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THE GOLDEN MEAN

PERHAPS a Senior shouldn't or needn't go way back to the bugbears of the freshman's life for a problem, but after all that is where most of our interests and our difficulties start. By the time we are sage and hoary seniors, our interests are established and our difficulties are either pushed into the dim past or else it is too late to remedy them.

A problem which occurs to me as perplexing is the ever present struggle for the new entrant to secure a fair proportionate balance among books, dates and activities. The freshman reasons thusly: "I don't want to study so much that I'll be called a grind and if I don't study enough I'll flunk. If I don't go out for campus activities, the girls will say I'm not worthwhile and they may not initiate me. If I do play basketball, do Y. W. work and dramatics, there won't be any time to study. And now that I'm away from home I'd like to have lots of dates and go to all the dances." Finally she gets so entangled in the metaphysics and the intricacies of the thing that she "just sits and waits" and finally wonders why she isn't just satisfied and why college is not quite what she thought it would be.

How can we show our freshmen that a reasonable division is possible? That one major activity and perhaps, if college isn't too hard for them, a second will make them many friends on campus and offer them surprising opportunities for enriching their college

life. That dates on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights with occasional others are enough to include most of the "doings." And then there is time, plenty of time, to go to classes, lectures and church, study, sleep and do the thousand and one other things with which every girl fills forty-eight hours.

Freshmen are children in college and they have to be "brought up" in their new life. We upperclassmen, I am afraid, with our better established sense of college values often forget that it was only a short time since we were green and guileless. We look at the freshmen with amused eyes and say—"Give 'em time. They'll pull around eventually." Of course they will, but with our help it might be much sooner. Puppies can be thrown into water and they will swim at once but children have to be taught.

If we should devise a more effective and painstaking method of freshman supervision, I believe that there would be fewer who, at the end of their freshman year, flunk out and fewer who are dissatisfied and feel that their year has been somehow wasted and they can't tell just why. This may be a problem peculiar to Syracuse for we are handicapped by having the freshmen living in dormitories, sometimes at long distance from the house. Some of them seldom have time to come to the house except on meeting nights, so that often we feel that we don't know the girl as well as we should and perhaps she doesn't feel quite at home with us. Each year the question is realized more keenly, with the ever growing ambition of twentieth-century youth, and we are all looking for a more concrete solution than mere talk.

LOUISE M. WHITE

DELTA

SENIOR REFLECTIONS

Five Delta seniors about to round out four of the most interesting and profitable years of our lives. It has been the guiding spirit of Gamma Phi which has lead us gayly through our college career, and which will ever be our inspiration in the years to come.

This year has been a hard one for Delta, with her burden of running a house. But it has been a pleasure, and each senior has done her best to help make the prospect a reality. One of the greatest satisfactions of our senior year is our nine initiates, and every one of them a real asset to Delta.

Each one of us is looking forward to Senior Week June 7-14. with the greatest pleasure. First of all there is the banquet, just for our Senior Class. Then Class Day, with all its frivolity. Senior Class Play, when all our friends, professors and alumni come to join us and to watch the performance. And best of all—Senior Prom, the one climatic event of four years. Then for the more serious side of the activities, comes Baccalaureate Sunday,

and Commencement on June 14, which marks the end of our happy college career.

Immediately following the close of college comes the House Party at Marblehead where every one always enjoys a most delightful ten days together.

Time only will tell where our seniors will be, but we all do hope to be situated near enough that we may come back often to Delta. We wish the best of success to all chapters of Gamma Phi Beta and hope the sorority has meant as much to all as it has to Delta girls.

CONSTANCE FIELD STECHER

EPSILON

THE VALUE OF THE SORORITY

Ever since there have been sororities there have been "conscientious objectors," I guess. And when I first heard of sororities, it was of their objectionable side that I was told. At that time I could not answer their arguments, but I believe that now, as a senior, I can by showing that the advantages offered by sororities outweigh the disadvantages (for even now I am willing to admit that there are disadvantages). A sorority is, in a way, undemocratic. The only answer, I can make to that is that as long as we have society at all, there will be groups within it brought together, by common interests, and that in a college, if those groups are not called sororities, they will nevertheless exist—and be undemocratic. It has been said that sororities are an unnecessary expense; they are such, only if they are definitely not worth the money put into them—and I am convinced that they have a value that cannot even be computed in dollars and cents. That sorority duties require time and effort that should be spent in scholastic activity has also been argued. But I believe that a sorority contributes something of definite educational value to the life of a girl—something just as necessary as anything she will learn in academic work.

It has long been conceded that playing football adds a great deal to the education of a man. I believe that sorority life contributes something comparable in many respects to that of a girl. It requires teamwork and cooperation to a high degree. It offers ample opportunities for leadership. It demands feeling of sportsmanship. It necessitates a sacrifice of the individual for the ultimate good of the group. It discourages selfishness—the sorority girl must think first of her chapter and her national organization—of herself, last. It teaches girls to stick together in spite of defeat. It brings out a true comradeship that in itself would almost justify the existence of the sorority.

A girl without a sorority would be, to certain extent, comparable to an arrow without a bow. I know that I should never have had

the courage nor the ambition—without the stimulus of a sorority back of me—to do many things in the past few years which I know have really made me much stronger and broader. I believe that my sorority has fitted me a lot better for living. I have always been more or less of a student—it has never been easy for me to mix with people. As a non-sorority girl I should have gained from my four years of college life little more than actual scholastic achievements. As a sorority girl I have learned that there is after all a lot more to live for than just books and laboratories. And for this I thank my chapter.

Other girls have different peculiarities that are not perhaps faults, but which tend to make them not so strong, not so happy, as they might be; and I believe that a sorority is the best kind of school to teach them how to overcome those difficulties.

So it is my hope that sorority girls will fully appreciate the weaknesses of sororities, and will try to minimize them; that they will also fully appreciate this worthwhileness, and strive to preserve their valuable qualities.

MARGARET BEEBE

ZETA

A SENIOR'S POINT OF VIEW

Last Wednesday, along with nineteen other seniors, I was in the inter-class gym meet. It is the same every year with its competition in marching, floor work, and apparatus; and I expected to feel the usual tense spirit of excitement and rivalry—nothing more. But as I started down, head first, from the ceiling on the Swedish ladder (a rather inopportune time to be conscious of anything, except the native instinct of one's animal kin, by the way) I remembered that the class of '26 had entered what was for us, a final contest; that I was doing a last individual thing for my class.

The realization that she is doing so many things for the last time is the key note of a senior's point of view these spring days. That differentiates her from the lazy, indifferent, happy-go-lucky underclassmen. "We won't be here doing these same things next year. Strange—why, we have been doing them for four years!" she argues.

"Well, the grind, the routine will be over, thank goodness," she philosophizes. "Still, you know I must have developed an intellectual trend," she admits to the room mate, in serious moments, "for, tho I may not get any more out of a course than I did other years, I seem to grasp the scope of the subject and actually to regret what I'm missing. Funny how I used to be satisfied to skim over the surface and trust to native intelligence to 'get by'! I was constantly deciding to study more—soon, perhaps next semester. Back in those days I had a mania for attempting every course in

the curriculum, but, somehow, I always had to forego for another year something that wouldn't fit into my schedule. This term there was a permanent farewell to all 'left overs,' no next year for them!"

"Yes," sighs sympathetic room mate, whose inclinations take different paths.

"I surely have passed up a number of people I regret not knowing—both 'profs' and girls," continues the senior. "I always meant to get acquainted with them the next opportunity. Now in a couple of months I'll be severing contact with the few friends I do have."

"We certainly value things now," she agrees. "I'd never set myself up to preach the 'if-you-don't-want-to-regret-it-do-this-now-line, because you are bound to miss half that's offered with a curriculum as scholastically broad and socially full as Goucher's; but you surely are devoted, senior year to the few acquisitions you have made, be they swimming records or scholastic reputations. That friendship with a 'prof,' that sophomore whose ideal you are, the fraternity—they are dear things all right!"

"Won't you hate not being back for rushing next year?" the room mate moans.

"I gave up summer houseparty for Navy June week last year, but I'm already planning to compromise this time. Would you believe, by the way, I would refuse Ivy Ball at Penn for a sorority function? It's a fact!"

Old ties are strongest when about to be severed—that is a senior's point of view. And what of the future, the on-rush of events, or monotony of time, that shall fill the many vacant gaps? The senior pauses like a lad, who eagerly, reluctantly pushing open the garden gate, looks across the meadows and fields to the blue rimmed mountains. He is armed with a wooden staff; she with an inscribed paper, a college diploma. It is a wonderful, a terrible and awing world, and there is no end of what she will do and be out there—this senior. But meanwhile the garden is a dear, familiar, pleasant place.

KATHERINE SHAW

THETA

SECOND SEMESTER PLEDGING

The latest development on our campus this year was the installing of second semester pledging. Rushing, supposedly, did not exist. Cordial relationships were to be maintained, but no money was to be spent on any freshman. Speaking in a mercenary way, this was a great saving for the poor college girls.

All summer we rushed. Then on the first day of the semester, we stopped with perfect ease. We asked innumerable freshmen girls to lunch since each invited guest was permitted to pay for her own

food. Such was the semester. All the sorority girls smiling sweetly at each other; and all the freshmen trying to make favorable impressions and yet trying to appear not too anxious.

On February 1, things started off with a bang. Date books had been sent out a week before to every eligible freshman, and every one was ready, primed to start, on the grand struggle. Oh yes, of course, classes were scheduled, and supposedly met, but the sorority girls and the freshmen were conspicuous by their absence. Why bother with such trivial matters as English, History, and math, when such an exciting week was on!

By Friday the freshmen had been fêted and fed until they were all worn out and the sorority girls looked dissipated and tired. On Friday night preference slips were sent out; bids were mailed on Saturday, and on Sunday, everyone hurried to her respective sorority house to celebrate. Pledging came on Monday, February 8, and the deed was done. Freshmen who were lucky were congratulated; and sorority girls again smiled sweetly at each other.

The whole scheme was quite successful for us, if one may judge from the number of pledges. Sixteen!

JANET MILLIGAN

LAMBDA

DEMOCRACY

One of the most frequent charges against Greek letter societies is snobbishness. Gamma Phi Beta does not want such a charge marked against her. We must guard against an appearance of snobbishness, for that is as undesirable and as fatal as the real thing.

There are several things which we can do to keep ourselves free from any such appearances. First, we should not confine our friendships to members of our own sorority. There is ample opportunity for making friends, between classes, going to meetings, and assemblies. We like to be with each other, and as a result we crowd our opportunities for other friendship.

Then we can always have a smile and a greeting for all our acquaintances. The friends of former days will watch to see if there is any change in us, and if they do find a change, the sorority will be charged as the cause.

We can further a democratic feeling by making friends among independents as well as among other sorority girls. Many girls who live in town would welcome an invitation to dinner previous to some evening when she must stay out on the campus.

It is not among the non-sorority students alone that we must make or break our reputation. Every other sorority on the campus has marked Gamma Phi as snobbish, or as democratic. Has the

reception at our house of other sorority women always been what it should have been? Or could we be more friendly?

We must make our friendships natural and real. Only in this way can we hope to gain a reputation of being really democratic. There are so many girls outside of our own group who are really worth knowing that it is a detriment to ourselves not to know them. The girl who makes acquaintances and works on her campus with other people is the one who gains the most from college. She gains those things which will be of great value to her in future life.

We can all help to raise Gamma Phi's standard among other college people if we will pursue the policy of democracy and make it our object to make friends.

BERNICE SMITH

MU

SPRING HAS COME TO STANFORD

Spring has come to Stanford and brought out the usual pretty hats, green grass and sneezes! Our lake is full, and canoes, bright with their fresh paint, float upon it from sunrise until ten-twenty-seven P. M.,—a time of evening which gives the girls just three minutes to rush home. The hills that rise, as a special setting behind the Memorial chapel, are green-coated and flower-splashed, and they slope away invitingly to anyone interested in botany or picnics. Behind the mountains that stretch to the west, holding their tall redwoods as a barrier between Stanford and the coast, the waves of the Pacific are pounding in long, blue-green, white-frothed swells. Over the hills that stretch to the east, the orchards of the San Joaquin Valley roll in perfumed billows of pink and white blossoms. We have seen the sea, we have picnicked on the green-clad slopes, we have canoed on the lake, and one of our number has even fallen in, and so made the occasion for an heroic rescue. So much for spring and the feverish activities with which it annually seeks to submerge studies and would-be students!

The first week of rushing took place this year during the seventh week of winter quarter. Ushered in with a tea for the freshmen, the time passed rapidly with its succession of luncheon and dinner engagements. The first week of spring quarter will complete our rushing season. Our system of rushing, with its requirement of a year's attendance at the University before pledging, is working out very satisfactorily. The friendships made at Roble Hall the year before joining a sorority, aid greatly in the feeling of friendly co-operation between houses, and in making our Panhellenic organization unusually closely united. One interesting innovation in our rushing system was made this year at the suggestion of Dean Mary Yost, when it was decided to pledge no girls on probation. It is hoped that this decision will give some stimulation to any of

the freshmen who are not displaying the necessary enthusiasm for their studies.

Mu Chapter made a very good scholastic record autumn quarter, and we are hoping for as good a one this quarter. Our garden is gay with spring blossoms; we are freshening up the driveway and the furniture with a few needed improvements. We have reason to hope for the addition to our chapter of some very desirable girls—and our attitude is decidedly optimistic!

RUTH MONTGOMERY

NU

PUBLICATIONS OF UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

The publications at the University of Oregon vary from a student daily to a scientific series, and include *Oregon Exchanges*, *The Commonwealth Review*, *The High School*, *Extension Monitor*, *Law Review*, *Old Oregon*, and *The Oregana*.

The *Oregon Daily Emerald*, the student publication, with a circulation of about 4,000 among students and alumni, has a well-organized corps of workers. There are day editors, night editors, sports staff, feature writers, upper new staff, lower reportorial staff, who take charge of the news end of the publication. On the business side there is a very efficient business manager who directs a group of advertising solicitors and specialized copy writers. Hovering over all is the editor with his associate editor, managing editor and associate managing editor.

The *Emerald* besides covering thoroughly the news of the campus, in the absence of a student literary magazine, carries poetry and a humor section. The humor section is run under the caption: *The Seven Seers*, some of the names of these illustrious, mysterious scribes being; Bjork, Kemal Splasha, Garbo, G. Hosafat, Sinbad and Kip. Very weighty subjects, such as discussions of Shakespeare's writings are presented with a *keen* insight into the works of this great writer. The following is a representative example:

Shakespeare

- "1. Do you believe Brutus would have fallen on his sword even if he had worn rubber heels?
2. Discuss the dramatic conflict between King Lear and Othello in Shakespeare's 'Riders of the Purple Sage.'
3. Do you thing Nero was in his right mind when he pushed his mother down the elevator shaft?
4. Would modern railway signals have prevented the horrible wreck in 'Merchant of Venice'?"

Another semi-humorous column in this publication is *The Chameleon*, which, however, on occasions, contains comment on live campus problems.

Seriously, the *Emerald* is constructive. Several times a week appear signed articles on world problems by a professor in economics. These articles deal with such things as the world court, the French cabinet distress, and the League of Nations. A rather successful attempt has been made to eliminate making the *Emerald* merely a campus bulletin board, and all announcements are run under a special column heading *Campus Bulletin*. A section which has been found to be very popular is the *Campus Chat*, which carries short items on the "goings and comings" of campus people, alumni, and general campus visitors.

Old Oregon, the University alumni magazine, has a circulation of about 3000 a month. The *Oregana*, the student year book which comes out in the spring, in addition to the students subscriptions, is used by the University to send to high school libraries throughout the state in order to bring before the high school senior, and all high school students in general, the advantages and attractions of attending college.

The other publications issued by the University of Oregon are of a more or less technical nature, including the *Law School Review*, *The Commonwealth Review*, and *Oregon Exchanges*.

Dr. John Henry Nash, of San Francisco, printer and connoisseur of fine printing, who attends the annual newspaper conferences held at the University of Oregon, has offered to supervise a special printing plant which is to be established at the University for the purpose of producing one fine book a year to be distributed to university libraries. This work will be an outstanding contribution to typographical art, and will be as nearly perfect as possible. Dr. Nash received the degree of doctor of letters from the University last year, the first honorary degree of that kind given by the University of Oregon.

(Unsigned)

SIGMA

A SENIOR SPEAKS

What does it mean to be a senior in Gamma Phi Beta at the University of Kansas? On looking back over my four years at K. U. I see a kaleidoscope of colors in various patterns shifting from the gold of my first party dress to the violet of that day in my second year when I almost flunked chemistry. There are the gay colors against a gray background of men and girls in vivid slickers on a rainy day; the orange of the sunset, the dull brown of my text books.

In the midst of this prismatic display of color there are certain recurring shades like the theme of a symphony. The first of these is blue—the blue of friendship that now, after those by gone days, holds its place dearer to us than all else. My sisters in Gamma Phi

Beta, life-long friends that even time can not separate because of the bond that holds us true. This sisterly tie, since my first year, has grown so strong so deep in my heart that if all else should be erased, this one link would hold.

In my classmates the blue of friendship, clear, sparkling, shines out to brighten my studies, my quizzes, those late "lab" classes. How could I have endured the tasks so tedious without my friends to cheer me, to take me to play when my work was done.

The faculty, some of those "dear profs," who seem to boost me along by their smiles and kindly words, did at first frighten my freshman efforts, but now they too are my friends. I find in them and in their hearts a kindness, a friendship, which tends to a deep, rich blue, the blue of an ever-lasting friendship.

Out of this blue, comes yellow—the sunshine of activities outside of the classroom. From these the senior has broadened her outlook in fields of interest. She has become more democratic, and has come to despise snobbishness in all its forms. Her friendly associations in campus activities gives her a cheering sense of camaraderie, which it would be impossible to achieve in any other way.

The third of these recurring shades is that of green, which stands for responsibility, so necessary to bring out, to brighten the other colors. In Gamma Phi Beta, in my classes, in all my college activities, I found that the test of responsibility had fallen upon me. Every senior had assumed the duties placed on her in her years of active participation in campus and sorority life; she had to do so to gain her place in that class which once seemed far from her grasp.

What would be the worth of friendship, a broadened view, responsibility, if the senior had not learned to blend these colors into the gray of co-operation, so essential in furthering not only her own interests, but those of her associates, and of her sorority? Truly, the senior, in her journey down the broad road toward her glorious destination, graduation, has had splendid opportunities for service, and not only has she been able to serve, but she has, in turn, received much of the good and the beautiful from the friendships and associations she has made.

HARRIET GILBERT

TAU

"THE OTHER ONES"

"At first, everything was all gay for freshmen girls. Big Sisters wrote us letters in the summer. They met our trains. They helped us register, took us to tea, to find a room. But there they left us, on our landladies' doorsteps. Somebody said they hurried away to join some rushing party. We've never seen them since."

Straight from the heart of a typical unpledged freshman girl, that quotation speaks for the Other Ones. It is after the doorstep episodes that so many drops occur, swelling the registrars' statistics specifying, "Lack of interest causes much elimination." This is a plea for the Other Ones; a plan for reorganizing the Big Sister movement to take care of every freshman woman, regardless of her complexion, wardrobe, or vocabulary.

Before college is dismissed in the spring a school for Big Sisters is directed by the chairman of the committee. In this school Big Sisters, through discussion, formulate their ideals, plans, and rules, which are later printed and given to each Big Sister. Thus, the members are self-governing, and are bound only to their own regulations. In the school, arrangements are made extensively for placing the organization on a friendship basis; that is, directing all activity toward making friends with the freshmen in order to help them to make other friends on the campus, and to help make big their college adventure. Thus, the Big Sisters learn their individual responsibilities to their Little Sisters—how to advise concerning courses, Associated Women Student rules, college traditions, relation to faculty sponsors; to keep in direct touch, throughout the semester, with their Little Sisters' morale, scholarship, and general adaptation progress. That, in outline, is the individual work of the Big Sisters.

As a group the Big Sisters give teas and parties. Oh, please make the affairs unusual! Girls have too many meetings to spend time on anything less than masquerades, fashion shows, or a "Get Wise Meeting." This last is a performance where each organization for women, or for men and women, displays in stunts its purpose and standards for membership. Colorado Aggies Big Sisters successfully held a competition vaudeville, where each of the sororities and the non-Greek organization presented a stunt at a theatre party at which Little Sisters were guests. In the intermission there was congenial mixing of the audience, and refreshments were served (Tau won the contest this year).

The chairman of the committee has the greatest responsibility of course. It is her duty, with the help of the Y. W. C. A. secretary and the Dean of Women, to check up the success of her committee. She should watch that no Other Ones slip through the fingers of the organization, and that every Big Sister is efficient. She should keep an accurate directory of Big and Little Sisters posted for the first month of college, and thereafter to preserve up-to-date lists in the Y. W. C. A. office.

Deans all over the country are saying: "As students demand more self-government the faculties will demand more efficient student organizations."

Suggestions for further execution of the duties of an efficient Big Sister organization:

1. Arrange with chapter presidents to relieve Big Sisters from rushing responsibilities.
2. Give each Big Sister no more than three Little Sisters.
3. See that sophomores and juniors are Big Sisters. (Seniors are too concerned with commencement.)
4. Give Chairman of the committee no other important activities.
5. Hold Big Sister committee meetings monthly for hearing prominent criticisms of the organization.
6. Instruct Little Sisters to come half-way—to report to the Y. W. C. A. secretary if her Big Sister is unfaithful.

Unsigned

CHI

THE SUFFRAGE

A thing which has recently come to my mind and which should concern every college woman who is nearing twenty-one is the voting privilege. It was a long fought battle which brought us the suffrage. Now the problem is to get us to vote intelligently.

The facts that a goodly portion of the college women are under twenty-one, and that during the college year they are away from their own homes make it more difficult still to interest them in voting. Despite these handicaps, college could do no greater service than to produce intelligent voters. It is essential that interest in government and politics begin in the college. In most cases it must begin there or never. Voting isn't a sufficiently interesting subject to be sure of coming into its own. Our enthusiasm and interest must be developed, since other things are so much more fascinating. It rarely furnishes entertainment. It is humdrum. Yet, here is a duty. Since we have the privilege, it is an obligation. It isn't a thing which should interest one of us more than another. This problem belongs to every woman who is of age no matter what her other interests and activities.

Whether we consider voting a privilege, obligation, or burden—let us vote, not as some one else votes but as our own minds and acquaintance with the candidates and problems dictate. That this acquaintance may not be too limited we must really study conditions and prospective candidates. This isn't pleasant. It's tedious, but it's a duty which should be well performed. Womanliness as the fruit of college and sorority life can have no greater proof than graduates who are intelligent and interested voters.

LENORE HOBART

PSI

THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PRACTICAL DEMOCRACY

The sorority of today stands on the threshold of tremendous development. Through her, educational life may advance to the

heights of intellectual and social advancement, if the group united around the initiatory principles lives the ideals set forth. The modern sorority has changed as much since the days of the '70's as the groups composing it.

Our fathers and mothers as well as our ministers and lawyers, cooks and gardeners shape this conception into one vast power which can mould its parent, the sorority. For in these peoples' minds we find the limitations in the community. As long as we remain in college, the sorority is a glorious instrument by which we maintain our intellectual standards, secure our most cherished ideals, and make our finest friends.

But the day we step from this genial atmosphere we are metamorphosed into the world's conception. And this I believe, rests on the general idea that a sorority is chiefly social—an organization in which girls live together, training each other in the necessary niceties, and subtle snobberies—and a thing thru which a college girl gains a sort of social standard. Now this is the attitude of the general public, and is we hope both narrow and ignorant.

By using the resources of the sorority to the fullest extent we may overcome this conception. Is there a finer thing than a gracious intelligent young woman with perfected manners, keen appreciation of life, and the ability to live successfully with her associates? She is the result of a group organized as a sorority. In this phase of life, she is placed among her equals and superiors, and due to a strict selective process there is none in the group inferior to the average standard maintained. To move in a competitive atmosphere sharpens the desire for the highest development in the girl's chosen field. This prospect of advancement is one of the sorority's greatest effects.

A common ground must be chosen as a means of gaining understanding. Let it be democracy, that abused word. There we find interest both for the collegiates and non collegiates. We as sorority women must create and maintain some specific expression of real democracy which will prepare us for life in the world. Which by establishing us will enable us to engage in active service. As it is now sorority life in college is not related to sorority life in the community. After graduation there is no longer an active part to be taken in college life; in our city we must be actually useful. And due to the lack of similarity between our college and the community we can't parallel our services. We are not able to serve our sorority and our township at the same time because there is no common point of contact.

This then is our sorority problem and chief concern. We must find expression for practical democracy! We must do away with childish demonstrations of campus etiquette! Panhellenic has become purely an administrative body not a social one.

I believe in this time of womens' achievements the sororities can unite to be the biggest power in the community work. In this way they can be an active instrument for good and not an ornament of Alma Mater.

IMOGENE MERRILL

ALPHA GAMMA

REPLEDGING

One of the big problems which our chapter seems to be facing is that of repledging girls who have not satisfied their initiation requirement. A pledge expires at the end of one year. Should those girls who fail to make their grade be given another chance?

This is a vital problem and one which has doubtless been met with satisfactorily in other chapters. It seems to me to be regretted that there is no single national standard on this question, although the fact that each Panhellenic Association has a different initiation grade, depending upon the size of the college, the marks given in that college, and what those marks really stand for, makes this a difficult matter to settle.

On this campus it is plain to see that emphasis is beginning to be laid more than ever upon scholarship. Pi Beta Phi is threatening to take away three pledge pins for low scholarship after a six weeks period of probation has proved unsuccessful. Kappa Alpha Theta is forbidden to repledge a girl except in rare cases where scholarship can be excused because of illness or other adequate reason.

We, on the other hand, have been repledging girls in the past, with these results. Last year out of nine pledges, six made the required grade of 2.5. The other three were repledged. Two of these three made their grade last semester and are now initiated. The third girl, in all lines but scholarship, is one of our strongest members. She is a talented musician and very well liked. Without her we would lose a decided asset.

Last year we stood third in scholarship among the six sororities on the campus. It will be interesting to see what place we will hold this semester after having admitted to our rank some who for a year or more showed themselves to be poor students.

Next year we are planning to have no repledging for those who fail to make the required grade for it seems logical that if a girl cannot make an average mark in two semesters she never will be able to. And is it fair to bring down the rank of an entire group because of the lack of ability of one? If she is a most desirable member and an addition in every other way, can these good points overbalance and make neutral the poor scholarship? What stand should be taken on the question of repledging? It is one of interest to every sorority woman and one which should be settled once and for all.

Unsigned

ALPHA ZETA

THE GOAL OF SERVICE

In many ways it is delightful to be a senior. One lingers complacently over the four years of accomplishments and happy memories, and tries to muster the dignity that the freshmen expect one to have. Much of our thought is of the freshmen, I think. Most of all we are concerned with the question of whether or not those that we are leaving behind will attain and overreach the precious standards in which we take a just pride.

For what ideal, then, do we want them to live and strive? The theme of service is an old one, and yet perhaps it is a very good one because it has stood so many tests. In any event, it should be a goal of the sorority girl, the recognized leader on so many campuses. Sorority life is a very definite factor in our present University system because of its relation to the group members, to non-members, and to campus life as a whole. In order to control this factor it seems that it is only sensible to adopt workable principles that require it to render the greatest possible benefit, and to make a conscious effort to justify their adaptation. Service certainly comes in this classification.

And to what shall we render service? In relation to the group, it is necessary that we be true to ourselves, to our order, and to the individual members of our order. Opportunity for service in this relation is offered daily. We cannot, Perseus-like, gaze into the mirror of Athenae and slay Medusas; I doubt, even, that this is desirable. We can, however, hold our personal standards high, be considerate and understanding of the things affecting the members of our order, and work for the highest standards that national sets before the local chapters. Not the least of these is cooperation with other sorority groups, either in working out problems pertaining to the campus, or in untangling mutual group problems.

In relation to non-members, the sorority girl has a wide field for service. It is essential to be democratic so that one's ideals may permeate as easily as possible. It is only fair to recognize merit whether found in a group or out of one; it is necessary to have many friends who are not members of a group so that personal contact may be widened as much as possible. In a more indefinite sense, the sorority girl as a leader must set standards of the quality that she wishes to distinguish her campus. This is fully within her power, but scarcely recognized.

The relation to campus life as a whole involves many factors. Service to the University by making it the very best University in our power cannot be overestimated in terms of value. This involves, of course, high scholarship, a high quality of leadership in campus activities, and the more vague matter of setting the campus standards. It seems that to undertake the task of develop-

ing ourselves and others into leaders with concepts that justify leadership is one of the greatest services that we may render to our University.

If we accept SERVICE as a definite goal, and strive for its accomplishment, do we have to worry over the lack of harmony within the group, the way in which the freshmen are going to develop, or even so mundane but essential consideration as a deficit in the treasury?

Unsigned

ALPHA ETA

SORORITY LIFE WITHOUT HOUSES

I wonder if you who have always had houses can conceive of sorority life as it is lived in dormitories. If not, you might come to visit us, inspect us, and decide for yourselves just how unusual such conditions are. We aren't exactly freaks but at least we must be different since environment plays such an important part in one's life.

There are advantages and disadvantages as you can readily see. Since this University aims to make its student body democratic, dormitory life is forced upon us. No doubt groups would have their own houses if it were possible, but this would bring about an even wider breach between sorority and non-sorority girls. Would this be advantageous? Not at all; for many non-sorority girls are already impressed with the fact that they are outsiders and not attractive to other people for one reason or another. It is absolutely wrong to make these girls still more unhappy by isolating them entirely from sorority girls.

However, I am not condemning houses. I am merely stating that they seem to be impossible on this campus. Sometimes we feel abused because we cannot be with our own girls as much as we would like. The thought of having a home of our own, of eating together, working together and playing together thrills us and sets us to dreaming of twenty-five or fifty years from now when those dreams may be realized. At the present time we are contenting ourselves with a modest little apartment where we hold meetings and spend our leisure moments. It has been almost as much fun to furnish it as if we were young brides planning our first real home. The next five years will probably find sororities sufficiently well established to build lodges.

An unusual thing about this campus is that there are eighteen national sororities which have come in during the last three years. That is a record development but the field was a new one and offered opportunities for all. In spite of the number of groups there are comparatively few girls in them and it is for this reason that we live together in dormitories.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty we have is in meeting freshmen. If we had houses, we would not be subject to such ridiculous rules as we now have. For instance, we cannot entertain freshmen for dinner, nor can we invite them even to our own spreads and tea-parties; in other words, we cannot put them at their ease and really get acquainted with them. Isn't it just as hard for them as for us? Of course—but when we consider the problem from this viewpoint we are putting sororities and their welfare before that of our Alma Mater.

Although many people contend that sororities should be removed from this campus, there are also many of us who maintain they are responsible for higher ideals and higher scholarship and that their removal would be a step backward.

HELEN STODDARD

ALPHA THETA

"QUILLING" THE PROFESSORS

Just having received the sorority grades for this quarter, and said grades not being of a type calculated to bring ecstasy to a confirmed pessimist, I hold one subject very close to my heart at this particular season—the matter of "quilling" the prof. This gift, art, institution, or whatever you will, is one of the most important phases of college life—one which entails subtlety, tact, diplomacy and any number of other attributes which go to make up a beautiful personality. And this practice is one designed to produce both temporary results of a delightful character, and permanent values—providing it works.

Then too, it is a practice adaptable for all varieties of person. It is of utmost importance to us who are not so very clever, but who are afflicted with either an excelsior-like pride or an ambitious sort of family, or both, and who consequently care very much about staying in college and being pledged to Gamma Phi Beta. Don't misunderstand me, I do not consider a quill of more importance than glancing through a text book occasionally but I am of that school of psychologists who believe some persons to be endowed with mental defections along certain lines, as a defect in mathematical ability, or in writing, or something like that; hence, it is easily seen that a quill is the only method to be adopted in those cases. And fortunately, it has been found that although a person may not be able to visualize a three dimension figure in the geometry book, he may be extremely acute in matters of subtlety and diplomacy. Thus, the temporary results are pleasantly accruing, and one becomes a member of Gamma Phi Beta (or of some other sorority in case Gamma Phi Beta has not been urgent) with high academic standing.

Now for the permanent features. Who knows but what you are laying the foundations for later government diplomatic work, or

better still, a successfully subtle private life in your practice on the seemingly invulnerable profs. After all, it isn't the history dates, the chemical formulae, the geological laws that are going to be of most value in your afterlife. It's the achievement of a certain sort of organized social unity, a knowledge of how to live in the best possible relations with your fellow-man—that's what college gives to most of us.

And, then, be philanthropic! Consider the delight which your quilling efforts must bring to the professor. He is at last impressed that his life work is not wholly futile—he has found *some* students who are able to see the vision of greater things to be done in his particular department. In short, he is inspired to better and finer research in the proverbially dusty archives, and perhaps he may give to the world a new formula, a new maxim, or a new law just because some clever, philanthropic student took the trouble to quill him.

ALICE BRIGGS

ALPHA IOTA

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

All things are new on the campus of the University of California, Southern Branch, because the University, though it boasts of over 5000 students, is very young in the hoary business of granting degrees. Our Grizzly songs are new, the Panhellenic banquet last year was the "first annual," and the *Friends of the University* is a new organization which is rapidly gaining in numbers, enthusiasm, and prestige by virtue of good works. The purpose of the organization, to further the appreciation of the fine arts among students and to encourage the active participation of all in the beautiful, does not seem immediately practicable and would make an unbiased outsider certain that young men and women are "dreaming dreams." Explanation of the ways in which these dreams are being realized and of plans for future accomplishments will give some idea of this unusual organization called the *Friends of the University of California*.

The membership is divided into two groups. The Faculty and prominent citizens of Los Angeles comprise the first group to be organized. The student group was started just a year ago, the entire student body being eligible to membership. Dean and Mrs. Rieper have been the leading spirits of the organization from the time of its formation.

The student group first came before the public eye when it presented a leaf from one of the original Gutenberg Bibles, a welcome and valuable addition to the treasures of the University. The *Friends* own a collection of Olski Prints, which have been hung according to all rules of artistic picture hanging in the De-

partmental offices. Our dream is to have a loan library of prints students may borrow and enjoy in their own homes. One print which has been given by the alumnae of Prytanean (Junior honor society) circulated among the sorority houses staying about two weeks in each. Alpha Iota felt particularly proud to have this print during rush week.

The Friends have a very efficient and very busy telephone committee whose province it is to inform the outside world of dramatic and musical productions of the University.

Because of the newness of the University there is as yet no foreign fellowship offered. The student group is endeavoring to meet this need. The goal is 2500 student memberships which will mean as many dollars and will enable a deserving senior to travel abroad for a year. We are trusting that with this start the fellowship by some miracle or philanthropic gift will be continued in the future.

An extremely important phase of work of the *Friends* is its interest in the architecture of the buildings on the new university site. We hope that it will be Italian, a style well suited to Southern California. Photographs of lovely Italian fountains, archways, and gardens are being shown in our shadow box, which is located at the end of the arcade between the Library and Millspaugh Hall, and are attracting much attention. Sometime in May, before the state regents meet to decide on plans for the new site, Mr. Allison, an ardent *Friend of the University*, and one of the architects for the new buildings is to give an illustrated lecture on university architecture and will present tentative plans for ours. Too many universities just "grow," but with nothing to overcome in the way of poor planning and old buildings, our opportunity is a true inspiration. By keeping the subject of university architecture constantly alive, we hope to give the student body and the public in general the conviction that our University in the Southland can and will be the most unique and beautiful in the world.

HELEN MCKEE

ALPHA KAPPA

THE CHINESE WALL

After being a Gamma Phi for nine months, I feel as though I could write reams on the unique experience it has been for all of us. June the fourth, fifth and sixth were never to be forgotten days because they made us the baby chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. We have been very happy together. It has not taken us long to believe:

That Yesterday is but a Dream,
And To-Morrow is only a Vision;
But To-Day, well lived, as a Gamma Phi
Makes every Yesterday
A dream of Happiness
And every To-Morrow a vision of Hope.

We have tried to be brave even in the cloudy weather, for, like every other chapter we have had our ups and downs.

One of our main ups and downs is the fact that we have had to turn the first sod so far as public opinion is concerned. It has been difficult for the public mind to grasp the full significance of a sorority in its midst. As a matter of fact the average person here only dimly knows what a sorority is. Those who have a faint knowledge of Greek letter organizations say, "Oh, yes! the sorority clique," meaning that the girls who belong to the chapter are chosen from a certain class. Again, they feel that we simply exist for social purposes such as: luncheons, teas, dances, and week-end visits to Minneapolis. They wonder very seriously what business we need to discuss every week. There is no sympathy from the public.

In American cities most people are brought up in a sorority atmosphere. All through high school it is the aim of the majority of girls to belong to some such organization when they enter college. Public opinion acknowledges that all types of girls are chosen, and that a girl must have outstanding qualities so that she will be a strong link in Gamma Phi's chain. They take an interest in sorority affairs and realize as we are realizing the great advantage it is for a girl to belong, not only for the time she is in college, but for the time when she will go out into the world of larger experiences. Gamma Phi is a training field for all a woman's better qualities.

It has been Alpha Kappa's privilege to attempt to relieve this strained feeling, and we hope we will be able to erase it in time. We try to keep the Gamma Phi lamp trimmed so that when we are tried by public opinion we will not be found wanting.

I think the only remedy for the situation is another sorority here. This will relieve Alpha Kappa of a good deal of the strain in educating public opinion to sorority life. There would be then two organizations to criticize instead of one. We realize that criticism is a good thing because it keeps you on your tip toes, but prejudiced criticism is a barrier to all progress. So we feel it the duty of every Alpha Kappa to help scale the Chinese wall of public opinion which in our case may be a barrier to progress.

During the last month three local groups have cropped up over night, so to speak. Another fairly well established local has been functioning since last June. We have tried to suggest that they amalgamate and form one strong group instead of having many weak ones, and also that they petition older nationals. We do want another strong group here in order to help us meet our difficulty. So here's down with the Chinese Wall!

HILDA K. KINNEY

GAMMA PHI'S FIRST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

IN January, Minneapolis Alumnae Chapter, Kappa Chapter and St. Paul Association sent letters to all chapters of the sorority in that particular district, announcing a meeting in Minneapolis for March 5-6-7 with the three chapters as hostesses. The invitation was most enthusiastically received, and delegates from all chapters assembled on the designated date, enjoying a most delightful three days, with worthwhile discussions, definite business, and plenty of social affairs. The chapter letters give a most complete description of the Conference; and this description is supplemented by the official program, and by clippings from the local newspapers.

Marie Moreland, (Kappa and St. Paul) was elected director of the district.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY

A. M.—Guests Arrive

Noon—Informal Luncheon
Dayton's Tea Rooms

2:00 P. M. Meeting, Shevlin Hall

6:30 P. M. Alumnae Supper

Katharine T. Silversen, 2655 Lake of Isles Blvd.

SATURDAY

1:00-12:00 A. M. Meeting, Shevlin Hall

12:30-1:30 P. M. Buffet Luncheon at Gamma Phi House

2:00-4:30 P. M. Meeting, Shevlin Hall

6:30 P. M. Annual Spring Banquet, Radisson Hotel

SUNDAY, P. M.

Drive Around Twin Cities

Tea at Home of Helen and Mary Carpenter

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

A. National Organization Problems

I. Value of District Conferences

Gamma

Rho

Omega

Winnipeg Association

II. National Finances

1. Comparison of Gamma Phi with other Sororities

2. Need of a Financial Survey by an Expert

Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter

Minneapolis Alumnae Chapter

III. Central Office

Suggestions:

1. Best Location

2. Possible Candidates

3. Type of Person for Candidate

4. Executive or Clerical Position
5. Salary
6. Importance for the Future of Development of this Position.
 - Madison Alumnae
 - Minneapolis Alumnae
 - Davenport Alumnae

IV. The Crescent

Gamma Phi's compared with other Sorority Magazines.

1. Size
2. Make-up, Number of Cuts, Quality of Paper
3. Comparative Cost
4. Type of Articles
5. Number of Issues
 - Des Moines Association
 - St. Paul Association

V. Alumnae Organization

Pearl Hall, National District Secretary

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.
B. Local Organization

- a. Alumnae Adviser
 - Ames Alumnae
 - Kappa
- b. Scholarship
 - Alpha Kappa
- c. Panhellenic
 - Alpha Beta
- d. Fraternity Examinations
 - Helen Schei, National Fraternity
 - Examination Chairman

C. Discussion of Changes in Constitution as
Proposed by National Board

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.
D. General Discussion

Suggestions for Active Chapters to Discuss:

- I. Sorority Etiquette
 - a. Chance Meetings with Gamma Phis
 - b. Entertainment of Alumnae at the House
 - c. Entertainment of Guests of Chapter
 - d. Position of House Mother and her Authority
 - e. Custom of Addressing all Gamma Phis by First Name.
- II. How to Obtain Chapter Unity.
- III. How to Raise Standard of Scholarship of Freshmen.
- IV. What are Rushing Rules of your University?
- V. Schemes for Raising Money for the Chapter.
- VI. How Often would you like Chapter Inspection?
- VII. What Should be the Relation of Chapter to Dean of Women?
- VIII. How Much does Delegate Bring Back to Chapter from Convention?

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Gamma.....	University of Wisconsin
Kappa.....	University of Minnesota
Rho.....	University of Iowa
Omega.....	State College of Iowa
Alpha Beta.....	University of North Dakota
Alpha Kappa.....	University of Manitoba

Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter
Minneapolis Alumnae Chapter
Davenport Alumnae Chapter
Des Moines Alumnae Association
St. Paul Alumnae Association
Winnipeg Alumnae Association
Ames Alumnae Association
Madison Alumnae Association

OFFICERS

President of District, Katharine T. Silverson
Secretary of District, Anna Barton
Chairman of Business, Marie F. Moreland

FROM MINNEAPOLIS PAPERS:

GAMMA PHI BETA TO OPEN ITS DISTRICT CONFERENCE FRIDAY

FIRST GROUP MEETING OF NATIONAL SORORITY SET FOR MINNEAPOLIS Business Sessions and Social Affairs to Cover Three Days

In view of the fact that the district conference of Gamma Phi Beta national sorority is to be conducted in the northwest, Minneapolis Alumnae chapter, St. Paul Alumnae chapter and Kappa chapter of Gamma Phi Beta at the University of Minnesota are joining forces to make it a notable event. The conference will mean entertaining visiting delegates from active chapters at the University of Wisconsin, University of North Dakota, University of Manitoba, State University of Iowa at Ames, Iowa, and from alumnae groups at Madison, Winnipeg, Des Moines, Davenport, Iowa City and Milwaukee. Sessions will be conducted from Friday, March 5, to Sunday, March 7.

National and district problems will be discussed with officers of the national organization who will come to Minneapolis this week. The officers will include Miss Carrie Morgan of Appleton, Wis., past grand president of Gamma Phi Beta, and Miss Lillian Thompson of Chicago, national Panhellenic delegate.

Mrs. Charles Silverson is the district president and also is acting as chairman of general arrangements for the conference. For the conference have been appointed the following executives:

Mrs. Wendell Burns, presiding chairman; Mrs. Edward Barton, secretary; Miss Marie Moreland, chairman of business; Mrs. Arthur Hoffman and Mrs. Norman Smith, chairman of entertainment; Mrs. Ralph Randall, chairman of hospitality; Mrs. Arthur Erdall, chairman of transportation; Mrs. Don Gosin, chairman of welcoming committee; Miss Carolyn McDowell, chairman of finance; Miss Mary Carpenter and Miss Pauline Smith have been appointed delegates from the active chapter at the University of Minnesota.

Meetings will take place in Shevlin hall, and will be interspersed with as many social functions as time will permit. Friday, the day of arrival of delegates, a luncheon will be served at 12 at Dayton's tea rooms. It will be followed by a meeting from 2 to 4:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Silverson will open her home, 2655 Lake of the Isles boulevard, for an alumnae supper and meeting Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock, while the active chapter will give a dinner at the chapter house in southeast Minneapolis. Saturday morning of conference week a meeting will be called to order at 9:30 o'clock. A buffet luncheon at the chapter house at 12:30 o'clock will be followed by another meeting at 2:30 o'clock. At 6:30 o'clock a formal banquet will be served at the Radisson hotel. Sunday morning, March 7, drives around the twin cities will be arranged and farewells will be said at an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. W. I. Carpenter, 2201 Girard Avenue S.

Gamma Phi Beta has to its credit numerous service records, each chapter following its own social service program and such as are suggested by the national body. Through the American Association of University Women, the sorority gives a scholarship of \$500 to an accredited college graduate who is devoting her life to definite social service work. During the World War Gamma Phi Beta conducted a nation wide milk bottle campaign by means of which \$10,000 was raised for Belgian babies.

The sorority claims title to being one of the oldest and most conservative Greek Letter organizations. It was founded in 1874 at Syracuse University. It now has 33 active chapters, 20 alumnae chapters and 20 alumnae associations. The national officers are: President, Mrs. Eugene R. Smith, Brookline, Mass.; vice president, Mrs. William J. Graham, Brooklyn, N.Y.; secretary, Miss Mary T. McCurley, Baltimore, Maryland; national Panhellenic delegate, Miss Lillian Thompson, Chicago; inspector, Mrs. J. A. Younger, Seattle.

PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

From *Alumni News*, official publication of Syracuse University, we clip this article of Marguerite Woodworth, (Alpha):

THE WOMEN OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

BY DEAN MARGUERITE WOODWORTH

Two thousand, three hundred women students! All types from the pert sophisticated flapper to the conservative studious pre-medic. Some who are working their way through college and some who live like lilies of the field; a few who are married and one or two who are grandmothers. Some of them from cities, some of them from farms; many of them from small towns—all of them eager for the unusual opportunities which the University offers. There is a freshness and enthusiasm about college students which belies the criticism that they are blase. Their sophistication is but a disguise; in reality they are as responsive and alert as the college students of any generation. They are more smothered in racoon coats and galoshes than their predecessors of a decade ago, but once the outside wrapping is off—one is amazed at the agility with which they talk world court defense mechanisms; S-R bonds, and the honor system; and also the agility with which they dance the intricate Charleston. Where do so many students live? Unfortunately they are somewhat scattered, although we have tried to concentrate as many as possible in large houses. Many women students live at home or with relatives in the city; a number commute from the nearby towns; 350 live in dormitories; 400 live in fraternity houses, and 600 live in approved registered rooming houses. About 100 students, many of whom work for their room and board, live in private families.

The dormitories, which are the largest living centers on the hill, are chaperoned by members of the faculty, and the cottages in connection with the dormitories are chaperoned by graduate students. There are two main dining rooms in Haven Hall and in Winchell Hall in which all the students living in dormitories and cottages take their meals. Every Wednesday evening a special dinner is served. There are lighted candles for decoration, and members of the faculty are invited to dinner and to speak afterward. The evening is one of social significance and it gives the students an opportunity to meet the professors and their wives in a more informal and personal way than contact in the class room usually affords.

The registered rooming houses number about 50 and supplement the dormitories. They are inspected annually and only those are approved which meet the requirements of the University in regard to the character and personality of the householder; sanitation and attractiveness of the rooms, and adequacy of the furnishings. Women students are allowed to live only in houses approved by the

University. Many of our registered houses are owned by householders who provide not only rooms but all the privileges and advantages of a fine home for the students.

Emphasis has been placed upon the necessity of attractive, homelike surroundings for women students. We believe that part of the education of every student who comes to the University, is to acquire some appreciation of living as a fine art, and to this end the influence of a beautiful and wholesome environment is immeasurable. The right environment gives a student standards of healthful living, order; serviceability and beauty and it fosters a gracious, friendly attitude toward people, it gives her more self respect and helps her to gain poise and charm. We owe it to college women to see that their social training keeps pace with their intellectual progress as far as that is possible. Often their needs in the realm of living are great and for that reason we urge the chaperones and the householders to assist them constantly by the maintenance of high social standards and by arousing an appreciation of the beautiful in their surroundings.

What do they study? They study (more or less) Latin, Greek, History, Home Economics, Design, Music and dozens of other subjects. There is an increased interest in the study of the so-called social sciences i. e. Sociology, Psychology, Economics and Government—which seems to be wholesome. Since the majority of college women marry and become home-makers, or have some definite connection with family life upon their graduation from college, it is extremely valuable for them to have a background of study which will enable them to assume their responsibilities in the home and in the community intelligently. A recent writer in *Progressive Education* says, "What is needed for good home-making is a clear understanding of the make-up of the individual from both the physiological and the psychological point of view, and of the relations of the individual to the small group, the family, of which, under normal conditions, he is a member, and of the wider relations of the family group and of each of its members to society." Many women students are taking courses in the natural sciences and in Psychology, Sociology, Economics and Political Science. The intelligence with which they discuss the ideals and principles taught in these courses is indicative of the fact that they are developing a philosophy of true living which will be fundamental in their work as home builders, and which will be essential in any field into which they put their efforts after college. It is interesting to note that in the College of Liberal Arts a freshman student may take Philosophy in place of Mathematics, which was formerly a required course. Political Science is now one of the required subjects for the A. B. degree.

How do they spend their leisure time?

The least part of their leisure time is spent in movies and dances. Some of their leisure time is spent at concerts, lectures and plays. The greater part of the leisure time of the women students is spent in the so-called college activities. Indeed so much time is given to the carrying on of the activities of the Women's organizations that one sometimes wonders if Mr. Wilson's phrase is not pat, "that the side-shows are swallowing up the main tent." There is, however, value to be derived from participation in the work of these various organizations; the training in leadership and the enlargement of interests tends to develop a social point of view, independence in thinking and self reliance. Every student should belong to and take an active part in at least one college organization, depending upon where her interest and ability lies. The difficulty is that although there is a large number of organizations some students are active in several organizations, while others take no interest in any of them. President Coffman of the University of Minnesota, once said that if three Americans fell out of a balloon they would appoint a president, a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer and a committee to investigate the accident before any of them had hit the ground. One feels that that would surely happen if the three Americans were students in an American University.

The important women's organizations are the Women's Student Government Association, Young Women's Christian Association; Athletic Association and the Women's Congress. There are in addition Panhellenic Association, City Women's

Club, Off-Campus Club, Outing Club, Women's Glee Club, Boar's Head, Women's Staff of the *Daily Orange* and the Salt Shaker, a monthly literary magazine. The Women's Student Government Association formulates the specific rules governing the college houses and governing the conduct of the women living in those houses. The rules are made and carried out by the students. All penalties for the infringement and breaking of the rules are given by the Women's Student Government Association. Every house, in which college girls live, including fraternity houses, dormitories, and registered houses, elects annually a House President, who is a member of the Women's Student Government Association Council. The Council meets bi-monthly to discuss problems and to give suggestions of mutual help. The rules are simple because we believe in maintaining efficiency with as few of the formalities of government as possible. In addition to certain regulations concerning the number of evenings students of different classes may spend out, there are rules that every student must be in her house by 12 o'clock and by 10 o'clock on Sunday nights. The Women's Student Government Association is carried on entirely by the students, with the advice of the Acting Dean of Women. Certainly students who learn self control and democratic government while they are in college should become interested, thinking citizens.

A most important part of the work done by the Young Women's Christian Association is the responsibility it assumes for the chapel program. For years we have had a daily chapel in the College of Liberal Arts. It has been poorly attended, although the programs have been interesting and worth while. Beginning February 4th, a different type of chapel is to be held twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday at noon in the College of Fine Arts. It is to be in the nature of an All-University Convocation and no classes will be held at that time. The best speakers in the country, such as Rabbi Wise and Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin of New York are to be secured, and musical programs of a high class are to be given. Much in the way of spiritual inspiration and a renewed sense of group consciousness are expected as a result of the new plans for chapel.

The Athletic Association promotes a fine program of organized athletics for the women students. With the Hendricks Athletic Field a reality, practically every woman student is able to participate in some out-door sport. There is a constantly increasing interest in and enthusiasm for athletics. This tendency is one of the most wholesome aspects of college life. Students who play basketball, tennis and hockey and who hike through snow and rain are not preoccupied with some of the more superficial and less desirable diversions of college life. The health and physical ability of the average college girl is rapidly improving.

Politics and Public Affairs are not neglected by the women of the University. The Women's Congress is designed to advance thinking and discussion along lines of politics, and internationalism. Although it has been in existence only three years, the Woman's Congress is one of the most vigorous and popular organizations on the hill. This organization, with the Christian Association was instrumental in conducting a world court conference at the University this fall, securing among the speakers for the conference President McCracken of Vassar College, Norman Thomas and Alden Alley.

The many other organizations are extremely worth while and if there were space I should like to discuss the program and purposes of each one.

The women's organizations on the campus are strong character building forces. If it were possible to adequately supervise each organization so that the entire membership could receive the full value of participation in it, and if it were also possible to help each girl in the University to become an active part of at least one organization, much more would be accomplished by these ex-curricula activities. A Woman's building, in which the different groups could hold their meetings would be a pertinent factor in securing the maximum of good from the Women's organizations.

The characteristics of the college woman of Syracuse University in the year 1926 are as diverse as the 2300 individuals who make up the group. Almost universally they possess the characteristics of frankness, honesty, and a surprising eagerness to

know the how and why of things. They possess what a recent writer on the "young person" calls "intransigence." They are unwilling to accept too much advice—if any from their elders, but they wish to learn by experience. I do not know, however, that this kind of sophistication is very new. Mark Twain said that when he was 17 years old he could hardly stand it to be with his father because his father was so ignorant; when he was 20 he noticed that now and then his father said a sensible thing; and when he was 25 he was amazed to discover how much his father had improved in the last eight years.

If they revolt against the old they are also developing a very workable self-government, and we trust that they are also developing a type of inward control which is a greater force in governing conduct than external authority.

What do they need? New dormitories—a common social environment is needed if character, health and social influences are to be of the best.

A woman's building—for reasons which are too numerous to give here but which are epitomized by a freshman student who said, "Why is it that everyone goes back to her boarding house or her dormitory after each class? Why don't we meet each other and talk and discuss things between classes? Can't we have a big social center, just for the women students?"

From *Minnesota Daily*:

20 SORORITIES OF 21 REACH AVERAGE; PROBATION BEGINS

Administration to Refer Matter of Delinquents to National Chapters After Year
SCHOLARSHIP IMPROVED

Chi Delta Xi Leads Fraternities; Gamma Phi Beta First Among Sororities

Twenty-three of the 36 academic fraternities on the campus have failed to maintain a "C" average for the school year 1924-25. According to an ultimatum delivered by President Lotus D. Coffman last spring, they will be considered as "on probation" for one year.

If sufficient improvement is not shown at the end of the year, the administration will refer the matter to the national chapter of each of the delinquent organization, according to the statement.

Only one sorority of the 21 in existence at the University failed to qualify, according to the records released yesterday from the office of Edward E. Nicholson, dean of student affairs.

For the second consecutive year, fraternity and sorority averages have fallen below the scholarship of the student body, as a whole, classified as men and women. While fraternity averages have improved during the past two years, the rate of improvement has not been great enough to keep pace with that of all men students. The same is true of the sororities, whose scholastic standing measured in honor points has advanced steadily since 1922.

Chi Delta Xi, with 1,319, heads the list with the highest academic fraternity average since Alpha Sigma Phi registered 1,379 in 20-21. Gamma Phi Beta is the leading sorority with a grade of 1,435.

From *Baltimore Evening Sun*. (Helen Turnbull is a member of Zeta Chapter.)

GIRL WINS MEDAL—SETS RECORD

Helen Turnbull Is Second In Her Family To Get Evening Sun Award
Brilliance Of Her Athletic Ability Is Temporarily Dimmed, Since She Is Now Student At Goucher College, Which Does Not Permit Its Students To Enter Into Outside Competition

Make way for the girl athletes. Riding at the top of the best year in girl sports is Helen Turnbull, who set the pace in all forms of competition for the scholastic girls while she was at Western High School.

Hockey, basketball, volleyball, tennis and so on through the entire field of sports. Miss Turnbull not only played everything, but took the lead.

For three years she fitted into the team play of all sports at Western High School, yet retained her individuality and was always a star.

Last June she was graduated and in September she entered Goucher College.

For the next four years little will be heard from Miss Turnbull in athletics. Goucher College does not allow its students to meet any outside schools in athletic competition.

This rule will some day be changed. The growth of girl sports will demand it, but it may not come in time for the Western High School star to shine for Goucher.

So THE EVENING SUN medal committee felt this was a fitting time to reward Miss Turnbull for her performances in high school, which ended this year when she led three teams to championship honors.

When Helen was voted a medal a new record was established in regards THE EVENING SUN medal awards. The committee has made it hard to secure THE EVENING SUN medal. Only a few have been issued over a three-year period. The Turnbull family has obtained two.

Douglas Turnbull was awarded THE EVENING SUN medal in 1923 for his excellent playing on the Johns Hopkins football team. Doug was an all-round star at Hopkins.

His sister has followed in his footsteps. For four years she has been a member of the varsity hockey team and acted as captain during the last three years.

Not only that, but Miss Turnbull led the team to the scholastic championship for three straight years.

At the close of the hockey season she turned to basketball. Once more she was the leader and captain. For three straight years she set the pace for the other girls, and again Western High School was the champion.

Not satisfied with being the leader in team play, Miss Turnbull was the tennis champion for two years in singles, and should develop into one of the leading racquetters of the court.

From *Crescent Chatter* of Chicago alumnae:

THE GAMMA PHI BETA HOUSE

At last we are nearing the end of our labors and exertions—rather they are now beginning in earnest. The site for the sorority houses at Northwestern is being cleared rapidly and the plans are nearing completion. When the architect returns our plans to Professor Bauer of the Engineering School we will be all ready to start to attend to such minor details as awarding contracts; selling bonds, and then—seeing the house actually under way. Just when the excavations will be made, I cannot say, but it will be as soon as possible after the final drafts of the plans are here and the financial matters are attended to.

The Gamma Phi Beta House will be erected on the corner of Emerson St. and Orrington Ave., Evanston. Inasmuch as this is a corner house our plans will be L-shaped. There is a main section, three stories high running along Orrington and a two story wing on Emerson. All of the houses will be built in quadrangles with the main entrances in the courtways. The Gamma Phi house will have a chapter room, maid's rooms and bath, and trunk and storage rooms in the basement. On the first floor there will be living room, library, dining room, kitchen, matron's suite, and guest room. The second floor will have rooms for seventeen girls and the third rooms for thirteen girls.

Our house will be adjoined on the Orrington Avenue side by the Kappa Kappa Gamma house and on the Emerson Street side by the Pi Beta Phi house.

From the dramatic column of the Denver *NEWS*:

BARBEE PLAY IS ON AT BROADWAY

"Cynthia's Sixth Sense," the play written by Lindsey Barbee for the annual theatrical effort of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and which will be presented at

the Broadway theater tomorrow night, is, according to all reports, the most attractive of the many from this writer's pen.

The play, in three acts, is of the Graustark type, the action occurring in an imaginary kingdom, and is said to be handled with unusual charm and with an eye to theatric possibilities. If you have chanced to see the members of the cast tripping to rehearsal, there is no need to tell you that one of the most attractive aggregations you could wish to encounter participates in the production.

Miss Edna Mae Sprague is directing the play. This production, which occurs annually with Miss Sprague at the director's helm and Miss Barbee contributing the material for the students' dramatic vehicle, has become an institution in the spring events of the community. The cast is comprised of the following persons: Gwendolyn Olinger, Marcella Henry, Imogene Ross, Wilmette Jones, Isabel Birney, Martha Denious, Marie Coleman, Margaret Cullen, William C. Johnston, Dayton Denious, Frederick Hile, Clayton T. Cowan, Elliott Thomas, William Nash, Jr. and Henry Roberts. William Nash Jr. has for the past several seasons been the leading man in the plays.

PANHELLENIC DEPARTMENT

The nineteenth session of the National Panhellenic Congress, held in January, at Dallas has been so admirably reported by other sororities that the editor of the CRESCENT, in presenting the Congress to her readers, yields to the temptation of quoting the articles of her Greek letter sisters—especially since the substitution of the Directory for our January issue has made our own account of the Dallas gathering very delayed.

Accordingly, we print—

1. Panhellenic Notes and News (From the Alpha Phi *Quarterly*; written by Grace Sawyer, official delegate.)
2. A biography of the incoming chairman of N. P. C. (From the Alpha Phi *Quarterly*; written by Emily Butterfield, editor of Alpha Gamma Delta *Quarterly*.)
3. Day by Day at N. P. C. (From *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha; written by Lindsey Barbee.)
4. Work of Editors' Conference (From *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; written by Ruth Henry Weiler)
5. Model chapter letter, as presented at Editors' Conference by Emily Butterfield, Alpha Gamma Delta.

PANHELLENIC NOTES AND NEWS

By GRACE J. SAWYER, *Alpha*

Delegate to the National Panhellenic Congress

Way down South in the land of cotton—home of the finest grape-fruit in the world—the National Panhellenic Congress held its nineteenth session at Dallas, Texas, January 4 to 8.

If there were any Northern movie fans who journeyed to the Southwest expecting to see a wild and woolly country inhabited by Indians, Mexicans, and Texas cowboys in "ten gallon hats," they must have suspected, as soon as they arrived at the Baker Hotel, and found the ice-water piped directly to the rooms, that romance

had fled and that they were in a resolutely modern, prosperous, and sophisticated community.

The editors of the fraternity magazines, executing a neat "scoop," as usual, held their conference on Monday afternoon, preceding the formal opening of the Congress. At the dinner which followed, each hard-working editor found that her place-card contained some gracious reference to her own publication, written in rhyme by Miss Lindsey Barbee, editor of the *Gamma Phi Crescent*, who presided. In the absence of Ruth Sanders Thomson, Alpha Phi was represented by the writer.

On Tuesday morning, the Congress opened with Dr. May Agness Hopkins, a former president of Zeta Tau Alpha, in the chair. The report of the credentials committee showed representatives present from nineteen fraternities holding full membership and two having associate membership. (We here acknowledge a debt of gratitude to Phi Mu as *The Aglaia*, which has just come in, carries a list of the alternates as well as delegates, which we were not smart enough to get!)

Pi Beta Phi: Frances Roma Evans, delegate; Amy Onken, alternate; Mrs. Charles Kribs, Jr., alternate.

Kappa Alpha Theta: L. Pearle Green, delegate; Mrs. Hal Lebrecht, alternate; Mrs. George Banta, Jr., alternate.

Kappa Kappa Gamma: Mrs. Frank A. Kemp, delegate; Mrs. Charles A. Harris, alternate; Mrs. Richard Lloyd James, alternate.

Alpha Phi: Grace Sawyer, delegate; Helen P. Bull, alternate; Marian G. Wiley, alternate.

Delta Gamma: Mrs. Joseph N. Woollett, delegate; Mrs. Edward W. Hawley, alternate.

Gamma Phi Beta: Lillian Thompson, delegate; Lindsey Barbee, alternate; Dean Gerlach alternate.

Alpha Chi Omega: Mrs. Irving Brown, delegate; Hazel E. Eckhart, alternate.

Delta Delta Delta: Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, delegate; Dean Priddy, alternate.

Alpha Xi Delta: Mrs. John M. Knote, delegate; Mrs. C. E. Combe, alternate.

Chi Omega: Mrs. Mary C. Love Collins, delegate; Elizabeth Jackson, alternate; Susan Montgomery, alternate.

Sigma Kappa: Lorah Monroe, delegate; Eliza A. Burkholder, alternate.

Alpha Omicron Pi: Rochelle Rodd Gachet, delegate; Mrs. C. C. McDonald, alternate.

Zeta Tau Alpha: Dr. May Agness Hopkins, delegate; Mrs. Robert H. Wettach, alternate.

Alpha Gamma Delta: Louise Leonard, delegate; Emily H. Butterfield, alternate; Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins, alternate.

Alpha Delta Pi: Irma Tapp, delegate.

Delta Zeta: Rene Sebring Smith, delegate; Grace E. Mason, alternate; Mrs. E. E. Jones, alternate.

Pi Mu: Mrs. Edward P. Prince, delegate; Mrs. Evans Hornberger, alternate; Florence Meridian, alternate.

Kappa Delta: Gladys Pugh, delegate; Marion Mullins, alternate; Lulu Grace Saberson, alternate.

Beta Pi Alpha: Mrs. Violet O. Kearney, delegate; Dorothy Osborn, alternate.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Alpha Delta Theta: Lucy Wilson, delegate; Mrs. Gentry, alternate.

Theta Upsilon: Miss Schultzz, delegate.

From the reports of the delegates, read at the opening session, the official account of the Congress notes the following "interesting tendencies":

1. That inspection of chapters is taking place annually, the inspection being done by grand and province officers in alternating years, rather than by one national visitor.

2. That there is a movement in most of the fraternities to centralize the administrative work.

3. That scholarship is being fostered by the coöperation of a chapter scholarship officer with the national organization and by regularly filed scholarship reports.

Low scholarship is punished by the suspension of individuals and chapters. Awards for high scholarship are very general.

4. All fraternities are recognizing the value of districts or provinces.

5. Practically all fraternities have installed a uniform book-keeping system with reports to some central officer, either in the fraternity or an outsider who is called and manages the bookkeeping system.

After a report of the Panhellenic House in New York City, made by Miss Gachet, the Congress expressed its appreciation of the fact that the project is being carried forward on such a business basis and its warm approval of the plan in general.

Alpha Delta Theta was admitted to full membership making the twentieth fraternity in N. P. C.

It was decided to appoint four special survey committees, their findings to be made a part of the program of the next Congress. They are:

1. A committee to make a survey of social conditions on college campuses.

2. A committee to make a survey of the cost of living in a fraternity house as compared with the cost of living in a dormitory; the cost of operating a fraternity house; and the cost per person housed of building a fraternity house.

3. A committee to collect data on scholarship standards and grading systems in colleges, to determine whether college standards are being so raised as to affect our scholarship problems.

4. A committee to make a survey of the official college recognition given fraternity house chaperones and to report to the next Congress.

One of the most important committee reports was that on College Panhellenics. We quote it as follows:

We believe that a more definite connection between N. P. C. and the college Panhellenic can be established if every College Panhellenic will follow, for the next two years, the procedure we outline. By the unanimous and most hearty acceptance of this plan on the part of every National Panhellenic Congress fraternity through her delegate at the recent meeting, College Panhellenics are virtually bound to cooperate with us. However, if this plan conflicts with a regulation required by the college authorities, we urge that the spirit of the project be considered and every effort be made to observe fairness, simplicity, and fraternalism.

A uniform, simple plan of rushing, if earnestly and honorably carried out, should obviate many of the unhappy difficulties and results which have prevailed. A uniform list of fair and sane penalties are suggested. If local conditions necessitate any changes in the details of the outline, we urge that in these changes the ultimate aim be considered, so that there shall be only a few, simple, clear rules. The desire is that the College Panhellenics emphasize fraternity honor. Let us repeat that every fraternity has pledged itself to carry out this plan.

We are requesting that all constitutions, by-laws, and rushing rules be set aside, and that all Panhellenics adopt the model constitution as drawn up by National Panhellenic Congress, and the inclosed rushing plan for the next two years. In order that we may be informed, we ask that each local Panhellenic let us know by March 15 that it has adopted this plan. As soon as the constitution, by-laws, and rushing rules are in complete form, as they will be put into operation for the years 1926-27 and 1927-28, we wish copies sent not later than June 1 to Mrs. Irving Brown, 61 Burnet Street, Maplewood, New Jersey, Chairman of Committee on College Panhellenics.

RULES FOR RUSHING

1. There shall be a short, open rushing season.
2. There shall be an early pledge-day.
3. Open bidding shall prevail between the major rushing seasons.
4. No parties shall be allowed which conflict with the college schedule.
5. There shall be a reasonable and sane limitation of expense.
6. A system of bidding and pledging shall be used which will not invite publicity.

7. We commend all chapters and all College Panhellenics that confine their rushing to their own chapter-houses, and urge that others adopt a similar policy.

PENALTIES

1. The following penalties may be used, which shall not extend beyond the current college year:

- A. Deferred pledging.
- B. Deferred initiation.

2. The following penalties may be imposed which shall not extend beyond one calendar year:

A. Deprivation of social privileges, social privileges to mean all entertaining exclusive of formal rushing.

3. National Panhellenic Congress reaffirms its disapproval of money penalties.

It is understood that this plan shall be adjusted to the college regulation, if it conflicts at any point.

Some of the major recommendations and conclusions of the Congress were as follows:

1. The recommending of the adoption by College Panhellenics, for two years, of the model constitution which, among other things, urges a short, open rushing season.

2. The simplifying of rushing and the confining of entertaining to the college chapter-houses.

3. The curbing of excessive expense in chapter-house building.

4. The disapproval of a resort to an injunction or other legal methods as a means of avoiding compliance with local and national Panhellenic rulings.

5. A more definite program for development and admission to membership in the Congress of new nationals.

6. A plan for familiarizing the delegates with the newest accomplishments in psychiatry and preventive medicine, with special reference to its application to the needs of college women.

7. A plan to strengthen the relationship between the conference of deans of women and the Congress.

8. A definite program for strengthening the relationship between National Panhellenic Congress and college Panhellenics.

The social features of the Congress were varied and wonderfully attractive, combining all we ever heard of Southern hospitality and Western initiative. These included a trip to Fort Worth where, between the regular morning and afternoon sessions, held at the Texas Hotel, the delegates were the guests of the local Panhellenic at an elaborate luncheon served in the crystal ball-room. After a drive covering many of the points of interest in the beautiful city, the delegates were entertained at tea at the Fort Worth Women's Club.

An evening meeting on Tuesday was addressed by Dr. Valeria S. Parker of New York who spoke on American social hygiene. On Thursday evening the speaker was John Perez, who represented the Inter-Fraternity Conference.

The Dallas Panhellenic gave an attractive luncheon at the beautiful Dallas Country Club on Thursday and drives about the city were arranged for all who were free to take them.

The banquet for three hundred men and women at the Baker Hotel on Friday evening closed the festivities. Mrs. Rose Nelson Hughes, Zeta Tau Alpha, acted as toast-mistress and introduced both delegates and alternates and the following speakers:

Welcome by dean of women of Southern Methodist University, Mrs. Stephen J. Hay.

"Opportunities of Fraternity Women in Everyday Life," Mrs. James Dunlop.

"Opportunities for Service," Mrs. Frank W. Wozencraft.

"Pertinent Problems of Fraternity Life," Miss Rebecca Smith.

"The Importance of Health to College and Later Life," Dr. Valeria Parker.

"Panhellenism of the Past," Dr. May Agness Hopkins.

"The Future of Panhellenic" Miss Louise Leonard.

The executive committee for the next two years is: chairman, Louise Leonard, Alpha Gamma Delta; secretary, Irma Tapp, Alpha Delta Pi; Treasurer, Rene Sebring Smith, Delta Zeta.

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF N. P. C.

By EMILY H. BUTTERFIELD, *Editor of The Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*

Louise Leonard, now serving her ninth year as Grand President of Alpha Gamma Delta, and new president of National Panhellenic Congress, is a resident of her native New York State. Miss Leonard was born in Herkimer, New York, and having graduated from that city's high school matriculated in the Liberal Arts College of Syracuse University with the class of 1909.

As her university course developed, the appeal of the executive and business career was emphasized and subsequently the collegiate training was followed by a course in one of the larger business colleges of central New York. After experience in offices of various types, Miss Leonard became secretary of the College of Medicine of Syracuse University, which position she has now held for some fifteen years.

Miss Leonard's paramount interests have always been exceptionally allied with those of her fraternity both locally and nationally. For years she has represented the alumnae in various offices with her local Syracuse chapter and for several terms was first vice-president of the national organization, being, by reason of her office, director of alumnae activities for the national organization. In 1917 she was elected Grand President. This office includes the chairmanship of the Grand Council and the duties of Inspector, either personally or by deputy, and in this capacity she has given much time and attention. Miss Leonard is also a member of the Circle of Epsilon Pi, the honorary degree given by the fraternity for service of national value to the fraternity.

Her helpfulness has not been given alone to her own fraternity on the Syracuse campus for she has aided several groups of women in forming stable, attractive chapters of a type deemed desirable by other national groups.

Miss Leonard's affiliation with the university in a professional way has served a two-fold purpose. It has furnished a wide outlook upon the educational trends and developments nationally and has also offered an insight into the students' problems and needs. Miss Leonard is affiliated with the various educational and collegiate associations and clubs her position offers and is a member of the Episcopal Church, giving active interest to its organizations.

A keen business precision and decision, a broad and well-poised sympathy, and a sacrificing loyalty have made Miss Leonard's personality a factor in the characters of an exceptionally large number of her sisters.

DAY BY DAY AT N. P. C.

An Informal Account Written Especially for "Themis"

By LINDSEY BARBEE, *Editor of the "Crescent" of Γ Φ Β*

MONDAY

Dallas—and January! A smiling, welcoming city, aglow with southern hospitality—golden sunshine, blue sky and whispering breeze. And all roads led to the Baker Hotel.

Soon the lobby was filled with friendly Greeks. Old acquaintances were hailed with delight; new friends were quickly made; seasoned delegates were distinguished by their very air of efficiency; newcomers radiated an atmosphere of expectancy. By noon, everyone was settling into her appointed place.

THE EDITORS' CONFERENCE

Three o'clock—and the official delegates gathered around the long table, with alternates and guests on the side lines. Only for introductory announcements and explanations since it was *Editors' Day*. At four thirty, the Editors'

Conference was called to order by the national chairman, Lindsey Barbee of Gamma Phi Beta. Emily Butterfield of Alpha Gamma Delta was chosen secretary, thus automatically becoming chairman of the next Conference. After the reading of minutes and the appointment of committees came the discussion of common problems. Chapter letters from the to-be-or-not-to-be viewpoints were finally declared a vital part of the sorority magazine; mailing lists, advertising syndicates, chapter papers and secret publications were duly disposed of, and a short recess sent all the literary ladies to a nearby balcony where a serious reporter forced them to face a camera. At six-thirty, the same group enjoyed a formal dinner—a very delightful affair, with little place cards to distinguish one from the other. The pleasantly informal discussions were resumed, and Emily Butterfield presented a "Model Chapter Letter" which fulfilled every requirement and was hailed with delight.

The following editors talked for their own magazines: Hazel Eckhart, Alpha Chi Omega, new editor of *The Lyre*—young, delightful and exceedingly efficient; Emily Butterfield, Alpha Gamma Delta's genial and dependable "Chattering Squirrel"; Anna Miller Knot—quiet and capable; Mrs. Reid McDonald—alert and original; Amy Olgen Parmelee of Delta Delta Delta—with her keen sense of humor; Mrs. Hawley, Delta Gamma, progressive and idealistic; Mrs. Jones of Delta Zeta—of charming personality; L. Pearle Green, with her wise and definite policies; Helen Nieman, Chi Omega—wise in her viewpoint; Florence Merdian—an energetic and enthusiastic young reporter.

While those editors who could not attend sent delightful and efficient substitutes—Mrs. McDonald, president of Alpha Omicron Pi; Mrs. Weiler, business manager of the Sigma Kappa *Triangle*; Mrs. Harris, alumnae editor of the Kappa Kappa Gamma *Key*; Mrs. Kribs, chairman of Pi Beta Phi examinations; Grace Sawyer, Alpha Phi's Congress delegate; Gladys Pugh, president of Kappa Delta; and Dorothy Osborn, inspector for Beta Phi Alpha.

BEDTIME REFLECTIONS

The Editors' Conference in one way is as necessary and helpful as the Congress itself. The magazine is the official organ of each sorority; through it the policies, achievements and ideals are best expressed; upon its appearance, contents and management depends to a great extent the public rating of the group.

And every editor should be present at these Conferences. Not only does it give her new ideas and new viewpoints, but it creates the national Panhellenic spirit so necessary and so inspiring.

TUESDAY

(And here, having done our duty by the third person of the pronoun, we lazily and complacently slip back into editorial habits—and the first person.)

We breakfasted with Alpha Burkart Wettach, Zeta Tau Alpha, of charming personality and interesting achievement—a psychologist and member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina. We lunched with Mrs. Hawley and Mrs. Woollett of Delta Gamma. (Mrs. Woollett is president and has a lovely dignity and a quiet force). And we went to Dr. Parker's splendid lecture in the evening with Louise Leonard of Alpha Gamma Delta, the incoming chairman, who is very human and very lovable.

But all this is ahead of the story. The story itself began with the first meeting of the delegates around the table on Tuesday morning, with Dr. Hopkins of Zeta Tau Alpha as presiding officer. Dr. Hopkins, fair and sane, guided discussions most skilfully and preserved harmony and cooperation. (Incidentally, we liked her gowns). Louise Leonard, Alpha Gamma Delta acted as secretary; and Irma Tapp of Alpha Delta Pi—a charming bit of femininity who confesses that she is a tobacco broker but doesn't use her own commodity—proved a very efficient treasurer.

The Old Guard—as the members thereof dub themselves—were all present. Mrs. Collins of Chi Omega ever interesting, progressive and legal minded (We love to listen to her beautiful English and to watch the play of her beautiful hands); Lillian Thompson of Gamma Phi Beta—knowing everything that has ever hap-

pened, always contributing something worth while, and racing every stenographer who tries to keep up with her; Mrs. Parmelee of Delta Delta Delta, "the oldest living delegate"—to quote herself. (Of course nobody believes it.) Mrs. Greene of Kappa Alpha Theta, wise and sane in her ideas and energetic in presenting them; Mrs. Knote of Alpha Xi Delta whose quiet personality is correspondingly forceful.

Rochelle Gachet (someday we'll ask the use of her beautiful name for a play!) was Alpha Omicron Pi's very well-informed delegate—and her fine work as chairman of the Committee upon Eligibility and Nationalization was most praiseworthy. Frances Evans of Pi Beta Phi proved most efficient in every argument and most wise in every opinion. Estelle Kyle Kemp of Kappa Kappa Gamma always gave definite and worthwhile suggestions. Rennie Sebring Smith of Delta Zeta was ever alert, ever keen, and had a delightful crispness that reminded one of her very attractive bobbed hair! Mrs. Irving Brown of Alpha Chi Omega, as chairman of the Committee upon College Panhellenics had a most trying position and much labor; but her sweet serenity and fine mind won her many admirers. Dainty Gladys Pugh of Kappa Delta proved the truth of the old saying, "She's little—but, oh my!" Nellie Hart Prince efficiently represented Phi Mu. Violet Osborn Kearney of Beta Phi Alpha made her debut in a most satisfactory fashion. Lorah Monroe of Sigma Kappa lived up to her deep convictions. Nancy Brown Woollett of whom we have already written represented Delta Gamma and Grace Sawyer of Alpha Phi whose originality and spontaneous viewpoints were a delight was discovered to be the editor of *The Republican Woman*.

BEDTIME REFLECTIONS

The reports of this first day's meeting were interesting, not only on account of definite achievements but because they showed that all of us are working for the same end, that we had the same ideals and same problems. We were particularly impressed with Kappa Alpha Theta's plan for affiliation only after completion of the year's work, Kappa Kappa Gamma's national finance plan and standardization of badge, Delta Gamma's three fellowships, Delta Delta Delta's requirement of freshman subscriptions to the magazine, and Alpha Xi Delta's plan of probation in regard to chapters failing to make the desired average.

WEDNESDAY

A delightful day in Fort Worth—delightful from the very beginning in the long bus ride to the last farewell at Marion Mullins' tea. (Everybody was too tired to notice the Dallas-ward journey).

The business meeting in the Cactus Room of the stately Texas Hotel was followed by an elaborate luncheon in honor of N.P.C. with the Fort Worth Panhellenic as hostesses. Decorations were most unique and "atmospheric" a miniature Texas ranch, small bales of cotton here and there and everywhere, tiny lone star flags, little covered wagons, and fascinating cowboys. While the subsequent program was also "atmospheric"—songs of the cowboy, a negro monologue, an Indian song and a medley of southern airs. Then we all stood while the hostesses sang *The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You*. Of course we were terribly flattered but correspondingly conscious lest Texas observe that our hair was still long and a bit awry.

Another business meeting; a long drive around picturesque Fort Worth, and as a climax, Marion Mullins' tea at the Woman's Club. Marion Mullins is a former president of Kappa Delta and a friend to many of us—and we loved every bit of her "party." The Club itself is unique, and very beautiful with its large rooms, its perfect appointments, its wonderful ballroom and its prospect of more glories; and we all agreed that in it we beheld the perfect chapter house.

BEDTIME REFLECTIONS

We are obsessed with statistics. Eleven presidents at this gathering—from Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Beta Phi Alpha, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma

Kappa and Pi Beta Phi. Eleven editors—from Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta, Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Mu. Two Deans of Women—Miriam Gerlach of Gamma Phi Beta and Bessie Leach Priddy of Delta Delta Delta.

THURSDAY

Today we formally admitted Alpha Delta Theta into our charmed circle, and are proud of our new member. (Someone should write a Panhellenic song entitled *And now there are twenty 'round the table.*) We left our serious sessions long enough to wander through the very beautiful Country Club as guests of the Dallas Panhellenic and to group ourselves around the flower-bedecked luncheon tables. We were asked to be a Kappa Delta for that especial time and to sit with the Kappa Deltas—which we did—and which we enjoyed.

That evening, Mr. Perez, president of Pi Kappa Alpha, brought us greetings from the Interfraternity Conference and told us of the workings of our brother organization.

BEDTIME REFLECTIONS

The men deserve a bit of recognition. George Banta, Jr. played the part of guide, philosopher and friend to his various editors; Mr. L. G. Balfour, through his Dallas representatives, presented the delegates charming link bracelets set in pearls, and each bearing the proper sorority crest; wee Danny Jones, whose mother is editor of the Delta Zeta *Lamp*, proved a veritable heartbreaker.

FRIDAY

We breakfasted with Mrs. Kribs, a charming Pi Phi of Dallas, who is engineering the banquet, and lunched with Hazel Eckhart of Alpha Chi Omega—with whom we have much in common.

Our last day of the Congress; and Dallas wept in contemplation of the departure. (It was said to be snow, but we have our own opinion after experiencing the real thing!) At this last session a comprehensive program was presented by the Committee on College Panhellenics, and was thoroughly discussed. This committee will prepare as soon as possible a model constitution for college Panhellenics and recommend various rules for rushing and penalizing. Survey committees were appointed; new eligibility requirements for admission were adopted; and the incoming chairman announced her committees for the next two years.

Last of all—the banquet. Over four hundred present, including men—the first time they have graced such an occasion. Small tables adorned with sweet peas with a real cotton ball for each guest; and a band from the Southern Methodist University. We sat with the Alpha Chis, an Alpha Xi Delta, a Gamma Phi and the Chattering Squirrel. To our left were the seats of the mighty—speakers and officers under a gold star and six flags. Beautiful music, inspiring speeches—and again *The Eyes of Texas!* This time we all bowed serenely knowing that we were wearing our best frocks. And before we realized it—everything was over.

BEDTIME REFLECTIONS

The National Panhellenic Congress is in reality a forum for the discussion of common problems, the presentation of different viewpoints, the interchange of valuable ideas. It does not profess to be legislative.

Therefore we declare the greatest benefit to be the strengthening of the Panhellenic spirit which means the broadening of the individual horizon and the formation of lasting friendships.

WORK OF THE EDITORS' CONFERENCE

The Nineteenth National Panhellenic Congress convened in Dallas, Texas, January 5-8, 1926. All delegates were housed at the Baker Hotel and all business sessions occurred there. The Editors' Conference, which is always held in connection with the National Panhellenic Congress, took place on the afternoon of January 4, the day preceding the opening of the Congress proper.

Miss Lindsey Barbee, editor of *The Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta, presided at the Conference, and it was due to her graciousness of manner combined with her clever and efficient presentation of the items for discussion, that the meeting was a real pleasure. Miss Barbee started off the Conference by saying that she knew of no more fitting form for the discussion to take than that of a magazine itself; so first we were introduced to the "directory" of an imaginary magazine, which directory turned out to be a roll call and introduction of each N.P.C. editor or her substitute. This "directory" informed us that all nineteen sororities were represented, and enabled us to identify each other immediately.

From the "directory" in the imaginary magazine, we turned to the "contents," which consisted of all the items suggested by the various editors for discussion and illumination. Each item had a leader, but all were free to talk, and did talk, in a friendly round table discussion. The "contents" formed the main part of the "magazine," of course, and took up the most space (in time); but as no fraternity publication is complete without its "chapter letter" department, we heard Emily H. Butterfield, editor of the *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*, read a model chapter letter of her own composition, and list the requirements which she thought such a letter should meet. Completing the "magazine" was the "exchange" department, which included mention of especially worthwhile articles (from an N.P.C. viewpoint), which had appeared in the various magazines during the year. Mrs. Vera Brown Jones, editor of the *Delta Zeta Lamp*, was the "exchange editor."

First among the items for discussion was the almost perennial problem of the chapter letter. "To be or not to be" was the question raised by the leader, L. Pearle Green, editor of *Kappa Alpha Theta*. Although many objections to chapter letters have been voiced, which Miss Green listed, and although a number of fraternity magazines have dropped the department entirely, yet all of the nineteen sororities continue to print letters because their chapters say they want them. It was suggested that, in order to secure more readable and interesting letters, the term "chapter letter" be abandoned, and the chapters be asked to write, instead, "news stories"—of themselves, their college, and by all means their sister Greeks.

Mrs. Amy O. Parmelee, editor of *The Trident* of Delta Delta Delta, in speaking of methods of bringing out literary ability in chapter correspondents, said frankly that she does not attempt it. She doesn't want to "cramp their style." As college chapter correspondents, she asks for students in journalism, if at all possible, having found that their training makes them more desirable. She finds (and everybody else nodded their heads), that it takes three or four issues of the magazine to get the correspondent "trained" to obeying instructions, and that the average alumna correspondent is worse than the average college chapter correspondent. Many concurred in this last lamentable fact, but agreed that the alumna who contributes articles to her magazine because she *likes* to, is generally an excellent writer. Blank forms for information, hand books, and sheets of instructions for assisting the chapter correspondent, were displayed by editors as their means of extracting "good" letters for their magazines.

In connection with the chapter letter arose the discussion of the merits of a chapter paper. The custom of an individual chapter in publishing a news sheet for the benefit of itself and its alumnae has grown rapidly in the last few years, and a certain danger to the prestige of the national magazine is seen therein. News which appears in the chapter paper is of necessity duplicated in the national magazine. Therefore, argues the alumna, why buy both, when the inclination is to buy only the chapter paper? Chapter ties are stronger in the average alumna than national ties, and she enjoys most the news of her own chapter sisters. The continuance of the publication of a national magazine and its successful financing is, however, assured by the increasing number of sororities who are adopting the compulsory life subscription plan. As one editor said, "They'll be *subscribers* whether they read the magazine or not." But every editor naturally wants her magazine read, and to assure this, the true national feeling and the necessity for national news must be awakened in future alumnae while they are yet in college. The progress, the

expansion, the business, the conventions of the national are certainly not covered in the local chapter paper; therefore, any worth-while alumna is going to feel compelled to read the national magazine in order to keep informed.

The consensus of opinion in the Conference was that the editorial is valuable and should be retained. The editorial may be used to voice national policies, or, in a more utilitarian way, to bind the magazine together. Some editors require their national officers to write editorials for the magazine at stated times. It was pointed out that this was a good way to get national officers to air their "pet peeve" and possibly do some real constructive work. The plan of having special numbers makes the writing of editorials easier, while selecting good things from other sources is also a desirable practice.

Mrs. Anna M. Knoté, editor of *The Alpha Xi Delta*, in speaking on the proposition of how to be economical without sacrificing the appearance of the magazine, stated that experience had taught her that there was no other way to do except to spend the money to get a good magazine. Ambitious editors feel hampered when they know they have to make their magazine conform to an economy program.

Mrs. E. W. Hawley, editor of *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma, presented a cherished idea in her desire to see our sorority magazines made big and broad enough to embrace other interests besides sorority interests. Is the sorority magazine, or can it be made, a place for general articles of a high type, so that it may take a definite place and serve a definite purpose in the reading of the world at large? Mrs. Hawley would like to see the sorority magazine as an organ of college women, interested in women's education; as a place for the expression of the aims and ambitions of women in education.

In discussing the exchange department, Mrs. Jessica N. MacDonald, editor of *The Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Pi, stated that she was her own exchange editor and preferred it to having another person for that job, because perusing the other magazines gave her a broader viewpoint. She believes that exchanges serve as an incentive to maintain a high standard for one's own magazine, and should be selected with a view to their value to the general fraternity public. Credit to the original and proper source should always be given, the Conference deeming it not absolutely necessary to use "via-s" in showing the various avenues by which one comes into possession of a quoted article.

Under the discussion of uniformity for N.P.C. editors, the matter of advertising was brought up. Advertisements in sorority magazines have always been few, and, perforce, the financial return small. It was suggested that if *all* the sorority magazines care to, we could no doubt use our combined circulation of 150,000 to 300,000 to secure ads from nationally known firms and goods. These ads would of course be uniform in all magazines. The problem of which advertisements would be considered suitable, and whether advertising agencies would compel us to take any and all ads on their list, presented itself. Since the idea seemed promising, a committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of securing more advertising for our magazines. The final adoption of any such scheme will of course depend upon the attitude and action taken by each sorority.

The only other committee appointed was one to compile a list of colleges and universities throughout the country which are willing to accept sorority magazines in their libraries and allow them a place on their shelves. This work was asked for in order to prevent waste in mailing magazines to such college libraries as will not accept them.

Emily H. Butterfield, editor of *The Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly* was elected secretary of the meeting, and will therefore serve as the presiding officer at the next Editors' Conference.

RUTH HENRY WEILER

MODEL CHAPTER LETTER

ZETA ALPHA CHAPTER

Farmington College For Young Women

There has been a row of editorial dominoes in our chapter—Katharine Maxon, our editor, has been unable to return to college because of her mother's illness.

Thus it came that domino number one tapped domino number two, and Kath asked Marcia Call, our assistant editor, to serve. Marcia is leading lady in "Stepping Out and In," the Art's Club annual production, which is produced tomorrow. Thus domino number two tapped domino number three, and Marcia asked me to help her by writing the chapter letter this time. Being an Art's Department and not an English course student, I can not give you the charm of atmosphere and color that the other two girls could. Either Kath or Marcia could make you see the soft glow of our new bridge lamp, given us by our Mothers' Club, and hear the echo of our new memorial chimes in Burton Chapel.

Eight of the girls were here at the house New Years. Four of our town pledges and our house mother, Mrs. Holman, planned our New Years' eve dinner. Books and leaves—the proverbial new leaf, were every where. In the center of the table was a great book with gold edges and white velvet covers while poinsetta and holly leaves added adornment. The dinner was Suzy's most delicious achievement with parsley, lettuce and other leaves adorning the various dishes. The place cards were tiny folders—"All about Bees" by Margaret Downs was on the cover of Peg's, our President, who is taking special vacation work in bee keeping and has largely paid her way through college by aid of the busy bee. She is also president of our popular "Burrough's Club." Inside her booklet was a line, "Resolved to take a Bee Line for Happiness."

We each wrote two resolutions for our Chapter and then we read them. There were resolves to study more and date less, to refrain from borrowing clothes, to cease interrupting during study hours, and several resolved to make scholarship a more pronounced characteristic of Zeta Alpha. Souvenir booklets were pulled out from the big book centerpiece, which was camouflaged a box.

Every New Year's night all the girls in college are guests of President Zueg and his wife. Their hospitable old colonial home was bright with lights and every spruce, which lines the drive, was bedecked with Christmas lights and fixtures and hung with dozens of bells and glass chimes, which tinkled in the crisp breeze. The ground was covered with fluffy snow that now and again blew about and the frost glistened on roofs and chimneys. Grace Hunt used the idea as a motif for her poster, submitted in the "Twelfth Night" contest of our college *Monthly* and won first prize.

Besides the college girls and faculty there were twenty guests who are deemed leaders and prominent people. It was a treat for us girls who come from small towns that have few widely recognized leaders in thought and accomplishments to meet Mary Chase, the artist, and her sculptor husband, Edgar Visitor, the poet, and Bishop Xenophon, as well as many others.

Numerous other interesting things have happened, but most of them last year so that they seem old news—as the Chinese boy says, "old velly, velly old, way, way before long time ago," and then it is a new year we are wishing you—new tales—new successes—new achievements for ourselves and for all other Greeks.

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July 5. Arrive at Cherbourg, and Paris.

6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Paris; motor trip to Versailles and Malmaison; the battlefields of Château-Thierry, Belleau Wood and Rheims.

12. To Avignon.

13. Avignon; afternoon train to Nice.

14, 15. Nice; Upper Corniche Drive; Monte Carlo.

ITALY

16. To Genoa.

17, 18. Genoa and Pisa; train to Rome.

19, 20, 21, 22. Rome; the imperial city.

23, 24, 25. Florence, the art center of Europe.

26. To Venice.

27, 28. Venice; excursion to the Lido.

29. Milan.

SWITZERLAND

30. Simplon-Loetschberg route to Interlaken.

31, August 1. Interlaken (Lauterbrunnen, Kleine Scheidegg, Grindelwald).

August 2, 3. Morning steamer on Lake Brienz and train over the Brünig Pass to Lucerne; the Rigi.

GERMANY

4. Through the Black Forest to Heidelberg.

5, 6. Heidelberg; Frankfurt.

7. Rhine steamer from Biebrich or Mayence to Cologne.

8. Cologne; afternoon train to Amsterdam.

HOLLAND

9, 10. Amsterdam and The Hague; Marken.

BELGIUM

11, 12. Brussels; excursion to Waterloo.

ENGLAND

August 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. London; three-day motor trip to Windsor, Eton, Stoke Poges, Maidenhead, Henley, Warwick, Kenilworth, Stratford-on-Avon, Oxford and Sulgrave Manor, home of George Washington's ancestors.

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28 or 29. Arrive at Montreal.

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21. To Furness Abbey.

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- 23, 24. Melrose and Edinburgh.
25. The famous Trossachs Tour by coach, motor and steamer.
26. Glasgow; excursion to Ayr.
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Note.—Should you desire homeward passage to New York in connection with this tour, please notify us at the time your deposit is sent, and we will advise you whether a suitable steamer is available at the desired date and price.

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Phone West 184R



Once upon a time—as all good fairy stories begin—the college graduate on leaving her Alma Mater, turned instinctively to the profession of teaching. Nowadays—and it *does* seem like a fairy story—she passes over what was hitherto a forbidden portal into a wondrous world of opportunity. A veritable Alice in Wonderland she realizes that she may play a part in the realms of industry, commerce, government and the professions.

It is interesting to review—briefly as it may be—the story of woman's progress and development; it is significant to note that since the great World War she has found her way to economic independence. Not so many years ago, the first woman typist walked into a business house and the world was aghast; to-day the wideawake girl may be inoculated with the germ of business, of commerce, of great ventures; since adequate training for real commercial responsibilities is being freely offered and the eager student may be familiarized with the intricacies of the market and with the international operations. Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman of modern times to achieve a medical education, applied to twelve medical colleges of the United States before one of them would admit her; when she started to practice she was forced to buy a house because no respectable resident would rent office room to her. Girl medical students were hissed; men physicians were forbidden by the profession to lecture in women's colleges or to consult with women doctors; and not until 1876 did the American Medical Association admit women to membership. To-day, Columbia, Yale and Harvard swing open their doors to a long line of young women; the University of Edinburgh and the University of Moscow have removed restrictions; and the Scottish Women's Hospital appeared on five battle fronts. Syracuse University which gave to the world the first woman physician also graduated Belva A. Lockwood who in 1879 was the first woman to be permitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States. To-day, with a few exceptions, every state admits women to practice of law; even in France a woman wears the ermine edge which signifies her right to plead before the Tribunal of War—a privilege which marks an

epoch in history since it is the first time that women have conducted cases before military court.

So—graduates of 1926—the world lies before you! Your Phi Beta Kappa key may unlock the door to a store of untold treasure; your magic pencil may win you a place in the great circle of literature; your gift for finance may thrust you into the realm of competition; your legal mind may win you recognition in your chosen field; your skilful fingers may yet wield a surgeon's knife. Nothing is denied you—nothing is beyond you—for the old argument *it isn't done by women* hasn't even an echo in the life of to-day. The universe is yours! (Editorial from CRESCENT of June, 1923)

During her two years of service, Grace Howard Smith has been a vital force in the life of Gamma Phi Beta and a definite influence for the highest, truest standards. She has given her fine mind to the solving of every problem; she has used her every effort toward furthering the growth of our organization; she has shown the wisest foresight in preparing for the days to come. It is with sincerest regret that we part with her as president, knowing that only the keenest physical incapacity could force her to resign from her post; and it is the hope of each Gamma Phi that she may soon regain her health and strength. Alumnae have been wisely guided by her counsel; college girls have been drawn closely through her understanding and appreciation; fellow officers have worked willingly and loyally under her leadership; chapters have sensed the national viewpoint quickly and enthusiastically through her presentation; the sorority itself has received a splendid impetus through her inspiration and influence. We do not bid her farewell; for Grace Smith will always be inseparably connected with Gamma Phi Beta in thought, in deed and in endeavor.

To Laura Latimer Graham, her successor, whose efficiency and achievement have already been proven, the sorority gives a most hearty welcome, and promises a cooperation and a loyalty that will mean a happy and successful regime for the New President.

After a struggle with Directory lists, the intricacies of which make the cross word puzzle fade into insignificance, a bed in a psychopathic ward seems a far-off blessing. And ere the memory of that hectic season of compilation pass away the editor begs leave to jot down on a page of the Chapter Note Book a few impressions, a few protests and a few suggestions.

It is a bit amazing to find a matron of some years' standing credited with a maiden name that doesn't belong to her; it is a bit sad to discover that an erstwhile college girl acquires a husband who has no initials to his name; it is a bit thrilling to find that a member whose name is unusual enough to claim no duplicate is endowed with two husbands!

All of which inspires a dissertation that could easily fill several pages, but considerably condenses itself into an editorial and director-ial plea to each chapter. Keep the files carefully—be sure that they are reliable—to learn the initials of each married name—and don't let any member cease to be a real personality.

Postscript—since this is a Senior Number. Each and every senior—listen! Do your part in aiding your chapter to keep your record intact. If you change your name, chronicle it with every initial; if you change your address, send the corrected form immediately; if you wish to peruse your *CRESCENT* after you leave the college halls, confer with the Business Manager!

National Panhellenic Congress—way back in January—seems a bit remote in date but not in impressions and inspirations. The interchange of ideas and viewpoints, the reports of sorority growth and sorority innovations, the discussion of wider fields for activity, the desire to share in a greater work, a greater achievement—all this was characteristic of the nineteenth gathering. Those who have been in close association with the representatives of the other Greek letter organizations realize that one of the greatest results of the Congress is the fostering of friendships—and, after all, what finer result could there be? The real Panhellenic spirit that forgets the emblem in the realization of common interests, similar aims and like ideals!

To Louise Leonard, incoming chairman of National Panhellenic Congress, friend to many of us and representative of the true sorority woman, we pledge an active cooperation and loyalty. To Alpha Delta Theta, the twentieth member of the Congress, we extend a hearty welcome into the family circle.

Apropos of the National Panhellenic Congress is a discussion of the college Panhellenic problems that are handled by this organization—problems that, in reality, should be settled by the local groups. Especially in view of the fact that attendance at a congress means an expense to each sorority and the necessity of using time in the wisest and sanest way. Undoubtedly too many hours are expended in the discussion and regulation of these college Panhellenics—time that should be given to greater matters—more vital subjects. Now that the national committee on College Panhellenics has submitted to each local group a report that reorganizes constitutions, rules and regulations in a clear, simple and practical fashion, that offers valuable suggestions on rushing and penalizing, a better spirit should be evolved, and the relationship between the College Panhellenic and the National Panhellenic Congress should be developed and strengthened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENTS!

1. Once again the editor taxes your memory with a NEW ADDRESS. This time it is 1421 FILLMORE. So forget 1431 Columbine and promptly memorize its substitute—1421 FILLMORE, DENVER, COLORADO.

2. In the letter of instruction, the editor asked for—

a) Names of seniors as a heading for each chapter letter.

b) Article by a senior on some phase of college or sorority life. In reply to this request the following discrepancies are noted:

Beta, Kappa, Psi and Alpha Delta did not send names of seniors.

Beta, Gamma, Eta, Kappa, Xi, Omicron, Pi, Rho, Upsilon, Phi, Omega Alpha Beta, Alpha Delta, Alpha Upsilon, did not send articles.

Eta, Alpha Delta, Alpha Theta, Detroit and Denver did not send typed letters.

3. As chronicled in a former CRESCENT, only engagements of seniors are announced, Personals of college chapters should be included in chapter letters and not sent separately. Personals of alumnae chapters are welcomed.

FROM CHAPTER LETTERS

We gain the following especially interesting information:

The basketball champion cup has once again found its way to Alpha.

Gamma received first prize for house decorations at Home Coming.

Epsilon boasts a Phi Beta Kappa—Margaret Beebe.

Theta has won the scholarship prize offered by Denver Alumnae.

Pi is to have her own home.

Sigma is already settled in her colonial mansion.

Upsilon is first in scholarship.

Phi once again claims Hatchet Queen and Engineer Queen.

Alpha Gamma boasts the freshman who has won the scholarship offered to the most worth while girl.

The pledges of Alpha Epsilon, for the third successive year have won the cup offered the group selling the most year books.

Alpha Zeta has won the scholarship cup offered by local Panhellenic to the sorority with the highest average for the college year.

Alpha Eta has made the first step toward a chapter house—an apartment.

Alpha Theta's fire excites sympathy from all of us.

A Mothers' Club is Alpha Iota's latest achievement.

Detroit reports the honor bestowed upon Edna Thuner—that of being the first woman on the Board of the American School of Prehistoric Research.

St. Louis claims the first violinist of the Civic Orchestra—Ethel Knobloch, and reports the honor accorded Dorothy Hatlage by the Art Museum.

Reno proves the success of a “dollar an article” sale.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The District Conference of the West will be held in April with Eta as hostess. The District Conference of the East will be held with Alpha at Syracuse—also in April.

GRAND RAPIDS PANHELLENIC

From a letter to the editor:—

Will you insert in the next issue of *THE CRESCENT* a notice to the effect that the Grand Rapids (Michigan) City Panhellenic meets for a luncheon meeting on the second Saturday of each month throughout the year at the Hotel Pantlind. Transients are very welcome, and all resident Gamma Phi Betas are urged to become members of the organization.

Elizabeth Whipple Butler (Mrs. L. M.)

1247 Sherman St. S. E.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Is there a Gamma Phi in Grand Rapids? Let her reply in person.

BACK CRESCENTS

Bertha White (Epsilon), 1010 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska has offered her file of *CRESCENTS* (from 1909) to any chapter in need. Communicate immediately with her.

GAMMA PHI BETA FELLOWSHIP

The following letter from Dr. Al. L. Rogers has been received: “The award of the Lindsey Barbee Fellowship of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority went this year to Miss Dorothy A. Koch, an A.B. from the University of California, now research assistant in Protozoology under the direction of Professor C. A. Kofoed of the Department of Zoology, and research assistant in the Carnegie Corporation California Stomatological Group, working on the culture of *Endamoeba gingivalis*. She is anxious to continue her work in the field of public health and social service. The material submitted in support of her application was excellent. Copies of this material will be sent to you shortly for your files, and for the information of the Sorority. The Committee on Fellowships thinks they have made an excellent selection this year.”

IN REPLY TO

If you are engaged in unusual work, if you have found your way into print, if you know anything of interest concerning any other Gamma Phi, fill out this page and mail it immediately to the editor.

Miss Vida Miller of Rho, together with a friend have conceived the idea of marketing Batik ties. They have worked up a nice little business with the result of their efforts and cleverness retailing in the select shops on Michigan Blvd., Chicago.

Miss Miller's address is;

Apt. 703, Library Plaza Hotel,
Evanston, Ill.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

It was with great sorrow and regret that we received Mrs. Smith's resignation from the office of President of Gamma Phi Beta. The latest news from her is to the effect that she is feeling better, but still obliged to give up all extra activities.

One of our most interesting problems at present is the organization of our new provinces. Minneapolis has already held a conference, Berkeley is to have one early in April, and Syracuse plans one for the last week in April. Many questions can be discussed at these conferences, and the chapters can become better acquainted with each other than they could in any other way. We wish to have a fairly uniform method of conducting these conferences, so reports from each, with the most successful plans, will be considered by the Council, and reported to the chapters as soon as the colleges open in the fall.

We want to urge again that the chapters consider good scholarship an asset when selecting new members for the *prime* reason for entering college is to obtain more knowledge and culture. Scholarship reports in most cases have been encouraging, but, in a few, somewhat disquieting.

We wish to furnish adequate inspection for all of our chapters. When we have the province system in good working order, the province director can inspect chapters in her own province, subject to the direction of the General Director of Provinces.

Prompt replies to letters from National officers and Central Office are requested, for the work of carrying on our business organization is greatly hampered by carelessness in that respect.

The best way to keep your *alumnæ* interested in you is to keep interested in them, and to prove your own worthiness. Letters telling of progress along different lines of endeavor are often productive of material results.

Impress upon your new members the high ideals of fine womanhood that we have always fostered in Gamma Phi Beta. Make every girl feel a personal responsibility in carrying on those ideals, and make the alumnæ proud of the new initiates who join us each year. We have some fine old traditions in Gamma Phi, and we do not wish to see the standard lowered. We wish to be progressive and up-to-date, but in the direction of better conditions.

✿ I trust that the presidents of the chapters will feel free to write me frequently, thus keeping me in touch with chapter activities. My great desire, in taking over this office of President, is to serve the best interests of Gamma Phi; and I am willing to devote a large part of my time to the work, but I need the helpful cooperation of every member of the sorority.

I plan to be at home this summer, so if any of you come to New York, please write to me and I can easily make arrangements to meet you.

If, at any time, it is necessary to communicate with me quickly, may I ask that you do so by night letter, which allows fifty words instead of the ten of a regular telegram, and has the added merit of delivery at a reasonable hour.

LAURA L. GRAHAM, *President*



DELINQUENT COLLEGE CHAPTERS

Xi—Willie Moody*Omicron*—Irene Styan*Alpha Beta*—Audrey MacBride

ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

SENIORS

*Alice L. Coonley**Mary T. Lyman**Dorothy R. Rader**Virginia L. Smith**Louise F. Stone**Louise M. White**Elita M. Hyde**Juliet A. Hinds**Dorothy Seymour**Helen N. Porter**Ruth Wagner*

Most of Alpha's news is "going to be." About this time, with spring just over the hill, we're waking up from that after-exam lethargy and we're planning to do lots of things. So this is by way of a prophecy.

The thing naturally uppermost in our minds now is initiation and banquet which, with no more postponements, are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20. Think of looking forward to thirteen perfectly splendid girls coming into the chapter! We also have two new pledges in Gamma Phi—Edith Thomas, Kingston, Pa., and Sara Ellen Burroughs, Ashtabula, Ohio. Plans for the banquet are all under way and we are just sure that it's going to be the best spring banquet Alpha ever had. Katherine Sibley, '09, Head of Women's Physical Education here at Syracuse, has been chosen toastmistress. Several alumnae have promised to respond and the following active girls are to answer for their respective classes—Louise White, Helen Johnson, Helen Kelley and Anne Archbold.

Another thing, too, is filling our hearts with satisfaction and relief just now. We are renovating our chapter room! Just some badly needed paint and new curtains but it is going to look so much better. Come and see it when we have finished the work.

We are hearing quite definite plans about a first province convention to be held in April with Alpha and Syracuse as hostesses. We're quite up on conventions now and we had such a good time at the last one that we shall like to do it again, even though Syracuse isn't Lake Placid. There will be Baltimore, New York, Boston, Delta, Upsilon and Goucher. With so few, we ought to widen our intimate acquaintances with Gamma Phis from our nearest-by chapters tremendously besides accomplishing things in a business way.

Last month, the idea of class meetings started and the first ones of the four classes took place at the home of Mrs. Dibble. She is a very cherished advisor of ours and she graciously served us with tea and such good muffins while we talked over things. In addition to furnishing a good time it gives the girls in the chapter

a chance to consider problems informally and the freshmen the chance to know each other better. The seniors who are eleven strong this year are having a tea party every Monday afternoon at five, the party end of it being rather frugal, but food is such an inducement. The interest that everyone is taking in the idea is gratifying.

On campus, the great interest at present is over at Women's Gym in Inter-class basketball. Gamma Phi is betting on a sure thing for we are represented on all four teams by Dot Rader, senior team; Pat Young, junior team; Dot Stark and Izzy Moddard, sophomore, and Louise Wetzel, freshman. I think our last CRESCENT letter was out too early to carry the news that we had won back the Inter-Living Center Basketball cup which has been out of our possession a whole year.

As this is the last issue of the CRESCENT for the year, we take this opportunity to wish every single active Gamma Phi success in her June exams and best wishes to every senior who will be seeking a job—and there probably will be lots of them!

LOUISE WHITE

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Well, we got back from Christmas vacation all O.K., everyone sporting tales of this brawl and that one and then, we finally settled down to hard work. We finished the semester with a bang! Exams were written and the J-Hop week end passed with no casualties. Then came the big news that we had raised our scholarship seven places on the chart. What joy!

Our next move was to add two new girls to our already flourishing freshman class—Charlotte Hubbard of Mount Clemens, Michigan and Mary Hellyer of Tenafly, New Jersey—of whom we are very proud. Also Helen Quick of Theta Chapter was affiliated.

In as much as every one of our pledges made her marks, we next staged the big initiation. Probation week was bad according to reports, but when they all felt the new badges over their hearts, all earlier experiences were forgotten. Our ten new members include—Alice Bourquin, Jessie Bourquin, Ruth Richardson, Gladys Martin, Virginia Glaize, Orra Spencer, Barbara Wheeler, Betty Lorch, Ruth Wagner, and Marie Burt—a wonderful class, we think!

And then finally on March twelfth, the freshmen entertained us all at a beautiful dance. The music was exceptional and our remembrances still vivid. We are now studying and looking forward to the springtime which may come yet.

RUTH H. MOORE

ENGAGEMENTS

Janet van den Berg '26 to Hazen Hatch '27, Delta Tau Alpha and Phi Alpha Delta.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. James A. Rolls, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Newdorfer, a son.

GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

SENIORS

Mary Baker

Kathleen Ballard

Helen Cady

Catherine Cairns

Helen Cushman

Angeline Gale

Rachel Learnard

Alice Lyon

Mary Pidcoe

Alice Vogel

Blythe White

These are the eleven seniors we are losing this year, much to the regret of the younger girls. Helen Cady and Blythe White are returning next year for one more

semester, which will make it seem a little better. Blythe has been elected to Alpha Kappa Delta, honorary sociology fraternity, and we are very proud of her.

Our biggest thrill in the fall was the winning of first prize at Homecoming for our house decorations. It was all fixed up as "Ye Hearty Welcome Inn" and was really charming, with funny silhouettes in the windows, straw on the porch roof, and beer kegs out in front.

Before Christmas we pledged Margaret Hipple and Caroline Bebb, two lovely girls of whom we are very fond. Then after Christmas we initiated Marjorie Nee Pauline Myer, Ruth Pierson, and Ruth Will. So we now have four new chapter members, and to take their places among the pledges we succeeded in finding four fine new girls at the beginning of second semester—Alta Carnecross, Onya Payne, Isabelle Kelly, and Louise Nelson.

Our representatives at the district convention at Minneapolis enjoyed meeting Gamma Phi from other chapters very much, and felt that a great deal was accomplished both as regards acquaintance with one another, understanding of each others points of view, and decisions about local and national matters. They enjoyed themselves very much as guests of Kappa Chapter and are loud in their praises of their hostesses. We are already looking forward to a similar convention in two years, when we shall have our new house in which to receive our guests.

SARAH CHICKERING

MARRIAGES

On November 14 at Milwaukee, Florence Marie Shroeder to Dr. Roland Spuhler Cron.

On January 20 at Chicago, Katherine Cromer to Dr. Delbert Homer Talley. Dr. and Mrs. Talley are at home at 925 South Center St., Terre Haute, Indiana.

On January 5 at Calgary, Alberta, Helen Harrison Kerr to Lt. Colonel Charles Edward Connolly D. S. O.

On October 27 at Houston, Texas, Margaret Jones to Mr. William Edward Ritchie. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie are at home at Hinsdale, Ill.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

SENIORS

Leona Leland

Constance Stecher

Doris Russell

Eleanor Ninde

Sally Lumb

Abbie Scott

Last month, perhaps the most important event of the year took place—initiation, and now Delta, the proud possessor of nine new initiates, takes great pleasure in presenting to you the following: Marion Brown; Marion Caldwell; Ruth Carter; Dorothy Cheney; Ruth Chandler; Eleanor Dimick; Dorothy Gibb; Virginia Smith and Martha Vining.

Initiation, this year, was held at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, one of the loveliest and most exclusive places on the North Shore. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Grabow, we were given a suite of rooms, the use of the dining room, and the ball room. The place is so beautiful that it added a great deal to the impressiveness of initiation. We had our banquet afterwards, but owing to the bad traveling, our formal dance was postponed till better weather.

A rather interesting story was told to me concerning one of our new girls, Martha Vining. Martha has a cousin at Goucher College. Seeing each other for the first time during Christmas vacation, they discovered, much to their surprise and pleasure, that each was a pledge of Gamma Phi Beta.

February 13, our alumnæ held a luncheon and bridge party. We girls bought and had hemstitched some crepe-de-chine of various colors. On these were painted men, girls, animals and $\Gamma\Phi B$, which we sold at this affair and at college. It was a great success.

The present college year is almost over and with its going, we must lose six of Delta's finest girls. We are wishing them all possible success and happiness.

HELEN G. ROPES

EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

SENIORS

Sybil Bauer
Betty Burlingham

Margaret Beebe
Catherine VanDeusen

Only four, but every one of them a real girl and a loyal Gamma Phi who will fit well in and be an asset to the lively Chicago Alumnae Chapter.

On February twenty-seventh, the following were initiated into the mystic sisterhood: Mary Louise Fenton, Winnetka, Ill.; Janet Griffiths, Highland Park, Ill.; Harriet Hyer, Whitewater, Wis.; Mary Loucks, Irving Park, Ill.; Eleanor Luse, Western Springs, Ill.; and Vivian McConnell, LaGrange, Ill. The Demon, Scholarship, snatched our other delectable pledges from us, but at the rate that they are concentrating now, something tells us that we'll have a big initiation day sometime in the sunny month of June.

On March tenth at the Orrington Hotel our pledges entertained their "mothers" with a dinner and bridge. A most hilarious time was had by all, and the only living "Izzy" in the world made a big hit with her Grecian dance, while Ida Schiffins rendering of *Remember* was perfect. "Tony" Fenton as mistress of ceremonies managed everything beautifully and as usual was her same peppy self. The dinner ended in a musical medley of Gamma Phi songs and then we adjourned for cards.

At our regular weekly meeting on March 15, Lillian Thompson honored us with her presence and carefully went over the new national constitution with us. By her presentation of it we could understand so much more clearly the new additions and corrections. We all realized at that meeting the great strength of our national organization and that we all must do our share in keeping it strong and steadfast.

The Gamma Phis as usual are busy in the activity life of the campus having live wire members in every one of the seventy odd organizations on the campus—ranging from Student Council, numerous teams in W.A.A., to the Botany Club. Before the great social event of the season, Junior Prom, "Scotch" MacRae entertained twenty couples of us at her home for dinner which started out the never-to-be-forgotten evening with a bang.

Our Sybil Bauer has been forced to leave college because of very poor health. In spite of her weak condition, between semesters she successfully defended her titles in Florida waters and succeeded in setting a few more world records in her crown. "Do or Die" will always be Sybil. We miss her a lot and trust that she will benefit by her rest cure.

The hopes for a chapter house by fall have once more been shattered; however we have not given up hope and still are able to look forward to our moving day.

Our one and only Phi Beta Kappa "Beebe" has written the senior letter.

ALICE F. DIBBLE

ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

SENIORS

Berniece Ryan
Lillian Kifer
Elizabeth Peacock
Jean Turn

Katherine Shaw
Mary Helen Baker
Laura Inge Hill
Grace Stauffer

It is impossible to realize that we have not written a letter to the CRESCENT since pledging. But since we have not, we will begin by telling you that in October we pledged fifteen freshmen. Georgia Peacock, Clarksdale, Miss., Jane Allan, Clarksdale, Miss., Eleanor Ames, Jackson, Ill., Margaret Stowers, Boston, Mass., Caroline Brame, Montgomery, Ala., Margaret Stover, Ft. Collins, Col., Mable Jones, Greensboro, Miss., Katharine McCurley, Relay, Md., Marcita Bailey, Paris, Texas, Wilhelmina Warkentin, Kansas City, Kan., Lillian Burkehalter,

Atlanta, Ga., Clarice Yeates, Annapolis, Md., Helen Turnbull, and Evelyn Consodine of Baltimore, Md. After pledging, which was held in our rooms, we had a banquet at the Dutch Tea Room. During the dinner the new pledges were called upon for speeches, and all agreed, unanimously, that they were more than glad they were Gamma Phis.

During the time between pledging and initiation several important events as far as we were concerned, occurred. In the first place, the freshmen were trained by Mary Helen Baker to say the chapter roll, and the few other things they had to learn, backwards and forwards. In the second place, we pledged two upper classmen, Helen Dodson, '27, and Madeline Clay, '28. The week before initiation, we had a house party at Belleaire, Md. As there was plenty of good sledding, "a good time was had by all," in spite of being snow-balled and of having wet feet.

Zeta had initiation February 20. According to our usual custom the initiates were put to the trouble of going through with an examination, which they found, was much harder than they had counted on. The real initiation took place following this. Thirteen were initiated, ten freshmen, and three upper classmen. Georgia Peacock, Jane Allan, Eleanor Ames, Margaret Stowers, Margaret Stover, Evelyn Consodine, Madeline Clay, Helen Dodson, Grace Stauffer.

The initiation banquet was held at Quinby Inn. The initiates were called upon for speeches, and expressed their happiness at being "regular Gamma Phis" in various and amusing manners. A Zeta guard was presented to Wilhelmina Warkentin for having attained the highest scholastic standing among the Gamma Phi freshmen. Margaret Stover received honorable mention. After dinner Zeta had the liveliest time of this year. Doubtless this was due to the great enthusiasm of both the new and the old members plus the influence of an unusually good orchestra. We are all beginning to look forward to our initiation banquets as *the* important event of the year.

Zeta has shown great interest and enthusiasm in the life of the college this year because of the large number of offices held by Zeta members. In addition to those already held, Charlotte Bush was the Goucher junior delegate to the Student Organization Conference held at Wellesley. Frances Burkhalter was elected College Basketball manager, and is being sent to a hockey camp by the Athletic Association this summer. Frances Hosterman captained the '28 gym team to victory. Laura Hill took part in Senior Dramatics, and Muriel Lee led the juniors in Sing Song, one of the most important college events. Helen Dodson has been chosen to attend the A. C. A. C. W. conference at Wellesley in April. Our freshmen have showed good spirit in entering into college life. Margaret Stover was elected secretary of the Class of '29, and more recently, Georgia Peacock has become freshman representative for Junior Prom. Muriel Lee is chairman of the Mayday committee, a position that becomes increasingly responsible each year. Zeta has been well represented on the basketball teams. Bear Ryan played on the '26 team, Charlotte Bush, Frances Burkhalter, Helen Dodson, and Muriel Lee for '27, Frances Hosterman for '28, and Evelyn Consodine for '29. Several Zetas, namely Lois Beckwith, Jane Bisbee, and Lillian Burkhalter, played on the second teams.

The Panhellenic dance was held in February and Zeta was well represented. We are now looking forward to our Spring Prom which is planned for the first part of May.

There are many college events scheduled for the spring, and I have no doubt but that Zeta will be as well represented in these as it has been in the activities up to this time.

JANE BISBEE

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

SENIORS

Florence Richardson
Marian Stowell
Madeleine Putnam

Patricia Sizer
Louise Hill
Katharine Boole

Spring session proved to be a momentous time for Eta Chapter. Sundry empty bed-rooms upstairs showed us that we must put on some unusually attractive rushing parties in order to win the girls we wanted. However, Bid Day procured for us, four very priceless "nuggets"—Betty Cook, Christine Graves, Erica Berne, and Patricia Cary—three sophomores and one freshman. All will eventually live in the house and every under classman is expected also to live there, one semester before becoming a junior. This has been found advisable as we have a great many Berkeley girls who naturally prefer their own homes to sorority fare.

Eta has been experimenting on a new study table plan this semester. No study hour is held, during the evening, each girl studying, independently in her own room, with a fine of five dollars for every "cinch notice." This is found effective.

In February came initiation. Nine neophytes with the required scholastic average were presented—Edith Cheek, Roberdean Hoffman, Erica Berne, Jane Richardson, Betty Cook, Kathryn Milberry, Clara Whiting, Josephine Vawter and Marjorie Legge. Jane Richardson distinguished the house by receiving sixteen and a half units of A's which is a remarkable record for a freshman in her first term. Following initiation came the semi-annual banquet at the Claremont Country Club. Elizabeth Allardt Brown '22 was toastmistress, calling on Marjorie Legge '29, Marion Peake '28 and Virginia Lemmon '27. Florence Richardson, president of the house since Mildred Morgan left for Europe, spoke for the senior class. Everybody was terrified and shaky before hand, but when the moment came we were given some very thoughtful and constructive comments on the inestimable value of friendship in sorority and college life.

One of the interesting recent events has been a Bridge Benefit Tea given by the alumnae for the Gamma Phi Beta scholarship fund where they cleared altogether \$350, in addition to selling tickets for the lucky number winning an overnight bag. \$250 went for the scholarship at the university, \$100 for the alumnae treasury, and \$59 for the chapter. The alumnae have been wonderfully active and generous and we cannot be grateful enough to them, a Rummage sale is another of their efforts in the interest of the sorority.

We are looking forward to having the coast convention held here, in our own house, in April, and will undoubtedly have interesting results to report in the next letter.

KATHARINE LINFORTH

ENGAGEMENTS

1. Florence Richardson '26, to Lee Parrish '26 (Beta Theta Pi, University of California)
2. Madeleine Putnam '26, to Van Pelt Harley '25

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

SENIORS

Agnes Brierly
Florence Fink
Genevieve Miller
Dorothy Thomas

Laura Eggert
Winifred Lute
Janet Milligan
Thalia Van Orman

So very much has happened since the last CRESCENT letter that it is hard to know where to begin.

Friday the thirteenth (this was in November) we decorated our Lodge with skulls, umbrellas, cats, and—a crescent, and gave a "Hoodoo" Dance. Apparently, no one of our girls is superstitious because everybody came and had an "awful" good time.

The next few months went very quickly for everyone had one thought in mind and one goal—a wonderful rush week and then—pledging. Second-semester pledging as a new experiment this year was a little hard for sorority girls as well as for

freshmen. The Panhellenic rules were such that one could be with a freshman as much as she liked but could spend no money on her. "Scotch rushing" we called it. For five months this sort of friendship existed between sorority and non-sorority girls, and as rush week drew near there was great excitement. Finals were the last week of January and rushing the first week of February—and oh! such rushing! Everyone was worn out at the end of the five days, but it was worth it and much more to pledge those fifteen girls—one daughter, Chellie Wright; four sisters, Marion Thomas, Norma Van Orman, Frances Watkins, Gertrude Winne; and ten others, Marie Coleman, Margaret Cullen, Mary Alice Elliot, Wilmette Jones, Bernette Moore, Beth McKeown, Gwendolyn Olinger, Hypathia Slusser, Imogene Ross, Margaret Terry. Six weeks later we pledged Myrna Louise Sydnor. Initiation will be held April seventeenth for Josephine Maroney, Ruth Marr, and eleven of these new pledges.

After the excitement of pledging had quieted down the biggest surprise of all happened. We have tried for a higher scholarship this year but none dared to hope for the thing that happened. We won the fifty dollar prize from the Denver Alumnae Chapter which is awarded when no active girl has an average below 80, and Nu chapter average is 85.

In February, Estaline Secrest left for California, and this made our active chapter number the same as our pledge group. Estaline came from the University of Arizona and affiliated with our chapter in the spring of 1925. It was nice to have her for only this short time and—maybe—she's coming back.

Alice Barber and Marion Watkins were pledged to the Rilling Athletic Club this semester; Wilmette Jones, Marion Thomas and Norma Van Orman have been pledged to both Phi Alpha Literary Society and Evans Literary Society; and Isabelle Birney was the only girl in the chapter to make Kedros, a junior honorary scholarship organization for girls. Maybe we weren't a little proud after all this.

Chancellor Harper was married at Christmas time and many, many parties have been given for the new Mrs. Harper who is a graduate of Wellesley College. On February 15 the Denver Alumnae Chapter entertained at a very lovely tea in her honor, and two weeks later she came over to the Lodge and spent a very informal afternoon with the college girls.

On March 13 the pledges gave a "perfectly darling" dance for the active chapter. During intermission they sang the Gamma Phi songs they had learned and all over again we realized how very proud we were of them. The Junior Prom was March 12, and Thalia Van Orman our chapter president was elected the Queen. And in two weeks the annual play which Lindsey Barbee writes for us will be given at the Broadway Theater. It is called *Cynthia's Sixth Sense* and the setting is a little imaginary kingdom, Phantasia. Everyone is working so hard on it, and from the proceeds we hope to pay part of our \$1000 pledge to the University Endowment Fund.

Oh! such a long letter!

DOROTHY THOMAS

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

There is no question, in the minds of every Kappa active and alumnae as to the most significant event of our winter season or, in fact, of our whole year; for surely our District Convention overshadows them all! It was held in Minneapolis during the week-end of March 5, and it was indeed an honor to Kappa Chapter to be able to be hostess to such charming Gamma Phi sisters,—delegates from Gamma, Rho, Omega, Alpha Beta, and Alpha Kappa. The benefits we derived from the convention couldn't be contained in one short letter, but our personal contact with other Gamma Phis and the inter-relation of the policies and ideas of the respective chapters proved invaluable. The convention began with a model meeting at which such subjects as scholarship, the raising of money, the Dean of Women, and the entertainment of Gamma Phis were discussed; business over, recreation was sought at the Orpheum. Meetings which were held in Shevlin Hall on the Minnesota

Campus, were both lively and interesting; and business was culminated when several resolutions were drawn up and passed with the intention of presenting them at the next national convention. But the social side of the convention must not be forgotten, for after all that was the most inspiring to every Gamma Phi! An alumnae dinner was given by Katherine Taney Silversen at her home, and a luncheon, attended by both actives and alumnae, was held at the chapter house. A formal banquet, at which over 120 Gamma Phis were present, was held at the Radisson Gold Room—an event never-to-be-forgotten by those fortunate enough to be there. Rewey Belle Inglis proved herself a delightful toast-mistress, and delegates from each chapter, (represented as one of the stars shining about the Gamma Phi crescent), thrilled their hearers with their responses. Helen and Mary Carpenter entertained at a tea at their home on Sunday—and convention was over, a series of glorious memories! It is our only regret that all the members of these five sister chapters couldn't be with us in this first District Convention to share our thrills and our increasing realization of how much Gamma Phi means to us!

During the first part of winter quarter, our active ranks were strengthened by the initiation of five freshmen: Alice Jean Bacon, St. Paul; Dorothy Johnson, Minneapolis; Harriet Jackson, Winona; Florence Pittman, Fergus Falls; and Pauline Yoerg, Hudson, Wisconsin. All are wonderful girls, and we anticipate a great future in Gamma Phi for each one of them.

Our winter formal was held on January 9 at Crossroads Inn, a unique and attractive place, and very desirable for a sorority party. Agnes Newhouse made all arrangements, and to her is due the credit for making this, one of the big events on our social calendar, a success. Not much time elapsed before another followed in the form of our annual faculty banquet, with Helen Rhode in charge. We consider this occasion exceedingly worth while as it brings Gamma Phis into personal contact with faculty members away from the formality of the class-room. This year, we entertained such notables of national and international fame as Dean Guy Stanton Ford of our Graduate School and Carlyle Scott, head of the School of Music. After a most enjoyable evening spent with representatives from all faculty groups, we agreed that "instructors were human, after all!"

Kappa Chapter is the recipient of several lovely gifts: a silver coffee urn, presented to the chapter by our mothers; a center-piece of artificial fruit, from Mrs. Carpenter, a Gamma Phi mother; and a beautiful chair, from the freshmen.

It is with real happiness that we look back over our achievements during this short winter quarter. What we anticipate in the spring is indeed a huge undertaking—a bridge-tea and dance, including elaborate entertainment by our own members, to be given at the Radisson Hotel on April 9.

ELIZABETH MARTIN

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

SENIORS

*Bernice Smith
Gretchen Stryker
Harriet Featherstone
Helen Drever*

*Juliet Glenn
Trula Martin
Catherine Howard
Nellie Prescott*

Bernice Smith, Gretchen Stryker, Harriet Featherstone, Helen Drever, Juliet Glenn, Catherine Howard, Trula Martin, and Nellie Prescott are all graduating this year, and are consequently leaving quite a gap in our chapter. This is the largest senior class Lambda has had since 1922, and we shall feel the loss keenly.

Lambda has initiated eleven of her pledges this quarter. Gladys Morgan, Theodosia Winfree, Kathryn Taylor, Eileen Belden, Julia Fowlkes, Ruth Joseph, Amy Churchill, Elaine Gorham, Katharine Hyland, Emma Pratt, and Emmanell Backus. We also affiliated Hildegard Klose from Kansas, and Gladine Thompson from Idaho.

Just the week before initiation, we helped to elect Helen Gorham to the office of Secretary of the Associated Students of the University of Washington, and consequently were able to have our first *Open House*. We hope it won't be our last!

Helen Lord who was manager of the Junior Girls Vodvil is deserving of much credit for the tact and efficiency with which she put over this show, pleasing both faculty and students. Mary and Katherine Hyland gave a clever dancing act, and Gertrude Ireland was in the Charleston chorus.

This year our formal was Oriental in motif. The walls were hung with quaint and alluring Chinese panels and we carried out our ideas even to having chop-suey and rice on the supper menu.

Right now we are all busy trying to cram for our examinations which will be greatly in evidence for the remainder of the quarter. We have been trying the study-table for underclassmen living in the house, and also require town underclassmen to hand in slips showing where and when they have studied during the preceding week. We are trying, by these means, to maintain the high standard reached last year.

KATHERINE PARR

MU—STANFORD UNIVERSITY
SENIORS

Alice Whiffin

Alice Peck

Ruth Montgomery

Muriel Saxon

Marion Wood

Dorothy Swain

Mary Kingsbury

Kate Clemens

Marion Cross

Dorothy Kinhead

Lorette Cullinan

"Only three more months," my roommate sighed. "Three months," I reiterated questioningly—and then I knew. Three months until the class of '26 bids adieu to the "red-roofed quads of Stanford" and "the brown house on the hill." Eleven of our number are graduating this year—Alice Peck, Ruth Montgomery, Muriel Saxon, Kate Clemens, Marion Cross, Lorette Cullinan, Alice Whiffin, Mary Kingsbury, Marion Wood, Dorothy Kinhead, and Dorothy Swain. Already Linda Walling has packed her trunk and sped away, for she received her degree at the end of winter quarter.

There is a reason, though, for Linda's hasty departure. Not many weeks ago John Staunton sent the house a five pound box and Linda ran around the table. Speaking of romance, Dorothy Swain recently announced her engagement to a handsome but quite mysterious man from Princeton whom not one of us has ever seen.

The prospect of spring rushing, which will take place at the very beginning of spring quarter reminds me that soon we will have a new crop of freshmen to compensate somewhat for the loss of our seniors. That breathless week of winter rushing left us enthusiastically awaiting bidding day—the second Monday in spring quarter.

We've had splendid times in the Brown House this year. Besides teas and faculty dinners we've had some more exciting social functions. Way last fall the seniors surprised us with a Hallowe'en party. We all dressed up like spooks and did stunts and bobbed for apples. Then there was a red letter day when thirteen pledges were initiated into Gamma Phi—Babette Bailey, Blanche Barnett, Lorette Cullinan, Irene Fox, Virginia Greene, Margaret Kalenborn, Ruth Montgomery, Marion White, Marion Wood, Alice Whiffin, Peggy Waite, Linda Walling and Kate Clemens. To celebrate this great event we gave our fall informal—banked the house with potted plants and imported an orchestra. Our men friends assured us they had the time of their lives, and we believed them. In January we initiated Nancy Farmer all by herself. Second Floor tried to surprise us with a party Valentine

week, but third Floor sleuths outwitted them and we were all prepared for the great event. Everyone had made a comic Valentine for someone else beforehand—so great was the razzing and merriment thereof. After rushing was over we entertained our old friends from Roble and Row at bridge. It was a beautiful day, so we put the tables out on the wide verandah and let the spring breezes play through our hair while we trumped our partner's aces.

We've done more than give parties though. I wonder if I can possibly crowd into a paragraph all the activities in which we have taken part! Nancy Farmer and Charmion Cotton made *Football Gaities* in the fall. Our own Wanda Westerfield is the great and illustrious president of Panhellenic. Helen Rittenhouse modelled beautiful gowns in the Spring Fashion Show, and she was recently elected to Quad board, a body which is composed of five men—and Helen. She is head of the poster committee for the Fiesta, too.

Marion White, Babette Bailey, Alice Whiffin, and Peggy Waite all are to dance in the Fiesta, which is a festival put on by Stanford women every two years. Kate Clemens is one of the high Moguls, as it were; by which I mean she helped judge the tryoutees, design costumes and train dancers for this event. Stanford women have a newly established health committee, of which Margaret Kalenborn is a hard working member. Marion Wood planned and executed an all-women's houseparty at Asilomar-by-the-sea late in January. She is on Senior Cabinet of Y. W., too, which is a most important body. There have been innumerable committees of course, but to enumerate them would take entirely too much time and space.

What more than this can one ask? And there is still spring quarter in which to reap more honors.

VIRGINIA GREENE

NU—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

SENIORS

Frances Pierce
Esther Davis

Wilhelmina Shields

Examinations are only a few days off and we are all trying very hard to do real concentrating; but with the early spring weather, which is almost perfect, we find it most difficult. We raised our average considerably last term and are hoping to do even better.

And in keeping with the spring weather we are now having our lawn put in to match our lovely new home. We have had to wait for it because of the unsettled condition of the weather and ground, and will certainly appreciate having a green lawn, flowers and shrubbery.

Our formal was a most successful one. It was a grille dance in our own home decorated with numerous palms and spring flowers and with a candle on each table for lighting. About fifteen girls planning on entering college in the fall term were entertained.

We were very lucky last week in the drawings for the canoe fete in being paired with the Chi Psis as they are across the street and on the race too, and we hope by being so admirably situated and having two very clever artists, to win the cup. The fete will be in the middle of May and is a part of Junior Weekend.

Helen Webber came down from Portland last week to attend the performance of her play, *The Kingdom of America* a satire of one act on American life.

MARY STEWART

ENGAGEMENT

Georgia Benson (Nu '24) to Paul Patterson, Chi Psi (University of Oregon '26)

PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

SENIORS

Ruth Wells

Myrth Alyne Cheney

Dorothy Peterson

Ruth Heine

Helen Kinkquist

Mary Howe

Norma Heine

The Upper Classmen Dinner Dance is a tradition of Pi Chapter—it is *the* big social event of the year. Dorothy Smith and Jean Hall are the committee heads this year. If by any chance on the twentieth of March you should happen to be floating about on your Aladdin's magic carpet and some stray gust of wind or perhaps the unseen hand should guide it through our stately doorway, what a surprise you would receive. There, in characteristic reds, greens, and yellows, through a maize of blue smoke, throbbing to the rhythm of the "hottest orchestra in town," you would find a Bohemian Cabaret. The walls are covered with immense painted panels of Bohemian design, the ceiling so low you could touch it, a table here and another there and another around the corner. It probably wouldn't do you any good to pick up one of the menus, that is, unless you are a Bohemian, because the only thing that resembles the English language is "olivy." As you continue to gaze in wonder, through the doorway glides a young couple and before you know it they are in the midst of a "Bowery Dance." Every now and then a scarlet sashed waiter burdened with a heavy tray comes and goes. There is much more to see and much more to happen but I am merely giving you a hint so that if your magic carpet is in good working order you will have the desire to come our way.

We are all enthused about our house that is going to be. With our large chapter and our enthusiastic building committee consisting of Dorothy Peterson, Joyce Adair, Mildred Beckman, Vera Stephenson, Mrs. Merritt and Mrs. Watkins, we see no reason why we can't have a new house next spring. We are naturally very much interested in the new houses of the other chapters and we would very much appreciate letters from you about your methods of financing, plans, etc. Other sororities that have been here twenty-five and thirty-five years completed their houses this fall. We are only fourteen years old on this campus but our minds are set and we are ready to announce to the world "We intend to build next spring."

CHARLENE COOPER

MARRIAGE

Ruth Danielson to William Larned, Beta Theta Pi.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

SENIORS

Elizabeth Forrester

Mildred Miles

Loraine Wartchow

Mildred Cuddy

Dorothy Nelson

What a happy time of year and yet what a sad one! With the coming of spring and the time of graduation drawing near, we realize that we must part from our seniors who have earnestly worked and played with us during the last few years. Although it is with deep regret that we see them go, we know that they will carry Gamma Phi traditions and ambitions with them.

ELIZABETH FORRESTER

"Betty," as she is known, is a very intelligent, attractive, curly haired girl. For four years she has aided Gamma Phi by her efficient performance of everything she has undertaken. She has been active in Women's Athletic Association and Hesperia Literary Society for a number of years. Betty is very reserved and perhaps this accounts for her practical and timely suggestions. Sociology is her major

and she will undoubtedly go into Social Service next year. We hope that if she goes back home to Utah she will not forget that we at Iowa will always be ready to welcome her back again.

MILDRED MILES

"Mim" has been one of our four year girls, too, and how reluctant we are to lose her. During her freshman year she was chosen as representative freshman; Freshmen Commission; and belonged to Erodolphian Literary society. In her sophomore year she was chairman of Chaw'i Kai and was on Y. W. C. A. cabinet. This year she has been Rho's very efficient rushing captain and is also our Panhellenic delegate. Recently she was chosen as one of Iowa's most beautiful girls. Of course she has many admirers and *such* a time . . . ! "Mim" has majored in Sociology and plans to do personnel work next year.

MILDRED CUDDY

"Mig" has had rather an unsettled career but we are glad of it for we should never had her if she had stayed at either Northwestern or Wisconsin. She is a clever, popular, auburn-haired girl and although she is truly a social success, she also has been active in Chorus. Last semester she decided for some unknown reason to go to Missouri, but we are glad to have her back with us. She is an English major and at present she has not decided just what she will do.

DOROTHY NELSON

Dorothy came to us last year as a junior from Grinnell College. She has black hair and big snappy brown eyes, and although she is apparently calm, cold and unemotional, she has ideas and ability all her own of which few people are aware. The first part of the year she was our vice-president, but now we are happy to say she is our efficient president. She has majored in Zoology and expects to teach next year.

LORRAINE WARTCHOW

Lorraine, too, came to us last year as a junior after having spent her first two years at Northwestern. She is in every way congenial, loyal and capable as has been shown by her respective offices as house president and successful freshman leader. We are quite proud of our freshmen's training. She is an English major and plans to teach for a year or two and after that . . . look in the Personals Column!

By the time this *Crescent* is out we will have initiated fourteen of our pledges. Among them, Ruth Wilson, Claudia Stone, and Margurite McConkey are to be especially commended for their fine scholarship. We are hoping that they may be Phi Beta Kappas in the future. Margaret Decker who left us second semester, has been selected from a large number to do social service work with automobile corps of the University Psychopathic Unit.

During the last month we have pledged Virginia Schanke, sister of Harriet Schanke Bruce, of Mason City; Lucile Dufford Hammer, sister of Mrs. Fred Hellner (Gladys Dufford); Anne Thielan, sister of Mrs. C. Ruchmick (Katharine Thielan—Omicon).

We were very fortunate and happy to have Mrs. A. C. Hoffman from Minneapolis as our visiting delegate the second week of February. From her we acquired many useful suggestions.

Rho had two delegates at the District Convention at Minneapolis last week. They reported a very profitable meeting and a very enjoyable week-end.

We had our informal party February 20, and we were glad to have so many alumnae back for it. Our formal dinner dance is to be April 30 and we are hoping that it will be equally as successful.

RUTH NEFF

ENGAGEMENTS

Lorraine Wartchow, '26, to Rollin K. Stonebrook, Theta Xi.

WEDDINGS

Alberta A. Innes, to Robert E. Gates, Sigma Chi. Mr. and Mrs. Gates are living in Indianapolis, Indiana.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hellner (Gladys Dufford) a girl, Ardyth Elaine.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

SENIORS

Margaret Phillips
Harriet Gilbert

Inez Porta

Our seniors this year are: Margaret Phillips, Inez Porta, and Harriett Gilbert. Their number is small, but the whole chapter will testify that they are worth more than a dozen mere ordinary seniors. Margaret is president of the chapter, Inez is vice-president, and Harriett is corresponding secretary.

On February 19, the following pledges were initiated: Sarah Carpenter, Aleene Carter, Maple Dunbar, Kathleen Elliott, Florence Harnden, Kathryn Huston, Lois Linscott, Doris Moon, Katharine Madoric, Laura Margaret Mellette, and Elizabeth Sickles. Needless to say, there are eleven bright and shining new crescents proudly displayed upon the Hill these days, and we are just as proud of our new initiates as they are of the crescent of Gamma Phi Beta. The traditional Initiation banquet was held the evening of the same day, and 'mid much hilarity we heard our initiates' original songs. Announcement was made at this time of the two girls who had won the special honors which are conferred each year. One, the gift of her new pin, went to Kathryn Huston, who ranked highest in scholarship among the pledges; and the other, a seal ring, was won by Lois Linscott, who had the most activities for the past semester.

We have moved into the new house! A whole letter and more could be written about this alone, but we are saving all the news about the house for the next issue of the *Crescent*, when we hope to be able to send, both exterior and interior views. The official House-warming was held March 5, and the whole Hill came, like the Wise Men, bearing gifts. We received, besides many exquisite pieces of silver, numerous other things, including pictures, pillows, vases, and useful pieces of furniture.

With the passing of this semester, Sigma will have completed a very successful year, and with a lovely new home, and a group of girls such as we have now, there is abundant promise of many happy and successful years in the future. It is Sigma's hope that this year has been an enjoyable and fruitful one for her sister chapters everywhere.

ADELE WEIDNER

TAU—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

SENIORS

Gertrude Lauche
Elizabeth Fee
Lillian Roberts

Carolyn Lauche
Bertha Boger
Julia Wakefield

Elizabeth Fee will attend the national Omicron Nu convention at Manhattan, Kansas, as official delegate from Colorado Agricultural College.

As Carol Lauche resigns from chairmanship of Big Sister committee, Mildred East will accept the appointment.

Ruth Mechling is vice president of the Junior Class, and treasurer of Y. W. C. A.

Grace Humphrey is treasurer of A. W. S.

Kathleen Woods is a member of the Junior Prom Committee.

Lillian Roberts is chairman of Co-ed Prom committee, and a member of the committee for dedication of the new men's gymnasium.

Grace Humphrey and Dorothy Newlin have been elected to the honorary Chemistry Club.

Eleanor Rhodes has been admitted to membership in the Dramatic Club.

UPSILON—HOLLINS COLLEGE

SENIORS

Page Stone

Margaret Tynes

Dorothy McIntosh

Frances Thompson

So much time has elapsed since the publication of the last chapter letter that it is hard to know where to begin. The news that should have first place in Upsilon's letter though, is that of our new members, Mary Elizabeth Thomas, of Grenada, Miss., and Elizabeth Putnam of Washington, D. C. who entered Hollins in the fall with advanced standing and were therefore allowed to be bid. "Tom" and "Put" were pledged in October and were initiated with our other pledges, Mary Byrd Buxton and Helen Van Doren in February.

One of the chief events of interest at Hollins is the big Mohican-Yemassee basket-ball game which took place this year on March 6. Gamma Phi was "a house divided against itself," being represented on both teams. Mary Ellen Franklin was forward for the Yemassees while Virginia Chapin played jumping center on the Mohican team, while Gay Sellars and Elizabeth Thomas were members of the Mohican Sub-team. The Yemassees won, but the game was close and fast and much enthusiasm was registered by all the spectators.

Upsilon is very proud to announce that she was first on campus in scholarship with a high average for the first semester. We hope to be able to keep up this standard for the remainder of the year.

The next college entertainment to take place is the Fashion Show which will be presented by the senior class in our Little Theatre on March 19. Gay Sellars and Mary Byrd Buxton have been asked to be models in this display. Gay and Mary Byrd will also walk in the Court on May Day.

Page Stone, who graduated in voice last year and who will receive a B.M. degree this spring, expects to give another recital early in April. This event is anticipated most eagerly after her delightful concert of last year.

ELOISE KELLY

PHI—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

SENIORS

Virginia Black

Vivian Faute

Bernadine Merton

Anna May Dieckman

Nelle Houghton

Edith Sylvester

March has come in like the proverbial lion at Washington, but it seems to have blown all good luck winds toward Phi.

At the Junior Prom, the function that marks the climax of social affairs on the campus, Virginia Sankey, one of our sophomores, was crowned the Hatchet Queen of Love and Beauty. Phi felt a double honor in Virginia's election, since Emily Arbogast was chosen queen last year from among the Washington coeds. But the election of Hatchet Queen is not the only campus event in which Phi is actively interested, for two of our girls, Nelle Houghton and Bernice Thompson, are among the five candidates from whom the engineers will chose the queen who will preside over the festivities of Engineers' Masque. The retiring Queen is Margaret Williams who was a freshman in Phi Chapter last year.

Since the last CRESCENT letter appeared, eleven eager, enthusiastic members have been added to our ranks of active Gamma Phis. Their names are: Marjorie Ball, Elizabeth Burdeau, Christine Chapin, Nedra Culler, Ruth Hill, Jeanette Lantz, Glen May, Florence Rein, Dorothy Roach Henrietta Stahlin, and Quanita Stocker. I should like to tell about the campus interests of each one of our freshmen, but of course I wouldn't begin to have room to write it all. Since September we have pledged three girls who have great possibilities for Phi—Edith Downing, Hildegard Reichert, and Elizabeth Tattman.

The birthday banquet in St. Louis was given at the Coronado Hotel, and Virginia Black Buchanan was toastmistress. A toast was given by a representative from each class and one from the alumnae chapter. Then there was the formal dinner dance at the Riverview Country Club, where every one had a marvelous time.

Bernadine Merton, our retiring president, and Sibly Merton entertained the active and alumnae chapters at tea recently at their home in honor of Mrs. John Livingston who is a member of Beta Chapter.

But this is the time for Mid-semester exams, and so every member is trying to present a shining academic record for the chapter.

MARGARET HOUGHTON

CHI—OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

SENIORS

Lenore Hobart

Lucille Hollinshead

With spring in the air and the country side full of daffodils and fruit blossoms, it is hard to look back at January happenings. We have practically forgotten galoshes and slickers with the air so balmy and the sun so bright. Everyone is looking forward to spring vacation and the hopes of new clothes.

At the beginning of winter term, we pledged three new girls. They are Louise Pierson from Salem, and Dorothy Besse and Ottilie Schupp from Portland. We were very proud to see them with their pledge pins fastened on over the mode and brown. On February 14, we held initiation. The initiates were Helen Pearce, Donna Magnuson, Freida Pohl, Lucille Morton, and Gertrude Mueller. After the ceremony, we had our customary banquet, and the initiates entertained us with their original speeches. They are a wonderful group of girls and you will, no doubt, hear much about them in the future.

The Gamma Phi mothers in Portland have organized into a bridge club. They are planning to do many nice things for us. At present, they are making new curtains for our breakfast room. With these and the new shrubs given us by the seniors, our house will have a real springy atmosphere.

Margaret Meany Younger is coming to visit us. We are anxious for the opinion of a visiting delegate and we want our faults and virtues pointed out, so that we can correct our bad qualities and make our good qualities better.

We are very busy practicing for the Woman's Stunt Show. Each year half of the sororities on the campus take part. It is competitive, so that interest and excitement run high. We have planned a very clever skit. The scene is laid in a fashionable promenade of a Florida Beach resort. It will be a riot of color with a green sea background, striped awnings and bright costumes.

The end of the term is slowly creeping upon us. Final examinations are only one week off, so we are all bending to our books with renewed effort.

MARGARET MILLER

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Our chapter has increased since the last time you heard from Psi. We held initiation on March 14 for fifteen girls—Helen Hamleton, Helen Fulkerson, Fay Davis, Lucile Dean, Gertrude Rabon, Katherine Vickers, Fay Naylor, Neva Black,

May McDonald, Kathryn Younger, Maxine Lillare, Phyllis Burt, Virginia Smith, Marguerite Hays, Ethel Miller. The initiation banquet was held Sunday at one o'clock, a beautiful and impressive ceremony. The tables were decorated in our colors, banquet candles, smilax and pink carnations. The peanuts and olives were in evidence too. Fay Todd was toastmistress.

Eugene Kaufman, alumna, gave a toast *Foundation*, Dorothy George Sanborn, president, represented the present by speaking of *Builders*, Katherine Vickers gave a toast to the *Future*.

After the toasts the new initiates sang the songs they had composed—; we ended the banquet with *Gamma Phi We'll Ne'er Forget Thee*; and the youngest members trooped off to show their new badges.

Outside of initiation nothing of special importance has happened to Psi. Of course engagements are very important to those participating and as a chapter we did enjoy the five pounds.

MARY FRANCES HAWK

ENGAGEMENTS

Fay Todd, '26, to Ralph Logan Clark, Sigma Nu.

Evelyn Farmer, '26, to Ralph Boss of Washington, D. C.

Gladys Clark, '26, to Dudley Lancaster of Seminole.

MARRIAGES

Gussie Lee Sullivan, '25, to Dr. McGee, Alpha Sigma Phi, Ardmore.

BIRTHS

To Mr.-and Mrs. Curtis Bryan (Lulu Smith, Psi) a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wheeler (Lillian Reese, Psi) a son.

OMEGA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE

SENIORS

Ethel Greenway

Mary Louise Peebles

Ernestine Chubb

Dorothy Cooley

Katherine Holden

Julia Beth Whitesides

Mynette Lomas

Pauline Peacock

Isn't it disheartening to have an honest-to-goodness blizzard right after spring house cleaning? I shudder when I think of the smoke blowing in on the sleeping porch, the snow tracked on the clean rugs and freshly polished floors!

Speaking of blizzards—our chapter seems possessed with their continual presence. Some of us made ourselves quite conspicuous by our automobile trip to the district convention for we blew in with the storm, went out in it and were held up in it in the snow banks.

We're beginning the spring quarter with plenty of campus activity. Margaret Butler, a freshman, and Ernestine Chubb have written the night show for Veishea, our all college three day May festival. Pauline Peacock has been chosen head costumer for that production.

Mary Loise Peebles and Katherine Holden have been initiated into Omicron Nu, national home economics fraternity. Dorothy Cooley was initiated into Pi Gamma Mu, national social science fraternity. Ethel Greenway has been elected vice president of Cardinal Guild, student governing body.

We have three new pledges, Helen Schultze, Fort Dodge, Gale Latimer, Osage, and Romona Knutson, Ames. Our two new initiates are Carolyn Norton, Laurens, and Florence Willson, Rollands.

March twenty-seventh we held our formal party at the Sheldon Munn Hotel. Due credit for its remarkable success should be given to Frances Nuckolls, the new social chairman.

Pauline Peacock has been chosen head of the student representation at the dedication of the new Home Economics Building.

Miriam Griffith, one of the freshmen, has been elected secretary of the Y.W.C.A.

DOROTHY COOLEY

ALPHA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

SENIORS

Helen Burford
Mary Copus
Janet Dickson
Edith Hudson
Isobel Jackson

Eileen McElroy
Jean Orr
Kathryn Ross
Doris Shiell
Winnifred Smeaton

Helen Burford, Mary Copus, Janet Dickson, Edith Hudson, Isobel Jackson, Eileen McElroy, Jean Orr, Kathryn Ross, Doris Shiell and Winnifred Smeaton—so reads our roll call of seniors whose names will be added to our Hall of Fame at Convocation this June. And the cry goes up from the rest of us "What shall we do without them?" Then we remember that Gamma Phi is not just a phase of our college life—if is, in very truth, a *part* of us. So that, as each senior graduates, we do not really lose an active, but we gain an "active" alumna!

This year has been a very busy one. Our initiation, held at the home of Edythe Ross, and the banquet in the Blue Room of the King Edward Hotel afterwards, were successful to the "*nth*" degree. We always say that, and the queer part of it is that it is always true. In addition to our five sophomore pledges, Peggy Scott, Olive Snider, Emma Weir, Willene Wallace and Dorothy Wood, we were proud to initiate Winnifred Smeaton, '26, a charming will o' the wisp person whose red-gold hair and saucy-sweet smile have endeared her to us all, and Lois Poyntz, '27, who is headed for a degree in music and who has very quickly become one of the most popular members of Toronto Gamma Phi.

There followed, in quick succession, a delightful bridge party at Isobel Peaker's home which opened the second rushing season; then exams tumbled over one another and, before we knew it, Christmas and New Year's were over and it was time for another rushing party.

Lois Poyntz' home lent itself admirably to a complete transformation from Occident to Orient. Three rooms on the ground floor became a Chinese tea-garden, dimly lit in amber and old gold from shaded lights and antique brass lamps. Chinese rugs, Chinese embroideries, diminutive Chinese shoes, were everywhere. Each Gamma Phi was in costume (which ranged all the way from a historic bridal gown to somebody's best pyjamas). An orchestra rendered weird music and Dorothy Wood's little sister, pupil of Leonidoff, was a tremendous success in two piquant dances between courses of the dinner. Oh yes, we had a real Chinese menu, and we ate part of it—this advisedly—with chop sticks! Upstairs in the sunroom, there was a very mysterious Buddha to tell your fortune, and, higher still, on the third floor was a real gambling den with plenty of "yen" to throw at the feet of the god Roulette.

When the incense had cleared away, we pledged seven of the very finest freshies on the Toronto campus—Josephine Bull and Ruth Orr, sisters, and Wilma Ingram, Kathleen Keeler, Margaret McKillop, Mossie Smith and Margaret Thompson.

Not long afterwards, we woke one morning to find one of our newest pledges famous. Jo Bull, who has a really delightful voice, was cast in the lead in *The Mikado*. Jo's success proved her talent, for she was quite the hit of the show.

Our seven pledges became seven initiates on the afternoon of March 12 and, in their honor, that evening, we held our annual dance at Jenkins' Art Galleries. The dance was all too short—it always is—but thoroughly delightful.

The spring elections have brought the usual quota of honors to Gamma Phi. "Tom" Thompson is to be vice-president of the senior year, and Dorothy Wood, vice-president of the junior year, (year vice-presidents are chosen because of proficiency in sports and have charge of athletics for their year. Irene Brown has been elected president of the Spanish Club for next year).

Within the chapter, the officers for the coming year will be—president, Irene Brown; vice-president, "Tom" Thompson; recording secretary, Olive Snider; corresponding secretary, Willene Wallace; treasurer, Emma Weir; Crescent correspondent, Dorothy McCormick; librarian, Ruth Orr; Historian, Margaret McKillop; rushing chairmen, Marian Stirrett and Lois Poyntz.

We are already looking forward to our annual house party which will be held this year at Orchard Beach, Lake Simcoe.

MARXINE WRIGLEY

ENGAGEMENTS

Eileen McElroy, Alpha Alpha '26, to Neil Delahay, Delta Chi.

ALPHA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SENIORS

Elizabeth Barndt

Florence Benoit

Ruth Curtis

"Here Worm, answer the telephone." "Bring me my coat, Worm, and be quick about it." And so the week of pledge training, directly proceeding initiation was on! Cruel and unrelenting were the "Most Noble Greeks," the upperclassmen, humble and obedient our pledges or worms. Nine happy pledges, Julia Klinge, Lillian Pearce, Loretta Miller, Romaine Foley, Gertrude Reilly, Edith Dowd, Carol Smith, Elizabeth Shaber and Vincent Alexander, were admitted into Alpha Gamma.

At our initiation banquet tiny gilded paddles tied with brown and mode ribbon marked the places, bringing remembrance of the "reign of terror" just passed. During the dinner we were entertained by members of a travelling circus, short talks being given by Alumnae, Owners of the Circus, Manager Senior, Miss Junior, the bare back rider, Jolly Clown Sophomore, and Initiate, the little girl who ran away to join the circus. As initiation and Valentine's Day came together, valentines with appropriate verses were delivered at the banquet by the Clown. Favors for initiates were silver recognition pins.

At this time it was announced that three of our sophomores, LaVerne Blundell, Kathleen Griffin, and Carol Smith had been bid to Delta Alpha Epsilon, Womens' English Honor Society; and Loretta Miller was presented with a silver scholarship cup in recognition of having attained the highest pledge average.

We are fortunate in having a very lovely house mother this semester Miss Frances Gray, in whose honor we gave a tea to the women of the campus at the beginning of the semester.

A formal dance in honor of the initiates was given at the Century Club, March 26. Representatives from the initiates of other sororities were invited.

During the week of the State Basketball Tournament the greater part of the chapter house was turned over to one of the visiting girls' teams. It necessitated moving and crowding but we didn't mind it in the rush and excitement of the games and finals.

We were pleased to hear that Loretta Miller had won the Robert Lewer's Scholarship, which is given to the most worthy freshman girl.

As the semester draws to a close we are looking forward to installation when a party will be given us by our alumnae chapter in honor of the new officers.

KATHLEEN GRIFFIN

ALPHA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Although I should be gathering rummage for our rummage sale, I must give you all some news of us for we really have been doing things, and it wouldn't do at all to hide the fact.

There is so much to relate, I hardly know where to begin. However, I think formal initiation should come first. There were eight of us who went through in

February—Fluta Ruth Weddle, Rozelle Myers, Frances Bland, Mary Nell Bracy, Catherine Neal, Alice Luttrell, Winifred Krapfel and Adelaide Weeks. Luckily for us, the weather was pretty warm afterwards, so we didn't catch cold with our coats open to display our new pins.

About two weeks later at the Initiation Banquet we had much fun singing our original songs to Gamma Phi Beta, although it was a trifle embarrassing to think that no one could recognize the particular tune.

At a formal dinner in honor of the actives the pledges and new initiates presented the chapter a set of dishes with the Gamma Phi Beta monogram in gold.

The girls have been active on the campus this semester. Mary Ellen Hubbard is president of the Freshman Commission this year and was recently elected Secretary of Y. W. C. A. for next year. Laura Frances Cottingham is on the Advisory Committee for the Memorial Drive. Marion Lehr and Marian Greene were recently pledged to a local honorary music sorority which is planning to petition Mu Phi Epsilon, national music sorority. Ruth McGinness sang in a song cycle *In a Persian Garden* presented recently by the School of Fine Arts. We have also had several girls in all of the choruses lately. In *W. A. A. Vodvil*, Helen McPherson, Grace Saltmarsh, and Catherine Neal danced, in *Queer capers*, Helen McPherson, Catherine Neal, Grace Saltmarsh, and Esther Platt; and in the Varsity Night choruses, Grace Saltmarsh and Esther Platt. Even our chaperone Mrs. Carolyn Piazzek is a celebrity! She and Laura Frances Cottingham had important parts in *Outward Bound* presented by the Playmakers of Columbia.

We had a tea dance March 13, and everyone, especially the men, for the stags were limited, were enthusiastic about it. We are planning a Benefit Bridge April 17 at Harris', and a rummage sale in a few days, the proceeds of each to be added to the house fund.

Cordelia Bruns, '25 and Elizabeth Hawkins, '25, spent a week-end with us not long ago. It was good to have them back again. Billie King was here about three weeks. We are very proud of Wilma Stacey and Helen Fling our new pledges.

We have many plans for spring and hope the same will be fulfilled when next we write.

ADELAIDE WEEKS

ENGAGEMENTS

Cordelia Bruns, '25, to Nelson Janette, Phi Kappa Psi.
Eleanor King to James McDonough, Phi Gamma Delta.

ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Spring in Arizona and initiation came together this year for Alpha Epsilon, and eight new members answer to roll-call—Ethel Marie Baxter, Ruth McDowell, Johnnie James McCabe, Genie Pendleton, Bonnie Wade, Ethel Young, Maurine Nelson and Leah Thrift, the latter two of whom are Gamma Phi sisters. After the initiation, on February 14, the members entertained the initiates and alumnae at a banquet at the Santa Rita Hotel.

Besides our new initiates, we have a new pledge, Eileen Dwyer, of San Diego, California, of whom we are very proud. Since coming to the campus the beginning of the second semester, Eileen has been given a responsible position on the *Wildcat* staff and is doing unusually well.

As for activities, Alpha Epsilon is holding her own. Helen Nelson has been elected treasurer of the Associated Women Students, and is next in line for the presidency. LaVerne Rodee is Vice-president of the Women's Athletic Association. Lucile Chambers, besides being secretary is to represent the college at the Women's Athletic Convention, to be held at Pullman, Washington.

In athletics we have also held our own. In hockey we had Ethel Young on the freshman team, Minnie Mae Hudnall, Helen Nelson and Kathleen Kite on the Sophomore team, Martha Vinson and Lucile Chambers on the junior team and Pauline Alley and Verla Oare on the senior team. Besides this, Pauline, Minnie

Mae, Helen and Kathleen were chosen on the Honor Hockey Team. Baseball season begins soon and the Gamma Phi team is practicing intensively. Last year we lost the tournament to Varsity Villagers by two runs. With our "south-paw," Lucile Chambers, leading the team we are expecting to have the cup on the mantle before many weeks.

Speaking of cups: in the campaign among the sororities for subscriptions to the *Desert*, the year book, our pledges came out ahead, selling eighty-nine books, forty more than the next competitors. This is the third successive year our pledges have won the contest and we are very proud of the gorgeous cup awarded us as a prize. In the election for Desert Queen Bess Walliman was defeated by one vote, losing to Mildred Stewart, a Theta; this is a coincidence as two years ago a Gamma Phi defeated a Theta in the election by one vote.

We are glad to have Pearle Ripley, of Alpha Gamma, with us this semester.

This year Alpha Epsilon has begun a new tradition. Every second Thursday an informal tea is given at the house to which the girls ask any friends. We are hoping in this way to get in closer contact with other sorority and non-sorority girls. Usually the men drop in and the afternoon is spent in informal dancing and bridge.

On March 13 Alpha Phi installed the local chapter of Delta Delta, the last local sorority on the campus. We now have seven strong national sororities and are giving our first Panhellenic Formal, April 10, at the Santa Rita Hotel.

Alpha Epsilon is losing eight seniors this year, but we have no fears for the future of the chapter. With the strong junior and sophomore classes and our group of freshmen, we cannot help but win out. Besides, we have just bought our lot, and hope in the next year, or two at most, to have our own house. With this achievement nothing can stop us!

MARGARET CHRISTY

MARRIAGE

Emma Cole to J. Byron Riddle, Sigma Nu.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Albin Anderson (Ethel Pope—'22) a son, Oscar Albin, Jr.

ALPHA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

SENIORS

Elsa Erler

Aileen Burns

Helen Boysen

Pauline Gibson

Glynn Mitchell

Kathryn Bryant

Dana Bramlette

Irene Gibson

Jeffie Irwin

Dorothy Ellen Shivers

Is it true that we at last are seniors? What will the chapter do without us next year? We seniors are asking the question as last year's seniors asked the same question and next year's seniors will ask. It is not that we are egotistic, or believe that the chapter cannot go on without us, but because we have deep-seated feelings of regret at leaving Alpha Zeta where most of us have worked and played together for four happy years. It must be, however, and we are forced to make the best of it. No one can take from us the sweet memories we cherish of by-gone days—but this letter is getting altogether too sentimental.

We must tell you, first of all, that Alpha Zeta was awarded the Scholarship Cup offered by local Panhellenic to the sorority with the highest scholastic average for the college year 1924-'25! The Pi Phis and Thetas usually win it, but this time the Gamma Phis captured the prize.

One of the early events in the fall was a dance given for our pledges out at the Country Club on the night after one of the big foot-ball games. Founders' Day was not far in the distance and we celebrated with a banquet at the Stephen F. Austin

which everyone attended in spite of the fact that it was a holiday and many could have spent the day out of town.

Thanksgiving Day found many of us wending our way to the Big Game at College Station some three or four hours' ride away. The Crockett girls held a big Gamma Phi house-party in their home town after the game and reports are that there was never a jollier time. When we returned to Austin, our own Evelyn Farrell led the grand march at the Thanksgiving German, one of the outstanding events on the social calendar during the year. In addition to this, Evelyn took a prominent role in the Curtain Club's first production of the year, *Outward Bound*. She has recently been chosen to take a part in *What More Could A Girl Want?*, the play with which the Club will soon enter the Little Theatre Tournament, in Dallas. But dear me, these seem to be the least of Evelyn's accomplishments. She was elected to *Orchesus*, honorary interpretative dancing society, and will again accompany the Longhorn Band on its spring term tour over the state. She was very enthusiastically received last year and we know she will be equally, if not more successful this year. Evelyn is always in demand for banquet programs and all kinds of entertainments to perform with her "uke." Have you ever heard her sing "The Harvard Student"? If you haven't, you better tune in some day on station KUT, University of Texas broadcasting station, (because she does broadcast, you know!) and hear her play the "uke" and sing.

Frances Cheatham ran a splendid race in the Cactus Sales Drive coming out fifth over a host of competitors. We are realizing in her an ability to manage well, besides an attractiveness not to be denied.

But we are getting a little ahead of our story. Right after Rush Week we held initiation services for Evelyn Farrell and Glynn Mitchell of Mexia. Before we knew it Christmas and exams were upon us. As our custom is, we had our annual Christmas party at the house. At this time our pledges presented us with a mirror and a picture which were very much appreciated. But what do you suppose our mothers gave us? Nothing less than a beautiful silver service, linen napkins, china, a dresser for the front room upstairs, kitchen utensils and other useful articles. You would think that more than sufficient, wouldn't you? But no, they added fifty dollars to our building fund! Wasn't that perfectly splendid? Do you wonder that we had a merry Christmas?

After the holidays we initiated Fannie Eisenlohr of Dallas, Mary Frank Smith of Crockett, Frances Cheatham of Wolfe City, Jeffie Irwin and Dorothy Siemering of Austin, Eleanor Rentfro of Brownsville, and Rebecca McCrary of Weatherford.

During January we were delightfully entertained at a tea given us by the Mothers' Club in the Bryant home, and in February the girls at the house gave the rest of us a Valentine luncheon.

Aileen Burns and Lucy Cummins were elected to Omicron Nu, an honorary Home Economics fraternity which is to Omicron Nu, the honorary scholastic fraternity in that department what NU EPSILON TAU TAU (NUTT) is to Phi Beta Kappa in the College of Arts and Sciences. Kathryn Bryant was elected secretary of Alpha Phi Epsilon, honorary public speaking fraternity.

Mattie Belle Crook, one of our alumnae has kindly offered a Gamma Phi history to the pledge making the highest grades during the winter term and a Gamma Phi song-book to the pledge making the greatest number of points for outside activities during the same period. Here's to Mattie Belle for the inspiration she has proved to be!

Alpha Zeta announces the pledging of Mildred Ruckman of Austin, Bonnie Lee Surles of Dallas, and Katherine Lawrence of El Paso.

Every once in a while we hear from our alumnae and rejoice to think that they have not completely forgotten us. The other day we heard that Winifred H. Dunaway was enjoying life at Houston and that she wanted her name and address corrected so that she can receive her *Crescent* regularly. Dorothy Hudson is having some interesting experiences as a teacher in Childress and tells about attending a Ex-Texas banquet in Clarendon on the second of March. Harriet Blackstock writes to us occasionally from Huntsville, but we haven't heard from Mary Steussy,

Lola Posey, Nettie Turner, Corinne Cook, or the Gilkerson girls as well as others for ever so long. Edwina Williams is coming to Austin for a visit we are glad to hear. What the rest are doing we can only guess.

All this talk does very well, but now the gloom of winter term finals has settled down on everyone and reminds us all too forcibly that we have a final in Zoo tomorrow. Hence we slip away till another day.

HELEN BOYSEN

MARRIAGES

Sara Edwina Duer (Alpha Zeta, B.J. '23) to Edmund Payne Williams, Jr. on November 17, 1925.

Winifred Alice Higinbotham (Alpha Zeta, B.A. '25) to Enoch Dunaway, Acacia, on December 28, 1925.

Correction is made of the announcement of the engagement of Helen Boysen in the December CRESCENT. The announcement was unauthorized and a mistake.

ALPHA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

SENIORS

Helen Stoddard
Virginia Wilkinson
Mary Lou Thornton

Marox Young
Margaret Bing

Alpha Eta has been "on the books" this last winter. We are taking advantage of the fate which limits our group social activities to pull our scholarship up to desired heights.

By the time this letter is printed we will have seven neophytes in our midst. Since Ohio Wesleyan has changed its sorority rushing policy we pledge in November and initiate any time after the middle of February. Accordingly we are initiating Ruth Stephens; Florence Freeman; our twins, Mabel and Katherine Lowry; Helen Robinson; Antoinette Main; and Frances Ledman who have proved themselves worthy of being Gamma Phis.

Our Virginia Wilkinson and Helen Blair bring back enthusiastic reports of the hospitality extended them by Beta when they visited there several weeks ago. This is the first contact Alpha Eta has had with her Michigan sisters and we hope to entertain some of them at the time of the State-Michigan game next fall.

It might be of interest to know that Alpha Eta will have the presidency of the Local Panhellenic Council for the coming year.

Another step in the evolution of our future house was taken when we acquired a small apartment consisting of two rooms, bath and an infinitesimal kitchenette. Thanks to the generosity of our friends and alumnae in assisting us with the furnishings we now have a very attractive place in which to entertain our friends and hold our meetings.

Marox Young, '26, has announced her engagement to Whitney Dunton, Chi Phi.

Frances Colvin, '28, will be married to Arthur Heckert, Delta Phi on April 6, 1926.

NORMA NELSON

ALPHA THETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Alice Briggs
Katherine Yates

Mary Ethel White

Well, Alpha Theta is still in existence—oh yes, very much so—but she's in the class of the starving refugees of the world; she's minus a home and fireside. The chapter house burned last week greatly to our embarrassment. Our financial loss

was not overwhelming, but it inconvenienced us terribly. The house cannot be rebuilt before the end of the year; therefore we are thrust out upon the mercy of the citizens of the town.

I must tell you of our fine freshmen—sixteen of them—Olivia Malone, Carremay Evans, Ellen Couch, Eleanor Guthrie, Martha Fisher, Margaret Oman, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Catherine Andrews, Ann Mathis Doyle, and Margaret Sumner, all from Nashville; Hazel Hunt of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Thelma Riggs, Upton, Kentucky; Martha Rogsdale, Russellville, Kentucky; Willie May Ogden, Slaughter, Kentucky; Mary Pearl Hardy, Fort Worth, Texas, and Dorothy Knight, Fort Worth, Texas. As ideal freshmen they're really beyond compare. Carremay Evans and Mary Pearl Hardy have been elected to *Coeditors*, sophomore literary society. Ellen Couch plays the lead and Martha Rogsdale the sub-lead of the annual Dramatic Club play. Since Helen Hopkins has a part also, this gives Gamma Phi three of the four feminine parts. The chapter has taken a box and the evening promises to be a distinct success.

Vanderbilt has been engaged in a \$4,000,000 campaign for the College of Arts and Sciences and we've all been in a movie made to advertise—showing to the world how badly we need money, I suppose.

Announcements have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bayers III (Johnnie Mae Harkey '24) of the birth of a daughter Betty Ann.

Helen Hopkins was elected secretary of Y. W. at the last elections.

Alpha Theta sends greetings to the seniors. We are losing three loyal ones.

HELEN HOPKINS

ALPHA IOTA—SOUTHERN BRANCH UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

SENIORS

Gladys Bruner
Eleanor Friend
Marjorie Kelly
Eileen Mead

Lois Cleland
Helen Harrison
Helen McKee

Alpha Iota has seven graduates this year, the largest senior class in its history. Those who will leave our active chapter with degrees are Gladys Bruner, Lois Cleland, Eleanor Friend, Helen Harrison, Marjorie Kelly, Helen McKee, and Eileen Mead. Gladys Bruner, better known as Jerry, is a physical education major. Because she is a fine student, very active on the campus, and generally popular she was elected last June to Prytanean (junior and senior women's honorary) and to Agathai (senior women's honorary). This year Jerry is a member of the Women's Athletic Association board, women's athletic editor of the *Southern Campus*, our annual, and taking a very important part in the Associated Women Students' convention to be held at our University next month. Lois Cleland, another physical education girl, is Jerry's pal. She also has a nick name—Bobbie. Bobbie has carried off her share of the laurels too, as a member of Prytanean, of Kap and Bells (honorary dramatic), of Delta Tau Mu (honorary professional art, drama, and music), and she is a member of the Welfare Board of the Associated Students. Eleanor Friend, our house manager, takes in history and A's by the ream. Everyone in the history department is very friendly with her because she is a reader. Of course, we don't know whether it works or not. Eleanor is treasurer of Associated Women Students and historian of the senior class. Helen Harrison, a French major, is new with us this year. She is originally from Rho and recently from Lambda. We wish we might have had her longer. Marjorie Kelly, an art major, always has ideas for decoration for our affairs, for class dances, and for student body dances. She has been one of the art editors for the *Southern Campus* last year and this year, and is art chairman of the Friends of the University. Helen McKee came to us at the beginning of her junior year from Wells College where she learned the art of cramming history. Before the end of her first year here she was a member of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet,

which place she still holds. She is president of the Friends' of the University. (The Friends' of the University was organized about two years ago for furthering in the University a cultural spirit in art and music. An active interest and one dollar is all that is necessary for membership.) Eileen Mead, our chapter president, is very versatile. She is a level headed executive, and English major, secretary of Panhellenic, a member of the *Southern Campus* staff . . . and in contrast, in the chorus of the Press Club Vode.

The annual Panhellenic dance on the fifth of March may be characterized as a lovely and brilliant affair, for although it was held in the spacious Fiesta ball room of the Ambassador Hotel it was almost too crowded to enjoy dancing. Our local Panhellenic organization is quite an active one. It is planning a scholarship benefit dance to be given in May. Eley Eddy, one of our girls, has entire charge of the dance and she has some rather unique ideas for it. Eley has had much social experience on the campus with entertainments and as society editor of the *Grizzly*, our daily paper. We are hoping for Eley's election as vice-president of Associated Women Students' in the near contest. While we are on the subject of activities, Elinor Chatfield has been nominated for vice-president of Women's Athletic Association. Louise Gibson was elected to Prytanean last semester. Kappa Kappa Gamma received first place and Gamma Phi Beta second in the contest for sale of the year book tickets. The prize is the same for both, a leather bound *Southern Campus* with the organization name upon it. Don't you think it will be nice on our living room table?

There has been much comment on the campus about our great success this rush season. Our hard work was rewarded, and a great deal of credit is due Berenice Smith, Eley Eddy, Kathryn Wormell, and Marjorie Kelly for the very original affairs which captivated these fine new pledges. They are Virginia Adkins, Audrey Allen, Doris Bowerman, Gail Crawford, Lois Heartwell, Evelyn Klein, Elmina Mercer, Doris Miller, Shirley Molson, Myra Noel, and Mary Alice Shryer.

March sixth was a pleasant day for Alpha Iota. We held initiation at the chapter house for Ruth Hubble, Phyllis Posgate, Thuel Ross, and Janet Wiley. At the Mary-Louise tea rooms in the evening we had our beautiful banquet, with many pink carnations, gay frocks, peanuts and olives, much singing, and jovial conversation. The original songs of the pledges were a source of entertainment. Janet's wit was in evidence, and also her knowledge of Gamma Phi history. Ruth Hubble wrote a beautiful song to the tune of *Sleepytime Gal* which we have all learned; Our ever loyal friend and member, Barbara Greenwood, talked to us. We also had with us Beryl Kirk Smith, a member of the faculty of the art department, and a wonderful Gamma Phi.

We had a tea for our mothers on March eleventh for the purpose of organizing a mothers' club. We were all so thrilled with our lovely mothers and by the large number of them. Mrs. Wormell, the mother of Kathryn Wormell, was elected president. The mothers enjoyed the party as much as we did.

Last minute news—Eileen Mead, our president, and Carol Morse, our vice-president, are to be the Alpha Iota representatives at the district convention at Eta. April eighth, ninth, and tenth. About eight other girls, however, are planning to go,

HAZEL TILSON

ALPHA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

- SENIORS

Mildred Brooking
Mary Doupe
Mary Fisher
Ruth Herriot
Beth Osborne

Dorothy Dickson
Margaret Fletcher
Isobel Guhn
Hilda Kinney

Our first season in Gamma Phi Beta has been an extremely busy one, not only in the sphere of activities but in adjusting ourselves to Gamma Phi's ways. Last

November we pledged fourteen girls and in January initiated them. They are new members to be proud of and we feel that our chain has been greatly strengthened.

Foremost, amongst our social activities was our very first formal dance. We spared no pains in its preparations and we look back to it as one of the most wonderful parties we ever attended. The men say so too. We also had a tea for our mothers in the form of a china shower and we received so many beautiful gifts, that we are now fairly well equipped. Much of our time this winter has been spent in furnishing our room, and with the rule that each girl must have lunch there once a week we have done much to promote a more or less "house life" which we feel we so lack. Most of us have only one hour at noon and to walk to the room, prepare our lunch, wash the dishes and be back in time for the next lecture is a feat which comes only after much practice. But it's piles of fun.

Honor has been brought to Gamma Phi in our elections for the various offices and committees for next year, for Gamma Phi is well represented in every phase of college life.

The Alpha Kappas who attended the district convention at Minneapolis came back full of wonderful tales of the chapter house, the University, their hostesses and of all the Gamma Phis they met there in the few short days. To accomplish so much business, and yet to do so much and to have such a good time speaks well for Kappa chapters' convention arrangements.

We feel very sad when we think of the nine Alpha Kappas who will be leaving the ranks of the actives this spring. They are all seniors of whom we are proud and this is one of the many times when we feel so happy that we will not lose them, altogether, but that they will only join the ever increasing alumnæ association. We are planning to establish a tradition in our entertainment of these grads, something different—but I mustn't tell you now, it's a secret.

MARGRET M. WADE

DELINQUENT ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

Chicago—Mrs. Lloyd Pfeifer.

Seattle—Mrs. Russell Callow.

Syracuse—Dorothy Brown.

Des Moines—Mrs. Frances Turner Byers

San Francisco—Ruth Genung.

Spokane—Thelma Ehrenberg.

BOSTON

February Blizzards Bring Spring Sunshine

Now that Boston has nearly recovered from the two February blizzards which literally buried the city, we are all looking forward to many interesting Gamma Phi events this spring. The last of this month brings a play, musicale and dance by the active chapter, and of course all the alumnæ near Boston are eagerly awaiting the opportunity of seeing true Gamma Phi talent. Then in April comes our annual Spring Luncheon at the new University Club. This promises to be an interesting occasion, and we hope a very large gathering of Gamma Phis will be present.

Right here I must mention Delta's initiation and banquet at the New Ocean House in Swampscott. Through the kindness of Florine Courtwright Grabow, the active chapter had an unusually fine initiation and banquet, and nine fine pledges became active members of Gamma. Phi. Though it was only a few days after Boston's second snow storm, a good number of alumnæ were able to attend and among them was Mary J. Wellington, one of our loyal charter members. Miss Wellington presented a prize of ten dollars to Ruth Chandler, who had attained the highest scholastic average between pledge day and initiation. This prize is offered by Miss Wellington each year and certainly is a great incentive to all pledges to attain the highest possible grades in their studies.

Boston Alumnæ Chapter had hoped to have the Province Conference held here in April, but as Syracuse issued her invitation a few days earlier than ours, we retired in her favor. We certainly hope we may have the pleasure of entertaining and being hostess at one of the future Conferences. Surely Boston with its many historic places, numerous clubs, new sorority apartment and our loyal, ambitious alumnæ chapter would prove an ideal place for such a conference.

GLADYS KINGMAN

PERSONALS

Eleanor Leonard Steed, '05, has recently moved to Salem, Oregon.

Beatrice Chambers, '23, has returned to Concord, New Hampshire, after spending six weeks at Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Emma F. Lowd, '87, was Participation Representative from the N. E. A. to the World Federation Education Association's conference at Edinburgh last summer. Miss Lowd is President of the New York Panhellenic Association.

Katherine Miles, '24, is at present in business in Hartford, Connecticut.

Margreta Hastings, '11, is teaching in the Junior High School, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Maud Hodges, '11, holds a responsible position with the Lewis-Shepard Company, at Watertown, Massachusetts.

MARRIAGES

Jeannette Collins, '15, to Archibald H. Mathews of Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Mathews are making their home in Springfield.

Jacquelyn Stocking, '25, to James E. Greer of Thompsonville, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Greer are now living at Rockland, Massachusetts where Mr. Greer is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Guild (Thelma Hollander, '19) a son, Richard Samuel.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harlow (Judith Moss, ex '22) a daughter, Janet.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McManus (Helen Byrne, '10) a daughter.

MADISON

New alumnae chapter working for a new Gamma house

The Madison Alumnae wish you all a very happy and successful New Year. We are sure it is going to be an exceedingly happy year for us, for we have just evolved from a very enthusiastic *local* group into a real chartered national organization.

We have an alumnae chapter of twenty five members and we meet the first Monday in every month. No social function has preference over this meeting, for we all enjoy it very much. Mrs. Mary C. Brittingham presides over these meetings as president of the newly chartered group. Mrs. Arthur Sullivan (Daisy Stott) was elected vice-president, Mrs. Richard Bower (Alice Gall, one of our brides from the Minnesota chapter) is the new secretary, and Mrs. Lucien Schlingen (Angela Sullivan) was officially elected to take care of our finances.

We feel that we are very fortunate to be right on the ground and so to hear the late developments about the new house. Mrs. Brittingham, as many of you know, sent letters asking for gifts, in money, for this house. It is remarkable the response that she had already had at the time of the December meeting. The list of those who had answered the call, was read, and it was like a friendship review. As each name was read some few would say, "Tell us where she lives." "Did she tell you anything about herself?" etc.

A bit of competition has added zest to the house building project. The Delta Gammas bought a lot, not far from the one that the Gamma Phis have. The purchases were made at about the same time. Now the Delta Gamma Madison alumnae are projecting money raising schemes, just as we are. We have heard that they have said that they wished they had a Mrs. Brittingham.

The chapter suffered a great loss, we all feel, when Helen McCarthy Teckemeyer moved to Chicago. She is now located at 1342 Greenleaf Avenue, Chicago.

Another bit of interesting news was the recent announcement of the engagement of Julia Hanks to Dr. Robert Mailer.

BEATRICE CUMNOCK SULLIVAN

PORTLAND

Money Raising!

Sunshine and flowers birds 'n everything—Spring! When all is bursting forth into blossom and song it would seem natural and easy to pour forth word upon word about the sisterhood. Under the very excellent guidance of this year's president, Virginia Wilson Petheram, the Portland Alumnæ Chapter has been most active, but not the sort of activity that inspires sermon or song—Money raising! How unpoetical—no theme there for a spring song, but how necessary on this present plane of existence! Card parties and rummage sales—Oh! for a new idea, but they do seem to bring on the shekels, so why be original?

The O.A.C. mothers are about to give a benefit card party for Chi Chapter and the "alums" are planning a rummage sale to replenish the treasury. In this day of much building program the treasurer's report is always a sad reality. But you can't beat a rummage sale for quick returns with the smallest amount of effort, comparatively speaking.

The chapter's recent social activity was in the form of a tea in honor of the Mothers' Club to express in a measure appreciation for its wonderful work.

Virginia Wilson Petheram very kindly offered her lovely home and the hostesses admitted it was a successful party.

BERTHA MASTERS PATTERSON

MARRIAGES

On January 14th at Portland Oregon, Mary Robinson (Chi) to Harold F. Springhorn a Phi Gamma Delta from Columbia. They are living in Hartford, Connecticut.

On February 11th at Portland, Oregon, Grace Hovenden (Chi) to Arthur Putnam Cramer.

On March 7th at Portland, Oregon, Florence Hartman (Mu) to Claude Hollister.

On May 29th at Portland, Oregon, Eleanor Holman (Nu) to Harold Burkitt (Theta Chi).

BIRTHS

To Mrs. and Mrs. J. L. Woodworth (Katherine Wilson, Nu) a son.

DEATHS

Mrs. Harold Lamb (Ruth Bamford, Chi).

Portland Alumnæ Chapter extends deepest sympathy to Ruth Hansen Word and Lenore Hansen Lynch in the death of their mother.

MINNEAPOLIS

"The first Province Convention is over"

The first Province Convention is over, but everyone who attended it will never forget it. Delegates from Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and Winnipeg gathered in Minneapolis on March 5, and 7 and held a miniature convention. There were thirty girls from out-of-town, active and alumnæ. Our newest chapter at Winnipeg sent eleven members, the largest delegation. We had the honor to have Carrie Morgan, a past national president with us during the whole three days and Lillian Thompson, the National Delegate to Panhellenic came from Chicago to take part in the business and social events of the second day.

Of course, we hoped for lovely springlike weather to show our visitors the most attractive side of the Twin Cities, but instead it started to snow before the delegates arrived and kept right on snowing all through the Convention. Five girls from the chapter at Ames drove up from Iowa and were stuck in the snowdrifts! By noon on Friday, March 5, all the delegates had arrived and we gathered at an informal luncheon at Dayton's Tea Rooms to get acquainted. After lunch the first business session started at 2 o'clock at Shevlin Hall, the Women's Building at the University

of Minnesota. Mary Ray Burns presided most capably and Sara Finley was kept busy as the secretary to the Conference. Katherine Silverson and Jean MacMillan were the formally elected delegates from Minneapolis Alumnae Chapter.

After the first business session on Friday the actives and alumnae separated for the evening. Kappa Chapter held a meeting for the active delegates and Minneapolis Alumnae had a regular business meeting and supper with the alumnae delegates. The alumnae meeting took place at the home of Katherine Silverson. Eighty-nine alumnae attended the supper and meeting, and everyone had a wonderful time as we always do at Katherine's house.

On Saturday, March 5, the business session started in promptly at 9 o'clock and lasted until noon. Everyone was then quite willing to adjourn to Kappa Chapter House where a delicious buffet luncheon was served by the active chapter. Dean Blitz was the guest of honor at the luncheon. After luncheon another business session followed which closed the serious business part of the Conference. To most of the members, however, the greatest event of the three days was yet to come and everyone went home to put on her best ball-gown and get ready for the big banquet that evening.

The banquet was the most wonderful that Minneapolis Alumnae, St. Paul Alumnae and Kappa Chapters have ever had! It was held in the Gold Room at the Radisson Hotel and there were one hundred and thirty-six to sit down at the tables. Rewey Belle Inglis was our gifted and clever Toastmistress and a toast was given by each chapter represented at the Conference.

On the following day, Sunday, March 7, Helen and Mary Carpenter gave an informal tea at their home for the out-of-town girls and then everyone had to think about saying goodbye. The Province Convention was over.

About all we have done since Christmas is to make plans for the Province Convention. At the February business meeting at Letha Larson's on February 23 the reports of the members of the committee in charge of the arrangements were given and plans were discussed. A rising vote of thanks was given to Katherine Silverson for her untiring enthusiasm and work as chairman of the Committee.

The annual meeting was held at the home of Millicent Hoffman on January 24. We were glad to find out that \$505.00 had already been raised through the various sales we have been having since fall. Our last effort was a Food Sale just before Christmas, managed by Ruth Eaton Lansing, which netted us \$56.61. We need \$600.00 in all by the end of this year, so we have almost reached the goal.

Election of officers took place at the annual meeting and the following consented to serve for the ensuing year: President, Edna Smith; Vice-president, Eva Kaye Rutherford; Treasurer, Ottilia Maier; Secretary, Anna Barton; Assistant Secretary, Coie Winter Ensign.

ANNA BARTON

PERSONALS

Millicent Hoffman spent the week of February 7 visiting the chapters at Ames and Iowa City as national visiting delegate.

Lila Saari, Epsilon and Kappa, is now with the *Topsy and Eva* company.

The sympathy of the chapter is extended to Evangeline Skellet White in the death of her father.

Mollie Halloran Rainey has returned from a year's residence in Paris where her husband has been in business.

Katherine Silverson will spend Easter in New York City and later visit relatives in Baltimore.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ottilia Maier to John S. Getchell (St. Thomas College)

Nell Halloran to Grant A. Feldman (Zeta Psi, University of Wisconsin)

Evelyn Strothman to Robert C. Gall (Alpha Delta Phi)

MARRIAGES

On January 11, 1926, at Minneapolis, Margaret Simpson, to Mr. Earl F. Martineau (Sigma Chi, University of Minnesota).

On January 12, 1926 at Minneapolis, Carol T. Albright to Mr. John J. Kelley of Devil's Lake, N.D. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley will make their home in Omaha.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Franklin B. Knoblauch (Ruth Simpson) on December 29, 1925 a daughter, Joanne.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Allen (Gertrude Hagey) on January 18, 1926 a son, Charles Douglas.

DENVER

How Fifty Cents Invested Has Grown

In very truth, Denver Alumnae may be feeling justly proud, for day by day, our precious camp fund, which sometime will be doing great things, is increasing. Unbounded enthusiasm has made our meagre fifty-cent pieces grow to ten, twenty, and even thirty dollar funds for Gamma Phi.

Our last meeting was just the best ever. A delicious luncheon at Elsie Olson Morrison's was followed by the meeting when prizes, given by our former president Kettie Lee Clark, were awarded. They were given both for the largest sum raised, and for the girl who was most clever in raising hers. The prize for the largest amount was won by Jessie Carman Dennison, who earned \$34.00 by making Christmas cards, Prue Faxon, our very welcome sister from Rho, received the other prize. Selling junk, having fashionable benefit bridge parties, baking cakes and cookies, selling eggs, and making salad dressing, have all been resorted to, and still we are working toward a thousand dollar goal, even tho the contest virtually closed with our February meeting.

The reason for all our efforts to raise money is that we are very anxious to build and equip a new building on the piece of land which has so generously been given to us by a most loyal Gamma Phi father, Mr. Eggert. Were it not for him, our camp would still be a dream in the future, but by his help, we are now ready to undertake an enlargement of the camp, and to make of it something of real civic value.

Along with our plans for camp, we have had the added interest of rushing. Fifteen splendid girls have been pledged to our college chapter, and if we are to judge by our pledges, it is hard to feel that second semester pledging, tried for the first time this year, has worked any hardship on Theta.

In addition to the many gay parties for the rushees, in which the alumnae helped, we entertained, in March, at a tea for Mrs. Heber Harper, the bride of our Chancellor at the home of Gertrude Thams.

Our January meeting witnessed the installing of our new officers for the coming year: president, Louise Wyatt; Vice-pres., Harriet Brown Thompson; recording secretary, Evelyn Runnette; corresponding secretary, Marian Newell, and treasurer Madelyn Miller.

Amid all our activities and pressing duties and interests, we stop for a moment to realize the great sorrow that has come to us in the loss of two of our dear sisters, Mary Woy Puffer, one of Gamma Phi's most beloved and loyal members, and Flora Shattuch, the daughter of one of Theta's founders, Mary Wheeler Shattuch. It is indeed hard to feel that we have them no longer with us, but still the chain remains unbroken. Invisible tho the links be, they bind us just as firmly to our sisterhood.

DOROTHY B. BELL

ENGAGEMENTS

Florence Kob to Joseph Adler.

Dorothy B. Bell to Robert H. Joyce.

MARRIAGES

Helen C. Morse to Frank C. Wigginton on Nov. 5, 1925.

Doris Marshall to Chester Howell on Nov. 23, 1925.

Marjorie P. Howe to Clark G. Becker on Feb. 11, 1926.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Nivin Carson, (Hazel Kearney) a daughter, Ellen Patricia, on February 1926.

DEATHS

MARY WOY PUFFER

Theta Chapter has never had a member more loyal and more devoted than Mary Woy Puffer who passed away in November of 1925 after several years of illness; and those who knew her best will find that her place is hard to fill. Her college life meant a share in each campus activity—a steadfast devotion to her sorority; as an alumna, she held every office of trust in The Denver Alumnae Chapter—and the last years of her life were characterized by a courage, a cheer and an optimism that marked a beautiful close to a useful and unselfish life.

"We cannot say and we will not say that she is dead; she is just away."

BALTIMORE

Editing a Chapter Newslet

One of the most recent gatherings of Gamma Phi was on the date of Zeta initiation, February twentieth. The alumnae met at half after one in Goucher Alumnae Lodge where Dorothy Hall had arranged a very attractive luncheon. Later we joined the active girls for initiation and at night for a banquet at Quinby Inn. At this time the Alumnae presented a guard pin to the initiate with the highest average. It was a great pleasure to have with us that day, Mrs. Stover of Theta, whose daughter Margaret was one of the initiates.

We are most anxious to increase our membership, as well as the attendance at meetings, so as one means toward this end we have appointed a membership committee. By getting out a new edition of the Baltimore Chapter Newslet we hope that some of the stay-at-homes may be aroused.

The new system of Provinces and their approaching conferences, will prove most interesting and helpful. Baltimore will elect a delegate to go to Syracuse and will look forward to an enthusiastic report upon her return.

Mrs. ALAN C. SUTTON

PERSONALS

Cecelia Keilholtz is secretary for Dr. Longcope of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Marion Day is assisting Dr. Hulbert of Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church. Emily Foster is teaching in the High School at Belair, Harford County, Maryland.

ENGAGEMENTS

Florence Oehm to Mr. Hawkins of Baltimore.
Helen McMurtrie to Mr. George Harrington of Pittsburgh.
Isabel Chism to Mr. Joseph Frazier.
Corrie Hill to Mr. Felix Tankersleagh.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Lejeune (Anna Lynn Dodds, Zeta) on Christmas day, a daughter.

DEATHS

In Florence, Italy, after a brief illness of pneumonia, Anna Palmer, Zeta.

Ettelyn Phipps Austin of Zeta died in January, after a brief illness.

Baltimore Alumnae extend their deepest sympathy to Dorothy Sippel Maltbie (Zeta '16) whose husband died recently.

NEW YORK

Ball by Panhellenic nets two thousand

Supper meetings have been very popular with our members this winter and we have been delightfully entertained at the homes of Mary Gallup Howe, Theta, Sarah Webb Key, Zeta, Edna Stitt Robinson, Iota, and Becky Bowe Cornwall, Alpha. In addition, a business meeting was held at the home of Grace Burgard Holcomb and a lovely Saturday afternoon tea was given by Josephine Chapman Gager, at Jackson Heights, Long Island.

Our membership campaign planned by Mary West Easterbrook has brought us many new members and the New York chapter directories have been invaluable in bringing our list up to date in a city where people really seem to move every month or two.

We are holding luncheons as scheduled at the McAlpin Hotel on the third Thursday of every month at one o'clock and we are planning a very thrilling bridge party on April 17 to raise money for an endowment fund.

We are proud to have Emma Lowd, president of the New York Panhellenic Association and many Gamma Phis have attended the Panhellenic benefits which have been held to raise money for a new club house. The ball at the Plaza Hotel on December 4 was real fun and over two thousand dollars was cleared for the fund.

HELEN CODLING HALSTED

PERSONALS

Lois Baker, Omicron '28, is studying at Barnard College.

Josephine Walker, '24, is studying for an M.A. degree at Columbia and is living at 567 West 113th Street, New York.

Narcissa Varney, Omicron, '28, is living at the Madison Square Hotel and is engaged in theatrical work.

Miriam Craiglon, Upsilon, ex '25, who graduated from Barnard College last June is now engaged in secretarial work at Miss Beards School, East Orange, New Jersey.

Mabel Page Plumer, Delta, '12, is president of the College Club at Westfield, New Jersey.

Joie Potter, Alpha, '21, holds a very interesting position with *Vogue*.

Jean Walsh Evans, Alpha, '16, who is now living in Cortland, New York, has a daughter, Mary Charlotte Evans, born in February, 1926.

Hilda Grossman Taylor, Alpha, '11, is spending several weeks in Florida.

Fannie Helner (pianist), Alpha, '16, broadcasted a twenty-five minute program from Rochester, New York, on March 3, which was enjoyed by several Gamma Phis in New York.

Lillian Boyd, Alpha, is teaching in the High School at Englewood, New Jersey.

Grace Burgard Holcomb, Gamma, '13, returned in February from a three months visit in Kansas and Iowa.

Olga Seymour-Jones, Alpha Alpha, '19, is living at 358 Knickerbocker Road, Englewood, New Jersey.

Vernita Swezia, Lambda, who studied at the New York School of Fine and Applied Art last year is spending the winter in Seattle, Washington.

We are glad to welcome several recent graduates from Alpha Chapter and their new addresses are listed below:

Erma Staecker and Elizabeth Marot, 59 West 10th Street, New York.

Mary Mackenzie, Westwood, New Jersey.

Grace Weymer, Parnassus Club, 115th Street, New York.

Doris Machold, Great Neck, Long Island.

Marion Peters, 6 South Oxford Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Marion Steincamp Pierce, 8561 150th Street, Jamaica, Long Island.

Marion L. Gamble, 51 East 17th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

TORONTO

Many social affairs

So much happens between CRESCENT letters that it is difficult to remember just what is news. It does seem rather like ancient history to recount the events of last year, but I am sure you haven't heard them all. We were so pleased with the success of our active chapter in the fall rushing. Initiation for the new girls was held on Saturday afternoon, December 5, followed by the Initiation Banquet in the Blue Room at the King Edward Hotel. Of course our banquet is one of the occasions when we expect at least one five pound box of Lauras; and thanks to Margaret Hunter and May Scott we were not disappointed. After the banquet we had a most enjoyable little dance.

On December 19 we had a Christmas party for about a dozen poor children from eight to twelve years of age. Helen Robinson was a very real looking Santa Claus to distribute the parcels on the tree to the delighted youngsters. A further attraction was the big Christmas pie, so cleverly arranged by Edythe Ross, which contained some novelty for each child. Our protégé, Muriel Harrow, assisted us, and a most charming little hostess she was.

Most of our social meetings this year have been bridge parties. Our first one, which was held on January 19 at the home of Leone Harris, was especially enjoyable because the new initiates were our guests that evening. For one of our bridges which was held at our rooms Helen Robinson made a real Gamma Phi cake. It was the most delicious chocolate cake with fancy chocolate icing, and with the letters ΓΦΒ across the top in light brown icing. How we hated to spoil it by cutting it!—But, oh, how good it tasted!

The second week-end of March was certainly a very busy one for us. Our formal Spring Dance was on Friday, March 12, at Jenkins Art Galleries. As it was so near the seventeenth there were many St. Patrick novelties. The verdict was the same as is passed after each of our dances: it was the very best yet. On Saturday afternoon, March 13, we had a bridge at the Sherbourne House Club to raise money for our protégé. You should have seen Jessie Mills, Thelma Wright, Mary Clark and Mae Harris making huge piles of tasty sandwiches that morning. The bridge players certainly showed their appreciation of them. Financially it was quite successful and I am sure everyone enjoyed herself.

Some of our out-of-town members always visit us at the time of our dance. This year Dott Comette, Edna Lyle, and Elma Naylor spent the week-end in Toronto.

MURIEL MORAN

DETROIT

Luncheon for Beta seniors

Since our last letter, Detroit Alumnae Chapter has had several meetings, and these, we feel, have been ever so successful. Even though each has not been so large as might be wished, still each has been held in a different section of town and at a different time of day, with the result that nearly all our members were able to attend one meeting at least.

The last one, held in February, at the home of Millicent Heaton (Mrs. James Heaton, took one form of a tea with a business meeting following. There were about thirty of us present, and at the business meeting the following officers were elected to start officiating in September: President, Alice Camerer; Vice-president Isabel Mackay; Treasurer, Evelyn Roehm May; Recording secretary, Edith Benson Lynch; Corresponding secretary, Elizabeth Pike.

We think the suggestion of the central office that the new officers take office later than before is an excellent one. It is easier for the records to have it so, and it enables the new officers, elected now, to think of new ideas and plans before September.

In January a luncheon was held at the College Club, and, as our guests, we had the seniors from the Beta Chapter. We were all delighted to become better acquainted with these girls, and thought that seeing and talking with them as an alumnae group might influence them to get in touch with their nearest alumnae groups wherever they may be in the fall. It is so good for alumnae chapters to have so recently active girls with them, and it makes the girls feel more "national" certainly.

In December a committee with Evelyn Roehm May as chairman entertained at a delightful evening of bridge at Evelyn's home. Needless to say, everyone had a good time, and many came who can attend only evening meetings.

On the nineteenth of March a tea is to be given at Abigail Hubbard Cooley's home. We wish every one in Detroit who is a Gamma Phi might be able to tuck her sewing in her bag and come. Wouldn't it be wonderful?

However one who cannot be there is Helen O'Leary, for she is sailing on the twentieth for a two months trip abroad. With her are Kathleen Hatton, Beta '23, and Olive Hatton Harbeck, Beta '22, from Grand Haven, Michigan.

Speaking of traveling abroad reminds me that we are all very proud of Edna Thuner, who went abroad last summer with the American School of Prehistoric Research. Mr. George Grant MacCurdy is director of the school, and last summer they travelled through England, France, and Spain, trailing Neanderthal man (period 2500-7000 B.C.). Recently Edna has been elected a trustee of the Board of Directors of the school, thus becoming the first woman ever on its board. She has been lecturing this winter in Detroit on the findings of last summer. She is the teaching staff of the Liggett School here.

Best wishes of Detroit Alumnae Chapter go to all Gamma Phis for a pleasant summer. Shall we see you all at our next convention?

DORIS SPRAGUE FRASER

MARRIAGES

On January 30, 1926, Elizabeth Slade Allen, Zeta '21, to Mr. Herbert Wilson, a graduate of the Law School of the University of Michigan. In the wedding party was Dorothy Sweet, Zeta '21. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are living in Indianapolis now.

BIRTHS

On February 17, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. John P. Neudorfer (Laura Gridley B '22) a daughter, Katharine Ann.

ST. LOUIS

Celebrated Phi's birthday

Founders Day found fifty of us, from Phi Chapter and the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter, gathered at Virginia Sankey's for a buffet supper. It was really the first gathering of the clan since spring, and we all had a wonderful time. A delicious supper was served, and an interesting program followed. Laura Hinchman, our lovely dramatic star, read a beautiful tribute to Gamma Phi and her four founders, and the freshmen gave a screamingly funny pantomime.

Now, something about the work we have been doing during the past year. It has been our custom in the past to take Christmas into the home of some worthy family—provide the dinner, as well as the gifts for the children—but this year we decided to forego the pleasure which the personal touch gave us, and gave a cash contribution to the Community Fund, as more benefit could be derived from our money in this way.

Sometime in the far-distant future, when Phi Chapter has enough out-of-town girls to warrant a chapter house, we, of the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter, hope to be ready to step forward with the amount necessary to realize this dream. It is, therefore, with a great deal of satisfaction that we view our bank balance, which has been substantially augmented by the success of our various financial enterprises—rummage sale, bridge, Christmas card sale, and magazine subscriptions—and we feel that the time and effort put into them has been justified.

Our annual banquet has just been held at the Hotel Coronado. As Phi's birthday was three days before the event, it was decided to make a real birthday party of it. The table was beautifully decorated with baskets and bowls of pink carnations. In the center of the table stood a cake with nine pink candles on it, while at each place was a small cake flaring with one candle. These candles, with several others in tall glass candlesticks, provided the light, and the girls, sitting in the glow of the candle light, made a lovely picture in their vari-colored dinner dresses. Ruth Warren Becker planned the banquet, and she and her committee deserve a great deal of praise. Virginia Black Buchanan served as toastmistress, and introduced the speakers, who represented the various stages of growth in the University and Gamma Phi—freshman, sophomore, junior, senior and alumna. Those of us who had the privilege of being present at the installation banquet nine years ago, recalled to mind that memorable occasion, and were thrilled anew.

Our year's work has just about ended, and we are now taking a little breathing spell before it is time to plunge once more into rushing for Phi.

CHARLOTTE BRUCE ROBERTSON

PERSONALS

Ethel Knobloch has been making rapid strides in musical circles. She began the study of the violin at an early age, displaying exceptional talent from the beginning, and has appeared in concert with great success, some of her notable appearances being in the Paganini concerto with the Civic Orchestra, where she occupies the position of first violin; and more recently with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, when she played the Bach's Concerto for two violins with Mrs. Esmeralda Berry Mayes. She also has a class of forty pupils, which keeps her very busy.

Margaret Ewing and Lucile Riedel Mueller take an active part in College Club affairs. Margaret is chairman of the Dramatic Committee, and Lucile is chairman of the Civics Committee.

On November first, the Eleventh Annual Exhibition of Thumb-box sketches, studies, small pictures, small sculpture, and handicraft for 1925, was held at the Art Museum. In order to be exhibited, entries must pass a jury of eminent artists. Dorothy Hetlage not only succeeded in having her oil painting *The Brass Plate* entered, but sold it during the exhibition. Subsequently, she had a still life picture exhibited in the Competitive Guild Show, which also had to pass a jury before it could be entered. Dorothy has an interesting and productive future before her, especially in view of the fact that she has succeeded so far with practically no training.

Ella Grace Saunders (Kappa) and Ruth Munger (Lambda and Psi) have affiliated with the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter.

Elizabeth Wagenbreth Owens has been visiting in St. Louis for several months prior to moving her resident to Enid, Oklahoma.

Ruth Warren Becker has been entertaining Mary Wilkie Carsons (Omicron) who has been appearing the past week at one of the leading theatres in Madame Albertina Rasch's ballet, which has an important place on the program of the *George White's Scandals*. She is in charge of the ballet in the absence of Madame Rasch, who is in Europe booking engagements.

Jessie Tyler is making a success of her work in the French Room of the Famous & Barr Department Store in St. Louis.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ethel Knobloch to Alvin Moore.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. George Hetlage (Doris Talbot) on Christmas Day, 1925, a son:

LOS ANGELES

House plan for Alpha Iota

Spring, with its warm, enervating days, and its almost irresistible appeal in every country road, every spreading tree, every golf-course, has come to California

with the usual burst of flowery loveliness. The desire to indulge one's self in this splendor is almost overpowering. Unfortunately, however, one cannot yield; for life, with its practicalities and its prosaic demands must be grappled with here as elsewhere. Since no poet has ever immortalized the turning of young woman's fancy in the springtime we feel safe in saying that ours, as a chapter, at least, has succeeded in avoiding the predicted springtime pitfalls and has turned to plans for more effective effort in our alumnæ group.

First, there is the new house plan for Alpha Iota. This is going forward most satisfactorily, the financial pledges made by their own alumnæ are reported as coming in splendidly and the thoughts and work of the Los Angeles Chapter are beginning to show results. To make more financial help possible we are planning another rummage sale in the early fall and even now the meeting notices are carrying suggestions that this be given a thought during that usual spring clean-up in every home. Sponsoring a huge theater-party is also considered as a possible way of increasing funds.

Our chapter rejoiced with Alpha Iota over the splendid success they had in their mid-year rushing. The twelve girls who were pledged are a splendid group, one that we can be glad to welcome into Gamma Phi.

Three of the girls, Sara Blount, Emily and Mildred Cleland are greatly envied because of their plan to spend the summer abroad, making the tour with the Gamma Phi party. This will be a most delightful and interesting journey, of course, and we all shall eagerly await their return to learn about the experiences and the events that they shared with other kindred spirits. It will be a year before Mildred returns as she plans to go on around to China and visit there with friends.

A special privilege was given the chapter at the last meeting in welcoming the two daughters of Mrs. Draper, nieces of our Frances E. Haven Moss. Two San Francisco alumnæ, Helen and Barbara Bridge were also there. It was pleasant indeed to make these new acquaintances.

We are looking forward to the first district conference to be held out here. It will be in San Francisco the first week in April. We are sending two delegates and know that they will gain many new ideas and much inspiration at this get-together and get-acquainted meeting. We will anticipate telling of these things next time.

KATHRYN M. SMITH

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gilmore (Ann Gilmore, Chi.), in February, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. James H. Pope (Kitty Pope, Eta.), on March 12, 1926, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Redline (Mabel Posson, Lambda.), on March 12, 1926, a son.

PERSONALS

We are sorry to report that Frances Lucas, a member of the Faculty of the University of Southern California and the alumnæ advisor for Alpha Iota, was forced to take a leave of absence in order to regain her health. The girls of the university chapter are missing her greatly for her work as advisor was such a happy inspiration at all times.

The girls grieved with Kathryn Smith upon the recent loss of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Humphrey of Asotin, Washington.

Elijah Barricklow, Mu, has recently joined the staff of the University of California, Southern Branch, working in the Summer Session office in the Hill Street Building.

Mrs. J. P. Buwalda, Eta, recently moved to Pasadena where her husband has become a member of the faculty of the California Institute of Technology, occupying the Chair of Geology.

CLEVELAND

Christmas party

It seems like ancient history to speak of Christmas but, as Cleveland chapter had no letter in the last *Crescent*, I feel that I must mention our December

meeting which each year takes the form of a Christmas party, when we have as our guests any active Gamma Phis who may be spending the holidays in the city. This year we met at the Woman's City Club for luncheon, with a theatre party afterward. Among our guests were Frances Colvin, Eleanor Quass, and three pledges from Ohio Wesleyan. We were delighted also to welcome Ruth Clark Callus, Epsilon, and Harriet Gustin, Beta, who will make Cleveland their home in the future.

Our March meeting was held at the home of Dorothy Winchell Keller with fifteen present.

We are looking forward with much pleasure and enthusiasm to a visit from Lillian W. Thompson of Chicago in April. A Panhellenic Tea is being arranged for the day as well as our Gamma Phi festivities. I am sure she will be a great help and inspiration to us all.

We were so sorry to lose Helen Ely Charlton, Beta, who moved to Detroit in the Autumn. As Helen was one of our cleverest girls and a most enthusiastic worker, our chapter feels her loss exceedingly.

Our sincerest sympathy goes out to Hildegard Hagerman John, Beta, now living in Detroit, upon the death of her father and brother recently.

GLADYS WHITHAM STEARNS

RENO

History for each honor roll student

Our annual bazaar was very successful. We sold everything from tea towels to painted china for one dollar an article and realized quite a large margin of clear profit. In addition we had a card party at Janet Morrison's lovely home which overlooks one of the most scenic spots in Reno, and we are certain, even taking into consideration our natural tendency toward self sufficiency, that the affair was a decided success socially as well as financially. With some of the profits we helped the active chapter to buy some furnishings for the house.

This year we have made each regular monthly meeting a social as well as a business one and we find ourselves looking forward to the first Thursday of each month with real eagerness. Although we are small in number we thoroughly enjoy these "get togethers." The individual members of the chapter entertain in rotation and for our April meeting we are planning to entertain the active chapter. At this meeting we are to give each member of the active chapter, who made the honor roll, a history of Gamma Phi Beta. We have decided to adopt this gift as a permanent one and each year to present the members, who distinguish themselves in the scholastic line with something which we feel will be a lasting memento of their sorority.

Spring is in the air and we all are beginning to feel the urge to be up and doing, and so we are hoping to have a very successful and profitable close to our year's activities.

LAURA SHURTLEFF

PERSONALS

Mrs. F. Armbruster, Eta is living in Reno now.

Mrs. Maurice J. Sullivan has moved to Reno also.

Georgianna Steiner Boyer has moved to Los Angeles.

BIRTHS

To Mary Cox Magee, on March 5 at Yerington, Nevada, a son.

MILWAUKEE

Annual Bridge a success

Such a great deal has happened since the last CRESCENT letter was written. Christmas with its rush, New Year's Day with its resolutions, St. Valentine's Day with its thrills for the young girls and its memories for the rest of us, and St.

Patrick's Day which meant much to some of us and just another day to the rest of us. And while I am cataloging the big events of the year I dare not pass by the twenty-seventh of February when the annual Gamma Phi Beta bridge was held at the home of Mary Laffin Jones. It would be hard to tell just how enjoyable this party was because there were so many elements that combined to make it a success. In the first place instead of having it at some place where all the other subscription bridges are held, Mrs. Jones most generously offered us her charming home which overlooks Lake Michigan and is quite the homiest home anyone could wish. Add to this the fact that the day was perfect, the prizes lovely, the guests good friends of Gamma Phi, the refreshments most toothsome, and you may see very readily that the party as a whole left nothing to be desired. Perhaps best of all it did what it set out to do, namely raise the money for our annual share of the Endowment Fund.

Alice Ringling Coerper, Bernice Hunter Hoffmann, and Anna Raymond have returned from the first province conference held at St. Paul and Minneapolis. Their reports are most enthusiastic and make each one of us wish that we too might have heard the interesting discussions and enjoyed the splendid hospitality. Such conferences will surely do much to further the ideals of Gamma Phi Beta.

When this letter appears spring will really be here, and with any luck our house-cleaning will be out of the way. The children's clothes may need mending, the maid may have left and our budget may have blown up but spring will be here, vacation will be upon us and what can worry us anyway when lilacs are blooming? Good luck to you all!

ALICE WIEBER FITZGERALD

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA
Building fund is the goal

The Champaign-Urbana Alumnae Association has held its monthly meetings all winter under the stimulating direction of Flora Hottes. We regret greatly that we shall lose both Flora Hottes, who graduates from the Library School, and Mildred Eversole who expects to teach somewhere in the East. Our activities owing to our few numbers have mostly consisted of aiding the active chapter in their various enterprises. During the fall the rummage sale and the big bazaar, where we had a special table kept us busy. April 10 we shall give a large benefit bridge in order to bring in as much money as possible for the new house. The accumulation of our building fund is the goal of all our endeavors.

The week end of March 20 the active chapter and the alumnae association were delighted to have Lillian Thompson as a guest. The alumnae entertained her at a luncheon at the Woman's University Club and the active chapter gave a tea Sunday afternoon so that all our friends could meet her. Her visit has been very helpful and stimulating to us all.

Our beloved founder, Mrs. Moss, and the Alumnae plan to give a spring rushing tea during April at Mrs. Moss' home for the active chapter and rushees among the high school seniors.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Ella Brown in the loss of her husband Robert S. Dora.

FRANCES RAYNER

OMAHA
Twenty-four!

I truly believe that this is the first time the Crescent has heard from the Omaha association, but it isn't the last time—really. We have been unduly slow in getting started, a shortage of members in the beginning and then just one thing and another. However the jist of it all is that we have our charter, we meet once a month for a luncheon and meeting and bridge. There are twenty-four of us with representatives from Epsilon, Rho and Pi chapters. Theresa Mullaly has been re-elected

president; Clara Dutton Peters, vice president; Betty Lentz, secretary and treasurer; Kathleen Raugh Williams, *Crescent* correspondent.

With plans for bridge benefits and other ways and means to make enough lucre to tide us over our summer rush season and to help the cause of Gamma Phi Beta, it is needless to say we vision only success.

We are really most happy to know a renewed connection with our beloved sorority and feel that our Omaha association will grow and grow and grow.

KATHLEEN RAUGH WILLIAMS

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hellner (Gladys Dufford), a daughter.

KANSAS CITY

Chief interest in Sigma's house

The Kansas City alumnae have been devoting all their time during the past few months to the new chapter house at Lawrence. Full of New Year enthusiasm, we spent two or three weeks in January sewing the curtains for every window in the house and the draperies for the downstairs. Mrs. Simonds turned over the guest suite in her home, and every day we kept things humming—tongues, heads and sewing machines. As for the success of the undertaking—you should see the curtains hanging!

In order to pay for these materials, we had a benefit bridge at the Newbern Hotel, which lovely setting was donated by Dorothy McCowan Armstrong, one of the Sigma founders, who was visiting her mother here. Then we had the old standby—a rummage sale. Marcia Payne managed this; and by the way, she is the association baby as she has been with us only since the New Year. We also solicited donations, and everyone even the least bit connected with Gamma Phi has been wonderfully kind and generous in doing her bit to help along the cause. The house has been our chief interest so long that we can't talk on any other subject; and we're sure there are many who will understand how it feels to be all wrapped up in (and by) a new chapter house.

DOROTHY WASHBURN DANA

ST. PAUL

Once again—the District Conference

First of all—convention! It was perfect. It is a wonderful feeling actually to know that your sorority is a national organization and not one confined to a limited area. Of course, I have always heard and read about Gamma Phis at Madison, North Dakota, Iowa and, lately have heard a great deal about our splendid new Winnipeg sisters (who by the way, more than fulfilled all expectations), but to have them all here and know them and discuss Gamma Phi problems with them is very different. I speak from the point of view of one who has just attended a district meeting and is living in hopes of some day witnessing a national convention. That would be ideal.

The delegates blew in with a howling March blizzard on a Friday morning. The same evening Mrs. Silverson entertained the alumnae at supper at her home. The banquet, Saturday evening, was one of the best we have had. Our very able toast-mistress kept us in constant mirth and the toasts from our visiting sisters brought us most welcome messages from our neighboring chapters. Clever entertainment was provided between courses by the Twin City alumnae who put on a humorous burlesque called *The Big Four*. It was written by Elinor and Marguerite Lagerman.

I am sorry I was not able to attend all the business meetings which I heard were exceptionally interesting.

In January, Emma Bolt, entertained the St. Paul alumnae at a spread which was followed by the regular business meeting. The February meeting was held at the home of Jean Rounds.

JOSEPHINE HURD

ENGAGEMENT

Audrey Borden, to Alfred Charles Bierman, Alpha Delta Phi.

WINNIPEG

Eight go to District Conference

To those of us who have just returned from the District Conference at Minneapolis, Gamma Phi Beta as a national, nay as an international organization, has taken a new and deeper meaning. Realizing that we more than any other chapter had need of such a conference, as many of us as possible accepted Kappa Chapter's kind invitation. Eight alumnae including the two delegates, were fortunate enough to attend, and I know we shall remember it not only for the help and enlightenment we received, but also for the many charming and interesting people we met.

Conditions on our campus are very different to those of our American sisters. Alpha Kappa as the first, and until recently the only sorority at Manitoba University, has many problems to face and many prejudices to overcome. The conference was invaluable to us in that it cleared up many questions which were in our minds, and made us feel the strength of the national organization behind us.

Our "Grandmother" system may be of interest to some of the other chapters as it solved for us the problem of keeping our alumnae in touch with the new members. Each pledge chooses from the alumnae chapter a "grandmother" whose duty it is to keep in constant touch with her, enlighten her on any sorority subject and encourage her in college activities and studies. This system is working very well. At the end of the pledge period the alumnae gave a bridge for their "granddaughters" at the home of Dorothy Davis.

Of great interest to our chapter is the marriage of Vera Gunn (Alpha Kappa '24) to Harry Whitaker, which is to take place April 10. So far we have only one married alumna in our young chapter as none of our alumnae have been out of college more than two years.

Beatrice Coutts (Alpha Kappa '25) has recently returned from Toronto where she has resided for the past year.

The engagement of Josephine Riley (Alpha Kappa '25) to Jeffery Palmer (Zeta Psi) was announced at our formal on February 11.

KATHLEEN A. BELT

SAN DIEGO

*"We alums aren't getting too old and settled
to keep up with Father Time"*

Winter has slipped by so rapidly that it has left us busy housewives and teachers—aghast! Perhaps the lovely California weather, which we have enjoyed all winter, has entered into the plot, too, for surely we "alums" aren't getting too old and settled to keep up with Father Time. Our Gamma Phi spirit, which has been asleep—OH NO! Not dead!—since college days, has been stirred up. There has been much cracking of bones, squeaks, rattles and clearing of musty minds during these first months of our association, but our first anniversary finds us all full of enthusiasm and eager to make our second year successful. We have many plans under way, but first of all we are striving to become a chapter. San Diego had never heard of Gamma Phi Beta, so we are doing our best to make it known. Many lovely girls are leaving to enter colleges and universities, ignorant of the existence of Gamma Phi; so we have a definite work to do in "rushing."

Our Christmas social service work of giving sixty-five scrap books to the children of the Neighborhood House was greatly appreciated. At a meeting of University Women's Club, we were duly praised by the president of the Club. This Club is interested in us and our work because it sponsors the Neighborhood House. Mrs. Albert Jones (May Boorhies, Mu) who delivered the books, said we were fully repaid for our efforts by the enthusiasm and joy with which the books were received by the children.

We have similar plans for next year and are asking each Gamma Phi to keep a box and place in it all toys or childrens' clothing she may have or secure, and all pictures which would be interesting for children's scrap books.

Our president, Thelma McGee McNary (Xi), holds an executive meeting once a month, where all business is considered. On the second Saturday of each month we have a luncheon. At our last luncheon we sang Gamma Phi songs—and such fun it was pealing forth songs that many of us had forgotten. Our meeting is to be a five o'clock tea at Beatrice Barker Evenson's (Nu) home and then we have a picnic planned for April to be held at Mrs. H. W. Avery's (Edith Plested, Theta) lovely hillside home at Grossmont.

Visitors and newcomers from other chapters are very welcome, and we are proud to share our lovely California with them.

EDITH HERRIN WATT

MARRIAGES


Bernadine Moser (Xi and Mu) to Warren G. Noggle, Beta Theta Pi.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER MEETINGS

- ALPH meets every Monday evening at 7:30 in the chapter house, 113 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
- BETA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 in the chapter house, 1520 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich.
- GAMMA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 in the chapter house, 428 Sterling Court, Madison, Wis.
- DELTA meets every Wednesday night at 7 o'clock, in the chapter rooms, 821 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., Suite 4.
- EPSILON meets every Monday from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the sorority rooms, fourth floor, Willard Hall, Evanston, Ill.
- ZETA meets every Thursday night at 7 o'clock in the chapter rooms, 2306 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.
- ETA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house, 3732 Channing Way, Berkeley, Calif.
- THETA meets every Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the Lodge in University Park, Colo.
- KAPPA meets Monday afternoon at 5:30 at the chapter house, 310 10th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, Minn.
- LAMBDA meets Monday evening at 5:00 at the chapter house, 4529 17th Ave. N.E., Seattle, Wash.
- MU meets every Monday evening at 7:15 at the chapter house, Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.
- NU meets Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house, 1316 Alder St., Eugene, Ore.
- XI meets every Monday afternoon at 5:00 at the chapter house, Moscow, Idaho.
- OMICRON meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 110 West Nevada St., Urbana, Ill.
- PI meets every Monday at 7:15 at the chapter house, 1144 J St., Lincoln, Neb.
- RHO meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 310 N. Clinton, Iowa City, Iowa.
- SIGMA meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house, 1015 Tennessee, Lawrence, Kan.
- TAU meets Wednesday evening at 7:15 at the chapter house, 322 W. Laurel St., Fort Collins, Colo.
- UPSILON meets every Sunday evening at 9:00 in Room A West, Hollins College, Hollins, Va.
- PHI meets every Monday afternoon at 3:30 at the chapter rooms in McMillan Hall, St. Louis, Mo.
- CHI meets Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house, 238 South 8th St., Corvallis, Ore.
- PSI meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house, 602 W. Boyd St., Norman, Okla.
- OMEGA meets Monday night at 7:00 at the chapter house, 218 Welch Ave., Ames, Iowa.
- ALPHA ALPHA meets each Monday at 5:00 o'clock at the chapter rooms, corner Walmer Rd. and Bloor St., Toronto, Ont.
- ALPHA BETA meets Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house, 201 Cambridge Ave., Grand Forks, N. D.
- ALPHA GAMMA meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 833 Ralston St., Reno, Nev.
- ALPHA DELTA meets Monday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 1205 Wilson Ave., Columbia, Mo.

- ALPHA EPSILON meets Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house, 111 Olive Road, Tucson, Ariz.
- ALPHA ZETA meets Wednesday evening at 7:00 at the chapter house, 24th and Rio Grande Sts., Austin, Tex.
- ALPHA THETA meets Monday evening at 785 North Washington St.
- ALPHA THETA meets every Saturday at one o'clock in the chapter house, 110 Twenty-third Ave.
- ALPHA IOTA meets Monday evening at 7:30 at the chapter house, 1006 N. Edgemont, Los Angeles, Calif.
- CHICAGO meets the second Saturday of each month, after a luncheon, in Chicago.
- SYRACUSE meets the first Friday of every month at the homes of members. Telephone Marguerite Woodworth, Colonial Hall.
- BOSTON meets the first Saturday of each month at the Delta rooms, or at the home of a member. Telephone Leah Wood, 13 Willow Park, Wollaston, Mass.
- NEW YORK meets October 19, November 14, December 7, January 9, February 8, March 8, April 17 (Endowment Fund Bridge), May 10. Annual meeting at the homes of members. Luncheons at Hotel McAlpin, October 15, November 19, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17. 12:30 to 2:00 in Red Room on Mezzanine Floor, Telephone Mrs. R. W. Shearman, 400 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., Buckminster 0234.
- MILWAUKEE meets the third Wednesday of every month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. R. E. Fitzgerald, 402 44th St.
- SAN FRANCISCO meets the third Tuesday of each month, except in March, June, September and December, when the meeting is on the third Saturday.
- DENVER meets the first Saturday of the month for luncheon at 12 at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. W. E. Clarke, 450 Logan.
- MINNEAPOLIS meets the last Friday of the month at the homes of members. Banquet in May. Telephone Mrs. J. E. Finley, 5238 Xerxes Ave. S.
- DETROIT meets monthly either at the homes of members or at some of the various club buildings. Telephone Mrs. Ralph Holmes, 674 Baldwin.
- BALTIMORE meets at Zeta rooms, 2306 N. Charles St. Telephone Mrs. Robert B. Wagner, 2425 Guilford Ave.
- SEATTLE meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Lambda chapter house. Telephone Mrs. C. H. Will, 621 West Galer.
- PORTLAND meets at the homes of members the second Saturday of each month. Telephone Mrs. Lee Patterson, 1170 Everard St.
- LOS ANGELES meets the fourth Saturday at the homes of members, usually luncheon meetings. Telephone Mrs. Ruth P. Shepherd, 1260 Havenhurst Dr., or Kathryn M. Smith, 1164 Browning Blvd.
- DES MOINES meets the first Saturday of every month for an informal luncheon at one of the tearooms. Reservations to be made with Mrs. J. G. Chase, 24 Foster Drive.
- ST. LOUIS meets the first Saturday evening of each month at 8 o'clock in the chapter rooms at McMillan Hall. Telephone Dorothy Hetlage, 3005 Allen Ave.
- RENO meets the first Wednesday evening of each month. Telephone Mrs. Robert P. Farrar, 521 S. Virginia St.
- TORONTO meets the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m., at the Alpha Alpha chapter room, 401 Huron St. Telephone Alice Smith, 19 Northcliffe Blvd.
- SPOKANE meets last Saturday of each month at one o'clock at the Crescent Tea Room. Telephone Thelma Ehrenberg, 10 S. Post St.

- LINCOLN meets the third Saturday of each month for a 12:30 luncheon at the Lincoln Hotel. Telephone Mrs. Philip Watkins, 112 Floral Court.
- OMAHA meets the last Saturday of each month at homes of members. Telephone Mrs. George Howell, 5013 Western Ave.
- EVERETT meets the first Monday evening of each month at homes of members. Telephone Corinne Miley, 1107 Rucker St.
- ASTORIA meets every other Tuesday evening at the homes of members. Telephone Florence Sherman, 704 Jerome Ave.
- PITTSBURGH meets the second Saturday of each month for a 12:30 luncheon at Kaufmann and Baer's. Telephone Mrs. W. C. Leonard, 637 Gettysburg St.
- CLEVELAND meets on the first Saturday in February, April, June, October, and December. Telephone Mrs. R. M. Watkins, 1653 Carlyon Road.
- MADISON meets the first Monday of the month at 3:00 at the homes of members.
- BOISE meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. at the homes of members. Telephone Ruth Guffy, St. Margaret's School.
- SALEM meets on the second Saturday of each month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. Kenneth S. Hall, 545 Court St.
- LAWRENCE meets at 7:30 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month at the homes of members or at the Sigma chapter house. Telephone Marion West, 1320 Haskell Ave.
- OKLAHOMA CITY has an informal luncheon at the Criterion Tea Rooms on the first Saturday of each month. Telephone Mrs. B. W. Vinson, 1412 W. 21st St.
- FORT COLLINS meets the last Saturday of each month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. R. V. Billington.
- ST. PAUL meets at 6:30 every month on third Friday at homes of members for supper, followed by business. Telephone Mrs. Allan Briggs, 597 Lincoln Ave.
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- EUGENE meets at three o'clock on the third Thursday of each month at the homes of members. Telephone Mrs. W. W. Snyder, 1345 E. 13th.
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PROVINCE CONFERENCES

PROVINCE I

HOSTESS—Alpha Chapter

TIME—April 23-24-25.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED—Alpha, Zeta, Upsilon, Syracuse, New York, Baltimore.

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We are asked for Province news for the September CRESCENT, so Alpha is reporting on the convention of Province Number One held at Syracuse on April 23, 24, and 25.

Invitations went out early to Delta, Zeta, and Upsilon Chapters, Boston, New York, and Baltimore Alumnae Chapters, and Pittsburgh and District of Columbia Alumnae Associations.

We were sorry to receive several regrets, but we were more than fortunate in having Laura L. Graham, our national president, and Anna Boardman, secretary of Central Office, with us for the three days. They represented New York and Baltimore Alumnae Chapters respectively, and gave us many helpful suggestions. Zeta sent Margaret Denmead as delegate, and Upsilon elected Page Stone, both charming girls whom we were delighted to know.

Our guests arrived Friday, April 23, and our first business meeting was held that afternoon. Ruth L. Reed was elected chairman of the meetings, which were three in number; the first being a discussion of finances; the second, concerning alumnae problems; and the third covering active chapter affairs. These meetings proved very interesting, and suggestions were offered to help solve the various problems. We resolved to keep business for the scheduled meetings, and between sessions we had dinners, luncheons, and exciting spreads.

Mildred Bigelow Price was elected province supervisor, and Gladys Timmerman accepted the office of secretary.

Although the organizing of the provinces will take a considerable length of time, we feel that an excellent start toward success was made at this convention. Informality was stressed at all times and every delegate was urged to bring out each difficulty which was troubling her chapter. This province division has long been needed for closer connections throughout the chapters.

We are hopefully preparing for a fine freshman delegation which we want to welcome in the fall. The active chapter is anticipating an exciting rushing season, and is working faithfully for the annual event.

GRACE EDDY BOONE

PROGRAM

FRIDAY		1:00 P. M.	Luncheon, Krebs', Skaneateles, N. Y.
A. M.	Guests arrive.	6:15 P. M.	Buffet Supper, Gamma Phi House.
1:00 P. M.	Luncheon, Gamma Phi House.	8:00 P. M.	Meeting, Active chapter meeting.
2:30 P. M.	Meeting. Finances.	10:00 P. M.	Peanut and Olive Feast.
6:15 P. M.	Dinner at Gamma Phi House.	SUNDAY	
8:00 P. M.	Entertainment by active chapter.	1:00 P. M.	Dinner, Gamma Phi House.
10:00 P. M.—Sing.			Drive through city.
SATURDAY			
9:30 A. M.	Meeting; Alumnae chapter problems.		

VIEWPOINT OF A VISITOR

The Conference of Province I was held April 23-25, 1926, with Alpha at Syracuse University acting as hostess.

Representatives from New York, Baltimore, Upsilon and Zeta were met by Alpha girls wearing pink carnations for identification, and, after an inclusive tour around the city and the university, were introduced into the hospitality of a very attractive chapter house.

We had luncheon, and then had an afternoon meeting where active problems were discussed. Many problems were brought forth, and it was interesting to see how different the questions are in a chapter with a house from those in a chapter with an apartment or meeting rooms.

Ruth Laycock Reed, acting chairman of the conference, controlled the discussions admirably, so that enough time was given to each point to reach a helpful conclusion, yet no time was wasted, and we all gained many valuable suggestions.

After a delicious dinner at the chapter house, at which the delegates were presented with corsages of old fashioned flowers, the active chapter entertained us with an elaborate Spanish program. The supply of histrionic ability seemed inexhaustible, for José, Enrico, Dolores, and the rest of the large company were very thrilling and convincing. We had an informal sing after the program, and sang all the songs that we knew.

Saturday dawned fair and bright, and we had an enlightening morning, delving into alumnae and financial problems. Possible ways of keeping up the interest of alumnae, the New York Panhellenic House, and Gamma Phi's share in it, the possibilities of budget systems for the chapters, all were discussed, and in each case something of interest developed.

For luncheon we motored out to Kreb's at Skaneateles Lake. Those who have ever eaten a meal in that famous hostelry, need no description of the wonderful food that was served to about sixty of us. While we were returning, we were shown what a regulation Central New York downpour of rain is like, but that didn't dampen our spirits for very long, for a dainty buffet supper awaited us at the chapter house. In the evening, we had a model chapter meeting, where all the loose ends of business were drawn together. We then had a peanut and olive spread, where we enjoyed becoming acquainted with our hostess and visiting sisters. We had a long sight seeing ride around the city on Sunday, which closed a very delightful session.

If nothing else was accomplished, we all were able to present freely our difficulties, which is always a healthy process for any organization.

The writer was most particularly impressed by the conviction that chapters should come into contact with each other as often as possible, in order to give and obtain helpful ideas which have grown out of different situations and circumstances. She found herself continually wishing that she could transport her whole chapter up there, so as to give them a wider and better understanding of the wonderful organization this Gamma Phi Beta Sorority is, and a greater pride in their membership.

Alpha girls are to be highly congratulated on their facile handling of everything, and their ability to act as perfect hostesses.

MARGARET DENMEAD

Zeta, '27

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PROVINCE III

HOSTESS—Sigma Chapter

TIME—May 15-16.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED—Omicron, Sigma, Phi, Alpha Delta, Alpha Theta.

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Simplicity marked the key-note of the meeting of Province 3 with Sigma Chapter at Lawrence, Kansas, May 15-16. Sigma was particularly happy to have the first province meeting, as she had just moved into her lovely new home on Mt. Oread and it was with a thrill of pride that she welcomed as her first house guests representatives from her neighboring chapters.

The Province idea met with a most enthusiastic reception from all those who attended our conference. Not only was a spirit of friendliness and mutual understanding greatly fostered through the personal contact of the delegates—an aim sufficient in itself to justify our Province conferences—but a real beginning was made toward a *constructive policy of cooperation* which, if followed up, will result in inestimable benefit to our sorority as a whole as well as to our particular Province.

Miss Gresham, our Province Secretary, is preparing a Province Note Book with helpful suggestions in regard to the various phases of sorority life. With each chapter contributing some worth while suggestion, a great deal of benefit will come from this interchange of ideas. Sigma has accomplished much in chapter and sorority house management through her Budget; Omicron is preparing a

booklet on freshman training which will be most helpful; and Alpha Theta is pioneering in the task of establishing a right and proper understanding between chapters and parents, so that the latter may become fully acquainted with Gamma Phi Beta's ideals and purposes.

We are eagerly anticipating our next Province meeting in the Spring hoping it will be as fruitful of inspiration as our first conference has been.

KATHRYN A. WOODWARD,
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Secretary—Mrs. John C. Gray, 349 East 58th St., Portland, Oregon.

Portland was more than pleased to act as hostess for the conference of Greek letter and alumnae organizations in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, called for April 23-24 and the weather man gave

us such a perfect week end, that two automobiles of members from Seattle and Lambda motored down from Seattle. Much to our regret, Spokane Chapter, and the Salem, Astoria, Everett and Moscow Associations sent no representatives. Had they realized the splendid inspiration derived from the meeting, and the cordial spirit of friendliness and cooperation fostered by the informal mingling of active and alumnae members in this district, which is large as to area and yet small as to chapters, they would surely have made a greater effort to encourage some of their members to attend the conference. But we hope by the time of the next gathering of chapters in this province that the spirit of cooperation will be so firmly established that no chapter or association will be willing to miss the inspiration and pleasure of the meeting.

We have four active chapters in Province 6, which were represented by, Gertrude Ireland, and Virginia Gray, Lambda; Isabelle Amon, Nu; Dorothy Helm, Xi; and Margaret Miller, Chi. Dolly McLean Callow was the official Seattle delegate, and Virginia Wilson Petheram, president of the Portland Chapter, was its official spokesman. Georgia Benson came from the Eugene Association. Helen McDonald Sanders was the presiding officer, with Clara Taney Will, former visiting delegate for this district, in charge of the conference business. We were much pleased that the national officer asked to attend this conference was Margaret Meany Younger, because most of us have known her for some time, either as a active member of Lambda Chapter, or as an outstanding member of the Seattle Alumnae or as national officer.

Registration for the conference was held at the Campbell Court Hotel, where the first luncheon was given. The business meetings were held in the Central Library, with the exception of the afternoon session on Saturday, which followed the picnic luncheon in the grove at the country home of Caroline Benson Unander, on the banks of the Columbia river, on the site of the original Hudsons Bay company's post near Vancouver, Wash. The nominating committee reported at the banquet held that evening in the Sign of the Rose Tea Room, where Beatrice M. Locke was elected province director and Grace Maxwell Gray province secretary. Both are from Portland Alumnae Chapter. A dinner at Palmer Place on the Columbia River Highway was enjoyed on Friday night.

Little, besides the formation of a province organization, was effected at the conference. But the spirit of friendliness fostered promises to be of lasting importance. The chapters in the northwest are quite a distance apart, and have never felt well acquainted. Hence, their interests have never been well united. National has been a sort of abstract thing, typified by letters and a visiting

delegate. In the new organization much may be accomplished through acquaintance and a knowledge of each others' problems. There is now a common meeting ground, and it is to be the endeavor of the officers of the province to bring about a stronger bond between the various groups, both Greek letter and alumnae. Little has been done this summer, besides sending out conference reports to each chapter and association, but plans are formulating for the fall, when a visit will be made to each organization in the province.

BEATRICE LOCKE,
Director of Province 6

PROVINCE VII

HOSTESS—Eta Chapter.

TIME—April 9, 10, 11.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED—Eta, Mu, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Iota, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Reno.

OFFICERS

Director—Mrs. W. E. Colby, 2901 Channing Way, Berkeley, Calif.

Secretary—Mrs. A. F. Dudman, 2515 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, Calif.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY

10 A.M.—Meeting

Noon—Lunch at Chapter House

2 P.M.—Meeting

4:30 P.M.—Tea at Berkeley Country Club

7 P.M.—Informal Supper and Bridge

Ora Thelen, 136 Alvarado Road, Berkeley

SATURDAY

9 A.M.—Meeting

12:30 P.M.—Alumni Round Table

Rachel Colby, 2901 Channing Way, Berkeley

College Delegates Lunch at Chapter House

2:30 P.M.—Meeting

6:30 P.M.—Supper and Program

Eta Chapter, Hostess

SUNDAY

Day at Stanford University

Mu Chapter, Hostess

FRIDAY—10 A.M.

I Greetings from Hostess Chapter

II New Constitution

- a. Review of business of Thirty-fourth Convention
Barbara Bridge, San Francisco Alumnae
Florence B. Richardson, San Francisco Alumnae

- b. Reports from all chapters represented
- c. General Discussion

FRIDAY—2 P.M.

- I National Finances
 - a. Need of financial survey
San Francisco Alumnae Chapter
 - b. Report of Lillian Thompson
Minnesota Conference
Read by Conference Secretary
 - c. General Discussion
Delegates Province 6
- II Central Office
 - a. Report on last Convention's recommendations
 - b. Importance of future development
Reno Alumnae Chapter
 - c. General Discussion

SATURDAY—9 A.M.

- I Expansion
 - San Francisco Alumnae Chapter
 - Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter
 - General Discussion
- II CRESCENT
 - a. Report of comparison with other sorority magazines
Margaret Smith Hatfield
 - b. How shall we finance our magazine?
Reports from all chapters
- III Local News Letter
 - General Discussion by all chapters
- IV Report of Resolutions Committee

SATURDAY—12:30 P.M.

Alumnae Round Table

- 1. Alumnae finances
- 2. Celebrations
- 3. Keeping up interest
- 4. Help to College chapter and advisor
- 5. Mothers' Clubs
- 6. Scholarship awards

SATURDAY—2:30 P.M.

- I Local Organization
 - a. Scholarship
 - b. Panhellenic
 - c. Finances
 - d. Position and authority of house mother
 - e. Relation of chapter to Dean of Women
 - f. Alumnae advisor
 - g. Freshman education before initiation
 - h. How often would you like chapter inspection?
Reports from all chapters
- II Discussion. Resolutions
- III Alumnae Round Table Recommendations
- IV Suggestions for Province Conference with By-laws and duties of province officers between conferences

From San Francisco *Chronicle*:

GAMMA PHI BETA MEET

One of the most interesting affairs of the week was the meeting yesterday of the representatives to Gamma Phi Beta Coast conference of the Universities of California, Nevada, Arizona and of the Southern Branch of the University of California.

A large tea was given in the afternoon at the Berkeley Country Club, and in the evening the San Francisco Alumnae were guests at a dinner given by Mrs. Max Thelen in Berkeley.

Today Mrs. William Colby of Berkeley will be hostess to the gathering and tomorrow evening the representative members of the different sororities will be entertained at Stanford. This meeting has brought together one of the largest gatherings of interesting women ever assembled in the State.

INTRODUCING PROVINCE OFFICERS

Fourteen new names for the freshmen to learn; fourteen new personalities to guide the destinies of the seven provinces! In view of the fact that there is nothing in sorority legislation more unfortunate than mere names that do not merge into personalities, we are endeavoring to present each officer in such an informal fashion as to acquaint our members not only with her Gamma Phi achievements but with the various characteristics that unite in making her a real somebody.

One naturally expects ability, a spirit of tradition, and a wide knowledge of the sorority from an Alpha member; for there is an atmosphere in the Alpha home which no other Gamma Phi house has yet attained; and we find these fine traits combined in Mildred Bigelow Price who assumes control of Province One. While in college, Mildred Bigelow was intimately connected with chapter affairs; and one often finds her name affixed to chapter letters and appearing in chapter enterprises. Since her graduation she has always kept in touch with Alpha functions and Alpha affairs, and is well qualified for cementing a union among eastern chapters and for directing their activities and policies. While Gladys Timmerman becomes her secretary. Experience as a librarian and as Secretary of District 2 has perfected Gladys Timmerman's secretarial efficiency; and those who are acquainted with her present work in the library of the College of Medicine in Syracuse, stand a bit in awe of her fine achievements. Her personality has always made itself felt in chapter affairs and national movements; she has always willingly accepted and splendidly evolved each sorority task bestowed upon her (and there have been many); and those who know her feel that Province One is very fortunate in obtaining her as an officer. Last—but not least—Gladys Timmerman has a fine Pan-

hellenic knowledge; for she is a close friend of Louise Leonard, Chairman of N.P.C., and the two must often discuss the problems of the Greek letter world.

Province Two is very fortunate in annexing Eleanor Sheldon Myers (Kappa) who has been persuaded to act as director. As Eleanor Sheldon—a charter member of her chapter—she took a most active interest in affairs local and national. To her fine constructive work Kappa owes much of its organization; to her thorough investigation of the subject of expansion Gamma Phi Beta is greatly indebted; for as Chairman of Expansion she did much to change the viewpoint of the sorority and to acquire various worthwhile and valuable chapters. As a teacher she made a most enviable record; as a Dean of Women she embodied all that one desires in such a personage; and when her career called her to the University of Michigan as Director of the Betsy Barbour House, Fate, in the person of Dr. Myers, begged her to remain permanently in Ann Arbor—which she did. There can be no finer province head than Eleanor Myers; for, in addition to her knowledge of Gamma Phi Beta and her ability to solve the most difficult problem, she has a graciousness of manner and a thorough understanding of college girls. Sarah Hardy Adams, whose husband is connected with the French Department in the University of Michigan, becomes province secretary. Mother of two fine boys, actively engaged in church and club work, her home is always a center of charming social life; and she is never too busy to give her interest, her time and her effort to Beta and to Gamma Phi affairs. Her efficiency in every line and her devotion to the sorority will mean much.

Certain members of Theta Chapter will always remember Kathryn Allen Woodward as a dear and belligerent little person whose feet seemingly never touched the floor no matter how low the chair, who expressed herself in no uncertain terms, and whose ideas always proved to be the right ones. They remember her in various other ways—as a muchly rushed freshman whose pledging meant a decided victory, as a devoted member in every sense of the word, as a determined and triumphal rusher, as a fine student whose record was shining and who was instrumental in founding the honorary scholarship fraternity at the University of Denver. As an alumna she kept the fine enthusiasm of her college days; as a teacher, she carried the same enthusiasm into her work; and, after her marriage, her home was the center of Gamma Phi activities. Denver grieved when Kansas City claimed her; and since her residence in that city Sigma and Alpha Delta have been objects of her interest and solicitude. The writer feels that were it her privilege

to choose a province director, she could find no one more efficient, more enthusiastic and more lovable than Kathryn Woodward. As her secretary, Nina Gresham of Omicron will prove ideal—for three good reasons. First, because she is in close touch with Gamma Phi Beta; second, because she is enthusiastic to the maximum degree; third, because she has the secretarial habit, since as secretary of District 9, she has effectively managed the elusive files.

Marie Moreland has always been inseparably connected with Kappa Chapter; first, as an exceedingly active undergraduate, then as an equally active alumna, again as a founder of the very lively St. Paul Alumnae Association. She has attended a number of conventions (alumnae delegate in 1921 and 1924); she has never lost sight of the chapter members; she has never lost touch with the college girls; accordingly, it seemed right and inevitable that she should assume the responsibilities of Province Four. The executive ability so marked in her college days has served her in many capacities since then; and at the present time in addition to being stage director and English teacher at a prominent High School, she is state chairman of the National Women's Party, associate member of the Shubert Club, and a member of the Women's City Club in St. Paul. She has a most delightful sense of humor as those who were present at the Seattle convention will remember; for her toast at the banquet brought much merriment and much applause. Pearl Weston Hall, secretary of Province Four, is characterized as follows by a fellow worker: "While always one of our most enthusiastic and loyal members, Pearl has not had time in the past to do much more than attend to her delightful family of four children. She does manage, however, to be present at a great many of our alumnae supper meetings; and whenever we have a Gamma Phi fair, she serves as a fortune teller or helps as a saleswoman during the afternoon or evening. Now, she has time to take office; and not only is she secretary of Province Four, but the secretary of the Minneapolis Unit of the D.A.R., first vice-regent of her D.A.R chapter, and the secretary of the Minneapolis Country Club.

Madaline Miller of Theta is the youngest of the province directors, for she has been out of college only one year; but those who know her best will venture to remark that when she sets forth on her tour she will have all Gamma Phi statistics on her tongue's end and will be fully equipped for the fray even if experience has been denied her. After graduation from Wolcott School in Denver, Madaline spent one year at Briarcliff in New York and finished her education at the University of Denver. While in college she served admirably as Panhellenic delegate, and succeeded in emerg-

ing from an unusually hectic season, unruffled, undismayed and sanest of them all. Also, she managed the annual Gamma Phi play (for which one always receives an extra star in one's crown) and emerged again with the achievement of having settled all bills in record time, managed all stagehands in magic fashion and averted even the slightest little stormcloud of friction. For the last year she has been the efficient treasurer of Denver Alumnæ Chapter; and has spent her spare moments in helping Theta, in being bridesmaid, and in evolving a salad dressing, the proceeds of which went to swell the fund for the alumnæ camp for underprivileged children. She is young enough to understand the viewpoint of the college girl; and at the same time mature in judgment and wise in meeting situations. "Helen Berg" is the name found often in Psi records; for, from her freshman days, this particular member worked enthusiastically for her chapter, took a keen interest in national affairs, and proved an active factor in campus life. Alumnæ days found her busy in the alumnæ association, working indefatigably for the Psi bazaar, the Psi house, and whatever enterprise the college chapter fostered. A most efficient secretary of District IV (again the district secretary becomes province secretary), a busy director of the Psi chapter house, an accomplished musician, she proves an acquisition for the province work; and she, too, is a youthful officer—only five years removed from her college days.

Beatrice Locke began her activities while in college; and after her graduation from the University of Oregon, she became just as active in the alumnæ group, serving in turn as CRESCENT correspondent, corresponding secretary, president, convention delegate in 1921, and treasurer of Nu's building fund. Just to show how necessary she is to her college, she has been chosen permanent Alumni Secretary of her class; and just to show how important she is to Gamma Phi she becomes director of Province Six; for all who know Beatrice Locke realize how much her ability, her enthusiasm and her fine personality will mean to sorority work outside her own chapter. In addition to all this, she is society editor and dramatic critic and feature writer for *The Spectator*. As a charter member of Chi Chapter, Grace Maxwell's name became familiar to all those engaged in Gamma Phi activities, as she has always been prominent in every Chi enterprise and has held every office of trust. After teaching for a year, she was married to Mr. John Gray; and since her residence in Portland has been active in the work of the chapter, notwithstanding the claims of a two year old son. During the last year she has served as corresponding secretary of Portland Alumnæ Chapter.

Rachel Vrooman Colby is "guide, philosopher and friend" for

Eta Chapter and for San Francisco Alumnae; and has always been connected most intimately with all that pertains to the two chapters. Her home has been a meeting place for Gamma Phis; her endeavor for the sorority has never faltered; her wise judgment has meant much to college girl and to perturbed alumna. In 1921, at the request of the president of the sorority, she inspected the local at the University of Nevada, reported favorably, and subsequently officiated at the installation. Mrs. Colby is a brilliant woman in many ways. Not only has she been chairman of legislation in the California Civic League, and exceedingly prominent in club circles, but she has acted as substitute lecturer on mining law in the University of California and has translated old German books on mining law. Jean McDougall Dudman of Eta, as secretary, will maintain her college reputation as thoroughly and entirely dependable. A good friend, a fine student, a willing worker, Eta, San Francisco and Gamma Phi are all proud of her.

VIEWPOINTS OF PROVINCE DIRECTORS

ALUMNA SERVICE

If, an unassuming alumna may be permitted to diagnose the ills of her sorority, after having studied the situation in a limited section of the country, namely, the Middle West, for the past eight years, may I say that I feel a vital weakness of our organization lies in the *Alumnae*. I do not say this in any critical or carping manner; for I do not think we are particularly to blame in our section for the situation as it has existed in the past; but I am "holding the mirror up to nature," as it were, so that those of us who are desirous of remedying the situation, may give it careful thought and perhaps arrive at a happy solution.

After four years or even less of collegiate training, under the inspiration of Gamma Phi Beta, it seems to me inexcusable our lack of system in organization details and financial matters and our narrowness of spirit in the broader and nobler ideals of Gamma Phi Beta.

How many of our alumnae associations can hold up their heads and ask the active chapters to look with pride at our organization as a model of efficiency and high mindedness? And turning to the personal equation, how many of us individually show an interest in our active chapters except at rushing season when we hope to add to the glory of our sorority by the addition of a favorite freshman?

If there is any one good to come to Gamma Phi Beta from our Province Meetings, I hope it will result in the awakening of our

alumnae to the possibilities of service to our active chapters and to a strengthening of the bonds of our sisterhood as well.

KATHRYN A. WOODWARD, *Theta*

Director Province Three

THE KEY TO THE PROVINCE

How's thy neighbor next to thee?

Question

I don't know, but I'll go see.

Answer

That is all that I remember of a foolish little game, but the important thing about the game stays with me: everyone had to take a lively interest in his neighbor. This interest, it seems to me, must be the first step in province making. Everyone in Province Four, we hope, will feel that there *is* a province, and will be curious to know who is in it, and eager to find out what the other girls are like.

If there is a lively interest aroused, everything else will follow naturally. The means of creating interest, however, presupposes a little pocket book in the background. Province Four has taxed each chapter ten dollars, and each association five, this sum, however, looming up only once in two years.

We are planning to send out a fall letter, containing a somewhat ridiculous little chart with many faces, each face with a label such as Kappa Chapter, Davenport Association, etc. We hope that these "funnies" will stimulate the heart of every Gamma Phi in the Province, and that she will immediately pin said chart on her dresser for at least a few days' inspection, and engrave the faces upon her mind. (The faces will be drawn by an impartial artist).

The verses upon the chart will read as follows:

Province Four is full of faces,
Full of ayes and noes, our Province,
But the mouths all say—"Our Province
Is just bent on Gamma Phi."

MARIE MORELAND, *Kappa*

Director Province Four

INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS

Everybody is liable to get into a rut; and every chapter at some time or other, may fall easily into a routine that means, from year to year, a repetition of semester schedule, of social affairs, of rushing parties—even of toast scheme at luncheon or banquet. To be sure, the social affairs may be charming ones,—the rushing parties may prove effective from every viewpoint,—the toast

scheme may afford opportunity for thought, for originality, for oratory; but why be content to repeat successes when "the world is so full of a number of things" that other ideas and different procedure may mean the same successes?

Traditions are fine and necessary—as a chapter, cling to them; but be wide-awake and eager for other ideas and other suggestions. Let the comradeship and understanding of the province conference—which, after all, is the greatest asset—be supplemented by an interchange of ideas, a willingness to profit by the experience of a Sister chapter, a desire to emulate the progress of other Gamma Phis; and, in turn, give to these same chapters, whatever of good, of constructive work, of atmospheric charm that your own chapter may possess.

MADALINE MILLER, *Theta*,
Director of Province Five

COOPERATION SPIRIT

Those of us who were so fortunate as to attend the province conference in Portland on the week end of April 23, 24, felt that we had received a deal of inspiration and renewed enthusiasm from the meeting. Our district of Oregon, Washington and Idaho is large as to territory, with few chapters located close enough together to enable the members to become well acquainted. We were much disappointed that the Spokane Chapter and the Alumnae associations of Salem, Astoria, Everett and Moscow were not represented at the conference, but we are hoping that by the time of the next province gathering the spirit of cooperation will be so firmly established that all chapters and associations will make every effort to send representatives to the meeting.

The weather man must have made the week end just for our special benefit, and a motor trip over the Columbia River Highway with a dinner at Palmer Place on a point high above the river, and a picnic luncheon followed by a meeting in the grove of Caroline Benson Unander's country home on the Columbia river, on the site of the original Hudson Bay Company's post near Vancouver, Wash., were two special events. The two girls from Lambda and the Seattle Alumnae, including Margaret Meany Younger who represented the national officers, and Clara Taney Will, who was in charge of the business sessions, drove down to Portland in automobiles.

The spirit of good fellowship at the conference was a joy, and everyone present seemed to feel, and many expressed the belief, that much good will be accomplished by the formation of province

government. The knowledge of problems of nearby chapters will be more easily learned, and Greek letter and alumnae chapters in the region will have a common meeting ground, where their difficulties may be discussed and, many times, solved. The system of province inspection should be of much assistance, too, but the greatest good resulting from the province work appears to me to be the more friendly, and cooperative spirit which should develop, and which it will be the officers' effort to promote.

BEATRICE M. LOCKE, Nu,
Director Province Six

SCHOLARSHIP HONORS

GAMMA	Two members elected to Phi Beta Kappa, one to Delta Phi Delta, national honor fraternity for Art.
THETA	Two members elected to Sigma Phi Alpha, local scholarship fraternity.
SIGMA	One member elected to Phi Beta Kappa, one to Omicron Nu, honorary sorority in Home Economics, one to Gamma Epsilon Pi, honorary sorority in Economics, one to Delta Phi Delta, honorary fraternity in Art.
PHI	Two members elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
PSI	One member elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
ALPHA ALPHA	One member, a sophomore, awarded the George Brown Scholarship for the Classics, a much coveted prize at the University of Toronto.

Carmel Riley, Chairman of the Committee on Scholarship, in submitting her report, includes the following explanatory notes:

I. In some institutions no comparative rating is made; so, in this respect, in some cases, the lack of information does not mean that the chapters are at fault.

II. The Canadian system of grading is different from that of America, and it is not possible to arrive at an accurate numerical average. II or B is between 76% and 85%. In 1923-1924 five members of Alpha Alpha fell below that average while two were above it in the I or A class. In 1924-25, nine fell below and two above. Alpha Kappa, newly installed, has not been included in this report.

III. Phi Beta Kappa and other scholastic honors were not taken into account, since the grades on which these honors were awarded had already been included in the average of each chapter.

SCHOLASTIC STANDING OF THE CHAPTERS OF $\Gamma\Phi\beta$ SORORITY

1923-1925

CHAPTER AVERAGE COMPARATIVE RANK *See note

	1923-24	1924-25	1923-24	1924-25
Alpha.....	79.5	79.7	15/19	.....
Beta.....	79.4	77.7	7/16	12/16
Gamma.....	81.3	80.55	6/17	11/17 10/17
Delta.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Epsilon.....	.....	81.5	.....	7/18
Zeta.....	74.8	74.3	.....	.....
Eta.....	80.3	79.76	7/19 6/19	5/20 11/20
Theta.....	85.18	85.5	5/6	2/6
Kappa.....	78.7	80.	5/18	1/18
Lambda.....	80.	83.	5/	.....
Mu.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nu.....	74.15	76.78	.....	9/14 10/14 12/14
Xi.....	.....	78.	.....	3/6
Omicron.....	80.	81.51	15/20	5/20 6/20
Pi.....	80.7	81.75	2/17	10/17
Rho.....	79.55	73.46	9/12	12/13
Sigma.....	80.	81.5	2/12	6/12
Tau.....	.....	83.25	.....	3/5 2/5
Upsilon.....	.....	80.2	.....	2/7
Phi.....	74.76	74.2	4/7	4/7
Chi.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Psi.....	85.1	.....	.....	.....
Omega.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alpha Alpha.....	Probably between 80 and 84	Probably between 78 and 82	.....	.....
Alpha Beta.....	.....	83.53	5/10	6/10
Alpha Gamma.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alpha Delta.....	.....	79.2	.....	6/13 5/13
Alpha Epsilon.....	.....	81.35	.....	5/6 2/6
Alpha Zeta.....	73.	81.	9/11	1/13
Alpha Eta.....	.....	83.43	.....	3/12 7/14
Alpha Theta.....	.....	80.7	2/5	.....
Alpha Iota.....	80.	79.	.....	3/10
Alpha Kappa†.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

*Note—Numerator indicates position of $\Gamma\Phi\beta$; denominator indicates number of National Panhellenic Sororities. In cases where more than one fraction is given, the semesters or terms of the year have been reported separately. Cases not reported on are those from which I have been unable to secure material.

†Established in the fall of 1925.

CARMEL RILEY,

Chairman of Scholarship

IV. Data on the four chapters competing for the urn:

CHAPTER	INSTITUTION	AVERAGE (1924-25 only)	COMPARATIVE RANK
Theta	University of Denver	85.51	$\frac{2}{6}$
Tau	Colorado Agricultural College	83.25	$\frac{3}{5}$ $\frac{2}{5}$
Alpha Zeta	University of Texas	81	$\frac{1}{13}$
Kappa	University of Minnesota	80	$\frac{1}{18}$

NOTE: The two sets of figures in the case of Tau indicate the comparative rank for each semester of the academic year, 1924-25.

V. Chairman decided that the urn should go either to Theta or to Kappa. Several chapters had higher averages than Theta and Kappa but they ranked well down the list as compared with the other sororities at their respective institutions.

VI. From report of Council:

"The Council has voted in favor of Kappa receiving the urn as they consider to be first out of eighteen is an exceedingly high accomplishment even though the average is not so high as that of Theta. Mrs. Smith suggests however that a letter of commendation be sent to Theta and Alpha Zeta for the splendid records they have made."

PUBLICITY

Thoda Cocroft (Eta '15) is a Gamma Phi who is rapidly attaining prominence in the theatrical world; and the following article from the California *Monthly* gives an idea of her activities. In addition to her duties as theatrical manager, Miss Cocroft contributes to *The Theater Magazine*. In the July issue she writes upon *Putting the Actor Across* and in August explains some of the characteristics that constitute *Personality*.

IN FRONT OF THE CURTAIN

Presenting Thoda Cocroft '15

By ALBERT L. FURTH

"And after getting my 24-sheet stands up and running back to the theater to scale the house against the extra sheet, I had barely enough time left to see that the snipers hadn't unloaded into the billy-box, and catch the afternoon train back to the company...."

For no good reason it is difficult for most of us, educated on "Polly of the Circus" and melodramatic stories of stranded barn-stormers, to dissociate back-stage vernacular from an imaginary be-derbied individual, perpetually coatless, who removes his thumbs from the arm-holes of his vest only to relight the cold butt of a cigar *d'un certain age*. But this was Thoda Cocroft speaking, and Thoda Cocroft is a slender young lady with dark bobbed hair. It required an elasticity of imagination to picture her executing the duties of her profession—she is a theatrical manager—

bearing the financial responsibility of a show on tour, dictating terms to managers of local houses, brow-beating recalcitrant railroad agents, thwarting mendacious bill-posters.

Thoda Cocroft found her way into the theatre through what appears the *open sesame* to interesting professions; the newspaper "game." In the course of her career she has managed the productions as well as the personal affairs of Minnie Maddern Fiske, Margaret Anglin, and the late Mme. Eleanor Duse—the three grand women of the stage, whose lives she characterized in an article in the *Saturday Evening Post*. Mme. Petrova, the Greenwich Village Follies for Jones and Green, the *Chauve Souris* and "The Miracle" for Morris Gest and, most recently, Eugene O'Neill's "Desire Under the Elms," have all been of Miss Cocroft's management.

Carefully rehearsed and erudite questions were completely routed by a more natural curiosity: "How did you happen to become a theatrical manager?" Patiently Thoda Cocroft replied. She was working on a New York newspaper, soon after her graduation, when a friend in Mrs. Fiske's company presented her to the actress. As a result, Miss Cocroft was engaged as press agent;—at that time Mrs. Fiske was playing "Mis' Nellie of N'Orleans."

"The salary—fifty dollars a week—looked enormous at the time. Of course a press agent with any sort of ability should make three or four times that amount. New York City is something of a happy hunting ground for the press agent; there is such a large number of newspapers, a wide public interest in the theatre—and most important, the news syndicates have their central offices right there, giving you an ample return in publicity for the effort put into your copy. Too, a woman's opportunity is as good as a man's. In the entire newspaper field the woman has been accepted and no longer works at a handicap. Her chances of success depend solely on—well, let's say energy, initiative and originality of copy.

"But when Mrs. Fiske proposed that I accompany the show on the road as manager I was paralyzed. I was green—literally green. But Mrs. Fiske was more than patient. I think I took but one reprimand. That was in Detroit when I scaled the house wrong. Why I didn't know the first thing about the business; didn't know a 24-sheet stand from a 20-foot truck."

"Of course not; what are they?"

"Well, a 24-sheet stand is a billboard of a certain size. You see, as manager on the road I have to travel ahead of the show to the next town where we had already been booked from the New York office. First, I must look up the manager of the local playhouse and make preliminary arrangements for the engagement. Then come a thousand and one preparations; visit the dramatic editors of the newspapers and make the way for plenty of publicity; see the transfer companies and arrange for vans and wagons to transport the properties and costumes; call on the railroad agents to order the proper number of cars, and establish the times of loading and unloading—arrival and departure; keep in constant touch with the theater—there are stage hands to hire, and extras for the cast, sometimes; the carpenter plot and property plot must be filled, as much of the heavy stuff is not carried with us but is procured in the towns we play. Then advertising copy must be inserted in the papers and proof-read for every day. Photographs and easels, programs to edit. Billboards to be posted and verified. (Sometimes they don't appear.)

"Sniping? That's a pleasant little practice of hiring roustabouts to nail half-cards and handbills on every available fence and telegraph pole. If they are not hounded these snipers will watch their opportunity to deposit their stocks of bills in the nearest garbage can. The 'Billy-box' is the

name given to the final resting place to which the sniper elects to consign his load.

"One of the heaviest responsibilities of the manager is that of scaling the house. The local audiences must be analyzed as to taste and state of property. On that basis the house is divided into sections of variously priced seats. The manager must plan to collect what the traffic will bear, making sure to show a profit over the expense budget—dubbed the 'extra sheet.'

"Every expenditure must be approved by the manager who is solely responsible for the show until the curtain rises. And I'll never forget the time in Saginaw when the curtain rose at about 10 o'clock. The company had arrived late. You know, of course, who took the blame. At the end of the week, count the cash, split with the local theater, foot the bills, pay off the cast and hop to the next town.

"In this type of work the sailing is a great deal rougher for a woman than in the newspaper world. There is a strong conviction among men that a woman cannot be a competent theatrical manager, and they are over-ambitious to see the theory demonstrated. Their business jealousy has led them to rather extreme measures. On more than one occasion I have found my billing covered over by the announcement of a rival show.

"Oh, it's not nearly so trying while the show remains in New York City; so many of the arrangements are permanent then and, as I said, the publicity results are a great deal more satisfactory there. A music revue in New York City is the elysium of the theatrical manager. The duties connected therewith are extremely well compensated. But the producers are awfully wary of taking a woman manager; such enormous sums are involved."

Miss Cocroft returns to New York City where she will once more become associated with Jones and Green, under whom she managed the Greenwich Village Follies. The summer months she spent in Tahiti in search of a vacation.

It becomes apparent in talking with Miss Cocroft that she could never be happy doing the usual thing. As an undergraduate she was an interesting figure, a colorful personality, eager to depart from the dullness of conformity. A case in point: as a member of a class in psychology in 1914, Thoda Cocroft's contribution of research was the charting of the rise and fall, through the ages, of women's skirts!

Marie Derge (Eta '11) is a much loved member of the California chapters, and has always been a tireless worker for the sorority. She originated and perfected the Sunshine Work of Eta and San Francisco, and is now engaged in a very fascinating profession as this clipping from the California *Monthly* shows.

Under the names of Wiki and Wana Marie Derge and her mother are doing work in what they call "creative design and color." They have done a number of paintings, some of the titles of which are "The Land of Vision"; "The Land of the Blue Flower," "A Desire Blossom," and "The Land of Content." Their particular interest, however, is "making the fine thing practical," or rather putting artistic value into such utilitarian objects as wallpaper and paper boxes. The designs are derived from wholly imaginative sources and are therefore rather difficult to describe. To quote Miss Derge: "We are attempting to unfold a fairy tale world of hills and lakes and castles, birds, and flowers and creatures not like anything that we see and feel and touch, yet neither conventionalized nor formalized nature nor

interpretations of the things we know." Their ideal is to unfold by rhythmic flow of form and color a thought world of fancy and play which will rest and refresh those who are able to travel with them on their journeys. Miss Derge has used a few of her pictures as the nucleus around which to build a tea room called Little Samarkand in Southern California. Her attractive boxes for gifts are sold throughout the country. Soon after her graduation, she began this work, which she has developed into a most satisfying and successful enterprise.

Gladys Wilkinson Lawrence (Pi) is now the editor of the Delta Omicron *Wheel*. As a charter member of Pi, she was very prominent in all chapter activities, and has always been interested in the sorority. Her years of study abroad have fitted her to be a successful leader of parties touring Europe; and, herself a successful musician, she is ably guiding the destinies of *The Wheel*. The following article in that magazine concerns Nell Brooker Mayhew (Epsilon), one of Gamma Phi's best known artists:

NELL BROOKER MAYHEW

Nell Brooker Mayhew, a golden-haired artist, designed the cover used this month for the *Wheel*, and also has contributed a very worth-while article.

Shall I tell you something about her, so that you may guess why it was I chose her to design something very dear to us all?

You have heard of her, of course, if you are interested in the world of art—and we all are, else why would we be Δ Os? She is perhaps best known as the originator of colored etchings, although she paints huge masterful canvases (frankly I wonder *how* she does it because to me she seems so tiny).

If you met her at one of her comfortably cozy "at homes," you would see a very girlish creature in a blue mandarin coat flitting from one guest to another seeing that the punch or tea and little cakes were just right.

Her Los Angeles studio is a rambly two-story blue and gray bungalow, snuggled down among great trees on the side of one of the Pasadena foothills. As you climb the steps you notice odd painted floral designs. The house is entirely furnished in old colonial furniture and hand made, hand carved, and hand decorated furniture. Even the tea cups and beautiful plates are of the rarest of hand made pottery. One has the feeling that she loves most that which is solely created and made by the individual without the outside aid of machines.

One may browse about her fairy story house, examining interestingly old patchwork quilts, the blue Swedish tile stove in the older daughter's room, the poem bordered rooms, the lyre, and the big harp, the collection of Indian rugs, the carved inlaid piano. Outside one may climb to the top of the hill back of the house to see the gorgeous views, the restful seats, the bird baths.

Her guests are usually artists, in the general meaning of the term, and one listens to melodious tones from the harp, new poems by friends, or an as yet unpublished story. To the layman, such as I, it brings not contentment such as I might wish—but instead a wistful longing that I too might strive to interpret the things I see and feel in my life as they seem so capable of doing.

Mrs. Mayhew is a very real and normal woman. Besides doing a great number of paintings and etchings which she contracts to do, she is ever busy taking part in civic enterprises, writing, speaking for clubs and schools, serving on committees. At present she is busy helping to found an art center in southern California. Several years ago she represented the California Artists in founding the great Hollywood Bowl.

She maintains studios in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Illinois, from which her etchings and paintings are sent out on exhibitions. Her exhibition here at the Los Angeles MacDowell Club has caused much favorable comment in the California newspapers.

From a California paper comes this clipping concerning Radiana Pazmor (Eta).

RADIANA PAZMOR TO GIVE THE HALF HOUR

The half hour of music in the Greek Theater today at 4:00 p. m. will be presented by Radiana Pazmor, mezzo-contralto. Miss Pazmor is claimed by Berkeley as one of its own, although she has won an acknowledged place in the East and the continent. Miss Pazmor sang in "Elijah" at the San Francisco Auditorium in May, and is giving a series of recitals now in the Berkeley playhouse: Sunday's concert will supplement these and give her wide circle of admirers an opportunity to hear her in the larger setting of the Greek Theater. Her program on Sunday will include three groups of songs by Russian, Spanish and American composers. Eva Garcia will be her accompanist.

RADIANA PAZMOR TO GIVE MUSIC HALF HOUR

Radiana Pazmor, whose mezzo-contralto voice has been heard by Berkeley audiences during this singer's visit to her native city will offer the following program at the Half-Hour of Music in the Greek Theater today at 4 p. m.:

I

The Soldier's Wife.....	Rachmaninoff
Song of the Shepherd Lehl.....	Rimsky-Korsakof
O Thou Billowy Harvest Field.....	Rachmaninoff
Hopak	Moussorgski

II

Spanish Folk Songs.....	Manuel de Folla
El pano moruno	
Jota	
Nana	
Polo	

III

The Last Invocation.....	Ada Weigel Powers
Night at the Mission (Poem by J. L. McClane, Jr)....	Edward Hallantine
Where Cowslips Grow (Poem by Charles Keeler)....	H. Bickford-Pasmore
The Brass Band (Poem by Charles Keeler).....	Antonio de Grassi

Miss Pazmor, mezzo-contralto, who has been soloist for Pas de Loup Orchestra in Paris, London Chamber Orchestra, San Francisco Spring Festival 1925, Elijah, San Francisco Civic auditorium