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[In the letter of instruction to each Greek letter chapter the correspondent was asked to be responsible for a short article from any member of the chapter upon any subject of interest to college and sorority or upon any chapter traditions. The following chapters failed to respond: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Zeta, Eta, Lambda, Mu, Nu, Omicron, Rho, Tau, Chi, Omega, Alpha Beta, Alpha Delta, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Iota.]

### DELTA

#### WASTING TIME

**W**ASTING time is one of the great American sports, for everybody does it, and everybody hates it. There are many occasions demanding the waste of time; but the best known, it seems to me, is that never-ending half hour before a dance or party. Just take a peek with me into Delta's apartment a half hour before a dance! Confusion reigns; some spend their time wandering from one room to the other; others walk around the rooms reading newspapers days old. Of course we might have done part of our studying, but whoever studies before a dance?

Just as a contrast, take another peek into the same apartment at the same group of girls a half hour before a tea party which

the chapter is giving at the home of an alumna for a few freshmen. Confusion again reigns, and from every corner of the apartment come such questions as, "Helen, did you get an answer from so-and-so?" "Dot, whom are you taking in your car?" "Did you get the napkins?" "Where are the sandwiches?" and a great many more. The girls hustle and bustle from one room to the other. Finally one-two-three-four strikes the clock and the half hour is up.

This is only an example of the busy times which fill the lives of the members of Delta chapter during its rushing period. I say we are not wasting time, but down deep in my heart I wonder. . . . . When you hear from Delta again I hope our reports will really prove that we did not waste a minute during rushing period.

DOROTHY CHENEY

## EPSILON

### FRESHMEN COMMISSION

We all know what a large part of our college life the Y.W.C.A. occupies, but I wonder if we realize just how hard the smaller groups of that organization have to work to make Y.W. the success it is. I shall take one group of this organization and try to show just what they have done for the Y.W.

When the freshmen commission parties were over last year, and fifteen girls were chosen to carry on the work the sophomores had so successfully finished, they decided to do something big and worthwhile for the coming class of 1930.

But they realized that charity begins at home and looking around saw the pitiful condition of the "Y" room in U.H. You all remember the vast change that greeted us after spring vacation? Well the commission raised the money, bought the paint and painted the furniture, bribed the authorities to have the walls cleaned and a beautiful transformation took place.

As summer neared, they completed plans for their "Information Desk" for this year's freshmen.

During the summer invitations were sent to the girls planning to attend N.U. this fall, inviting them to a party to be held in Harris 107 on Friday, September 17 at 3. The fifteen girls got together and planned a program and suitable refreshments. It was a huge success. We never dreamed so many girls would come. We explained that we would be at a table in the "Y" room, ever ready to answer their questions, and that we wanted to be their friends. The result has been so gratifying!

So our commission has worked us into Y.W.C.A. work and we have become a necessary part of that big organization.

ONALEE DAWSON



THETA

—“*All the World’s a Stage,  
And all the Men and Women merely Players.*”

—*As You Like It*

What way more fascinating is there of thinking of Life than that described in the immortal words of Shakespeare? What surer way of laying down our work-a-day burdens than watching enacted the drama of life, while we play the part of spectator? What greater inspiration than to carry home with us some great truth lightly dropped from the pen of a great author?

All of which brings us to the tradition nearest to Theta’s heart, . . . the annual play written by Lindsey Barbee, Theta’s especial pride who is known to every girl who wears the crescent. It is from her ready pen that we are given a glimpse into the world of Romance.

In 1905, we gave our first play, and every year since then we have stolen a few magic hours away from our busy school days to “say our lines” and “take our cues.” The parts are played by actives and pledges, and deep down in every girl’s heart, be she a verdant freshman or a dignified senior, is the hope that she may be one of the fortunate ones selected to startle the public by being among the cast of the *Gamma Phi Beta dramatic presentation*.

As the languid days of spring approach, our fancy turns to thoughts of . . . no, not love, but to the play; for in that tranquil season our “Play-time” comes. First there is the reading of the play by the author, then the anxious time of try-outs, then rehearsals, and finally the production itself. What fun we all have rehearsing, and how important we feel, even if our part consists only of walking across the stage and back again. We feel every eye in the audience focused on us, and we do hope we won’t stumble over that chair that persists in getting in the way! All this excitement, however, is mere bagatelle compared to the thrill of the night of the performance. The lights, the crowd, the suspense—all add their bit to the success of the evening. With the final curtain call comes a tiny twinge of sadness—a regret that it is over so soon.

This would not savor much of sorority doings, would it, unless the matter of finance were brought in. What a pity that such sordid details should even for a moment cross our charming stage, but alas! the Silver Eagle is not to be tossed away thus carelessly! The proceeds of the play have for years gone to the athletic fund, to charity and to college needs, but now they pay our yearly quota toward our thousand dollar pledge to the New



Woman's Building, shortly to be built on the campus. We are rather proud, and justly so I think, of our ability to contribute each year to this worthy cause.

I believe that everyone will agree with me when I say that traditions are a chapter's dearest possessions. There is a certain charm, a certain sentiment attached to a tradition of long-standing that fills a place in our hearts quite unfillable by anything else. And for this possession, this priceless gift, the girls of Theta give thanks to "Our Lindsay."

CHELLIE WRIGHT

## KAPPA

### FRESHMAN WEEK

The University of Minnesota tried a new and unusual plan for freshman orientation this year, which proved highly successful. Because each year, three thousand students enter from half as many different prep schools and environments, some sort of uniform introduction to University work has been found necessary. For the first time at Minnesota, Freshman Week was held to provide for this necessity, and was found to be an efficient and valuable measure.

The plan was formed by the authorities of the University working through the Upper Class Student Council. All freshmen were required to be on hand for registration and instruction a week before the beginning of classes. An entire course, filling five or six hours of each day was planned, and each student was presented with a regular program of the events, a certain number of which he was strictly required to attend.

The lectures and other events of the week were carefully planned to introduce the students to each other and to every phase of college life. Early in the week freshman boys were provided with green caps and freshman girls green lapel flowers. They were then identified so that they could speak to each other, and upper classmen could speak to them. The campus was thoroughly and systematically presented. They visited the library and learned its contents and use; they were taken in trolley-loads to the Farm Campus which many of them would never have otherwise known with any familiarity; they were lectured to on every phase of campus tradition, administration and activity; and best of all, from the freshman point of view, they were fêted royally by campus organizations. The dramatic club presented a play, the W.S.G.A. gave a tea for the girls and the Y.M. provided "get acquainted" for the boys; the Student Council held an evening meeting on the "Traditional Knoll" to instill true Minnesota spirit into them and cleverly entertained all freshmen at a party in the Minnesota Union.

The culmination of the busy week was a great Freshman Welcome Convocation held in the Memorial Stadium. Upper classmen and the Varsity Band turned out to greet the new students; President Coffman presented the various officials and addressed the freshmen in a speech of welcome. It was a stirring affair, a day which every member of the class of '30 will remember as keenly as he will remember the whole week of orientation to the University of Minnesota.

FLORENCE PITMAN

## XI

### TRADITIONS

Traditions? Yes, we have plenty of traditions. We have one that is firmly established at Xi Chapter. At the first of the year the house is swarming with young girls, pretty girls, all busy cleaning, scrubbing, waxing and polishing the House for "Rushing". That, you may be sure, is an all important Tradition.

Then there are the "Frosh" stunts that must take place every now and then. They are pleasant traditions to every "upper", but to the freshmen—well, you were a Frosh once yourself, weren't you? Our Christmas Party, our Senior Banquet—for our departing sisters—and our Initiation Banquet are all yearly affairs, and are always greatly anticipated.

But—Xi Chapter isn't the only one that has traditions—Idaho has all kinds of them, too. There is the big Frosh-Soph Fight at midnight, when many of both classes are "ducked" in the fountain in front of the Administration Building—and the big Hulme Fight the next day, with boxing, wrestling, racing, and many other sports to fill the program. And then—the Bury-The-Hatchet-Dance at the Blue Bucket in the evening. Oyez! Oyez! We do it up brown!

We have the Stunt Fest, given by chosen members of the University, for the benefit of the University. We have our All-College Plays, given by members of the Dramatics Course. The Kappa Sigs have a Traditional House Party over Thanksgiving.

We could fill a book, just telling all of the various traditions—but we won't. We can only say we're proud of every one of them, and we're proud of Idaho, and above all—of Xi Chapter.

LOUISE TAMIELLE

## PI

### FACULTY TEAS

Every year at Nebraska there are new instructors with whom we are all anxious to become acquainted, and old ones with whom we would like to renew acquaintance. In order to bring this about, it has been for many years a custom of Pi Chapter to have



Faculty Teas, to which all the instructors in the various colleges are invited. We have found these to be excellent means of meeting the members of the faculty informally, and thus of strengthening the bond of friendship that should exist between every instructor and student. We also find that the teas are the means of bringing about a deeper personal understanding between the faculty and the girls, and of inspiring the latter to higher standards in scholarship as well. In short, the Faculty Teas have become one of the most enjoyable as well as one of the most valuable traditions of Pi.

PAULINE CLARKSON

### SIGMA

#### "MUFFIN WORRY"

Because of the uniqueness of its development, Sigma wants her sister chapters to know of her "Muffin Worry." This is one of the most popular and best known of her traditions.

During an interview between Helen Rhoda Hoopes, '13, who is writing a paper for the Graduation Magazine on our Fifteenth Enrollment Day, and Miss Hannah Oliver of the Latin department and a member of Pi Beta Phi, the first Greek letter organization for women on the campus, Miss Oliver said:

"General Fraser (we always called him general as he had been a general in the Federal army during the Civil War) was a Scotchman. [Mr. Fraser was our first Chancellor and it was in his honor that Fraser Hall was named.] At this time the university was small, with few students. After a party or jollification of some sort, General Fraser would say when he saw us next morning, 'Well, girls, what did you have last night, a cookie shine or muffin worry?' These Scotch terms amused us very much. When the Pi Phis were organized they adopted the term 'cookie shine' as the name of one of their regular entertainments. From the University of Kansas the use of the term has spread to Pi Phi chapters far and wide."

On hearing this, Miss Hoopes, who was then planning the parties for installation, asked Miss Oliver if she could make similar use of the other term "muffin worry", for Sigma of Gamma Phi Beta. Thus, two sororities clasped hands across the years, and thanked General Fraser and his Scotch tongue for two interesting phrases.

The first muffin worry was given at the home of Miss Hoopes, in Lawrence, on Saturday, October 8, 1915 after the installation of the chapter. The English muffins—a heavy load—were carried from the only shop in Kansas City, Missouri, that furnishes them to Lawrence by Marie Goodman (Beta) who was instrumental in our founding. Mrs. J. E. Hoopes served the first muffin worry, the



menu (since becoming traditional) including toasted English muffins, orange marmalade, chicken salad, and tea.

Unusual, too, is the frequent justification of the last word of the term "worry." Each year (the muffin worry is Tuesday noon of rush week) those in charge of the luncheon nearly have heart failure for fear the muffins will not arrive in time. Miss Hoopes has never attended a Muffin Worry since the first one, as at that time she is assisting with enrollment.

BETTY CAMPBELL

## UPSILON

### CHAPTER TRADITIONS

Nothing, it seems to me, contributes more to the individuality of a chapter than the traditions which have developed during the years of its existence. A custom observed from year to year gives a sense of the past that is real and close. One of our most delightful customs is that of having a breakfast during commencement. If one isn't inclined to be very gay and happy in the early morning, the day itself is so lovely and the crowd so congenial, that good spirits are inevitable. Many of the alumnae and parents are with us then and the occasion is one of the most thoroughly enjoyable of the whole year.

During the college year, the tea which is given every Sunday afternoon affords an occasion when we can meet in a more leisurely manner than usual. Each Sunday two girls are asked to be hostesses. The tea is not elaborate, and the burden upon the two girls in charge is very slight. All of us look forward to that hour: each can amuse herself as she chooses, with music, with light or serious discussions, or with watching the sunset. Our twilights here seem to be particularly lovely because of the mountain ranges in the distance, and the fields and trees even closer. Emily Dickinson might have seen such a sunset as we see when she wrote:

You dropped a purple ravelling in,  
You dropped an amber thread:  
And now you've littered all the East  
With duds of emerald!

Situated as Hollins is, right in the midst of the mountains, we have opportunities for some delightful trips and walks. Nothing could be more invigorating than a trip to the mountains during the autumn or spring. There is a cabin to which the girls go, only a few miles from Hollins, yet is it enough off the main line of travel to have it seem quite remote. A year does not seem complete unless we take one or probably two trips there. Work and responsibility both seem too far away to be thought of, and everyone turns all her energy toward being a good camper and having a good time.

Short as these trips are, they have afforded us pleasure that nothing else could, and memories will remain for a very long time.

Within easy walking distance of Hollins is a very lovely waterfall. For those of the members who enjoy a morning walk there are occasional breakfasts at the falls. Even a short walk in the cool air can give one quite an appetite. At the base of the falls, among the rocks at the side of the stream, we build a fire and cook our breakfast. Hot cakes never taste quite as good as on such an occasion.

Lest it should seem that all our customs center around social activities, there is the scholarship cup which is awarded to the sophomore who has the highest scholastic standing, and to have her name upon the cup is one of the finest things of which a sophomore can boast. Such are our traditions, the customs that make us different from the rest in little things. Our hope is that as the chapter grows older, more beautiful and more significant customs may become a part of our tradition.

CAROLYN JONES

## PHI

### THE FOUNDERS' PARTY

The Founders' Party, given by the St. Louis Alumnæ Chapter for the rushing season of 1926, was one of the most delightful parties ever held on our campus. It was unique in its plan and offered unusual opportunities for effective rushing. The alumnæ chapter spared no efforts to make the party perfect in every detail. Everything from beginning to end was in absolute accord with the central theme, a party of the period of our founders.

The invitations were so attractive that nearly every rushee mentioned them. They were folded in the center; the outside cover had a simple decorative spray on it. Then, when the folder opened, a quaint lady—a real goodey print—looked out from the left-hand page, while on the other side a verse explained her and invited the reader to the party.

Grace Lewis Miller, one of our alumnæ, offered her home for the occasion. A better setting could not be imagined—for the house is nearly fifty years old and its furnishings are all in harmony with that early period. Candles provided most of the light and lent romance to the costumes which all of the Gamma Phis, both alumnæ and actives, wore. The costumes are worthy of some mention for many of them belonged to mothers and even to grandmothers of the girls. The Gibson girl with her high fluffy pompadour and her gored skirt was there as were some of her slim-waisted predecessors in bustles and leg-of-mutton sleeves.



The party was an evening affair in the form of a dinner, and the hostess and three other alumnae, dressed to represent the four founders, formed the receiving line. Then the guests were served, buffet style, from the dining room. The menus were printed on beige silk, (a custom typical of the period) in brown and each one had a tiny rock tied to it as a symbol of Gamma Phi Beta's founding on a rock. The menus were used as favors. The dinner itself was delicious. During the entire time, atmospheric music was softly played on the lovely old piano. Then, down the central staircase, came the hostess who introduced herself as the founder she represented. After the introduction of the other three founders, came the presentation of the spirit of Gamma Phi Beta to the group. Slowly and gracefully, Gamma Phi descended the stairs and from her station at the foot presented, one by one, a few of the famous members of her sisterhood.

From the standpoint of rushing, the party was very effective because it offered opportunities for individual rushing; but it was most effective because it presented Gamma Phi Beta's fame in such an attractive way.

MARJORIE BALL

### PSI

Just as the seniors must have their graduating exercises, so must the Gamma Phi Beta seniors be given their farewell party. Indeed it is a happy time and also a sad one!

Last June, a railroad party was given, a railroad being built on the tables with tiny trains coming and going. Balloons played the part of lighted telegraph posts and the seniors were given trains for favors. The response given by a departing senior, a talk of what Gamma Phi Beta had done for her and the good things she wanted left in store for Gamma Phi Beta gave one the inspiration to work still more for our chapter and our sorority.

### ALPHA ALPHA

#### THE HART HOUSE MASQUERADE

Every college has its traditions, both solemn and gay, and perhaps the most popular and most interesting at the University of Toronto is the Hart House Masquerade.

Hart House, at any time, in the Gothic beauty of its architecture and the various functions it performs is unique on this continent—but when on that eagerly-awaited night it throws open its doors for the annual Masquerade, it becomes more than "A building of unusual beauty, reserved exclusively for men students"—(to quote the Calendar).

On that night it would be fascinating to be an observer from early evening until the last carload of revellers has driven away.



It would be fascinating to come and first to behold the beauty of the place at night with its quaint lights, its windows gleaming gold and its towers white in the moonlight; to watch the fortunate ones arriving and to hear the night filled with the sound of motor horns, the cries of taxi-drivers and unexpected shouts of laughter.

Sometimes there is snow, for the Masquerade is usually held in November, and it flutters down on the powdered head of the 18th Century lady, glistens on the golden sandals of a Grecian maid or dusts the stiff ruff of a tall Pierrot.

Up the steps they go—a cloak blows back and reveals the fluffy white skirt of a ballet dancer. In through the wide doors—the big “little boy” can’t find the ticket he sat up all night to get. Into the gray stone halls, and then the Masquerade has begun with excitement, gaiety and romance, and the age-old charm of the “bal masque.”

Throughout the evening the spirit of carnival reigns supreme with music from several orchestras, coloured streamers, lights and costumes of every colour and design. There are quaint costumes, elaborate costumes, grotesque costumes. The Quaker maid dances with the Gondolier; the black cat and the rag doll disport together. There is a general spirit of youth and good fellowship. The “little girl” in rompers and the pink hair ribbon is a senior in Arts; the Roman soldier with the lead-paper helmet is a young freshman in Theology. The Science man and the Medical man forget their traditional feuds and go arm together, the Mandarin and the Sheik.

Of course, there is a promenade when the costumes are judged. Everyone flocks to the “big gym” to see it. Into line—round and round slowly—velvet skirts trailing, tulle skirts swishing—Spanish shawls—Julius Caesar—the clown—the artist—the bottle of pop, and the electric sign—round and round.

Most impressive of all, is supper served in “Great Hall,” at long, low tables of dark polished wood with candles gleaming everywhere. The crests and colours of every university in the world shine on the walls. The bright bizarre costumes are a strange contrast to the high vaulted medieval hall. Someone starts to sing. He is drowned in a universal “TORONTO.” There is no one even in the midst of revelry who is not conscious of the University—proud of it—glad to belong. And so it goes on until after midnight, and then the Masquerade, “the best yet,” is over for another year.

The weary ones climb into cars. The French doll flops in a corner of a limousine and goes to sleep. The last car moves off.

And the next morning Hart House has become again “a building of universal beauty, reserved exclusively for men students”—unique of its kind upon the continent.

The crowds go hurry by—masquerades must not interfere with “nine o’clocks.” But on the lowest stone step lies something that once was white. It is the rosette from Pierrette’s silver slipper.

BEATRICE MENZIES

## ALPHA GAMMA

### BEWARE TRADITION BREAKERS

Oh members of the fairer sex belonging to the Freshman Class.  
Ye shall not

1. Cut campus.
2. Forget thy Frosh Bible.
3. Queen on the campus.
4. Presume to sit on the Senior Bench.
5. Forget that the front steps of Morrill Hall are reserved for the Upperclassmen only.

Woe be unto those who break campus traditions! Drastic punishment follows in their wake!

That co-ed who dares break any of these traditions shall be haunted and persecuted by that most feared of punishments—namely the scrubbing of the Senior Bench. And truly, scrubbing the Senior Bench is punishment in the extreme. Armed with a jug of water and a tooth brush, the culprit must make her appearance in front of the library at a set time and under the supervision of the woman’s upperclass committee ably assisted by the men of the campus, she must scrub!

Scrubbing the Bench has long been a campus tradition and many fair co-eds have been thus duly chastised in the years gone by.

ELIZABETH COLEMAN

## ALPHA ZETA

### THE SENIOR SWING OUT

Since the University of Texas is almost half a century old, we already have the many traditions which should always hover around ivy-covered walls; and there are some very beautiful time-honored customs on our campus. One of these, the Senior Swing-Out, is so inspiring that we do not hesitate in choosing it as a representative campus tradition.

On a bright day in May all the students gather at the south side of our historic old Main Building. Pretty undergraduate girls, dressed in white, encircle the fountain and form long lines on either side of the walk extending to University Avenue. Then the Longhorn Band plays its most stirring march, and the procession begins. Down the worn stone steps come the senior women in double file,



wearing the cap and gown, traditional costume of their class. At the foot of the steps the files separate and proceed slowly down the walk, forming a dark-robed circle within the white-costumed one. Each line of seniors bears a long bluebonnet chain, woven of these gorgeously blue blossoms, the state flower of Texas. After a very impressive ceremony, this chain, symbolic of all our patriotism and loyalty, is placed on the shoulders of the undergraduates as a token of the trust which the seniors give to them. This is a solemn moment. We feel exalted, and instinctively look upward. The sky is glorious with sunset hues which seem significant to the seniors of the close of their college career. The band plays that most thrilling air, *The Eyes of Texas*, our state and college song. And we do not wonder that our eyes are filled with tears—we are sad at bidding our friends farewell—we are happy at accepting the trust they give to us!

Yes, you might call it sentimental.—But isn't it a beautiful tradition to cherish with your other college memories?

MARTHA CHAMNESS

#### ALPHA ETA

#### "WE'RE SATISFIED"

Although we are still in the romper stage—being only four years old—we think we have accumulated a thriving set of traditions for our later sisters to carry on.

Since Alpha Eta was established on Founders' Day, we celebrate extra specially at that time. On that night we raise our sweet young voices in song before fraternity houses and cottages where prospective freshmen live. Needless to say they are flattered: the freshmen hang out the windows, thrilled to pieces, and applaud as hard as they can. The men sometimes invite us in for something to eat before the fraternity fire, if too many brothers haven't retired. And rare is the house which does not at least bestow candy upon us.

At least once a year the sophomores are given credit for being capable and willing. It is their privilege to manage the tea which is given for our mothers on May thirty-first. At that date the university celebrates Monnett Day when every woman graduate and mothers of girls now in college come to Delaware. We thought this would be an ideal occasion to meet everyone's mother, so we decided to give a tea on that date. Last May was our initial attempt, and it was conducted splendidly. Every one talked and laughed and consumed a great deal of tea and wafers, quite overflowing the suite to the porch. For once the weather was pleasant—Delaware generally presents a downpour when an occasion is at hand—and Mrs. Marshman, the wife of our faculty advisor, whose daughter

Peg is a member of this year's sophomore class, was kept pretty busy pouring for us. I don't believe that she herself had much opportunity to take a sip or a bite.

And speaking of teas—just the other day we had our first one for the patronesses. This occurred in our suite last Friday, October eighth, and as almost all of our patronesses and town mothers were there, we think for our first attempt the results were pretty favorable.

And last but not least is our scholarship pin, which we would not have without the help of Anna Dimmick of Cleveland. For the last two years she has presented a pin to the freshman or pledge having the highest point average. The first girl to receive this honor was Katherine Whitney, '28, and the second was the unworthy scribe of this epistle.

So ends our list of traditions, but for only four-year-olds—  
"We're Satisfied."

FLORENCE LESLIE FREEMAN

## ALPHA THETA

### A PLEA FOR SOUTHERN CHAPTERS

"This is the voice of one crying in the wilderness"—said wilderness being that large expanse of territory known geographically as the South Central and South Atlantic states, in which no Gamma Phi chapters flourish. The voice of Alpha Theta, which is one of Gamma Phi's most southernly chapters, has been and will continue to cry until the Expansion Committee sees fit to reclaim to some extent this wilderness by establishing more southern chapters.

The fact that there are as yet practically no southern chapters is not only a source of grief to us, a more or less isolated chapter, but it is also an obstacle hard to overcome in rushing. In the rushing season just past, as in former rushing seasons, time after time we found ourselves fighting, as it were, with our face against a stone wall, which is by far a worse sensation than fighting with one's back to a stone wall. The rushee would admit without hesitancy that she thought we had the most attractive house on the campus, the cleverest girls (in the heat of my feeling on the subject I fear I lose the becoming modesty which, I assure you, is also one of our charming traits), and that our campus standing as well as national standing is unimpeachable, *but*—With that "*but*" she proceeds to rear that stone wall that has become so familiar to us southern Gamma Phis in rush season. *But*—"where I live everybody is a Tri Delta or an Alpha Omicron Pi" or some other sorority extensively known in the South. That is a potent objection not easily overcome. How few freshmen—as well as older people—are willing to do something different from what is done by the others



with whom they are associated. During the college year, of course the freshman will not be hampered by lack of Gamma Phi companionship, but always there are the summer vacations, the years after graduation and her home town. It is true that often the freshman may establish her home after college in some other section of the country, a section where there are chapters of Gamma Phi; but who is to know whether or not she will do this, or by what arguments could ever convince her that she *will* even if we knew? Freshmen, at this stage in their life, almost without exception, when they think of their future home, think of the home they left behind them. So, to the general objection of freshman to Gamma Phi,—that “everyone at home is something else,” it is useless to answer by telling how Gamma Phi rates in the East or North or West, for although the freshman will grant that as true and admirable, still it seems too remote to be an advantage to her personally when all her friends and associates, not in the same college with her, belong to sororities which may or may not have the national standing that Gamma Phi has, but which are closer to home.

Even in the face of the difficulty which the fact that Gamma Phi has not yet come into the South entails upon us in southern chapters in our rushing, we would not urge so strenuously Gamma Phi's expansion in the South, if we did not believe with all our hearts that the South is a field “white unto the harvest.” We are ready to grant even that perhaps Gamma Phi, in keeping with her policy of going only into colleges of the highest standing, has been right in not coming into the South sooner. But southern girls no longer dress in crinoline and devote their time to no more brainracking studies than china painting and the learning of a few phrases of conversational French suitable to the drawing room. The South is advancing in education no less than in other lines, and it is generally admitted to be, more than any other part of the United States, the coming section of our country. The South is advancing, the southern girl is coming into her own, and we of this southern chapter of Gamma Phi, because of the sincere love we bear both to Gamma Phi and to the South are anxious for Gamma Phi to have a part in the growth and development of the education of southern girls. And until Gamma Phi awakes to the heretofore unprecedented opportunity for expansion in the South, Alpha Theta will continue to be “the voice of one crying in the wilderness.”

GLADYS SMITH

#### ALPHA KAPPA

#### OUR WEEK-END

Alpha Kappa isn't very old, you must remember, so when we talk of our traditions, they too are comparatively young, as traditions

go, but none the less grand, glorious and worthy of the great pride we take in them.

A week-end may mean two or three days spent in enjoyment by the lakeside, at a farm or even on a golf-course, but to all Alpha Kappas the word "week-end" recalls four never-to-be-forgotten days in May, about the twenty-fourth, which is Victoria Day and the first holiday of summer. How we talk and plan for it months ahead, and at last with many long lists of provisions and many homemade cakes and pies, to say nothing of the indispensable pair of overalls, we are ready for the fray.

Mr. Drewry, grandfather of one of our girls, loaned his cottage at Kenora, Ontario, Lake of the Woods, and the fun began when thirty eager "Actives" and "Alums" piled into the train for the four-hour journey of that eventful Friday. The Lake is a beautiful spot! Clear blue water! Gorgeous rocky islands and stately pines everywhere! Arrived at camp we found ourselves in the large living room where, in full view over the mantelpiece, were posted our duties for each day. We soon found our various rooms and after much shouting and laughter prepared to settle down, a little doubtful, however, as to how much sleep we would get. But sleep came at last accompanied by a feeling of sympathy for those unfortunates whose fate it was to rise and light the early fire, while a groan from an adjoining room gently reminded us that each must take her turn. We were sadly disappointed that it was too early in the season for a dip in the Lake. But though the water was cold, the weather-man was kind, and a finer week-end could not have been ordered.

Saturday night we were the guests of second year, and a royal party they gave us ending with most welcome and delectable refreshments.

Sunday was for most of us a lazy day, except for a noble band of energetics who went exploring, and who arrived home three hours later soaked to the waist and quite unable to deliver a straight story of their doings. It would take too long to tell all the funny and wonderful things that happened. And how could we help having a glorious time! Thirty girls in a marvelous big cottage all to themselves; and among these thirty, such choice spirits as our "Beth" and "Doupie" and "Jan" to keep us in constant fits of laughter.

So each year our Week-end, one of the oldest traditions of our Chapter, seems to grow better than the last; and the unanimous opinion of the tired but happy group who said goodbye at the C. P. R. was voiced in these words—

"This year's was the best ever."

PEGGY DAVIS



## ALUMNÆ CHAPTER CONTRIBUTIONS

[Each alumnae chapter was asked to send a short article upon any topic of interest to college and sorority women. The following chapters did not respond: Syracuse, Boston, New York, San Francisco, Denver, Detroit, Baltimore, Seattle, Los Angeles, Des Moines, St. Louis, Reno, Madison, Kansas City, Ann Arbor.]

## CHICAGO

## THE INFLUENCE OF ALUMNÆ

**T**OO MANY fraternity men and women think that responsibility to their organizations ends with graduation. The truth is that, until then, they cannot appreciate the great amount of personal effort which has been expended in creating, establishing, and maintaining the organization of which they are so proud in college.

Fraternities as a rule, originated in the minds of college students, but it remained for these founders, after graduating, to carry on the work of stimulating enthusiasm and encouraging expansion, before the society they had so hopefully brought into existence could attain honor and even partially fulfill their dreams.

The days of fraternity pioneering are over but the other tasks remain always. Alumnae all over the country are giving their best efforts to improve the working efficiency of their national fraternal organizations. Without them, fraternities would rapidly become weak and would be unable to solve their ever increasing problems. Alumnae are everywhere assisting college chapters. If there is a house they frequently assume some responsibility in financing it. If there is no house they usually cooperate in making one possible. By these and many other means the alumnae assist in keeping up the physical life of the fraternity.

But the invisible, perhaps the spiritual, life of the fraternity is just as important and even more difficult to sustain in these days of changing standards. The college student typifies these changes as they come along. She is dominated by the desire for comradeship and popularity; she snatches up each new season's fads in dress, speech, and thought; she is tempted to adopt any moral code which is suggested by the leaders of the campus.

To combat this tendency, it is the most important duty of the alumnae to demand the respect of undergraduates for themselves and also for the standards of their fraternities. Campus leaders are, in general, fraternity men and women. If they, as campus leaders, were made to live up to the ideals set for them by their fraternities, the plane of college life would be vastly raised. If they, as *fraternity* leaders, lived up to these same ideals, the prestige of the organization would be greatly increased.

Every alumna should realize that her personal influence affects younger fraternity members in some way, whether she wields it consciously or unconsciously. The future of the fraternity depends upon the type of this influence. Let no one cast aside all responsibility to her organization after college, but, rather, appreciate more sincerely the hopes of the founders, and attempt more arduously to bring them to fulfillment!

MARIAN DREW WAITLEY (*Epsilon*)

## MILWAUKEE

### AFTER COLLEGE, WHAT?

If that question were asked most women they would answer, "A career," and mean by *that* some great field of work which brings fame. I remember that question was asked some years ago at a vocational conference in Ann Arbor, and each one of us decided on some field of activity which would put us, we were quite sure, in the Hall of Fame. Right now I do not recall what I chose but you may be sure I was going to be famous, appallingly famous so that all the girls in my class would be proud to refer to me as one of their schoolmates. I had a distinct calling for the career I had elected to follow, but as I said, I have forgotten what it was.

Of course there are countless girls who have followed careers and most successfully, so that we vacillating sisters who may not have taken life seriously enough are glad to recognize their names when we see them in newspapers or periodicals. I am always thrilled to say that Grace Richmond is a Gamma Phi Beta and I defy anyone who says that I have ever missed an opportunity to make that fact known. Think of all the dancers, singers, actresses, writers, teachers, and business women who have carved out careers for themselves. We read of them often and perhaps feel a twinge of envy when we think that these are actually doing the things we dreamed of. Our highest praise to them.

But what of the great unsung majority, those without careers, those who have "merely married"? And now let me say a word for them. Without careers? Not at all; they simply have so many that we are unable to comprehend them. I believe that the average mother in order to discharge her duties well must have enough ability—it need not be genius—to be doctor, lawyer, banker, teacher, designer, and general amusement board for her family. These mothers are never conscious of their gifts; they put them into action as part of the work that each day brings. When one of the children burns his finger, or cuts himself, or has a nasty pain, it is attended to by Mother unless it is something really serious; and then she calls in some physician more experienced than herself,



just as the physician calls in a specialist when he meets a case that calls for more expert knowledge than he possesses. Most times though, the cuts that Mother binds do get well, and the castor oil that she administers does relieve the pain. And in these day of science it takes a pretty fair chemist to fix the formula for baby's bottle.

When there are several children in the family or when there are playmates for the only child, Mother becomes a skilled arbitrator. She must be a diplomat of sorts, and certainly she must know when to make most vital decisions as to whether Mary or Tom shall have the larger apple.

Finance is another field for the poor "careerless" woman. In order to make the household run smoothly Mother must learn to "manage," which is a polite way of saying that she must learn to juggle the budget as adeptly as an East Indian does swords.

There are countless other things she must know. She must be able to sew for her children, she must be able to amuse them when it is necessary, and she must teach them to meet life and make the most of it.

There is danger of course, that the devoted mother may become ingrown, that she may be unable to see beyond the horizon of her home but this condition is not general. The woman who has been to college has been taught to embrace many fields of interest and is farsighted enough to see that she can not afford to neglect the affairs of her church, her College Club, and projects of special community interest. As more and varied activities become hers she seems to develop a greater propensity for interests. Indeed with her hands so full of fascinating tasks, perhaps she takes time out once in a while to smile over the pity she receives from her younger "careerful" sisters who have not yet learned that where they leave off the "merely married" girls are just beginning.

ALICE WEBER FITZGERALD (*Gamma*)

## MINNEAPOLIS

### THE GIRL WITH THE IDEAL

It is a terrible thing to be given so limitless a topic as "anything," and then be confined to five hundred words. It would seem that with such unbounded subject matter, one ought to be allowed to use each word in the dictionary at least once. But, barring that, the only thing to do is to talk on "something" rather than "anything," thus showing the editress that one doesn't care.

It seems that once upon a time, there was a Girl who had an Ideal. Now an ideal is that which makes you bank \$5 a week out of a \$15 salary, simply because you know a squirrel coat would

become you in three or four more years. But of course this Girl's ideal had many small subdivisions, being a conception of the sort of mold she wished to fit when she was, so to speak, through with the molding and firing. At the time when she still had the ideal in her possession this Girl was most charming. She was good-looking, having such eyelashes and hair and lips and complexion that tuned in together comparatively well. She could play tennis—not only with the Friday night man who was fond of girls in white sport outfits—but with her brother who played for the sake of the game.

There were Things which she liked, not because it was being done, but because they satisfied her, and occasionally even gave her a few extra heart beats. Included in the list of Things were poetry, from everywhere and everyone; walking in the rain; firelight and candlelight; football games; and being part of the throng of gayly dressed, excited people; ancient, carved furniture; bare trees covered with hoar frost; pots of marigolds; the feel of small children; slim, sleek sport roadsters; churches at Christmas; cantering through autumn leaves with October blowing in her face; straight, shining dresses of blackest satin; and dancing in a dream of white and silver; and men—with hats cocked over one eye, and extra wide trousers.

But—then the Girl decided to go to college. And she found that the requirements of being a college girl, were not to talk much, but just to look, and if one did talk, to use only a queer sort of lingo, which usually signified about the opposite of what it said. Also that one must wear exactly the same as the girl next door, and like the same things, and go with the same men. So she stopped walking over four blocks at a time and didn't say what she thought, for fear of being considered intelligent, which is a term applied to people with rimless glasses and Ground Gripper shoes. She pruned her hair and eyelashes. Finally she became what is known as collegiate.

After some time, the Girl met a man whom she married, and what with learning to use a budget, and getting the oatmeal cooked the right length of time, and keeping Belinda in humor, she forgot completely or was too tired to tell the children about all the little subdivisions which used to form the Ideal. And so another Person became just anybody, having forgot all about the poetry of living in the stress of remembering about rubbers and oatmeal.

The unfortunate thing about this story is that there should be a moral, but we so hate morals that we decided not to have one, but to help develop individuality by letting people make their own, which makes just five hundred words, and the end of our story.

JEAN S. MACMILLAN (*Kappa*)



## PORTLAND

## HOW TO BE ACTIVE—THOUGH AN ALUMNA

There comes a morning in the life of every member of a sorority when she awakes to the realization that she no longer is a member of that four-year class of actives, free to express opinion, free to deny or approve, to help or to do the work of the chapter. Now she is an alumna! And since her sorority claims her as a life member how can she longer maintain an active membership; how can she be active though not an active?

In the different alumnae organizations in the larger cities there is given this girl the opportunity to fulfill this desire for activity. At meetings she may continue her friendships with sister members, she may plan with them activities that may help in the building up of fraternal spirit, in strengthening the neighboring chapters, and she keeps in touch with the newly-graduated alumnae, strengthening her ties with the active groups and freshening her ideas and ideals.

But what of the girl whose home is not where membership in an alumnae organization is possible? How is she to give expression to her desire for active participation in the movements for the good of her organization?

There are many stumbling on through the years never finding an answer to that question. But there are many more who have, through one way or another, found many ways of actively "belonging" to the sorority.

There are, for instance, the yearly visits to the home chapter, to meet the new girls and freshen the youthful outlook on the problems of the organization and the chapter. There are the friendships with sister members to be kept up through the years, the continuing of fraternal ties firmly bound for four active years and so easily loosened later. There are the opportunities for helping the home and neighboring chapters to meet and know the younger girls considered as possessing qualifications for membership in the sorority. There are, if the home finances permit it, plenty of opportunities to contribute to funds the chapter is always needing for this or that purpose.

There are, in short, innumerable ways for any alumna to continue active membership in her sorority even though she no longer calls herself active. There is required but the desire to do, for "where there's a will there's a way." The recompense for such a donation of time, money and effort is the joy of giving, the pleasure of doing things for the upbuilding of the organization that added so much to the four active years spent at college.

HELEN ANDREWS SMITH (*Chi*)

## SPOKANE

## ALUMNÆ INDIFFERENCE

The problem that many alumnae chapters find most difficult to solve is indifference. When college is over and the graduates, thrilled and enthusiastic, come home to every-day life, they leave the sorority schoolroom as well as the college classroom. Every June, cartoonists depict the ambitious and inexperienced graduate confronted with discouraging reality, and many a sorority girl fresh from college has a similar, if not as great, disillusionment in store for her. On the campus keen rivalry between groups is an incentive for sorority zeal, but she too often finds the alumnae group which she joins indifferent and preoccupied, lacking the enthusiasm which has been led to believe Gamma Phis never lose.

It is true that the alumna's responsibilities are almost always greater and her leisure more limited than that of the girl in college, but this does not entirely excuse the alumna from her obligations. She too often forgets to carry on, and puts away her sorority life as part of her college memories.

The greatest need in alumnae circles is an incentive. With definite aims to work for, members work in closer harmony and their interest is kept up. Too often chapters act merely as a club for bridge and gossip only. In college, rushing, the house, and above all, rivalry, keep enthusiasm at its highest; but after college, the fire dies for lack of fuel. A definite program is a necessity to an alumnae chapter, whether it is charity, social service, the endowment fund, or helping the nearby college chapters. Not only does it keep Gamma Phis in active service, but it affords us a little needed publicity of the right sort, and proves to the world that a sorority is a worthwhile organization, not merely a social asset for a favored few. Some chapters have found their field, but too many drift aimlessly, content to let others make the most of sorority membership. The alums must not let the college chapters have the only claim to the word "active."

MARJORIE HELEN BLOOM (Xi)

## CLEVELAND

## WHAT CHALLENGE, ALUMNÆ?

Year by year our colleges and universities send forth vast numbers of graduates to begin their lives of usefulness and service. In this number there are many of our own sorority. Every one of them is a storage battery of ability developed in the active chapter.

The active chapter always needs support, never experiences a time of passive resting upon the achievements of the membership



of the past. The chapter constantly must maintain the lead in all phases of college life and its strength is in a large measure to be gained through the difficult standards which it aims to meet. College chapters do not thrive upon ease, but on the contrary grow under the burden of a new house or something equally difficult to achieve. Such a load challenges every girl in the chapter to her best endeavors.

As a result there come from college capable graduates, ready and eager to work and to find an outlet for many abilities and powers. Will not each one feel a willingness or even an eagerness to ally herself with some alumnae chapter, where she will find that same congeniality and oneness of spirit that they have had in their college days? But alas, all too often we allow their time and interests to be taken up by some of the multitude activities of the community into which they go and in consequence their interest in Gamma Phi Beta wanes.

Did Gamma Phi alumnae chapters have some burden so great that they must have all the assistance that those new recruits could bring, they would draw to themselves a larger share of those who should be allied with them and gain not a nominal membership but a whole hearted earnest devotion. Within the sorority we have immediate and pressing needs and our future will be shaped by the attitude we assume toward them. We must face the opportunities and accept the responsibilities they bring. It cannot be denied that the abilities of our alumnae membership are varied and accompanied by courage and loyalty which will devote itself to much larger tasks than are now being attempted. Our older and our younger women have the power to bring to pass any dream which we strive to make a reality. But only in so far as this power is harnessed and applied to a cause will Gamma Phi Beta be the winner.

Can those of us who have been out of college greet those who join our ranks in the coming years with less of a challenge than their college days afforded them?

ANNA M. DIMMICK, *Zeta*

## KANSAS CITY

### ALUMNÆ AS RUSHERS—PRO AND CON

There is as you know, a beautiful new Gamma Phi chapter house at Lawrence, Kansas. So it was with something of a thrill that a group of us Kansas City alumnae went back this fall for rush week.

Oh! the joy of rushing for the first time in a new house—a house large enough to accommodate rushees, active members and alumnae all at one time. And what a wealth of fine material

there was among the rushees. I can truly say that I have never seen a more attractive and seemingly worth while group of girls than came to Lawrence this fall as "rush material." And I have rushed for several years, having served twice as captain while in college, and once as alumnae captain in Kansas City.

Aside from the actual rushing which, to me, will never cease to be a thrill in a class by itself—we had a wonderful time talking over old times with other "alums" whom we had not seen for years. So it was after a glorious few days together that we returned to our parents, or husbands as the case might be, hoarse and tired, and simply "dead for sleep", but oh! so happy and proud because we had played even a small part in the gaining of twenty lovely new girls, pledged to Gamma Phi Beta.

Our first alumnae meeting this fall was last week, and there ensued the inevitable discussion of rush week. Those of us who had gone must needs give a most detailed account of rushing to those who had stayed at home. Imagine how startled we were when one of our members—one who had gone with us—made this statement, "I've come to the conclusion that alumnae had better stay out of rushing." It was met by a storm of protest, but it brought forth a discussion of a most interesting alumnae question. Are we alumnae an aid or a hindrance in rushing? There were many arguments each way and the main ones against alumnae helping seem to be the following:

- (1) Alumnae spoil the college atmosphere by being too dignified and a bit old fashioned in their ideas and talk with the rushees.

- (2) Alumnae are not all attractive to the rushees.

- (3) Active members resent alumnae who come back "to get some one by" and the atmosphere of rush week is clouded.

- (4) Rushees become attached to some alumna and are dissatisfied when she leaves.

However, it seems to me that these reasons can be remedied and that the arguments for alumnae aid far outweigh those against it. They are:

- (1) Alumnae afford a dignified background showing the true depth of sorority sisterhood.

- (2) Alumnae are experienced rushees and lend confidence to the active girls.

- (3) Alumnae are helpful in the kitchen and behind the scenes, giving the active girls a chance to devote all their time to guests.

- (4) Alumnae can fill in and take care of courtesy dates, and less desirable girls, leaving the active girls free to rush and get acquainted with the girls they really want. This in itself is enough of a reason for alumnae help in rushing.



As I look over these arguments, the whole question seems to simmer down to the individual. Are you, as an alumna, an aid or a hindrance in rushing? Do you look as attractive as you did when you were in college? Will the active girls be proud of you? Can you make yourself one of them, or, if not, can you qualify to a place in that dignified group which proves that Gamma Phi reaches beyond the chapter house door,—far beyond college life? Are you willing to work in the kitchen if necessary? And, then, are you still thrilled enough by Gamma Phi to be able to sell it to someone else? Do you go back to help or to hinder?

After all, is it not up to each individual link just how strong the chain of alumnae help in rushing may become?

LOUISE SALTMARSH BALTIS (*Sigma*)

## GAMMA PHI MEN

MORE and more we hear of Dad's Day in the different colleges; more and more, the various chapters of Gamma Phi Beta are recognizing the fathers as well as the mothers; more and more, fathers, mothers and daughters are uniting in service and inspiration and enthusiasm for the sorority. And why not pause every so often to pay tribute through our magazine to the fathers, sons, brothers, sweethearts and friends who may beautifully be classed under *Gamma Phi Men*.

An inquiry to each chapter brought forth interesting bits of information from those who chose to respond to the editorial plea. Alpha Chapter has inspired such friends as Dr. Frank Smalley, Dr. Brown, Dr. Moss—who, indeed, have been shared by the entire organization. Dr. Brown, early supporter and advisor of the little group of founders, has been immortalized to Gamma Phis through the colors; Dr. Moss (now the "guide, philosopher and friend" of Omicron Chapter) did much toward starting us on our triumphal way; Dr. Smalley, always interested and helpful, declared us a *sorority*—and *sorority* we have remained. Gamma had an unswerving ally and practical helper in the late Thomas C. Brittingham, who, together with his loyal wife, Mary Clark Brittingham, planned and executed in the wisest way for the welfare of the chapter. Epsilon claims Dr. Elbert C. Drew of Evanston—father of Gertrude Drew and Marion Drew Waitley—with the following tribute:

Mr. Elbert G. Drew of Evanston, Illinois is the father of two Epsilon Gamma Phis. He is Secretary-Treasurer of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, and his executive ability is surpassed only by his interest in the Art world.

From earliest childhood he has shown a fondness for art, but only in the last eleven years has he taken it up in earnest, studying at the Chicago Art Institute and with private teachers. One can appreciate his success by the fact that he has had two paintings hung in the Chicago Artist's Exhibit at the Art Institute.

But Mr. Drew is too public-spirited a man to keep his joy in his hobby to himself. He organized and was the first president of the Chicago Business Men Artists' Club made up of men of all professions and trades who have made art their main outside interest and hobby, and two years ago, was asked to be President of the Municipal Art League of Chicago, in which capacity he acted until ill-health forced him to resign. He is about ready to give up active business life, and his dream for the future is to travel through the cities of the United States and to form groups of Business Men Artists because he has found, wherever he has gone, that there are innumerable men awaiting just such an opportunity to enjoy this fascinating and inspiring hobby.

Best of all, Mr. Drew is the devoted father of two of our loyalest Gamma Phis, Marion Drew Waitley, '22, and Gertrude Drew, '27, and he is going to present us with a large oil painting for the living room of our new house.

Theta Chapter, during its present régime, is affectionately aided by Mr. George Olinger, founder and patron of the Highlander Boys, (a military organization nationally known and characterized as "the smallest soldiers in the world")—whose daughter, Gwendolyn, is a sophomore. Flowers for every social function make their way to the Lodge; ten pound boxes of candy appear at crucial moments; every desired accessory to stage setting for the annual play is his contribution; and, last April, instead of the usual advertisement space on the program sought from each lenient father, Mr. Olinger substituted the following paragraph:

#### A FATHER'S TRIBUTE TO GAMMA PHI BETA

For eighteen years we have thought of our home as a garden, where each day we have endeavored to cultivate nature's plan of growth. And, just the same as a gardener plants with tender care a beautiful flower and patiently cares for it until it blooms, so has this father watched with love the growth of his daughter, God's great gift to him. And tonight, while others are listening with interest to every word of the play, somehow this father is breathing a prayer of gratitude that his flower is a pledge to Gamma Phi Beta. He is living over again those eighteen years, and is trusting that the beauty and fragrance of her life will continue to brighten the years of

*A Grateful Father*

Dayton Denious, a Kappa Sigma at the University of Denver and a senior at nineteen years of age, is Theta's beloved mascot; and no more devoted servitor ever followed in the train of the Chosen One. Dayton's Gamma Phi career is worthy of a paragraph all to itself and his part in past history, present achievement, and future allegiance we hope (in the guise of a Gamma Phi wife!) has been most interesting. For, first of all, he had a loyal Gamma Phi mother who took him to a meeting when he was



six weeks old; who, when he was a bit older, gave him half of the ribbons that she had worn to all her college football games with the admonition to be true to Denver University and, at the same time, to cherish what was very dear to her—Gamma Phi Beta. When he was ten years old he made his first appearance in the Gamma Phi play and since that day he has been the stellar Thespian; and during the epoch of these various plays, the devotion of his baby days has been strengthened and deepened until 'twixt Dayton and Theta there is no difference. He has fought for them, verbally and physically; he has rushed for them in hottest frays; he has slaved for them in kitchen regions and, in return, they have given him their deepest confidence and the most enduring sisterliness. (And if more than the allotted space has been used in this dissertation it is because the subject thereof happens to be the editor's dearest possession!)

Lambda sends the following tribute to the special chapter friend:

Fathers? We've lots of them! What's more, we're proud of them! But most especially are we proud of our Dean Glen. He is not only one of our pet "Dads" but a real celebrity as well, and whenever we have a chance to claim him as both father and father-in-law, we're ready to shout his praises from the Gamma Phi roof. Dean Glen is not only a jolly good sort, but he's a much "ejecated" man. Born in Brooklyn, New York, he graduated from the California State Normal School, the Elwood Conservatory of Music and the California School of Elocution and Oratory besides receiving an A.B. from the University of Oregon and studying two years at Johns Hopkins. He taught first at McMinnville College, then at the University of Oregon where he was Dean of the School of Music, until 1911 when he was called here to our own University of Washington. He founded our School of Fine Arts and has been Dean of Music ever since. Although he is a very busy man, Dean Glen never fails to find time to be a patron at our dances, and he is always on the lookout for good Gamma Phi material. We always look forward to that Sunday during rushing when he comes to the house to open our second week dates, and to mark up our rushing returns on a most fetching little score card which he has perfected during the many years in which he has served in this jolly capacity. Yes, we're all strong for Dean Glen from the freshmen to the seniors!

While Xi writes:

Don't, "you-all" (as my Ward-Belmont roommate says), wish you had an "Uncle Frank?"

Because, then, if you had a letter in the post office from "Dear Freddy," back in the home town, and it was Sunday and you couldn't get into your box—and you COULDN'T wait until Monday—and something HAD to be done—and you were looking frantically to find someone . . . to let you in the post office. . . .

And then you thought of "Uncle Frank"!

Because he works in the post office, and always brings the Gamma Phis' mail out to them on Sundays.

Wouldn't you be glad then, that you had HIM to tell your troubles to . . . and he could get your letter?

And that is why, at Idaho, we think Uncle Frank is about the nicest Gamma Phi "papa" we know, and that is why we always send him candy on his birthday—and that is why, incidentally, you don't have to wait until Monday for "Dear Freddy's" letter.

Pi claims Mr. Richard Wilkinson—father of Gladys Wilkinson Lawrence, a charter member of Pi—as its chief benefactor. Mr. Wilkinson was responsible for the purchase of a Gamma Phi home immediately after installation (incidentally, Pi was first on the Nebraska campus to own a chapter house) and has always used his influence to aid every enterprise. Psi is especially grateful for Otto Walters, a Gamma Phi brother and husband, who has always been a faithful worker for the chapter, and who, with the assistance of the fathers, placed the chapter house on a secure financial basis.

And Sigma writes:

Out of the maze of Gamma Phi fathers, brothers and sons who have been particularly interested in and especially helpful to Sigma it is difficult to choose one as a satellite but, since it must be done, we beg to present for your approval Mr. P. A. Simonds of the Ferguson-Simonds Construction Company, Kansas City, Missouri; familiarly known as "Imie's father" or "Fannie's husband." Aside from having the double distinction of being a Gamma Phi father and husband he has also the distinction of being the major force in the construction of our new home. His force is so great, in fact, that no matter what instrument is lacking, even down to the garden hose, we immediately apply to Mr. Simonds who supplies the deficiency without further ado. As a writer of the contract for the construction, he has almost a magician's power for, no matter what we want built or fixed, the contract is immediately consulted by Mr. Simonds with the result that it certainly calls for that very thing to be done. Judging from the laughter which always issues forth from the girls seated near him when he runs down to have dinner with us, one might be led to assume that he has great abilities for entertaining, as indeed he has. He is a typical "Good Samaritan" with a sense of humor and for the third, but not the last time, we raise our glasses to Mr. Simonds.

"Woodfin" is Alpha Zeta's valuable asset. Hear about him.

He isn't a Gamma Phi father or brother or son, but he's Alpha Zeta's most favored "sweetheart," is Woodfin Lee Butte of San Juan, Porto Rico! Woodfin is the adoring brother of the entire chapter, it would seem, but he isn't at all related to any of us—at least not yet, though we have already received the traditional five-pound box of candy from him!

Although it may sound as if he lives a long way off, he really belongs to Austin, for before entering the race for governor in 1924, Dr. George C. Butte, Woodfin's father, was a resident of Austin and Dean of the Law School of the University of Texas.

If there's anything the Gamma Phis want done, Woodfin is "right on deck." He has done everything from hanging mirrors and painting floors to helping us prepare for Rush Week parties and getting dates for the pledges.

In spite of the fact that his family are all Alpha Tau Omegas and Delta Kappa Epsilons, Woodfin is radically opposed to the fraternity system, considering Gamma Phi Beta quite exceptional. Yet he is far from being



unsocial, as is evidenced by his active interest and participation in the Longhorn Band, Curtain Club, and Spanish Dramatic Club. He will probably be in Yale next year, studying Law.

No wonder we feel very happy and very fortunate that Woodfin, through his interest in Helen Hamilton, has become such a loyal friend to us all!

While Alpha Eta offers a fitting tribute to Joe. (We'd like to know his other name!)

Joe, a veritable Fairy Godfather! He never fails us, not even in the throes of house-cleaning. Of course, his presence at these periodic upheavals may have a hidden purpose—whether to relieve the exertions of our president or to ascertain her housekeeping possibilities we know not—but we *do* know at such times Joe makes the hours fly and the house shine. In the fall Joe moves us in, trunks, desks, wardrobes, high boys, and other bulky articles; and in June he removes us, bag and baggage. During the summer, his office and his messenger-boy are at our service.

Once upon a time Joe loaned his roadster to the decoration committee that it might reach the scene of the "formal" more quickly. When—oh tragedy!—the committee was arrested for doubling the speed limit and for driving without a license. But Joe saved us from disgrace and our president from seven days of incarceration in the Wilmington jail.

During rushing Joe is invaluable as an interior decorator. He does the heavy work necessary in the transformation of our house into a deep sea cavern or an Apache den. If we need a roulette wheel to lend atmosphere to a party, Joe knows where to get one. He discovers, however that the price is more than our budget allows. What to do? Joe knows, and consequently posterity may wonder why our accounts of 1925 show no entry for one roulette wheel. What more than this can be said of our friend?

## NATIONAL EXAMINATION OF GAMMA PHI BETA

- A. Specific answers are expected for the following questions:
- (1) Give the 8 rules which are applied to all *main motions*.
  - (2) What is N. P. C.? Include:
    - a) The number of fraternities represented.
    - b) When does it meet?
    - c) Where was the 1926 meeting held?
    - d) By whom was Gamma Phi Beta represented?
    - e) Two main duties of N. P. C.
  - (3) Where are the following chapters of Gamma Phi Beta located: (Institution, city, and state.)
 

1. Beta	6. Rho
2. Omicron	7. Theta
3. Upsilon	8. Alpha Delta
4. Eta	9. Lambda
5. Alpha Kappa	10. Delta
  - (4) How does one judge the national standing of a sorority? (9 ways)
  - (5) What sororities are in the "Big Four"?
  - (6) What are Gamma Phi Beta ideals? (4 ideals)
  - (7) How does Gamma Phi Beta prove that it exists for more than the perpetuation of itself? (3 ways)

- (8) What is a "Student Loan Fund?" Has Gamma Phi Beta a fund of this kind?
- B. Discuss carefully:
- (1) Rushing:
- What 4 points have been suggested that may be used for any rushing season? Can you suggest any others?
  - What is meant by "She's our type"?
  - What are the most important problems that your chapter meets in regards to rushing?
- (2) Freshmen Training:
- What are 3 main Freshman problems?  
What is your chapter doing in regard to each problem?
  - Do you think that it would be advisable to make the pledge examination before initiation national?  
State reasons.
- (3) Relations between actives and alumnæ:
- What does Gamma Phi Beta offer its alumnæ?
  - What do you consider the duty and privilege of every Gamma Phi who graduates or leaves college toward the nearest alumnæ chapter or association?

## REPORT OF EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

In making out the study outline for the Gamma Phi Beta Literary Exercises for 1924-25 and 1925-26 I had in mind several objectives:

- Increased knowledge of the national work done by the organization.
- Important points and essentials in regard to Gamma Phi Beta history—national and local.
- Familiarity with Robert's Rules of Order because of general lack of ability to follow Parliamentary law procedure.
- Sympathetic and intelligent understanding of Panhellenic problems.
- Serious consideration of such problems as rushing, Freshmen training, and the relation between the actives and alumnæ.

The outline for the year 1925-26 contained four main parts: A, Parliamentary Law; B, Panhellenic; C, Facts about Gamma Phi Beta to be learned; D, Problems to be carefully considered. Most of the material in the study was taken from *THE CRESCENT*. College and university girls are all so busy and are apt to find the national examination a burden. For this reason just valuable material has been included in the study—enough to develop intelligent, well informed, and broadminded Gamma Phis.

In the correction of the papers for 1925-26 I again noticed the fact that chapters were consistent in that papers were usually all high, average, or low. In several groups I could easily observe the lack of organization in chapter preparations for the examination. In a few sets identical mistakes gave evidence of an overemphasis of coaching for the examination.



Some of the most important problems confronted by individual chapters in regard to rushing are: lack of organization, too many courtesy dates, faults of local rules, difficulty for new chapters to rush against old, too long a season, hard to judge girls on such short acquaintance, "dirty" rushing, violation of Panhellenic spirit, no house, hard to keep within budget, lack of active-alumnæ coöperation, and rushing with boys. In response to the question "Do you think it would be advisable to make the pledge examination before initiation national?" the majority in twenty-three chapters answered "yes" and in ten chapters "no." Standardization and dignity were the most popular reasons for the affirmative while delay in correction of papers, therefore in initiation, and added expense and burden for national were given for the negative.

The rating of the chapters for the year 1925-26 is as follows:

Upsilon .....	97.1	Epsilon .....	87.2
Alpha Zeta .....	96.2	Alpha .....	87.1
Sigma .....	95.9	Alpha Delta .....	86.9
Gamma .....	93.9	Alpha Eta .....	86.1
Alpha Theta .....	93.8	Omega .....	85.9
Alpha Beta .....	93.4	Rho .....	85.8
Tau .....	93.1	Xi .....	84.5
Phi .....	92.6	Kappa .....	83.5
Omicron .....	91.9	Zeta .....	83.4
Psi .....	91.7	Nu .....	83.3
Lambda .....	91.6	Beta .....	79.4
Pi .....	91.5	Delta .....	77.0
Mu .....	90.8	Eta .....	75.4
Chi .....	90.7		
Alpha Alpha .....	90.6	General Average .....	86.0
Alpha Iota .....	89.8	Excellent .....	97.1-95.9
Alpha Epsilon .....	88.9	Very Good .....	93.9-90.6
Alpha Kappa .....	87.8	Good .....	89.8-86.1
Theta .....	87.4	Fair .....	85.9-83.3
Alpha Gamma .....	87.3	Poor .....	79.4-75.4

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN SCHEI WILKE (Mrs. Paul W.)

*Chairman of Uniform Examination*

# ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

GAMMA PHI BETA ENDOWMENT FUND TRUST

Ending August 2, 1926

Description		Interest		Maturity	Par Value	Book Value
		Rate	Payable			
<b>BONDS</b>						
Alabama Power Co.	1st "A"	5	M & S 1	3-1-46	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Amarillo Texas, City of	Fire Alarm System	5	J & D 1	12-1-60	1,000.00	1,000.00
Do	Aud. Library & Mepl					
	Building	5	J & D 1	12-1-32	1,000.00	1,000.00
Do	Incinerator Plant	5	J & D 1	12-1-58	1,000.00	1,000.00
The Association of Sigma of Gamma Phi Beta, Lawrence Kansas.	Second	6	Oct. 1st ann.	10-1-30	1,500.00	1,500.00
Chicago Union Station Co.,	1st "C"	6½	J & J 1	7-1-63	2,000.00	2,000.00
Denver, Colorado Sch. Dist. #1	Sch Bldg.	5	M & N 1	11-1-42	5,000.00	5,000.00
Illinois Central R. R. Co.,	Equip. Trust "J"	5	M & N 1	5-1-30	1,000.00	1,000.00
Do	Do	5	M & N 1	5-1-32	1,000.00	1,000.00
Illinois Power & Light Corp'n.	1st & Ref. "A"	6	A & O 1	4-1-53	1,000.00	1,032.50
Iowa Ry. & Lt. Corp'n.	1st & Ref. "A"	5½	M & N 1	10-1-45	1,000.00	1,000.00
The Peddie Land Co.	1st	6	M & S 10	3-10-22	100.00	100.00
Sate & Washington Bldg.	1st Serial	6	J & D 1	12-1-38	1,000.00	1,028.75
United States of America	3rd L. L.	4½	M & S 15	9-15-28	2,500.00	2,506.88
Do	Treas. Note	4½	M & S 15	9-15-26	1,000.00	1,002.81
	Total				21,000.00	21,170.94
<b>Notes</b>						
Alpha Beta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta		5		9-11-27	199.50	199.50
Alpha Beta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta		6	Sept. 15 Ann.	9-15-27	300.00	300.00
Beebe, Margaret			None	12-11-27	200.00	200.00
Dobson, Helen Walter			Bearing nointerest	5-25-28	100.00	100.00
Gamma Phi Beta O. A. C.		6	Sept. 10 Ann.	9-10-30	1,000.00	1,000.00
Omicron Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta			A & O 9	10-9-27	1,500.00	1,500.00
Psi Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta		5	Sept. 16 Ann.	9-16-21	350.00	350.00
	Total				3,649.50	3,649.50
<b>RECAPITULATION</b>						
Total Book Value of bonds	\$21,170.94					
Total Book Value of notes	3,649.50					
Total Book Value of securities	24,820.44					
Principal Cash balance	133.78					
Total book value of Trust Fund	\$24,954.22					



## GAMMA PHI BETA ENDOWMENT FUND TRUST, Dated April 18, 1925

From February 1, 1925 to August 2, 1926

Date 1926	Particulars	Cash Receipts	Cash Disburse- ments	Income Cash Balance	Principal Cash Balance	Reserved Cash Balance
Jan. 31	<i>Forwarded</i>			602.64		
Feb. 18	Thelma Deckard Treasurer Sigma Chapter Gamma Phi Beta—payment of interest due 11/1/24 and 11/1/25 on \$1,000 Sigma Chapter Gamma Phi Beta 6% note due 11/1/26 (\$30 paid 6/18/25)	60.00		662.64*		
Mar. 4	Mary T. Mc Curley National Treas.—Dep. of Cash representing initiation fees, payments on pledges, rebates, etc. due to September 1925.	2,115.34			2,115.34*	
Mar. 6	Pal Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, Norman Okla.—accd. interest on Pal Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta 5% note due 9/16/21 from 9/16/19 to 9/16/25.	118.75		781.39*		
Mar. 15	U. S. of America-CPNS on \$2500 3rd L L 4 1/4 S	53.12		834.51*		
Mar. 19	Wm. L. Ross & Co.—to purchase of \$1000 Ala Pr. Co. 1st "A" 5S due 3/1/46 interest pay M & S @ 100		1,000.00		1,115.34*	
	Accd. interest on above from 3/1/26 to 3/17/26		2.22	832.29*		
	Wm. L. Ross & Co.—to purchase of \$1000 Iowa Ry. & LT Corp. 1st & REF 5 1/2S due 10/1/45 interest pay M & N @ 100		1,000.00		115.34*	
	Accd. interest on above from 11/1/25 to 3/17/26.		25.36	806.93*		
	Deposit of \$1000 Alabama Pr. Co. 1st "A" 5S @ par					
	Deposit of \$1000 Iowa Ry. & LT Corp. 1st & Ref "A" 5 1/2S @ par					
Mar. 23	San Francisco Alumnae Chapter—deposit of cash	100.00			215.34*	
Apr. 2	Illinois PR & LT Co.—CPNS on \$1000 1st & Ref "A" 6S 2% TP	30.00		836.93*		
Apr. 6	Omicron Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority—6 months interest due 4/9/26 on \$1500-5% note	37.50		874.43*		
Apr. 19	Harris Trust and Savings Bank—fee as trustee for 3 months ended 4/18/26.		14.33	860.10*		
Apr. 30	Deposit of \$199.50 Alpha Beta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta 5% Prom. note.					
	Delivery of \$199.50 Alpha Beta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta 6% Prom. note					
May 1	Denver Colo. City & Co.—CPNS on \$5000 SCH/D #1 Bldg. 5S	125.00				
	Illinois Central Equip. Tr.—CPNS on \$2000 "J" 5S NTP	50.00				
	Iowa Ry. & LT Corp.—CPNS on \$1000 1st & Ref "A" 5 1/2S—7 months interest 2% TP	32.08		1,067.18*		
May 24	Transfer of cash from income		800.00	267.18*		
	To principal by order of a majority of the Board of Directors	800.00			1,015.34*	

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GAMMA PHI BETA ENDOWMENT FUND TRUST, Dated April 18, 1925

From February 1, 1926 to August 2, 1926

Date 1926	Particulars	Cash Receipts	Cash Disburse- ments	Income Cash Balance	Principal Cash Balance	Reserved Cash Balance
	<i>Forwarded</i>					
May 25	C. F. Childs & Co. Chicago—to purchase of \$1000 U. S. of A. Treas. notes 4 1/4S due 9/15/26 interest pay M & S 15 @ 100 9/32 Accd. interest on above from 3/15/26 to 5/25/26. Deposit of \$1000 The U. S. of America 4 1/4% treas. note @ 100 & 9/32		1,002.81 8.20	258.98*	12.53*	
June 1	Amarillo, Texas Aud. Libr. & Mun. Bldg—CPNS on \$1000—5S Amarillo, Texas—CPNS on \$1000 Fire Alarm System 5S Amarillo, Texas—CPNS on \$1000 Incinerator Plant 5S	25.00 25.00 25.00		333.98*		
June 2	Helen Walter Dodson—remit for loan made by Endowment Fund Board Deposit of \$100 Helen Walter Dodson Prom. note (bearing no interest).		100.00	233.98*		
June 3	Psi of Gamma Phi Beta—part payment of \$375 Psi Chapter note due 9/16/21 Delivery of \$25 part payment of Psi Chapter note due 9/16/1921	25.00			37.53*	
June 15	Gamma Phi Beta Rho Chapter—6 months interest due 6/8/26 on \$1125—5% Prom. note Payment of Principal due 6/8/27 Delivery of \$1125 Gamma Phi Beta Rho Chapter 5% Prom. note	28.03 1,125.00		262.01*	1,162.53*	
July 1	Chicago Union Station Co—CPNS on \$2000 1st "C" 6 1/2S NTP	65.00		327.01*		
July 17	Harris Trust and Savings Bank—fee as trustee for 3 months ending 7/18/26		15.41	311.60*		
July 20	A. B. Leach & Co.—to purchase of \$1000 State & Washington Bldgs. 1st 6S due 12/1/38 interest pay. J & D @ 102 7/8 Accd. interest on above from 6/1/26 to 7/20/26 Deposit of \$1000 State & Washington Bldgs. 1st Ser 6S @ 102 7/8		1,028.75 8.17	303.43*	133.78*	
	<i>Summary</i>					
	Income cash balance	\$303.43				
	Principal cash balance	133.78				
	Reserved cash balance	.00				
	<b>Total Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$437.21</b>				
	<i>Arrearages</i>					
	Psi Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta—5% Prom. note due September 16, 1921	375.00				
	Peddle Land Co.—1st 6S due March 10, 1922.	100.00				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>475.00</b>				



## I WOULD HAVE A CAREER

BY JESSIE C. TYLER (*Phi*)

IT SEEMS that every woman carries away with her college degree, an ambition varying in intensity with her personality to "do something." This ambition may be motivated by any number of things besides financial need. College years are brimming full—of books, if one is intellectual; of dramatics, sports and clubs if one has an organization complex; of social engagements, if one has a highly developed gregarious instinct—of all of these, if one is, in college parlance, "well-rounded."

I had gone through college as many girls do now-a-days—with no particular career decided upon. After commencement there came interviews with teachers, private secretaries, librarians, etc., ad infinitum. It was like going hunting with Diogenes. No one of them seemed entirely satisfied with what she was doing. In spite of the fact that society would have stamped them as "successful," each said, "Don't do what I'm doing."

It was as a result of a conversation with Mr. Morton May, President of the May Department Stores Company, that I came home from California armed with the following letter:

"This letter introduces Miss Jessie Tyler who has been tutor and companion for my daughter for the past three months. I suggest that you put her in the "Ladies Ready-to-Wear."

As long as I live, I'll never forget the day I handed that letter to Mr. —, the merchandising man, and applied for a position as salesgirl—a position with a salary of fifteen dollars a week, and with my inexperience, but faint hopes of commissions.

That was just a year ago to-day. For three months, I worked in the medium-priced women's dresses. January first, I was put in the Costume Salon; two weeks ago I was transferred to the Misses' French Room. I expect to stay there, for I feel I know what young girls are hunting for. Having done most of the things young girls do, I know what they should wear to be well dressed.

I have made many interesting contacts and am learning to adjust myself to department store life. I'm glad I selected a large organization with a splendid merchandising system and a reputation as solid as Gibraltar. I've done most of the things shop girls do—and in addition, studied personalities and merchandise, taught mathematics at night to survive during the dull season—yea, and even gone gold-digging for dinners.

I think department stores hold brilliant opportunities for women—but merchandising is much like a profession, in that one

has a long apprenticeship to serve in order to obtain desirable positions.

A girl with an artistic sense or in merchandising language—style, fairly revels in the lovely things placed before her to sell. She learns to recognize the designer almost by the cut of the garment; she acquires a keen sense of discrimination, recognizes quality and above all, beauty.

Of course, a girl's bank account has something to do with her clothes, but artistry in any field presupposes a complete knowledge of that field. It really is so easy to dress well—the most important thing is knowing what to leave off! A homely girl may be just lovely to look at because there are no "off" colors, just the right accessories, and a limited amount of jewelry.

I love French dresses. Some of them are really works of art—a cut here, a drape there, and the "tout ensemble" is smart, chic, and a delight to look upon. Paris, to me, used to mean monuments of historic personages and things—now it is Paris of Chanel, Paris of Lanvin, Paris of Jean Patou!

Even in such an unpretentious article as this one, I can't resist giving a few of my observations on women. In the first place, I am fairly amazed at the importance of clothes in most women's lives. They work for them, sacrifice for them! Maybe girls don't dress to please the men—I don't know—I have just enough pride to want to look well at all times) but most married women show less interest in good-looking clothes and in their personal appearance.

One woman I know comes into the store—always with this comment on her lips, "I never can get suited in dresses, I just never find a thing I like." She really doesn't. That is her mental set. She wears herself out "looking"—and buys in a spirit of desperation. Even her dresses look unhappy.

However, all women aren't like her. Most of them will buy when they see what they want. The woman who is happy and cheerful, finds clothes she likes, is more apt to wear them well—and I might add is much less apt to exhaust the salesgirl physically and mentally.

I used to wonder why the girls behind the counters looked so drab, uninteresting, and uninterested. I was to find out that the purely physical fatigue is something incomprehensible to a woman who has never worked in a department store. A department store, moreover, has for the most part of its salesforce, girls who couldn't do anything else. Consequently, many of them are working just for the weekly pay—and not through any particular interest in their jobs. Many of them, too, have some handicap in the war of dependents, ill health, etc., that would make most of us Gamma



Phis ashamed of ourselves for complaining. I have found that most of "the girls" are splendid.

I hesitate to say this—but the woman who finds her shopping unpleasant and the salesgirls ignorant and unwilling—is usually the woman who, by her attitude, gets the lower degree of service the store offers. I love people—and I try to give the same service to all—but a woman who radiates frankness, cheer and understanding, gets the best I have to offer.

I love my job—for difficult enough to be interesting, different enough to be absorbing. If a girl can keep a vision of things separate and apart from time clocks; if she can keep her sense of values in the face of things she confronts; then will she be successful in anything—but only then can she keep her happiness in a department store.

My daily wish is that if I am asked ten years from now if I really love my work—I can truthfully say "yes." One of my college professors once quoted this to a class—"There are only three dates in any woman's life history—her birth, marriage, and death." If I ever become famous, won't someone please record that I worked hard and played hard and "did something"—not that I was just born, married and died!"

## THE BIG FOUR

[Some time ago, the Lagerman girls of Kappa Chapter wrote an amusing little skit which was reported in *THE CRESCENT*, as one of the hits of a particular celebration. The editor wrote Elinor Lagerman and asked for a copy; and a bit of the reply letter is quoted, as an explanation of little play which may be called, and up-to-date view of the Founders. "My sister, Margaret, and I had fun writing it, and rehearsing it with Josephine Hurd, Rosalind Skellet and Helen Carpenter. But it was the personalities of these girls and the remarkable old costumes given to us (mutton sleeves, fussy little hats over one eyebrow) that made the thing amusing. Should anyone even try to give it, it would have to be with a spirit of broad farce and abandon."]

Cast: One, Two, Three and Four.

Setting: *Four ordinary chairs, two on each side of the room.*

*Enter One and Two.*

*One.* La! I wish the girls would hurry. The hour is nigh for the hanging of the lanterns in the chapel tower.

*Two.* Ah, yes.—"One if by land, and two if by seas"—no, what was it? The faculty meets tonight to vote on our organization, and at eight o'clock, we shall know from their signal lights whether we are to be lost—or founded!

*Loud knocking. Three and Four rush in.*

*Three and Four.* Here we are—and we brought refreshments.

*One and Two.* Goody! What?

*Three and Four* [clapping their hands and starting a hippity-hop around the chairs, followed by *One and Two*, all singing.]

Peanuts, and olives, too, so come my sisters true, and crack your peanuts, do. Ta, da, de, da, (to)—peanuts and olives too.

*Two* [rushing to the window]. The lights! The lights in the chapel tower!

*Heavy silence, as all gaze toward the tower.*

*One* [slowly]. One!

*Three.* Are we lost??

*All.* Two!

*Four* [dramatically]. Founded. [They sink back in relief].

*One* [as they take their chairs]. Well, let's get to business.

*Two.* Yes, business.

*Three and Four* [as they arrange chairs, pull out pencils and think]. Yes, business.

*Three.* It almost frightens me to think of our responsibilities.

*Four.* Really, what we belles do here tonight will 'ring round the world.'

*Silence, everyone thinking.*

*Three* [on sudden inspiration]. Oh, have you seen my new tin-type? [Begins to pull it out of her bag.]

*All* gather around excitedly.

*All.* Oh, did you have it taken?

*Three.* Yes, Tuesday.

*Four.* Oh, it's profile.

*Three.* Yes, don't you think that's my best pose? [business of showing her head, etc.]

*Two.* Oh, by far. I mean you're simply elegant from the side.

*One* [efficiently]. Ladies, to business.

*All* straighten up, moisten pencils, etc.

*Two* [arising and orating in ministerial fashion]. Ladies and gentlemen! It gives me great pleasure to be with you this evening. We are met on a great battleground, testing whether—I mean—If women are ever going to assert themselves, they must begin NOW!

*All.* Hear! Hear!

*Four.* We hereby highly resolve to forswear all association with men—having nothing to do with them—ignore them,—scorn them. Do we not?

*All.* We do!

*Whistle, outside. All listen, and rush to the window, as one.*

*One* [aside to audience]. Not.

*All, individually, Ah, oh, etc. Exchange scornful glances, while primping. Three carefully displays profile toward window.*



*One* [*who is a little back of the group*]. Who is it Threesie?

*Three*. I can't see.

*One* [*looking at her*]. You can't, why don't you look?—Oh! [*as light dawns*] That pose!

*Four*. Why it's that Chester Field.

*Two*. Oh, he's such an awful smoker.

*One*. Oh, but he is so satisfying.

*Four*. Girls, to order again. We must finish organizing. [*They sit*]. Twosie have you drawn up the constitution we discussed?

*Two*. Yes, I have it here. [*Draws out a scroll.*]

*Four*. Will you read some of it?

*Two*. Well, it was the hardest thing to express just what we should and want to stand for. [*Reads in mock solemnity, varying tone and emphasis, broadly.*] Clause one. The sisterhood must aim ever to preserve high standards—One, in scholastic achievements. Two, in college activities. Three, in social culture and grace. Four, in broadness and variety of groups.

*One* [*sighs*]. Oh—stop a minute. Isn't that beautiful?

*Four*. Yes. Really we are a representative group. Only four here, but each different. Aren't we?

*One*. Let's see now. What type do you think I am?

*Four*. I should say you were—predominately—the athletic type. [*one pantomimes*]. I, on the other hand, am more the scholastic type.

*Two*. I'm not anything, or else just the social type, don't you think?

*One*. Yes, kind of all 'round [*Two being the largest girl in the group.*]

*Pause, all look at Three.*

*Four*. Well, Threesie, you aren't saying anything. What type are you?

*Three*. Oh—tin-type.

*One*. Girls, we'll have to hurry, or we won't get home before curfew at nine o'clock.

*Two* [*rising, suddenly and dramatically*]. The curfew shall not ring tonight!

*Four*. Oh, well, it isn't very dark out, anyway. There is moonlight, isn't there?

*One* [*looking out of window*]. Yes, there is the loveliest crescent moon. It is new just like us. Probably came out in honor of the occasion—a good omen. Oh, come look.

*Two and Four run to window and exclaim softly.*

*Three [still sitting].* Oh, dear, my nose is shiny. [*Takes out powder as others sing.*] Shining, shining, shining! [*Go back to their seats.*]

*Four.* Now, let's have the committee reports. Who was the badge committee?

*One.* I was, and oh, girls, I have the most wonderful report. [*Reads.*] Under the spreading chestnut tree  
Does the village smithie stand.  
The smith he promised he would forge  
The emblem of our band.

*All.* Oh, how grand.

*Two.* Just lovely, and I'll shoulder it through life.

*Four.* What is the report from the committee on rushing?

*Three.* I have no report, but I think we should all rise and try out our new rushing song.

*They join in a circle and sing very solemnly.*

*All.* One, two, three, four.

Sometimes we wish there were more.

*One [as they go back to their seats].* Oh, that song makes me ill.  
It sounds so mathematical.

*Four.* What's the connection my dear?

*One.* I'm having a perfectly terrible time with math.

*Three.* I feel that same way about history, which reminds me that from now on, we shall have to be very careful to maintain our scholarship. The eyes of the campus will be upon us.

*One.* What did you say?

*Three.* The eyes of the campus.

*One.* Oh, I thought you said Kappas.

*Two [sighing].* Oh, dear.

*Four.* Well, why the big sigh?

*Two [long drawn].* Oh-h-h-h-h-h.

*Three.* Why you look as though you had been burning the midnight oil for weeks. Your books must be worn out by this time.

*One [studying Two].* Why—What—

*Three.* Why, those circles under her eyes! What have you been studying so hard?

*All.* Yes, do tell us.

*Two.* Not studying—[*fumbles in her bag*] Sisters but—making—

*All.* Making what?

*Two [unfurling a banner].* Gamma Phi Beta!

*All [arising and saluting].* We pledge allegiance to our flag. [*Put their heads behind banner, suddenly popping up*] Lafayette—we are here!



## PUBLICITY

IN REPLY to an editorial plea, Thoda Cocroft, our dramatic manager, sent us, the following: "I'm awfully sorry I won't have time to write anything for you, but why don't you use some excerpts from the enclosed article—it's one which gives a fairly clear idea of my work. I'm sure the *Kansas City Star* won't object to your using any part of it if you give them credit for it."

## "CURTAIN GOING UP!"

By

THODA COCROFT

Burning a great actress on the back of the neck with curling irons just before her first entrance in a new play is no joke. But it happened to me.

Long ago I stopped curling my own hair, because I always made a botch of it. Imagine my state of mind when I was told one night that I would have to curl Margaret Anglin's hair at a moment's notice. She had bobbed hair at the time, and I got panicky all over. Anyone who has ever tried to curl the short hair in the back of a bobbed head knows very well what I mean.

At the time the summons came I was standing in the front of the Princess theater in Chicago, taking care of the critics' seats for the opening and watching to see that everything went right. By the line of limousines I knew it was going to be a brilliant night. Every seat was sold out and the lobby was jammed with people.

At 8:30 the house was filled. Only a few stragglers were coming in; and the orchestra was in the pit playing the overture. But when the opening number ended the customary light signal that flashes the act was not given. Because it was such an important opening I got nervous immediately. Was anyone ill? I wondered. Suddenly the assistant stage manager came rushing out and seized my arm.

"Come back quickly," he cried. "Something terrible has happened!"

I was too startled to even ask questions, and made a wild rush for the stage door. The company manager met me with a scared face. "You've got to curl her hair," he whispered in a hoarse voice, referring to my star. "Her maid is ill. I've held the curtain ten minutes already." I started to protest, but there was no alternative. Suppose I burned it as I did my own! I realized at the same time that Miss Anglin's nerves were on edge. Besides the strain of the opening she had been worn out by a long period of endless rehearsals. Everything had gone wrong around the theater for days. At the last minute an important member of the cast had suddenly been taken to the hospital and she had been forced to meet the emergency by hastily training an amateur to fill the part. This had necessitated working overtime when she should have used the time to rest. Hence the prospect of curling her hair at a moment's notice was terrifying to me.

I was really far more scared than necessary when I knocked at her dressing room door. She was very quiet when I came in. I hastily explained that I was awkward with curling irons. When she made no comment it scared me a great deal more than if she had been hysterical over the prospect of having her hair burned to a crisp. As I wound her hair around the irons, trying to hurry the job, my agitation increased. All at once I was aware of a thin spiral of smoke from the irons. I was trying to get

hold of the short hair in the back of her neck at the time when, all at once, the red-hot irons slipped from my grasp and burned Miss Anglin badly on the back of her neck.

I think I was more shocked than she was. She moaned a little and went swiftly on with her make-up. I was greatly upset, unable to finish the hair curling job, so I ran out to a drug store for salve for her burns.

As I came panting back I heard Miss Anglin laugh for the first time that evening. She had forgotten her own nervousness in seeing the pitiable state to which I had been reduced. And she rushed to the wings just in time for her entrance.

The circumstances which forced me into this hair-curling predicament in spite of my incompetency with curling irons is a fair example of the emergency situations which constantly arise in the theater, and which must be met without warning or preparation. For, after all, I am not a ladies' maid but an advance agent. Seven years ago I apprenticed myself to Mrs. Fiske's business staff.

In the limited experience of these seven years watching the highly geared theatrical machinery as it is operated behind the footlights I am left with one dominant impression—that of the urgency pervading every department of the theater. The imperative necessity that "the show's got to go on" is, to everyone in the profession, a *must* that cannot be denied.

The expression, "the show's got to go on," does not mean, as the layman may suppose, that the show must continue, but rather that the show must be made ready, the curtain must go up promptly as scheduled and the performance must commence. In the face of exhausting work and countless delays, in the face of unforeseen mistakes and disasters, in the face of illness, even of death, the show's got to go on!

On a tour of one-night stands ahead of Olga Petrova in "The White Peacock," two years ago, one of the orders Mme. Petrova gave me as her advance agent was a veritable command for a drawing room on all occasions en route. On the Sunday night when her play was to open in Chicago it happened that there was no drawing room on the train which brought the company in from South Bend, where they had played the night before. This meant there was no drawing room for madame. Since, however, it was a short ride on a fast train, I didn't give the matter a second thought. But when Petrova discovered there was no drawing room on the train to Chicago she immediately said she would not go to Chicago until a drawing room was provided for her. But in her heart madame knew that the show had to go on, drawing room or no drawing room, and although she delayed until the last minute, she arrived in time to get into her make-up before the curtain went up on her opening performance.

Another temperamental star who never dared to fail his audience at curtain time was Nikita Balieff, who made Chauve-Souris famous. Balieff came to America with his Parisian production of the Russian vaudeville show, gay with bright scenery and picturesque curtains, and discovered that with all its color and amusing design it had none of the durable qualities of the stage sets made in this country. The stage hands in the various cities where we played spoke scornfully of the Russian scenery as "paper stuff." As a matter of fact, a large part of it was actually inflammable paper. But before leaving New York all the sets were fireproofed (excepting one curtain), at great expense to Mr. Balieff.

A favorite trick in the theater is to fireproof only the edges of a curtain or a set piece where the fireman in his inspection applies his torch, and leave the center untouched, thus cutting down the overhead. It is possible there would have been no difficulty with the fire law authorities if Balieff's curtain had been treated in this way. But the impresario of the Chauve-



Souris did not stoop to any such subterfuge. There was the asbestos curtain of the theater for safety, he argued, in case of fire. Moreover, he had spent a large sum of money fireproofing his scenery. Certainly there was no possible danger. But the firemen took a different view of the matter.

It was almost curtain time when I learned of the fire department's verdict against us. I went back stage at once and told him that fireproofing his curtain would cost him \$40, with the possibility of additional charges for other prices the fire department landed upon.

Balieff glowered at me, refusing to understand. His valet rushed out for the English interpreter. My communication was repeated in Russian. A series of questions followed. Then at last comprehension dawned! Balieff instantly broke into a rage. He began yelling at me in Russian. I attempted to interrupt with explanations, but he only drowned me out with a hullabaloo of guttural cries. When I moved timidly for the door he snorted in a terrifying way and continued his denunciation of the fire authorities.

My first thought was for the performance. The company manager was ill at the time and I was handling both ends—that is, the advance work as well as the company management. It was then curtain time, but I was convinced that Balieff would not be able to give a performance. It seemed certain that his rage would develop into acute apoplexy or something worse. I rushed out to warn the house manager, but as I passed the entrance to the auditorium I heard the familiar "Goot efening, ladies and chentlemun." I could hardly believe my ears, and ran in to see if it could be true. And sure enough! there was Balieff smiling amiably at his patrons as he described in broken English the opening number of the bill. In spite of his fury he knew that the show had to go on, and, with his audience waiting for him, his emotional pyrotechnics were instantly shut off.

Another foreign star who never failed the call of the curtain was Mikhail Mordkin, the great ballet dancer. In 1910, when Mordkin first appeared in America with Pavlowa, his fame swept like a flame over the country. He went back to Russia in 1911 and did not return until November, 1924. In those thirteen years he completely lost what little English he had learned on this early tour of the United States.

He arrived upon his return visit upon a Thursday, and after settling himself and his family in a hotel he came to the theater on Friday to rehearse his dances. Then for the first time he learned that his premiere appearance was arranged for the following Monday, and that he was expected to do a "Bacchanale" with the members of the Greenwich Village Follies, in which he was engaged to appear.

It must be remembered that Mordkin spoke no English. The girls in the Greenwich Village Follies understood neither Russian or French. There remained only two days to stage and rehearse an elaborate ballet (which under ordinary circumstances required weeks of training), with no medium of language in which he could make himself understood.

But Mordkin knew it had to be done, and he was equal to the occasion. After selecting the girls and arranging the musical setting he called rehearsal of the "Bacchanale" on Saturday afternoon. From 3 until 7 in the evening, with only a short rest for supper, then resuming at 7:30 until day-break the next morning, Mordkin rehearsed the girls in the ballet number.

But despite this strenuous rehearsing the company was devoted to Mordkin. Before the New York season was over, to express their appreciation, they presented him with a loving cup.

In five different cases I have seen talented players begin either the alcohol or the narcotic habit simply because they had to meet the compulsory

demand of curtain time and could find no other way of picking up for the performance. For insistent call of "Overture" at 8:15 admits no denial or refusal, whether the player be nervous, unhappy, depressed, tired, or ill.

Of course there are "show" people who do not drink, but unless they guard their health rigorously—this is especially applicable to the woman advance agent—there is a toll exacted in the work that is seldom redeemable, because the theater is a business that never gives back health or strength or nerve force. Instead, it takes and takes, always takes from its puppets through the imperiousness of its fixed demands; and it is relentless as it boldly and mercifully says: "The show's got to go on!"

The following clipping from the *Denver Post* concerns Mary Marzyck, *Theta*.

Miss Mary Marzyck, 18-year-old Denver pianiste, has been awarded a free scholarship at the Curtis Institute of Music at Philadelphia, and hereafter will study under the guidance of Josef Hoffman and Moritz Rosenthal, two of the world's greatest pianists.

The Institute awards only six scholarships every year, which are competed for by 300 students at the Institute and young women throughout the country.

Miss Marzyck is the daughter of Joseph Marzyck of Wheatridge. She is a graduate of East High school and attended Denver University before she went to Philadelphia to continue her study of music. She began to take piano lessons when she was 9 years old. She has appeared several times in public in Denver her first appearance being as a soloist with Chevallo's symphony orchestra. Musicians consider her one of the greatest pianists developed in the city.

As an example of judicious—and attractive—advertising, the following clipping from the *Denver University Clarion* is given. The advertisement—contributed by the Denver Dry Goods Company—was accompanied by a fetching picture of Chellie Wright, *Theta*, standing by the open door of Eloise.

#### ELOISE SHINES HER APPROVAL OF CHELLIE'S NEW FUR COAT

"Oh won't Eloise be proud of me now," exclaimed Miss Wright, assistant business manager of the *Clarion*, as she gave a last glance at her lovely gray caracul coat before running out to Eloise—her smart double-brown car that waited for her just outside The Denver.

Miss Wright and her car, Eloise, are well known on the D. U. campus. She wears a Gamma Phi Beta badge—Eloise displays the sorority colors.

"Why Not Brunettes?" was the query when Miss Wright appeared in the beautiful platinum gray Caracul Coat she chose at The Denver. "I adore Furs," she exclaimed, "and especially Furs of such lovely quality as in this coat with a long shawl collar of gray wolf." It was just her type—luxurious and supple, with the light gray bringing out her deeper gray eyes and brunette coloring.

"Oh, what a dream—and so utterly different"—she said, the moment she saw the blue-and-silver Agnes Hat she chose to wear with her Fur Coat. It was a copy of the famous Congo belle model made with row after row of blue velvet petals, outlined in silver. Individual and stunning as you can see in the picture above—snapped just as Miss Wright was getting into her car.



## FROM THE EDITORIAL MAIL BAG

**D**OROTHY VORSE, *Gamma*, sends the following news from North Carolina:

I came South as an Educational Director but after two years, found myself doing advertising instead. I do all the ads for my store—that means I write the copy, prepare the lay-outs, write Direct Mail letters and circulars, edit a Juvenile Magazine—and generally make myself useful at all the regular jobs of a store Advertising Manager.

We do a very good business for such a small city—in fact we are the best store in the South! We have anywhere from a half page to three pages of newspaper advertising every day, in addition to occasional ads in the small town papers throughout the state, so I manage to keep busy. I have a young college girl as assistant—and am looking for another.

The work is fascinating, and there's something about a department store that "gets you"—as they say newspaper work or railroading does.

It's a splendid field—advertising in a store—for college girls, and a very logical one, I think. For what mere man can know the feminine reaction to furs, frills, and furbelows as well as another woman! And advertising pays well, too.

Charlotte is a delightful little city—very progressive and peppy. There really is such a thing as Southern Hospitality—I have found plenty of it.

Joie Potter, *Alpha*, writes

I am selling *Frigidaire*. At least I am making the attempt. I just started last week, and three days of this week I have been to a sales school in New York, so my experience so far is rather limited. I am keen about the work. There is a great deal more to the game than ringing a doorbell and asking Mrs. Smith if she isn't interested in a *Frigidaire*. I feel particularly on my toes as I was the only woman at the school attended by two hundred or more men. It seems that women have not yet proved their ability to sell *Frigidaire*, and there are at present only a very few selling them. I therefore have a double urge to make good—one to show the men it can be done, and second, to reap some of the profits they are getting now.

COLLEGE INTEREST PROVES MEASURE  
OF RED CROSS ACCOMPLISHMENT

**T**HE vitality of almost any program may be measured by the degree with which it is received by the active minds to be found in the colleges and universities of the country. Significance attaches therefore to the growing recognition among these institutions of the intensely practical activities of the AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS, a recognition attested by the fact that these Red Cross activities form the principal link of that organization with the great college bodies of the United States.

The outstanding leadership of the American Red Cross in developing water-rescue, swimming, and first aid, the first two of which are closely akin to athletic accomplishments, has made such instruction generally received in higher educational institutions.

Yale, for instance, is among the pioneers in this field, and every year sends out from 100 to 150 trained men in this work. Dartmouth is closely following Yale in this respect, while at the Naval and Military Academies, Annapolis and West Point respectively, such instruction is invaluable. At West Point the Red Cross Life Saving test has been made the basis for the so-called "A" test in swimming, which every senior is required to pass before graduation. Swimming proficiency is, of course, prerequisite at Annapolis.

In institutions where such instruction is not so essential, swimming is frequently elected as their winter sport by many of the students, and consequently Red Cross instruction finds a welcome place. This interest among the majority of the better known colleges and universities is carried from class rooms into summer activities by means of the Red Cross Life Saving Institutes held annually, the bulk of which attendance comes from such educational bodies. Through attendance at these camps of instruction, a two-fold purpose is accomplished; the graduates are enabled to serve with material benefit to themselves, as counsellors at water-front camps; and by their ability to diffuse their own expert knowledge, other hundreds and thousands are taught to swim and to save life.

Among girls' colleges this Red Cross activity is especially popular, Smith, Wheaton, Bryn Mawr and Western College for Women, being leaders in interest, though interest is widespread.

In technical colleges of both men and women, other Red Cross instruction courses are offered and have proven valuable.

Such interest among all these institutions emphasizes of course the purely practical side of Red Cross service, and is natural since the bulk of this service is of the most practical, designed to meet the everyday requirements of America.

The less material side of this work, however, is offered through simple membership in Red Cross ranks, and has its reward in early familiarity with the precepts of human service which every man and woman who becomes a leader is called on to exercise.

The TENTH Annual Membership Roll Call of the American Red Cross will be held this year from November 11th to 25th, and is an invitation to become identified through membership, with all it does. President W. H. P. Faunce of Brown University has accepted the Honorary Chairmanship of the College Roll Call for the Eastern Section of the United States this year.





## MOTHER GOOSE—UP TO DATE

There has been much hue and cry these latter days about Mother Goose—the passing of her influence, the degeneracy of her style, the nonsense of her prattle; while we have been asked to substitute for the beloved volume of our younger days a modern classic, scientifically presenting the varied and various interests that occupy the infantile mind. All of which is a bit irritating to those of us who still believe in Mother Goose (and in fairies!) and who stoutly maintain that, aside from her monopoly of the youthful heart, she had an uncanny and whimsical understanding of human nature and of our present day problems.

Simple Simon even now cannot progress without the reminder "Show me first your penny:" Jack Horner, coming into possession of the plummiest plum, metaphorically pats himself on the head; Peter, Peter, Pumpkin-eater solves the matrimonial problem simply and effectively; Jack Spratt and his wife are models of domestic economy; Curly Locks, passionately wooed, listens to the age-old promises of no work and all play. Solomon Grundy is born, lives and dies all in ten lines—how many of us achieve more! Dr. Fell or somebody like him—inspires us with the same inexplicable emotion; the Old Woman in the Shoe illustrates the fact that there is nothing in the discipline of youth so effective as the old-fashioned corporal punishment; Ladybug, away doubtless on public service, flies home to find her house in ruins and her children in flight; the old woman tossed up in the blanket typifies the eternal feminine ambition to sweep the cobwebs off the sky; the man who so agilely jumps in and out of the bramble bush, in his efforts to prove that like cures like perhaps heralds the doctrine of homeopathy. And so it goes!

All of which is a lengthy prelude to the editorial confession of supplying parodies upon Mother Goose as headings to chapter letters. It is a temptation to illustrate our theory; it seems appropriate to feature an up-to-date version of our nursery rhymes as a greeting to the freshmen; and it gives the writer an adequate excuse to indulge in the harmless diversions of her youth!

## THE GAMMA PHI MAN

Once upon a time—so the story goes—a certain chapter, appreciating the loyalty of its various fathers, husbands, brothers, sons, sweethearts and friends, recognized this loyalty by a charming little affiliation service which resulted in a renewal of devotion, a strengthening of the bond, and—incidentally—an oriental rug! One recommends such a recognition—not as a means to an end—but as a friendly compact and acknowledgment of masculine comradeship and aid; since fathers should be the prime ministers of a college chapter, since husbands are the steady bulwark and background of an *alumnæ* group, since brothers and sons belong by right of tradition to the inner circle.

Here's to the Gamma Phi man!

## SCHOLARSHIP—AGAIN

A glance through the chapter letters shows a decided emphasis upon scholarship, and a splendid activity and interest in this line. Theta has just been awarded the Panhellenic cup annually offered to Denver University by the Denver Woman's Panhellenic Club; Xi is accorded first place on the Idaho campus; Alpha Gamma claims the highest average in the University of Nevada; Alpha Iota is ranked second among seventeen organizations. Kappa is bending every effort to keep the scholarship urn; Lambda records a list of fine incentives; Pi is stressing study and carefully supervising study tables; Alpha Delta chronicles a determination "to head all sororities in scholarship." All of which is an inspiration for the close of one year and the beginning of the next!

## ALUMNÆ SENTIMENT

From time to time, *THE CRESCENT* assumes the title of *Alumnæ Number*, believing that this vital and enthusiastic part of the organization should be duly reported, explained and advertised. *This* time there is no schedule of meetings and there is no outline of program; but, rather, a wealth of personals and an expression, in the form of short articles, of *alumnæ* sentiment and *alumnæ* advice. The Girl with the Ideal leaves the matter of moral to the reader—but there *is* a moral. The problem of *alumnæ* indifference finds a solution; the necessity of a challenge from an *alumnæ* chapter to its entering member is a matter for reflection and action; the question of the *alumnæ* share of rushing is seriously considered pro and con. The eternal puzzle "how to be active though an *alumna*" is definitely answered; the matter of a career is discussed from a new angle; and the influence of *alumnæ* is clearly defined. Altogether, our *Alumnæ Number* offers a variety of topics that deal with the present day existence of the *alumnæ* chapters.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CRESCENT CORRESPONDENTS

Remember that no reminder of the next letter for the FEBRUARY CRESCENT will be sent. This letter is due JANUARY FIRST.

Send a typed letter. For this issue, Delta, Kappa, Nu, Tau, Chicago, and Ann Arbor sent written letters.

## PROVINCE CONFERENCES

The Conference of Province Two will be held the week-end of November 12 at Ann Arbor; that of Province Five on November 26-27 in Denver.

## HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT

Alpha is beginning another season of basket-ball.

Gamma announces the excavation of the new house.

Delta has a plan whereby each member lives at the chapter rooms at least two weeks during the college year.

Epsilon declares that its new home has expanded to the level of the first story.

Zeta boasts a new apartment.

Theta has won the Panhellenic scholarship cup.

Lambda has for scholarship incentives the sum of fifty dollars from the alumnæ, two scholarship cups, a Phi Beta Kappa cup and a freshman award.

Xi has a tiled floor in the dining room, a glassed-in porch on the second floor—and is first in scholarship.

Omicron celebrates Dad's Day.

Upsilon has found second year bidding not entirely satisfactory.

Alpha Gamma claims a member who has received the scholarship offered to the most worthy freshman.

Alpha Delta is planning for a home of its own.

Alpha Epsilon expects to begin its home on January first—and that it is to be built in the style of a Spanish casa.

Alpha Eta has a second semester pledging.

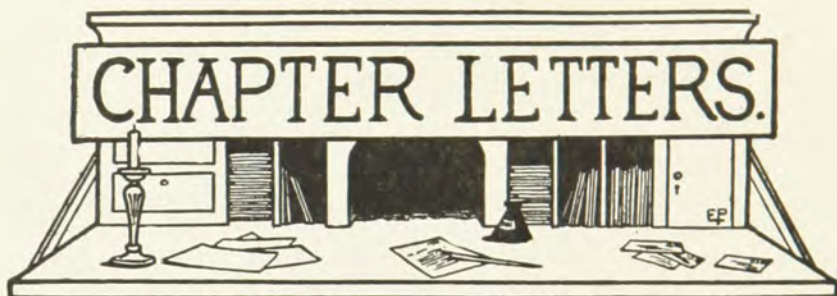
Alpha Iota is second among seventeen in scholarship.

Alpha Kappa has started a house fund.

DEATH OF DR. MOSS

As the magazine goes to press comes the sad message of the death on November 8 of Dr. Charles M. Moss, husband of our beloved founder, Frances E. Haven Moss, and loyal friend of Gamma Phi Beta. Dr. Moss, known to the entire sorority through his associations in the early days and his many services to the organization, has always been a cherished friend of many members to whom his death will come as a personal loss. Dr. Moss will be buried on November 11—Founders' Day—and further detailed notice will be given in the February CRESCENT.





## DELINQUENT COLLEGE CHAPTERS

*Mu*—Virginia Greene  
*Rho*—Adeline Taylor

*Chi*—Edna Rickard  
*Alpha Beta*—Audrey MacBride

## ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

*Freshman maiden, flower-laden,  
 What does your date book show?  
 Crowded noons, and crescent moons  
 And Alpha girls all in a row!*

Disgraceful indeed to have been delinquent, and yet even that may have its compensations for now we can write about recent events, and not of things that however delightful, are perhaps partially dimmed by the long, lazy months of summer vacation.

First of all there are our new pledges, nineteen in number—a splendid delegation. They are: Virginia Barnes, Barbara Hoyt, Dorothy Jones, Gladdeus Milligan, Marion Paltz, Marion Wagstaff, Beatrice Wose, all of Syracuse; Sarah Bliss, Hornell, N. Y.; Helen Burrett, Montclair, N. J.; Margary Frost, Carthage, N. Y.; Dorothy Horton, Porto Rico; Ethel Horn, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Mary Hoyt, Monticello, N. Y.; Roberta Layester, Cazenovia, N. Y.; Louise Littlepage, Washington, D. C.; Elizabeth Schneider, Erie, Pa.; Helen Ross, Maplewood, N. J.; Ruth Stanton, Buffalo, N. Y.; Virginia Tucker, Shateateles, N. Y. To say that we are proud of them seems almost a platitude for already they are proving their worth, not only by their fine cooperation with the chapter, but by their eagerness to plunge into college life and college activities.

And while we are speaking of activities we wish to say that Alpha is not slipping the burden of campus representation wholly upon the shoulders of its "youngsters." Again Patricia Young is women's cheerleader, this time wearing varsity letters on her blazer. Dorothy Stark is on the Big Sister Committee for the Y.W.C.A., and Edith Burton is Chairman of the Hospital Work for the same organization. Margaret Butler, has recently been promoted to an assistant editorship of the *Daily Orange*. At the Big Sister Party, Friday, October 8, a traditional event at Syracuse, Helen Johnson, "Bunny" Hastings and Edith Burton amused the freshmen women with a clever song and dance act entitled "The Doll's House."

Now that rushing is about all over, we are looking forward to the time when we shall have Laura Latimer Graham as our week-end guest.

NADYNE WYTTIE

ENGAGEMENTS

On March 27, 1926 Helen E. Johnson, '27, to Mr. Nestor J. MacDonald of New York City.

MARRIAGES

On September 6, 1926 Ethel Dunlop to Mr. Edward M. Jolly of Schreveport, Louisiana.

On June 19, 1926 Isadore Goddard to Mr. Edwin G. Kilby.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Ride a steam horse  
To Ann Arbor of course,  
To hear the whole Province  
In weighty discourse!*

The college year is yet so young that the outcome of rushing is about all that there is to report, but with that outcome we are certainly more than pleased. The arduous week and a half of rushing was well repaid when on Pledge Sunday we pledged eleven splendid freshmen. Four of them are from Jackson, Michigan: Katherine Chase, Helen Kortenhoff, Ruthmary Pittler, and Lorraine Werner. Two are from Detroit: Delphyn Johnson and Laura Joslyn; Virginia Boown is from Grand Rapids; and from Pennsylvania are Dorothy McKee and Estele de Journo. Barbara Hewitt is from Leominster, Massachusetts, and from La Jolla, California comes Harriet Gridley. Our freshmen class is indeed a representative one and among them are two Gamma Phi sisters—Ruthmary and Harriet.

Mary Hellyer has been initiated into Kappa Beta Pi, a national legal sorority, so naturally we are all very proud of her.

It was indeed regrettable that Helen Reece McCallum, due to the combination of scholastic and domestic duties, was forced to resign the presidency of the Women's League for this year.

Just now we are all looking forward to the week-end of November 12, when the conference of this province will be held here. We feel that it will be the source of new inspiration for us, and of a renewed pride in Gamma Phi Beta.

JESSIE FORBES

ENGAGEMENT

Katherine Hubbard, '27, to Mr. Kenneth Smith, Delta Alpha Epsilon.

MARRIAGE

Orra Spencer on October 9 in Ludington, Michigan, to Mr. Graeme Reid.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

*Little Jack Horner  
Sat in a corner  
Guarding the freshman pie;  
He put in both thumbs,  
Drew out twenty-eight plums  
For Gamma of Gamma Phi.*

This year will indeed be remembered in the future by all interested in Gamma Chapter activities. We have had a land-slide, as someone aptly put it and we have completely wiped up the campus and taken in twenty-



eight of the most desirable girls entering college this fall. Other sororities envy us in secret, and openly congratulate us. These girls come from all parts of the country and represent a high class group, of which we expect great things. The future of Gamma rests upon Jane Biggar, Ruth Bressler, Gladys Bundscho, Margaret Schermerhorn, Helen Day, Oak Park, Ill.; Helen Bunge, Helen Colman, Mary Wing, La Crosse, Wis.; Margaret Hogue, Jackson, Miss.; Edith Holmes, Chicago; Kathleen McIntosh, Edgerton, Wis.; Viola Nash, Wisconsin Rapids; Edith Nugent, Dowajiac, Mich.; Eleanor Kaufman, Sheboygan, Wis.; Ruth Temple, Terre Haute; Elaine Herold, Relay, Maryland; Helen McLellan, Margaret McLellan, Burlingame, Cal.; Maxine Towle, Wausau, Wis.; Helen Reitz, St. Louis, Mo.; Margaretha Borniman, Elkhart, Ind.; Virginia Stearns, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Eleanor Anderson, Elizabeth Durand, Milwaukee; Marjorie Gallagher, Shawano, Wis.; Grace Hill, Helen McDonald Aurora, Ill.; and Jane Campbell, Salem, Ohio. Rose Lauder was replugged.

With such a crowd of active girls and our new home which will be finished for rushing next year, we expect to perpetuate the high quality chapter we have striven to maintain. The plans for the house are gradually being fulfilled. The lot is being vacated and excavation begins soon. Mary Clark Brittingham, '89, is managing everything in her most capable manner, and the excitement caused by each new study of the plans equals that caused by the announcement of an unexpected engagement.

Open house was as crowded as usual, and the same fraternities represented each year again brought their pledges to meet ours. This open house which we have once a year is followed by an open house of a sort, after the homecoming game, when all of our alumnæ come back to see us. Fathers' Day also means a gathering here at the house and the week-end period is filled pretty thoroughly for them, President Frank welcomes them at the Fathers' Banquet which has a larger attendance every year.

We learn with surprise this year that we have Lita Bane, Omicron, '12, teaching here at the University. Miss Bane has been doing research work in Washington for the past two years, and received the 1925-26 fellowship for Home Economics Research work. She is a member of Omicron Nu and an honorary member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, also acting president of the American Home Economics Association. We are indeed proud to be able to claim Miss Bane as a sister.

Louise Rousseau, '16, is with us this year in the capacity of chaperone, after her year abroad. Not content with her duties at the house, she is studying in the Speech Department and we consider ourselves very fortunate to have her with us. Helen Broughton, '28, is back in college this fall, after a year at home. Helen Reitz, a new pledge, is running for the office of secretary on the freshman ticket, and Margaret Schermerhorn is prominent on Sophomore Commission, and Y.W. work. Mary Louise Campbell is head of the Junior Advisory System, which has so simplified the task of helping freshmen women this year.

DOROTHY A. BATEMAN

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Simmons (Dane Vermillion, '23), on August 16, daughter, Eloise.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Culver (Edith Dodd, '16), on August 17, a son, John Bob.

#### MARRIAGES

On June 8, Pearl Hocking, '25, to Mr. Richard C. Emmons, professor of geology at the University of Wisconsin.

On September 1, at Milwaukee, Wis., Marie Kerr, '25, to Mr. Benjamin Pearse, Psi Upsilon, '24.

On September 11, Marion Quain, ex'29, to Mr. Harland A. Sterrett, of Bismarck, N. D.

On October 9, at Janesville, Wis., Marguerite Baines, '24, to Mr. Willard Rendall, Sigma Phi.

On September 15, at Chicago, Margaret Campbell, '25, to Mr. Gilman Taylor, Theta Xi, '25.

#### ENGAGEMENT

Marjorie Bigar, '26 to Mr. Haddon Lucas, II, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, University of Missouri.

#### DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are  
In the college world so high!  
Delta's pledge to Gamma Phi!*

You say Delta has dwindled! We must admit our number is small this fall, due to inevitable circumstances, but did you say she lacks courage? No, indeed! like the little kitten in the midst of a gathering of ferocious dogs, she bristles. If activity in the form of rushing, loyalty personified by regular attendance and participation in meetings and enthusiasm in her dealings count, Delta is not small but mighty.

Our interest during October was on the marble, the meeting place and rushing center for all the students of Boston University. When rushing is at its height, the marble seems to come to life and as an older advisor either frowns or smiles at the hesitating freshmen, as they go this way and that, dividing into groups which later are to represent the pledges of each sorority.

With each fall comes new hope. May we discover those who are truly Gamma Phi Betas at heart and who will feel with us that Gamma Phi Beta is the living symbol of the best that is in life.

Following the rushing comes the period of reaction, when we feel that the world is hesitating a moment for us to get our breath. We have had luncheons, dinners, teas and parties, our life has been one of gaiety and frivolity and then we settle down to the seriousness and worth while things exemplified in our pledging and pledgers.

Each member of our chapter is living at the rooms at least two weeks during the college year. In these days just before Christmas that privilege is eagerly sought, for Boston in its most festive garments brings joy and opportunity to all.

Delta sends sincerest wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

RUTH CHANDLER

#### MARRIAGE

Esther Carrier to Mr. Wheeler Hawley.

#### EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

*Hark! Hark! The horns do bark,  
The freshmen are coming to town.  
With wiles and smiles and fetching styles.  
(Fourteen in double brown!)*



Rushing is at last over, and we are swelled up with pride over our fourteen pledges. Under the able guidance of Jo MacRae and Lucille King, we certainly have reaped a most successful harvest, and are justly proud of our most recent additions. They are: Josephine Fawcett from Nevada, Iowa; Florence Harvey and Margaret Habenicht, from Des Moines, Iowa; Dorothy Hediger, Katherine Heberling, Eleanor Lawson, Almo Malivitz, and Helen McCoy from Chicago; Helen Lenehen, and Dorothy Vaughan from Western Springs, Illinois; Anne Phelps from Hinsdale, Illinois; Flora Belle Kinnebrew from Shreveport, La.; Jeanette Wilson from Stevens Point, Wis.; and Wilma Rusbolt from Ironwood, Michigan. A great deal of thanks is due to our faithful alumnæ for their valuable assistance during rushing.

We are now deep in the throes of classes, and campus activities. Our revered and honored Al Dibble is already doling out scholarly advice to freshmen, in her capacity of President of W. S. G. A.; and Gladys Crimmins, another one of our remarkable and esteemed seniors, has sponsored the most successful Big Sister Party ever given at Northwestern. This is an affair given every fall to help the new freshmen become acquainted, and Glad has done her best to promote a friendly feeling among all women students.

Our long anticipated house has grown beyond our wildest fancies, and has now passed the foundation stage and has expanded to the level of the first story.

We miss the sisters who have not returned this year, and hope that they will have a successful year; and in the meantime, we who are left will "Carry On."

MARY NANCY LOUCKS

#### ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

*What shall I sing? What shall I sing?  
"Zeta's own rush has begun with a swing."*

With the calendar fairly screaming at me, I have been trying to put this off in order to send the list of Zeta pledges, but the last call for CRESCENT letters, finds us on only our third day of rushing, with pledging almost a week off.

Last Saturday night in our new rooms, we introduced about sixty-five freshmen to Gamma Phi which though gasping at times under wall strain made a noticeable impression, even more of a one, in fact, that the committee had hoped for, before the furniture and chapter were moved in and the paint applied. The apartment is, we'll say just one of the most, attractive among the sororities here, and so say the freshmen. We have quite a bit of new furniture and rugs and may even be said to border upon the palatial in our most highly cleaned moments.

Francis Burkhalter is rush captain this year. In addition to being president of the athletic association, she is one of our list of college worthies, which facts causes freshmen jaws to drop as, with off hand gestures, the famous sisters are pointed out.

Admitted that rushing never rushed that could not become hectic, surely that rushing which occurs in the middle of the college year seems most furious. With the greater part of a student body devoutly intent on being educated, witness the sad state of the sister who tried to prepare lessons a week in advance and found most of them changed by the time she got to them. The interval between the opening of college and the rushing gives us, however, almost our only opportunity to make up a list, for we may

do no summer rushing. Things look rosy this year, with plenty of good freshmen ripe for plucking and here and there, one who glances invitingly toward Gamma Phi.

WILHELMINA WARKENTIN

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

*Little Miss Muffet  
Sat on a tuffet  
Eating a peach parfait;  
With Eta beside her  
Quite eager to guide her,  
She followed the Crescent way!*

Rushing, this fall, proved very successful for Eta since we added twelve lovely girls to our list. Out of these, three are sophomores, one is a junior and eight are freshman. They are: Janet Byrnes, Jean Bogle, Jane Holli-bird, Ila Wilcox, France Johnson, Marion Kennedy, Merva Martin, Eleanor Tynan, Wilmer Jordan, Nancy Cothran, Edith Johnson and Virginia Curt-ner. Ten of the new girls have moved into the house, which is unusual for us, since we generally have quite an empty house, the majority of the girls living on the outside.

We had our fall initiation on September 10 and 11, at which we initiated three new girls and three old ones. They are: Janet Byrnes, Jean Bogle, Wilmer Jordan, Rena Sandow, Elizabeth Brock and Christine Graves. Fol-lowing initiation we had our fall banquet, which took place at the chapter house. Katharine Boole, '26, was our toast-mistress; Wilmer Jordan, '27, Erica Berne, '29, and Carolyn Whiting, '28, were called upon to give us their ideas regarding sorority life and its influence from their various rungs on the ladder of life.

A small and informal bridge party was held at the chapter house a few days ago, by our active alumnae chapter, for the benefit of the Gamma Phi Beta Scholarship fund. It was so successful that the alumnae has decided to have a number of these informal affairs throughout the year, to take place instead of the usual large one which has always been given in the spring.

The next event of importance on our social calendar will be the Formal which we are going to have on November 5. This we will tell about in our next letter.

CLARA WHITING

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

*Theta true  
Of Denver U—  
Sit by your fire and grin!  
Take your Cup  
And hold it up,  
And call your neighbors in!*

Our annual house-party, on the week-end before registration, opened our rush season in a lively way. Pep prevailed during the three days spent in a mountain resort. There were all kinds of stunts: a treasure hunt, a costume banquet and dance, horseback riding, midnight peanut and olive feasts, campfires on the hillside at night, and Gamma Phi songs and snake dances. Did we have a good time? Yes, and a little bit more!



During the formal rush week, the campus saw us dashing around to five big parties and plenty of personal rushing in between times. At noon on the first day we boarded the good ship Gamma Phi (which was really our own double brown Lodge) and enjoyed a regular seamen's luncheon while we listened to sailor songs and watched the deck hands dance. The second morning saw us venturing on a Treasure Hunt—of course the gypsy trail led us to a cozy inn where a treasure breakfast waited for us. Then for variety's sake we followed the lead of Krazy Kat and landed at a bridge party on Wednesday. The next day, to change from pep galore to a bit of the serious stuff, we had a Candle Light Tea. On Friday only personal rushing was done and no parties were allowed by our local Panhellenic. Saturday found us at the loveliest party of all—our traditional progressive dinner—and we led our rushees to the Pot of God at the Rainbow's End.

Early in the wee small hours of the following Monday morning we pledged ten lovely and lovable girls—Dorothy Albright, Mary Elizabeth Fouse, Helen Ramsey, Allene Smith, Joy Kinkle, Blanche Taussig, Lucia Young, Justine Sarkisian, Agnes Hawkins, and Lucille Sanderson—and followed the pledge service with a Victory Breakfast, for Theta had pinned the crescent on each girl whom she bid. On the same eventful day we entertained our pledges at a chapter supper at the Lodge, and on the next Monday night we had the mothers of the pledges as our guests at a buffet dinner.

On October the fifth we pledged three more to the ranks of our order, Helen Henry, Lydia Day, and Alice Dickson were the happy girls. These, with three pledges left from last semester, Myrna Louise Sydner, Burnette Moore, and Gertrude Winne make sixteen pledges for our freshman leader to train.

Chapter activities which keep us busy are—weekly suppers at the Lodge, a Tau-Theta luncheon before the D. U.-Aggies football game, a fraternity tea in honor of our pledges, an informal dance at the Lakewood Country Club also for our "Pride and Joy." During the province convention we shall help the Denver Alumnae Chapter entertain the delegates.

Our president, Isabelle Birney, is busy not only with Gamma Phi affairs but also with campus activities. She is the secretary of both the Student Association and the Woman's Student Council, and is the vice-president of Kedros, honorary women's scholastic fraternity, and is a member of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet.

I must not forget to tell you of our ten pounds which came to announce the engagements of Janet Milligan to Richard Rhon and Margaret Terry to Franklin Garrison. We wish both couples happiness.

Then, as our climax, we announce the winning of the Scholarship Cup offered by the Denver Woman's Panhellenic to the sorority at the University of Denver whose scholastic record is highest. This cup will be presented to the chapter president, during the annual fall luncheon of the City Panhellenic. *One word more—we intend to keep that cup!*

RUTH WOMBLE

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

*There was a group in U. of M. and it was wondrous wise,  
It pushed its way in scholarship and carried off the prize!*

Rushing, under the direction of Janet Christofferson, the most hectic time of the year, and pledging with all its joys and surprises, have been successfully completed for another year. Just one week ago, on October

second, we opened wide our doors to a brand new group of future Gamma Phis, whom we feel sure will continue to make Gamma Phi Beta well-known on the Minnesota Campus. Our pledges are: Jean McGlashan, Elinor Thompson, Grace Cornwall, Mary Reinhart, Marion McCoy, Esther Dairs, Virginia Bollinger from Minneapolis; Margaret Watson, Florence Weibmer, Martha Hagaman, Mary Louise Hohn, and Alice Fitch from Saint Paul; Esther Martin and Nilla Kara Jacobsen from Luverne, Marion Bachelder from Brainerd, and Gertrude Patterson from Chicago. Marion Gere of Saint Paul and Eva Marjorie Morris of Minneapolis were re-pledged. Gertrude has already joined the group of girls living at the house, and we hope that two of our other pledges will soon be here.

Things have quieted down very much and we are resuming our studies anxious to keep Kappa near the head of the list in scholarship, both on the campus here and among the other chapters of Gamma Phi. All activities, however, are not academic, for we have representatives on the U. S. G. A. Board, Helen Carlson and Virginia Barr as Secretary and manager of the U. S. G. A. Bookstore respectively; Katherine Baker on the Homecoming Committee as Chairman of Open House. Helen Rhode as Social Chairman, and Alice Jean Bacon, as head of basket ball are both on the U. A. A. Board.

On Tuesday, October twelfth, three pledges are to be initiated into Gamma Phi Beta: Harriet Glenn of Mankota, Jean Cochrane of Lake City, and Helen Carlson of Austin.

Football games have started and, of course, Open Houses are beginning. Saturday, October ninth, we had held our first one to introduce our new pledges. On Friday, October fifteenth, comes the first party of the year, an informal dance given by the actives for the pledges.

We have lost one of our juniors from the ranks this year, for Margaret Sparling, is abroad, studying at the University of Geneva. Though we miss her greatly, we know that she must be having many wonderful experiences, and only hope that she will return to Minnesota again next year.

ALICE JEAN BACON

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

*Curly Locks, Curly Locks, now you are ours;  
We lunched you and dined you and crowned you with flowers,  
You've sat on your cushion and graciously smiled  
As we smiled back at you, you adorable child!*

Out of the chaos of rushing came twenty-four most promising young pledges, surely a goodly reward for honest labor! "Twenty-four!" does someone groan? A large number truly, but we challenge any chapter to cut down on such a list as ours. It just couldn't be done for we would not spare a one! From Seattle we have Betty Cotton, Phyllis Graham, Louise Brady, Marian Donahue, Pat Kennedy, Jane Brehm, Anne Hill, Nan Saunders, Edna Eikenbary and Elizabeth Pearce, while our out of town list includes Helen and Elizabeth Demerest, Virginia Cornell and Jean Kelly of Tacoma, Harriet Frust of Spokane, Kathryn Moore of Sedro-Woolley, Anne Donovan of Everett, Helen Coburn of Wenatchee, Catherine Gallow of Aberdeen, Cornelia Ireland of Portland, Elsie Harvey of Walla Walla, Wilma Brishin of Bellingham, Mary Virginia Hart from Idaho and Rachel Porter from Wallace. Cornelia Ireland, Elsie Harvey, Jane Brehm, Anne Hill, Nan Saunders, Anne Donovan, Virginia Cornell, Wilma Brishin



and Mary Virginia Hart are truly Gamma Phi sisters in all senses of the word.

Rushing, though fun, is hard on both rushee and rusher, and we are all very grateful to settle down complacently with our twenty-four new freshmen and really to get acquainted. Not to forget real work as well.

Our next problem is less fun but quite as important. Dean Haggett whom we are so proud to claim as a Gamma Phi, gave us most unselfishly of her busy hours and inspired us all to help put Gamma Phi on the top of the scholarship list. Last year's comparative list is not yet published, but we are hoping to see that last spring's grinding was not all in vain. With the fifty dollars which our alumnae gave us for our standing of third on the preceding year's list, we established two scholarship cups and a freshman award as an incentive to spur us on in unwilling hours. Elaine Gorham was awarded the Gamma Phi ring for the highest freshman average and Virginia Saunders and Bernice Smith were the first to have their names engraved on our new Sophomore and Junior-Senior cups. Bernice Smith was also the sixteenth on our Phi Beta Kappa cup.

When it comes to a fall letter, Lambda is a bit hard put to it in order to keep up with other chapters which have had a longer period of activity. not that we wish to underrate ours! For one week of college we think we have twenty-four very good results! Social activities, of course, are only beginning, so far being restricted to a tea for the new mothers. Plans are already under way, however, for a tea for our alumnae, when we hope to get better acquainted with them all. Needless to say, we are as anxious as a mother hen to show off our new chicks! Rumours of informals and things have been floating about, and no doubt will take definite form before very long.

We are all anxiously awaiting pledge lists from other chapters and we hope everyone will have as big a year as we are planning.

EILEEN BELDEN

#### NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

##### *This is the house that Nu built!*

We held a very successful rushing season in our new home. As our house was not completed in time for rush-week last year we had to use all sorts of "make-shifts," at that time and this year we appreciated more than ever our nice new home with all its pleasant conveniences. Our freshmen, are very desirable girls, and those from Portland are Rose Crowley, Nancy Luckel, Edivena Goebel, Mary Mildred Reynolds, Harriet Casey, Jane and Josephine Price, Harriet Atchinson and Elizabeth Cress. Elizabeth Eastman is from Boise, Idaho, Dorothy Coffin from Los Angeles; Blanche Johnson, Anthena, Oregon; Norma Stoddard, Baker, Oregon and Mary Wood, Albany, Oregon. The sophomores are now making preparations for a dance to be given in honor of pledges.

We are expecting many alumnae to visit us during Homecoming this year which is to be a particularly interesting event because of the inauguration of our new president, Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, and the Semi-Centennial celebration which two events are to be combined with the Homecoming program.

The Mothers' Club in Portland have been very busy all year raising money to help furnish our new home. Their newest presents are a beautiful Chinese rug for the reception hall and a handsome table lamp for the living room.

Nu Chapter is looking forward to a very successful and happy year.

DOROTHEA PREAL

MARRIAGES

On July 10, Elizabeth Setters to Mr. Robert Dodson, Delta Tau Delta.  
 On May 29, Eleanor Holman to Mr. Harold Burkett, Theta Chi.  
 On August 4, Elizabeth Nelson to Mr. Charles A. Henderson.  
 On September 1, Areta Littlejohn to Mr. Francis Claire Jurney.  
 On September 8, Bernice Davies to Mr. George England Bronaugh, Sigma Chi.  
 On September 26, Gertrude Livermore to Mr. William Wilder Heusner.  
 On May 20, Catherine Henderson to Mr. Victor Risley, Phi Gamma Delta.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

*Cock-a-doodle doo!*

*Here's thrilling news for you,*

*Xi is first in scholarship!*

*Cock-a-doodle doo!*

You'd hardly know us at Xi Chapter! We're "new" from the tiled floor in our lovely dining room to the glassed sleeping porch on third floor! You see they've been making our house over all summer, and now it is all finished and "wonderful." But then that is only a beginning of the new things at our house . . . for instance, the fourteen new pledges who have "just arrived" namely—Lavina Mason, Rigby, Idaho; Margaret Barry, Emmett, Idaho; Caroline Parker, Boise, Idaho; Louise McKinney, Spokane, Wash.; Jean Allebaugh, Boise, Idaho; Katherine Steele, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Irene Rouer, Nampa, Idaho; Marjorie Woods, Twin Fall, Idaho; Grace Zudreele, San Francisco, Cal.; Ruth Ramstedt, Moscow; Frances Clemmer, Spokane, Wash.; Dorothy Simmons, Kellogg, Idaho; Alice Vang, Kellogg, Idaho; Lucile Haddock, Shoshone, Idaho.

After listing these very lovely new things, do I dare mention the new telephone on the third floor? But I think of those "alums" who have passed on without a telephone on the third floor, and I want to tell them about it here, because they will know what it means.

Words cannot express our happiness over the results of rush week. It was a glorious success from the first Pink Carnation Tea to the night when we all came down stairs holding tight to a newly promised pledge.

Activities are coming over the top at Xi this year. Six of the girls have made the play production class; several of them have just been honored with class officers. Athletes, "song birds," pianists, actors, are springing up every day from the ranks of our new freshmen. Last but not least, of our achievements during the past year, is our scholarship record. We were first of all the nationals on the Idaho campus. Were we proud?

Do you all have a Homecoming week-end, as we do at Idaho? And do you all get to where you "just can't wait" for the big occasion? That is where we are now. Our biggest rival, Washington State College, is to play here on that glorious date and we're all gnashing the bit and prancing to go! Will we win? Foolish question—we HAVE TO on *that* day!

Our football team just arrived home today, victorious, from Missoula. The score was 27 to 12! Now if we can only show W. S. C. some of those tricks. We all went to the train to meet the team and it was a hilarious rally with the Gamma Phis first on the scene—as always—and not a member missing. You could just hear every one say, "Aren't the Gamma Phis LOYAL!"

We hope to have our next letter full of the doings of our new pledges. And if they continue through the year, with the spirit in which they have begun, none of us shall be disappointed.

LUCILE EATON



## OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

*Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn,  
The streets are crowded; 'tis pledging morn,  
"Where is the girl with the roguish eye?"  
"She's just been pledged to Gamma Phi!"*

We were made very happy in the pledging of thirteen girls who we feel are really fine Gamma Phi Beta material. They are: Mary Booth, Morrison, Ill.; Gertrude Day, Chicago; Elsie Doss, Monticello, Ill.; Elizabeth Cook, Urbana, Ill.; Ruth Flanders, Dubuque, Iowa; Constance Foote, Champaign, Ill.; Margaret Leach, Joliet, Ill.; Dixie Mason, Aurora, Ill.; Mona Shimmin, Chicago; Mary Spencer, Champaign, Ill.; Jean Stingley, St. Joseph, Mo.; Sarah Worst, Aurora, Ill.; Marion Wright, Aurora, Ill.

We also wish to announce the initiation of Marian Scott, '29, and Elizabeth Stingley, '29. We feel that we are starting upon a successful year. Our pledges have already distinguished themselves. Mary Booth, '30, was chosen one of eight out of one hundred and sixteen applicants to sing in the Glee Club. Jean Stingley and Constance Foote were selected for Star Rhetoric Class upon the merit of their literary ability. We are assured that we will have much to relate in the future CRESCENTS of the accomplishments on the campus of our pledges.

To turn backward to last spring, Mary Burnier, '26, was chosen one of the eight representative Illinois women who were elected by popular vote. We also remind you that Mary was a member of Mortar Board and Phi Beta Kappa—one of the most outstanding girls in the history of Omicron.

Vaile Dry was appointed to the first cabinet of the Y. W. C. A. and Geraldine Turner to second cabinet. Virginia Supple and Geraldine Turner were chosen members of Torch, the junior honorary society, holding the offices of treasurer and president, respectively.

Audrey Miller, '27, retired from office as president of Alethenai Literary Society, and Helen Werts became vice president. Audrey Miller is also a member of the Glee Club, while Ruth Hibbs, '27, sang in the opera "Robin Hood."

Bernice Sloan, '29, made Alpha Lambda Delta the freshman scholastic society. She also had the highest grades in the chapter, having her name inscribed upon the Omicron scholarship cup.

We are at present in midst of fall activities, planning Homecoming and Dad's Day—not to mention the Supper Dance we are giving November thirteenth to introduce our pledges.

It is our sincere wish that all chapters are looking forward to as happy and successfully a year as Omicron anticipates.

GERALDINE TURNER

## MARRIAGES

Kathryn Stubbs to Mr. Harry M. Gombrel, Phi Delta Theta, Mr. and Mrs. Gombrel are at home in Pueblo, Colo., 112 Central Block.

Kathryn Baird to Mr. Paul Stewart, Alpha Sigma Phi.

Irene Styan to Mr. Wayne Nolan.

Alice Carter to Mr. Augustus Inglesby Nosmith, Mr. and Mrs. Nosmith are making their home in Shoahsing, China.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Vernalee Burpo to Mr. John S. Sharp, Phi Delta Theta of Ohio State.

Mariam Killifer, '25, to Mr. Carol Schenkle, Phi Mu Delta, University of Illinois.

Mary Christine Stubbs, '21, to Mr. Samuel Fleck Graham, Bally Claire, Ireland.

#### BIRTHS

A daughter, Bernice, to Cornellia North Wheeler.

A daughter, Helen Jane, to Helen Burpo Mathias.

#### DEATH

We offer our sincere sympathy to Frances McElhiney Evans upon the death of her husband, Mr. J. H. Evans.

#### PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

*Sing a song of rushing  
All for Gamma Phi,  
Fourteen happy freshmen  
Baked in a Pi.*

With a dynamic opening of the college year, the persistent rushing in which Pi had so zealously indulged approached an exciting climax and a joyful ending. Three busy but pleasurable days in the stately Pi house proved very profitable, for at the banquet which we gave on pledge night there appeared fourteen delightful and happy co-eds, who were adorned with the brown and mode ribbons. On the night of September thirteenth, formal pledging gave to fourteen impressed freshmen, fourteen shining pledge pins: Bonita Dudley, Norfolk, Nebraska; Sue Hall, Omaha, Neb.; Eunice Hammer, Washington, Iowa; Dorothea Kind, Crete, Nebraska; Theodore Klose, Seneca, Kansas; Phyllis Mousel, Hastings, Nebr.; Leona Pelz, Blue Hill, Neb.; Bernadine Rigg, North Platte, Nebraska; Gladys Solso, Laurel, Nebraska; Nyle Spieler, Lincoln, Nebr.; Dorothy Uptegrove, Onawa, Iowa; Bernice Weekes, Beatrice, Nebraska; Gertrude Welch, Omaha, Nebraska; Miriam Wheeland, Chicago, Ill.

We are very proud of this promising group, although already they have become bold enough to steal our silver and slip away for dinner. Of course, they were duly punished! Already, Bernadine Rigg has been elected to Mystic Fish, the freshman honorary society at the University of Nebraska.

As soon as rushing was over, our enthusiastic rushing chairman, Joy Schaefer, amazed us all by suddenly announcing that she would be married in a few days. We regret the loss of this energetic girl, but we wish her all the joys in the ranks of charming matrons. Katherine Gallagher has been elected as our new rushing chairman. "K. G." is another go-getter, who will fill Joy's place very competently.

Grace Hall has left us temporarily, but we expect her back after Christmas. The travel-loving Grace didn't get enough of her vacation trip in time to return to Nebraska in September, so she remained in Los Angeles for the first semester.

As soon as we could settle down to campus life, we held Open House for the freshmen to introduce them to everyone. To further increase their acquaintance we gave a house dance on the night of October ninth. One glimpse into the swaying revelry gave evidence of its success. Among the guests that week-end were Katherine Neal and Ruth Weddell from Alpha Delta Chapter, and also two charming rushees from Omaha. I might add that Sigma Chapter has extended us a kind invitation to visit them, and a number of us hope to accept on October twenty-third, when Nebraska plays Kansas in football.



Among other things for which we are striving, Pi Chapter is making a special effort in scholarship. We realize that we can do much better than we did last year, and everything possible is being done to encourage good work. The pledges attend study table regularly and the initiated girls are co-operating gladly with ideals for improved scholarship. We are awaiting anxiously the first quarterly reports.

At the close of college last June, the girls discovered that they had many articles of winter wearing apparel which they could no longer use. We decided to have a Rummage Sale and thus make use of all the excess clothing which no one wished to carry home. With the willing aid of the alumnæ, we have prepared to hold the sale on October 16, and hope for a decided success.

It is not inappropriate to include here the fact that our alumnæ have been very interested and helpful this year in all our activities. In fact, during every week-end we have enjoyed the presence of some of them at our house. We appreciate the maintenance of such a lively interest.

DOROTHY PUGH

#### MARRIAGES

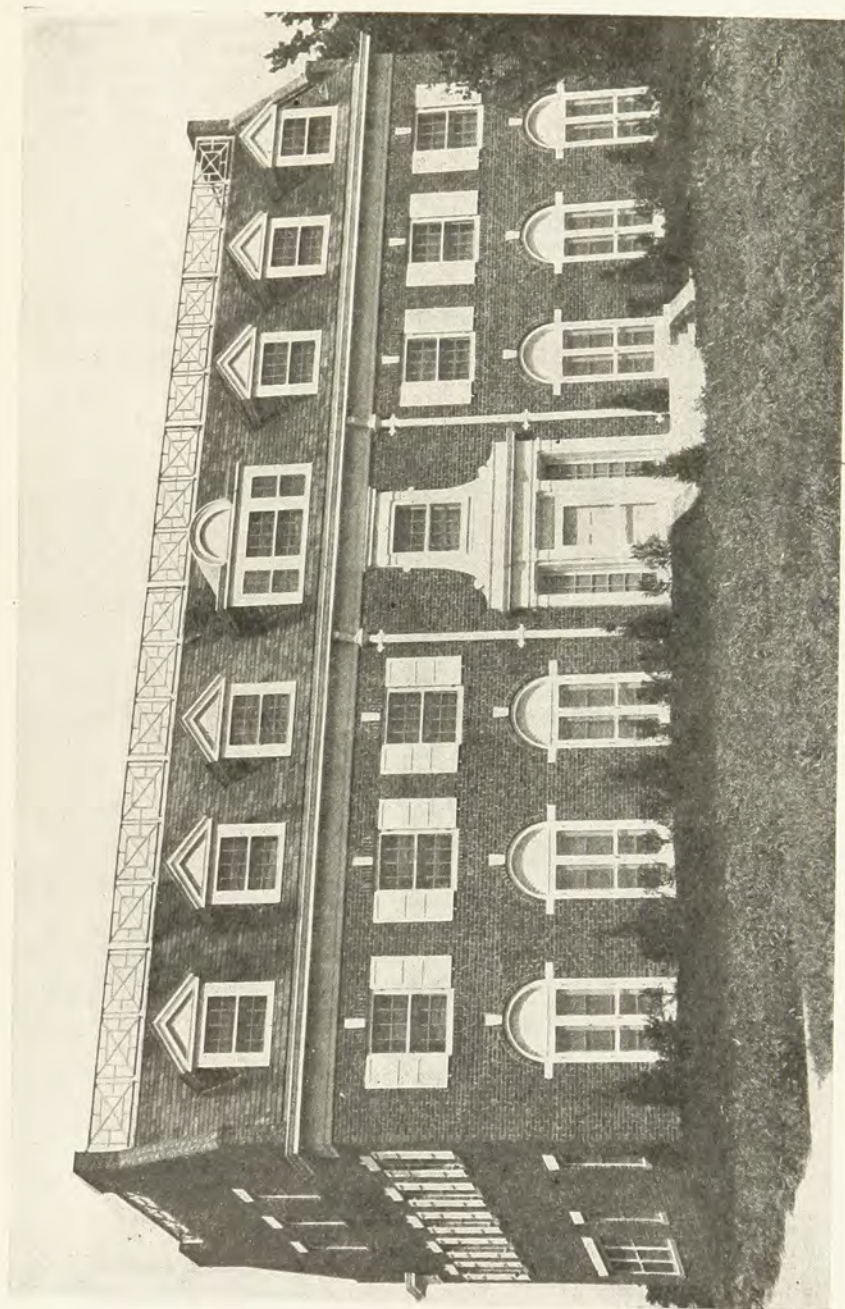
Joy Schaefer to Mr. William Henry, Delta Tau Delta.  
Lucy Goll to Mr. Rowland Dennen, Acacia.

#### SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

*Jack and Jill went up the hill  
To watch the rush incessant.  
Jack bowed down to double brown  
And Jill put on the Crescent.*

Our last CRESCENT letter ended with remarks prognosticatory of an excellent rush week and, indeed, since they were not at all amiss we will continue our narrative from that point. Wednesday before rush week, with the sudden influx of twenty three actives, the house began to take on an appearance of life and bustle after a three months internment. By Sunday the alumnæ had swelled the number to a goodly fifty seven and then—things began to happen. But before we tell you of the things that began to happen we will take this time and space to print our appreciation of that grand spirit of co-operation which our Sigma and Kansas City Alumnæ have always shown and which was particularly in evidence this fall.

That thing which finally happened was pledge service on the following Thursday for Helen Blier, Martha Taylor, Frances Payne, Lois Wise Stone, and Constance Nuckles, Kansas City, Missouri; Jessie Belle Van Deventer, Kansas City, Kansas; Ruth Linscott, Topeka; Edith Billings and Lavone Clemens, Pittsburg; Doris Burnette and Virginia Yates, Lawrence; Christine Schermerhorn, Wilson; Grace Vaniman, Hoisington; Dorothy Markley, Minneapolis; Virginia Derge, Lebanon; Doris Lewellyn, Garnett; Elizabeth Denman, Independence; Pauline Cost, Hutchinson; Mary Brown, Horton; and Virginia Kennedy, Blue Mound. As twiglets on the tree of Gamma Phi Beta they have already shown a great affinity for the mother trunk by running off from dinner and sending a note (accompanied by an odiferous bunch of onions) to the effect that they were "strong for Gamma Phi Beta."



SIGMA CHAPTER HOUSE



At the time of the writing of this letter fall elections have not been held and only a few of the organizations have held tryouts for membership. However, of those which have, McDowell announces the membership of Elise Arbuthnot, Laura Margaret Mellette, Frances Payne, Louise Ridgeway, and Virginia Derge. Glee Club membership has included Jessie Belle Van Deventer and Barbara Becker; and Margaret Amos, Dorothy Stone and Edith Billings are in the east for the Fashion Show.

A Faculty Tea was held September 10 at the chapter house and guests included university officials as well as heads of the departments and each member's individual instructors—a list well over the hundred mark. Future events include Homecoming, October 23, Founders' Day Banquet, November 6, and our annual fall Pledge Party given by the actives to the pledges, November 13.

Unfortunately we cannot write of their success but, still being in a prognosticatory mood we plan to enjoy them immensely.

ALEENE CRANSTON CARTER

#### MARRIAGES

Kay Warring to Mr. De Allen, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

La Verne Branaugh to Mr. Harry Stover, Pi Upsilon.

Marjorie Lynch to Mr. Frank Farnsworth, Pi Kappa Alpha.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kohler (Lola Smith, Tau and Sigma), a son, Richard Charles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Barrett (Lois Robinson), daughter, Ruth Anna.

#### TAU—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

*Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man,*

*Make a cake as fast as you can.*

*Spice it and ice it, and send C. O. D.*

*In time to use for Tau's rushing tea!*

Tau Chapter began the year under a great handicap with only eight active girls back, the smallest number the chapter has ever known.

Rushing was very difficult due to the large number of girls in the competing sororities, and the long and strenuous rushing period. During this time we were allowed to take the rushees automobile riding, to the cane-rush and to football games. The final week of rushing ended with a formal dinner party given by each sorority. We entertained at a formal progressive dinner given at the homes of our alumnæ.

Out of the twenty desirable girls on the campus who were rushed by all of the sororities, Tau was successful in securing nine of them—Gladys Benson, Marion Dooley, Georgia Fleming, Gertrude Hardy, Esther Land, Thelma Schlieter, Edelyn Smith, Louise Wilson, and June Wood.

STELLA FAIVRE

#### MARRIAGE

Mildred Long to Mr. Cornelius Brown.

#### BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Burnett, October 8, a daughter.

## UPSILON—HOLLINS COLLEGE

*Ring-around-a-roses  
Pocket full of posies  
(Posies fair  
Beyond compare  
In Upsilon!)*

The summer passed as swiftly as a bird on the wing. The fall came and suddenly we found ourselves back at Hollins. Immediately we were hurled into the midst of rushing season for this was the climax of our system of second year bidding. The sophomores were rushed madly by some, very calmly by others. The season lasted for four days and on the fourth the bids were sent out. Panhellenic does not feel that second year bidding proved an entire success here, but of course, one year is not a fair trial.

Upsilon is very proud of her new pledges, Alice Robinson, Mary Agnes Snyder, Betty Steele, Margaret Wade, Elizabeth Pride, and Elizabeth Rivercombe. We shall all rejoice when they can be initiated.

There is not much personal news that I might tell you. Each Gamma Phi is making herself a part of the "Hollins Spirit." Each one is doing her best to be of some service on Campus and to take an active part in all campus activities.

We do want you to know a little about the social life we live. On Sunday afternoon we have tea from five to six, and sometimes we make this Open Tea—that is, we bring as our guests, both sorority and non-sorority girls. Also, each year the chapter goes to "the Cabin" for a week-end. "The Cabin" is located about ten miles from Hollins, and we are our own cooks on these trips. The whole time is spent in roving about the country and in enjoying nature. Already this fall we have had an outing; for on Sunday morning last we went to the Hollins Falls for breakfast. One can hardly realize the real fun of cooking flap jacks, and of frying bacon and eggs over an open fire until she has really had the experience.

MARY ELLEN FRANKLIN

## PHI—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

*"Where are you going my pretty maid?"*

*"I'm going to college, sir," she said.*

*"What is your major, my pretty maid?"*

*"Gamma Phi Beta, sir," she said.*

Phi Chapter has scarcely recovered its equilibrium from an exciting and thrilling rush season. Our fifteen pledges are just the sort that Gamma Phi always chooses. They are: Eva Repal, Ray Culler, Dorothy Oath, Dorothy Mohrig, Betty Seewir, Martha Severson, Elizabeth Tatman, Virginia Louise Smith, Evelyn Fischer, Beatrice Schulty, Dolly Ridgeway, Kathleen Reeves, Marion Burge, Hildegard Reucker, and Betty Schall. All of the girls are charming and their accomplishments are many and varied. Although activity tryouts have been few in number Phi is already well represented in some of the most prominent campus organizations. Glee Club claims six of our freshmen; Chapel Choir, two; *Hatchet* Staff, one; Little Theatre, one; and many of the important tryouts are yet unannounced. All of the pledges promise to be the up and coming kind that will put the chapter first in everything.



We are full of thrills this year because in addition to our pledges, we have three fine affiliates: Hazel Van Cleve from Omicron, Gale Lattimer from Omega and Florence Good from Sigma. Florence has promised to write a skit for Co-ed Vodvil and Hazel is a capable and interested pledge advisor.

Sibley Merton, one of our juniors, has made Ternion, the Junior Women's Honorary Association, and others of the upper-classmen are working hard for Gamma Phi.

With our 1926 officers, Phi is looking forward to a busy and successful fall and winter.

GLENN MAY

#### PSI—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

*Heigh, diddle, diddle,  
The cat and the fiddle—  
And Psi's reached after the moon!*

Rush, rush, our inevitable success. This year's season was started by a formal banquet in Oklahoma City, and now, we can firmly say that "it pays to reach for the moon," after having pledged over eighteen wonderful girls. They are: Doris Beidleman, Ruth Glasco, Ida Lee Kendel, Deido Shaw, Fay Cameron, Billie Hammett, Vera Shidler, Frances Massey, Hannah Welsh, Katherine Pearson, Erskine Hogue, Charlotte Hill, Margaret Palette, Katherine Fullerton, Ona Denner, Maxine Burt, Marie Ellington, Helen Hugos, Gertrude Magee, Joyce Saunders, and Anita Berg.

After the glorious rushing, all the girls, new and old have settled down to real studying. And with efficiency and willingness playing as prominent a part as it does, the whole year will be as satisfactory as the first few weeks have been. But how could it be other than great when Gamma Phi Beta is recognized in every activity on the campus?

*"With our colors flying high  
Who could reach us or come nigh  
We are up and wide awake  
Honors, never fail to take."*

The honors are two Mortar Board members, Joyce Burt, who is president and Mary Ann Saunders, treasurer; Elizabeth Massey, president of Panhellenic; Pauline Redwine, president of Blue Curtain; Fay Naylor, president of Eurodelphian; Corinne Rackley, secretary of Riding Club, and Lucille Farmer, who just this week was chosen Band Sponsor.

GERTRUDE RABON

#### OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE

*Domestic Arts  
Prepared some tarts  
All on a rushing day.  
These self same tarts  
Charmed freshmen hearts  
And pledged them right away.*

Everybody was here on the dot, parties all planned for pre-college rushing everything ready to tell everybody else, everything prepared for the biggest of all our big years at Iowa State.

All of the desirable freshmen passed through our house and we kept thirteen of what we consider the very finest girls. Our new pledges are: Gertrude Barth, Humboldt; Emmeline Sheldon, Mt. Ayr; Janet Ferguson, Charles City; Elvina Johnson, Emmetsburg; Natalie Tunnicliffe, Davenport; Margaret Manning, Ames; Doris Erwin, Ames; Bernice Ownby, Winthrop; Mildred Adams, Mankato, Minn.; Gertrude Schell, Sibley; Helen Ann Thomas, Sioux City; Helen Reilly, Des Moines; Kathryn Chase, Clinton.

Then we turned from rushing to initiation and put the Gamma Phi Beta pin on Louise Burnett, Des Moines; Emily Jammer, Rock Rapids; Kathryn Bell, Springville.

And now we are at college in earnest, and in addition to making an enviable house average, we expect to make a mark in activities with the start which we already have: *Jack O'Lantern*, Dorothy Heryford and Anita Andrews; National Collegiate Players, Frances Nuckolls; Panhellenic, Marjorie Peacock, our house president, and Virginia Buck, the president of that same Panhellenic; Woman's Guild, Marjorie, Virginia, and Miriam Griffith, who is its secretary.

Our representative to the League of Women Voters is Winogene Wunder—the house politician. Cassie Laughlin will ride again in Little International this year. We have enrolled in the newly organized Dramatic Club, Anita Andrews, Isabel Thomas, Helen Schultz, Frances Nuckolls, Kathryn Bell, Cassie Laughlin, Winogene Wunder, and Emily Jammer. Marjorie Peacock is in charge of the Junior (featured) section of the *Bomb* and Frances Nuckolls is Associate Woman's Editor. Miriam Griffith is our Sophomore Council girl and Anita Andrews and Dorothy Dean Heryford were Big Sister Captains.

Virginia Buck is national president of the Student Home Economics Club, and is the chairman of the Catherine McKay Loan Fund. And finally, Anita Andrews is secretary of the Hec Club, and Florence Willson is our Mortar Board girl; while Virginia is the first president of Omicron Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron.

With this beginning, we feel justified in saying that we are to have a busy and successful year.

EMILY JAMMER

#### ALPHA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

*The rose is red, the violet blue—*

*(And Gamma Phi's English rose is—you!)*

It is difficult to visualize the interest, the charm, and the altogether delightful impression emerging from the activities attendant upon the opening of our college season; but I hasten to affirm that it opened with its own peculiar poise dear to the heart of the collegian, socially, captivating, and in many respects thrilling to every member of the sorority.

The freshman year is of unusual promise. One day we meet an excellent crowd of girls, and again the next day an equally interesting group. The Toronto Panhellenic is trying a new plan. No rushing for the first three weeks, then open, concentrated rushing for two weeks. Then again there will be that charm of contact, and the forming of life-long friendships, which is our most high and holy purpose. On the final curtain—we have high hopes that it may descend upon a "coupe d'oeil," an ensemble of merit in the annals of the sorority.

Our campus honours are again of interest. Doris Shiell won a French scholarship, given by the Ontario Educational Department, entitling her to continue her studies at the Sorbonne. A fellowship in Household Science



has been awarded to Mary Copus, and she is now assisting in University College. Irene Brown, our sorority president, has been elected president of the Spanish Club. Alpha Alpha is also very proud of one of our worthy "grads," Charlotte Valentine, who has become Dean of Queen's Hall.

Seasonable events of some distinction bestow the social calendar. Of outstanding interest is our coming sorority dance, in the Crystal Ball Room of the King Edward Hotel, achieving a two-fold purpose, firstly, to promote that spirit of friendship and scholastic unity so richly suggested in the term "Alma Mater," and secondly, to supply the treasury with that which encourages its existence and enshrines its purpose. Another event of interest is the marriage of our popular sister, Helen Burford, on October the twelfth, to Mr. Arthur Vernon, and we are sure that the many good wishes showered upon them, will be ratified tenfold.

One of our rushing parties this year will be a Chinese dinner, which now has almost become a tradition of the sorority, and has been so aptly described as "a surprisingly delightful means of orientation." After hearing of such enthusiastic praise, you may just imagine the impression it has made on our former rushees. Then, too, a treasure hunt is on foot, one which we hope will enthuse by anticipation and conform by realization, and in our next letter we shall tell you of the gems we have found.

DOROTHY MCCORMACK

ALPHA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

*Little bits of knowledge*

*Little grains of sand*

*Make the wary freshman*

*Very hard to land.*

*(But Alpha Gamma did it without a chapter house!)*

In spite of many trials and tribulations, Gamma Phi Beta has again come out on top on the Nevada campus. We have nine new pledges, all wonderful girls, every one of them! They are: Edme Peterson and Sylvia Cromwell, Carson City; Barbara Horton, Virginia City; Arlene Springmeyer and Maryemma Taylor, Garnerville; Inez Loomis, Katherine Loring, and Lucy Cresenzo, Reno, and Justine Rogers, Fallon. We are certainly proud of ourselves for, you see, we were not able to have a house this semester, and here a sorority without a house is usually left out altogether. We have already started in to look for one for next semester, and we intend to make up for lost time by having the best house on the campus. Just now we are all living in Manzanita and Artemesia Halls, and, although we are enjoying it for a change, still we sigh often for the good times we had last year in our own house.

Our "big tea," given during rushing season, was considered the best ever given on this campus, and at that we're trying our best not to boast. It was an Old Virginny affair given at the home of Janet Morrison. All the girls were dressed in colonial costumes, and we had pickaninny entertainment, a make-believe negro orchestra, and real old Southern food. Our rushees were so impressed that the whole campus had heard about every detail of our tea before the day was over.

On October 8, we gave a dance in honor of our new pledges. The favors and programs were sent us by some of our alums who are living in Los Angeles, and we certainly appreciated their thoughtfulness. Our girls all looked their prettiest with sparkles in their eyes and thrills in their hearts as they "tripped the light fantastic" to the best music in Reno.

We have had more than our share of campus honors, but, of course, we are never loath to accept them. Pauline Wren, our house president, made Cap and Scroll, a woman's honorary society. Elizabeth Coleman was elected women's representative on the Finance Control Committee and we have a corner on the offices in the junior class since Le Verne Blundell is vice-president and Lillian Pearce, secretary. One of our new pledges, Arlene Springmeyer, has already brought us another honor—as newly elected vice-president of the freshman class. We are not far behind on our scholarship, either. Lorretta Miller won the Robert Lewers Scholarship of one hundred and fifty dollars last semester as the most worthy freshman, and Lorretta and Le Verne made the honor roll also. We are all trying our hardest to have the highest sorority average again this year, and with so much determination and a lot of hard work, we hope to achieve this ambition.

We are planning on taking a big part in Nevada's celebration of Homecoming Day on October 23. As we cannot entertain our visiting Gamma Phi Betas in our house as we usually do, we are to have a luncheon in their honor at the Golden Hotel. Gamma Phi will be represented in the Homecoming Day Parade, too, by a clever float, the details of which are a deep, dark secret until the day itself arrives.

We have yet another exciting event to look forward to—the Nevada-California football game in Berkeley. We always have a special train, with dancing in the baggage car, and for two days at least the University of Nevada has moved to Berkeley. There is always a last minute rush, of course, and a scramble for a "lower, please," but, after all, life wouldn't be so much fun if everyone were always on time!

ROMAYNE FOLEY

#### MARRIAGE

Gladys Dickinson, '29, was married this summer to Mr. Max Allan, '28, who is captain of our football team this year.

#### ALPHA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

*Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone  
When she got there the cupboard was bare, and so the poor dog  
had none.*

*For little Miss Hubbard  
Had rifled the cupboard.  
(A Gamma Phi maid was she!)  
While the sugar and spice  
And all that was nice  
Had gone to the Rush Week Tea.*

When Riley wrote "When the frost is on the pumpkin . . . ." he might have added as his second line "and the autumn's in one's blood . . . ." because even a conscientious college student cannot be expected to take life or lessons too seriously on crisp, frosty days like these at "Mizzou."

Quite in contrast are these days of Tiger football spirit, steak-frys, and classes, to those hectic first days of September when all loyal members of Greek letter societies arrived on campus to make hasty preparations for a super-successful Rush Week.

Well I remember those first days in Alpha Delta house: fresh paint, turpentine, new curtains, new drapes, silver to polish, the lawn to be mowed, orchestras to be booked, floors to wax, windows to wash, flowers to be



gathered, refreshments planned, dates to straighten out, and in the midst of it all each girl attempting to realize an interpretive color scheme in her own boudoir. Then, out of chaos, that Sunday when all rushees arrived in town; a dismal, drizzly day when every old student went down to watch the Wabash and the Katy back in, each window full of heads and arms giving the appearance of a caterpillar.

With the exception of one rose-colored tea, which was rose and green from the bows of tulle on the floor baskets of gladiolas to the tiny pink-iced cakes with the Greek letters of Gamma Phi Beta in green on them, all our parties during Rush Week were in autumn colors of orange, burnt orange, brown and tan. We used zinnias, marigolds, goldenrod and thistles for our sole decorations.

It would be simple to write an entire letter on our rush parties, but results are the measuring stick, and our fifteen charming pledges are tangible, convincing proof. They come from Kansas City; Nevada, Mo.; Quincy, Ill.; St. Louis, Paris, Tenn.; Independence and St. Joseph, Mo., and their names are: Marie Louise Croysdale, Elsa Peabody, Martha Elizabeth Lloyd, Ruth Hardie, Marjorie Braham, Grace Dooley, Eleanor Gears, Dorothy Fick, Margaret Heim, Helen Servatius, Catherine Barrons, Minerva McEwen, Thelma Whitford, Mary Agee, and Margart Helman. Mary Ellan Hubbard of Kansas City is our new Freshman adviser, and having so recently been a pledge herself, we are confident that she will be exactly fitted to deal with freshman problems, and to instill in them love and respect for the ideals of Gamma Phi Beta.

We early established one definite, special goal for Alpha Delta, and that is to head the sororities in scholarship for this semester. Each member is intensively going out for grades and activities, feeling that the social side of our lives is firmly enough established that it does not require so much attention.

We of Alpha Delta cannot resist saying something about our chaperon, Mrs. Caroline Piazzek of Kansas City, whom we think is the most attractive chaperon on the campus, and we are certain that no sorority has a more charming hostess and a more staunch friend.

Our first social event of this year will be a Sunday evening Hallowe'en supper and musicale, on Sunday, October 17. In November we are looking forward to visits from the members of Phi and Sigma, when their football teams come to Columbia to play Missouri Tigers. Several members of Alpha Delta are planning to visit Psi Chapter, when Missouri plays Oklahoma at Norman on November 6.

Perhaps next time I can tell something of the "shining place" which we are daring to plan. However before I start off on all our hopes and dreams of a new house, I'd better count ten and wait for our next letter.

ANITA WINCHESTER

#### ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

*Jack be nimble—Jack be quick—  
Measure the house with your measuring stick—  
Hasten each board and stone and brick  
For Alpha Epsilon.*

The exciting days of rushing and pledging are over, but Alpha Epsilon is indeed proud of what she has to show for them—nine wonderful girls, all of whom are going to make our chapter of Gamma Phi bigger and better than it has ever been before. They are: Mary Baldwin, Chandler, Arizona;

Dorothy and Anne Houle, Tucson; Ione Sparks, Tucson; Dorothy Merser, Miami, Caroline Arrington, Cannadia, Texas; Mary and Helen Wisdom, Missouri; and Virginia Snyder, Ohio. Among them there is an abundance of talent, ranging from dramatic stars to athletes.

We are more than thrilled at the prospect of making our dream of a home of our very own at least become a happy realization, for we are actually starting building on the first of January. If our present plans materialize, we shall be able to occupy our gorgeous Spanish casa next fall. The very prospect of which fairly thrills us to the utmost.

Then, of course, in connection with the building proceedings are many plans for raising money. We are planning to have another rummage sale like the one which we put over so successfully last year; and besides this, we hope to have a weekly bridge tournament. If everything works as it should we shall raise at least \$200 the first semester. Peg Duffield and Pat Sponagle were the enthusiastic sponsors of this plan and at present raising money seems to be one aim in life.

We had our first house-dance in honor of our pledges on the night of October 8, and it was truly a happy affair for everyone had the best time imaginable. Two of our last year's alumnæ came down for it. This year we are having two Thursday teas a month, at which time several of the men's fraternities are invited over, and in this way we hope to have our pledges meet most of the men on the campus, a pleasant diversion from the somewhat dull college routine.

Last but not least come our activities, of which Alpha Epsilon is very proud. We hold the honor of having secretaries of two classes; Patricia Sponagle of the senior class, and Bonnie Wade of the sophomores. On the *Desert* we have five representatives—Lucile Chambers, Ethel Barter, Genie Pendleton, Helen Nelson, and Velma Belt. While Maureen Nelson is assistant society editor of the *Wildcat*. La Verne Rodee is vice-president of the Varsity Villagers, an organization for town girls. Helen Nelson holds the office of Treasurer of A.W.S. Martha Vinson is president of the Home-Economics club. Helen and Maureen Nelson are on the Y.W. cabinet, and Pat Sponagle is a member of the Wranglers, an honorary literary society. We also have several representatives in athletics, with Helen Nelson as sport-leader in hockey. In addition to all these Alpha Epsilon is expecting great things of her pledges.

MAUREEN NELSON

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Bonnie Wade to Sheldon White, Phi Delta Theta.

Alice Feeny to Russ Gardener, Sigma Nu.

#### DEATH

Maude Plunkett, '24, one of Alpha Epsilon's most beloved charter members, at her home in Globe, Arizona.

#### ALPHA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

*There was a wise chapter in old Texas U.  
It met so many freshmen it didn't know what to do.  
So it wiled, and beguiled and drew twenty-one in.  
Then pledged them all round with a wee crescent pin.*

It is with greatest joy that we write this letter, for we have already met with several triumphs since college began, and this year promises to be a golden one for Gamma Phi at Texas U.



Alpha Zeta *did* have a successful Rush Week—in fact, it was so very successful that it was positively breathtaking! We have twenty-one new pledges, all of them so “darling” that we cannot keep from “raving” about them. We have had ever so many people tell us that we have the best pledges on the campus, and it isn't hard to believe! Of course you want to know who they are, and we are happy to introduce them: Anna Belle Moore, Houston; Mary Lyle Vincent, Brady; Helen Drummond, Paris; Pauline Fertsch, Austin; Alice Marie Correll, Austin; Isabelle Mayes, Austin; Eloise Miller, Austin; Catherine Clark, Crowell; Christine Campbell, Tampa; Virginia Montague, Slaton; Margaret Wiseman, Lavernia; Mari Ellen Walker, Austin; Beryl Burnett, Stephenville; Elizabeth Cravens, Whitesboro; Imogene Pomeroy, San Antonio; Robbie Branch, Houston; Louise Hopkins, Texarkana; Nancé Brandenburg, Dallas; Doris Lea, Fort Stockton; Betty Dane Huling, El Paso, and Sammie Lee Rimmer of Austin.

Now to show you how splendid all these pledges are, we must tell you a few of the honors they have already won. By a large majority, Nancé Brandenburg was elected president of the freshman class; Eloise Miller has made Curtain Club; Christine Campbell is a member of both the Girls' Glee Club and the Girls' Choral Club; while Isabelle Mayes had three drawings in the first issue of the *Ranger*, our “college comics” magazine. Beryl Burnett is now on Junior Council; while Bobbie Branch is rapidly becoming a popular campus entertainer. She has given readings for the Hogg Debating Society, the West Texas Club, Speakers' Club, and the Pre-Law Association. Bobbie has been voted an associate member of Curtain Club, and moreover, she was enthusiastically elected vice-president of the Bible Study class which is led by Governor-elect Dan Moody!

One of the loveliest features of Rush Week for us all was the fact that many of our last year's seniors were with us then! Dorothy Ellen Shivers, Helen Boysen, Pauline Gibson, Kathryn Bryant, Irene Gibson, and Jeffie Irwin were here, while Aileen Burns and Elsa Erler came over for our Crescent Dinner on the last night. And Mildred Ellis Martin, one of our newest brides, came to that dinner, too, wearing her beautiful wedding gown which thrilled rushees and Gamma Phis alike! Florence Smith and Fannie Eisenlohr are here, too, and both are staying at the chapter house while teaching in the Austin Schools. Evelyn Farrell also came up for Rush Week, but she will not be in college this year. It is wonderful to have her here, and we are trying to persuade her to stay until our fall term dance, at least! And we are quite happy to have Mary Buckner in the house with us this year, for she is one of our charter members as well as one of our dearest sisters!

On October 3, Alpha Zeta held initiation for Mary Miller Cox, Austin; Mary Frances Llewellyn, Liberty; Velma Irwin, Austin; Mildred Ruckman, Austin; Helen Drummond, Paris; Elizabeth Cravens, Whitesboro, and Imogene Pomeroy of San Antonio. Our pride in these new Gamma Phis is surpassed only by their pride in their “dear little crescent-shaped pins!”

And while we are talking about our initiate members, we must mention some of the recent honors they have won, also. Mary Miller Cox has joined the Home Economics Club, and Francis Cheatham is a new member of the Rifle Club; while Eva Belle Huling-Quaid is president of Pierian Literary Society this year.

Since Gamma Phi Beta does take such a prominent part in college activities here, the spirit has already spread to our freshmen. We have heard that Betty Dane Huling, whose sister is Eva Belle, president of our chapter, remarked that she “wanted to be president, ‘cause all these Gamma Phis are presidents of something!” Now Betty Dane presides over our pledge

meetings, and when we heard of her remark, we were especially glad that her wish had been granted!

We really should tell you more about Mary Buckner, whom we are so glad to have back in the active chapter this year! Mary is in college, and is also an instructor in the department of Business Administration. Furthermore, she has just returned from Port Arthur, where she was maid of honor to the Confederate Union! We wish we could have seen her at the balls, for Mary is very blonde and very petite, and we know she must have been lovely!

These Austin business men are beginning to think that Gamma Phi Beta is the "daughter organization" of the Rotary Club, because we entertain the Rotarians at their luncheons so often. During the summer, Mary Buckner, Margaret Chamness, Glynn Mitchell, and Martha Chamness danced an old-fashioned square dance for them, first with four university men and then with four Rotarians! How those men enjoyed it! and how much fun we had, with our long hoop-skirts and tiny, tiny bonnets! But that was nothing compared to the stunt which the Gamma Phis gave for the Club not so very long ago. Fifteen of our girls gave a clever little skit which was written by Mrs. Steck, one of our patronesses. So, you see, it was a Gamma Phi stunt indeed!

Weddings, weddings, weddings! Cupid has certainly taken his toll from our girls in the last few months! We have had announcements of Nettie Turner's marriage to Robert Griffin, Frances Carlyle's to Howard Marshall, and Mildred Beall's to Roy Marek. And Mildred Ellis is now Mrs. Roscoe Martin! Roscoe is a government instructor in the University, while Mildred is teaching in the Senior High School here. Then, by the time this letter is published, we shall be able to announce the marriage of Gladys Miller and Cecil Morgan. Gladys has been entertained at several lovely affairs, including bridge parties, showers, and teas. Alpha Zeta gave a tea for her and our hostess, Mrs. Macfarlane, while the Faculty Women also honored her with a tea! And we are all invited to her wedding, where we are to have a place of honor!

To end this letter seems only to pause in an account of joyous events, but then, we must save something for next time mustn't we?

MARTHA CHAMNESS

#### ALPHA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

*Dickery, dickery dock!*  
*Panhell's changed the clock.*  
*The freshman, to test her,*  
*Waits second semester.*  
*Hickory, dickory dock.*

One of the most practicable and convenient measures which our Panhellenic Council has put into effect here at Ohio Wesleyan is a system of second semester rushing.

Such a system is working as a protection to the sororities and to the poor little freshmen girls who have been swept off their feet by "sudden popularity," a popularity which assumes great proportions at first, then suddenly ebbs away into sanity when the decision is reached and the new pledge begins the routine of her prep life.

Second semester rushing is advantageous inasmuch as a group has an opportunity to learn a great deal more about a rushee than first impressions will disclose. It is a convenient scheme in that we can settle down to our



regular work early in the semester and thus "get off on the right foot" with the faculty and ourselves.

One of the primary virtues of this newly inaugurated method of rushing lies in the chance given the quiet, unassuming co-ed to make a sorority. The present system enables the real substantial worth in this type of girl to assert itself over a period of time, while the other dashing, superficial, "dying for a rush" type is soon found out and pushed into the discard.

It is too early in the season for any definite data here regarding pledges and Alpha Eta, but we trust that when the final whistle blows on the "field of conquest" the crescent will adorn some very promising sorority material. There is every indication that the outlook is rosy with our efficient Hortense Fergus in the roll of Rush Captain.

A novel event in our college routine was "Campus Night," an over-grown pep rally featured by food, speeches, fireworks, and music in preparation for one of the big grid games. Six of our girls helped to make the affair a huge success.

A Republican Club has been organized here and our own Norma Nelson chosen president of the organization. We say, "On to the White House, Norma!" Eleanor Quass has been elected to the Boosters Club, while Katherine Whitney is a new member of the Psychology Club. Martha Borden is an active member of the Ohio Wesleyan *Transcript* staff, the official O.W.U. weekly publication.

A tea for Gamma Phi mothers and patronesses was held a short time ago.

RUTH STEPHENS

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Eleanor Quass to Mr. Rollin Stewart, Phi Delta Theta.

Marjorie Myers to Mr. Hugh McCracken, Phi Delta Theta.

Katherine Houk to Mr. Robert Austin, Delta Chi.

#### MARRIAGES

In June 28, 1926, Gwendolin Mills, '25, to Mr. Kenneth Hudson, Phi Delta Theta.

#### ALPHA THETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

*One foot up and the other foot down;  
Alpha Theta has guests who are coming to town!*

Well—with a big sigh of relief and likewise of anticipation! First the wherefore of the former. Rushing season is over and seven girls, unusually perfect even for Gamma Phi pledges are wearing the brown and mode pledge pin. Bettie Cooper, of Philadelphia, a transfer from Bucknell College, who writes clever little comedies; Mary Ruth Strother, of Madisonville, Ky., a charming little Southern girl; Juanita Browning, of Russellville, Ky., who is a transfer from Logan College; Virginia Nunez, of Beach Valley, Ga., a sister of one of the Spanish Professors; Charlotte Caldwell, of Nashville, a most adorable child; Helen Knott, of Nashville, who took her High School work in two years and who is a most attractive girl; and Elizabeth Matthews of Nashville who among many other attributes of great value, has just had two poems accepted by *Scribner's Magazine* and has been highly praised by an eminent critic—and they are even better than all that.

And now the reason for the latter. In two weeks Kathryn Allen Woodward, director of Province Three, will be with us for two days—the various note books letter files, membership index, the chapter library and

and the chapter in general is undergoing a complete upheaval in preparation. Business will of course be paramount, but we shall entertain a bit informally. Then Mrs. Graham will be with us the following week-end. It's our first contact with royalty, but we plan to take time off for four days and have lovely times that we will always remember.

We have affiliated our first transfer, Louise Lauche, from Tau Chapter, whose two older sisters have been president—each in her own time—of Tau. She is an enthusiastic Gamma Phi and has raised its stock enormously on the campus. We are quite settled in our old house, made new because of exigencies of our late fire. Last year's freshmen presented us with a handsome Orthophonic Victrola, console style. There are nine girls and our lovely housemother, Mrs. Ann Rankin Murray, of Nashville, staying at the house and of course you know we have fun. As to our fathers, brothers, sons, etc., we have only one son—little Edward Patton Leland age some two months, but our fathers have been such a great help with deeds and leases and mortgages and such. And our brothers always rush doubting freshmen with a triumphant haste. Anne Mathis Doyle is the only sister the Phi Kappa Psi Chapter has ever had, and by allowing Woodrow Wilson to share the honors with his two daughters we are able to return rushing favors.

We are looking forward to a perfect year—why not?

HELEN HOPKINS

ALPHA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN BRANCH

*A-dillar, a-dollar,  
An Alpha Iot's scholar—  
What makes her shine so bright?  
'Tis glory attendant  
And ever resplendent  
That comes from the crescent's light.*

Like tired, happy children after an exciting Christmas Day, Alpha Iota would sit back and gaze with admiration at her wonderful new pledges. They are our pride and joy—eight of them.

Already they seem an inseparable part of us, and why not? Veda Rees from Nebraska is reported to have thirteen Gamma Phi cousins and two sisters; believe it or not I shan't try to name them. Then there are the little Simonson sisters who boast a Gamma Phi sister from Ann Arbor. And Virginia Burd was once a pledge at Washington, where she imbibed much of our spirit; she has also the distinction of being the only real brunette. Frances Cloud, of the merry twinkling blue eyes, is said to have much dramatic ability. If Helen Austin, clever and artistic; Florence Hawkins, a mixture of businesslike and humorous; and "Babs" Malaby (her name just suits her) were placed side by side, it would be hard to say which is the blondest, but I think "Babs" would win.

How delightful to just sit back and gaze, but there is always tomorrow, and a big and better day is dawning for us and for our university. There is the new campus to think of, and the eight and one-half million dollar bond issue which *must* pass at the next election. There are campaign speeches to be made and flashers advertising the project, and it is rumored that Gamma Phi Beta is to have a skit at the Bond Assembly. Everything takes a back seat, even football, although let me shout it, we won our first conference game with the stupendous score of 42-7.



For the second time since our installation in 1924, a Gamma Phi has captured the highest position open to women, and Alpha Iota feels that she may well be proud of Louise Gibson, vice-president of the Associated Students. Indeed, by all indications, many a laurel will be carried away in activities. Elcy Eddy has installed and is editing the woman's page in our daily paper; she is also assistant editor of the Year Book, vice-president of Women's Interfraternity, and is on the Senior Board of Control. Hazel Tilson is president of the Art Club and on the University Elections Committee. Lucile Berry is a women's editor on the California *Daily Grizzly*. Carol Morse, our illustrious president, is serving on the Affairs Committee. Our pledges are not the only acquisitions we have made; Grace Hall from Pi is just giving us lots of helpful suggestions as to how things are done at the Nebraska chapter; and Agnes Wickham is a substantial addition to our circle from Arizona.

For a while this fall, Alpha Iota was pretty "blue" over the loss of her house-manager. Pat Chatfield received a wonderful opportunity to spend a year in Hawaii and is now basking herself on its sunny shores. We have become reconciled, however, for Thuel Ross is proving surprisingly efficient in the capacity of house-manager. And what a find we have made! Mrs. Ross has consented to be our new house-mother; and she and Thuel share the responsibility and are a "combination incomparable."

Pat is not the only one who has taken "the wings of the morning," as it were, Ruth Hubley is at the University of Washington this year and living in the splendid Gamma Phi house there. Evalyn Smith Dingfelder has taken a flying trip to the East, but she will be back for the next semester.

The time is growing short and so let me close with one big piece of news, received today while we were eating lunch. Gamma Phi Beta was second in scholarship on our campus last year—out of seventeen national Panhellenic sororities—excelled only by Sigma Kappa.

And now to each and every one of you, from the broad Atlantic to the blue Pacific, we in sunny Southern California extend best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

LUCILE BERRY

#### ALPHA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

*Rock-a-bye baby, on the tree top.*

*When the wind blows, the cradle will rock,*

*For the wind is just whispering a soft lullaby*

*'Tis the sheltering spirit of dear Gamma Phi.*

*Not for us are content and quiet and peace of mind,  
For we go seeking cities that we shall never find.*

Though we are Gamma Phi's neophyte chapter, yet we are in no way willing to let our aspirations fall behind those of the older chapters. We feel that this year will be a momentous one in the life of Alpha Kappa, a fact that increases rather than diminishes our enthusiasm. We appreciate the stimulus that other sororities on our campus are giving us; we realize it is now that our status will be determined; and the foundation of our reputation if not our character will be laid. Realizing our inexperience, we would be most grateful to receive letters from the older chapters. It would tend to obviate our problems if we were familiar with other rushing methods, other methods of financing, other literary exercises and social activities.

Preparations are under way for our annual Mother's Tea, which we hope will prove as successful as last year. Founder's Day is the occasion of our formal banquet, and this affair, together with our dance, which takes place later, form the most important social events of the year.

Many latent talents were brought into use this summer in an attempt to establish a house fund. The plan was so successful that we have decided to try it again next summer. Meanwhile we occupy our old quarters, which we have so outgrown that only part of the Alumnæ Association is able to attend each meeting.

Our Inter-Sorority Council, already well established, has decided upon a concentrated rushing season to take place in January, with informal rushing until then. We are looking forward expectantly to a visit from some of our American sisters, and we only hope that we will fulfill their every expectation.

EDITH POOLE

#### DELINQUENT ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

*Seattle*—Mrs. Russell Callow

*Los Angeles*—Kathryn Smith

*Reno*—Alice Brown

*Madison*—Mrs. E. S. Sullivan

#### CHICAGO ALUMNÆ

##### *Conference—Bazaar—Crescent chatter*

Not a great deal has happened in Chicago Alumnæ Chapter since our last letter, so we will tell you a little of our plans for the fall and as this is to be alumnæ number of *THE CRESCENT* we shall include a number of personals concerning Chicago Alumnæ.

Due to the fact that there is a football game every Saturday in October we are changing our October meeting from the usual luncheon at Fields to a Sunday afternoon tea, held on Sunday October 17 at Marguerite Stokes, 1020 Asbury Avenue, Evanston. The conference for Province II is to be held in Ann Arbor on November 12 to 14 and Marjorie Etnyre is to represent us there.

On Saturday, November 13, we are to dedicate our wonderful new stadium at Northwestern and on Sunday, November 18, we shall have our Founders' Day tea.

Bazaar, which has now become an annual affair, is to be held on December 4 at the North Shore Hotel. Mildred Golden and Gertrude MacRae are in charge, as they live at the hotel and are very capable girls. Mrs. E. J. Allen of the North Shore District is to manager the card party held in the evening in connection with the bazaar.

*Crescent Chatter*, which has comes to mean so much to out of town Gamma Phis, is being edited this year by Helen Northrup and will appear before Founders' Day.

Everyone is beginning the year with a great deal of enthusiasm and I am sure it promises to be a successful and happy one.

GLADYS WILLIAMS PFEIFER

#### MARRIAGES

On October 9, Elvera Woolner (Epsilon), to Mr. John Baker, Sigma Nu, Purdue. Mr. and Mrs. Baker will live in Detroit.



Isabel Orchard (Epsilon), to Mr. Darwin Murray. Mr. and Mrs. Murray will live in Evanston.

On November 11, Norma Craven (Epsilon), to Mr. John Freeman, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman will live in Evanston.

On October 9, Pat Moses (Epsilon), to Mr. Harry Smith, brother of Gertrude Smith of Epsilon. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will live in Evanston.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cutter (Dorothy Wales, Epsilon) in July, a son, Richard, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brown (Rowena Gamber, Epsilon), a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hubert I. Hardy (Elizabeth Mills, Epsilon), on September 2, a son, Robert.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carey (Esther Stoffel, Epsilon), a daughter, Barbara Anne.

#### PERSONALS

Kathleen Wright and Betty Burlingham are teaching in Gary, Indiana.

Katherine Redfern Calhoun has moved to Evanston from Finley, Ohio.

Vesper Dickson Crosswaite has moved to Fort D. R. Russell, Wyoming where her husband is a lieutenant in the regular army.

Peg Weigand Burnham was back for rushing.

#### ENGAGEMENT

Clara Steele to Mr. Stowe Witmer. They will be married on November 1, and live on a ranch in Colorado.

#### SYRACUSE

##### *Bazaar for University*

"If an Alpha meets an Alpha"—the first question is, "Are you making something for the bazaar?" We are thinking, eating and sleeping "Bazaar" these days. It is a tremendous task to carry through a project such as we have planned, and our loyal Bazaar chairman, Mrs. Grace F. Marot is working like a Trojan—keeping our spirits up and seeing that very Alpha girl sends in a donation. We are determined to make this a big success and as the proceeds are to be given to our University, we feel confident of finding cooperation everywhere. We are planning to hold the sale on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving at a well-known down town club, and our articles are going to be unique and salable.

A letter arrived last week from Laura Graham, our devoted president, which said that she will be with us in Syracuse on October twenty-seventh. She is coming in the capacity of visiting delegate and we are now busy with plans for her entertainment. We are exceedingly glad to know that she is coming—we have a great number of intricate problems that are bothering us and from past experience we know that she will help us.

Congratulations are in order to the active chapter for the splendid results of their rushing this fall. Seventeen charming girls make up the new freshman class, and without question the chapter deserved this sweeping victory—they worked together like a machine and no cogs slipped!

The annual corporation meeting was held at the chapter house October eighth, and we had a long business session. It is not hard to imagine the amount of business that accumulates during a year, and undoubtedly the meeting was adjourned with a sigh of relief! However we accomplished much and the results were certainly worth the energy expended.

Is it too early to wish everyone a Merry Christmas? It really is not very far off, and let's hope every shopper buys gifts at our Bazaar!

FRANCES WARD RICE

PERSONALS

E. Marion Peters is with us again after a year's study in Paris and a year in New York. She is at present taking her Master's degree in painting at the University.

Ernestine Wiltse, '24, is Sunday Society Editor of the *Syracuse Post-Standard*.

Elita Hyde, '25, is continuing her art studies in New York.

Gladys Timmerman received the Civil Service appointment of Librarian at West Point, and has been on her new job since September first.

BOSTON

*Concerning Boston's vice-president*

Quoting from Miss Barbee's letter to all Gamma Phi Crescent correspondents "Will you send as much news as possible concerning your *alumnæ*."—may I diverge a little and include a personal in my *Crescent* letter. I would like to give you just a brief story of our Mary Ingraham Wren and of the activities in which she is engaged. Besides being the wife of Dean Wren of Tufts College, which calls for much social activity in itself, she is vice-president of our Boston *Alumnæ* Chapter and is an ardent and loyal member. She has also been active in the Boston Panhellenic Association, holding in rotation the offices of treasurer and secretary. Outside of sorority interests, Mrs. Wren is now president of the New England Women's Club, chairman of the Publicity Committee of the Republican Women's Club and on the Board of Directors of the Womens' City Club, an organization of from 5,000 to 6,000 members. But busy as she is, she always has time to give to Gamma Phi affairs and Boston Chapter is surely proud to have Mary Ingraham Wren affiliated with it.

GLADYS KINGMAN

PERSONALS

Nellie Allen, '25, is spending the winter in California.

Fannie Ashley, '25, is teaching English at Oldfield's School, Glencoe, Maryland.

Bessie Drew Barbour, ex'06 of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, has been visiting her sister-in-law, Florence Barbour, '09 of Wollaston, Massachusetts.

Mildred Cheney, '19, is engaged in social service work at the Danvers State Hospital, Danvers, Massachusetts.

Helen Clark, '14, is teaching at the Everett High School, Everett, Massachusetts.

Betty Macy Kauffman, '20, has moved into her new home at 22 Hyde Street, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts. Betty's home, 100 years old, has been remodeled and is now most attractive with its antique furniture.

Gladys Kingmans, '21, is now secretary to Dr. Samuel A. Levine, a well-known heart specialist in Boston, Massachusetts.

Hope Pillsbury, ex'23, has moved to Newport News, Virginia.

Olive Prout, '25, is teaching English at Vermont Academy, Bellows, Vermont.

Lucia Ryder, '25, is attending an elocution school in New York City.

Pauline Sawyer, '24, is taking a two year's course in salesmanship at Jordan Marsh Co., Boston, Massachusetts.



Edith Snow, '20, gave a short library course at the New Hampshire State College in August.

Isabelle Sweetser, ex'25, is taking a salesmanship course at the E. T. Slattery Co., Boston, Massachusetts. In the fall, Isabelle is planning to take a course at the Prince School of Salesmanship.

Grace Durgin Waite, '02, has moved into her new home on Norfolk Street, Wollaston, Massachusetts.

Marjorie White, ex-'23, is teaching in the Sharon High School, Sharon, Massachusetts.

Leah Wood, '14, is on a month's auto trip to California via the southern route.

#### MARRIAGES

Esther Carrier, ex'27, to Mr. Wheeler Hawley of Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Hawley are to make their home in Madison, Wisconsin.

Lorraine Winter, ex'22, to Mr. Harold Burhoe of Westboro, Massachusetts.

#### NEW YORK

##### *Panhellenic luncheon and ball*

The first meeting of the year was held on October 19 at the home of Grace Burgard Holcomb. In the absence of Becky Bowe Cornwall, our new president, Mary West Easterbrook presided. Laura Latimer Graham, told of her intended trip of inspection to chapters located at Cleveland, Delaware, Nashville, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Ann Arbor and Toronto.

Grace Zimmerlin Cumber, who is chairman of the membership committee for the coming year, told of her plans and it was decided to have a Founder's Day party on November 8. Other meetings are to be held on December 4, January 15, February 14, March 14 and May 9 and we shall be delighted to have any Gamma Phis who are visiting in New York attend the meetings.

The luncheons at the McAlpin have been discontinued as many informal parties have been planned to raise money for our share of Panhellenic stock.

A Panhellenic luncheon is to be held at the Astor Hotel on October 30 and a Ball will be held at the Plaza Hotel on December 10.

HELEN CODLING HALSTED

#### PERSONALS

Marion Herbert Andrews, Theta, '18 and her family have moved from Brooklyn to Great Neck, Long Island.

Grace Burgard Holcomb, Gamma, '14 and her sister Ruth Burgard, Theta, recently returned from a trip to Bermuda.

Edna Stitt Robinson, Iota, spent the summer at Bay Shore, Long Island.

The Rev. and Mrs. Chester J. Hoyt, of Elizabeth, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Hoyt, to Dr. Walter Coolidge Chapin, of 681 Fifth Avenue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Chapin, of Deer Park, Oglesby, Ill. Miss Hoyt attended Centenary Collegiate Institute of Hackettstown, N. J., Goucher College, Baltimore, and graduated from Barnard College in 1924.

Ruth R. Shearman, Alpha '03, and her husband returned in October from the Midnight Sun Cruise to Norway and Sweden.

The marriage of Willie Carter Witt, Hollins and Barnard, to Mr. Edwin F. Blake, '25, will take place on Tuesday, October 26, in Tampa, Florida.

The engagement of Julia Gant, Alpha, '22, to Edward W. Gray, Jr. of Montclair, New Jersey was recently announced.

Gene Joy, Alpha, '12, was married during the past summer to Francis Beatty at Cazenovia, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Beatty are living in New York City.

A son, James Moore was born to Helen Moore Torrance, Alpha, '19, on May 11, 1926.

#### MILWAUKEE

##### *Each to raise her share of the Endowment Fund*

What a happy, busy time we had at our first fall meeting at Alice Fitzgerald's home in September—greeting old members whom we had not seen since our delightful picnic at Mrs. Moss' home in May, welcoming new members who have come into our chapter this year, hearing all the delightfully interesting news of our new Gamma Phi baby daughters, and withal making plans for what promises to be a most successful year.

First of all, it was decided that we continue to make receiving blankets for the Family Welfare Association at our meetings during the year. It is our desire, too, that more of our gatherings this year be suppers so that we may have with us some of the girls who are unable to come to the luncheons.

We also learned that our chapter is to be chairman of Milwaukee Panhellenic this year. The Panhellenic function last year was a tea at the College Women's Club and we all seemed to favor another tea, feeling that this offers more opportunity for informal visiting than does a luncheon.

The ever present question of raising our allotment for the endowment fund was discussed at length, and we concluded that this year the sum will be pro-rated among the members, and each one may exercise her ingenuity in raising her share.

As I write, we in Milwaukee are in the midst of our Community Fund Drive to raise the sum necessary to finance our charitable organizations during the year. Our chapter is continuing its custom of donating the services of a team of workers, and this year we are organized and functioning under the very capable direction of Bernice Hoffmann. The burden of such work seemed very light indeed when the allotment of our cards and general directions were given to us at a delightful luncheon and bridge for the team members at Bernice's home. The drive will not have closed until this letter is on its way, but we all feel sure that with such a happy beginning our Gamma Phi team will reach its quota.

And now, though my calendar says October, when this comes to you Milwaukee Alumnae may very fittingly wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy holiday season.

ANNE McCRAWLEY GLENNON

#### PERSONALS

Mrs. Harold Leonard (Marion Slater, Kappa) has moved here from Minneapolis and is making her home at 1095 Murray Avenue.

Mrs. W. R. Dalton (Virginia Vliet, Rho) is living at 1286 Maryland Ave.

Mrs. Oscar Schmidt (Ethel Germer, Gamma) spent the summer at Post Lake, Antigo, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Frank Youngman (Marie Leavens, Gamma) of Port Arthur, Ontario, spent several weeks during the fall visiting at the home of her mother.

Winifred Cheney, Beta, '25, is teaching in the High School at West Allis, Wisconsin.

Mary Burchard, Gamma, '24, is teaching in the Lincoln High School in Milwaukee.

Madge Barnum, Beta, '26, graduate architect, has accepted a position



with the firm of Buemming and Guth in Milwaukee. Madge won the Tri-poli Golf Club Woman's Championship this summer.

Anna Raymond, Delta, Principal of Milwaukee Downer Seminary, spent the summer in England.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn (Isabelle Brownell, Gamma) a daughter, Nancy Louise, in June.

To Mr. and Mrs. David Bloodgood (Eleanor Mueller, Rho) a daughter, Clara Elizabeth, in June.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roland Coerper (Alice Ringling, Gamma) a daughter, Alice Patricia, in October.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

##### *Membership of seventy*

San Francisco Alumnae Chapter held an enjoyable meeting in September at the home of Verda Larsen in Oakland. The principal business was the discussion of the ever-present problem of raising money for the Gamma Phi Beta Scholarship Fund at the University of California. In former years we have had bazaars, rummage sales and large card parties but this year it was decided to try some different method. Accordingly plans were made for a series of informal bridge parties at which simple refreshments are served and each player charged fifty cents. The first party took place at the chapter-house on October 7, and though there were only three tables we think it is a good beginning and hope to have eight or ten at the next one. Those who were present had a good time and feel that aside from the main object of raising money, these informal affairs will be a means of getting together more often and of helping to interest some of the girls who are not already members of the alumnae chapter to join and take an active part.

Nominations for officers for this year will be the order of business at the October meeting. Carmelita Piper has efficiently and faithfully filled the office of president for two years and her services as well as those of the other officers for the past year have been much appreciated by San Francisco alumnae.

We hope that the the coming year may be most successful for all, and that our membership of over seventy may increase to even larger proportions.

ANNETTE RUGGLES WELLINGTON

#### PERSONALS

A number of our alumnae are traveling abroad this year. Helen Martin and Margaret Webb met Frances and Marion Stowell in London. The Stowells were on their way to meet Barbara and Marjorie Bridge and their mother in Scotland. They are all planning to meet several others in Rome for Christmas. Helen Sutherland, Katherine Millberry, Helen Bridge, Beth and Doris Hoyt, Isabel Faye, Sylvia Searby and possibly one or two others. It will surely be a jolly reunion of Gamma Phis.

Mary LeConte Hoffmann (Eta, '06) with her younger daughter, is in Berkeley for the winter from her home in London. Her older daughter, Roberdeau, is a sophomore of Eta Chapter.

Harriet Harazthy Hunt was recently in Oakland on a flying visit from her home in Los Angeles.

Inez Shippee Dame (Eta, '02) is a very efficient first vice-president of the Berkeley Parent-Teachers Association.

Blanche Harris Dalton (Eta, '24) has recently moved to Berkeley from Sacramento.

The Thomas sisters are engaged in teaching this year. Helen (Eta, '23), is in kindergarten work in Los Angeles and Betty (Eta, '24) is teaching music in the Fresno High School.

William W. Monahan, husband of Betty Walters Monahan (Eta '26), has just been appointed Graduate Athletic Manager of the University.

Helen McLean Jongeneel (Eta ex'19) was in Berkeley in the spring with her young son, Jimmie, from her home in Haiti where her husband is connected with the California Packing Corporation.

Sue Dunbar (Eta '03) is principal of the new Maxwell Park School in Oakland.

Maude Rex Allen (Eta ex'00) with her husband and daughter and son, Ellery and Rex, have been visiting relatives in San Francisco. The Allens have been making their home in New York for some time.

Ruth Genung, who has gone to Pasadena to teach, and Lena Carlton who, has moved to Palo Alto, will be missed at the meetings this year.

Kathryn Hyde (Eta '21) has returned from a visit of several months in London.

Evelyn Glenn Johnson (Eta ex-'02) from Memphis, Tennessee, was in San Francisco for a short time this summer.

#### MARRIAGES

On September 1, 1926 at Tacoma, Washington, Dorothy Cornell (Eta '24) to Mr. Thomas Hamilton Olin (Phi Gamma Delta, University of Washington).

On October 23, 1926 at Oakland, California, Clareda Allen, (Eta ex-'26) to Mr. Philip McComb.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Linscott (Esto Dunbar, Eta '08) on August 2, 1926, a daughter, Stella Lucille.

To Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Dolliver (Katherine Green, Eta '24) in August, a son, Robert.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mangin (Helen Roberts, Eta '23) on September 7, 1926, a daughter, Suzanne Marie.

#### DEATH

Mrs. Evelyn Shippee passed away in September. She was the mother of Inez Shippee Dame, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

#### DENVER

##### *Rummaging again*

The coming of the fall has marked the return of many Denver alumnae and the beginning of what we hope will be a most profitable year. Forty-two were present at the first September luncheon and meeting. A most interesting report was given by Elsa Nichols, chairman of our Gamma Phi Camp for underprivileged children, and to add to this, the children themselves were all there, so we had quite a lively time!

The last meeting was held out at the Lodge just before the first football game of the season. How good it seemed to be out there again in that atmosphere so full of college and sorority spirit! We found tho, that plenty of work awaited us. Since no time can be lost, we are about to launch forth on the annual Rummage Sale and we hope to make it so effective that every alumna and her husband—if she has one—will have to purchase an entirely new wardrobe! Our other means of raising funds will be



by the "individual and group earning plan" that we tried for the first time last year. It is great fun to try what each fifty-cent piece will earn, and very interesting to see how many ways will be resorted to.

In addition to becoming veritable "second-hand dealers in clothes," we are getting ready for our first Province Convention to be held in November. It is with the keenest enthusiasm that we are looking forward to meeting the Gamma Phis from Province Five and we trust that the meetings will be of as much mutual value and real help as those of other Province Conventions that we have read of in *THE CRESCENT*. But further details later.

DOROTHY BELL JOYCE

#### PERSONALS

Evelyn Runnette is taking a Library Course at Simmons College in Boston.

Eleanor Dennison is studying at Columbia this winter.

Katherine Vickery and Dorothy Thomas are doing work in the Denver Public Library.

Florence Kob Adler and her husband have gone to South America for several months.

Katherine Wigginton has gone to Hood College in Washington.

Mayme Sweet has been advanced to the position of "Critic" teacher at the Training School of the University.

In December, Helen Russell Perrin expects to leave for Minnesota, where Dr. Perrin will continue his medical work.

Jane Butchart has a position in the office of the Chancellor of the University.

Harriet Shannon is teaching Physical Training in the Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville, Illinois.

Juanita Dunlop returned last month from a delightful trip abroad.

Madaline Miller has been appointed as Director of this Province.

Mildred Biddick is teaching Social Science in the Skinner Junior High School.

#### MARRIAGES

On September 1, Thalia Van Orman (Theta) to Mr. James E. Woods, (Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Denver University.) Mr. and Mrs. Woods will reside in Denver.

On September 8, Gertrude Shannon (Theta), to Mr. Smith McLandress. Mr. and Mrs. McLandress are at home in Appleton, Wis.

On August 31, Dorothy Bell (Theta), to Robert H. Joyce. Mr. and Mrs. Joyce are at home in Denver.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Dennison (Jessie Carman, Theta ), on June 27 a daughter, Helen Carman.

To Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Parsons (Gladys, East, Theta) on August 11, a son, Stuart Overton, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips (Martha Siple, Theta), on September 7, a son, Charles Kenneth, Jr.

#### MINNEAPOLIS

##### *Get Gamma Phi's recipe for mushroom sandwich*

Salvaging enough of interest for a chapter letter out of a sea of summer vacations is a bit of a task—especially if the pilot of the salvor has never been at sea before. But if all else fails, there are always seventeen

of the most adorable of chapter fledglings that ever wore the mode and brown, and are worth many more pages of encomiums than ethics or the honorable editor require. We of the *alumnæ* dare to boast a little in the belief or perhaps, hope, that the *alumnæ* tea which was given on Thursday, September 23, at Mary Norton Sudduth's lovely home, may have had something to do with having so many treasures float our way. Dalie Lindsay Michelson was in charge of the affair, the feature of which was the revival of a play written by one of the chapter and first given at a rushing tea in 1905. Many ruffles and much bustle, together with numerous petticoats provided atmosphere for the skit which was played by Gwendolyn Morris, Ruth Eaton Lansin, Rosalyn Skellet, and Jean MacMillan. Music and such ravishing food that it is rumored Marie, Queen of Rumania, is voyaging to America with the sole intent of getting the Gamma Phi Beta recipe for hot toasted mushroom sandwiches—completed the festivities. The *alumnæ* are preening a little, for who can say that a mushroom sandwich may not have been the turning point for many a timid freshman?

Now that rushing is over, we are already making plans for the Christmas bazaar and a rummage sale to be given sometime in the near future, and by means which, we hope to pay our yearly pledge of \$500 to the active chapter. Wish us luck. We need it—for many a loyal alumna will wear the same dress seven days of the week and Sunday, because she has heeded the call of "rummage" not wisely but too well.

JEAN S. MACMILLAN

#### MARRIAGES

Evelyn Strothman to Mr. Robert Gall, Alpha Delta Phi.  
Josephine Hurd to Mr. McKnown, Dartmouth, Delta Kappa Epsilon.  
Nell Halloran to Mr. Grant Allen Feldman.  
Helen Schei to Mr. Paul Wilke, Delta Upsilon.  
Katherine Kaddatz to Mr. Willis Kimball, Theta Delta Chi.

#### DETROIT

##### *Business scheduled for November*

Helen Pulford entertained the Detroit Chapter at a delightful buffet supper at her home the first of October. This, being the first of the season, was a social meeting. Our president, Alice Camerer, was very wise in postponing the business till the next time as we had so many things to talk about not having met since June, and we were very eager to meet and talk to our six new members.

Last year each member contributed five dollars to the Endowment Fund, and this year we are going to raise the money. I overheard one of the girls say "Oh a rummage sale is impossible." Another said "Well our bridge parties have always been so successful." So just how this will be done will be decided at our next meeting which will take the form of a luncheon, then a business meeting followed by bridge.

Quite a number of our members who were Betas attended the Biennial at the Chapter House in Ann Arbor in June. It has been the custom for each girl upon graduating to pledge five dollars a year to Beta. At this meeting they discussed the advisability of limiting the obligation to ten years or until fifty dollars had been subscribed.

We are delighted to have Jess Herman back with us again. She attended Miss Prince's School in Boston for a year, then spent some time in New York and is now in the educational department of the J. L. Hudson



Co., the largest departmental store in Detroit. She has always been a most active and valuable member of our chapter.

This is my first letter to THE CRESCENT, as the corresponding secretary, Elizabeth Pike, has gone to Ann Arbor. As I have just been appointed I haven't had time to receive any instructions so I am hoping for leniency from the editor and the readers.

FLORENCE M. ROBINSON

#### MARRIAGE

On June the twenty-sixth at Farmington, Michigan, Alice Lucile Jones (Alpha Delta) to Mr. Florian George Haas. Mr. and Mrs. Haas are living on Chicago Blvd., Detroit.

#### BALTIMORE

##### *Gamma Phi Beta grocery store*

The Baltimore Alumnae Chapter has had a very enthusiastic get-together meeting at the home of the new president, Belle Baker Treide. It was a great surprise to some and a pleasure to all to have with us Mrs. Graham for she could give us news direct from headquarters and tell of plans for the year. We wish she could travel down to Baltimore much more frequently, as her visits give us real insight into sorority affairs. Several of the active girls, early for the opening of college, and busy with rushing plans, joined us. The day after the meeting they planned a little luncheon for Mrs. Graham, and on Sunday we had an informal picnic supper.

Early in September, Baltimore Gamma Phis arranged a bridge party for some rushees who were leaving for other colleges. Peg Emmons loaned her home—and we only hope the guests had as fine a time as the hostesses did.

We are very busy with money-making schemes. Our pet labor at present is the Gamma Phi Beta Grocery Store, by which we have cleared a good sum.

After such an enthusiastic beginning we should have a good year.

CLARA WAGNER SUTTON

#### PERSONALS

Katherine Manning has returned to this country after two years of study abroad.

Nell Watts Clarke and her family sailed on September 25 for Montreux, Switzerland, where they will make their home.

Mrs. William G. Baker has returned from several months travel in Europe.

Beso Brown Fort spent the summer at her home in Wetustonsing, Mich. Frances Coventry visited Mary McCurley before returning to Chicago.

Ruth Elizabeth Hill, who has been on the staff of the Baltimore *Sun*, has gone to Washington, D. C.

Harriet Tyne, '24, is one of the Librarians at Goucher.

#### ENGAGEMENT

Corinna Fowler of Annapolis to Ensign B. O. Mathews, U. S. N. of Denver, Colorado.

#### MARRIAGES

On August 6, Julia Merriken to Dr. Archibald Chalfont. They will live in Peking.

On September 21, at Roanoke, Virginia, Clara Augusta Stuart to Dr. Douglas Gordon Chapman.

On September 11, Helen McMurtrie to Mr. George B. Harrington. Emily Foster and Bunny Baker were attendants and Mr. and Mrs. Harrington will live in Pittsburgh.

On October 9, Isabel Chism to Mr. Joseph Frazier.

On September 14, Margaret Young, '24, to Mr. Byron Morton. They will live in Buffalo, N. Y.

#### BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. Alan C. Sutton (Clara Wagner '16) on June 22, a son, Harry Wagner Sutton.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Wagner (Hester Corner, '20), on July 12, a son, Robert B. Wagner, Jr.

#### DEATH

Zeta, Baltimore and all Gamma Phis should be proud of this tribute to the memory of one of the founders of Zeta Chapter, quoted from the Clyde, N. Y. daily newspaper:

"A simple, yet appropriate and very impressive Memorial Service was held Sunday afternoon before a large audience in the Methodist Church in respect for Miss Anna Palmer, whose death in Italy, February 20th, has been referred to before in these columns.

"The remains, accompanied by relatives, were brought to this village last Saturday for burial in the family plot in Maple Grove Cemetery, where already rest the bodies of revered parents and a beloved brother of the deceased.

"Miss Palmer was a native of Clyde, and spent much of her younger life here, where her gracious and beautiful character endeared her to all who knew her. Later she moved to Boston and then to New York, where she was devoting her life to arts and music.

"She was an alumna of Clyde High School, of Goucher College, Baltimore; and took a post-graduate course in Syracuse University. Hers was a culture and refinement par excellence; in part the fruits of heredity but augmented by study and travel which, added to a devout Christian character made up a life of the greatest beauty and usefulness.

"Like her Divine Master, whom she loved and served, she 'went about doing good.' Besides her many other gifts, Miss Palmer possessed a truly wonderful contralto voice, which had received a careful training, both in this country and abroad, and which she used unsparingly for the pleasure and benefit of others.

"She was formerly a member of the local church and choir and it was eminently fitting that folk of her home town, who loved her and whom she loved, should have had opportunity afforded them by this memorial service to show their respect and love.

"The Rev. Dr. Arthur Copeland, of Auburn, a former pastor, delivered the memorial address, a scholarly and eloquent exposition of Christian culture, which was the theme of the discourse, and, said the speaker, 'Miss Palmer was the epitome of this, the highest type of culture.'

"The pulpit and altar were hidden behind a profusion of the most beautiful of flowers, gifts of love, and in their sweetness and purity were typical of a life of perfection and usefulness. The only music during the service was a quiet organ prelude the "Prayer from Stradella," played before the service, and "Devotion," by Lerman, at the conclusion of the service.

"Miss Palmer is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Schuyler Miller, of Brooklyn, and Miss May Palmer, of New York, and two brothers, E. B. Palmer, of Clyde, and Dr. Briggs S. Palmer, of Boston, all of whom were present at the service."



## PORTLAND

*A thousand dollars from cook book*

'Tis nine thirty on a rainy Sunday night in Oregon, a dull lifeless sort of evening out of doors, but within, before the flames of a crackling fire burning on an open grate, one Gamma Phi Beta alumna of the city of Portland at least, has not succumbed to the inevitable loneliness of the evening, for she has had the companionship of the entire sisterhood as she sat reading the September issue of *THE CRESCENT* from cover to cover—yes, even the editorials, with the last pointed little item "Editorials—As Such" stating "Who reads editorials anyway? We wonder if you'll tell us that you do!" I for one can answer that I always do, and admit that I often turn to the editorial page first, especially that of *THE CRESCENT*, from whose editorials I never fail to gain a deeper insight into some phase of sorority life—some entirely original angle on a widely discussed problem, such as "The Modern Girl—As a Rushee," which appeared in this month's issue.

What a panorama of color and life unfolds before one in reading *THE CRESCENT* in such such manner, how imbued one becomes with sorority spirit; in fact the reader feels herself to be once again in the very heart of sorority life. As chapter letter after chapter letter is read, the silent voices of the sisterhood fairly speak aloud to one. Always it is a great pleasure to read, but to read the words that express thoughts prompted by Gamma Phi Beta minds is still a greater pleasure and source of inspiration.

After having enjoyed such a literary feast of news, I regret that there is not more to tell you of Portland Alumnae Chapter, but as usual during the summer months, meetings were abandoned, and consequently little of importance has occurred.

To Gamma Phis the most outstanding social event of early autumn was the rushing breakfast, which bids fair to become an annual event. At this time members of Chi and Nu Chapters joined forces with Portland Alumnae Chapter in entertaining in honor of a certain number of rushees. The guests were bidden to the attractive Grille room of the Portland Hotel where covers were placed at many little tables, which were prettily centered with asters. The main feature of the morning was a solo dance by Alice Freeland ((Chi, ex '27.) The committee in charge of this delightful affair was composed of Helen Andrews Smith (Chi), Lyle Veazie (Nu) from the Portland Chapter and Helen Pearse (Chi) and Mary Stewart (Nu) from the two active chapters.

On September the twenty-fifth a benefit luncheon was sponsored at the Portland Telegram building, money raised from this is to be used toward swelling the Christmas fund, and also the Endowment fund.

The first meeting of the winter season is scheduled for Friday, October the fifteenth. Members are eagerly looking forward to this meeting which will open the round of winter activities of Gamma Phi Beta.

The Mothers' Club of Portland has already held its first meeting of the year, with a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Ralph Brackett. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Dutton; vice president, Mrs. John Luckel; secretary, Mrs. Harbaugh; and treasurer, Mrs. Rufus Hollman.

The enthusiastic members of the Mothers' Club are planning a rummage sale for the next week, at which they hope to net a neat profit. As soon as college opened at the University of Oregon this fall, the Mothers' Club sent down a beautiful Chinese rug, to be used in the hall of the new Gamma Phi Beta house at Eugene. Such delightful and worth while things are our Mothers always doing! They are now planning a more concentrated drive on the sale of their famous Gamma Phi Beta cook books of which they

have already sold over one thousand dollars worth. Their enthusiasm and enterprising efforts are a constant incentive to members of the alumnae chapter, urging us to do more and ever more for Gamma Phi.

GENEVA STEBNO COCKERLINE

#### PERSONALS

Perhaps the most interesting trip taken by any member of the Portland Alumnae Chapter this season was made by Janet West (Nu '22) who set sail on the last day of May for the pleasant shores of England. After spending ten days in England, Janet left that country for Belgium, flying to Brussels by aeroplane. From there she journeyed through southern France, and on into Italy, as far as Naples. After a short stay in Naples Janet went back to Florence and Venice. A leisurely trip through Switzerland was next made, and at its culmination followed a six weeks' sojourn in Paris, where Janet attended the summer school of the Sorbonne.

After arriving in New York City on September the thirteenth, and the liner *Minnekahda*, Janet returned to Terre Haute, Indiana, where she has again resumed her duties as instructor of French and Latin in King's Classical School.

Mrs. Arthur L. Roberts (May Ashton Cooper, ex-'19) is making quite a name for herself in Portland, as Roberta Ashton, who makes delightful plans for any form of entertaining, and who also supervises the actual carrying out of the plans. Since Mrs. Roberts announced to Portland, in February 1926, that she would be free to do this sort of work, she has had charge of three hundred parties, many large affairs and some small. The most important affair she has supervised recently was the party at the Roof Garden of the Pacific building. Mrs. Roberts personally directed the construction of a huge Green Mill ten feet high, and supervised the lighting effects, as well as arranging for the preparation of the cabaret supper, which was served at many little tables. Under her direction, a Hawaiian orchestra was obtained, and special costume feature dances were given. Roberta Ashton has hundreds of dollars worth of equipment such as chairs, tables, linen, and silver. Three cateresses and one electrician are at her command at all times. Favors, programs, decorations are all furnished by Roberta Ashton. At home as Mrs. Roberts, this busy woman is the attractive and capable mother of two children, a boy aged five and a girl three and one half years old. Portland Chapter is proud to report the great success that this member has made in her chosen work, within less than a year.

Mary Stewart, (Nu, ex-'27) is in Portland this fall attending Business College, preparatory to taking up her duties in February as assistant to the dean of women at the University of Oregon.

Dorothy Wooton (Nu '21), of Astoria, visited in San Diego, Calif. this summer with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hall, (Emma Wooton, Nu).

Frances Mac Millian (Nu '23), spent the summer months in visiting with relatives and friends in Chicago and Minneapolis.

Margaret Murphy (Nu ex-'24), is leaving this week for a month's vacation in Seattle, Vancouver, B. C. Margaret will be the guests of friends and relatives during her month's sojourn from home.

Portland "Alums" are proud to announce that Margaret Murphy (Nu ex-'24), won the city championship in golf this fall. Margaret was the winner by 2 and 1, beating Mrs. L. W. Palmer, ex-state and city champion.

Portland Chapter was sorry to lose Bernadine Grebel Wilson (Chi)



from its membership this summer when she and her husband, Dr. Earl Wilson, moved to Myrtle Point to make their home.

Numbered among the many one time members of Portland alumnae chapter who were in the city on the ninth of October to attend the big game between the University of Washington and University of Oregon and the dedication of Portland's civic stadium, which occurred at the same time, were: Mrs. B. C. Keaton (Jennie Perry, Nu '10) from Pendleton; Mrs. F. E. Fowler (Peggy Gross, Nu) of Astoria; Blanch Wickland (Nu '21) of Ranier, Wash.; Winona Dyer (Nu '18) of Longview, Wash.; Dorothy Dunbar Dysart (Nu '18) of Centralia, Wash.; Georgia Benson (Nu) of Eugene; Leta Kiddle Earl (Nu '21) of Eugene; and Bula Smith White (Nu '20) of Eugene.

Lenore Blaesing (Nu ex-'22), is spending the winter in San Francisco, Calif. where she is continuing with her art work. Lenore is at present studying dress design.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hall (Eileen Tompkins, Nu '22), moved this summer from Dallas to Portland where they hope to make their permanent home. Eileen and her sister Alice Tompkins (Nu), who is working in the J. K. Gill book store this year, are both welcome additions to the Portland alumnae chapter this year. Alice is residing at the Hall home at 170 East 19th St. N.

Portland Chapter is happy to welcome Katherine Wigginton of Theta Chapter who is taking her senior year of college work at Reed.

Members of Portland chapter are enthusing over the charms of one of their new babies, Patricia, the pretty little six weeks old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles C. Petheran (Virginia Wilson, Nu).

Margaret Masters and Bertha Masters Patterson (both of Nu) and their mother Mrs. W. Y. Masters are enjoying a month's motor trip through California.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Forbes (Jessie Hurley, Nu and Zeta), recently moved to Portland from Kennewick, Wash. Friends of Mrs. Forbes will be glad to hear that she is recovering successfully from a major operation which she underwent this summer at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Members of the sisterhood are rejoicing with Beatrice Locke (Nu) in her mother's recovery from an almost fatal attack of illness this summer.

Lyle Steiwer (Nu '15), who has been residing in Eastern, Oregon, is now being welcomed back to Portland by her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Close (Ruth Lorraine, Mu), are now spending several weeks in New York City. Ruth Lorraine Close is well known as the harpist of the Portland Symphony Orchestra. She is also a member of the famous trio composed of a harp, violin and 'cello which is heard so often in Portland. Mrs. Close is also an instructor of the harp.

Dorothy Cockerline Butz (Chi) and little daughter, Alice Dorothy, of Long Beach, Calif., spent a part of the summer visiting with friends and relatives in Oregon. This is the first trip home Dorothy has made, since her marriage and subsequent move to California, three years ago.

Frances McGill (Nu '25), returned to Portland in time to resume her teaching in Washington high school, after a delightful summer spent in the East. She visited in Chicago, enjoyed the trip down the St. Lawrence river among the Thousand Islands, to Montreal and Quebec, and after touring New England, spent some time in New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D. C., and visited relatives and friends in the South.

Mrs. James Johns (Pearl McKenna) and her little son, Richard James, spent several weeks in Portland this summer as the guest of Mrs. Johns' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McKenna.

Margaret Kern (Nu '23) and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kern, enjoyed a motor trip through the eastern states this summer. The family left Portland by train, going south through California, and New Orleans and on to Detroit where a Packard sedan was purchased. From Detroit they motored up through Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec. Leisurely stops were made in all the principal cities such as Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. In the latter place Mr. and Mrs. Kern and Margaret presented letters of introduction to President Coolidge, and were received in an informal manner. The trip home over the splendid Lincoln highway was made in a fortnight.

Caroline Benson Unander and son are spending the early part of the winter with relatives at Beverly Hills, Calif.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Schoenfeldt (Dorothy Dunn, Chi), a daughter, on October 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Thompson (Echford Cameron, Chi), of Seattle, Wash., a son, Cameron.

#### MARRIAGES

At Astoria, on July 10, 1926, Betty Setters (Nu '25), to Mr. Robert Dodson (Delta Tau Delta). Mr. and Mrs. Dodson are now residing at the Granada Court Apts. in Portland.

At Riverside, Calif., Sept. 8, Bernice Davies (Nu '26), to Mr. George Bronaugh (Sigma Chi). Mr. and Mrs. Bonaugh are being welcomed to Portland where they will make their home at the Embassy Apts.

On May 29, Eleanor Holman (Nu), to Mr. Harold Burkitt (Theta Chi). They are residing at 601 Madison St.

In Portland, in May, Catherine Henderson (Nu), to Mr. Victor Risley (Phi Gamma Delta). They are now at home, Milwaukie, Oregon.

At Athena, on September 1, Areta Littlejohn (Nu '25), to Mr. Claire Guearne. They will make their home in Baker.

#### DEATH

Mrs. Charles Webber, mother of Helen Webber (Nu), on Saturday August 7. Mrs. Webber was an exceedingly active member of the Gamma Phi Beta Mothers' Club of Portland, and did much to sponsor the publishing of the sorority cook book. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

#### DES MOINES

##### *Benefit bridge*

Des Moines alumnae held the first meeting since early summer on the first Saturday in October. Many of our girls could not be present, but I think all that were there were enthusiastic with the plans for this winter.

We have been trying something a little different in our meetings lately. We meet at the different homes, have our business meetings first, and then play three or four tables of bridge, depending on the amount of business we have to transact. After this the hostess serves light refreshments. Everyone here seems to like this new way.

Early in September we gave a lovely bridge at Harris-Emery's Tea Room for some girls who were going to college at Iowa City, Ames and Northwestern. Instead of having high prizes, each one of the rushees was given a compact.



This fall we are planning to have a benefit bridge and to help the chapters at Iowa City and Ames with some of the proceeds. Later in the winter we want to do something else to raise money but we will tell you more about that in another letter. At any rate, we have visions of the things we hope to do.

It seems that so many of the Des Moines Gamma Phis are "transient" but we manage to hold together and have our meetings just the same.

MILDRED NUTTING LEIBOLD

#### PERSONALS

Minnie Rice spent the month of July visiting her family in California. Gladys Blount has gone to Chicago for the winter.

Estelle Bartlett is going to be in Des Moines this winter.

Marjorie Darling and her little daughter will spend this winter in Tucson.

Chloris Waterbury Straight has moved to Des Moines.

Mrs. A. B. Lloyd has recently moved to Des Moines from Evanston.

#### BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Cummings (Helen Johnson), a daughter.

#### ST. LOUIS

##### *Charming rushing stunt*

Phi's three weeks of hectic rushing are over, and it is with satisfaction and relief that we settle down once more to our regular fall routine of business, that of accumulating money for Phi's chapter house. Before I unfold our plans for increasing our finances, I must tell you about the *alumnæ* rush party.

It has been customary each year for the *alumnæ* chapter to give a rush party for Phi. In former years, this has been a theatre party, but this year it was decided that we, who have been Gamma Phis longer and are, therefore, better versed in Gamma Phi tradition and history, should endeavor, through our party, to establish Gamma Phi's importance in the mind of every rushee. We discussed ways and means of accomplishing this purpose in some subtle way, and finally decided upon "An Old-Fashioned Party," which was given successfully on September 12.

What more ideal setting could we have for this party than Grace Lewis Miller's beautiful home in lovely old Vandeventer Place, whose stately mansions have housed the aristocracy of St. Louis for four generations? The exquisite antique furnishings offered a wonderful background for the girls in their costumes of the periods between the years 1874 and 1926. Each Gamma Phi was faithful in her impersonation, not only wearing an authentic costume, but copying the hairdress and jewelry of the period she represented. Frances Jones Mitchell wore a dress which had been worn by some member of her family one hundred years before Gamma Phi came into existence. I could write pages about the costumes but I am not allowed that much space, and must ask you to form your own mental picture of Miss 1874, Miss 1900, the Gibson Girl, etc. The menus were a work of art. The committee discovered that the up-to-date dinner party of 1874 had menus printed on silk, and ours were of brown silk with gold printing. They tried unsuccessfully to secure a harpist, but were fortunate in having a wonderful pianist, who played those songs, dear to the hearts of our grandmothers—"In the Gloaming," "Ben Bolt," and others so popular at that time, with variations, of course. Every detail was carried out so perfectly, that it did not seem merely a costume party, we had dropped

fifty years from our calendars and were belles in the days when Gamma Phi Beta was young.

All this, however, was just the background of the party, the main purpose being the presenting of a pageant of "Famous Gamma Phis," written by Frances Barbour and Laura Hinchman. Twenty-one famous Gamma Phis were represented by twenty-one of our girls, and they were all there, from our four founders to Sybil Bauer. Laura Hinchman, as Gamma Phi, gave the reading, and as she read the part acclaiming each one, the girl representing that one would step out on a lighted balcony and courtesy. To say the rushees were impressed is putting it mildly. In fact the party was such a success that it was decided to renew it each year and make it a tradition of this chapter.

We are now busily planning our annual Bridge and Movie, the proceeds of which go towards Phi's chapter house. The Movie venture is a new one. One of the local theatre managers allows us to sell tickets for one week, and we are given a share in the proceeds. It is really an excellent plan and should meet with great success for everyone goes to the movies, and it is certainly a relief to be able to sell a ticket that can be used instead of one to some affair of no particular interest to most people. We are also planning to make a great deal of money on our sale of Christmas cards.

CHARLOTTE BRUCE ROBERTSON

#### PERSONALS

We are delighted to welcome Lucile Babcock of the Minneapolis Alumnae Association, who is writing advertising for the Famous Barr Co.

Doris Talbot Hetlage is teaching English in the Extension Division of Washington University.

Elizabeth Chapin Carson has been appointed treasurer of the Scholarship Benefit Committee of the College Club.

Georgia Robertson of Monterrey, Mexico, is spending the winter in Denver, Colo., with friends.

We were sorry to lose Virginia Black Buchanan, who has returned to her home in San Diego, California, after a year's visit with her parents. She is an indefatigable worker, and a real inspiration.

#### BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hallauer (Helen Hanser), a daughter, Helen Ann, September 19, 1926.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Heinrich (Norma Driemeyer), a son, Peter, August 3, 1926.

Mr. and Mrs. William Becker (Ruth Warren), a daughter, Patricia, August 16, 1926.

#### DEATH

The sincere sympathy of the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter is extended to Fern Keaton and her father in the death of their brother and son, Alonzo, who was killed in an automobile accident last summer.

#### TORONTO

##### *Brides galore*

With a whiff of forest fire in the autumn breeze and a tang of frost in the air we Canadian Gamma Phis who live north of the "line," realize that autumn's here and that soon, "Our Lady of the Snows" will be warmly wrapped in her snowy blanket.



But before we get blown straight into another college year, we intend to call back happy summer holidays. Such a time of weddings! It seemed as if almost the whole alumnae chapter were setting out for matrimonial shores. First there was Margaret Hunter—every one loves Margaret and many of us regretted that we couldn't see the happy affair at it was held out of town. Helen Robinson stepped altarward in July. Lily Speers found some one with a stronger will than hers (wonder of wonders) who carried her off to keep house for him. Agnes Brown deserted the ranks of school teaching to devote her time to one "pupil." Elma Naylor followed suit. Then Mildred Sherrin, and just as this letter goes to press, Helen Burford is leaving us for her future home in Montreal. To them all, we say "Many, many happy years."

While so many of the alumnae were hearing wedding bells, one of our group, Charlotte Valentine, was bringing distinguished honors to Gamma Phi for Charlotte has been appointed Dean of Women, presiding over the college residence known as Queens Hall. We are all proud to think she wears the crescent. What a splendid representative of Gamma Phi she is!

Would that I could tell you something about rushing. As yet, it is—"Will we have a treasure hunt? Or shall we have a dance? Do you think we ought to spend that much on a single party? Or shall we spread it over several?" And so the days go by—hectic, happy days for every loyal Gamma Phi.

Such an enterprising lot as our active girls are! Saturday is the day of the great Queens—Varsity game and bless their hearts—they have hit upon a plan to raise money when every one is in town for the great Rugby event. They've planned a subscription dance at the King Edward Hotel; and at a similar event last year, they raised over \$400. This year, they are hoping to go higher still. We are looking for several out-of-town Gamma Phis to swell the crowd and fill the treasury.

When this letter appears again, rushing will be over and new crescents will make their proud appearance on the campus. Until then we work and wait.

MARY A. DAILEY

#### PERSONALS

Dot Cornette and Charlotte Valentine went West this summer. We hear they were even exploring Alaskan shores.

The girls grieve with Josephine Orr upon the recent loss of her dear mother. Their sympathies also go out to Mrs. Fred Hamilton (Mildred Sherrin) whose mother passed away this summer.

Bess Jackson has been doing occasional work on the staff of Malvern Collegiate. We hope she may stay with us.

May Scott has resumed her former position at the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company.

#### BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horning (Emma Clark) in May, a son.

#### SPOKANE

##### *Social service first*

*'Twas the Knight before Christmas that to the Lady said—*

"Methinks that this Christmastide is a merry one. For behold I see smiles on children's faces that once looked pale and wan. What think you the cause?" And the lady replied: "Stupid, thou art surely! Did thee not observe the blue and white clad men that have been depositing bottles

of milk at poor homes?" "And who are they?" asked the bewildered Knight. "Booby thou art truly" said the Lady, "They be milk men, paid in coin of the realm by Gamma Phi Beta."

Yes we have begun! We do not wish to flaunt our endeavors yet but we feel that you will be glad to know that Spokane Gamma Phis are taking an active part in Social Service work. And speaking of Social Service—Bertha Kellett has charge of the Social Service Bureau in Spokane.

Our young America is being successfully taught by three Gamma Phis, Emma Dalquist (Lambda), Mary McKenna (Xi) at North Central High School and Gertrude Tormey (Eta) at Lewis and Clark.

Then too, Gamma Phi is on the air—for Thelma Ehrenberg (Lambda) is a frequent radio entertainer.

But one who "plays the pipes" has felt the lure of the Southland Esther Motie (Xi), who has been playing the pipe organ at the movies, is wintering in California. Speaking of California brings Irene Burns Miller (Lambda) to the fore. She is making a name for herself in short story writing, interviews all the famous movie stars, etc.

What—It's near morning! I'd better say, as the puppy dog said as he sat on a cake of ice.

"My tale ith told."

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

BERNICE STAMBAUGH

#### BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Halstrom (Mavelyn Robinson), a son.

#### CLEVELAND

*SLOGAN—Every alumna in Ohio a member  
of Cleveland Alumnae Chapter*

The summer days have passed, our travelers have returned, our brides are nicely settled and we all have taken a deep breath and started in upon the numerous duties and pleasures which await us.

As for our duties, the majority of us claim the occupation of housewife which needs no explanation. We find plenty of diversion in church, club and social activities. Our business and professional women are doing many interesting things about which we want you to know. The teaching profession claims six of them.

Cora J. Bennet, one of Gamma's founders, has long been acknowledged as a leading educator in Cleveland's high schools. Her text-book on Chemistry has been most favorably received.

Frances Bredin (Beta), has taught since her graduation in '24 in the high school at Brecksville, Ohio. This enables her to spend her week-ends at her home in Hiram, Ohio.

Nan Dimmick (Zeta), is doing valuable work as Assistant Principal of Longwood High School. Her services along executive lines are in much demand by other organizations.

Mildred Dimmick (Omicron), teaches in the department of Romance Languages at DePauw University. Since there is no chapter of her own sorority on the campus she is chosen from the faculty to handle the bids at rushing time.

Ruth Hier (Zeta), is doing interesting work in the Commercial Department of Glenville High School.

Ardys Stoner Nichols (Beta), is teaching in the Chagrin Falls High School for this year while Dr. Nichols is an interne in St. Luke's Hospital.



Dr. Clara Davis (Beta), is connected with Mt. Sinai Hospital as well as carrying on a private practice.

Harriet Gustin (Beta), is Assistant Advertising Manager with the Lindner Co., one of Cleveland's most exclusive stores for women's and misses' apparel.

Helen Williams (Omicron), is Statistician with the Cleveland Health Council, one of the agencies connected with our famous "Community Chest."

We are hoping to welcome at our next meeting several new members including Florence Adams, a Delta Psi alumna recently initiated by Alpha Eta, who is manager of the Oriole Studio of Interior Decorating—Martha Ballinger connected with the Lindner Co., and Stella Blanche Edwards, dietitian at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Our first meeting of the fall was held Saturday, October 2, at the home of our new president, Alice Kenyon Watkins (Alpha). The assisting hostesses were the other officers:

Olive Morehead Beckwith (Alpha), Vice President.

Katherine Ramsey Haggard (Theta), Recording Secretary.

Mary Lyons Dibble (Epsilon and Beta), Corresponding Secretary.

Helen Williams (Omicron), Treasurer.

Pauline Adams Drake (Beta), Panhellenic Representative.

After a much enjoyed luncheon and an enthusiastic exchange of summer experiences we took up the consideration of our plans for the year. The spirit of the meeting seemed to be a desire to do a more serious piece of work for Gamma Phi Beta in Ohio by giving greater moral and financial support than we have before. We believe that this is the only organized alumnae group in the state. Should not every alumnae member in Ohio become enrolled in it, thus strengthening her interest and her knowledge of affairs through *THE CRESCENT* and helping in the national work by her dues? We firmly believe that alumnae still owe interest and support to all Gamma Phi enterprises where it is possible to give them.

Other alumnae chapters may be interested to know that Cleveland has a strong Panhellenic Association governed by a board composed of one member from each sorority. Last year a series of evening dances was given and an afternoon bridge tournament extending over several weeks. With the proceeds from these a scholarship was given in the College for Women of Western Reserve University.

It is with the greatest regret that we are losing Ruby Laird Baston (Kappa), one of our most loyal and enthusiastic members, who is to make her home in Detroit.

We welcome most cordially all Gamma Phis coming to Cleveland. Come and join us and be among friends.

MARY LYONS DIBBLE

#### PERSONALS

Gladys Whittam Stearns (Epsilon), spent several weeks this summer in her former home, Rankin, Ill. She enjoyed meeting a number of Gamma Phis from other chapters.

Lillian Boynton Smith (Beta), has moved into her new home at 2307 Niagara Drive, Lakewood.

Abbie Anderson Geibel (Upsilon), has moved from East Cleveland to 1529 Winton Ave., Lakewood.

Marian Deming Horr (Gamma), enjoyed several weeks at Lake Chautauqua this summer.

Marguerite Stephenson Evans (Theta), has been recuperating at Green Springs after an illness of many weeks.

Ruth Hier did graduate work during the summer at Ohio State and Ardy's Stoner Nichols at Western Reserve.

Mildred Dimmick (Omicron), presents a Gamma Phi Beta pin to the freshman of Alpha Eta who has the highest scholarship. Florence Freeman of Cleveland won it last year.

Hildegard Hagerman John (Gamma and Beta), and Ruby Laird Baston (Kappa), made us a short visit recently from Detroit.

Margaretta Williamson (Zeta), a former member, spent a few days in Cleveland during the summer. Her responsible position with the League of Women Voters takes her to many parts of the country.

Anna Spence Harrington (Gamma), and her daughter, Doris Harrington (Beta), will probably not return from abroad until the holidays.

### ANN ARBOR

#### *Makes its bow as an alumnae chapter*

The first words of greeting to our Gamma Phi sisters goes by this letter from the Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter. We are all glad to merit your recognition, but we cannot feel new and young, because we have greeted you all so many times in the past, from different alumnae or college chapters.

The eighth of July, just past, we met, to organize, at the summer home of Mabelle Leonard Douglas, on Cavanaugh Lake. After a picnic luncheon, we proceeded to draw up our application for a charter, and have the following signatures as charter members: Mrs. Dean Myers (Eleanor Sheldon, Kappa), Mrs. John Edward Martin (Delta), Mrs. Everett Brown (May M. Morgan, Eta), Mrs. Homer Stryker (Mary Underwood, Epsilon); while from Beta chapter, we have: Mrs. Henry Douglas (Mabelle Leonard), Mrs. Charles Wagner (Kathleen Cutting), Mrs. Edward Adams (Sarah Hardy), Mrs. Nathan Potter (Caroline Colver), Mrs. Earl Wolaver (Gretchen Lydecker), Mrs. Waldo Abbott (Emily Ely), Mrs. Wilfred Shaw (Marian Dickinson), Mrs. Alfred Fischer (Pauline Benedict), Mrs. Bert Spurrier (Virginia Tanner), Mrs. James Breakey (Grace Collins), Mabelle Randall, Marie Shearer, Alice Blair, Lynda Eberboch.

Members of our new chapter were formerly members of the Detroit Alumnae Chapter; but in the past few years the count of our alumnae here has averaged about twenty, and it seemed as if our executive work would be less cumbersome if we established an Ann Arbor chapter. We *seem* to have just come to life, but we have not even been dormant; for our work for the chapter and the chapter house, as well as our contact with each other, has been active and constant. We are especially happy to have members from four chapters other than Beta, a circumstance we appreciate as most fortunate. Within another week, the alumnae will meet with our pledges to establish their relationship with us.

November 12, 13 and 14, brings to Ann Arbor the Province Conference and that will be news for our next letter.

We join in a wish for a good year to THE CRESCENT, and the prosperity of Gamma Phi Beta.

GRACE COLLINS BREAKEY

### MOSCOW

#### *"Get-togethers" all summer*

Summer did not mean a long separation this year as it so often does for we missed only one regular meeting. Some of our members were away for the entire summer but most of us contented ourselves with shorter motor



trips. At any rate there were enough of us here to make the "get-together" a lot of fun. The chapter house was enlarged this summer—that is the third floor was finished—and as the Corporation had charge, this gave us something to talk about and do (especially those on the building committee).

We were keenly interested in rushing this year as always—most of us attended all three rush parties. We are more than satisfied with the results and with the type of girls pledged.

The Moscow Gamma Phi Mothers' Club held its first meeting of the year October 11. This club has been organized just a year and certainly is an enthusiastic group now, doing many little things for the chapter house and having much fun in the doing.

Our first Association meeting for the winter is to be held later this week—just enough later to postpone its news until the next letter.

RUTH ANNETT ELLIS

#### PERSONALS

Mrs. Donald K. David (Beth Soulen) and little daughter visited in Moscow this summer, with her parents. Mr. David, the Assistant Dean of Harvard Business School, accompanied her on the trip.

Mrs. Leland Case (Charlotte Lewis) also paid us a short visit from her home in Kentucky.

Florence Richardson (Xi '17), is assistant in the Women's Physical Education Department after a semester of graduate work in Columbia University.

Ora Budge (Xi '26), is doing graduate work in the University this year, and will get her Master's Degree in the Spring.

Dorothy G. Ellis (Xi '15), State Supervisor of Home Economics, has charge of Teachers Training at the University and spends most of the winter months here.

#### MARRIAGE

Mary Evelyn Angel (Xi '25), to Mr. Don Dusault (Sigma Chi). They will make their home in Moscow, where Mr. Dusault is on the faculty of the University of Idaho in the Chemistry Department.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Long (Maude Boham), Moscow, a daughter, Nancy Janet.

To Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. Johnston (Charlotte Tuttle), Jacksboro, Texas, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benoit (Leslie Williams), Twin Falls, Idaho, a son.

#### LINCOLN

##### *Busy with rushing*

Lincoln alumnae were busy early in September helping Pi Chapter in fall rushing. Our special responsibility was one evening party of rush week. The pledge dinner at the end of the week was a happy one for us in our pride in the pledges.

Many alumnae from out of town were here for the week. Two of the Lincoln group returned from Europe just in time, Josephine Gund who had spent a year in study abroad and Pauline Gund who had joined her sister in the spring for a tour. Josephine is now an instructor in the University of Nebraska Latin department.

Constance Syford, who has been an instructor in the English department at the university, is now in the East and plans to enter Yale for work toward a doctor's degree.

BELLE FARMAN

BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. Cliff S. Hamilton (Frances Howe, Mu and Kappa) on May 15, a daughter, Mary Frances.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schmitz (Margaret Black) of Chicago on July 6, a son, Herbert John, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stroy (Marvel Trojan) on March 22, a son, Donald Trojan.

MARRIAGE

On August 10 at Norton, Kansas, Lucy Goll to Mr. Rolland Denner, Acacia.

ST. PAUL

*Still continues Near East fund*

Since this CRESCENT is to be an Alumnæ Number, it would behoove us to appear as imposing and indispensable as possible. An easy task indeed, Should our particular group seem to fall short of such an aim, in any way, it should be contributed merely to our innate modesty, or to the limited vocabulary of this writer.

BUSINESS

Our last supper meeting was held at the home of Marjorie Sommers, with the help of three other hostesses. The avidity of our present treasurer, Martha Tayler, has led us into the practice of giving her our supper fees; the four hostesses donate the food. Virginia MacDonald conducted the meeting with presidential dignity, and Catherine Kenney read the secretary's report.

The Association continues to maintain its share of one third of the endowment policy; and we were recently able to collect sixty dollars for the Near East Relief, from the milk bottles. This fund averages fifty dollars a month.

PLEASURE

Several members are hoping to get up to Winnipeg for a fall visit. Marie Moreland is stopping there on her round of all the chapters in Province Four, of which she is director.

All the members are actively, enthusiastically, and successfully making arrangements for the afternoon bridge party of November thirteenth. We are giving it at the Woman's City Club, and hope,—along with giving our friends a beautiful time at a beautiful party,—to make enough money for the whole year.

BOTH

Rushing this year was made even more effective than usual by specifying definite work for the Alums. In addition to groups of us attending each rushing party, certain ones of us were assigned to particular parties. We were responsible for attending those parties, and for whatever might ensue in the meeting following. We were very gratified to pledge five desirable girls from St. Paul: Marjorie Watson, Martha Hagaman, Mary Louise Hume, Alice Fitch, and Florence Wiebmer.

ELEANOR LAGERMAN

PERSONALS

Ruth Fitch, '22, among other things, was Dietician at the University of California a year ago. Last year she visited her brother in France, and attended some classes at the Sorbonne. Alice Fitch joined Ruth later, and together they traveled about the country, and made a side trip into Italy, returning to St. Paul this summer. June first, Ruth was married to Law-



rence F. Pierson. She and her husband motored to Oakland, Cal., where she is now "at home."

Aldura Hagerman, from Iowa, was visiting this summer in California.

Marguerite Lagerman, who was working for some months in the St. Paul Public Library, is now living in Boston and commuting to Cambridge where she is Assistant Librarian at the Radcliffe College Library.

Alice Gall Bower was recently visiting her family here, with her small son.

Wencke Lisbeth Kielland, who has spent the last three years in Norway and Munich, is now in France. This summer she attended French vacation classes at the seashore, and this winter she is going to school near Paris, living in the home of a French professor.

Kenena MacKenzie has been for some months the private secretary of Elizabeth Quinlan of Young Quinlan Co. This Company has recently moved into a new building which is the most beautiful thing of its kind in the country; and is at present the largest and most exclusive shop for women's ready-to-wear, in the world. The point of this description is that Kenena has no ordinary position.

Dorothy Plocher is assisting her brother who is a minister in Wilson, Minnesota.

Three of our members are doing social work in St. Paul: Helen Hauser is with the Wilder Dispensary, Aimee White has charge of Baby Placement work in the Charities, and Eleanor Lagerman is an Investigator for Mothers' Aid.

#### MARRIAGES

Elizabeth Brown to Mr. Donald Tennant.

Audrey Borden to Mr. Alfred Bierman. The Biermans are making their home in Texas.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Herbert (Frances Hogan), a son.

To Dr. and Mrs. H. Nesbit (Dorothy Tennant), a son.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

##### *Rummage sale for Endowment Fund*

Having been the chapter editor only since the early summer and having been out of the city almost the entire time, I feel that I am rather out of touch with Gamma Phi affairs, but am still determined that the District of Columbia Alumnæ Association shall not be among the delinquent chapters. There was a meeting of the chapter at the home of Mary Billington (Theta), this afternoon (October 10) when she and Josephine Ryan (Theta), entertained at tea. The eight members present were most enthusiastic in making plans for the year, the most important of which was that we would give a rummage sale in the early spring, the proceeds to go to the endowment fund. Undoubtedly there must be many Gamma Phis in and near Washington whom we have not, as yet, gathered into the association and we shall make a determined effort to have them all join. Our new president is Katherine Lipscombe (Beta), and the secretary and treasurer is Helen Bliss (Omicron).

The next meeting is to be a buffet supper at the home of Mrs. Dulaney (Pi), when she and Eloise McCleave (Mu) will be the hostesses.

MARGARET SHEARER WILLARD

MARRIAGE

In September, Laura White (Gamma), to Mr. Gordon Taylor, University of Wisconsin.

PERSONALS

Eloise McCleave (Mu), spent July and August traveling in Europe. Margaret Shearer Willard (Beta), has returned from two months spent in France and Switzerland.

Ruth Hill (Sigma), is living at the Kappa house in Washington. Helen Nipps Hildner has left Washington and has gone to Paris, Missouri, to live.

Alice Kidder (Kappa), is the newest member of the chapter.

Hortense Hood (Beta), has been a recent Washington visitor.

KANSAS CITY

*From an association into a chapter*

Our alumnae chapter abounds with life and enthusiasm, even though we carried the usual heavy rôle in summer rushing. The musicale tea held at Mission Hills Country Club for the rushees and their mothers in order to meet the Gamma Phis and their mothers was a distinct success. The ever-popular progressive dinner that winds up the summer's rushing held its accustomed place of prominence.

Then rushing temporarily over, the alumnae took deep and hurried breaths and plunged immediately into plans for the benefit bridge to be held this year at the Hotel President on October 30. There are table prizes and drawing prizes to be made yet, besides the arduous task of selling tables. No one seems to be dismayed at the prospect of more work, however, and the affair cannot help but be a success with such an attitude in evidence.

The events during the summer that rivaled rush parties in numbers were the marriages of alumnae. Five of the Kansas City chapter took the "fatal step" during that time. There were many showers and parties, all followed by the weddings as the climax.

Mrs. Paul A. Simonds (Fanny Goodman, Beta), gained quite a distinct success by her articles on gardening which appeared serially in the Sunday Kansas City *Star* this summer.

We have felt that the question of alumnae taking a prominent part in rushing has been cause for an argument for some time. Since it is near the hearts of all chapters, active and alumnae, we submit the following article to be worthy of consideration.

MILDRED ODELL BLUM

MARRIAGES

Ray Warring to Mr. Devere Allen, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

La Verne Bronaugh to Mr. Harry Stover, Pi Upsilon.

Marjorie Lynn to Mr. Allan Burns, Delta Chi.

ST. JOSEPH

*Benefit for Alpha Delta house fund*

The little group of St. Joseph Alumnae has been augmented by two graduates from Alpha Delta having the good judgment to stay home and get acquainted with their families and their friends.

Early in July a bridge party was given at the Moila Temple Golf and Country Club for the benefit of the Alpha Delta house fund. A Gamma Phi good time and fifty-five dollars was the result.



Five members of the association went to the Province Three Conference last spring, eager to help and be helped. They came home enthusiastic over Sigma's new house and over the possibilities of the Province Conference.

In September we met at the home of Louise Barthold. This meeting was given over to Corinne Heim's vivid report of rushing at Missouri. Corinne was in the thick of it as much as an alum ever is and had the joy of having her sister, Margaret, pledged. Minerva McEwen is the other St. Joseph girl Alpha Delta pledged. We are happy to have two such splendid little sisters-to-be.

EDITH MOSS RHODES

#### PERSONALS

Beulah Bennett gave up this spring her work as head of the Latin department in Central High School to become music instructor in both Junior College and Central High School. She studied this summer at New York University.

Jessie Roberts spent her vacation at Lake Okoboji, Iowa.

Marion Lehr has so much time on her hands now that she is graduated that she is spending part of it learning to be a banker. Odd minutes she plays pipe organs.

Esther Platt, in accordance with her father's wishes, is taking a business course.

Louise Barthold resigned her position in the Atchison High School to take a position in Central High School, St. Joseph.

Bess Bristow was appointed this fall as assistant to the supervisor of physical education in the St. Joseph schools.

Margaret Huston is still teaching the women out in the country new wrinkles in cooking and sewing and house furnishings.

Margaret Stein is the efficient Girls' Secretary at the Y.W.C.A.

Corinne Heim is at home for the present but she expects to take a position almost any time.

Edith Moss Rhoades went in June to reunion at Wellesley, spent July down on Cape Cod and came home in time to buy and remodel her mother's house for tenants, on September first.

Jeannette Craig (Mrs. Robert), of Mu, who was here last year, has moved to Grand Rapids. We can ill afford to lose her.

#### DEATH

St. Joseph Alumnæ Association deeply sympathizes with Esther Platt in the loss of her father last month. Esther was at the University of Missouri for rush week when the sad news came that her father had died suddenly while playing golf.

#### SAN DIEGO

##### *Summer luncheons*

With the end of summer vacation and the return of our scattered members we find our chapter poorer by two as Mary Calloway (Mu), and Vivian Mittler (Beta), have taken positions away from San Diego. We have started the winter full of ambition; for May Jones, our president, believing in preparedness, brought material for our Christmas work to our October meeting. The scrapbooks that we made for the children of the Neighborhood House last year were such a success that we intend to make them again for the youngsters of the Rest Haven Home. Although we are not close enough to an active chapter to participate in their activities we are

working with the University Women's Club in the work they sponsor, and are making Gamma Phi known in this part of the country.

In spite of the fact that several of our alumnae have been away this summer we have held our monthly luncheons. The most successful and delightful was our October luncheon as guests of Helen North Strout in her beautiful Spanish home at La Jolla. Aside from the attractiveness of the house itself, and the delicious luncheon, it was a rare treat to be allowed to wander around and examine the many picturesque and fascinating pieces of furniture, pictures, shawls, etc., that Helen has collected in her years of living in Mexico City. One of the nicest things we heard was that Helen Strout's two nieces Helen and Julia North, have been pledged Gamma Phi at Stanford. We would have liked to have had time to hear the tales Grace Hammarstrom (Nu), could tell us for she has been to the South Sea Islands this summer.

The officers for the year elected at the July meeting were Mary Vorhees Jones (Mu), president; Helen North Strout (Mu), vice president; Anne Sherman Allen (Eta), treasurer, and Fanny L. Marks (Theta), secretary. Ada Marie Kelly (Phi), who is visiting in California for a few months has been to the last two meetings, and Norman Barr (Alpha Epsilon), is our newest member. We hold our meetings the second Saturday in each month and visiting Gamma Phis will be most welcome.

MARGARET BROWN THAANUM

## WINNIPEG

### *Chapter house—the goal*

The saddest moment in the short life of our Alumnae Association has come! Until now our actives have been indulgent and have allowed us to crowd them out almost of their meetings. We used to feel almost collegiate again and never missed a Tuesday night, but now we are to be restricted, and each alum is allowed but one active meeting a month. We realize that this is the first stage in growing up to be a real adult Alumnae Chapter—but it hurts.

Since we are to have a separate budget now, we are beginning to lay our own plans for winter money making. The house is very much a castle in Spain as yet, but youth, energy and saving natures ought to net us something real towards it before the winter is out. We started off with the collection of talent money from each alum. The first event is to be a rummage sale on a rather large scale it is hoped and this is to be followed by something really important. A dance, a supper dance, or a revue are the three most favoured ideas. It will be the first public effort ever made by a Greek letter organization in Winnipeg, and we are feeling very pioneerish and are hoping that the result will bring much honor and money.

We also expect to make flannelette layettes for the use of the Day Nursery and intend to follow last year's precedent in giving a Christmas party for children who are not helped by churches.

Dorothy Davis Rattray, our newest bride, is living in Flushing, Long Island; Beth Osborne has won a scholarship and is doing post-graduate work at Smith College; Margaret Fletcher is studying music in Paris; Mary Doupe is taking Physical Education at Wellesley College; Phyllis Garland, Isabel and Willa Gunn, Kathleen Belt, and Helen Gourley spent the summer in England and on the continent.

HELEN L. GOURLEY



## AUSTIN

*Begins year with enthusiasm*

Now that Rush Week is over, everything is settling down to normalcy again. We are indeed proud of Alpha Zeta's twenty-one new pledges! Several of the alumnae attended all of the parties and meetings during Rush Week, and marked interest was shown by all. We realize that Alpha Zeta is a "baby" no longer, and that she is taking the lead in many lines of campus activity.

We are so glad that "our twins" (Irene and Pauline Gibson) of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, are with us again this year. They received B.S. degrees in Home Economics last June, and are now studying in the Texas Conservatory of Music. Florence Smith is also back with us, and is "holding down" the same position as Physical Training teacher in one of the Public Schools. Mrs. R. C. Martin, who was until very recently Mildred Ellis, is teaching History in the High School here. Mildred is our very capable president of the Association this year. Another interesting fact about Mildred is that she was one of the youngest students to receive a Masters' Degree last June. But that is not quite all for she wrote her thesis in Government, and then married a Government instructor this summer! Jeffie Irwin, B.A. '26, is teaching Mathematics in the Junior High School here, having majored in Mathematics at the University. Helen Boysen, B.A. '26, is a tutor in Zoology this year in addition to taking work on a Master's Degree. Kathryn Bryant, B.A. '26, is planning to receive a Master's Degree in Psychology in June. Mary Buckner, one of Alpha Zeta's charter members, is working on a Master of Business Administration, besides teaching type-writing in the University.

Just now the Austin Association is planning a picnic for the new pledges and the alumnae for the purpose of getting better acquainted with one another. We are hoping to start a tradition for this sort of thing.

The next big thing in the horizon for Alpha Zeta in which we shall have a part is the Bazaar which will be held about the first week in December. We are all hoping so hard that we may collect enough money within the next few years to buy a lot on which we may build a house of our own.

KATHRYN BRYANT

## MARRIAGES

Mildred Ellis M.A. '26, to Mr. Roscoe C. Martin.

Mildred Beall, B.A. '26, to Mr. Leroy Marek.

Gladys Miller to Mr. Cecil A. Morgan (Acacia).

## NASHVILLE

*"Baby association"*

Nashville Alumnae Association was organized and granted a charter late last spring; so we are still quite a "Baby Association." The girls met several times informally during the summer and made some plans for the fall. Officers for the year are: Margaret Malone Blair, president; Katherine Yates, secretary and treasurer; and Irene Langford corresponding secretary.

Our meetings so far have been informal and irregular, but beginning with October the twenty-seventh regular meetings will be held at the house, 110 23rd Ave. North, on the last Wednesday in each month at four o'clock.

We have made plans for a bazaar to be given in December and the girls

here in town meet every Wednesday afternoon at the chapter house to sew for it.

Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Woodward are planning at separate times during the fall to visit us, and we are looking forward to having them with a great deal of pleasure. During Mrs. Woodward's visit we hope to straighten out many of the problems that a new association has to meet.

IRENE LANGFORD

PERSONALS

Susie Langford and Ivar Lou Myhr are together in Pensacola, Florida, this winter teaching in the High School.

Doris Hawkins is in Nashville, teaching at Ward Belmont.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Smith (Clarissa Crenshaw), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Leland (Helen Patton), a son.



## OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR AUGUST—*Shield* of Phi Gamma Psi.

FOR SEPTEMBER—*Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Quarterly* of Zeta Beta Tau; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Magazine* of Sigma Chi; *Quarterly* of Alpha Phi; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Quarterly* of Delta Chi; *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Quarterly* of Theta Xi.

FOR OCTOBER—*Diary* of Alpha Kappa Psi; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Quarterly* of Delta Upsilon; *Delta* of Sigma Nu; *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho; *Carnation* of Delta Sigma Phi.

The following items of interest are from the *Magazine* of Sigma Chi.

Which state in the Union has the largest number of college students in proportion to population? Ohio, Massachusetts, Illinois? Not one of them is in the first twelve. Utah has the largest proportional representation in college; Nebraska is fourth, Iowa fifth, Kansas eighth, Minnesota twelfth. Would you believe it?

*The Sigma Chi Quarterly* has ceased to exist. It is now *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* with five issues a year instead of four. It is one of the leaders in the fraternity publication field, under the energetic editorship of Chester W. Cleveland of the Illinois chapter.—*The Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega

Nicholas Longworth, Speaker of the House of Representatives, on his first day in that office used an ebony gavel given him by Delta Kappa Epsilon, of which he is a member. The presentation was made by Walker S. Boel, Washington correspondent of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, and president of the Washington Alumni Association of the fraternity, and was accompanied by a congratulatory message from Senator Wadsworth of New York, honorary national president of Delta Kappa Epsilon. A silver band on the gavel bears the inscription, "To Nicholas Longworth, December 7, 1925, from Delta Kappa Epsilon."

The advice given by Irving Bacheller to Alpha Tau Omega to cross the ocean and plant in the foreign universities is stoutly opposed by a symposium in the December *Phi Gamma Delta*. Three men of Phi Gamma Delta, experienced in thought, manners and customs abroad, unite to point out that the American fraternity will not fit into the environment and atmosphere to be found in Europe.

William G. McAdoo presided at the installation ceremonies incident to the birth of the ninety-fifth active chapter of Kappa Sigma at the University of Southern California recently.

This is the time of year when pledges need admonition. The following splendid article, written by the editor of *Themis* of Zeta

Tau Alpha and copied from *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa, is most comprehensive.

Your pledge life is your preparation for fraternity life. Everyone has to serve an apprenticeship, be it for trade, business, professions, or even for social life, and fraternity is no exception. This probationary period can and should be turned to great advantage. It should mean a thorough preparation in the ground work of the principles upon which our fraternity is built. It should mean greater facility in adjustments to new conditions, that ever necessary adapting of one's self with an ease that counts up on the credit side of your personal character ledger. It should mean greater unselfishness as you forget self and work with the group for the advancement of the fraternity and its ideal. Nothing on earth is so good for us as forgetting ourselves in service for others or a good cause in which we sincerely believe. It should mean added incentive to study more and make better grades—for you are conscious that a poor grade of yours can lower the scholastic standing of this family which has so recently taken you into its circle. Responsibilities and possibilities as they unfold in this new environment should encourage you to greater endeavor, not only because they have thus been revealed to you but because you feel a new assurance with so many willing sisters loyally supporting you and believing in you so thoroughly that you must live up to all they think you are. Meanwhile the history of our own fraternity and the fraternity world is being unfolded to you. In the record of these organizations, that in their long years of successful and sure growth tell the story of man's desire to draw about him those who are companionable and congenial, you find a fascinating chronicle of endless friendships gathered together under various Greek names, of which ours is one.

Little has been said about what you as a pledge owe the fraternity or the actives. We think you know what you owe! The enumerating and pointing out of obligations of this sort never can take the place of personal recognition of such facts. The actives, too, have an equal responsibility toward you and the fraternity and each of you will fulfill your obligations only as you live up to certain general requirements which, after all, have something to do with the golden rule of doing unto others as you would certainly hope they would do unto you. Old as the ages, that rule never grows rusty or out of date. It should be put on the door mat of every fraternity house alongside the proverbial *welcome*. It would not be a bad idea to have it over the door and also in a conspicuous place in the chapter room. After all, is there any better, saner, or *safer* standard or rule for human conduct?

The fraternity stands ready to give you the benefits of all it has worked years to build and accomplish. It gives you a shining heritage and a proud birthright with a forward-looking future. Remember this and cling fast to your sense of humor when pledge duties lead kitchenward, to dignity-destroying positions necessary to the successful waxing of impossible floors, to every sort of situation that the brilliant mêlée and glamour of rush days did not prepare you for. There are bigger things at stake—remember them, and suffer these others to be so now for time eradicates all practices that are actually harmful and useless and memories of humorous incidents are often treasured when time has seasoned one's outlook. K.P. service may be good for your soul—who knows! We say this even though we firmly believe that the transition from pledge service (with all its dignity and solemnity), to kitchen should be far less abrupt than present day usage accords it.

So—serve your apprenticeship well and resolve to get the most out of college life while remembering that to get, you must give in full measure. Selfish getting is not lasting in effects, nor is it our aim. Unselfish giving often brings back tremendous personal returns in unexpected "getting."



The following was given by Dr. Valeria H. Parker of New York City at the last N. P. C. held at Dallas:

#### AN INVOCATION

To Woman alone is it given to consciously nurture, bear and rear a Being with an Immortal Soul.

Through the pain, self-sacrifice, and patience of Motherhood; through the undying love of Womanhood for Childhood; may she learn the infinite love and compassion of God for Man.

So may I understand my body and its uses, and keep it clean and strong for its high physical calling;

So may I keep my mind keen and alive to progress, that I may train other minds which may be entrusted to my care;

So may I keep my Spirit free from impurity and evil, that I may guide other souls into the truth of Life and Immortality.

—*Alpha Xi Delta*

The organization noted in the following paragraph was formed and sponsored by Lindsey Barbee of Gamma Phi Beta, who also gave the name. This was done by request of the nonsorority girls themselves.

All nonsorority girls at the University of Denver are included in an organization called Philotes. The girls are divided into several groups each with a group leader selected by the president of the club. Each group leader is on the Women's Student Council as a result of her position in the Philotes organization.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*

#### This from *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi:

Instead of cross word puzzles, we are presenting in this issue the following questions, which should be easily answered by intelligent and alert women, such as all Alpha Chis are, taken from *The Woman Citizen*. What do you know? Will it be necessary to print the answers later?

1. Who is Helen Gardener?
2. Who is the first woman judge of a state Supreme Court?
3. Cecelia Beaux?
4. Who was the first woman M.P. in Great Britain?
5. Who was our first Congresswoman?
6. Who was the first woman to be inaugurated governor of a state?
7. Who is Mary Anderson?
8. Who is Emily Newell Blair?
9. What woman was nominated last year for Vice President of the United States?
10. What is Mabel Walker Willebrandt's position?
11. What woman college president retired three years ago after nearly forty year's service?
12. What was Mme. Curie's notable discovery?
13. Who is "Ma" Ferguson?
14. What woman will sit in the Sixty-ninth Congress?
15. Who is Mrs. Fiske?
16. Julia Lathrop?
17. What office did Margaret Bondfield hold in England?
18. Who was Frances Willard?
19. Who is Dorothy Canfield?

—*Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega*

The housemother is a very vital part of chapter life and her viewpoint is most interesting. The article which we have clipped from *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega is written by Winifred Ferrin, who is characterized by the editor as "Theta's gracious and efficient chaperon, beloved house mother, and charming patroness":

How do I ever "mother" and manage so many, I am asked. I do not manage them—they are self-governed. There are campus and house rules which the girls themselves have made and my conviction is that they can abide by them. I am here to help them use their own good judgment. Each girl's own individuality must be expressed, developed, but keep the rules we must since they represent the best possible means of governing the girl on the campus. We keep the rules not because of the authority which can enforce them but because it is right and best to do so.

It has been said that we are a happy family. We want to be! I would have the girls know and see the joy and beauty of life and love, which have so greatly appealed to me and enriched my life. I would have their lives so filled with these riches that there is room for naught but good. And fun—we love it, need it, have it.

Higher scholarship must be striven for. The girls must and do work hard and to this end must we have conditions favorable for study. Everything about the house must be in fine order, a place for the girls to come to, allured by the appeal of home, to find what they need. Here the house mother's opportunity for helpful interest is immeasurable. In our home our biggest desire is unselfishness, our ideal to say and do the kind and courteous things for each other.

No home is complete without religion. Respect is required and given in this.

A word for those who form our background—they are with us a stone wall: National and province officers, alumnae, patronesses, and parents. House mothers, if you do not know them already, make their acquaintance at once and let them be your friends. And your board of directors—they will be most helpful if you but open the way. Experience has proved that at Theta we can turn to our advisers with anything needful. I have heard a house mother say however, "Why I never knew we had a board of directors." I can only answer, "What a pity!" Another said to me, "And the alumnae—always meddling with something! I'd be glad to have them stay away." No meddling in the Alpha Chi house! A cheery word of approval and encouragement from officers, alumna, or parent helps heaps. We "Mothers" are a pretty human lot of folks and the attention accorded us goes far to enable us to carry on and do well for our girls.

Often do I stress to the girls in the house the fine ideals of womanhood they have among them. These very ideals have brought splendid friends on the campus. The dean of women we like and she in turn likes us. Our faculty friends are interested in the girls and in their work and are our frequent guests for teas and dinners. "If you would have a friend, be one." Is it Emerson who says, "Happiness is a perfume which you cannot pour upon others without spilling a few drops on yourself." Goodwill we offer and it is returned to us again.

One of the attractions of our home is the privilege of the kitchen. The girls may enjoy a glass of milk, an orange, a bit of cinnamon toast, make fudge, or pop corn as they choose. (Ask alumnae about the cinnamon toast made during home coming! They dined and they danced, played bridge and lunched. The whole house echoed with their jollity.)



Activities—I gasp for breath—there are so many, but we try to encourage the girls and help them to do as much as they can. In all social activities our girls are most gracious and do exceedingly well. Do other house mothers always talk things over with their girls? I do—we plan everything together.

I meet with the officers on Monday before dinner and chapter meeting and together we carefully consider our needs. Occasionally when we are in need of a little uplift in courtesy, table manners, and the general morale of the house, there is an informal talk with all the girls in the living room for a few moments before chapter meeting. They gather round, sitting on davenports and the floor, and listen to suggestions for our improvement. They, too, offer suggestions sometimes and whenever offered they are accepted graciously.

A word for the boys, for what house is happy without them? Thirty fine girls bring thirty or more boys, and why not, since this is the girls' home! A splendid array of boys is ours. They know that to come to see my girls they cannot, nor take them out, unless they are fine clean fellows; then they may and we are proud of them.

The smaller courtesies add so much to the home; then cheerfulness, a pretty plant, or flowers, or a crackling fire in the fireplace, all these lend cheer and atmosphere.

The house mothers must welcome the girls in coming to her in times of need. I am accessible to them no matter what the occasion; heads that ache and hearts that are broken, or a suggestion for a costume for a play. "How must I word this invitation?" "How can I change this dress to make it more stylish?—I've just got to wear it a while longer." "Is my dress too long? (Never too short!)" "I've had a quarrel with Dick—do you think it is my fault?" and more. You ask whether I ever get tired. Do Mothers ever get tired?

Oh, for an understanding heart, girls—for you are a precious cargo. May I touch the heart strings of the lyre that they may bring forth love and harmony, and that Alpha Chi Omega girls may ever be among the finest on the campus.