while. But it is such a new little budget and he's such a new husband, I rather hate to upset either of them."

Milwaukee's Ever Enthusiastic Member (with the exuberance which is one of her chief charms): "I'll make ice box cakes. Hand in your orders at once. They'll cost a lot though, because most of you haven't the patience to make them, so I must charge for that, and then, think of the loads of lady fingers and all the cream. Hurry up somebody, give a party and order one."

Introspective, Diminutive, Gamma Phi (positively): "No, you won't make cakes, you shall teach my husband to dance. There's no reason why you shouldn't *work* for your money."

Brilliant Member: "I shall write letters—of any variety. Surely some of you have letters to write that you haven't time to do. I haven't the time either, but I'll do them. In fact, in me, from this moment you see 'The Complete Letterwriter.'"

In excited chorus, the idea spreading like wild fire:

First Gamma Phi: "I'll make bead bags."

Second Gamma Phi: "I'll bake Spanish buns and sew baby clothes."

Third Gamma Phi: "I can make hand hammered silver things."

Fourth Gamma Phi: "I'll run a taxi on meeting days."

Fifth Gamma Phi: "Try some of my fudge."

Sixth Gamma Phi: "My angel food is really worthy of the name."

Kindly President (Carried away by the countless confessions of genius): "This all shows splendid spirit. Shall there be a motion for the Milwaukee chapter to raise the entire sum needed for the Endowment Fund?"

(Curtain)

Alice FITZGERALD.

Eleanor Mueller Bloodgood is spending several weeks in Miami and Palm Beach with her parents.

Elizabeth Parry Lafferty of Davenport, Iowa, was the guest of Isabel Brownell Kuehn in January.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. McDonald (Margaret Ryan, Gamma) with their daughter, Peggy, are spending the winter in Palm Beach.

Allison Moore Kieckhefer and her two sons have gone to Arizona for the winter.

DEATHS

The sympathy of the chapter is extended to Margaret Webster and Florence Sayle Pollock who mourn the loss of their mothers, Mrs. Marie Webster and Mrs. R. G. Sayle.

SAN FRANCISCO

Keen interest in Eta's and Mu's scholarship

With spring in the air and the country full of fruit blossoms and daffodils, I certainly find it hard to look back to January doings. We have quite forgotten rubbers and umbrellas, now that the air is balmy and the sun is so bright. You should have seen our Saturday meeting—everyone on the way to our luncheon just reveling in the spring fashion show.

But I must go back—Our January meeting was a surprise one on the twentieth. Helen Saylor and Charlotte Moore Agnell were the hostesses and the surprise was a cross-word puzzle contest. Of course the addicts just dashed through but I hear some of the girls had quite a struggle. Peggy Ellis won the prize.

Eta Chapter held initiation on February 7 at the chapter house. There were ten very attractive initiates and many of the alumnae went to the house for the service. That night the combined initiation and annual spring banquet was held at the Hotel Whitecotton. There were over eighty Gamma Phis present. Ruth Wetmore Thompson was toastmistress and just her name told us that we should have original, clever toasts. Elizabeth Dempster, Eleanor Atkinson, Madeline Putnam, Margaret Deahl, Francis MacDougall and Winnie Bridge Allen gave the toasts. Following our old custom, San Francisco alumnae presented a corsage bouquet to the Eta girl in each class who had attained the highest grades for the year. We are always so interested to see who wins the bouquets from year to year. We feel a very keen interest in Eta's and Mu's scholarship standing. Our interest in Mu is necessarily of a more "long distance" sort, but we feel a very personal pride when Eta stands high in the annual university scholarship list. We have a new scholarship cup this year (the old one wouldn't hold any more names) and this cup is inscribed each year with the name of the freshman who has made the highest grades. We have two ways of keeping in touch with the Eta girls so that we can know them better. Bertha Harker is our official alumnae representative and she attends Eta's meetings and transacts any business there may be between the two chapters. It does eliminate hearsay news and that sort of misunderstanding. Then our big sister committee selects for each active girl a big sister who is expected to see her often and be a real big sister. There aren't nearly enough actives to go around so not every alumnae claims a little sister.

We had the nicest luncheon at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco for our February meeting. All of you who have been to San Francisco know what a beautiful hotel the St. Francis is, so of course we enjoyed our party. Ruth Wetmore Thompson and Janet Bostwick decorated the table,

and it was very beautiful with three great opium bowls of spring flowers and tall brass candelabra with candles of all the colors of the flowers. We had a large U-shaped table full of Gamma Phis, as many of the younger girls came for luncheon and then went on to matinées. Everyone had been looking at the fashion show so clothes and decorations were an entrancing topic of conversation. At the short meeting following luncheon we planned for the entertainment of Mrs. Younger, and we also voted to give two hundred fifty dollars to the university as the annual scholarship and to add five hundred dollars to the two hundred fifty dollars which is the nucleus of our permanent Gamma Phi scholarship fund. We still have some in our own scholarship fund which we shall turn over at some later date.

As many of us as could went to the Eta house to meet Mrs. Younger, the visiting delegate. I am sure we all enjoyed the opportunity as we found her very charming. We were sorry she couldn't stay long enough for the party Carmeleta Piper had planned for her on Thursday, as many of the girls who couldn't go today expected to meet her then.

Margaret Garthwaite, Eta, '15, was married on January 4 to Otis Reed Marston in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. As it is a lovely Gothic church it always makes a beautiful setting for a wedding. Beth Hoyt, Eta, '15, was maid of honor and Charlotte Cockcroft Tilden, Eta, '20, was one of the bridesmaids. Many of the Gamma Phis were guests at the services and later at the reception. The music was usually lovely as old family friends who are well known musicians gave it. Margaret's mother played the organ and Harriet Pasmore (Radiana Pazmore), Eta, sang. We certainly were proud of her. Alice Bradley is to be married on March 12 to Paul Frederick Boswell and there are to be four Gamma Phis in her wedding party. We are all very proud of the wonderful talks Irma Wann Buwalda, Eta, '20, is giving before the various clubs about the bay. People enjoy them so much that everyone wants to hear her again.

RUTH GENUNG.

PERSONALS

Esther Sinclair, Eta, '17, is living in Berkeley.

Ruth Wetmore Thompson is enjoying a trip to Mexico City. A group of San Francisco business men and wives are going at the invitation of the President of Mexico.

Winifred Bridge Allen, Eta, '14, went to New Orleans with her husband in January.

Margaret Griffith, Eta, '09, came down from Sacramento for initiation and banquet.

Imogene Mason Walker, Eta, '15, and Luzina Denio O'Hara, Eta, '15, came from out of town to the February luncheon.

Alice Rowell Hawley, Mu, '13, leaves for Hawaii this month. Captain Haley has been ordered back to his station there.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Whitman (Eleanor French, Eta, '12), on February 20, a daughter, Evelyn Gertrude.

DENVER

"A Gamma Phi camp all our own"

Denver Alumnae's monthly luncheon meetings on Saturday are a great success. Formerly, only a few girls would come on Tuesday afternoon, but at our last meeting fifty-three responses were received. "The more

the merrier" certainly is true. Conversation fairly buzzes, and everyone seems so happy!

We have a wonderful plan in embryo, over which we are very much thrilled—a Gamma Phi camp all our own, for under-privileged children—a camp in our beautiful health-giving mountains. Of course, we would start on a very small scale, possibly only six children for the summer, but "mighty oaks from little acorns grow," and we feel this is a husky little acorn.

We have written Tau of the idea, requesting aid along the line of dietetics. The reply we received was most enthusiastic and we know our proteges will be properly nourished if one of these girls has a part to play. By the time of our next letter our plans will be more mature, with more definite information.

Denver has a new state hospital just recently completed and Panhellenic sent out a call for assistance for the patients. Gamma Phi responded by offers of secretarial work, visiting and bringing magazines to the shut-ins.

The many alumnae who attended the beautiful banquet, given by Theta in honor of the initiates, thoroughly enjoyed it. The large room was filled with lovely Gamma Phis, and at the center table were seated the initiates all dressed in white, a rose to "set off" the bouquet.

Here endeth the activities of Denver Alumnae for the last three months.

LOUISE BLANVELL PARKS.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. William Schaetzel (Celeste Porter, Theta), a son, Richard.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Keller (Helen Cornish, Theta), a daughter, Elice Emily.

MINNEAPOLIS

Scholarship Committee reports at every meeting

In 1921 Minneapolis Alumnae chapter presented a silver scholarship cup to be given to the sorority chapter at the University of Minnesota with the highest average of scholarship for the year. At present this cup is held by Phi Mu Gamma. Our alumnae have always taken a lively interest in fostering high ideals in scholarship and one of our regular standing committees is the scholarship committee which reports at every meeting on the academic standing of Kappa Chapter. Rewey Belle Inglis has been the head of this committee for some time past, and has never failed to keep us in touch with the scholarship averages of the pledges and of the other members of the chapter. In 1921 and 1922 when some of the freshmen failed to be initiated on account of low averages, the alumnae scholarship committee wrote letters to the parents of these girls asking their co-operation in keeping up the scholarship of the chapter.

In regard to the scholarship standing of Kappa Chapter as a whole, I must tell about the great advance they have made. In 1922 when the *Crescent* published a list of the academic averages of each chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa was listed as the seventeenth in scholarship among the sororities at the University of Minnesota. In 1923 it had jumped to the sixth place and in the fall of 1924 when the university reports were given, Kappa Chapter was the fifth on the scholarship list, ahead of all the other sororities of her class. In January, 1925, another list of averages was made out after mid-years and Kappa now stands third on the whole list of the nineteen sorority chapters at the University of Minnesota.

This year the alumnae chapter has started a loan fund of one hundred dollars to be available for use by those in the active chapter who need financial help. This money is taken from our sinking fund.

The joint Christmas supper meeting of St. Paul Association and Minneapolis Alumnæ Chapter was held on December 20 at the chapter house. After supper a stunt was given by Dorothy Plocher and Mary Wilde of the active chapter and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Our annual meeting took place at Louise Durst Smith's on January 29 and election of officers resulted in Edna Elmer Smith as president for the coming year to succeed Mary Ray Burns. Carol Albrecht was re-elected vice president and social chairman, and Anna Barton was re-elected secretary. Ottilia Maier is our new treasurer, in Helen Lovell Randall's place, and if she keeps up the same spirit which made her such a successful membership chairman during this year, I am sure we shall all pay our dues on time.

Katherine Silversen entertained the bridge club during the Christmas holidays and had enough girls to fill five tables. Since then we have played at Hazel Strong Bishop's and the last bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Nachtrieb and Margaret Nachtrieb Isbell.

We are talking of raising money by having a benefit bridge and cake sale after Easter. Every alumna has been asked to contribute two dollars this year to take the place of the money usually raised by our fair. We hope in this way to pay off the five hundred dollars which is all that is left of the chapter house mortgage. If this can be done there will be some fitting ceremony at the annual banquet this spring to celebrate such a milestone in the career of Kappa chapter.

ANNA P. BARTON.

PERSONALS

Rewey Belle Inglis has been recently appointed on a standing committee of the National Council of Teachers of English. It is a committee to study the place of English in community life.

Edna Hilton is on a three months' leave of absence from her position as teacher in Central High School, Minneapolis, and is spending her vacation in Florida.

Millicent Hoffman attended Grand Opera, in Chicago.

Helena Fitzsimmons, who has charge of the educational department at Bamberger's store in Newark, New Jersey, is being sent to the Dayton Company in Minneapolis to attend a conference during the last week in March.

Dorothy McCormick and family have moved to Los Angeles.

Mary Sudduth and her husband are touring Europe for a few months.

ENGAGEMENTS

Margaret Preston to Charles Lester Goddeyne, Bay City, Michigan.

Evelyn Strothman to Robert C. Gall, Alpha Delta Phi.

MARRIAGES

On February 14, 1925, at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, Lucille Curtis to Clifford Dexheimer. Mr. and Mrs. Dexheimer will make their home in Milwaukee.

On December 20, 1924, Jeanne Borden to E. S. Walsh.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Kingsbury (Katherine Whitney), on February 27, a son, Richard Walker.

To Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Schillberg (Marie Erdall), on January 9, a daughter, Shirley Janet.

LOS ANGELES

Joy in possessing a chapter house

With the busy bustle of preparation for the bazaar a thing of the past, and, after the happy holiday season, we can relax and enjoy each other more. That is what we have been doing. Perhaps that sounds lazy, but we certainly are not. In fact, it is no little matter to keep track of the many activities hereabouts, to renew old friendships, to make friends with the new sisters who are with us, some for only a short time and some who will be here permanently, and, in general, to let others know us better.

We have had several afternoon affairs recently which have made this possible. In the early part of January, Florence Jeffers offered her gorgeous new home in Beverly Hills for a bridge party, so we gave a benefit bridge, the proceeds from which we sent as a valentine to Mu Chapter to help with the mid-year rush season. Of course it was a beautiful party; how could it be otherwise in such a delightful setting? Mrs. Jeffers' home is Colonial style, carried out in every detail. Even the doors into the bedrooms have old fashioned latches like those which grandmother had in her house, instead of the present day doorknobs. There were twenty-five tables and everyone had such a jolly time!

In February the Alpha Iota alumnae sponsored an afternoon benefit at the home of Helen Scheck. Again we spent a happy two hours.

One of the nicest things, and particularly a prideful sensation to us for it is still such a new feeling, is the fact that we have a chapter house. And we do so appreciate the active girls' eager and constant invitation, "Come to see us; come to the house often." For those of us who have not been actives for many years, it is like another breath of our own college days. Mrs. Smith, the housemother, is delightful to know and is always most cordial. And it is so worth while to be able to go to a house meeting occasionally on a Monday evening! A very few of us find it possible to go almost every week.

This past week Margaret Meany Younger has been with us for three days. Most of that time was spent with the active girls, but on Tuesday evening, at the home of Ruth Holderedge, Alpha, as many of the alumnae as could possibly do so, assembled, to meet her. She talked with us for quite some time, explaining and suggesting ways by which we could be in closer touch and fellowship with the active girls; what they should expect of us, and what we can expect of them. She is so frank and sincere about everything that it is a pleasuse to meet her and would be a privilege to know her better.

MILDRED CLELAND.

PERSONALS

Constance Gyde Owens, Xi, is a new alumna member. Her husband, Captain Owens, is detailed at the university for four years. Captain and Mrs. Owens and their two small sons are making their home in Hollywood.

Ruth Addison, Beta, is teaching English in that department at the university.

Ida Hale Livingston, Eta, made a flying trip from Stockton, and was able to attend the January meeting at Grace Adelle Berry's. All her former friends rejoiced to see her.

Genevieve Atkinson Reed, Eta, has been visiting relatives here in the south for two weeks. The Reeds live in Riverside.

Geraldine Nusbaum, Pi, has recently arrived and will make her home with her parents who came to Los Angeles earlier in the season. At present she is taking a special course at the University of Southern California.

Gladys Wilkinson, Lawrence, Pi, and her husband, Paul Lawrence, have come to Hollywood for the winter.

Dagmar Skolason, Chi, attended the S.B.U.C. last semester and has gone to Berkeley for the remainder of the year.

Annie Lindsey, Chi, has moved from Berkeley to Redlands.

We are sorry that Katherine Manning, Zeta, has returned to Baltimore. We shall miss her here but they will welcome her there.

Madge Miller Smoot, Beta, is living in Venice, California. We would like to see more of her.

Anne Mundt Gilmore, Omega, now resides in Whittier.

Caroline Clifford Burbank, Epsilon, is living in Sierra Madre, near enough to see her occasionally.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Hutchinson (Eloise White, Nu), are at home now at 3409 West 23rd Street, Los Angeles.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Whitman (Eleanor French, Eta), a daughter, Evelyn Gertrude.

DETROIT

A hundred dollars for the Endowment Fund

We, of the Detroit Alumnæ Chapter, wish that all our members and all other Beta girls who do not live in Detroit could have been with us on January 17 when we met at the home of Mary Helen Holmes. Eight of the members of the Detroit Alumnæ entertained at one tea which followed the business meeting. To this tea they had invited the seniors and freshmen of Beta Chapter in Ann Arbor and we were all so glad to meet and know them. The freshmen are a most active and attractive group, and we felt as pleased over this year's success in rushing (judging from the splendid results) as though we ourselves had all actively participated in rushing!

Before the Beta actives arrived, we held our business meeting at which officers for the new year were elected, as follows: president, Alice Camerer; vice president, Helen Maloney; treasurer, Evelyn Rohem May; corresponding secretary, Doris Sprague Fraser; recording secretary, Laura Gridley Neudorfer.

On December 12, a meeting in the form of a luncheon at the Women's City Club was held which a number attended. We can report also that the results of the card party which we held for the benefit of the Endowment Fund, and about which we wrote in our last letter, were most satisfactory. Under the excellent chairmanship of Dorothy Sweet, we cleared over a hundred dollars.

News in such a large city is rather hard to gather, and so the items are few, I fear. Our chapter has been augmented by the arrival in Detroit of Alice Kidder, of Kappa, and Doris Sprague Fraser, '22, Beta.

We are so sorry to report the death of Helen Tuthill Pulford's mother, and of Hester Cooper McCrillis' father. Our whole chapter sympathizes with both girls.

DORIS SPRAGUE FROSER.

BALTIMORE

Guard Pin for freshman with highest scholastic average

Alumnæ meeting tonight—and a rummage sale to report as a result of it. The ever-present specter of the insurance premium forced the sale on us so Dorothy Hall and Marion Day, both 1924 girls, will boss the rest of us around at our "Spring Opening."

We planned, also, to have our next meeting at noon time, with a luncheon served at the Alumnæ Lodge of the college. Possibly more of our married members can be with us then.

Just before initiation the *Gamma Phi Newslet* made its appearance at the homes of all former Zeta girls and other Gamma Phis in this district. It was a tiny little thing—only three by five inches—but its four pages had been crammed full of news by its editor. The district secretary and the active chapter were, of course, given space in its columns.

One of the features of initiation was the presentation of the alumnæ guard pin to the freshman with the highest scholastic average for the first semester. It was a pleasure to us to give a scholarship award to Frances Hosterman, the vice president of her class, the captain of the freshman basketball team, and the manager of her class swimming team. That is ideal, isn't it?

Last month, the alumnæ invited the actives to a party at Clara Wagner Sutton's house to "show you how, in the days gone by, we all made merry in dear Gamma Phi." The brown and mode paper hats, the stunts and games, and the refreshments of double brown seemed to meet with the approval of the active chapter, and we alumnæ enjoyed the jolly evening our younger sisters.

As some of you know, Goucher College is in the early stages of a campaign for \$6,000,000. The sorority alumnæ were given an especial appeal to help complete the first million, so we set to work. Telephone calls and letters were sent to all former Zeta girls, and in about three weeks we were able to hand over to President Guth more than \$3,000 in cash!

HESTER CORNER WAGNER.

SEATTLE

New bridge club

I suppose that everyone has at some time in his experience made a rash or at least a hasty promise. Even so did I when I said that I would write this letter. When I read the sheet of instructions my knees began to quake lest I prove myself incompetent. I sincerely hope the dear editor will be lenient since this is my first.

With the bazaar over, we shall pause long enough to catch our breath. That is as much as our new and energetic officers will allow. The new Gamma Phi directory is ready for the press and various other routine necessities are under way.

Our one new venture is a Gamma Phi bridge club. The bright idea was Clara Wills' and we have twenty enthusiastic charter members. Any Gamma Phi may join or come for one meeting by simply phoning the hostess.

Our new vice president, Imogene Cornet, has married and gone to Detroit, so Katherine Jerome has been elected to the position. We wish her every success.

DOLLIE McLEAN CALLOW.

PERSONALS

Marguerite Crosby Miller visited here for a week in January. Her husband is rowing coach at Columbia.

Florence Churchill Dickson has opened a tea shop.

Kate Churchill, Epsilon, with her family has moved to Seattle.

Jeanette Perry has returned from Europe.

Ruth Norton Smith is home from New York.

Marion Fargo is just back from a trip to Honolulu.

Marjorie Stevens has gone to Detroit.

Zoe Kincaid Penlington's book, *Kabuki—the Popular Stage of Japan*, is to be published in London this fall by MacMillan.

Marion Wheaton Pomeroy is in Brazil.

MARRIAGES

On February 25, 1925, at Seattle, Doreen Kennedy, Lambda '24, to Buel Blake, Sigma Chi, University of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Blake will make their home in Seattle.

On February 7, 1925, at Lambda chapter house, Seattle, Imogene Cornet to Emmet Powrie, Phi Delta Theta, of Detroit. They will live in Detroit.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Francis Perry, (Lorraine Hodge), in December, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Russel S. Callow (Dollie McLean), on January 11, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Atkinson (Jess Jackson), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weeks (Erna Meerscheidt), on January 8, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Porter, (Vivian Lieburg), a daughter.

DEATHS

We extend to Vernita Swezea Lundquist our most sincere sympathy in the death of her husband; to Hester Hill Moore in the death of her mother; and to Adelaide Allmond Linne in the death of her son.

PORTLAND

Will offer scholarship incentive

When instructions were received from our Editor in regard to the May Scholarship Number of the CRESCENT, all the writer could think of was Irving Berlin's "What'll" song, for our weak point was to be exposed and no way out! It is a human failing to let shortcomings remain concealed, but on further thought, it might be more beneficial to uncover and destroy them. And this is what the idea for the May CRESCENT has done for us. Several of the girls have made the remark, "That is just where we must get busy." So while we have nothing in the way of scholarship incentives to offer, we are looking forward to the May CRESCENT for brilliant ideas, hoping we may profit thereby and have something to offer at a future date.

As has been stated before, there is danger of becoming too much engrossed in the building of chapter houses, but it does seem very vital with us at present with the Oregon Agriculture College girls paying for their house, which they bought already built, and the University of Oregon chapter just about ready to break ground.

On March 4, the O.A.C. "alums" gave a benefit bridge party at the home of Grace Hovenden to help meet some of their obligations.

March 13 is the next meeting of the Portland Chapter—luncheon at the home of Janice Parker Holman, Lambda, with Helen Houghton Peterson, Nu, as assisting hostess, when we have been promised a look at the completed plans of the Oregon chapter house. So those of you who have built a house can well imagine the discussion. We hear the plans are very grand.

Since our treasury needed reimbursing, we decided to turn our January meeting into a bridge party, twenty-five cents a person and each Gamma Phi to bring an outside guest. The afternoon was enjoyed at the home of Florence Lewis Farrens, Lambda, and a fancy and colorful dust rag tied up as a rag doll was given as a prize at each table.

The February meeting was held at Lenore Blaessing Mann's, Nu, with a business meeting early in the afternoon and a very attractive tea from three until five for Gamma Phi mothers. Virginia Wilson Petheram, Nu, and Dorothy Schmeer assisted Lenore as hostess.

Many of the active girls will soon be in Portland for spring vacation, but as a rule that means merely a passing hello as we run onto them buying their spring wardrobe. (The fever is truly in the air with the alluring window displays of colors and fabrics).

BERTHA MASTERS PATTERSON.

PERSONALS

Virginia Wilson Petheram, Nu, has recently returned from a three months' European trip. She spent a week with Blanche Wilson Gunther, Nu, who is now living in Paris.

Word has been received from Caroline Benson Unander, who has been spending the year in Carmel, California, that she will be home in May. Happy news!

ENGAGEMENT

Dorothy Schmeer, Nu, to Leo Goar. The wedding date has been set for April 22.

RENO

Many Phi Kappa Phis in Alpha Gamma

Reno alumnae, like most big sisters, have long been interested in the scholarship of Alpha Gamma. There have been and still are numerous Alpha Gammas who have climbed to the top of the scholarship ladder. This is evidenced by the number of Phi Kappa Phis in our group.

Each year at the initiation banquet Reno Alumnae presents a corsage bouquet to each active girl who has been on the honor roll during the year. After this year some permanent gift instead of flowers will be given.

Besides honoring individual students, Reno Alumnae Chapter offers a yearly prize of \$50.00 to Alpha Gamma if it lead the rest of the campus in scholarship.

ETHEL L. STEINHEIMER.

TORONTO

Money set aside for Education of some girl

What a busy, busy winter we have had! And to think that it is practically gone and spring is almost upon us! We have had such jolly times together that will leave pleasant memories with us for a long time yet! We meet twice each month, once for our regular business meeting and once in a social way. It is such a delightful idea because we just cannot sit and chatter to our neighbors through a meeting, no matter how long it is since we have seen her, yet we simply must have an opportunity sometimes of getting together to gossip, and what better scheme for this than a meeting especially arranged for the purpose?

For some time several of our members had been advocating a mothers' tea and finally we made definite plans for such an event to be held at our chapter rooms on January 24. It would be hard to say who enjoyed it more, the mothers or the daughters. Certainly everyone was in the best of spirits but then, who could have felt otherwise while partaking of such delicious refreshments as Jean Stevenson can arrange, and surrounded by such delightful company as Gamma Phi mothers? It was a decided success, so much so that we are already speaking quite casually of our next mothers' tea.

Of course when our mothers appreciated so fully our little effort, we began to feel that we were rather accomplished in the art of entertaining and should display our talent more frequently. Consequently, the following month we invited the initiates of Alpha Alpha to a dinner at the Diet

Kitchen Tea Rooms. Some of us had had little opportunity of really getting acquainted with our new sisters, but before the end of the evening, we all felt like old friends. After dinner some of our talented members performed just to let these recent arrivals in the family realize the sudden, rare bursts of brilliancy of which some of our members are occasionally guilty. We hope our guests of honor enjoyed the party as much as we did.

It is really remarkable how long one can enjoy a dance, isn't it? It is over a week since the wonderful event took place and still find pleasure in discussing our annual formal party. It was held this year at Ryan's Art Galleries, a magnificent old home filled with all kinds of interesting antiques and boasting a marvelous conservatory—an ideal place for such a gathering as ours. One truly big feature of the evening was that several of our out-of-town girls whom we had not seen for "just ages," managed to come in for the occasion. What with such a perfect setting, and an orchestra that simply lured you into the dancing mood, you could not help enjoying every moment. Truly, I never saw such a variety of novelties or such quantities of serpentine confetti. One could have collected enough souvenirs to supply amusement to a host of youthful relatives—who wouldn't probably enjoy them half so much as we did. So do you wonder that we still feel thrilled about it?

I suppose you will think you should have heard the last of our famous bazaar—but consider the weighty problem we have had in deciding how to dispose wisely of all the wealth accumulated thereby. After much discussion we finally agreed to set aside a certain portion to be used in assisting in the education of a young girl either through the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire, or the Big Sister Movement, both of which organizations are doing a very fine work among girls. A committee is investigating which of these organizations could use our money to best advantage. Won't we feel justly proud of ourselves and our protégée when we actually assume that responsibility? The balance of the proceeds has been invested in a trust company and is doing its bit to swell the sinking fund.

As an incentive to higher scholarship, Toronto chapter has donated to Alpha Alpha a shield to be held for one year by the girl whose academic standing shows the greatest improvement over her previous year's record. This is a Gamma Phi crest in silver mounted on an ebony shield, and each year a small silver shield is mounted on the ebony, to form eventually a circle around the Gamma Phi crest. This small shield bears the name of the winner and the year for which she held the shield. We regard this as one of the highest honors which can be conferred in the active chapter and are extremely proud of the two members who have won it to date, Janet Skelton and Marjorie Hull, whose records were very much worth while.

MURIEL MORAN.

PERSONALS

The following out-of-town members were in Toronto for our annual dance: Lilly Speers, Peterboro; Edythe Cockburn, Ottawa; Edna Lyle, St. Thomas; Florence Robinson, Walkerville, and Helen Greneizen, Petrolea.

Helen Glaister Dobson and her wee daughter Joan, of London, are

ENGAGEMENT

May Scott, '21, to Lawrence Wallace, Delta Chi, '21.

CLEVELAND

Contributes to Panhellenic Scholarship

It seems like going back into the dark ages to tell you about our holiday-time luncheon for the active Gamma Phis who were in Cleveland for their vacation, but, as it happened too late for the last letter and took the place of the January meeting, we'll just say that it is an annual affair with us and that this year it was held at the Woman's Club, with thirty—Gamma Phis and their guests included—present.

Katherine Haggard, Theta, and Alice Kenyon Watkins, Alpha, entertained with a tea at Alice's charming new home, on February 6. We were happy to have as our guest at this meeting, Mary Clark Brittingham, Gamma, who was visiting her son, Dr. Harold Brittingham, in Cleveland before joining her daughter and son-in-law for a southern trip.

In place of the March meeting, we attended a bridge luncheon given by Cleveland Panhellenic on Saturday, March 6, at the Park Lane Villa apartment hotel. Mary Lyons Dibble, Epsilon, brought as her guest, her aunt, Ella Butters Anderson, Epsilon, who was visiting her. During lulls in the bridge game we discussed ways of swelling our treasury and decided upon another rummage sale, since they have proved highly successful in the past.

Speaking of Panhellenic, it is through that organization that Cleveland chapter does her bit for scholarship, by contributing money directly to help pay the tuition of a girl student at Western Reserve College and by buying tickets for dances and bridge luncheons given by Panhellenic for this worthy cause.

It is hoped that two girls may be helped next year, so generous has been the response of the sorority groups of late, and Gamma Phi has done her share.

We have been very much concerned about the illness of some of our members recently. Marguerite Stephenson Evans, Theta, our secretary has had a long siege, and Gladys Lewis Eggeman, Beta, and Ruby Laird Baston, Kappa, have also been ill and we have missed them from our meetings.

Gladys Kenyon Watkins spent the first week in March in Baltimore.

Mary Lyons Dibble attended Beta chapter's initiation at Ann Arbor on February 14, in company with her sister, Alice Lyons Mitchell, Epsilon, of Jackson, Michigan, and her aunt, Ella Butters Anderson, Epsilon, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

HILDEGARDE HAGERMAN JOHN.

ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATIONS

EVERETT

Christmas tree for the orphanage

Our apron sewing parties are over for this year and we heave a sigh of relief. Our booth brought in more than any other booth so you see where people spend most of their time (we made mostly kitchen aprons). After a short breathing spell we began anew with the Christmas tree for the orphanage. We solicited far and near for there were forty-nine children this year and each had three presents and a large stocking filled with oranges, nuts and candy. At our Christmas meeting we elected Helen Stuchell Carpenter to succeed Katherine Edwards Mac Donald as president and I shall attempt to fill the place of secretary and treasurer which Corrinne Molstad Miley has vacated.

On January 30 we gave a luncheon for the ladies who were assisting on the Y.W.C.A. drive.

Every once in a while we hear from Helen Carpenter, who is touring the east and the south with her husband. She reports glorious weather in the south but hopes to be home soon. Arelene and Corinne Swalwell spend most of their time with art lessons here in Seattle. Emily Sumner is handling the advertising of the Sumner Iron Works and is quite a business woman. Palma Lee Sipprell is a member of the Y.W.C.A. board.

Hilotje Edwards Woodruff was up from Seattle to visit her sister and Marion Troy Lemon, of Olympia, was also a recent visitor in Everett.

VERONA MORGAN BRITT.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wesley Miley (Corrinne Molstad, Lambda, '23), on March 5, a daughter.

PITTSBURGH

Twenty members

Members of Gamma Phi Beta living in Pittsburgh and vicinity meet the second Saturday of each month for luncheon at Kaupman and Baei's dining room. Elender Wills, Eta, our president, is head of the educational department of one of Pittsburgh's larger stores, and most graciously makes all arrangements for these meetings. We have twenty members in our organization and can anticipate, on all occasions, an enthusiastic gathering, the luncheon hour, however, always seeming too short. At our January meeting it was suggested that occasionally meetings be held in the afternoon. The first of these meetings was a most attractive affair with Mrs. Dean Wilson, Alpha, on February 14.

Our next meeting comes this Saturday, March 14, and the newly chosen correspondent to the *Crescent* will be there, with her note book and pencil, obtaining material for her next letter.

RUBIE HAMMERSTROM ATCHLEY.

ST. JOSEPH

New association

At last St. Joseph, Missouri, has an alumnæ association. Kappa Chapter is represented by two of us, Sigma by one, Upsilon by one, and Alpha Delta by five. The officers are Margaret Huston, president; Beulah Bennett, vice president; Corinne Heim, corresponding secretary; Jessie Roberts, treasurer; Edith Moss Rhoades, *Crescent* correspondent. The first Friday of each month the little group meets at the homes of the members for fun and business. On March 14 we are giving a bridge party at Margaret Huston's for a carefully selected group of this spring's graduates, both from the high schools and from Junior College.

We are glad to have come into existence; we hope you are glad to have us.

EDITH MOSS RHOADES.

FORT COLLINS

Best radio features

Station ALUMS, Fort Collins, is broadcasting as follows:

October—First meeting of the year, election of officers.

November—Homecoming celebration at active chapter house with twenty-five visiting alumnæ present.

December—Rummage sale a big success.

Christmas party with gifts for all

January—Initiation and banquet.

February—Stock reports: oil stock selling fast, real estate going up and houses very scarce.

March—General reports: Confronted with the above situation it is not surprising that the question of the day is that of a house for the active chapter. With us, another word for house is m-o-n-e-y and we must accumulate some of that. Besides our rummage sales which are, indeed, profitable we are now embarked on a new idea, gleaned from THE CRESCENT. One of the cleaning establishments of the city has most kindly consented to give us a percentage on all dry cleaning sent in through Gamma Phis. We are hoping that other firms will be equally generous. Then just watch our house fund grow.

Stand by for further announcements. The alumnae association feels that it must send out a recruiting officer for two new members because two of our very best have left us. Frances Foster Freeman has moved to Denver and Mary Carmen Billington to Jefferson City.

The officer reports two prospective members and an able assistant in the daughters of Katherine Leach Akin (Eunice is her name) and Natalie Knight Tipton (Natalie Jean) and the son of Helen Hosker Otis (Merrill Junior).

Additional reports show the marriage of Helen Jamieson to Clarence Gross and Margaret Jamieson to Howard Hougland.

Station ALUMS signing off.

CATHERINE SOMERVILLE.

EUGENE

"Spree" for college girls with highest averages

You Gamma Phis who belong to large and flourishing alumnae organizations and are used to welcoming new members at every meeting don't know how very thrilling it seems to us to have our association grow by ones and twos each year.

This has been an exciting year for us. Georgia Benson came back in the fall to take a splendid position as assistant to the dean of women at the university, and Dorothy Collier returned to us after her long stay abroad, so we number ten instead of eight and feel very prosperous.

Our January gathering, held at Bula White's, was somewhat cut up by smallpox in town, to which several of our members had been exposed. Fortunately, none of us had it, and our last meeting was a grand success. It was held at Lita Earl's beautiful new home, and Sara Waller was hostess. We had with us Gertrude Livermore, just returned from the East with an M.A. from Harvard, and Dorothy Wooton, who is back taking some graduate work at the university this term.

It is very hard for such a small group as ours to do a great deal toward helping the active chapter with its scholarship. We all make an effort to get to chapter meetings now and then and to help and advise wherever we can. In the spring we generally give some sort of a "spree" for the girls who have the highest average.

HELEN CROUCH SNYDER.

ST. PAUL

"We are more than proud to think that Gamma Phi, not including her pledges, has first place on the list"

On December 29, a joint meeting of the Minneapolis and St. Paul alumnae was held at the chapter house. After spread, two of our active Gamma Phis, Dorothy Plocher and Mary Wilde, entertained us with a

little skit which was followed by the dramatization of a Gamma Phi song. We St. Paul alumnae are always happy at an opportunity of seeing our Minneapolis sisters and singing with them the good old Gamma Phi songs. We are looking forward to more joint meetings.

Our January meeting was held at the home of Marie Moreland, 792 Fairmount Avenue. After a most delightful supper, we had our business meeting, which was followed by movies of the Near East. These proved to be more than interesting and gave us a clearer conception of the work we are doing and can do with our Milk Bottle Fund.

Mrs. C. P. Herbert (Fannie Hogan, Beta) entertained us in February at her home at 792 Fairmount Avenue. At this meeting, we were interested, primarily, in the scholarship report of the active chapter, read by Millicent Hoffman. We are more than proud to think that Gamma Phi, not including her pledges, has first place on the list and including the pledges stands third.

Aimée White has been elected rushing chairman for St. Paul and we are already watching out for prospective Gamma Phis.

JOSEPHINE HURD.

PERSONALS

Grace Moreland has been elected president of the Dietetic Association in the Twin Cities.

Mrs. Harold G. Sommers (Marjorie Hurd) is president of the University of Minnesota Alumnae Association in St. Paul.

Mrs. George Noel Rhuberg (Gertrude Hauser) is entertaining at a tea given in honor of Ora Hyde who will appear in concert under the auspices of the University of Minnesota Alumnae association. Mrs. Harold Sommers will receive at the tea and Marie Moreland and Elizabeth Odell Young will assist.

Aimee White is to have the leading role in a play which the Social Service Club is putting on at the Y.W.C.A.

Mrs. C. P. Herbert (Fannie Hogan) is on the board of directors of the League of Women Voters and has recently been made one of the vice presidents.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

The chapter should be near the top

The alumnae organization was very much pleased to learn that the active chapter had raised the initiation average of freshman from 3.00 to 3.5. As a result the freshmen worked harder than usual and although all did not make the required average they all made excellent grades. The upper classmen did their part, too, and although the final comparative standing of sororities has not yet been published the chapter, should be near the top.

Robert Prucha, a Chicago artist, has completed our portrait of Mrs. Moss, and the portrait is now hanging in the living room of Omicron chapter house. Representatives from the alumnae and active chapters who met to see the completed picture decided to accept it. The picture is an excellent likeness and I wish that all of you could come into our living room one of these days and see it. We're so proud that we have the original and it is quite likely that copies of this original will be made for other chapters.

We are giving a tea soon for the active chapter, and Mrs. Baker has already sent invitations for this week to members of both active and alumnae chapters. Mrs. Baker has been taking a deep interest in the girls and they, in turn, appreciate it.

FLORENCE JOHNSON.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Homer McIntyre (Jamie Chester, '19), a son, James Craig.

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Erb (Roxie Stuart, '22), a daughter, Barbara.

KANSAS CITY

Pride in Alpha Delta's initiation of all pledges

Our good secretary, Dorothy Washburn Dana, has suddenly decided to accompany her husband on one of his numerous business trips. Looking around hurriedly, the sisters said, "Here, Edna, you do this until Dorothy gets back," so here is my first trip to the plate as a pinch-hitter.

This position seems to be a sort of Democratic diplomatic post-mostly letters and note writing. Using the correspondence files for reference I believe I can give you most of the news.

Our chief occupation just now is being stepmother to Sigma and Alpha Delta, the two nearest chapters, although we hope they do not feel like stepchildren. They are like any mother's children—good, but interesting, and always doing something that gives us a chance to brag about them.

First, there is the Missouri chapter's splendid record of initiating all pledges, in the face of general low grades in the university, due to a tightening of scholastic standards. Grace Saltmarsh, sister of our justly famous "Pep," perennial Sigma rush captain, is exhibiting the family trait at Missouri. She is in charge of rushing for next fall, and "Pep" is handling the same job for the Kansas City Alumnae Association.

A number of the Kansas City girls went to Lawrence for Sigma's recent initiation. Lois Gray, one of our number who is from Beta, read for them. At this time a group composed of the Sigma House Association, the Kansas City Alumnae and the active chapter met and chose a committee for considering a new house for Sigma. Mary Tudor Hannah, of Sigma association, Sue Mason of the active chapter, and Edna Oakes Burt of the Kansas City Association were chosen.

During the holidays we had a joint luncheon of all Kansas City Gamma Phis at the University Women's Club. Then the last night of vacation we combined with the Kansas and Missouri chapters in a marvelous dinner dance at the Kansas City Club. The writer was in New York at the time but found upon her arrival home that she had contributed to the festivities by being hostess to an impromptu house party, chaperoned by her sister and brother, for out-of-town Gamma Phis.

Now for the present time happenings: This month our association is meeting with one of its members. Each is bringing her own sandwiches, and the amount which we have been paying down town for our luncheon. We are turning this money over to Kathryn Woodward for our summer rushing fund and we have already begun working on our list and getting our cards and dates ready. If there is anything to this "early bird" story we are already scratching, just for luck.

As you all know, Kansas City is a most wide-awake town and we have real competition. Kansas City also has an active Panhellenic to which Helen Hovey is our new delegate.

We are now planning a mixed evening party at the home of Mrs. Simonds which is to take place early in April. Then our very next meeting is to be an important one for we are meeting with Elsie Norman and are to entertain our visiting delegate, Margaret Younger of Seattle, chairman of the Committee on Chapter Inspection. Then also, Margey Lynn has charge of a special novelty sale we are conducting. Her feature article is an odorless

dry cleaner. Write for further particulars or fill out the coupon below.

We are really doing many things but we need an orator to tell it, not a downtrodden little housewife.

EDNA OAKES BURT.

PERSONALS

Dorothy Washburn Dana, Sigma, our secretary, has gone to Oklahoma on a business trip. She will be absent from three to six months.

La Verne Bronaugh, Sigma, is planning a trip abroad this summer.

Lois Gray, Beta, is back with us again after spending the fall in California.

Audrey Miller has returned to Omicron this semester.

Doris Shoemaker, fresh from Sigma this semester, is our newest alumna.

Margaret Hart, Theta, has moved to Chaunte, Kansas.

DAVENPORT

Seven members—the perfect number

We are again meeting regularly the first Wednesday of every month, after a brief lapse. We met in February at the home of Mae Steffen where Betty Lafferty presided and the main topic, as usual, was of Rho's plans for a new house. Margaret Decker is vice president of the newly created board of trustees and keeps us all well informed of the newest developments in regard to the house.

We enjoyed the letter about the Manitoba group and we are heartily in favor of having a chapter there.

The March meeting was held at Margaret Decker's and we felt very fortunate in having Flora Hottes from the Illinois chapter as our guest. She has been taking a short library course here and we are only sorry she must leave so soon. She was a member of the Gamma Phi tour of Europe a few years ago and after telling us about it we all became so eager to go that we almost forgot minor drawbacks like husbands and children.

We now have seven members in our association with the possibility of two more. Marjorie Miller, Sterling, Illinois, is a new member whom we are very glad to welcome. Margaret Decker is now district chairman for District 13 and our dues were all promptly collected.

Mae Steffen is leaving us the last of March for two months on a sheep ranch in North Dakota. The time has been pushed up as we did not expect her to go until summer.

We are very pleased that the president of the Rho Chapter is a Davenport girl, Helen Bein. We have been well represented as Margaret Decker was president year before last.

JANICE HYNES HOWES.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER MEETINGS

- NU meet Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter-house, 1415 University, PSI meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter-house, 602 W. Boyd St., Norman, Okla.
- OMEGA meets Monday night at 7:00 at the chapter-house, 218 Welch Ave., Ames, Iowa.
- ALPHA ALPHA meets each Monday at 5:00 o'clock at the chapter rooms, corner Walmer Rd. and Bloor St., W.
- ALPHA BETA meets Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the chapter-house, 201 Cambridge Ave., Grand Forks, N. Dak.
- ALPHA GAMMA meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter-house, 833 Ralston St., Reno, Nev.
- ALPHA DELTA meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter-house, 1205 Wilson Ave., Columbia, Mo.
- ALPHA EPSILON meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter-house, 111 Olive Road, Tucson, Ariz.
- ALPHA ZETA meets Wednesday evening at 7:00 at the chapter-house, 610 West 24th St., Austin, Tex.
- ALPHA ETA meets Monday evening at 185 North Washington St. Telephone Louise Merwin, Austin Hall.
- ALPHA THETA meets every Saturday at one o'clock in the chapter rooms.
- ALPHA IOTA meets Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter-house, 427 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
- CHICAGO meets the second Saturday of each month, after a luncheon, in Chicago.
- SYRACUSE meets the first Friday of every month at the homes of members. Telephone Marguerite Woodworth, Colonial Hall.
- BOSTON meets the first Saturday of each month at the Delta rooms, or at the home of a member. Telephone Leah Wood, 13 Willow Park, Wollaston, Mass.
- NEW YORK meets October 4, November 10, December 6, February 7, March 2, April 25, May 4, at the homes of members. On the third Thursday in each month luncheon 12:30 to 2 at Hotel McAlpin. Red Room on Mezzanine Floor.
- MILWAUKEE meets the third Wednesday of every month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. R. E. Fitzgerald, 402 44th St.
- SAN FRANCISCO meets the third Tuesday of each month, except in March, June, September and December, when the meeting is on the third Saturday.
- DENVER meets the first Saturday of the month for luncheon at 12 at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. W. E. Clark, 450 Logan.
- MINNEAPOLIS meets the last Friday of the month at the homes of members. Banquet in May. Telephone Mrs. J. E. Finley, 5238 Xerxes Ave. S.
- DETROIT meets monthly either at the homes of members or at some of the various club buildings. Telephone Mrs. Ralph Holmes, 674 Baldwin.
- BALTIMORE meets at Zeta rooms, 2306 N. Charles St. Telephone Mrs. Robert B. Wagner, 2425 Guilford Ave.
- SEATTLE meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Lambda chapter-house. Telephone Mrs. C. H. Will, 621 West Galer.

- PORTLAND meets at the homes of members the second Friday of each month. Telephone Mrs. Lee Patterson, 1170 Everard St.
- LOS ANGELES meets on alternate fourth Thursdays and fourth Saturdays at the homes of members. The Saturday meetings are down town luncheon gatherings. Telephone Mrs. J. H. Pope, 1726 Stanley Ave., Hollywood or Mrs. L. J. King, 2106 3d Ave., Los Angeles.
- DES MOINES meets the first Saturday of every month for an informal luncheon at one of the tearooms. Reservations to be made with Mrs. J. G. Chase, 24 Foster Drive.
- ST. LOUIS meets the first Saturday evening of each month at 8 o'clock in the chapter-rooms at McMillan Hall. Telephone Dorothy Hetlage, 3005 Allen Ave.
- RENO meets the first Wednesday evening of each month. Telephone Mrs. Robert P. Farrer, 521 S. Virginia St.
- TORONTO meets the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., at the Alpha Alpha chapter-room, 401 Huron St. Telephone Alice Smith, 19 Northcliffe Blvd.
- SPOKANE meets last Saturday of each month at one o'clock at the Crescent Tea Room. Telephone Thelma Ehrenberg, 106 S. Post St.
- CLEVELAND meets on the first Saturday in February, April, June, October, and December. Telephone Mrs. R. M. Watkins, 1653 Carlyon Road.
- LINCOLN meets the third Saturday of each month for a 12:30 luncheon at the Lincoln Hotel. Telephone Mrs. Philip Watkins, 112 Floral Court.
- OMAHA meets the last Saturday of each month at homes of members. Telephone Mrs. George Howell, 5013 Western Ave.
- EVERETT meets the first Monday evening of each month at homes of members. Telephone Corrinne Miley, 1107 Rucker St.
- ASTORIA meets every other Tuesday evening at the homes of members. Telephone Florence Sherman, 704 Jerome Ave.
- PITTSBURGH meets the second Saturday of each month for a 12:30 luncheon at Kaufmann and Baer's. Telephone Mrs. W. C. Leonard, 637 Gettysburg St.
- BOISE meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p. m. at the homes of members. Telephone Ruth Guffy, St. Margaret's School.
- SALEM meets on the second Saturday of each month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. Kenneth S. Hall, 545 Court St.
- LAWRENCE meets at 7:30 p. m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the homes of members or at the Sigma chapter-house. Telephone Marion West, 1320 Haskell Ave.
- OKLAHOMA CITY has an informal luncheon at the Criterion Tea Rooms on the first Saturday of each month. Telephone Mrs. B. W. Vinson, 1412 W. 21st St.
- FORT COLLINS meets the last Saturday of each month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. R. V. Billington.
- ST. PAUL meets at 6:30 every month on third Friday at homes of members, for supper, followed by business. Telephone Mrs. Allan Briggs, 597 Lincoln Ave.
- MOSCOW meets the last Wednesday in each month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. R. E. Everly.
- ST. JOSEPH meets the first Friday of each month at the homes of members. Telephone Margaret Huston, Room 21, Court House.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR JANUARY: *Carnation* of Delta Sigma Phi; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega; *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha; *Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Pi; *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *Triad* of Acacia; *Pentagon* of Phi Omega Pi; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Quarterly* of Alpha Gamma Delta; *Laurel* of Phi Kappa Tau; *Quarterly* of Alpha Epsilon Phi; *Angelos* of Kappa Delta; *Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *Journal* of Kappa Alpha; *Emerald* of Sigma Pi.

FOR FEBRUARY: *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Lamp* of Delta Zeta; *Journal* of Sigma Phi Epsilon; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Triangle* of Mu Phi Epsilon; *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega; *Paper Book* of Delta Theta Phi; *Star and Lamp* of Pi Kappa Phi; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Diary* of Alpha Kappa Psi; *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Monad* of Sigma Phi Sigma.

FOR MARCH: *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Delta* of Sigma Nu; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

From an article "Scholarship" in the *Anchora* of Delta Gamma:

Kappa Alpha Theta sends out a questionnaire to her chapters and publishes in her journal a scholarship report and chart. Kappa Kappa Gamma and Gamma Phi Beta do the same. Kappa Kappa Gamma has probably made the greatest progress in her efforts and possibly stands first in scholarship in more colleges than any other women's fraternity. Their leading chapters require a minimum of twenty hours per week per member for study and many members study thirty hours. Strict regulations prevail concerning class absences and elimination of week-end engagements till low grades are raised. Grades are read in chapter meeting each month and all grades are sent to their National Vice President once a year. Any chapter failing to comply with their regulation is fined from \$2.00 to \$10.00. Kappa claims to be the pioneer in the movement to raise fraternity scholarship and she is getting the results worthy of her efforts.

Pi Beta Phi permits no girl who has had a failure since her freshman year, to be sent as a delegate to the fraternity convention nor to hold an office if she has had a failure or condition during the preceding term.

(Suggestions gleaned here and there.)

A scholarship chart kept by a committee. On this are listed the names of all the members in the chapter in college and the subjects carried by each one. Monthly grades are added each month. Another chart of college and chapter activities may also be kept and interesting comparisons may be had at the end of the term. The actual number of hours studied

may be added and class cuts or absences. These records give enlightening information.

One Pi Beta Phi chapter fines her members \$20.00 for a failure, incomplete or condition not removed before the fraternity scholarship rating is made by the college. Alpha Delta Pi members forfeit pins until failures are made up and removed. They also lose their chapter vote till the grades are raised to 80 per cent.

The alumnae of a Gamma Phi chapter offers a prize of \$50.00 to the chapter making an average of 85 per cent with no member's grades below 80 per cent and an annual prize of \$25.00 to the member with the highest scholarship record for a year. \$10.00 is given to the highest freshman. Pi Beta Phi offers three prizes: a recognition pin to the highest freshman, a shield to the highest sophomore, and the junior's name is engraved on a cup. The senior receives a special award of a seal ring or some other pieces of fraternity jewelry. A bulletin board is kept on which stars represent the grades as follows: a gold star for an A, a silver star for a B, a blue star for a C, and a black star represents a D or failure. Gold bracelets, bar pins and seal ring are given as prizes, some of which may be kept if won two or three years. The junior girl making the highest grades is made scholarship chairman during her senior year.

Clean rooms, well heated and lighted are conducive to good study. Quiet hours in the house during certain hours of the morning, afternoon and after 7:30 or 8 o'clock in the evening, bring the best results. A feeling of responsibility must exist in the chapter and every one must feel it her duty to do her work well; if she does not, she disgraces both herself and the chapter. To maintain a high level means eternal vigilance. The president of the chapter and every upperclassman must be subject to the same scholarship rules that govern the lower classmen. Competition between classes is effective and rouses enthusiasm.

Good scholarship should be the result of fraternity spirit rather than the basis of existence of the fraternity. The college is primarily responsible for scholarship but why shouldn't we co-operate to the fullest extent? We need more graduates. A degree has a definite commercial value. It brings a better place in the educational world. The senior year rounds out the student and gives a greater realization of the responsibilities to be assumed. The satisfaction of having completed something seemingly worth while is a profound one.

From scholarship comes everlasting life habits of genuine thoroughness, accuracy, balance, judgment and a mind well stored with treasures of which one cannot be robbed.

(The above talk was given at convention and at the suggestion of national council the following recommendations are offered to the chapter for the betterment of scholarship.)

1. That the initiation grade be raised to the highest possible point.
2. That during the coming two years all chapters shall keep a scholarship chart for each year. The charts to list members, studies and hours per week spent in study and the term grades.
3. That an activity chart be kept in addition to the scholarship chart, this chart to give the list of members and all activities both in college and in the chapter and the offices held in both.
4. That where the college does not make the comparative ratings of the women's fraternities that Delta Gamma encourage Panhellenic to make the grade comparison and records.
5. That each chapter offer a prize to the highest pledge each year and also to the highest member in the chapter. A piece of novelty jewelry is suggested.

And from the *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi:

"It is not our purpose to discuss the essence of scholarship but scholarship the essence," writes Clara Raynor Rader, second vice president of Phi Mu. "The essence of scholarship might conceivably be stated in twelve different ways by twelve different scholars, but upon scholarship the essence there would be unanimity of opinion.

Scholarship, the essence of what? Of a college course really complete and of enduring satisfaction.

Activities are important in such a course, for reason too obvious to need statement. Friends are inevitable and even more important. Scholarship, however, not so obtrusive in appeal as activities, and not so humanly necessary and gratifying as friends is most important of all.

Scholarship is like a government bond; it is sure to pay dividends, and to increase in value yearly. Activities with all their glamor are forgotten; friends, for all their love, drift away; but scholarship leaves its solid accomplishments behind it always, good in themselves, and basis for other constructive building, and noble living.

It is easy in these days to drift through college. The classes are so large that the individual is almost lost sight of, until keen analysis is given his examination "blue book"; but even at that time, two or three days good cramming will suffice to get one by. The deceptive fallacy of the drifting course, however, is that it rather unsuits one ever to do anything else. From scholarship, however, with its attendant discipline, come life-lasting habits of genuine thoroughness, accuracy, balance, and judgment, and a mind well stored with treasures moths cannot eat or robbers rob.

A mediocre minimum of scholarship is demanded of you by your college, and your chapter of your fraternity, no doubt sets a standard, and these you must maintain. If you will invest just a little more time in scholarship the essence, you will find your interest in your work increased, your status among your fellow students raised, and your welcome in the fraternity doubled. Your fraternity which has given so much to you, should be repaid by earnest effort on your part, to elevate her scholastic standing, for that is one tangible and plainly evident standard of fraternity comparison. What could better promote the interests, and uphold the dignity of your fraternity than being a vital factor in bringing your chapter to the head of the ranks in scholarship? If you are inclined to be doubtful of this, you have the fundamental quality of scholarship already—curiosity. If you venture to prove it one way or the other, you will be already started on the road, the royal road and the only road, to success in college as well as in life, the road marked WORK, leading through SCHOLARSHIP THE ESSENCE to the CITY OF SATISFACTION.

—*Aglaiia, of Phi Mu.*

From the *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega:

The 40,000 living members of Phi Beta Kappa are to be called upon to enter into the celebration in 1926 of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the oldest of Greek-letter organizations. A memorial building is to be erected at Williamsburg, Virginia, in honor of the fifty founders, and an endowment fund is being established to which, it is hoped, every member will contribute \$25.00. The aim is to strengthen the usefulness of the society in the sphere of education. In order to encourage scholarly endeavor in the high schools it has been suggested that two Phi Beta Kappa medals be offered to each fully accredited four-year high school in the United States, the medals to be awarded each year to the boy and the girl in the senior class who are deemed by the faculty to be outstanding

in scholarly attainment, in strength of character, and in breadth of service to the school. These medals would be presented to the general assembly by some member of Phi Beta Kappa in an address in which all the students would be encouraged to make full use of the educational opportunities that the school offered.

Shall we establish for Gamma Phi Beta a Scholarship Loan Fund? Read the following—and judge:

SHALL SHE GET HER DEGREE?

The other night at one of Chicago's evening high schools, a faded gray-haired woman of sixty-two timidly entered a classroom and registered for the course in freshman English. At the close of the evening session the instructor, curious to know why such an elderly woman was attending night school, drew her into a conversation which disclosed the fact that she had a son who was a lawyer. The latter was married and lived in the East. Although he and his wife begged the mother to write often, she was "ashamed to write letters to them because her English was so poor." Her son thought she was keeping roomers but she had given them up so that she might work in a factory during the day and have her evenings free for school. She wanted to learn to write better English.

A girl of twenty-two made lampshades and lampshades all last year to get money for room and board while she, a sophomore, was attending high school. Her family lived in northern Michigan and could give her no aid financially since the father was a hopeless invalid. She wants to be a teacher.

Countless numbers like these are making sacrifices to obtain an education. Only a person who has worked her way through college knows the painstaking economy that is practiced by a girl who must get her diploma without help from home. With few attractive clothes in a place where most girls are well dressed, with little money or leisure time for games and plays where the majority of the girls have money for these things, she struggles on, upheld by the fact that her degree will enable her to get a position lucrative enough to supply later some of the things she is now missing.

But what of the girl who starts out bravely in her senior year—working hours outside class time to earn food and lodging, and then a few months before graduation finds herself without the means for finishing? What is she going to do? Leave college with her degree in sight? Borrow? Where? What security has she to offer except ambition, energy, good scholarship and honesty? Banks seldom lend money on that security.—*Triangle of Sigma Kappa.*

Are you raising money for a Scholarship Fund, and Endowment Fund—or Social Service? The *Triangle of Sigma Kappa* enumerates money raising schemes:

A perusal of the sorority exchanges impresses one with the fact that they are all raising money for one kind of national work or another—philanthropy, endowment, or scholarship loan funds. Many are the plans offered for capturing the elusive dollar. For the benefit of those of our chapters who are interested in raising money for their obligations in this way, here are a number of suggestions gleaned from various magazines:

Benefit dances, benefit card tournaments, rummage sales, movie benefits, compilation and sale of cookbook (our own Iota chapter has done this),

bazaars, markets, Christmas card sales, commissions for selling printed stationery and securing subscriptions to magazines, raffles—from single objects to well-filled hope chests, operations of tea shops, sale of old magazines and newspapers, presentation of plays, sale of flavoring extracts, knives, imported tea, sandwiches, candy, cakes, etc., etc.

Part of every life subscription to *To Dragma* goes to the national work fund of Alpha Omicron Pi. The royalty from the sale of fraternity jewelry and novelties is applied by Zeta Tau Alpha to their scholarship fund. All chapters of Alpha Phi have been selling the soap flake FAB, manufactured by Colgate and Company. By the terms of their contract with this company Alpha Phi received a certain commission for every box sold, which commission was divided between the endowment fund and the active chapters. So successful were the Alpha Phis in their FAB campaign that Alpha Chi Omega has decided to do the same thing.

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Does the fraternity system raise scholarship? The *Eleusis* of Chi Omega answers the question.

There is always the constant and much disputed question as to whether fraternities maintain as good scholarship as the unorganized students, or whether social life and other interests make too great an inroad upon the educational side of a college career. The fraternity, defending itself and its existence in some places, has always maintained that it raises the scholastic standing of its groups, due to the initiation requirements and general educational policies of the fraternity.

J. A. Bursley, dean of students at the University of Michigan, has issued a scholarship record of men's and women's fraternities for the past ten years, comparing the results, too, to the record of the unorganized students. It brings out some interesting facts which may be taken as a criterion, since the University of Michigan is representative of the modern university of today.

Averages from 1914-15 to 1922-23 were based upon the following scale of grading: A-100; B-85; C-70; D-40; E-0. In 1923-24 the scale was changed in the following grades: D-50; E-20.

The following table shows the averages for the year 1914-15, in which professional fraternities and general sororities are in the lead.

1914-15	Average
General Fraternities	72.3
Professional Fraternities	74.7
General Sororities	82.1
Professional Sororities	81.4

In the ten-year period, averages slumped slightly for all sororities and were raised slightly for all fraternities. In 1919-20, the year just following the war, fraternity grades went as low as a 69.8 average, due very probably to the changing conditions and to the return from life in the trenches.

Averages for the year 1923-24 follow:

	Average
Entire University	74.5
All Fraternities and Sororities	74.4
All Independents	73.8
All Men	73.5
All Women	77.7

All Fraternities	74.6
All Independent Men	72.6
General Fraternities	72.9
Professional Fraternities	77.6
All Sororities	78.9
All Independent Women	78.1
General Sororities	78.9
Professional Sorority	79.1

The fraternity and sorority grades show a higher average than those of independent women, and higher than that of the entire university. Professional organizations lead general fraternities and sororities by a small margin. Sorority averages in every year are above those of fraternities.

Not long ago, the *Emerald* of Sigma Pi published an article on "Fraternity Expansion" which we quote:

Average lapse of time between installations of chapters of those fraternities having at least five chapters.

(This table is computed on the total number of chapters, that is, the sum of the active and inactive chapters of each fraternity, to the age of the fraternity in November, 1924.)

GROUP 1. ULTRA CONSERVATIVE

Name	Average period between installations
1. Kappa Alpha	9.892 years
2. Sigma Phi	8.139 years
3. Delta Phi	4.845 years
4. Delta Psi	4.092 years
5. Psi Upsilon	3.367 years
6. Alpha Delta Phi	2.788 years
7. Alpha Sigma Phi	2.721 years
8. Chi Psi	2.456 years
9. Alpha Kappa Lambda	2.117 years
10. Zeta Psi	2.095 years

GROUP 2. CONSERVATIVE

11. Kappa Delta Rho	1.780 years
12. Delta Upsilon	1.765 years
13. Theta Chi	1.759 years
14. Theta Delta Chi	1.674 years
15. Phi Kappa Sigma	1.542 years
16. Chi Phi	1.400 years
17. Phi Sigma Kappa	1.396 years
18. Delta Kappa Epsilon	1.385 years
19. Tau Kappa Epsilon	1.395 years
20. Alpha Chi Rho	1.334 years
21. Sigma Phi Sigma	1.275 years
22. Sigma Pi	1.153 years
23. Phi Kappa Psi	1.053 years
24. Delta Chi	1.031 years

GROUP 3. EXPANSIONIST

25. Phi Gamma Delta	10.087 months
26. Beta Theta Pi	9.813 months
27. Pi Kappa Alpha	9.444 months
28. Kappa Alpha (S)	9.333 months

29. Phi Kappa Tau	8.920 months
30. Phi Mu Delta	8.889 months
31. Delta Tau Delta	8.495 months
32. Phi Delta Theta	7.982 months
33. Pi Kappa Phi	7.969 months
34. Sigma Chi	7.849 months
35. Acacia	7.454 months
36. Delta Sigma Phi	7.293 months
37. Alpha Tau Omega	6.836 months
38. Sigma Alpha Epsilon	6.592 months
39. Sigma Nu	6.569 months

GROUP 4. RAPID EXPANSIONIST

40. Kappa Sigma	5.884 months
41. Sigma Phi Epsilon	4.525 months
42. Lambda Chi Alpha	2.727 months
43. Theta Upsilon Omega	1.200 months

—Emerald of Sigma Pi.

Kappa Alpha Theta offers a companion article which we quote in full:

RATE OF GROWTH

Three aims of a magazine staff are to publish articles that will—stir up discussion and bring rebuttal copy; be provocative of thought; be imitated.

For us, the editor of Sigma Pi's *Emerald* attained the second of these aims with "Sigma Pi in 1950" in the November 1924 issue. So thoroughly were we "sold" by that article that we have ventured to attain the third aim, imitate part of it, with some variations that almost might attain the first aim, though we've no intention of compleing that aim by sending this article to Sigma Pi. Rather, we're hoping it will get by Kappa Alpha Theta's editor and stir up those editorial aims among members of our fraternity.

Looking into the future of any fraternity, so Mr. Kephart author of the *Emerald* article says, one of the most basic of considerations is the size of the organization. That leads of course to a study of the most controversial of all fraternity questions—extension. By estimating the average time intervening between the granting of charters, Mr. Kephart, arrives at his conclusions as to the conservatism of each fraternity. He calls all whose chapters average more than two years between grants, "Ultraconservative"—those with an average of between one and two years, "Conservative," those with an average between six months and one year, "Expansionist," and those with a charter more frequently than once in six months "Rapid Expansionist."

Having listened in on many a heated discussion as to Kappa Alpha Theta's conservatism, or non-conservatism, we decided to find out what was the time elapsing between charter grants by national Panhellenic fraternities. Here are the results, following Mr. Kephart's plan.

As the date that some of the national Panhellenic organizations became national Greek-letter fraternities is open to varied interpretations, and as no fraternity is more than a local until it has at least two chapters (N.P.C. says "five chapters") the dates used in each instance are the date a second charter was granted and 1924. The total number of charter grants, inactive as well as active, is obviously the basis for the averages. Beta Phi Alpha and the two associate members of N.P.C. are not included in the table, since their very recent establishment would not give a fair rating (see later intimations of the necessary limitation of deductions from the table). *Baird*, the latest available copy of the magazine of each fraternity, and the *Greek Exchange* announcements of charter grants are the source material used.

A fraternity is more than a boarding house or a social club it must be, if it is to survive. Fraternity men are held together by the memory of beautiful companionship and friendship; but the bond is made really strong by the fact that the fraternity is on the right side, actively and energetically, of every problem that we face during our college course, and that it is helping to make us infinitely more fit for the serious business of life.—*Rainbow of Delta Tau.*

TABLE I

From date of second chapter to 1924 inclusive

<i>Name</i>	<i>Average time between installations</i>
GROUP 1. ULTRA CONSERVATIVE	
No N. P. C. fraternity	
GROUP 2. CONSERVATIVE	
Alpha Phi	1.6538 years
Gamma Phi Beta	1.3548 years
GROUP 3. EXPANSIONIST	
Alpha Omicron Pi	11.1428 months
Delta Gamma	11.0588 months
Kappa Kappa Gamma	11.9655 months
Kappa Alpha Theta	10.6229 months
Alpha Chi Omega	10.5714 months
Pi Beta Phi	8.9600 months
Alpha Xi Delta	7.3333 months
Sigma Kappa	7.2727 months
Alpha Gamma Delta	7.1250 months
Zeta Tau Alpha	6.1276 months
Delta Delta Delta	6.0869 months
GROUP 4. RAPID EXPANSIONIST	
Alpha Delta Pi	5.4045 months
Phi Mu	5.2173 months
Delta Zeta	5.0526 months
Kappa Delta	4.5517 months
Chi Omega	4.2162 months

It takes but a cursory glance at the table to show where the limitation in deductions begins. When a fraternity is first established, it naturally expands more rapidly than in later years, in order to become a fraternity you might say; or, it takes a long time to get so well established locally that its extension is delayed until conditions are right for quick growth; or, coming into the field late, it must grow rapidly at first if it expects to compete on fair terms with the organizations already well established in many colleges. And so, it seemed to us this table needed to be supplemented by tables taking into consideration these different factors. To meet such conditions the following tables were made, and it will be interesting to note how they agree or disagree with this general table, thus emphasizing the limitations noted above and demonstrating the possible fallacy of any statistical argument.

TABLE 2

From date established second chapter to 1900 inclusive

<i>Name</i>	<i>Average time between installations</i>
GROUP 1. ULTRACONSERVATIVE	
Gamma Phi Beta	2.2500 years
GROUP 2. CONSERVATIVE	
Alpha Phi	1.9000 years
Alpha Chi Omega	1.4444 years
GROUP 3. EXPANSIONIST	
Kappa Alpha Theta	11.2500 months
Delta Gamma	11.0400 months
Pi Beta Phi	9.8561 months
Kappa Kappa Gamma	9.1351 months
Delta Delta Delta	7.3333 months
GROUP 4. RAPID EXPANSIONIST	
Chi Omega	4.8000 months

TABLE 3

Charter grants 1900-1924 by fraternities with at least 2 chapters by 1900

<i>Name</i>	<i>Average time between installations</i>
GROUP 1. ULTRACONSERVATIVE	
No N. P. C. fraternity	
GROUP 2. CONSERVATIVE	
Alpha Phi	1.3888 years
Kappa Kappa Gamma	1.0869 years
Gamma Phi Beta	1.0000 years
GROUP 3. EXPANSIONIST	
Delta Gamma	11.5384 months
Alpha Omicron Pi	10.7143 months
Kappa Alpha Theta	10.3448 months
Alpha Chi Omega	8.5714 months
Pi Beta Phi	7.8947 months
GROUP 4. RAPID EXPANSIONIST	
Delta Delta Delta	5.6603 months
Chi Omega	4.2253 months

TABLE 4

Charter grants 1909-1924 (1909 being the date by which all the 18 fraternities in the tables had at least two chapters.)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Average time between installations</i>
GROUP 1. ULTRACONSERVATIVE	
No N. P. C. fraternity	
GROUP 2. CONSERVATIVE	
Alpha Phi	1.1428 years

GROUP 3. EXPANSIONIST

Kappa Kappa Gamma	11.2941 months
Alpha Omicron Pi	10.6666 months
Gamma Phi Beta	9.6000 months
Delta Gamma	9.1426 months
Alpha Xi Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta	8.0000 months
Alpha Gamma Delta and Sigma Kappa	7.1111 months
Alpha Chi Omega	6.6206 months
Pi Beta Phi	6.1935 months

GROUP 4. RAPID EXPANSIONIST

Alpha Delta Pi	5.3333 months
Delta Zeta, Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha	5.0526 months
Delta Delta Delta	4.4651 months
Kappa Delta	4.3636 months
Chi Omega	3.7647 months

TABLE 5

Charter grants last five years, 1920-24, during which period all 18 fraternities on a similar footing

<i>Name</i>	<i>Average time between installations</i>
GROUP 1. ULTRACONSERVATIVE	
No N. P. C. fraternity	
GROUP 2. CONSERVATIVE	
Alpha Omicron Pi	1.2500 years
Delta Delta Delta	1.0000 years
GROUP 3. EXPANSIONIST	
Alpha Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma	10.0000 months
Kappa Alpha Theta	8.5914 months
Gamma Phi Beta and Pi Beta Phi	7.5000 months
Delta Gamma and Alpha Xi Delta	6.6666 months
GROUP 4. RAPID EXPANSIONIST	
Phi Mu	5.4545 months
Alpha Delta Pi	5.0000 months
Sigma Kappa	4.2857 months
Alpha Gamma Delta	4.0000 months
Alpha Chi Omega	3.7500 months
Delta Zeta	3.1578 months
Zeta Tau Alpha	2.8571 months
Chi Omega and Kappa Delta	2.4000 months

And now having compiled the tables, do they prove anything? Do they throw any interesting light on the vexed problem of conservatism v. radicalism?

When making the compilation a number of points interesting to us emerged, but viewing the completed work these points seem less significant or else contradict one another. So we leave the tables to speak for themselves. Make your own deductions.

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