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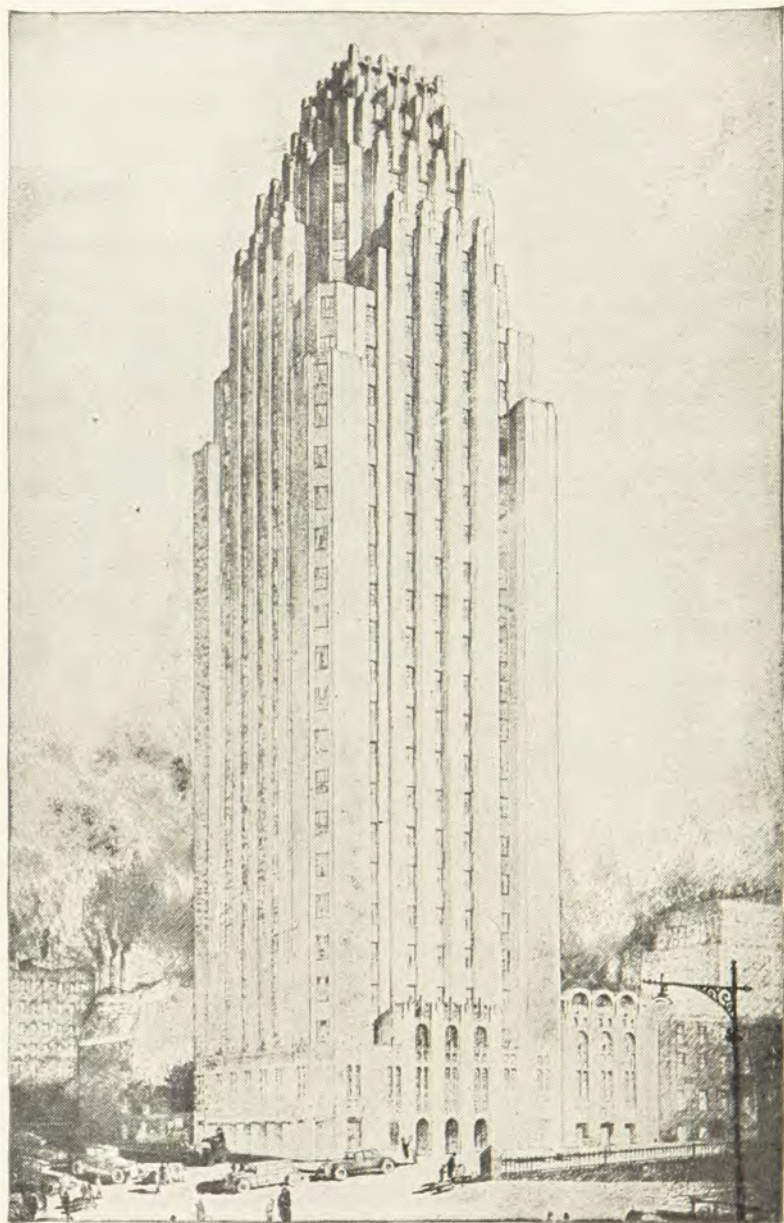
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## CONCERNING OUR PANHELLENIC CONTRIBUTORS

**I**N PREPARATION for a Panhellenic Number which should be a symposium of articles from chosen members of our sister organizations, the editor wrote to each of the twenty Congress fraternities, asking that the article in question be written upon some subject of interest to the sorority and college world. In several cases, a request for a particular contribution was made. For example, Mrs. Knoté of Alpha Xi Delta was asked to elaborate upon Alpha Xi Delta's excellent plan for scholarship. Mrs. Fitch of Kappa Alpha Theta consented to send her charming little parodies of Stevenson's *Child Garden*. Miss Northrup of Alpha Phi, who supervises the delightful *Dipper*, was asked to contribute in like vein; as was the *Chattering Squirrel* of Alpha Gamma Delta; while Alpha Chi Omega promised an account of the organization at the Peterboro Studio.

Just a word about our Panhellenic contributors to whom we are very grateful. Clara Lynn Fitch, wife of George Fitch whose Siwash stories became college classics, is a very loyal member of Kappa Alpha Theta and has always been identified with every phase of its development. The little poems which we print were written for the benefit of the Endowment Fund, and indicate the

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Perhaps no Greek letter woman is so well known to the outside world as Mary C. Love Collins, whose legal ability, brilliant mind and fine personality make her an outstanding figure in Panhellenic circles. Francis M. Wigmore, retiring editor of the Sigma Kappa *Triangle*, devotes her time and talent to the successful publication of *A Child's Garden*, one of the most attractive and worth while magazines for children. Marion Mullins, well known not only in Kappa Delta circles but in N. P. C., is a former president and present vice-president of Kappa Delta, who means much to her organization and to her Greek letter friends. At the last gathering of N. P. C. she was hostess to the visitors and delegates at a very charming tea. Joanna Donlon Huntington is grand secretary of Alpha Omicron Pi and is one of the most efficient and farsighted members of the organization, with a thorough understanding of local and national problems. Anna M. Knote, executive secretary of Alpha Xi Delta and editor of the magazine is a fine friend to the Panhellenic world, not only through her columns in the *Quarterly*, but as representative at the Congress to which for years she has contributed enthusiastic and valuable service. Violet Osborn Kearney has been prominently connected with Beta Phi Alpha from its beginning and at present is its efficient president.

Beatrice Herron Brown, of quiet charm and keen intelligence, not only is president of Alpha Chi Omega but delegate of her sorority at N. P. C. and chairman of the Committee on College Panhellenics. As one may imagine, the last position demands sane judgment and infinite tact—and Mrs. Brown is quite perfect in this capacity. Shirley KreaSan Krieg, a journalist of marked ability and editor of Zeta Tau Alpha's *Themis* is possessed of an unusual and very delightful personality which is reflected in her



editorial columns. Agnes Spring, editor of the *Pi Beta Phi Arrow*, is a woman of distinct literary attainments, and her very appealing and individual animal stories have been appearing in *A Child's Garden*. Emily Peirce Sheafe, the new editor of the *Kappa Kappa Gamma Key*, is an accomplished musician, is gifted in a literary way, and has begun her editorial career by evolving most splendid issues of her magazine. Elizabeth Northrup of Alpha Phi will long be remembered for her brilliant and delightfully humorous address at the banquet of N. P. C. held in Boston. Louise Leonard, who directs the destinies of N. P. C., for years has been the popular president of Alpha Gamma Delta and has contributed much to her own organization and to the Panhellenic world; while Emily Butterfield, ably editing the *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*, one of the best fraternity journals, gives vent to her own delightful humor in the soliloquies of the *Chattering Squirrel*. Florence Merdian, editor of the *Phi Mu Aglaia* is a young journalist—enthusiastic, progressive and exceedingly capable. Lillian Thompson, our own N. P. C. representative, needs no introduction—and no explanation—to Gamma Phi Betas.

## ALUMNÆ LOYALTY—TO COLLEGE, FRATERNITY, ANYTHING

BY IRMA TAPP, *Alpha Delta Pi*

THE past few months have found me deep in the task of checking or attempting to check *alumnæ*, both individually and collectively, of my own fraternity. There is always a purpose for such work in any organization and that purpose is usually twofold—the usual process of checking members at regular intervals and the necessary contact when entering upon any new project, drive, fund or what not. In my own case it happens to be both. Along with this came a call for the Alumni “Loyalty Fund” from my own Alma Mater, Duke University. So, my interests and thoughts of late have been centered, for the most part, on *alumnæ* responsibility, *alumnæ* opportunity and *alumnæ* privilege, whether to college fraternity or other interests.

Elbert Hubbard once said, “There is a higher degree of fellowship than the one usually accepted. It is fraternity. It lifts fellowship from casual acquaintances and society niceties to intimacy and brotherhood. Fraternity is the banding together of individuals to the common interest. It is a constitutional and mutual affection between men. It is the law of association and is as old as nature. As a matter of fact it is the law that creates, develops and evolves us.” Certainly fraternities and societies offer a congeniality in work and otherwise which are some of the



greatest inheritances of campus life. As organizations grow and know their privileges and responsibilities, they are realizing more and more that their purpose is primarily that of service to the individual, college and society. Organization really means service.

It is this purpose, this privilege of serving, this responsibility to college and fraternity we would have our alumnae carry with them. The fact is obvious that loyalty to one's fraternity means loyalty to one's college, loyalty to any interest that follows.

An inspector of a National fraternity once said that in her visits to different colleges and universities over the United States she found nothing more deplorable than the ignorance of fraternity women on some of the most important fraternity topics. It is most essential that every alumna as well as active be familiar with her own fraternity's government, history, policies, etc., and the necessity of changing such policies from time to time as conditions demand such changes. There is much to be derived from experiences of other organizations. The problems of other nationals may have been or may be ours in the future. Those of us interested in Panhellenic work realize the advantage of being familiar with steps or progress made by other groups. Alumnae need to think about these things and send or bring useful advice to their own conventions.

Alumnae are not the whole fraternity, but they play a big part in its progress. The strength and power of any army of interested, active alumnae is unlimited. Fraternities, like colleges, are assured of greatness and progress to a large extent insofar as their alumnae, as well as actives, are responsive and loyal. Every alumna owes a duty to her college and fraternity. Just as every college or fraternity has a right to expect a creditable showing in classroom work and activities, so it has a right to expect interest and loyalty from its alumnae. One's part may be small, but it adds to the spirit and increases the strength. The active of today will be the alumna of tomorrow, and to that alumna there comes the privilege and opportunity of forming a firm background of encouragement for scholarship, financial aid and anything tending to fulfill the keynote of every organization, that of service.

It has been said that an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.

## PANHELLENIC CITIZENSHIP

BY RENE SEBRING SMITH, *Delta Zeta*

FOR THE past several years the fraternities for women who are associated in National Panhellenic Congress have been much interested in ways and means of promoting the genuine worth of fraternities.

At a recent convention of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity I was asked to speak on "Panhellenic Citizenship." A profound conception of Panhellenic Citizenship put into practice will bring about the real purpose of N. P. C. Generally speaking Panhellenic Citizenship is not very different from the general idea of citizenship. The same ideals, purposes and program are applicable.

But Panhellenic does imply different relationships. We can test our citizenship in so far as we live up to the purpose of these affiliations.

1. We may say the relationship of all the twenty nationals in N. P. C.

2. We have the particular Greek letter fraternity.

3. We have the nucleus of the chapter of any of these national groups.

4. The individual girl as a member of the chapter.

As we think of this citizenship from N. P. C. all the way through to the individual girl, let us remember that any organization is just as strong as its weakest part. Steel never breaks where it is strongest but at the point where there has been a flaw in the mass as the tiny atoms of iron adjusted themselves to each other and to the molten mass.

We see therefore that the values of fraternities is manifested only in so far as the individual accepts her responsibility to the chapter, and her chapter to the national organization, and the national organization to the N. P. C. Then only is it possible to move forward effectively in a spirit of unity for a great purpose.

We believe that by being members we have had and continue to have, certain advantages. The world will admit that we do have an important part to play as college trained women.

The thousands of fraternity women today can make real progress in solving some of the difficult questions and problems of our generation if we are only conscious of our task and live up to our own capabilities.

Out of our experiences of living and working together we should bring a knowledge of harmony and brotherhood and with our conception of what true fellowship means we should bring about a growing enthusiasm in the fulfillment of the desire of all people toward universal understanding.



Or as we think of the baffling problems of the youth of today, the youth of our colleges and universities, as they find themselves searching for social ideals that fit and serve this complex civilization which is ours—we must find solutions.

As our minds follow into all the perplexities of these statements, can we not understand that the purpose of fraternities must be one of service. And what is that service to be?—That each individual girl put into her life and make a part of her self, the ideals of her fraternity, and each chapter the purposive fellowship of her organization and each Greek letter fraternity that spirit of unity and loyalty that together the whole N. P. C. may progressively face the issues of living. Let us feel that out of the beauty of the ideals that are ours there must come a superior type of service in all that we do. Let us not be like the conceited college sophomore who believed the world was better because he was in it, but let us know that the world is better because we are giving something to it. That something being the richness of our experiences, our devotion to purpose, our consecration to ideals, and our fineness of spirit.

And to those of us who are students in our colleges and universities at this present time, let us feel we have a real task to do—as we work for the development of the individual girl, the chapter, the fraternity, and National Panhellenic.

Let us not be lost in the problems of rushing and bidding. Let us learn to make more careful distinctions knowing the principles of fairness, honesty, and loyalty. And with an ever widening conception of this fellowship let us put it into practice in the little things of life; not that we would make a better Gamma Phi Beta of Delta Zeta or any other group, but because the needs of today demand that we give the best ideals that we can produce, not to ourselves, but to others.

## SERVICE

BY LILLIAN W. THOMPSON, N. P. C. Delegate of *Gamma Phi Beta*

THE American women's fraternity movement is unique in history, for no such institution has grown up in any other age or country. It influences today several hundred thousand college women, and each year this number rapidly increases. As from this group come many of the leaders among women today, it is interesting to note what are the tendencies of the Panhellenic movement, how it harmonizes with world tendencies, and what training it affords its members.

Up to 1901 each fraternity developed along its own lines, owing very little to the influence of other fraternities. But as soon as a considerable group of fraternities formed the National Panhellenic



Congress, each fraternity became a part of a greater whole, and from this whole have come the influences that give to fraternities today their main characteristics. They have substituted peace for war in their relationships. This peace is securely based on personal acquaintance and warm friendships formed in the various Panhellenic meetings. They have established machinery for the settlement of all disputes arising among them. Local troubles are usually settled at college Panhellenics, but any that cannot be arranged there are taken to National Panhellenic Congress and there disposed of. Long experience has assured college women of the justice and impartiality of such decisions, and while some very serious difficulties have arisen there has always been wisdom enough to handle them. Again, barriers between sororities have broken down very largely in the past twenty-five years. Secrecy is a thing of the past except for the ritual and purely private affairs. Today, convention proceedings, financial statements, reports on scholarship, and accounts of experiments conducted by the fraternities are published in the magazines and copies are exchanged with all other N. P. C. fraternities and not a few men's fraternities. Thus a desire to share with friends all the benefits arising from successes has taken the place of the old desire to conceal. In all of this we discern the same longing for peace, justice, friendliness and the breaking of artificial barriers that we find in the great world about us. Surely women trained in such an atmosphere must be better fitted for citizenship, and of more value to their country because of fraternity experience.

A closer view of the growth of any fraternity will bring out more strongly still the possibilities for development open to fraternity women. Today fraternities exist in one hundred and twenty-six colleges and vary, usually, in number of chapters from thirty to seventy. The handling of so many groups of college women scattered all over the United States has forced fraternity officers to study organization. Almost all fraternities have divided their chapters into provinces, each with its own officers and convention. The fraternity as a whole is managed by both unpaid and paid officers, for so heavy has the work become that one or more women must devote their whole time to it. This has brought about the establishment of central offices, presided over by paid officials, who attend to all fraternity records, publications, correspondence, and finance. As much business passes through some of these offices as through the office of many a large firm, and the promptness, accuracy and courtesy with which it is handled would arouse the greatest admiration and astonishment were it not so usual. When one considers that the brains to plan all this and the money to sustain it come from quiet, unpretentious women, who handle the innumerable details without seeming to feel they are doing

anything remarkable, one is filled with a deep respect and admiration for the American woman, and a profound thankfulness that our country has such citizens to rely on.

So far we have been discussing chiefly the organization of fraternities, but the financial side is equally interesting. The amount of money paid in yearly by active and alumnæ members is very great. Today almost every fraternity has an endowment fund to protect its activities. These funds aim at fifty thousand dollars, but by no means stop there. Several fraternities have funds of over a hundred thousand dollars, handled usually by some great bank as a trust fund. There are also magazines funds, scholarship funds (to aid members to complete their college work) fellowship funds open to all college women, and even, in one fraternity, a fund to aid alumnæ who are ill or in trouble. The money involved in these funds is now a million or more, and growing rapidly. This however, does not begin to show what large sums of money are handled by women's fraternities. Every one of them is building houses as rapidly as possible and at every college where houses are practicable. Fraternity houses used to be modest frame affairs holding fifteen or twenty girls. Now they are handsome brick and stone mansions costing from fifty to eighty thousand dollars, and furnished in a style to harmonize with the house. The planning, financing, furnishing and running of such houses calls out all the talents the local alumnæ possess, and they are often aided by a national house committee whose wide experience is of great value. Beside spending money on themselves, fraternities give thousands in charities, enterprises which in themselves are a wonderful training for the women managing them. Those who carry through such projects, or boldly start to put up a million dollar Panhellenic Club house in New York, show a financial ability and get a financial training which is of great value to them and to their country. Finally, we are proud to say that in the handling of these large sums there has never been the least dishonesty.

The alumnæ, however, are not the only ones benefiting by fraternity life. The active girls have a training quite as valuable to them—a training that fits them to go out into home or business life better prepared to face problems than the ordinary woman. In chapter life they learn to live in and work for a group—to sink their personal preferences and find their pleasure in the good of the whole. The older girls train the freshmen, they all learn to be excellent hostesses, to manage a tea, a dinner, or a dance with with grace and efficiency. If the chapter has a house, countless problems connected with it must be solved, from building to managing the servants. Budgets are now required of all up-to-date chapters. These are fine training for later work in home or office. Scholarship must be kept up, the weaker sisters watched and



helped; rushing must be managed—a great task where a chapter has over a hundred girls to consider, as is often the case at present, and many Panhellenic rules to obey. Failure to meet these problems successfully brings disaster to the group, so there is every incentive for the modern active girl to put her best efforts into her chapter problems.

Enough has been said to show that a modern women's fraternity is a training school for character, citizenship, the problems of home, business, and country. Anyone who has watched fraternities develop and has seen women grow under the demands of fraternity life feels both grieved and astonished that the few outstanding faults of the system should have obscured in so many minds the marvelous training it affords. Talking with fraternity women, and with women from colleges where there are no fraternities, impresses one afresh with the value of the system, and enables one to sympathize with the present N. P. C. drive to encourage and guide new national fraternities, so that as many girls as possible may share the advantages of fraternity life.

## FRATERNITY DEVELOPMENT

BY NANCY B. WOOLLETT, *National President of Delta Gamma*

**T**O SELECT some one thing in which one is interested and to consider only that phase of Fraternity life is somewhat of a task. The many sides that have to be thought over in each day's occupation leave no time to select one special phase. We all have theories for keeping our fraternity small, or of increasing its size slowly and carefully; however strongly we may feel on this subject, there is one thing on which we all agree, and that is, how can we manage to do the work we aspire to do for our fraternity and at the same time take our part in the complex living of the present day. How find time to read the numerous books and articles laid on our desks! We all feel the need for reading and thought. So many problems come up for solution that have to have snap judgment and we draw only from experience. We really should find time for thoughtful deliberation.

Delta Gamma has ever sought to include in her official list women with interests outside the fraternity, that they might bring a wider understanding of life and problems to the advantage of operations and demands of administration. In most cases she exacts only part of her officers' time and thought, but there are many like myself, that feel they might use all their time were they free to do so. We look with desire upon those who are giving all their time to their office and envy them their task achieved.

There are some things that we feel are no longer experimental in our case. Some have been tried by others in similar form. We

have all borrowed from each other perhaps. Some time we look with envy upon the newer fraternities that have been able to build on the experience of the older ones. They have been able to escape many growing pains and make use of the best developments and policies.

The development of the Province Secretary system has done much for uniformity and understanding and the intimate problems of chapter life are properly adjusted by this method. The regular visiting and correspondence keeps the chapters aware of the national requirements and expectations. Only in rare cases need the detail of chapter problems come to the Executive Council for consideration. On the other hand the Executive Council can have a survey at any time of the exact conditions in the different provinces. The Province Secretaries' Conference is one of the important events of our Convention and serves as a clearing house for every phase of fraternity life. This is not only of value to the Province Secretaries, but is a great inspiration and stimulus to the Executive Council.

Placing the management of our Convention in the hands of a Permanent Convention Chairman promises to be a forward step. Conventions have become so large that experience is needed to get the most out of the time and money expended.

The centralization of all fraternity monies and depositing in a Security and Trust Company has eliminated all sense of insecurity or complication that might arise because of sudden death or accident to a national officer handling funds. The National inspection by a certified auditor of all chapter books gives a means of checking up on all expenditures to determine whether too much or too little is used and makes it possible to suggest changes when necessary as well as to suggest a budget where needed. These methods have come about not only because of the increase in the number of chapters, but because of the greater size of the individual chapters. This growth has demanded system and a certain uniformity in order that affairs might come to a happy conclusion at the end of each college year.

We look with interest on the fraternities that maintain a national inspector. We see the opportunity for regular and uniform dissemination of information and a close touch with the national fraternity. The national inspector undoubtedly can offer wise counsel in college Panhellenic affairs to her own group. Our chapters need constant education on ethical conduct for the individual members, the personnel, changing each year requires that each generation have the standards of good conduct instilled into it at regular intervals. Chapters as a whole do not transgress. I have great faith in group opinion and honor. However, chapters must assume responsibility for individual conduct and assume the



responsibility for individual honor and behavior. Those of us who do not have a national inspector must work through our Province secretaries and see to it that our chapters as a whole and as individuals strive for the highest ideals in personal and chapter conduct. This is not old fashioned stuff, for contact with the young people of today causes me to feel that never were ideals finer or higher. We hear much of liberty and license, but the chatter comes from the empty headed and not the great mass of thinking intelligent young women. The same is so often true in Panhellenic troubles. Here again the idle chatterer can cause so much annoyance. A crowd of level headed thinking girls must adjust affairs for which they are not responsible.

I wish we might create and maintain such a high standard of personal character within our groups that these ever new incoming members might catch the vision and feel honored indeed to carry on and further the best things in fraternities. Then the fraternity pin would indeed carry prestige and distinction.

Membership in any one of the national women's fraternities stands for certain definite requirements and should be a guarantee that fraternity women have met these requirements and that we have many things in common worthy of our mutual respect and as so many of us have proven, worthy of sincere friendships with members of other fraternities.

I feel honored to have Miss Barbee ask me to send her something for her Panhellenic number of *THE CRESCENT* of Gamma Phi Beta. Miss Barbee has done much to build up this mutual respect and friendship among fraternity women. We need more like Miss Barbee in the official places of our college women's fraternities. We all have so much that is of importance to our own fraternity life that I consider she has chosen a very generous method when she gives us space in *THE CRESCENT*.

## A KAT'S GARDEN OF VERSE

BY CLARA LYNN FITCH, *Kappa Alpha Theta*

### I.

**I**N rushing I get up by night  
And rush by yellow candle-light,  
I keep it up the same old way,  
And do not go to bed till day.

I have to go to class and see  
My patient profs all glare at me,  
I have no time to work or eat,  
I have so many girls to meet.

*The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta*

And does it not seem hard to you,  
When all the year is fresh and new,  
And I should like so much to play,  
To have to rush both night and day?

## II.

It is very nice to know  
A Theta every place you go,  
While pleasant chapters may be found  
Most every where this land around.

## III.

When I joined my fraternity,  
A golden kite they gave to me,  
And told me all its lore.

My heart was empty like a cup,  
But faith and friendship filled it up,  
Till it could hold no more.

## IV.

Little Kappa, and Pi Phi,  
Little Alpha, Phi or Chi,  
Little Delta, or D. G.  
Don't you wish that you were me?

You have loved the tall pine trees,  
Or the rose or fleur-de-lis;  
Have known many odd delights,  
Cookie-shines or mountain whites.

Such a life is very fine,  
But it's not so nice as mine.  
You must often, enviously,  
Wish you were a K. A. T.

All your pins are curious, quite,  
Mine is just exactly right;  
You have colors manifold,  
But I am fond of black and gold.

Little Alpha, Phi or Chi,  
Little Kappa, and Pi Phi,  
Little Delta, or D. G.  
O! Don't you wish that you were me?



V.

A pansy with a yellow head,  
Smiled at doleful me and said,  
"Think she will not join your Frat  
Aint you 'shamed, you 'fraidy-cat!"

VI.

Of blue and blue the Kappa sings,  
And tiny golden keys;  
The Delta sings of many things  
Pertaining unto seas.

The wine carnation is the choice,  
Where Pi Phi songs well up;  
The Theta lifts her joyful voice,  
And sings the loving cup.

VII.

When, to take my last degree,  
Who should climb but little me,  
I held my head with both my hands,  
And looked upon the earth's broad lands.

I saw my home, a garden, lie  
Adorned with flowers before my eye;  
And lands beyond the ocean's roar,  
That I had never seen before.

I saw the power of Theta run,  
Like some fair river in the sun,  
That keeps the fields from growing brown,  
And helps to clean the dirty town.

If I could gain a higher place,  
Farther and farther I could trace  
That smiling river, where it slips,  
Into the sea with moving ships.

To where the roads on either hand,  
Lead onward into fairyland,  
And children play in flowery places,  
Singing with clean and happy faces.

VIII.

This world is so full of a number of girls,  
I'm sure that we all may win prizes and  
pearls.

## IX.

The bus is at the door at last,  
 Reluctant Thetas mounting fast,  
 Yet backward gazing, sadly sing,  
 Goodbye, goodbye to everything.

To Eastern girls, and those from far,  
 Where the Pacific surges are;  
 To all Convention's dear delights,  
 The walks, the boats, the songs o' nights.

And fare you well forever more,  
 O dimpling lake, and woodsy shore,  
 O mountains where the blue mists cling,  
 Goodbye, goodbye to everything.

O friendly faces far and near,  
 So short a time to grow so dear!  
 Crack goes the whip, and off we swing,  
 Goodbye, goodbye to everything.

## WHAT OF OUR EDUCATION?

BY MARY C. LOVE COLLINS, *President of Chi Omega*

YOUR gracious editor, for whom it is a pleasure to grant a request, did not specify a subject for this symposium, so I'm going to take up what is the most interesting thing at this moment, 10:00 A. M., December 8, 1926. And yet, I am not fearful that by the time this appears, there may have occurred some of those disadvantages of long distance correspondence, about which Charles Lamb has written with such delightful humor.

It is a fact that the world is quite concerned about college women. The world is really wondering whether the thousands of women in our colleges and universities have enough intelligence to be there. You see, we were all brought up on the primary school curriculum of simplicity:

Fred has a sled.  
 Fred's sled is red.

And in the past we were accustomed on reaching maturity to change that formula to something like this:

Jane has a new dress, and  
 Jane's dress is blue.

But now the world is asking us educated women what we know about the economic and political factors back of the reality of Jane's dress, its quality, its design, its color and the fields, the mines, the machinery, the banks, the railroads, the tariff, taxation



and all other contributing and related factors. And in addition, the world is asking what we educated women know about the human forces without which these factors would not operate. Can we visualize this material body that the last one hundred and fifty years of industrialism has built around this world, and then, can we visualize the human beings who make this artificial, material body work?

Or are we educated women busy with modes of behavior that can be acquired by high grade morons? Are we concentrating on social charm and appearance, which are things within the reach of persons in the lower ranges of intelligence? Sh! Did you know that when a certain popular restaurant in New York employs hostesses it asks for high grade morons? Do not misunderstand me. The amenities ease living. However, manners and pleasing appearance should be incidental, not the goals in the lives of educated women. *We* can keep human and at the same time know one of the highest forms of zest which is control of a wealth of mental furniture, facts, the play of ideas, the analysis of human conduct and mastery of our own work. And then there is another fact which makes ignorance on the part of educated women rather pitiful. Almost ninety per cent of the current industrialism produces things for the home. The price, value, utility and appropriateness of this mass of production is very intimately our affair. Will we handle it in a manner that becomes our status as educated women on the upper levels of intelligence?

To our chapters I have just written that if I could I would give to each member a copy of December *Survey Graphic*. In it is a convincing article by one of the world's ablest psychiatrists, Dr. Beatrice M. Hinkle; also an article by Stuart Chase, the national foe of waste; a searching analysis by Dr. Eleanor Wembridge, who is psychologist for the Women's Protective League of Cleveland; and a discussion of a Y. W. C. A. questionnaire which evidences so clearly the struggle of women to discard certain herd *mores* and ways of thought. If you can master the vital truths in those articles you will avoid much torture later on.

## FROM THE CHATTERING SQUIRREL TO THE LADY MOON

BY EMILY H. BUTTERFIELD, *Editor of Alpha Gamma  
Delta "Quarterly"*

To Lady Moon,  
c/o THE CRESCENT,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Lady Moon:

**I**NDEED . . . I'm sure there must be a lovely Lady Moon . . . where THE CRESCENT is edited . . . but maybe you do not know me. . . . I am C. Squirrel and I live where the Alpha Gamma Delta *Quarterly* . . . is put together . . . C . . . stands for Chattering. . . . I really live on the shelf in the work room . . . and sleep in a little box right next to a row of "Exchanges" . . . but I just play all over the place in trees and . . . waste baskets . . . and any where. . . . I go to conventions with the editor person . . . and I chatter chatter as I go, my talk no one can sever, for freshmen come and freshmen go . . . but I chat on forever . . . except when I'm asleep. . . .

In the paper the other day . . . it said squirrels slept . . . all winter. . . . I do not. . . . In fact . . . I've read a bit about sleep lately . . . and in a book it said that sleep would knit up the raveled sleeve . . . of Care. . . . I suppose that care must be a coat . . . with a rather frayed sleeve . . . out at the elbows, short at the cuff. . . .

The other day the editor and I went to the Farmington College for Women. . . . I've been thinking about this raveling ever since . . . the girls said they went to college to learn how to live. . . . I'm no statistician or actuary but it seems sleep should constitute quite a . . . little part of living. Those Farmington College girls had holes in their coats of care. . . . Their fur coats were as warm and almost as nice fitting and comfortable as mine . . . tho' I do regret they choose to pre-empt so many squirrels occasionally . . . and wear the coats themselves . . . it's hard on a squirrel to be without its coat . . . but the sleeves of care . . . awful things . . . nerves sticking out and every time you happened to touch one . . . all excitement . . . feelings unprotected by nice comfortable sleeves because sleeves were all raveled out . . . you couldn't say "more strength to your right arm" . . . that arm was paralyzed with cold . . . no sleeve.

It's mighty uncomfortable to go thru' life with only one sleeve to your coat . . . because the other was all raveled.

These college girls were learning to live . . . learning how to teach school . . . be doctors . . . musicians . . . home-keepers



to earn their bread and butter . . . . learning how to so help their husbands that jam and honey and a bit of cheese . . . . mayhap . . . . might be added to their bread and butter on occasion. . . .

But I couldn't see how they were learning to get up . . . . in the morning . . . . nor how to go to bed . . . . or how to sleep . . . . and knit up the ravelings in that coat of care. . . . They slept in rooms all festooned with dance programs and banners . . . . there were chafing dishes and trunks . . . . and photos . . . . oh, photos . . . . and do-dads and photos . . . . there was no place for a squirrel to rest . . . . nowhere could they find a place to rest their thoughts . . . . or their eyes . . . . when they went to bed it was late and you could feel all the photos . . . . and papers and strange contraptions oggling at you out of the shadows. . . . I wanted to get back home where there was nothing but a plain bare shelf. . . .

The next night they let me sleep in the dorm . . . . it was cold. . . . I put on a couple of coats . . . . and slippers . . . . the bedding was thick . . . . and heavy . . . . and I finally got warm . . . . but I wasn't rested in the morning. . . . I heard this girl talk . . . . and that girl . . . . came in late . . . . it was a busy night . . . . but no sleeve of care got knitted up I can tell you!

Learning to live . . . . no self-respecting woman can go through life with only one sleeve in her dress . . . . better no sleeves at all. . . . A person I suppose . . . . can be college educated and not know how or when to sleep. . . . B.S. never means Bachelor of Slumber apparently . . . . nor does C.E. mean "calm education."

I asked the girls why they didn't put more money into their sleeping arrangements—nice downy mattresses etc. They said they did have some extra money . . . . their mothers advised putting it into bedding . . . . but they thought they'd rather have a baby grand . . . . and they have it . . . . and next time I'll sleep in it . . . . and see if slumber is soft and sweet. . . .

Nice comfy, healthy sleeping quarters . . . . generous lavatory and bathing accommodations . . . . I think, if I am but a squirrel . . . . will do more to make the girls of a chapter attractive, enthusiastic, scholarly, and . . . . lots of other things nice . . . . than baby grands and overstuffs or understuffs without the former. . . . No girl looks nice with the sleeve of care raveled out. . . . Dear Lady Moon. . . . I've chattered too much . . . . but I feel deeply . . . . about college life . . . . and so often . . . . the dears don't live . . . . just exist. . . . A chapter home . . . . could be so constructive a phase of cultural development . . . . but . . . . well I must say no more . . . . but Lady Moon . . . . dear . . . . you know don't you . . . . just . . . . how . . . . rest and good food . . . . and exercise . . . . and such . . . . build good scholastic grades . . . . beauty . . . . culture and, etc. . . .

There's . . . . a flock of quail . . . . under our discarded Christmas tree . . . . eating the corn . . . . I intended to get . . . . I must hurry . . . . Good bye, Moon dear, . . . . write me . . . . and let me know what you see in college towns . . . . up and down the land . . . .

Your admiring,  
C. Squirrel.

## ON BEING THE EDITOR OF "A CHILD'S GARDEN"

BY FRANCIS M. WIGMORE  
*Sigma Kappa*

*The world is so full of a number of things  
I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings.*

**T**HIS happy thought, taken from Stevenson's *A Child's Garden of Verses*, is the motto of *A Child's Garden*, the children's magazine.

A child's heart has been compared to a garden in which we, as parents, plant the seed. Good habit flowers will grow if we but implant in these precious gardens a love of good reading, an interest in birds and flowers and trees, a consideration for animals, a toleration for the little folk of other lands, in short a love for all the "number of things."

Some one has said: "There is only one door to Futurity—the door named Childhood. It is not enough that bodily hunger be satisfied, or that the roof keep off the rain. Childhood must be made rich and ample and self-sufficing."

In other words just as a child needs food for the body, so he needs food for the mind and spirit. *A Child's Garden* tries to do just this—to give food for the eager mind and spirit of the child, and by so doing to help make childhood rich and ample and self-sufficing. It aims to bring more joy into the world and a desire for right living and right thinking. *A Child's Garden* teaches a love of the beautiful in Nature, in Literature, and in Life. Its editor would like to see the Garden of Life wherein children dwell, the most lovely, the most beautiful and the most inspiring of all places in the world. For the children who learn something of the poetry of life in childhood, will ever keep part of its charm, its hope and its sustaining grace throughout the years.

And these children in turn will make the world a better place in which to live because of their childhood having been "rich and ample and self-sufficing."



The editor of *A Child's Garden* believes with Dorothy Canfield Fisher that

No number of expensive toys or fine clothes will make a child, starved of his real moral and intellectual food, either happy or good. . . . They are not the stuff from which human contentment is made. . . .

Maybe something will really happen as the innumerable army of parents learn over and over in the laboratory of the home that the requisites for human health and happiness are really not great possessions, material prosperity and predatory activities, but rather a fearless, loving life, well-balanced between physical and mental occupation, with creative activity for its joy, rather than the grabbing of toys from somebody else.

Who was it that said if you have written a story that will give help and pleasure to your fellowmen and if you keep that manuscript in your trunk, you are a criminal? You are depriving mankind of that to which they are entitled. You are withholding that to which they have a right.

The fact that this possession of others comes through you, does not give you any alternative but the duty of using it. And history has shown that they who realized they were custodians of divine gifts, in using these gifts, attained a sense of spiritual development that nothing else could give.

And as the writer has a high calling, so no less has the editor. It is the duty and privilege of the editor to place good stories before the public. To sift the wheat from the chaff; to find and publish the stories that have a spiritual quality and to discard those that have not this excuse for being.

Wasn't it Victor Hugo who gave this bit of advice to young authors: "Identify yourself with a great cause." Hugo threw himself into work for human progress and in so doing, conceived the plots of his immortal novels, while the cause, once obtained, is only a forgotten landmark in the story of human evolution.

The same advice applies to an editor, even with greater force. "Identify yourself with a great cause." Besides its great aim of making happier children and happier homes, you may have noticed that *A Child's Garden* has identified itself with the cause of World Peace. It has been widely praised for being the first children's magazine to have a constructive Page for Peace. Such men and women as Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, Dr. David Starr Jordan, and Lincoln Wirt, Western Secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, have contributed to this Page for Peace.

The editor has encouraged the children to name their favorite heroes of Peace and has published prize essays on "Heroes of Peace." She believes that a magazine has no excuse for being unless it has a high and worthy purpose. Dr. Mariana Bertola, President of the Women's Federated Clubs of California, whose

work for child welfare has made her realize the need of inspiring reading for them, says:

Dear Mrs. Wigmore:

I want to congratulate you on *A Child's Garden*. It ought to be a help to every mother who believes in guiding the thought of her children.

Mrs. Irene Welch Grissom, poet laureate of Idaho, says much the same thing:

I have often wondered if it was not a good deal of a struggle to keep your beautiful child's magazine going. You have high courage to attempt to realize the child's ideal reading.

I might state in passing that *A Child's Garden* is a labor of love for children, its editor never receiving a single penny for all her arduous work. And, also, that we are not paying for stories now, although we had planned to do so, but the terrible fire in Berkeley which nearly wiped out *A Child's Garden* at the start, was so devastating that we have been unable to do this, except to meet the payments on those already contracted for. Our many author friends have been magnificent and have seen to it that we never lack for copy.

Among some of the leading Greek contributors to *A Child's Garden* are Lindsey Barbee, author of several volumes of lovely little plays for children and editor of *THE CRESCENT*; Agnes Wright Spring, editor of *THE ARROW*, and author of many charming Nature stories; Theodore M. Collins, Alpha Chi Omega, and author of real life stories for children, and Edna Becker, Alpha Phi, who is a poet whose poems have won prizes in poetry contests.

Being an editor is not a "soft snap" by any means, for it requires close application that necessitates the giving up of most social pleasures. For several years I was editor of the Sigma Kappa *Triangle* and the editorial page was headed "From the Editor's Easy Chair." Now there was nothing *easy* about that chair but it was as child's play when compared with the manifold duties of this new editorship of a child's magazine.

Every mail brings manuscripts of every description, good, bad, and indifferent. Besides there are all kinds of letters from would-be poets without any conception of meter, to would-be brides, asking the editor's advice as to whether a girl can safely marry and yet go on with her work.

To all would-be writers for children may I give this message. Do not think that writing for children is an easy or simple matter, in fact it is far harder than writing for adults. The author must choose simple words but there must be no condescension. The child is quick to detect the least insincerity. It is always splendid to laugh *with* a child, but we must never laugh *at* him. Always remember that children are nearer the great Spiritual source than most adults, and they are very quick to see the spiritual value of



a story. There is never any need to preach; if the story is rightly told they will get the right reaction.

To all children I send my love and this message:

Now may your hearts be gardens gay,  
Where happy thoughts unfold always;  
So may you grow in beauty rare—  
The sweetest flowers found anywhere!

To all sister mothers and to those who minister to the well-being of children everywhere, let us keep those noble words of Norman Duncan ever in mind:

Whoso loves a child loves not himself, but God; whoso delights a child labors with God in His workshop of the world of hearts; whoso helps a child brings the Kingdom of God.

## OPPORTUNITIES

BY MARION MULLINS, *Kappa Delta*

IN ONE of our universities there lived and worked a great man whose personality permeated the entire institution and quickened the lives of those he taught. "He made men believe in themselves, in that he so mightily believed in *them*." "Through his confidence and love he compelled men to yield their best."

I feel that I can bring you no better message than some of his own words, and ask you to meditate on them and put them into practice. From his utterances I have culled those which are to me most valuable because they constitute a sort of Declaration of Rights, or rather, a Declaration of Opportunities for Collegians. Good behavior, good comradeship, good scholarship, good character—these are what we really seek in university, not athletic letters or many badges or dance programs. And these are normally the keynotes of our successive college years.

Freshmen must first of all be good citizens converted and baptized into the religion of public spirit, regular partakers of the obligations which the state lays upon citizenship.

There is no walk of life in which the power of sympathy is not the prime test. We are human beings; and human beings are social animals. The ultimate test of efficiency is always a social test. We have got to share our lives with others in order to have them normal. We are members one of another and we are not living in accordance with the facts if we think only our own thoughts, and sit nowhere ever except upon the lonesome throne of our own outlook.

The rate at which your knowledge will ripen into wisdom depends in considerable part upon your distinguishing between what is important and what is relatively unimportant. Some people seem never to know any difference between the footnotes and the headlines. What is true about knowledge is true about the general business of living: sooner or later if you are going to live the life of wisdom, you will have to decide what things are worth while, then gather together the will to do those things which are worthwhile, and leave out those things which are meaningless.

The abode and temple of truth among men is and can be found alone in personal

characters which hold their own helm and steer their own course . . . . You must choose for yourself the things that are worth while, and you must cast, though it be with pain, the other things aside. You must plot your course and steer it through by light of the worth while stars. To turn the face and look for applause or heed the sneers and detraction of men is to steer by the wisps of the fog.

## THE NATIONAL WORK OF ALPHA OMICRON PI

BY JOANNA DONLON HUNTINGTON,  
*Grand Secretary of Alpha Omicron Pi*

AT THE 1921 Convention of Alpha Omicron Pi which commemorated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity, a three-fold plan of national work was adopted. One aspect of the work features service to active members and active chapters of Alpha Omicron Pi; another offers educational service; and the third embraces philanthropic service. Of the many fields of endeavor that were considered, it seemed that in addition to service to our own undergraduate members and chapters, assistance to college women desiring to pursue graduate studies and work with handicapped children were proper fields for Alpha Omicron Pi's national work program.

The Anniversary Endowment Fund which was established in 1921 has already reached a total of nearly thirty-five thousand dollars. This Fund is built up by life subscriptions of members to the fraternity magazine, *To Dragma*. The principal is used for loans to assist active chapters in financing the erection or purchase of suitable chapter houses and to enable active members who need financial assistance, to complete their college work. These loans are made at interest and the income therefrom supports *To Dragma*. By this happy use of life subscriptions, Alpha Omicron Pi is able to assist undergraduate members and chapters in many cases where assistance is urgently needed and at the same time the financial support of the fraternity magazine is assured. Because the rate of interest is not high and does not prove burdensome, and because the Fund is able to lend without imposing the restrictions which banks and other lending agencies must require, real service is possible. The principal of all loans is repaid and is used over and over again.

To perform the second phase of Alpha Omicron Pi's national work, there was established a Graduate Fellowship of five hundred dollars to be awarded annually to a woman graduate of a college or university at which there was a chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi. Early experience showed that the greater number of applicants in each year were members of Alpha Omicron Pi; and awards in



the first few years were made exclusively to members of the fraternity. In order to avoid the possibility that this service might become limited to members of Alpha Omicron Pi, a second fellowship was established in 1925. One fellowship, which is known as the Ruth Capen Farmer Memorial Fellowship in honor of a deceased former Grand President, is available to members of Alpha Omicron Pi. The second which is also of the annual value of five hundred dollars and is known as the Alpha Omicron Pi Fellowship, is awarded only to non-members of the fraternity. During the present year the incumbent of the Alpha Omicron Pi Fellowship is a non-fraternity graduate of the University of California who is studying at the Sorbonne in Paris.

The phase of national work in which alumnæ generally are most interested is the fraternity's constructive aid to handicapped children. Already beds have been endowed, wards furnished, and other financial assistance rendered in hospitals for crippled children in cities throughout the country from Providence to Seattle and from Minneapolis to New Orleans. In some cities, clinics have been established and are supported by the local alumnæ. In one city a crippled child who is too weak to undergo an important operation which is absolutely necessary in her case, is being nourished and cared for by the alumnæ until she shall be in such condition that the operation may be performed. An endowment for the purchase of braces and appliances has been given to the Junior League Clinic in Nashville and a room in the Clinic has been equipped for the fitting of the braces. In over thirty cities and communities some form of the fraternity's work for handicapped children is being carried on and new units are being established rapidly. This phase of the national work is financed by voluntary contributions, with the assistance of national funds. The alumnæ are manifesting a personal and enthusiastic interest in the local units; and Alpha Omicron Pi hopefully anticipates that she will soon be rendering truly effective service by enabling handicapped children to become useful citizens through both corrective treatment and vocational training.

## SCHOLARSHIP, A PREREQUISITE FOR LIFE

BY ANNA M. KNOTE

*Executive Secretary of Alpha Xi Delta*

**I**N THIS day it is an accepted fact that large numbers of young people shall go to college and many and varied are the reasons. Some are seeking leadership and find an outlet for such desires in class, committee and organization offices; others desire athletic honors and the colleges offer ample opportunity to display their

prowess; one occasionally hears parents say that they are sending their children to college to give them the experience of being away from home for a year or two; the girl who is fond of society is often accused of attending college for the sole purpose of indulging in social activities; and among the many who go, there are to be found those who affirm that they are going to college "to get an education," although they may not know the real object of a college education.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke says:

The object of a college education is not to enable a man to earn a living, but to teach him how to enlarge and enrich his mental and moral life, to be more of a man, to be a real person and not a mere cog in the machine of industry or trade. The main thing is to teach him how to use his own mind and to understand the thoughts of others. No need to cram his memory with unassorted information like a junk shop.

Teach him through literature and science and philosophy how to see things as they are, imagine them as they might be, and to make them as they ought to be. Then you will have an educated man. And whatever he does he will do better because he can think and feel.

"Teach him through literature and science and philosophy" is the admonition. In the case of the college student this calls for the text book, the assigned task, hours of study and reading. His scholarship is at stake.

The college student may and should learn the great lessons of human adjustment through his associations with his fellow students; his ability to handle men and situations will be enhanced through his experience on committees and in various offices; he learns lessons while playing the game which he will scarcely learn in any other way; being a social creature he thrives on a normal amount of social life. But without exception the colleges were founded to "teach him through literature and science and philosophy to see things as they are, imagine them as they might be and to make them as they ought to be."

National fraternities have been joining forces with college faculties in their efforts "to enlarge and enrich the mental and moral life" of college students. For many years Alpha Xi Delta has emphasized high scholarship in her chapters and has worked out a system of chapter scholarship supervision which is bringing good results.

Each chapter has an Alumnæ Advisory Committee of three persons one member of which has supervision of the chapter's scholarship. The grades of all the girls and especially of the underclass girls are obtained at such frequent intervals as the college permits. Members who are not reaching the required grades are compelled to study a certain number of hours each week in the "chapter study room" which is supervised by upperclass girls. The Advisory Committee reports at stated intervals to the National Council of the scholarship standing of the chapter.



A national ruling requires that all chapters stand in the upper third in the scholastic standing of all N.P.C. fraternities on the campus. If there are but three fraternities in the college Alpha Xi Delta must not stand last. Frequent scholarship reports are sent to the Province President and to the National Council. If a chapter does not consistently hold the required national position, it is placed on probation until its scholastic standing is raised. A letter of commendation or disapproval is sent by the National Council to each college chapter once a year.

All chapters do not always reach the scholastic goal which is set for them by the National Chapter, but they all strive for it. The object is not to obtain required grades and standing but to appreciate the fact that the learning of the ages is at the disposal of college students if they are willing to capitalize effort in terms of enriched lives.

## FRATERNALISM IN NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS

BY VIOLET O. KEARNEY

*Grand President of Beta Phi Alpha*

**I**N 1923 Beta Phi Alpha received membership in the National Panhellenic Congress.

We are a young national and we have been beset by the many troubles that lie in wait for the inexperienced; and our officers have been confronted with problems that, although logical and unavoidable in our development, have been none the less difficult of solution. Always have we found ready assistance when we sought it from other members of the Congress.

To appreciate the fine spirit of comradeship that exists among the member organizations, one should be confronted with questions from this or that group asking for rulings on an alumnae policy that has scarcely been thought of, much less been formulated; should have to decide upon a financial policy that will apply to all parts of a national body without placing undue strain on one unit while undertaxing some other group better able to bear the burden; and at the same time should face the problem of constructing and putting into operation a system of province government that will allow the chapters the maximum of permissible freedom without sacrificing or compromising the authority of the Grand Council, at the same time instituting an intermediate governing body with duties so allocated that it will be advantageous to all concerned—one should find sheaves of letters on subjects such as these and a thousand and one more all clamoring for prompt decision, to appreciate the tremendous relief it is to

know that the developments of others may be had for our guidance, and to feel that, lacking experience and precedents ourselves, we still may have the benefit of the experiences of others who have trod the path before us.

Then, too, there is the ever-present problem of colonization. Being young we need contact with local clubs seeking nationalization. From the very fact of their age and size, the older and larger members of the Congress must necessarily pursue a more conservative policy than a young and rapidly growing fraternity, but it is vital to the younger order that they accept petitions from only worthy and highly desirable groups, for the petitioning local of today is the Beta Phi Alpha of tomorrow. For us to be recommended by a national not desiring further colonization is a compliment of distinct advantage, while to receive the names of responsible groups of a type we seek is of inestimable value.

The fraternal spirit that the group extends to the student is, in a large measure, extended by the National Panhellenic Congress to its member-fraternities, and as we are all striving to assist the college girl we are bound by the common interest in our purpose.

## CHAPTER HOUSE CHAPERONAGE

BY AGNES WRIGHT SPRING

*Editor of "The Arrow"*

**A**S NATIONAL organizations we pride ourselves upon our splendid endowment funds, our scholarship and loan funds, our big philanthropies, our latest model \$50,000 chapter houses, and upon numerous phases of our development.

In our zeal to reach out to fields afar are we giving the time and thought which we should to one of the most vital questions of the entire fraternity system—to the question of adequate chaperonage for our chapter houses? Are we working out a plan whereby each chapter whether big or small, rich or poor, can have the sort of chaperonage which we desire?

The word "chaperon" today does not have the same meaning that it had ten years ago. We do not need in our chapter houses a woman to act as a figure head, whose being there is a mere matter of formality.

We need house mothers to manage the chapter houses in an orderly, systematic way; to give atmosphere and culture to the homes; to be there as confidants to the young women of the chapters; to be as responsible for the health, welfare, moral and social development of each individual of the chapter as if each were a mother in her home.

Many chapters do have the finest care possible. Could we work out some plan whereby each chapter could have an equal chance?



To me the position of the house mother is one of the most important ones in the entire fraternity system. The house mother has it in her power to make or to disrupt a chapter. She should be permitted to have regular conferences with the executive committee of the chapter or with the advisory board of the alumnæ in order to discuss plans for social and financial affairs or the general welfare of the chapter. She has the opportunity to act as the balance wheel of the whole chapter.

As the chapter house system has developed, many women have taken positions as house mothers who are not trained for any particular work and who are therefore willing to serve the chapter for little or no salary. Much praise is due these loyal women who are sacrificing their time and strength for many groups.

But it is not fair to ask any woman to undertake the responsibility of chapter house chaperonage without adequate compensation. We demand much of her; we should compensate her in return.

No chapter should be permitted to operate a chapter house if it is unable to employ a satisfactory chaperon.

Investigation proves, too, that the best results are obtained when a competent woman acts not only as chaperon but as house manager. Logically she is more able to plan meals and to supervise the general running of the home than is a student whose time must necessarily be taken up with college duties. Such an arrangement also keeps the house mother happier.

No competent house mother would permit the food to be cut down in order that a grand piano or a new set of sun porch furniture could be purchased. Young student managers are not always so careful.

Some chapters which have been accustomed to the student manager system resent at first the interference of a house mother as manager. But in all cases reported where the house mother management plan has been tried it has been satisfactory both to the chapter and to the deans of women. In your own home—would you prefer to have your mother as manager or one of your sisters? The chapter house is a home.

As members of the National Panhellenic Congress could we organize and supervise a clearing house or bureau for house mothers? Some of our national organizations already maintain such bureaus on a small scale. I believe, however, that if we could conduct a service of this kind under National Panhellenic Congress that we would be able to assist many splendid women to find suitable positions and thus give to our chapters excellent guidance.

## STAR STUDIO

BY BEATRICE HERRON BROWN,  
*President of Alpha Chi Omega*

PETERBOROUGH! What pictures this word brings to mind—what dreams and what memories it conjures up. For some it brings back into freshness the wild beauty of dense woods, of mosses, of lovely flowers as one approaches Hillcrest, the MacDowell home, and the "Log Cabin" which juts out from a steep hillside. Or it may place one's feet again on the veranda of the Cabin, with Mount Monadnock facing and the melodies of the forest encompassing. But to Alpha Chi Omega it brings to mind a studio deep in the heart of the forest—Star Studio with its peace, its traditions, its fullness of purpose and achievement, and its everlasting contribution to the world through art in its broadest sense.

Almost twenty years ago a member of the National Council who had been a pupil of MacDowell interested Alpha Chi Omega in the MacDowell Colony which had at that time been but recently founded. The response from the fraternity was wholehearted and generous, so that the Studio was soon built and was later permanently endowed by a gift to the Association. Like our own Mrs. MacDowell, the fraternity builded more wisely than was known. How could anyone foresee in those early days the far-reaching importance of these forest workshops to American art in its various forms. It has been proved beyond a doubt to an ever skeptical public that an idealistic community has existed practically in New England. And Star Studio has played its own distinctive part.

This Studio is tucked away among giant pines out of sight and hearing from the road that passes Hillcrest. Its large fireplace and large north window give it a charm and homeliness all its own; the brick-red tile of the floor lends warmth and cheeriness while the simple but lovely hangings and the practical furnishings make for comfort. As one looks out through that north window, glancing up from the desk, the grandeur of the forest with the intermittent patches of blue sky inspires one anew and the silence broken only by nature's melodies brings peace which stimulates the best of mind and body. And the peace and solitude is unbroken throughout the day, for quietly as if by fairy hands a basket of lunch is left on the steps at noon.

The Studio has been occupied mostly by literary artists. Mr. Parker Fillmore, a writer of stories about children, has occupied it many seasons; Belle McDiarmid Ritchey, who writes under the nom de plume "Elizabeth Wier," has used it; several gifted writers



and playwrights have had the privilege of working in it; and others who are doing splendid creative work. The opportunity is open to all for the Edward MacDowell Association is unprejudiced so far as the arts are concerned. Painters, writers, sculptors, poets, composers—all are welcomed. The close association of the various arts brings inspiration and good to all. This experiment of an artistic community based on such a broad and far-reaching principle was of great interest to Alpha Chi Omega because upon the same belief was the fraternity founded.

## FRATERNITY MAGAZINES

BY EMILY PEIRCE SHEAFE, KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA,  
EDITOR OF *The Key*

**N**O ONE doubts the usefulness of fraternity magazines. The useless dies, and there is no indication of death in the many vigorous organs now serving their organizations. The problem is to make this useful vehicle fulfill its purpose to the maximum.

To serve the active chapters is of first importance. Their contact with the many groups scattered over the country is mainly through the chapter letters. Through them they become acquainted with the characteristics of other chapters, are roused to emulate their worthiness, to compete in scholarship. So much depends then on the correspondent that I would urge every chapter to select their ablest journalist for that work, and try to keep the same correspondent for more than one year. The most successful letters are those that deal not only with honors won and conferred, but which give news of the college, of activities outside the chapter that are of interest to any college woman. Tell what other fraternities are doing, what new developments there are in courses offered or experiments tried. Only a brief notice of these is sufficient. If they are of great importance, be sure your editor will be asking for more details for a story. The letter should be compact and crammed full of interest.

The alumnae have come to be so vital a part of a fraternity that it is essential their interest shall be held and their power as an organized group conserved for the good of the younger generations. Alumnae letters keep graduate members in touch and also give the fraternity at large information about the various means of support devised by these older women for the national undertakings. That is all good, but it is not enough. The magazine is a means of presenting such material concerning colleges, and their problems, women's work in the world, and interfraternity matters that the girl leaving college will never have a chance to smother her interest in these matters in the everyday details of



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living. There is the opportunity for the fraternity magazine! Keep alive that enthusiasm for these problems. Keep alive the college girl attitude toward them. That youthful point of view will do no harm to the wisdom of experience and will aid greatly in keeping our chapters supplied with wise and sympathetic councilors. For the woman who keeps fresh her interest in college and kindred matters, will if possible, keep close to an active chapter and be ready to help in any way she can.

The purely literary has small space in most fraternity magazines. Although the women's magazines began their careers as fields for the literary labors and intellectual cultivation of the girls, to give fraternity news, and to summarize current topics, they gradually evolved into their present state almost entirely devoid of literary contributions. I think it is a pity to lose the opportunity for stimulating the creative faculty of our girls by giving them an outlet for their products. Alumnæ and actives are equally interested in original work from the chapters and an editor's dream is to have voluntary contributions coming in constantly to lighten the pages of facts. I might add the editor's nightmare is to write fifty letters asking for contributions and yet to find when going to press no verses, skits, stories or essays to fill the vacancies.

There is a real need for the fraternity magazine. To fill that need, your editor has to rely upon your interest and good nature. With the aid of your contributions she must keep a nice balance between active interests and alumnæ interests and by means of begged, borrowed (I hope never stolen) articles she must keep alive the fire of enthusiasm aroused by your alma mater and fostered by your chapter. Isn't it worth while to help?

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## CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Chairman, Mrs. Paul Borland (Gladys O'Connor, Epsilon), 1333 Tonby Avenue, Chicago; Mrs. George Walsh (Eleanor Trueman, Beta); Mrs. Stuart Fox (Ruth Bartels, Epsilon); Lucile King (Epsilon); and Beatrice Lumley (Epsilon).

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Owing to an unforeseen delay, the committee has not been able to send all information in regard to convention for this issue of the magazine. All details of the June event will appear in the next CRESCENT.

## AT OXFORD SUMMER SCHOOL

BY ANNA A. RAYMOND, *Delta*

[The editor is fortunate in having this most interesting and instructive article to use as one of a series devoted to student life in foreign universities, with a Gamma Phi as the writer of each article. In the September CRESCENT, Beatrice Edwards of Theta chapter gave a glimpse of Lausanne and we trust that other contributions may follow.]

Anna Raymond is well known to all Gamma Phis. A former inspector, the present president of Milwaukee Alumnae chapter, and the principal of Milwaukee-Downer Seminary, she is a member of whom the sorority is exceedingly proud, and whose achievements have been many.]

ON JULY 10, two hundred graduates of American colleges and universities arrived at Oxford, the members of the first session of Oxford Summer School for American Women Teachers and Graduates. There are four colleges for women at Oxford, and all were open for the entertainment of the Americans. St. Hilda's is nearest the center of town, located just across the Magdalen Bridge at the foot of High Street. Lady Margaret's and Somerville are about half a mile beyond the Carfax which is the town square, Lady Margaret's on the river, and Somerville to the West; and St. Hugh's is a little farther from town, just off the Banbury Road. Each college has its own residence, library, chapel and dining hall, and its own garden, beautiful and secluded and bright with flowers in typical English fashion. The directors of the colleges made an attempt to reproduce as nearly as possible during the brief summer



session the actual conditions of term times. The dons, as the professors are called, were in residence and dined daily in a dignified row at the high table elevated at one end of the long dining hall. There were brief daily chapel exercises; tea was served daily in the dining room; and according to immemorial English custom the college gates were locked at 11:00 P.M. It is said that no one is ever admitted after that hour, and certainly no Americans wished to run the risk of seeing whether they could get in.

The lectures paid high compliment both to our scholarship and our energy. Usually there were four a day, three in the morning and one in the evening. The lecturers were most of them from Oxford, but a few also from Cambridge, Birmingham, and various other universities of the United Kingdom. They included such scholars as Miss Ethel Seaton who has recently published a book on Christopher Marlowe and his poetry; Professor Lascelles Abercrombie of the University of Leeds; Sir John Marriott, late Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, and now Member of Parliament for the City of York; the Honorable H. A. L. Fisher, Warden of New College, Secretary of Education in Mr. Lloyd George's cabinet in the war years, who attended several of the lectures and himself spoke two or three times. Eighteen days are clearly not long enough for a thorough course in either English Literature or History. There was ample opportunity, however, for visitors from overseas to discover the English point of view in historical and literary studies, and to experience the soundness of English scholarship and the sanity and fairmindedness with which English scholars can handle even the most controversial subjects. And what a joy it was to listen to the speech of those Oxford men and women, their low vibrant voices, and their words chosen with a discrimination and power not only delightful to our ears, but illuminating to our minds. We had time also to become acquainted in some measure at least, with the great institution which has for so many centuries been the center of the intellectual life of our mother country. I think we all found four daily lectures a little too strenuous a program, and most of us cut an occasional lecture in order to have time for more sight-seeing. No examinations were given at the end of the course, and no certificate of attendance or credits earned; indeed, very few people found time for study, though probably everyone took lists of books to be read later, and enjoyed new glimpses into interesting fields for further study. In this, too, there was a real reproduction of term conditions at Oxford for the undergraduate "comes up" for lectures, conferences with his professors, and all the activities to be enjoyed in university centers. He "goes down" for vacation time to weeks of reading, writing of papers, and hard study.

The afternoons were purposely left free for friendly visiting and for sight-seeing. Graduates of the colleges whose homes are in Oxford were most cordial in entertaining small groups of visitors and in giving their time to take them from one historic site to another. The principals of the colleges were at home on several afternoons and with the dons were nearly always to be found in the evening on the terrace or in the gardens, interested and friendly both to explain Oxford customs and to hear of work and play in American colleges. One evening the local chapter of the British Federation of University Women gave a reception in the gardens of St. Hugh's to all the American visitors. Two all-day excursions were made also—one including Warwick Castle, the ruins of Kenilworth, and Sulgrave Manor, home of the ancestors of George Washington; the other to Stratford-on-Avon where we saw an excellent company play the second part of *Henry IV*. One afternoon also, Lady Astor, just before her departure for her vacation in America, entertained the whole school at her beautiful estate, Cliveden, and Lady Fitzherbert, another American peeress, later entertained a small group at Kingston Lyle.

Besides attending lectures and coming to know our friendly English hostesses, we tried to see as much as possible of the scenes of great events of the old days. There were many colleges to be visited, and wonderful gardens and green lawns in which to rest. Monuments of historic interest were found more numerous than the days in which to visit them. Walking in St. John's gardens, for instance, one climbs a low, tree-covered mound and finds that it was built by the Danes for a part of one of their camps. Bounding the same gardens is a fragment of the old city wall, and one learns that along its summit King Charles and Queen Henrietta used to walk in the evening when the Cromwellians were besieging Oxford. Daily, on our way to and from lectures, we passed the Martyrs' Memorial, a cross marking the site of the martyrdom of Latimer and Ridley. Across the Broad Street from the Martyrs' Memorial is a monument in the form of a cross commemorating the Oxford men who fell in the Great War. West of the Carfax one tower still rises where formerly was a huge castle, the birthplace of Richard the Lion Heart. To find it, one passes through Rewley Road, and Rewley is the name of an old abbey which was built in Norman days but torn down now centuries ago. Its only remainders are a few beautiful carved columns and doorways set into modest houses of workmen in the poorer part of the city. Walking the streets of Oxford, one comes to think of centuries as very short, for many of the Oxford Colleges were founded long before our own country was even discovered; University, the oldest of all, dates from 872, and Merton from 1264, and New College has been new ever since 1386. Residents of Oxford, guiding you



to places of real interest, will hurry by St. Giles' Church, for instance, saying "Oh yes, it was built in the Twelfth Century, but there really isn't anything unique about it."

As the end of the session came, there were many questions whether other sessions might be held in succeeding years. There will be none in 1927, but probably a similar course will be offered in the summer of 1928. Some of the people who attended the course this year apparently expected it would provide an orderly series of lectures on some one theme, a substitute, perhaps, for a semester of graduate work in one's major. That it does not do, but its wider range of subjects, with the opportunity to hear many of the finest of the English professors and lecturers, seems to me a more valuable thing than could be gained by concentrating for so brief a time upon one subject. Many of us have not time nor opportunity for a semester of foreign study, and in no other way than through this course could gain even the short experience of life in a foreign university. England, moreover, while foreign is also our mother country and very strangely homelike and dear. "That sweet city with its dreaming spires," its quiet gardens, and winding river, and possibly a part of its spirit have become ours who lived there even for eighteen days.

## CHARLES MELVILLE MOSS

THE death of Dr. Charles M. Moss, husband of Francis Haven Moss and for years a loyal friend of the sorority, has brought sorrow not only to many members who claimed him as personal friend, but to each chapter of the organization. Those of us who met Dr. Moss in Syracuse after the last convention (strangely enough on the anniversary of his marriage to Francis Haven) will remember with pleasure his charming courtesy to each wearer of the crescent, his personal interest in each achievement of the convention, and his enthusiastic share in each event of that memorable day when, all together, Gamma Phis from every section of the country congregated in the Alpha Chapter House and visited with delight the college city in which Gamma Phi Beta was founded.

It is hardly necessary to review for any member of Gamma Phi Beta the distinct service of Dr. Moss in the early days of our sorority, for his name is inseparably connected with the founding of Gamma Phi Beta. He shared in the drawing of the pin; he wrote the blessing used ever since by thousands of college girls, and also the beautiful "Hymn to Gamma Phi Beta"; he was instrumental in the founding of Omicron Chapter and always took a vital interest in the affairs of the chapter. He was an enthusiastic member of Psi Upsilon and trusted adviser of the chapter at the

University of Illinois; and for years he has held a position of highest trust in the faculty of this same institution.

Many beautiful tributes to Dr. Moss have been published, and we have selected from the *Daily Illini* a short account of his career and a portion of an editorial.

#### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR PROF. MOSS TO BE TOMORROW

Funeral services for Prof. Charles Melville Moss, professor emeritus of the department of classics, who died Monday night at his home, will be held at 2:15 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the family residence, 606 South Mathews Street, Urbana.

The Rev. James C. Baker, pastor of Trinity Church, and a close friend of Prof. Moss, will be in charge of the services. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Prof. Moss had been ill for a week before his death with an attack of pneumonia.

Prof. Moss, who was active in the department of classics from 1891 until 1918 when he was appointed professor emeritus, came to the University from Illinois Wesleyan where he was professor of Greek from 1879 until 1891.

He received the bachelor of arts, master of arts, and doctor of philosophy degrees from Syracuse University in 1870, 1880, and 1883 respectively. From there he went to Victoria College, Coburg, Ontario, where he was adjunct professor of Greek until he went to Illinois Wesleyan.

Prof. Moss was deeply interested in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a life-long member. He has served on the board of the local church since 1907.

He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the University State Bank. He was a member of Psi Upsilon and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities while at Syracuse and was also a member of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South.

He remained at Illinois Wesleyan for 12 years. During that time he did a small amount of writing for monthly publications as well as establish a remarkable contact with his students. Articles such as "The Philosophic Basis of Political Parties," "Pantheism and Cognition," and "The Philosophy of Individual Social Growth" were published in *The Statesman*, *The Methodist Review*, and *The Andover Review*. He was also author of the *First Greek Reader*, published in 1885.

In his twelfth year at Illinois Wesleyan, after considering a number of offers, he decided to accept a professorship at the University of Illinois.

Professor Moss was one of the few professors who believed that many present-day assignments are too long for the student to be able to master his subject thoroughly. It was a favorite saying of his that young people were his hobby. His classes always began with a discussion of some topic of particular interest to his students.

Professor Moss, a life-long member of the Methodist church, became a member of the Trinity church here in 1909. He was a member of the church board from that time until his death. When the present organ was installed in Trinity, Professor Moss toured the country at his own expense, visiting churches and organ manufacturers, in order that Trinity might have the best. In the light of this experience he wrote a pamphlet on choosing church organs that is still widely used. Professor Moss in his later years was a staunch friend of Wesley Foundation and was a member of the building committee of the New Trinity church.

He had four children, all of whom received degrees from the University of Illinois. Haven H., who graduated in the class of 1905, died shortly afterwards. In his memory Prof. Moss established a scholarship fund in the Wesley Foundation. The two daughters, Mary Frances '05, and Alida Helen '18, were both elected into Phi Beta Kappa. The older is now the wife of the superintendent of schools at Elkhart, Ind., and the younger is Mrs. Skinner of Rockford, Illinois. His son, Charles Taylor Moss '07, is a physician in the Twin Cities.



## THE WORK OF THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF PREHISTORIC RESEARCH

BY EDNA THUNER, *Beta*

TO GO to France and excavate for remains of the men who lived fifty and sixty thousand years ago seemed to me an alluring prospect indeed, and such was the opportunity afforded me on an expedition sent out by the American School of Prehistoric Research, which is one of the schools founded under the auspices of the American Archaeological Society. There were six members plus the director and his wife, and a group of greater enthusiasts one could never meet.

In France, in the region of the Dordogne, ancient man found a good and comfortable place to live, according to his standards, in the many rock shelters of that section. Great overhanging brows of rock, worn out of the limestone cliffs, gave a long sheltered space under which man had plenty of room to live. He probably went into these shelters as the weather grew colder, blocked the chill winds by an outside wall of boughs, and with a fire within and his body covered with skins, he found he could protect himself and his family from the cold and the animals without.

In order to have all the room necessary for the family group, he threw all old implements, bones he had been munching, etc., down the hillside. Gradually the dust would settle down on this debris and through the years, for those are countless years, they would be covered and buried. And is it not wonderful and romantic that we modern folk can dig into the earth and there find these many and interesting remains out of which we can reconstruct the life of ancient man?

Now, for the digging. We began to dig a trench at the bottom of one of these hills below a rock shelter. We used a small digging tool about ten inches long with a fine point at the end. As most of the implements were made of flint, one cannot dig with a pick and shovel for it would be serious if any were broken. So one picks away carefully and lo! a point of flint sticks out. Slowly the earth is taken away, kernel by kernel, and a flint cleaver is disclosed. It is placed in a box or basket, being later collected and washed and laid out for examination at the end of the day by all members of the staff.

Wherever man lived he seemed to have stayed for many years, for the implements are many and very close together. One finds teeth and remains of animals, small and large hammer stones with which they chipped their flints, and occasionally a knife made of crystal or a fine quartz which in all probability was the choice and favorite tool of some prominent man in the group. Such finds

are rare and the cause of great rejoicing for one feels as if one were really contributing to the sum total of human knowledge by discovering such an unusual piece. Strangely enough, at the end of the day one always recognizes the finds one dug up oneself, for as you carefully work out each find, you notice its shape and chipping most intently, although twenty pieces may be the daily average.

The interest and enthusiasm of the diggers never lags and in rain or sun they continue to live in imagination with their friends of long ago, handling their tools with real affection, and reconstructing their lives and habits from the material at hand. Indeed, even at the end of a long day there seems no convenient stopping place and one ceases one's activities with the thought of renewing them again early the next morning. The discussions that go on constantly about what this and that mean also add zest to the day's work, and for a joyous and stimulating task, I heartily recommend archaeological research. This is just a mere instantaneous glimpse of the work of the American School.

## CONFERENCE OF PROVINCE FIVE

PROVINCE Five held its first conference in Denver on November 26-27 with Theta and Denver Alumnæ chapters as hostesses. Theta was represented by Genevieve Young; Pi, by Florence Frohm; Tau, by Ruth Mechling; Psi, by Katherine Younger; Denver, by Kittie Lee Clarke; Lincoln, by Clarice Green. Helen Berg Kline, province secretary, was the delegate from Oklahoma City. Alpha Zeta, Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, Austin and Omaha sent no delegates.

The business meetings were held in the drawing room of the Brown Palace Hotel, with Madaline Miller, province director, presiding. Many topics of common interest were informally considered; the adoption of a province social service of the Denver camp for underprivileged children was discussed; province dues were fixed; suggestions for various problems were offered; traditions were exchanged; and a spirit of cooperation and friendliness was developed. Pi Chapter extended her invitation to the province for the 1927 Conference.

Following is the program of business and events.

### SOCIAL FEATURES OF THE CONFERENCE

Mid-day luncheons when alumnæ, college girls and pledges met in celebration of the Conference were most enjoyable. The tea on Friday afternoon at the lovely new home of Kittie Lee Clarke was delightfully informal; and alumnæ from other sororities were given an opportunity to greet the delegates and guests. Friday



evening, the informal supper at the Lodge was followed by a program prepared by the pledges. As Beta Theta Pi was holding a state reunion at this time and was celebrating by a large ball, and as the Panhellenic of Denver University was giving its annual dance, the delegates divided their time between the two events, and had the chance to become a part of the college and fraternity life.

On Saturday afternoon, perfect weather favored the delegates, and a motor trip to Lookout Mountain, one of the scenic beauties of Denver, gave a glimpse of the far-famed Rockies. Saturday evening found alumnae, college girls, and pledges at the Colburn Hotel where a formal dinner was held. Huge bouquets of autumn flowers formed the decorations, and a bridge party followed the dinner.

MADALINE MILLER (*Theta*).

### GAMMA PHI BETA PROVINCE CONFERENCE

November 25th, 26th, 27th, 1926 Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado

#### MEETINGS

##### THURSDAY

Delegates and Guests Arrive

##### FRIDAY

10:00 A. M.—Meeting

1:00 P. M.—Lunch at Colburn Hotel

2:30 P. M.—Meeting

4:30 P. M.—Tea. Home of Kitty Lee Clarke, 776 Vine Street

7:00 P. M.—Dinner and Entertainment at the Lodge, Theta Chapter, Hostess

##### SATURDAY

9:30 A. M.—Meeting

12:30 P. M.—Lunch. Olin Hotel

2:00 P. M.—Meeting

Note: Weather permitting, the business of this meeting will be held in the morning and a ride through the mountain parks will be taken.

6:30 P. M.—Informal Dinner and Bridge, Colburn Hotel

#### PROGRAM

##### FRIDAY MORNING

Opening Exercises

Greetings from Hostess Chapters

Reports from Province Chapters: Theta, Pi, Tau, Psi, Alpha Zeta, Denver, Omaha, Lincoln, Fort Collins, Colorado Springs, Oklahoma City, Austin.

Review of Thirty-fourth Convention

Informal discussion of: National finances, Central office, The Magazine, Convention, Endowment Fund, Social service, Revised Constitution.

##### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Discussion of Province Organization: (1) Province Conferences, (2) Province Inspection, (3) Province Co-operation, (4) Province Dues, (5) Province Social Service.

##### SATURDAY MORNING

Informal discussion of: (1) Scholarship, (a) Incentives, (b) Enforcement; (2) Panhellenic, (a) rushing rules, (b) spirit of local Panhellenic; (3) National examinations; (4) Rushing.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Round Table for Greek Letter Chapters: (1) Chapter traditions and celebrations; (2) Value of alumnae adviser; (3) Value of Mothers' Club; (4) Methods of financing and building Chapter Houses; (5) Relation of chapter to Dean of Women; (6) Entertainment of—alumnae, faculty, other Greek letter representatives, inspector, college men.

Round Table for Alumnae Chapters: (1) Alumnae meetings—kind, time, membership, program; (2) How to arouse and keep alumnae interest; (3) Methods of helping college chapters; (4) Methods of raising money; (5) Scholarship awards to college chapters.

## CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Theta, University of Denver; Pi, University of Nebraska; Tau, Colorado Agricultural College; Psi, University of Oklahoma; Alpha Zeta, University of Texas; Denver Alumnae Chapter; Omaha Alumnae Association; Lincoln Alumnae Association; Ft. Collins Alumnae Association; Colorado Springs Alumnae Association; Oklahoma City Alumnae Association; Austin Alumnae Association.

## OFFICERS

Province Director, Madaline Miller; Province Secretary, Mrs. Walter J. Kline.

## CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lindsey Barbee, Louis R. Wyatt, Ruth C. Hull, Helen S. Crowder, Dorothy M. Hilliker, Margaret D. White, Maxine Hair, Genevieve Miller.

## PUBLICITY

**G**AMMA Phi Beta has always been proud of Maud Hart Lovelace of Kappa Chapter; and we read with great pride and pleasure the following tribute to her novel, *The Black Angels*. From the John Day Company of New York City comes the article which we append, together with this note:

November 19, 1926

Dear Miss Barbee:

The enclosed story about Maud Hart Lovelace, author of *The Black Angels* has been prepared as an exclusive release for THE CRESCENT of Gamma Phi Beta. I hope that you will want to run it in your Christmas Number. Won't you send us a copy of THE CRESCENT containing it?

Very truly yours,  
LOIS WHITCOMB,  
Editorial Assistant

## SPECIAL TO THE CRESCENT

Among the novelists making their debut this season is Maud Hart Lovelace, of Kappa chapter, author of *The Black Angels*, published by The John Day Company of New York.

Although Mrs. Lovelace has been known for some time as a writer of short stories and sketches, *The Black Angels* is her first entry in the field of book-length fiction.

The new novel takes its title from its chief group of characters, the black-haired Angels, who set forth as an operatic and concert troupe, journeying through the Middle West of the Sixties.

Mrs. Lovelace, who was born in Minnesota and has spent most of her life in that state, was thoroughly familiar with the background she used in the story. She



gained much additional information by research in old newspaper files and local records.

Accepted by the first publisher to which it was submitted, the book was published in October, and has won much favorable comment from distinguished critics throughout the country.

The *New York Times*, after saying that the story "boasts a plethora of sure-fire appeal," continues: "Readers will find this story genuinely pleasing. Mrs. Lovelace has succeeded in endowing the Angels with temperament in a way which avoids making them exotic. They were a color-loving crew and she limns them colorfully. In fact she has had in *The Black Angels* the good fortune to unearth a peculiarly picturesque period; she possesses the artistry to keep her story definitely in that genre."

Billy Graves says, in the *Ohio State Journal*: "It has a vitality, a life-likeness about it. The characters throb with vivid life, their words and actions are prompted by irresistible love of joy and desire for happiness. I could scarcely lay the book down."

The *Boston Evening Transcript* says: "We meet *The Black Angels* singing, the book continues to sing."

The *New Orleans Times-Picayune* calls it "one of the pleasant surprises of the year, 'a gripping yarn authentically done.'"

The *Oregon Sunday Journal* says: "This author has achieved a delightfully romantic touch that charms with its piquancy."

The *November Book Review* says: "Spend an April afternoon on a windy hill-top or a sun-bright cliff above a sea. Or, in lieu of that, for the same crispness, the same golden mood, read *The Black Angels*."

And we have quoted but a handful of the scores of such press comments.

### From the *Minnesota Alumni Weekly* we quote:

Ex '15—Another University of Minnesota alumna is winning fame in the literary world—to judge from the enthusiastic reviews that have greeted the appearance of Maud Hart Lovelace's first novel, *The Black Angels*, published by The John Day Company of New York.

Mrs. Lovelace, who was born in Mankato, Minnesota, in 1892, began her literary career early. Her first published story appeared in the *Minnesota* while Mrs. Lovelace was a student at the University, and was praised by Dr. Maria Sanford. Other short stories followed, many of them published in national magazines.

After her marriage to Delos W. Lovelace, during the war, Mrs. Lovelace continued her writing of short fiction. She and her husband, who is also a free-lance writer, spend much of the year traveling, the remainder at their home at Lake Minnetonka.

*The Black Angels* was more than two years in the writing. Much of that time was spent in research, consulting old newspaper files and local records. When the background was definitely established, Mrs. Lovelace forsook the library, and went into seclusion to complete the book.

Eleanor Quass of Alpha Eta chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University has brought national recognition—and honor—to Gamma Phi Beta by the following paragraph which, accompanied by a charming photograph, has appeared in papers all over the country. K. W. Fischer of *Banta's Greek Exchange*, enclosing a clipping from the *Indiana Star*, writes: "This is quite unusual—to see a note concerning Gamma Phi Beta in an Indiana paper, except news of the Indiana Alumnæ Association."

Although Miss Eleanor Quass has bobbed hair and goes to dances, she doesn't think college girls, ought to smoke. Miss Quass, a senior at Ohio Wesleyan univer-

sity, is not only head of the Women's Panhellenic council, but is president of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and, as such, has put her foot down on smoking by sorority girls. This is her latest photo.

In regard to this clipping, the editor publishes the following letter from Eleanor Quass.

Your letter has suggested to me that perhaps I ought to explain to my sisters all over the country just how the *publicity* came about. But, really, as to how it *did*, I've known very little till just recently. The whole thing came to me as "quite a shock" and I heard about my picture from Cold Water, Florida, to Wyoming, and then up to Hamilton, Ontario, in Canada until I wasn't surprised at *anything*! The facts are that I never have made any statements concerning smoking; we have never had much trouble at Wesleyan—it has never been an issue. And perhaps I should admit that I've never been enough interested in it for myself or anyone to have any particular views. I do believe that I'd agree with the article in the paper about it and me, but I was quite furious for a few days because I had never been interviewed concerning anything for a newspaper, neither did I have the picture used by the Central Press. But I'm arousing your curiosity—and this is how it all happened!

Wesleyan's Development Program for some time has been occupying the attention of our Alumni Office. And perhaps their publicity man is supposed to be a *crack* publicity man, but I've an idea he oversteps. He found my photo at Bodurthas Studio—it had been taken for a Christmas gift and I was keeping it secret (until it appeared all over the country!). Then the article was attached, and that is the beginning of the story. I was really provoked. Though I should be glad that the write-up is not a disgrace; and it has been rather amusing, too. I have decided that I am glad to do my share towards helping the Development Program, though perhaps, if I tell too many times how it all happened, it wouldn't help much.

#### From the *Minnesota Daily*:

Gamma Phi Beta sorority was called the most effectively decorated house on the campus by the judging committee. The theme was simplicity plus effectiveness, they stated. Against a black background dotted with white stars loomed the enormous end of a covered wagon.

Airdrie Kincaid Pinkerton is an accomplished and prominent member of Kappa chapter, and her sister, Zoe Kincaid Pinkerton, is known internationally for her literary work. The following clipping about a future Gamma Phi, was culled from a front page article of the *Ventura Star*, of which Roy Pinkerton is editor. Polly Pinkerton (isn't it an ideal name for the ingenue in a play?) is duly welcomed by her Gamma Phi sisters:

The editor was handing out cigars today in celebration of the arrival of Airdrie Paula Pinkerton.

This interesting young woman, weighing seven and a fraction pounds, made her appearance at 11:45 last night at Cottage hospital, Santa Barbara. Her birthday, consequently, is Nov. 12.

When interviewed soon after her advent, as all notables are in this state, she showed great enthusiasm over her reception and expressed appreciation of the thoughtfulness of those who had so promptly provided her with a name.

#### They Call Her "Polly"

"I'll overlook their hanging 'Airdrie' on me," said she brightly, "in view of their having added the 'Paula' which my friends already are shortening to Polly."

"California is entirely up to my expectations. Santa Barbara I find fascinating, and I am sure I shall like Ventura. It is positively grand to be a Native Daughter."



Turning to more serious subjects, as all distinguished arrivals invariably do, Polly added: "This apparently is not such a bad world as some critics have tried to make out. I do, however, deplore the conduct of many of the older generation." Expressing a hope that Queen Marie might soon go home, that Aimee Semple McPherson would be acquitted and that the University of Washington next year should wipe up Stanford, she concluded, "We of the favored younger generation should be charitable."

The distinction of having one's poems accepted by *Scribner's Magazine* has been given to Elizabeth Mathews, a freshman of Alpha Theta at Vanderbilt University. The poem, "Sold," (printed below) was accepted by *Scribner's*, but due to the fact of its previous appearance in a Randolph-Macon periodical, could not be published. Another poem, "Minuet in G, Paderewski," will be printed in a future number of the magazine. We are delighted to include several other poems in this department of THE CRESCENT:

SOLD

One more night to see the moon hang low  
Above the maples. One more night  
To call the froth of apple blossoms ours—  
Apple blossoms, cool and silver white.

"Do you think the strangers—Johnson is the name?—  
Will love the way the birches talk at dawn?  
Shall we tell them that the buttercups grow best  
Beside the stone wall running down the lawn?"

Such little things to think of at the last;  
And yet the best of years was gathered up  
In such a small bouquet of sentiments.  
I said, "I'll miss the young hound pup."

And as we sat and talked upon the porch,  
The place seemed ours forever and a day;  
But morning brought the Johnsons to the farm,  
And we who loved it quickly rode away.

THE GIFT

And just because you smiled at me,  
And had a pleasant word to say,  
Without debating it at all  
I gave my heart away.

I don't know that you wanted it.  
That's of no consequence, you see;  
For after you had smiled, my heart  
Was no more use to me.

TRANSIENT

When you have listened to my song,  
And laughed at what I say,  
And loved the light upon my hair,  
I know you'll go away.

You'll hear some other song you like,  
 And touch some other hair,  
 And be amused by other words,  
 But really I shan't care;

Because, although you've gone on by  
 I took a passing fee:  
 I hold your laugh and your caress  
 You meant for only me.

#### TRAINS AT NIGHT

Trains at night aren't trains at all,  
 As they go dashing through;  
 They're pirate ships on lone, high seas,  
 Each with its rollicking crew;  
 A pirate ship on the sea of night  
 With its rollicking, roistering crew.

And as I watch from my yard-gate cove,  
 (How far it seems from sea!)  
 I follow the ship with longing eyes:  
 I wish it would capture me!  
 That beautiful, dashing pirate ship:  
 I wish it would capture me.

#### RIVER

A slinking, sinuous wanton,  
 She comes from dark drear places;  
 She slips into the city  
 To stare into men's faces.

Her gaudy bracelets of bridges  
 Glitter. They lure, entice  
 Men who aimlessly wander,  
 Tired of usual vice.

Ugly, dirty, and drab  
 She slinks from the city at dawn,  
 Straggling a querulous way,  
 Her gauds and victims gone.

Dorothea Keeney of Alpha chapter has been doing very wonderful work in China, and promises us an illustrated article later on. The registrar of Hwa Nan College in Foochow has written a letter which tells of her arrival in that place and which portrays the very fascinating life in that institution of a faraway land. The letter follows:

November 3, 1926.

Dear Friend of Hwa Nan:

You will be glad to hear of a great list of *good* things that befell Hwa Nan this fall! They—"the good things" arrived on the old *Hsinchi*, a coastwise steamer bound from Shanghai, and arriving in Foochow just in time for the opening of school. They were greeted by a perfect cannonade of firecrackers exploding from the end of bamboo poles which our party struggled to hold up from the top of a little launch, and we found them—the firecrackers—very expressive of our joy!



Bishop and Mrs. Brown brought the "good things" to us—the best gifts you could send: Dr. Lois Witham, Ph.D., of Hopkins, to take the Department of Public Health at Hwa Nan; Miss Dorothea Keeney, formerly of Hwa Nan, and recently of the Syracuse University staff, for Botany; Miss Rotha Landis of the same University, for Zoology and Miss Grace Davis of the Baltimore Branch, as Secretary and Librarian. Yes—praises be! they're here, and already are so lightening loads that we can fairly feel ourselves grow. Dr. Witham, Miss Keeney and Miss Landis all work in the Science Department, and with Miss Lucie Wang (Chemistry) of our staff, they have outlined a Pre-medical course that will meet a great need of Hwa Nan's. Miss Davis is to be our pioneer librarian. Up to date, each of the teachers has been looking after her own texts and references. Now we have such a lot of them that we've moved them up to the large airy top floor of Trimble Hall—our library—have dumped them down, put Grace in the midst, and like the old miller's daughter, have asked her to "spin the straw into gold." And she's doing it! It's a long, hard job but already it begins to look like a real place. No longer will our library, the most important part of a college, be unorganized—an open wound for the world to gape at. We are so thankful to have at last—a librarian.

Marion Cole, a new teacher who came last year, plays the mandolin beautifully; Alice Smith plays the piano and Grace sings; so that with our college glee club, we have some real musical treats. This fall we have been having a special ritual chapel service of worship, one very dear to our hearts, every Thursday morning. We have a vested choir of sixteen selected college girls who give the processional, a special choir number and the recessional. Always some leading thought runs through the service and we have especially lovely decorations, using flowers before the Cross and having the two seven-brass candlesticks lighted on the altar. The girls love it, and scarcely a Thursday passes without guests. The appeal must be strong for nearly all of their idol shrines are extremely ornate. All of the old hymns seem to have a new meaning and the hour is indeed a worshipful one.

What splendid leaders these girls will make! Truly Hwa Nan College is giving to them the *abundant* life. In the realm of play they are preparing now for their inter-class championship basketball games; in music, they are rehearsing for a concert to be given before the session of the Annual Conference in December; in classes they are studying the relation of nutrition to life; the principles of Sociology; the laws of mental hygiene, Psychology, History, and its interpretation—Literature—and through all the days you give them these things in the "light of the knowledge of Jesus Christ," and by teachers whose lives have been touched by His power. Is it any wonder that Hwa Nan has an unparalleled record of service? And that last year every graduate of the fifteen who took their A.B. degrees went into the service of the W.F.M.S. schools? Do you know that \$50 will send a girl to college here for a year and pay *all* of her expenses? Sometimes I wonder if we don't do wrong not to tell that oftener—that perhaps you, who can't be here in China yourselves, would love to feel that you had sent a girl through Hwa Nan to go out and serve her country. After all, *they* make two of *us*—with the language and customs at their fingers' tips. If you should feel that to undertake the \$50 a year for four years would be too much, we're hoping much to increase our student loan fund, and so *any* gift that you could send to us direct, of any amount could be applied there and so *much* appreciated.

## FROM THE EDITORIAL MAIL BAG

THERE is no sorority woman who has had richer and more varied experiences than Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of William Jennings Bryan and a prominent member of Delta Gamma. Gamma Phi Beta has the promise of an article from her at a later date; and her many activities are shown by the following paragraph from her letter:

The aftermath of the hurricane, the opening of our new University, of which I am a regent; special work in rehearsal by the Civic Theatre of which I am chairman; together with duties connected with the Memorial church built in memory of my father; and just now having a tremendous struggle with finances caused by the terrible damage of the hurricane—these duties, together with political work, for I have definitely stepped into that arena here in Florida, are filling my hands very full for the next two weeks and it is not an idle gesture to say that I have no time left when these duties are done.

The president of Delta Gamma gave up the Army and Navy game in order to copy her article for *THE CRESCENT*. Real Panhellenic spirit!

I gave my Army and Navy football ticket to a friend visiting my husband and thus was able to copy the enclosed for you while everyone is away from home.

How I should enjoy a Denver Panhellenic luncheon! I have many old friends there. Some Delta Gammas—many members of other fraternities.

Anna Raymond, whose interesting article upon Oxford appears in this issue, accompanies it with an equally interesting letter, parts of which are quoted:

We landed really not in England, but at Cherbourg for a few days of chateaux in Normandy and Brittany. We chased up all the memorials of William the Norman, and became quite intimate regarding Anne de Bretagne, saw Orleans, Tours and Chartres, and then with only a night in Paris rushed for Oxford, July 10-28. After the course we had just a month, and spent it all tracing along the southern coast, and so around northward to Liverpool and the homebound boat. You would have loved our first two days, for we went by boat down the Thames from Oxford to London. There are twenty-six locks, each with the most enchanting garden on either side of the channel. They give prizes for the best garden in each stretch of the river. The journey takes two long days, (train, three hours!) and one has a panorama of central England, villages, spires, great estates and humble cottages, and so many reminders of great historic events one can scarcely count them all—Wallingford, Abington, Windsor, Eton, Runnymede, Hampton Court.

Clara Lynn Fitch writes a delightful letter, which is quoted for *CRESCENT* readers to enjoy:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the "Garden of Verse," which was published so long ago for a convention sale for the Scholarship Fund. I feel extremely flattered to have you remember this rather slight effort, and wish to have it for *THE CRESCENT*. Probably the certain success that it has won has come from the fact that we take our fraternities so seriously and so sentimentally—we women-folk—that a touch of humor or whimsicality is a gorgeous relief.

This "K.A.T.'s Garden" is, I fear, rather discredited at the present time when the sentiment of the fraternity at large (I mean of Kappa Alpha Theta, of course)



is against using the English initials, and oh very strongly against any play on said initials which would bring a feline touch into view. In my day (says the ancient crone) we enjoyed our black cat with the yellow eyes but it lost most of its nine lives under the attacks of Edith Cockins, and is now only a ghost of a less solemn attitude toward Great Ideals,—the prayerful attitude of the present day fraternity girl regardless of the shape of her pin.

Francis M. Wigmore, whose *Child's Garden* is a delight, writes:

Ever since your letter came I have been trying to find something worthwhile to say to our college girls. But I have taken your other suggestion because the time is short, and this about being an editor of a child's magazine is a condensed paper which I gave before a recent meeting of our branch of The League of American Pen Women. I have cut out much of it and you must feel free to cut as much more as you wish.



I am the New Year, and I come to you pure and unstained,  
 Fresh from the hand of God.  
 Each day, a precious pearl, to you is given  
 That you must string upon the silver thread of Life.  
 Once strung can never be unthreaded but stays  
 An undying record of your faith and skill.  
 Each golden minute link you then must weld into the chain of hours  
 That is no stronger than its weakest link.  
 Into your hands is given all the wealth and power  
 To make your life just what you will.  
 I give to you, free and unstinted, twelve glorious months  
 Of soothing rain and sunshine golden;  
 The days for work and rest, the nights for peaceful slumber.  
 All that I have I give with love unspoken.  
 All that I ask—you keep the faith unbroken!

J. D. Templeton in *Success Magazine* (New York)

We hear very little these days about the New Year Resolution. Perhaps, like other cherished traditions, it has taken its place in the procession of the past; perhaps, from the viewpoint of the present age, it interferes with the satisfaction of self-expression; perhaps, after the retrospection of the older generation, it emphasizes the frailty of human nature. Whatever the cause, the New Year resolution is no longer closely associated with the ringing of New Year bells and the advent of January 1. Wherefore, with the perversity usually attributed to the so-called weaker sex, we choose to make it the headliner of the editorial column.

Since, in our little world of Gamma Phi Beta, the New Year resolution is not only a tradition but a necessity; not only a promise but a fact. Our schedule for the coming months would be lifeless indeed, did we not enter upon its duties with greater vigor and keener vision; would be inadequate and inefficient did we not revive our enthusiasm, renew our efforts and redouble our share in the eternal scheme of things. Accordingly, on this first day of 1927, let us concentrate seriously upon the individual problem of greater loyalty, greater cooperation, greater national spirit and greater achievement.



Loyalty—to each other, to the chapter, to the organization. For loyalty is the golden thread in our tapestry of days.

Co-operation—in whatever the sorority may attempt, remembering that our own efforts bring the truest results when combined with the efforts of other members and other chapters.

National spirit that will revive, intensify and glorify the sisterhood to which we have pledged our allegiance.

Achievement that will mark 1927 as a year of definite endeavor and definite results for Gamma Phi Beta.

Four splendidly good New Year Resolutions. And, after all, four is Gamma Phi Beta's perfect number!

*The Panhellenic spirit is most truly expressed by the service of one Greek letter organization to another.*

This issue of the magazine proves without an argument the fact that there *is* such a thing as Panhellenic spirit; that this spirit is not intangible and idealistic as some would characterize it, but a very vital, very helpful, and very delightful condition of affairs. Busy Greek letter women—and each one is intensely busy in her particular line of work—have promptly and generously responded to the appeal of the editor, and have made possible a splendid symposium that reflects every angle of fraternity life; that discusses problems of common interest; that tells of the achievements of our sister organizations. Truly, our February CRESCENT should prove not only a volume of intense interest and delight but a veritable education along college and sorority lines, and a cherished introduction to the fine and outstanding women who mean so much in the Panhellenic world.

The Panhellenic world! High in the heavens hangs our own crescent; close by is the starry dipper of Alpha Phi; within twinkling distance are the three stars of Delta Delta Delta; and one ever beholds in its upward flight the kite of Kappa Alpha Theta. The key of Kappa Kappa Gamma opens a treasure house; the lamp of Delta Zeta illumines the darkest road; the diamond of Alpha Delta Pi is ever a guiding radiance; the ruby of Alpha Omicron Pi is the glowing light of friendship. Delta Gamma anchors us to what is highest and best; Chi Omega teaches us the widest service; Pi Beta Phi, with its arrow, points to the Panhellenic way. The triangle of Sigma Kappa exemplifies the equal angles of sorority life; the quill of Alpha Xi Delta proves the power of the written word; the shield of Phi Mu is the mark of a Panhellenic soldier; and the crown of Zeta Tau Alpha is symbolical of achievement. The voice of the Katy Did is the message of fellowship and good cheer; and the Panhellenic melody comes sweetly and softly from the strings of the Alpha Chi Omega lyre.

Beta Phi Alpha and Alpha Delta Theta give us the inspiration of youth; and Alpha Gamma Delta continues its leadership of our Panhellenic band!

Comradeship—from north and south and east and west,  
 Opportunity—for gaining what is best.  
 National spirit—ever strong and full and free,  
 Vision of a Gamma Phi that is to be.  
 Endeavor, too,—that's tireless in her cause;  
 Nonsense, fun, frivolity—in ev'ry pause.  
 Tonic from this very work and play and fun  
 Increased enthusiasm, zeal, for ev'ry one.  
 Old friends, true friends of college days to greet;  
 New ties to form and strengthen—and new friends to meet.

Convention year is always memorable—a Mecca for every Gamma Phi; and this coming convention will be the first under Province direction, with an entire Province acting as hostess. The importance of this national gathering is so obvious that it needs no elaboration; but in heralding its approach, we add the "convention call" of several years ago:

"And why should you go to convention? Because it will revive your enthusiasm—if you are an alumna; because it will be a fitting climax to college life—if you are a senior; because it will give you splendid inspiration for your last year in the chapter—if you are a junior; because it will enable you to be of real value to your own group—if you are a sophomore; because it will be the one magic touch to make you understand the true strength and meaning of Gamma Phi Beta—if you are a freshman. And what will you carry away with you? A renewed vigor and loyalty, a greater love for your sorority, a closer cementing of old ties, the joy of new friendships and—memories! Come to convention!"

*"Oh let Thy blessing, Father dear,  
 Rest on each sister gathered here;  
 Our order bless, help us, we pray,  
 True lives to live from day to day."*

The freshman, early in the days of her pledgedom, learns the words of the blessing; and in the years that follow she never forgets. Eminently fitting it is that these words, so inseparably connected with the life of the sorority, should have been written by Dr. Moss, so long a friend to all of us. Skilled as he was in the interpretation of the most beautiful of languages—the classic Greek—he carried the inspiration of this understanding into the world of modern



Greeks, raising for hundreds of college men and women the standard of highest ideals and of truest living.

The love and the sympathy of the entire organization go to Gamma Phi Beta's beloved founder, Frances E. Haven Moss, in her sorrow.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next issue of THE CRESCENT will be BEFORE-CONVENTION NUMBER and will contain all news of that important event.

### CRESCENT CORRESPONDENTS

Do NOT send a letter addressed to the Editor of THE CRESCENT at Denver, Colorado. Not every post office and postman is familiar with Greek letter publications. Please give name and address of the editor.

Do NOT begin your letter with *Dear Editor*—or any other salutation for that matter. Your style sheet prohibits it. Incidentally, consult this style sheet.

Do NOT spell Panhellenic as two words. The present writing is correct.

Do NOT send written letters; but, if for some reason, a typewriter is not available, do NOT write on two sides of the paper.

Do NOT send a letter a month after the date for its receipt. Naturally it will not appear.

### DELTA ADDRESS

The present address of Delta Chapter is Suite 2, 270 Bay State Road, Boston.

### CORRECTION IN DIRECTORY

The following note, in reference to the Delta list in the Directory, has been received from Helen M. Davidson of Delta Chapter, now residing in Evansville, Indiana.

In looking over the Delta Directory in THE CRESCENT of last February, I find Leta Alberta Lodge listed as "Address Unknown." This may read, "Mrs. John Wartmann. Deceased 1922."

Leta Lodge was in the sorority at Boston University while I was there. She taught English in the high school at Los Angeles and belonged to an alumnae association in that city at one time. Ten or twelve years ago, in one of the local papers I saw that she had married John Wartmann from this city, and after that I saw her several times when she was visiting relatives here. She died in Los Angeles about four years ago and her body was brought here for burial.

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June 25—Sail from New York per SS *Carmania* for Le Havre. (Minimum passage rate \$150.00).

July 3—Arrive in Le Havre. Party will be transferred to special boat train for Paris. Private competent courier will join party upon disembarking and be at their disposal until after breakfast, August 23, in London.

July 4—PARIS, HOTEL D'ILENA.—One day sightseeing of city, by motor coach accompanied by guide-lecturer, visiting the most important places. One full day excursion, by motor coach accompanied by guide-lecturer, to Versailles and La Malmaison. Champs, Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, Bois de Boulogne, Saint Cloud and Park, Forest of Vincennes, Ville d'Avray, Versailles. Visit the interior of Palais Galleries des Batailles where the Emperor William 1st was proclaimed German Emperor in 1871. Peace Treaty signed June 1919. The park of Versailles. Afternoon: Return to Paris via Marly, visiting the famous "Machine de Marly" Church of Rueil, Tomb of Josephine, Residence of Napoleon and Josephine.

July 8—Special guide at the disposal of the party for one-half day visit of the Louvre.

July 9—Full day's journey, by rail, to Geneva.

July 10—GENEVA, HOTEL DE RUSSIE.—Half day sightseeing of city, by motor coach, visiting the most important places of interest.

July 11—Hotel automobile will transfer clients to pier where they will be assisted by American Express Representative. Depart by forenoon steamer across the Lake of Geneva to Montreux. MONTREUX, HOTEL MONEY and BEAU SEJOUR—Excursion, by car, to the Castle of Chillon.

July 12—Depart by forenoon train to Interlaken.

July 13—INTERLAKEN, HOTEL SAVOY.—One day excursion, by mountain rail, to the Scheidegg (foot of the Jungfrau) passing Grindelwald and Lauterbrunnen.

July 14—GRAND ALPINE TOUR TO LUCERNE—De Luxe motor coach will call at the hotel at 7:30 A. M. for full day's trip via Lake Brionz, Brienz, Meiringen, Gorge of the Aar, Grimsel Route, Pass Guttannen, Handegg Falls, Grimsel Hospice and Pass, Gletsch, Furka Pass, Rhone Glacier, over the pass (7990 ft.) descend via Realp, Hospenthal, Andermatt, Gorge of Schollenen, Devil's Bridge, Goschenen, Wassen, Amsteg, Altdorf, Flüelen, Axenstrasse, Brunnen, Back of Rigi, Küssnacht, to Lucerne about 7:30 P. M.

July 15—LUCERNE, HOTEL BEAUNRIVAGE.—One-half day excursion, by motor boat, to Tell's Chapel. Stop to see the historic spot where Tell leaped from the boat, when held prisoner by Gessler; passing Weggis and Vitznau (at the foot of



Rigi) between the "Noses", Gersau, Treib, Brunnen and through the four lakes of the "Wooded Cantons."

July 16—Full day's journey to Bellagio: Rail from Lucerne, through the Gotthard Tunnel to Lugano, (Short stop-over) on by steamer to Porlozza, by mountain rail to Menaggio and on, by steamer, to Bellagio.

July 17—BELLAGIO, HOTEL SPLENDIDE.—Depart by forenoon steamer to Como and on, by rail, to Milan. MILAN, HOTEL EUROPE. One-half day sightseeing of city, by motor coach accompanied by guide-lecturer, in the afternoon, visiting the most important places.

July 18—Depart by forenoon train to Genoa. GENOA, HOTEL MIRAMARE. In the afternoon, half day sightseeing of city, by motor coach accompanied by guide-lecturer.

July 19—After lunch, sail per SS *Conte Biancamano* for Naples, where arrive in the forenoon of the next day.

July 20—Upon arrival clients will be assisted by Special Interpreter. NAPLES, HOTEL ROYAL. Two Days Excursion by Private Automobile and Steamer to Sorrento. 1st day: Depart in the morning, by private automobile, to Pompei, lunch and visit of the excavations, on via Cava and Amalfi, to Sorrento. SORRENTO HOTEL, TRAMONTANO. 2nd day: By steamer to Capri, lunch and visit of the Blue Grotto, and return, by steamer, to Naples. Upon departure clients will be assisted by Special Interpreter.

July 22—Depart, by evening Express Train, along the shores of the Mediterranean, to Rome.

July 23—ROME, HOTEL DE RUSSIE. Two full days sightseeing of city, by motor coach accompanied by guide-lecturer, visiting Palatine Hill, Ruins of Caesars Palaces, House of Romulus, new excavations, Farnesian Gardens, illustrations of the Roman Forum, Augustus' Forum, Monument to King Victor Emanuel, Capitoline Hill, Catacombs, Appian Way, St. Peter's Cathedral, etc.

July 27—Special guide will be provided for one-half day's visit of the Vatican.

July 28—Depart by forenoon train through the Hilltowns to Florence.

July 29—FLORENCE, HOTEL ITALIE. One full day sightseeing of city, by carriage accompanied by guide-lecturer, visiting the Cathedral, Giotto's Campanile, St. John Baptistory, Church of Or San Michele, Dante's House, Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Fountain of Neptune, Uffizi Gallery, Pitti Palace, Old Bridge, Church of St. Lorenzo and the famous Medici Chapels, Viale dei Colli, Piazzale Michelangelo Church of San Miniato. One-half day excursion, by electric train, to Fiesole.

July 31—Special guide will be provided for one-half day visit to the Art Galleries.

August 1—Half day journey, by rail, to Venice.

August 2—VENICE, HOTEL BAUER GRUNWALD. One day sightseeing of city, accompanied by guide-lecturer, visiting St. Mark's Square, Church of St. Mark, Doge's Palace etc. and including three hours gondola ride in the afternoon.

August 3—Half day run, by motor coach (Express Service) to Cortina d'Ampezzo.

August 4—CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, HOTEL MIRAMONTI. Depart, by motor coach, and proceed through the *Dolomite District*, to Bolzano. BOLZANO, HOTEL BRISTOL. Visit of the Parish Church and the Collegiate Church at Gries containing a great number of beautiful paintings, at option.

August 5—Full day's journey, by rail, over the Brenner Route, to Munich via Teusbruch, Austria.

August 6—MUNICH, HOTEL VIER JAHRESZEITEN. Sunday: Full day's round trip, through the Bavarian Highlands visiting Oberammergau and Isar Valley, Kochelsee, Walchensee Water Works and Electric Power House, Kesselberg, Walchensee, Mittenwald, Garmisch-Partenkirchen (offering a splendid panorama of the Karwendel and Wetterstein Ranges with the Zugspitze, the highest elevation of the Bavarian Alps) Murnau, Weilheim, Munich. One-half day sightseeing of city, by motor coach accompanied by guide-lecturer, visiting the most important places.

August 9—Half day journey, by rail, to Nuremberg. NUREMBERG, HOTEL WERTTENBERGER HOF. Half day sightseeing of city, in the afternoon, by motor coach accompanied by guide-lecturer, visiting the most important places.

August 10—Full day's journey, by rail, to Heidelberg. HEIDELBERG, HOTEL HEIDELBERG HOF. Half day sightseeing of city and environs, by private automobile accompanied by private guide, either on the afternoon of arrival or the forenoon of the next day.

August 11—Depart by train, via Darmstadt, to Wiesbaden.

August 12—WIESBADEN, HOTEL ROSE. Depart, by Express Rhine steamer, to Coblenz, where party will be met by motor coach accompanied by guide, and conveyed along the Rhine to Cologne, visiting Andernach and Bonn enroute and short sightseeing of city at termination.

August 13—COLOGNE, HOTEL MONOPOLE-METROPOLE. Depart by forenoon express to Brussels.

August 14—BRUSSELS, HOTEL METROPOLE. Half day sightseeing of city, by motor coach accompanied by guide-lecturer, visiting the City Hall, Palace etc.

August 15—Two days tour by automobile to Amsterdam including services of guide at Antwerp and The Hague.

1st day: Leave Office of The American Express Company at 8:30 A. M. on route for Malines (seat of the late Cardinal Mercier) thence to Antwerp, where short sightseeing excursions and also lunch will be provided. After lunch leave for Dordrecht, the beautiful old Dutch town, thence to Rotterdam, Schiedam, Delft and on to The Hague. Dine and sleep. 2nd day: A short sightseeing excursion will be provided in the town and trip to Scheveningen during the morning. After lunch leave for Leyden, Haarlem and Amsterdam. Short run, by evening train, to Hook of Holland, connect with steamer for night Channel Crossing to Harwick on by rail to London, where arrive in the forenoon of the next day.

August 17—LONDON, HOTEL HAYMARKET. One day sightseeing of city, by motor coach accompanied by guide-lecturer, visiting Trafalgar Square, Thames Embankment, London Bridge, Tower Bridge, Tower of London, Trinity Square, Royal Exchange, Lombard Street, Cheapside, St. Paul's Cathedral (Crypt and the Chapels), Westminster Abbey, Constitution Hill (for Buckingham Palace), etc.

August 22—Special guide will be provided for one-half day visit to the British Museum. Two days excursion through the Washington and Shakespeare District by motor coach. 1st day: London, Maidenhead, Henley. Lunch at Oxford. Banbury, Sulgrave Manor to Stratford-on-Avon. STRATFORD-ON-AVON, HOTEL GOLDEN LION. 2nd day: Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick, Leamington, Kenilworth. Lunch at Coventry. Daventry, Stony Stratford, Windsor and return to London.

August 23—Termination of the overland tour after breakfast on the morning of August 25.

August 25—From Southampton per SS *Montnairn* to Quebec.

August 26—From Liverpool per SS *Montclair* to Quebec.

August 27—From Glasgow per SS *Melita* to Quebec.

August 31—From Southampton per SS *Montroyal* to Quebec.

The inclusive arrangements end after breakfast on the morning of August 25 but include transportation from London to port of embarkation and minimum rate cabin accommodation to Montreal.



## DEPARTMENT OF GRAND COUNCIL

My dear Gamma Phis:

I HAVE returned recently from a trip of inspection, on which I visited Alpha, Syracuse, Cleveland, Alpha Eta, Alpha Theta, Nashville, Phi, St. Louis, Epsilon, Chicago, Beta, Ann Arbor, Alpha Alpha, and Toronto. Everywhere I was met with true Gamma Phi cordiality and warm friendship. I attended many chapter meetings and was impressed by the fact that hundreds Gamma Phis, all over the land, were saying the same words, setting up the same standards, and striving for the same ideals. I recognized anew that, though each chapter has its own customs and problems, we form one big organization with a common purpose, and that I could duplicate my experience in any place in which the Gamma Phi banner is unfurled.

Now that the province system is well organized, we have planned to have every Greek-letter chapter, and as many of the alumnae organizations as possible, inspected before spring. Mrs. Price has inspected part of Province I and plans to do the rest in February. I visited Province II, Mrs. Woodward went through Province III, Miss Miller has covered Province V, and Miss Locke has visited most of Province VI. Miss Moreland of Province IV is assisted by Mrs. Young and Mrs. Silversen, and Mrs. Colby of Province VII plans to make her visits early in the new year.

We all agree that we have had most wonderful experiences, and have more enthusiasm for Gamma Phi Beta than ever before. The personal contacts with the girls have helped us to understand their problems, and we hope we have proved to the girls that we are real people vitally interested in them, and not a mere bureaucracy.

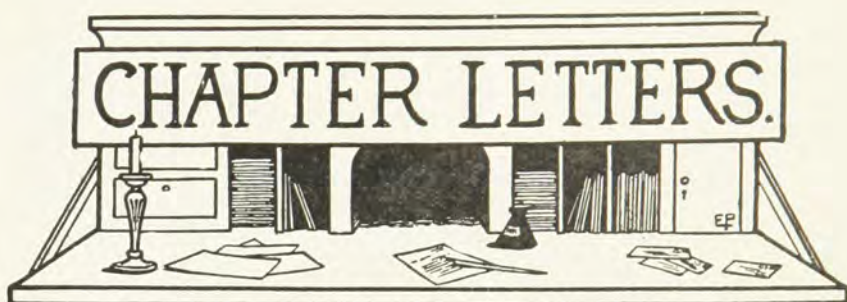
The Province Directors are all working to make their own provinces typical divisions of Gamma Phi, and we trust that each chapter is making a serious effort to carry on its life in such a way that Gamma Phi Beta will stand on the campus for all that is fine and progressive in the Greek letter world.

Write to your Province Director often, and keep her in touch with all of your affairs, for she stands ready to help in every way possible. It is sometimes surprising to discover how much clarity of view a person, who has not been with you continually, will have.

Since I have had an insight into the life of so many chapters and met so many individual Gamma Phis I feel that I can write with a better understanding of conditions, for I can now visualize my correspondents. It is always a pleasure to me to receive letters from the chapters and individual members, and I assure you that I am looking forward to meeting many of you at Convention in June.

Loyally,

LAURA LATIMER GRAHAM,  
*President of Gamma Phi Beta.*



## DELINQUENT CHAPTER LETTERS

*Beta*—Jessie Forbes*Zeta*—Wilhelmina Narkentin*Nu*—Dorothea Prael*Phi*—Glen May*Omega*—Emily Jammer*Alpha Beta*—Audrey MacBride*Alpha Gamma*—Romayne Foley*Alpha Delta*—Anita Niuchester

NOTE: The editor will appreciate an explanation of each chapter delinquency.

## ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

*May the New Year bring to Alpha—another period of leadership*

And now a new year is beginning. A glance backward over the last few months of 1926 shows a calendar red-inked with activity. First, foremost, and most-to-be-remembered, was the visit of Laura Latimer Graham on October 27, 28, 29. It is indeed difficult to avoid verbosity when we come to write of our charming and lovable grand-president. Coming as she did at the beginning of the college year, when the management of the chapter rested for the most part on the shoulders of four months old seniors, enabled her to give us many helpful suggestions concerning the organization and co-operation of the chapter, which already are making the wheels of Alpha run more smoothly. We did not realize until we heard her speak of the national organization, the scope and inclusiveness of Gamma Phi.

On November 10, the day before our annual Founders' Day banquet we initiated Ethel Horn of Port Jervis, New Jersey.

Then came the Bazaar. Its ultimate success was due to the alumnae, but active chapter helped too, each of us giving contributions of work and gifts, so that we feel that we may congratulate ourselves just a little.

No Alpha year would be considered successfully completed without our Christmas party for some of the poor children of Syracuse. Accordingly we trimmed a tree, filled thirty-odd stockings, and wired Santa Claus. The party began auspiciously with "Going to Jerusalem" and ended in a scurry to fit the right pair of rubbers on the right person. We are still remembering why Jack wants to be a doctor, what Theodore said about Santa Claus, and how Peter could jig. The next night was our Christmas dance and even that could not exhaust our Yuletide spirit, for we gave ourselves a Christmas party on the last Monday before vacation.

Now after a delightful vacation we are getting down to studies again in preparation for the mid-year finals, after which the seniors will become still more dignified, and the freshmen faintly resentful of the word "frosh."

NADYNE WYTHE

## ENGAGEMENT

On November 27, the engagement was announced of Eleanor V. Pudén, '10 to Mr. Charles L. Sykes, Field Service Manager of Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey. The wedding will take place on January 26, and Mr. and Mrs. Sykes will make their home in Newark.



GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

*May the New Year bring to Gamma—the basketball championship*

Since the last letter we have initiated nine splendid girls—Helen Bunge, Marjorie Gallagher, Eleanor Kaufman, Rose Lauder, Helen McDonald, Kathleen McIntosh, Viola Nash, Louise Nelson and Margaret Schermerhorn. We are basing the belief that these girls will keep up the chapter's standing, and its advancement upon the work they have already shown us. Initiation was as lovely as ever and it recalled memories of our own entrance into Gamma Phi Beta as we repeated the pledge with our new sisters.

Our parties this year have been very successful. Our Christmas formal, which was held in the chapter house, showed everyone what perfect hostesses Gamma Phis are, for certainly nobody could have had a better time. We capped off our pre-vacation period with the annual Christmas slam party, but somehow there were few slams, and some of the small gifts were lovely. We had many a merry laugh, of course, at the cracks taken at our engaged girls whom we tease immoderately. We try to bring our pledges closer into our circle by just such parties as these, and feel confident that it helps a lot. There has been a wonderful co-operation between actives and pledges this year and now we all are parting for two weeks and I'm certain that we will miss each other in spite of the busy round of activities in our various homes.

Sarah Chickering '28, has led the French Club smoothly, and she has obtained some excellent programs due to her ability for management. The French play this year was *L'Ecole des Belles Meves*, and was coached by our capable house mother and chaperone, Lousene Rousseau, '16. Sally loaned her small pup for the play and and he embarrassed her exceedingly by coming out to see the audience at a most inopportune moment. But certainly the audience loved the little fellow's reappearance and Sally need not have felt worried. Ruth Will, '27, our physical education senior, has produced a peppy basketball team of which we are duly proud. The freshmen turned out and according to the way in which the team out-played the Kappa Kappa Gammas last night we have a mighty good chance for the cup which is being offered for the champion.

We are sorry to add that we are losing three girls in February. Blythe White and Catherine Carms will graduate, and Margaritee Hipple is leaving on account of her health. Dorothy Vogel left us last month to make her home in Georgia. We will have to fill the house at that time, and count ourselves lucky in having Betty Burgess back from Europe to help us. Her family has moved to Chicago, and it is only for this reason that we can claim Betty, for she used to be a town girl.

We have affiliated Margaret Hoyton of Phi Chapter, Washington University, Missouri, and already feel as if she were one of us. It is strange how impressed pledges are by the fact that we do affiliate girls from other chapters, and we wonder if our sisters in other places feel as glad to do it as we are.

May Gamma chapter wish everyone a delayed merry Christmas and a most successful New Year.

DOROTHY A. BATEMAN

MARRIAGE

On October 9 at Janesville, Wisconsin, Marguerite Baines, Gamma, to Mr. Willard James Rendall. Mr. and Mrs. Rendall are at home at 130 Breeze Terrace, Madison, Wisconsin.

DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

*May the New Year bring to Delta—many achievements to broadcast*

Is your radio reception clear tonight? Would you like something a bit different from symphony, jazz, or a lecture on health? Turn your dial a bit more to the right, increase the volume—that's right. You're tuning in the Delta chapter of Gamma

Phi Beta broadcasting from the sorority rooms in Boston. You are just in time, for Delta is telling what she has been doing to make life worth while.

Rushing season opened with a delightful tea at Mrs. Sweetser's home in Wellesley. The atmosphere created at that tea personified the spirit which Gamma Phi wishes to hold in all her dealings. Closely following this event was our Hallowe'en rushing party held at the Wellesley estate of Mrs. Harry L. Holmeyer. The cobweb hunt with favors at the end of each string, the attractive luncheon served by candlelight in the beautiful dining room, the fortune telling in the dim light in the stone vestibule all led the pledges to the proper mental attitude to leave the house for a treasure hunt and to creep around the grounds guided only by the shifty light from jack o'lanterns. The climax was reached when the treasure was dragged forth from a crevice in a ledge just beyond the driveway. Then the party trooped back into the house for leave takings after a memorable evening.

The annual Grandmothers' Party had rather unexpected results this year. The party was held at the home of Mrs. Francis Strickland of Brookline. With her attractive home for a setting, and her hospitality a symbol, there is really no wonder that the family element became a reality. The pledges were so thrilled to acquire grandmothers that they adopted aunts, uncles, and even grandfathers thereby acquiring quite a family.

Mrs. Price our visiting delegate spent a short time with us and her sweet personality gave us something to think about, and perhaps pattern after.

In early November, Dott Gibb had a birthday and decided that all the Gamma Phis must celebrate with her. The train carried a group of chattering and laughing girls to Dedham where they were met and escorted to Dot's home. The party hiked through the woods to an open clearing where a fire was soon blazing merrily. We toasted marshmallows, told stories, took pictures, then turned back to the house to enjoy an appetizing baked bean supper. The evening was spent happily for we have quite a group of musicians, and the floors were easily cleared for dancing.

Perhaps you'd like to meet our pledges and judge for yourself our musical ability: Hazel Anthony, soprano soloist in the Boston University Glee Club; Catherine Cavanagh, special student in music with Professor Marshall; Dorothy Goddard, our little blonde specialty dancer; Gladys Morland, violinist of note; Doris Mildram, the dearest of music lovers; Alice Wallstrom, popular Delta pianist; Eloise Barber, our Golden Eaglet Scout and drummer; she's great! Kathryn Wall, a dependable and charming hostess; Elizabeth Fogg, the future author; Lillian Freemare, our little social butterfly; Katherine Weldon, the sort of a girl we all love just because we can't help it; Gretchen Metcalf, the outdoor girl and automobile speedster; Margaret Johnstone, our latest pledger who has just transferred from Swarthmore. You know the dark, quiet sweet type!

The alumnae gave us a Christmas party and we had such a good time that we almost want to be alumnae, too. We are very proud of them for they represent Gamma Phi Beta in contact with the outer world, and it is they who carry our hopes and ideals into the work-a-day world, and bring back to us the judgment and wisdom they have attained.

We are already making plans for our initiation on February 5.

This is ΓΦΒ signing off until the next issue of THE CRESCENT.

RUTH CHANDLER

### EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

*May the New Year bring to Epsilon—the chapter house*

We have had an eventful winter.

Perhaps the most important occurrence was the visit to Epsilon of our president. Of course we all knew that Mrs. Graham was a charming woman, but we are now more convinced of that fact than ever and with one accord we sing her praises.

Alice Dibble and Gertrude Drew then accompanied Mrs. Graham to our Province Convention at Ann Arbor. Judging by their reports the convention was a



decided success, and those of us who were unable to attend are thoroughly imbued with the idea of attending the June convention.

Our pledges proved themselves royal hostesses at a breakfast given for all new girls on the campus. This has been a Gamma Phi custom for several years and is a very satisfactory way of promoting friendships with other girls of the freshman class.

We celebrated Founders' Day on Sunday, November 14, by a tea, and were greatly pleased by the large number of loyal alumnae who attended.

Our annual bazaar and card party, held December 4 at the North Shore Hotel, was a decided success.

Initiation was held for Helen Strickland, Louise Murray and Alice Rettig, all of Chicago, and the three newest members are proving themselves worthy Gamma Phis.

We claim a prominent part in campus activities. Bea Lumley as president of Red Lantern is head of the Syllabus campaign. Eleanor Lawson was elected secretary-treasurer of Green Lantern. Jo MacRae as Junior Social Chairman led and sponsored the very best Junior Prom ever given at Northwestern. Nellie Weston has been appointed head of *Illustrative Publicity*.

Our home becomes daily more of a reality and each one of us gets a wonderful thrill every time we pass the grey stone house on the corner.

MARY NANCY LOUCKS

#### MARRIAGES

On September 4, Isabel Orchard, '28, to Mr. Darwin Murray of Evanston.

On September 27, Janet Dyer, '28, to Mr. Kenneth Goodwin of Chicago.

Janice Gray, '28, to Mr. James Lester of Colorado Springs.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Helen Mearns, '27, to Mr. Wallace Weld, Beta Theta Pi, of Winnetka, Illinois.

Harriet Hyer, '27, to Mr. Irwin Leishman of Streator, Illinois.

Sybil Bauer, '26, to Mr. Edward Sullivan of New York City.

### ETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

*May the New Year bring to Eta—another successful rush season*

All the girls of Eta chapter are breathing deeply and peacefully for a few week and trying to recover from finals. We are slowly getting grades, and some of the girls seem to have been most successful. One of the members of the sophomore class, Roberdeau Hoffmann, brought the house the wonderful record of sixteen units of As, and another, Janet Byrnes, followed closely with four As and one B.

We are extremely proud of Elizabeth Dempster, elected in her junior year to Prytanean, women's honor society on the campus.

We are planning our Christmas rushing and hoping that it will prove as successful as our fall season. We are not, however, planning to do very extensive rushing since we have, at present, a very crowded house.

A committee of the girls has charge of the redecoration of the chapter room during the holidays. It is being repainted in brown and made with harmonizing curtains and we are all anxiously awaiting our first meeting next semester.

CLARA WHITING

### THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

*May the New Year bring to Theta—a return of the Scholarship Cup*

In the last letter a hint was given about the province convention; but then it was a promise, now it is a memory—a memory of inspiring meetings, of good times and interesting friendships with Gamma Phis from other states. The convention was held November 25-27. The first meeting was Friday morning, November 26,

in one of the parlors at the Brown Palace Hotel. Friday noon was a luncheon at the Colburn Hotel. Another meeting Friday afternoon and a tea at the home of Kitty Lee Clark, followed by a dinner at the Lodge. Panhellenic dance that evening topped off the day. A meeting was held Saturday morning and a luncheon at the Olin Hotel that noon, followed by a trip over our famous Lookout Mountain. A banquet at the Colburn in the evening, with bridge later. Truly a great many things crowded into two short days! The delegates hailed from Pi chapter, University of Nebraska; Psi chapter, University of Oklahoma; Tau chapter, Colorado Agricultural College; representatives of the Alumnae Associations of Lincoln and Oklahoma City; and of course the Denver Alumnae chapter and our delegate. Madaline Miller (Theta), Director of Province Five, presided at the convention. Just a word about the banquet. Between courses we all sang Gamma Phi songs, and what a thrill it gave us to see girls from other colleges and other parts of the country, but all wearing the crescent and singing our favorite songs!

The next thing of interest was the dance at the Cactus Club given for the actives by the pledges. The Cactus Club, of lovely Bohemian atmosphere, lent itself particularly well to the imaginations and artistry of our pledges, and the result was a delightful evening. During intermission each active was presented with a cunning miniature handkerchief, daintily edged with lace.

Holiday time then arrived and with it the usual whirl of gaiety; but we snatched a few hours to run to the Lodge for a Christmas party, and what a jolly time we all had! A surprise appeared in the form of gifts from the Mothers' Club. With great excitement we opened them and discovered a lovely bridge lamp, attractive sofa pillows, and a *much needed* door mat. The last is more of a liability though, than an asset, as we are afraid to put it in the proper place because of the "taking" ways of some of the fraternities on the campus. (All suggestions toward the solution of our problem gratefully received!)

Honor has again descended upon Theta,—this time in the guise of the honorary philosophical society. Our president, Isabelle Birney, and our corresponding secretary, Alice Boggs, have been initiated into the Philosophical Academy.

Theta also has been well supplied with candy. Ten pounds arrived at the last meeting, with the names of Winifred Lute (Theta '26) and Miles Markley (Lambda Chi Alpha, Denver University) on one box; and Jessie Huffsmith (Theta) and Clyde Schreferman (Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Colorado Agricultural College) on the other.

CHELLIE WRIGHT

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

#### *May the New Year bring to Kappa—the same achievement of 1926*

With the end of the football season and open-houses, came an indirect preparation for examinations. Saturday afternoons were no longer spent in pleasure by the majority; for long papers were coming due, and finals loomed up in the offing. There was less than a month left before the fateful day. Now that they are a thing of the past we are looking forward eagerly to hearing the reports of our freshmen. From all indications we think our pledges will make a very good record; thirteen of them had their "C" averages or more at midquarters. Of course, nothing is certain, but we are hoping for the best.

We are pretty proud of our freshman class this year; four of them, Elinor Thompson, Virginia Bollinger, Mary Louise Hohn, and Margaret Watson were elected to the Y. W. C. A. Freshman Commission. They are all girls who we feel sure will keep up their activities on campus in future years, though they are not the only ones who will make names for themselves. At the alumnae banquet on November 15 the freshmen put on an original skit of the founding of Gamma Phi Beta. It had scenes and acts to lend it dignity, though the performance sent its audience into gales of laughter. The poor little prospective pledge was brought in and thoroughly looked over before they decided to take her in. The pin was designed, the constitution was drawn up, and the final scene showed an open house



held in the Gamma Phi Beta house after a football game. On November 10 we received an addition to our freshman class—Virginia Harsh of Minneapolis was pledged.

This year we departed from our usual custom of giving a Christmas party to some fifteen or twenty little poor children. Everyone seemed to think that so many parties were given for these children that it did more harm than good. Instead, we put the money which we would have used for the party into the hands of the Family Welfare Bureau. They were to use it for some family where it was most needed, and to give us a written report of the use made of the money and of the history of the family. In this way we felt that the money would be used to the best advantage and would accomplish our purpose of helpfulness more fully than would a Christmas party which would only be one of many for the children.

ALICE JEAN BACON

# LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

*May the New Year bring to Lambda—"all sorts of noble accomplishments"*

Lambda has received a great shock in the death of our very active and most loved founder, Meta Becker Hergert; consequently we have had very little heart for anything social this quarter. Plans for our Puritan Informal the night before Thanksgiving were hastily dropped the day before the scheduled date and nothing of a like nature has yet been undertaken. Previous to that, however, we had given a Sunday afternoon tea for our alums in appreciation of their wonderful help to us and in order to give us all an opportunity to get better acquainted. We felt that we had accomplished our purpose for we all had a very jolly time.

Study has ruled supreme this quarter, for the freshmen are all working hard to make their initiation averages and the rest of us do not care to be left behind. We are conducting a strenuous campaign to raise our average for the year, and although our first quarter grades are not yet all made public, it looks as though a large share of the freshmen are to make the necessary average. A system of keeping in those with D's and E's one night each week-end after mid quarter, and requiring them to tutor seems to be working out fairly well, and "Dumpsy" Walton, our scholarship chairman, is ever introducing new methods of torture to inspire us. We increased our requirements of "closed week-end" before finals by keeping the freshmen in three nights instead of two, the sophomores two nights in place of one, and even the seniors were asked to give up one.

Dorothea Oien, pledged with our present junior class, surprised us all by announcing her engagement to Clarence Stevens at her home in Spokane during the Christmas holidays. We are all threatening dire penalties if "Billy" does not come back to run around the table next spring.

And now the imminent birth of 1927 provides us all with a clean slate on which to inscribe all sorts of noble accomplishments. Lambda wishes all the chapters the very finest and most eventful year they have ever had.

EILEEN BELDEN

# MU—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

*May the New Year bring to Mu—first place in scholarship*

Mu chapter returned to the Brown House on the Hill, fall quarter, to find a sister chapter just a few doors away in a house just as brown, and on a hill more lofty than Mu's own. The "grads," unable to find room in the house, had leased one of their own, and by painting the furniture, entertaining a few burglars, installing a telephone, and electing Frankie Sheldon, house mother, officially established the Gamma Phi Annex. The only untoward event of the quarter occurred when Frankie, suspecting one of the frequent night prowlers of being within

uncomfortable proximity, shattered the silence and two walls with a pistol shot. No casualties listed, however.

Besides entertaining with teas, dances, earthquakes, house parties and "seven-to-eights," Mu initiated eight new pledges, whom we modestly catalogue as the sweetest, best, most all-around girls in campus captivity. They are namely, and all unwittingly: Mary Cox, charmingly blonde and mischievously clever, who has already posed for the cover page of the *Stanford Illustrated Review*; Lorraine Reeder, who has an almost straight "A" average, a membership in the sophomore cabinet, and an engaging ingenuity to her credit; Katherine Deahl, who is also a cabinet member, wavy-haired, attractive and lovable; Hollis Yerrington, who has just been elected to the *Stanford Daily* staff and who has an irrepressible way of saying the uproariously unexpected; Juanita White, a star hockey player, blonde, tomboyish, bundle of fun, all willingness and enthusiasm; Julia North, irresistibly wide-eyed and perpetually "thrilled" who had a lead in the Football Gaieties, and who is now rehearsing one of the leading rôles in the opera to be presented soon; Ema Demond a member of the victorious Junior Hockey team, famous for her speedy green Buick, and ukelele playing; and Helen North, roguishly freckled and Titian with an enthusiasm for art and the Black Bottom.

Nancy Farmer and Peggy Waite were members of the chorus for the Football Gaieties. Nancy led the yells for the chorus in true rooter style and Peggy's clever dancing was a sensation, Babette Bailey and Peggy Kalenborn also have parts in the forthcoming opera.

In addition to our participation in campus activities we have raised our scholarship from eight to third place. We're predicting first place next year.

Four five-pound boxes appeared at dinner-time fall quarter, and the cards in the four five-pound boxes announced the engagements of "Ruthie" Montgomery to Ward Hill, president of the Inner-Hall association; Dorothy Kinkead to Jim Eva, Phi Sigma Kappa; Kay Gross to Horace Wisely, Phi Kappa Psi; and Ruth McBride to a mysterious Deke from the north.

BLANCH BARNETT

#### PERSONALS

Florence Lewis Farrens, Lambda, and her husband Paul Farrens made a trip to Chicago in December.

After a two years sojourn in Chicago, Dr. and Mrs. Willard F. Hollenbeck (Dorothy Dixon, Nu '21) have returned to Portland to make their permanent home. They are now at home to their friends at the Rose Way Court, 155 East Twenty-second St. Dr. Hollenbeck has opened offices in the Journal Building.

Genevieve Clancy Dundore (Nu '21) is one of our members who is on the air, now singing at Radio Station K.G.W.

Bertha Masters Patterson (Nu, and Mu) has been doing charity work in the form of teaching the Braille system to the blind who are not eligible to the state school for blind.

Caroline Benson Unander and son who returned to Portland from a trip to California in October, again made the same trip during the Christmas holidays. They plan to remain in California for some time.

Both at our December meeting and Christmas luncheon we were delighted to hear reports from Beatrice Locke (Nu) director of Province Six, who has just returned from province visits into Washington, and Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutchinson (Eloise White, Nu '21) and little son Frank Calvin spent two weeks visiting with friends and relatives in Portland this summer.

Portland Gamma Phi Betas are proud to claim as one of their members Ruth Lorraine Close, whose name is well known in the northwest, as a harpist. On November 16 Mrs. Close gave a recital with Emilie Lancel, mezzo soprano, at Pythian Hall. For this concert Mrs. Close used a new type of harp valued at \$10,000 which was loaned to her for the recital. For the past three seasons she has been harp soloist with the Portland Symphony Orchestra.

Bernadine Grebel Wilson (Chi) who left Portland to make her home in Myrtle Point this fall, spent the Christmas holidays in the City.



MARRIAGES

On October 9, 1926, at Terre Haute, Indiana, Janet West (Nu' 22) to Mr. Horace Easterday (Alpha Tau Omega, University of Oregon). Mr. and Mrs. Easterday are now at home at 2013 South Ninth Street, Terre Haute.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barsch (Catharine Carson, Nu) on October 10, 1926, a son, John Carson.

To Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Everett (Florence Parelus, Nu) a daughter born in October.

XI—UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

*May the New Year bring to Xi—a repetition of the  
scholarship record*

Sing a song of delegates  
Loyal friends and true,  
We're all in love with Beatrice Locke  
And know you'll like her too!

You see, she came to our house not long ago, and we had the most wonderful time while she was here. She gave us many splendid ideas and pepped us all up with courage and real spirit. She simply radiated her pride in being a Gamma Phi and it made the rest of us want to toss back our heads and tell the world that we were, too. We sincerely hope that she will visit us again soon.

Our house president, Alma Baker, was chosen by the entire assembly of Idaho women to represent them at the Associated Women Students' Convention in Los Angeles. There were other popular girls nominated for the honor, but the overwhelming votes for Alma gave them only a feeble chance.

Everyone gives us the most wonderful compliments for our freshman class! They are clever, sweet and popular; their after-dinner stunts are a joy and they entertain us during every spare hour with singing and playing. Last, but not least, their grades are good.

If you've never been to Idaho, you'll fail to see the joke, but, alums from Xi chapter, how is this? A dear little frosh (not a Gamma Phi, of course) gave out the news the other day that she always thought the "I" tank was a natatorium! Innocence personified! Is it any wonder that she never attempted to lure her "date" up there? For who ever heard of courting one's favorite boy-friend at a winter swimming party?

We have had some thrilling serenades the last few nights. Sometimes there have been two and three in one night. It is ten below zero in Moscow, and so can you imagine us pushing aside the icicles from the window ledges, in order to see whether the Betas or the Sigma Nu's are enchanting us with their music.

How many have ever been on Christmas Special train? Well, then you know why we can't wait until tomorrow at 2:00 o'clock for that whistle! Our Special takes five hundred "sage-brushers" home—and such glorious times we do have dancing and singing and scattering orange peels for the poor porters to pick up. But we try to keep the porters friendly, because we are all well fagged on the return trip and need their assistance.

We are working hard to keep our place at the head of the Idaho scholarship record. Our "study table" is a success.

It will be almost time for the first signs of spring when this letter comes out. Though it is absurd to think of any Gamma Phi not having someone with whom to fall in love—should she want to, we ask any girl who might be having some troubles of the heart, to come to Idaho for two months of life under the star-lit skies on the "hills of gold." We dare not to fall in love in the midst of our gardens of endless beauty.

LUCILE EATON

## OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

*May the New Year bring to Omicron—the certainty of the new home*

This fall we had a most pleasant visit from our Province Director, Mrs. Woodward of Kansas City. Besides captivating us with her charming personality, she left us with a clearer vision of what Gamma Phi meant and gave us a greater inspiration to achieve more than ever before.

The girls are working hard in activities and as a result we have the election of Winifred Garland, '28, to Phi Upsilon Omicron, honorary home economic fraternity and Ruth Hibbs, '27, to Kappa Delta Pi, honorary education fraternity. Ruth Johnson, '29, made Daubers, an honorary art organization, and also sang in the operetta *Listen Lester*. We have also had quite a few athletic honors—Virginia Supple, '28, as captain of the junior hockey team was also a member of the varsity; Lois Baker, '28, also made the junior first hockey team and was initiated into W. A. A.; Beatrice Sloan, '29, and Alice Terpening, '29, were members of the sophomore hockey team while Gertrude Day, '29, a pledge, made this team as well and was initiated into W. A. A. Jean Stingley, '30, a freshman, is vice-president of Blue Feathers, a freshman organization; Marion Scott, '29, was appointed to Second Cabinet of the Y. W. C. A. an honor not often given to sophomores; Eleanor Haser, '29, made the Sophomore Cotillion committee and Geraldine Turner, '28, made the Junior Prom Committee as well as the chairmanship of the All-University Christmas party.

We are in the midst of an intensive finance drive to insure the possibility of a new house by next fall. The plans are progressing rapidly now that the architect has begun to draw up the specifications. The active chapter is co-operating beautifully in order to put over the drive and to make the dream of our new house a material thing.

We know that all the chapters were grieved to hear of the death of Professor Moss. At the funeral some of the finest tributes we have ever heard were paid to his scholastic achievements, character, and personality, while the University, classical department, colleagues and personal friends all joined in expressing their admiration. Omicron also has a tribute to pay to the memory of Professor Moss—to his interest and inspiration to the sorority. Dr. and Mrs. Moss sponsored the development of the young chapter here at Illinois before and after the granting of this charter. Their guidance and presence have contributed so much to the welfare of Omicron that it is difficult to express our indebtedness to them both. We can only say that contact with such a man as Professor Moss leaves us with the desire to strive for the finer and more worthwhile standards which he held for the Gamma Phi Beta woman.

GERALDINE TURNER

## MARRIAGES

Lenore Latzer to Mr. Frank J. Gilloon. Mr. and Mrs. Gilloon are at home at 84 South Sierra Bonita Avenue, Pasadena, California.

Mary Parsons to Mr. Horace Francis, Phi Gamma Delta. Mr. and Mrs. Francis are at home in New York City.

Elizabeth Stingley to Mr. John Talent, Zeta Psi. Mr. and Mrs. Talent are at home in Champaign, Illinois.

## BIRTHS

To Violet Gilipen Schoenan, a daughter.

## PI—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

*May the New Year bring to Pi—first place instead  
of honorable mention*

Christmas holidays are here! Although we miss each other a great deal, how glad we are to be home for a short fortnight! But with no one to aid my memory, how will I ever be able to recall everything that has occurred since October 15?



Let's see—one of the first things was the lovely Hallowe'en dance which our pledges gave for us! The house was decorated everywhere with cornstalks, pumpkins, apples, and other suggestions of Hallowe'en. A colored orchestra supplied the syncopation, and coaxed everyone into having a riotous time. Pumpkins rolled among the dancers, and were even mistaken for some of the huge brightly colored balloons. One of our own girls, Helen Slade, provided more entertainment with her snappy songs and playing. What more praise could the freshmen desire than the fact that our guests said it was the best party they had attended for a long time?

Most week-ends in October and November were filled with talk of football. When Nebraska played Kansas, seven of our girls had the opportunity of visiting Sigma chapter and of seeing their beautiful new home. The "K.U." girls were royal entertainers, and we surely enjoyed our visit with them.

On the eve of homecoming at Nebraska the efforts of the freshmen brought us honorable mention in house decoration. Electric lights blazed behind a huge red "N" in every window of the house. At the entrance, the welcome sign and the red and white decorations were illuminated by the crescent of Gamma Phi Beta. A spot-light revealed on the lawn a football field with the colors and symbols of either team at the goals, and a big "Cornhusker" crossing the line with the ball. The sight inspired many happy memories in the minds of returning alumnae.

I suppose every chapter of Gamma Phi Beta has a banquet on Founders' Day. At least Pi Chapter enjoyed a very delightful feast with their alumnae on November 11. Mrs. Warren Ogden made an excellent toastmistress and very interesting toasts were given by Virginia Voorhees, representing the active girls, and by Clarice Green, representing the alumnae association. A clever little play presented by the pledges afforded us many laughs.

We enjoyed having with us for a few days in November our province director, Madaline Miller, and we were pleased to present her at a tea to a number of faculty members, mothers, and friends in other sororities. Miss Miller gave us much advice and many helpful suggestions which we appreciate deeply. All of the girls are anxiously looking forward to seeing her again.

During Thanksgiving vacation our chapter president, Florence Frohm, and the president of Lincoln alumnae association, Clarice Green, attended the Province Conference at Denver. Two other Nebraska Gamma Phis came from Boulder, Colorado; and in addition to the wonderful entertainment and hospitality of Theta chapter, the Nebraska delegates also enjoyed a very happy reunion. They came back with reports that made us all feel that it was surely more than worthwhile to send them.

The week-end before the holidays we had a Christmas house dance. Our high-ceilinged dining room was converted into Iceland, for we covered the walls with cotton and artificial snow. Cotton snow on threads dangled above our heads; a fat snow man stood in front of the fireplace, which was made into a bank of drifted snow; the blue lights behind big white balloons made the atmosphere really chilly. But on dancing on into the other rooms, one was thoroughly warmed by the red and green Christmas decorations, bells, mistletoe, and red balloons. Noisy favors and serpentine confetti assisted the orchestra in filling everyone with the spirit of revelry. At the pajama party after the dance, everyone sleepily agreed that the party couldn't have been better.

The last week was so overflowing with outside things to do that we could scarcely crowd in all that we wished. On Wednesday night we entertained our patronesses at a Christmas dinner. On Thursday night we had our own Christmas dinner, and at eleven o'clock a Christmas party. We exchanged ten-cent gifts with humorous verses each fitting the girl to whom it was given. In previous years we have been accustomed to give these gifts at a Christmas party for poor children; but this year, since we have decided to turn our support towards the children's camp at Denver, we did not carry out this custom.

In spite of all our good times we have not forgotten our scholarship. We have been working very hard this semester to obtain a high rank among other sororities on the campus. We are anxiously awaiting the results of the semester's work.

Pi chapter hopes that you may all have a very prosperous New Year.

DOROTHY PUGH

## RHO—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

*May the New Year bring to Rho—even more campus honors*

A head hung in shame for delinquency, a plea for forgiveness, and an assurance that it is granted since there is good news to impart.

The good news is that twenty-three of the most splendid freshmen on Iowa campus are wearing crescent pledge pins. When we can truthfully say, after the glamour of rushing is a thing of the past, that we are still proud of the results of that week it seems that we have indeed been successful.

The future banner bearers of active Rho Chapter with some of the honors they have already gained are: Sally Durno, a pledge of Seals Club; Marie Lichty, a member of the freshman party committee; Dorothy Murtagh, following close in the footsteps of her sister, Marge; Helen Strub, a future Phi Beta Kappa; Mary Urlson and Ruth Frese, loving and lovable roommates; Mary Lou Turner, Helen Wood, and Florence Jurgens, University Player apprentices; Elizabeth Casey and Catherine Barker, popular ladies on the campus; Gayle Parter, doing well in dramatics; Emogene Chapman, already with Rho's interests first in her heart; Rosemary Royce, an Octave Thanet pledge; Ruth Vetter, Elizabeth Sherman, and Mildred Nelson, capable, all around girls; Bernetta Kunau, former editor of the Clinton annual with aspirations toward the Hawkeye; Elizabeth Verrey, a capable business lady of the commerce college; Myrtle Babcock, newly pledged but already loved; Dorothy Paisley, a little artist; Helen Higbee, a classic beauty; Dorothy Mutz, a member of the University Glee Club; and Alice Mulroney, president of the pledges.

Rho, Rho, Rho your toast  
Gently toward success;  
For Rho of Gamma Phi can boast  
That they have pledged the best.

Our pledges royally entertained us at a party not so long ago. Invitations were delivered to us in the form of pledge pins, programs were replicas of the pins, and at either end of the house two electric crescents set in three cornered boxes to represent pledge badges threw out the light for the last moonlight waltz—"Gamma Phi Sweetheart." As the last strains of "I love you, my Gamma Phi sweetheart, I do" died away, the actives breathed a sigh and voted the party the best given in the new Gamma Phi Beta house.

The actives are upholding the glory of the chapter in their true Gamma Phi spirit. Irene Blackma has been initiated into University Players and is in the cast of the next University play; Margarite McConkey is secretary of the Y.W.C.A. board; Lois Klenzie holds an office in Y.W.C.A. and Seals Club; four actives were pledged to literary societies this fall; one of the chapters has been pledged Theta Sigma Phi, honorary journalism sorority; Beatrice Strite and Lorene Warder with their banjo and harmony songs are much in demand for entertainments on the campus.

There's much more to tell but one of the punishments of delinquencies is to be cut off short in piling up the glories so I'll save the rest until next time.

ADELINE TAYLOR

## SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

*May the New Year bring to Sigma—Still more campus honors*

It seems incredible that three months have elapsed since that last CRESCENT letter was raced unceremoniously to the post office and thrust in the small aperture which receives outgoing mail, but, nevertheless, "facts is facts" and here we are again tearing our hair while we assemble news from the four corners of the campus. All for Lindsey.

Due to the ceaseless endeavours of Bobbie Mellette, our activity chairman, both pledges and actives have done remarkably well in upholding our name in the campus



world. Out of a Rifle team of twenty-five we boast three members, Louise Ridgeway, Pauline Cost and Ruth Swonger. Gertrude Ohleman and Edith Billings have made Tau Sigma thus increasing the number of those among us who will be noted as "trippers of the light fantastic." Bobbie herself has been elected chancellor of Quill Club and as such, a worthy example to those whom she weekly prods on to literary destination, or any other kind which will uphold the honor of Gamma Phi Beta. In a recent oratorical contest, between boys and girls, sponsored by both the Student Council and the Women's Student Government Association, Constance Nuckles won first place and carried off a large silver loving cup. "Connie's" subject was "Campus Forensics." Last but not least comes our incomparable Moyne. One never knows in just what way she will next distinguish herself but, this time, she is one of the six to make fall Phi Beta Kappa, a distinction hoped for but rarely attained. In addition she has been elected to Quill Club.

Shortly before Christmas vacation our Province Director, Katherine Allen Woodward (Theta and Kansas City) made us a short but delightful visit. Her suggestions have always been a source of help and inspiration, particularly during the trying times of building, in the reorganization of the budget, and the inauguration of a new system of management. To us it was a source of keen satisfaction that she should be Director of our province and, as such, continue in an official capacity, those suggestions which have been of so much value to us.

Christmas vacation ushered in several annual parties which never lose their savour. The first of these social events was a Kid Party held December 15 at the chapter house. Santa Claus was much in evidence with many funny as well as useful gifts. A luncheon for all actives, pledges and town alumnae was held December 31 at the Newburn Hotel in Kansas City. The following night was Sigma's dinner-dance at the Kansas City Athletic Club to which all members of the Missouri chapter are always invited.

This year our pledges presented us with an orthophonic which we needed badly, to say the least. After this demonstration we shall continue our belief in Santa Claus.

Sigma has entered an inter-sorority musical contest sponsored by Kansas chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, national musical sorority, to take place on February 16. The songs are to be individual sorority songs and the awards will be made on the basis of musical ability and originality. This contest is a new feature in university activities, and it is hoped that it will encourage originality and be conducive to more organized singing.

Before the issue of the next CRESCENT we shall have passed again through a week of finals and shall have initiated those pledges who have successfully passed their first milestone. At this time Sigma wishes you the best of success both for scholastic attainments and the number of your initiates

ALEENE CASTER

#### MARRIAGES

Marcia Payne to Mr. Harold A. Stonebreaker.  
Ailee Decker to Dr. R. G. Henry.

#### TAU—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

*May the New Year bring to Tau—chapter and campus activities*

In spite of the usual lull which follows rushing, Tau Chapter has been very busy this fall.

Just after pledging we gave a tea in honor of our charming new house mother, Mrs. Maurice Smith. It was a very pretty and pleasant event.

It seemed very fitting that on Founders' Day we should pledge four such real girls as Dorothea Van Horn, Avis Whittier, Alice Kurz and Helen Murray. This gave us the terrifying number of thirteen pledges, a baker's dozen for sure. We have cut it down to a normal dozen now, for we gave Georgia Fleming the very best of Christmas presents by initiating her just a week before Christmas vacation.

Tau has enjoyed two very pretty formal dances this semester. The first was on Thanksgiving Eve by the actives in honor of their pledges. The chapter house was cleverly decorated with balloons and all that goes to make a real carnival dance. Some of the pledges are still finding confetti in remote corners. The second formal was a rainbow dance which was carried out in rainbow colors from programs to refreshments. There is no need to say how much we enjoyed both dances.

Gamma Phi Beta was one of the leaders here in Christmas spirit. Aside from our usual Christmas party given for our mothers and patronesses we had a tree and toys for fifteen children from the poorest district. It is hard to say just who had the better time, the hostesses or our ragged little guests. The plan of helping to bring a bit of Christmas joy to these poor little waifs was brought back by our president, Ruth Meckling, from the Province Conference held in Denver during Thanksgiving vacation.

We are looking forward to many activities next semester, both in the chapter and on the campus.

FRANCES GILKISON

#### UPSILON—HOLLINS COLLEGE

*May the New Year bring to Upsilon—another first  
place in scholarship*

The fall time at Hollins has been most unusual for until late in November few days were even cold. Those of you in the North might look upon us in astonishment as we wander about our campus in late November and early December with no thought of Jack Frost and Dame Winter.

Since our last letters many things have happened to thrill the hearts of Upsilon-ites. On November 1 we initiated Alice Robinson and Mary Agnes Snyder, two of our new pledges, and the initiated members were as excited, if not more so, than the initiates since this was the first time we had initiated without the guiding hand of one whom all might call an "old girl."

Upsilon has not stood by alone and let others participate in the fall sports for those who were able have gone out for hockey and tennis with great sportsmanship. Grace Sellars made not only the senior tennis team but also the sub hockey team; Alberta Gary made senior and odd hockey teams; Mary Ellen Franklin was captain of junior hockey and also played on the even team; Alice Robinson and Mary Agnes Snyder made sophomore sub hockey and at our annual Even-Odd Thanksgiving Banquet Gary and Franklin were awarded stars. These stars are given to Monogram Club members only.

We were more than delighted one day when we discovered that in our midst were two startling brilliant authoresses. In secrecy Grace Sellars and Eleanor McCoy had written the *Upsilon Yaps* which is to be our monthly publication; and the December issue of the *Yaps* is exceedingly worthy of praise.

When the scholarship average for the spring of 1926 of the various sororities on the campus was recorded we were glad to have Upsilon head with an average of 1.9.

During the Thanksgiving holidays only four old Gamma Phi Betas came back to see us and those who returned were Margaret Tynes, a senior of last year; Mary Byrd Buxton and Virginia Chapin of the Class of '28, and Dorothy McDowell of the Class of '27. We were so happy to see these girls and our only regret was that they had to leave when the holiday was over.

Upsilon is very proud of the two new Gamma Phis—one a senior, Cornelia Ferebee, and the other a junior, Virginia Williams. We are anxious for their initiation which will take place after Nu Christmas vacation.

The chapter decided that too many Sunday afternoon teas become monotonous so, in due consideration of our bank account, some of the seniors, who are always thinking of new plans, decided to have a supper at six rather than tea at five. Those who were to be surprised received invitations.

All of Hollins is excited with the thought of Christmas and just at this time there are many concerts and entertainments peculiar to our campus. On the night



of December 11 the Department of Music gave the annual Christmas Concert in which Betty Steel and Page Stone sang. On December 12 we had the Y.W.C.A. white gift service which is very beautiful as each class presents its gift of service, loyalty or friendship. After this service the Dramatic Association presented its Christmas Pageant. Mary Ann Hooper was coach of this pageant.

Upsilon wishes every sister chapter a happy New Year.

MARY ELLEN FRANKLIN

## CHI—OREGON STATE COLLEGE

*May the New Year bring to Chi—another  
"busy, happy and successful" year*

Chi has been especially busy, happy, and successful this fall. There have been social events a plenty—including homecoming when more than a dozen of our dear alums spent the weekend with us, while as many more stopped in for short visits. O.A.C. won from her old rival, U. of O. in football. Chi had a delightful fireside Saturday night after "dates" and an alumnae breakfast Sunday morning; so we felt that homecoming had been successful. Perhaps this is a good place to mention that Chi alumnae presented us with a Christmas gift of six beautiful knives and six salad forks to match our silver set.

We enjoyed the visit of Beatrice Locke, the Province Director, who spent several days with us in November. An informal dance with Hallowe'en decorations and a bridge luncheon for Mrs. Garrett, our house mother, are the most important social affairs Chi has had this fall. We are looking forward to a matinée dance sometime in February.

Alumnae in Co vallis, as well as Gamma Phi small daughters and sons enjoyed our annual Christmas party. After the stunts were over and Santa had given us our toys little Susan Grout, four years old, said "That girl made a good Santy Claus, didn't she?" Even Gamma Phi daughters are wide awake. A few days later we sent the toys out to the childrens' home, which is a few miles out of Corvallis.

Marion Needham, one of our seniors has made us all very proud and envious by being initiated into Omicron Nu. Vivian Tohl, another of Chi's seniors "did herself proud" in *Mr. Pim Passes By*, presented by the Oregon chapter of National Collegiate Players. The play was taken to several towns in Oregon and Washington and Gamma Phi's fame traveled thereby.

EDNA RICHARD

## PSI—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

*May the New Year bring to Psi—chapter spirit equal to  
Christmas spirit*

A semester almost gone and it seems but yesterday that we told our parents goodbye. Hasn't Christmas slipped up on us? And think of the many things that have happened—initiation of Erskine Hogue, Founders' Day Banquet, dances, the million classes we have attended and the quizzes we have taken. Does it seem possible? Wonder what Lulu Clark and Dorothy George Sanborn think? 'Twill be only a few weeks until we shall be deprived of them for they are receiving their degrees in February. I hope, like Browning, they will say "Grow old along with me; the best is yet to be."

The Psi girls were very glad to have Madaline Miller as our guest. Madaline gave us many helpful suggestions; we became very attached to her and want her to be with us again.

We are very interested in the success of our Province Conference; and by the favorable report brought back by Katherine Younger, we feel that many things were accomplished.

One would never know just what was taking place here by hearing "How many classes are you cutting?" "Who called a taxi?" "Tell everyone hello," "Give my love to your mother," and most of all, "have a big time." But the real Christmas spirit is here and vacation has begun. Sunday is our annual Christmas tree for the poor children of Norman, and more than the children have a good time for even the men make special dates to be here.

More and more honors! Elizabeth Massey and Seatta Foster were selected for Blue Pencil; Maxine Burt for Delta Psi Kappa; Fay Naylor for Kappa Delta Pi; Lee Dell Shives Rose and Dorothy George Sanborn for Omicron Nu; Edith Mahier and Della Brunstretter sponsors for Mortar Board.

GERTRUDE RABON

#### MARRIAGE

Virginia Roberson to Wilbur McKenzie, Kappa Alpha.

#### ALPHA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

*May the New Year bring to Alpha Alpha—a pirate chest  
of treasure*

Just to think, it is the dawning of another year, and closer and closer comes the much anticipated convocation for our worthy seniors—Irene Brown, Evelyn Bull, Lillian McBride, Beatrice Menzies, Willena Moffatt, Marion Stirrett, Muriel Thompson and Bonnie Wickware. Even if there is a separation from the active chapter, there will ever be that deep-felt interest in the welfare of Gamma Phi Beta, where "every prospect pleases" and friendships never grow dim.

The year of 1926 was a most busy and a most successful one. There was hard rushing and concentration, lots of competition, great eagerness and enthusiasm, and excellent and many girls to be rushed. Alpha Alpha added to her number thirteen splendid pledges, and this time there was nothing unlucky about that number; and we think we'll have to adopt it as our good luck symbol, after such good fortune. Our pledges—Gwen Fleury, Marjorie MacKechnie, Margaret Copp, Enid Walker, Ann Connor, Margaret Charleton, Alice Young, Margaret Young, Jean Mooney, Jessie Mooney, Wilma Speers, Ruth MacDonald and Leslie Leitch have entered wholeheartedly into the spirit of Gamma Phi, and anxiously await our initiation ceremony, when they will become full-fledged. We were also fortunate enough to add later to our pledges Sheila Thompson, a little lass of moderns, who was unable to attend college at the time of our rushing season.

One of our rushing parties was again our illustrious Chinese dinner, with our Buddha, weird muffled music, gambling den, aromas of incense and Chinese food to be manipulated with black chopsticks. All was excitement and merriment, and the party went off with a bang, the evening ending with games and dancing, our Chinese costumes adding a quaint touch to our every move.

Our dance given by the "Grads" at Parkdale Canoe Club seemed bigger and better than ever, and for weeks ahead both Gamma Phis and rushees anticipated it. This fact was evident because of the enthusiastic conversations held at every opportunity, and in every available nook and corner. And the anticipation wasn't greater than the realization.

The treasure hunt, our third rushing party, at the summer home of Leone Harris, was another memorable event. To begin with, Leone's home was just an ideal one for the hiding of our treasure, for it is out quite a distance, at the end of a long lane bordered with trees, and in itself seems mystic. The treasure (jewelry, of course, because pirates *always* had that!) was carefully concealed in a chest, and there was a great scramble and hunt for it when the first car load arrived. Then when all had assembled, we ate and ate (because we had been driving a long time you know!), then talked and talked and talked, then played pirate games and danced. Then all were packed into their respective automobiles, and it is reported that each car load sang merrily all the way home.

DOROTHY McCORMICK



## ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

*May the New Year bring to Alpha Epsilon—the longed for house*

Amid the whirl of last minute examinations, house-dances, and Christmas shopping, Alpha Epsilon Chapter prepared for the holiday season, with the annual Christmas party on the night before the departure of twenty-five members for various points in the country to spend the vacation with their families.

The one great goal which we have been striving for this year is our new home, about which we have woven beautiful and exciting dreams for the past two years, and which at last threatens to become a glorious reality. Rummage sales and benefit bridge parties have kept us financially stranded all semester in our final effort to raise the much needed funds for our house.

But let us turn to our social affairs. Our pledges gave us a dance last month which was a sport affair, gay, colorful and joyous; bright colored costumes against a white background gave the keynote to the affair. We have had two formal teas, one honoring our house mother, the second to introduce our pledges to the campus. We have also had open house for several of the fraternities.

Since our last letter we have pledged two very splendid girls, Charlotte Williamson of San Carlos, and Willida Neeley of Amarillo, Texas.

As to activities on the campus, Gamma Phis are secretaries of two classes—Pat Sponagle of the senior class, and Bonnie Wade of the sophomore class; while Minnie Mae Hudnall is chairman of the girls' tradition committee. Hockey season is over but during the time when the inter-class games were being played, the Gamma Phis literally shone. Ione Sparks and Charlotte Williamson were both on the freshman team, Veronica McDonald and Dorothy Mercer were on the sophomore team, La Verne Rodee, Minnie Mae Hudnall and Helen Nelson played on the junior team, and Lucile Chambers and Martha Vinson were on the senior team. Also Helen Nelson was chosen for the honor team. In the fall swimming meet, Gamma Phi placed first and we are now the proud possessors of a silver loving cup. We are also well represented on this year's annual having five girls on the editorial and business staffs. Gamma Phi has two members—Pat Sponagle and Irmajean Moore—in the "Wranglers," and Pat Sponagle in the Womens' Press Club, while Helen and Maureen Nelson are on the Y.W.C.A. cabinet: La Verne Rodee is vice-president of the Varsity Villagers and Mary Wisdom and Virginia Davenport belong to the Girls Glee Club. In dramatics, Alpha Epsilon is represented by Ann Houle, who is a member of the Shamann Players.

The past year has indeed been a busy, happy, and successful one for our chapter of Gamma Phi, and everyone is putting forth every effort to make the coming year even more so.

MAUREEN NELSON

## ALPHA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

*May the New Year bring to Alpha Zeta—a chapter house*

The holiday season comes to Alpha Zeta after a semester filled with joyous excitement. After our success in rushing we could hardly be other than happy, but it seems the entire term has been crowded with pleasures and excitements.

Founders' Day came only two days before Madalyn Miller, our province inspector from Theta, was to arrive, so we postponed our formal dinner until the thirteenth in order that she might share our festivities. How we all enjoyed that banquet! The T-shaped table was decorated with attractive ship models banked in billowy green waves of fern, while a treasure-chest overflowing with jewels and silver and gold-wrapped candies was the centerpiece. The toasts to the good ships Alpha Zeta and Gamma Phi Beta and to their crews carried out this motif. Gamma Phi songs added more to our spirit of joy and pride in our sorority, while the presence of our charming visiting delegate gave us much pleasure. We enjoyed Madalyn's visit ever so much and hope that she will come to see us again.

Shortly afterwards came Thanksgiving with football victory for Texas and the return of many alumnae for Alpha Zeta. So much excitement for one week-end made it difficult to take up our work again, but finals looming in the distance made this imperative.

Our Christmas bazaar was quite a success, thanks to our Mothers' Club and our own industrious girls. With so many pretty things everywhere, people just had to buy and buy and buy!

Shortly before finals began, the girls who take their meals at the chapter house decided to celebrate by a formal dinner. So we all wore our most elaborate evening gowns and had a gay time pretending we were having a reunion about eight years from now. Such astonishing things as had happened to these Gamma Phis! We only hope that some of them, such as two beautiful new chapter houses which we had built, will some day materialize!

Alpha Zeta also announces the pledging of Eugenia Barnes of Paris (cousin of one of our charter members) and of Vivian Campbell of Goldthwaite, for whom pledge service was held just before the Christmas party which our freshmen gave us during the midst of exams. Wasn't that an exciting night, with a Christmas tree and a real Santa Claus! There were all kinds of gifts to the house, contributions to the building fund, a new door-bell, a "sofy" for the hall, and even a new clock upon the mantel to tick out "it's getting late"! Yes, you can see how good the Gamma Phis have been this year, since Santa was so generous to them!

And now exams are over and the holidays are here! As our mid-season honor, Helen Hamilton has gone to be one of the University's representatives at the Y. W. Convention in Milwaukee. The others of us are enjoying the holidays too, and planning to return to college for an even busier and happier New Year.

MARTHA CHAMNESS

#### ALPHA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN

*May the New Year bring to Alpha Eta—The most desirable of freshmen*

After reading the chapter letters in the last CRESCENT, we felt pangs of envy because most of you have lived through your Rush Week and have come out with the large end of the score, while we are still struggling to keep within the changeable Panhellenic rules. Yes, the manner of rushing has changed again. After Thanksgiving vacation the authorities shut down completely on all the sororities, and the fair freshman girls were not to be sorority handled; all due to the fact that rushing had been too intense and no one was accomplishing a thing except diminishing the bank account! This rule is to hold sway until Rush Week proper. We are eager to have it all over, and hope to have some interesting news in our next letter.

Our social life has not been confined entirely to entertaining rushees—and we have accomplished a few things.

From November 2 to 5 we entertained royalty. Only Queen Marie could have held a candle to Mrs. Graham's popularity while she was with us. We are looking forward to her next visit.

We have organized a midget newspaper as a connecting link with our alumnae. Helen Harmon is the editor, and a representative from each class holds a position on the staff. While speaking of newspapers, we feel quite honored that Martha Bordon is holding an enviable position on the Ohio Wesleyan *Transcript*—namely, Circulation Manager. Martha is the first girl to hold this office, while Helen Robinson is our first sophomore to make the Historian Club. Ruth Stephens has been elected to Delta Phi Delta, honorary art fraternity.

Founders' Day was celebrated this year by a feed in our rooms, and the show afterwards. We gave our Christmas formal on December 10. However, this did not complete our Christmas celebrations for Mrs. Mary Murray Whitney, one of our Gamma Phi mothers, entertained our chapter with a bridge luncheon at her home in Marysville, Ohio. There were some of our alumnae back for the occasions.

RUTH STEPHENS



ENGAGEMENTS

Josephine Suttles, '28, to Mr. John Conklin, Sigma Chi.  
Ruth Stephens, '28, to Mr. Beverly Kelly, Sigma Chi.

ALPHA THETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

*May the New Year bring to Alpha Theta—more Phi Beta Kappas*

Alpha Theta is in a more or less whipped-down condition; for first semester exams passed out along with us yesterday. There really is no point in describing them since they are all alike, only ours are always more so. From the meager reports one is able to collect from various professors whom one happens to meet, Alpha Theta came through the deluge unusually well. One prof said: "I like to have Gamma Phi in my classes. They're always so interested." Albeit, we are determined to regain our place as first in scholarship on the campus.

We thoroughly enjoyed the visits of Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Graham this fall. To say they helped us is misleading; to put it plainly, they made us over.

We have recently pledged Lila Lipscomb of Fayetteville, and Mary Irene Cummins of Harriman, and on November 12 entertained for the children with an informal house dance. Of course, they had a good time; freshmen always do.

Fall elections have been held and Alpha Theta rated even better than is her custom. Thelma Riggs and Mary Ruth Strother made Three Arts, honorary club devoted to the Fine Arts. Their election made Gamma Phi tie Theta in having a majority of its members. Gladys Smith, Betty Cooper, Elizabeth Matthews and Helen Hopkins were recently initiated into Scribblers of Chi Delta Phi, national writing fraternity. Gamma Phis predominate here. Vallie Smith has been elected to Bachelor Maids, junior-senior social club; Ellen Couch has appeared in *School for Scandal*, and *Are You a Mason?* and did her usual splendid work. Ellen is an assistant in the Expression Department of Ward-Belmont this year, while Dot Knight is a laboratory instructor in the Chemistry Department. And the freshmen gave the world's cutest stunt, which Betty Cooper wrote one night during Mrs. Graham's visit; and so quickly did its fame travel that they were asked to repeat it at the next meeting of the Y.W.C.A. Helen Hopkins has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, ranking first of the three sorority girls elected.

HELEN HOPKINS

ALPHA IOTA—SOUTHERN BRANCH, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

*May the New Year bring to Alpha Iota—The dream house  
with a substantial foundation*

Lavender-hued, the first faint morning beams shown on the chill, gray waters of the bay and culminated in a glorious effusion of golden-winged dawn—this, in a word, was the setting of our Sunrise Dance at the Club Californian in Long Beach. The affair, which was unique in its cozy homelikeness and presided over by a dear little gondola-shaped crescent moon, was the last of a series of parties with which Alpha Iota enlivened the past two months.

First was the mother's tea on October 31; Jean Paulsen and Phyllis Posgate served some delicious frozen fruit salad, which took us all by storm and will surely receive a heavy call next rush season.

Then the pledges entertained the actives at a formal dance at La Venta Inn—the sweetest, quaintest Spanish inn, just an ideal place for a formal. The programs were made in the shape of the pledge pin. On the strength of that party, at which the freshmen proved themselves such perfect hostesses, one Friday evening we loaned the house to the pledges for a little dance all by themselves.

Just before the Christmas holidays, Alpha Iota entertained at a Benefit Bridge at the home of Gladys Lawrence, one of our alumnae in Cheviot Hills. Christmas colors prevailed in the refreshments and tallies, and the party proved pleasurable

as well as profitable. With the sale of twenty-five tables, candy, raffles, and Christmas gifts, we cleared upwards of one hundred dollars; with the hard earned shekels we shall lay the foundations of our castle in the air, the new home of Gamma Phi Beta in Westwood Hills.

Which reminds me that through the efforts of Emily Cleland, our house chairman, and her assistant, Kate Frost, of the active chapter, when the time arrives for the choice of lots, Gamma Phi will be able to make a more substantial down payment than any other sorority. Emily has solicited each of the alumnae who were members of the local sorority to make a one-hundred dollar pledge, and each new member of the active chapter has been required to make the same pledge.

Extending a hearty welcome to all alumnae to partake in our Christmas festivities, we held forth in annual Christmas jubilee the night before vacation. Each girl had instructed Santa to leave a tiny gift upon the tree for someone else, but in addition there were many surprises from the alums—some beautiful dishes, a picture, a book, and a silver lemon fork. The pledges, according to custom, furnished the entertainment, and this year they were all dressed as scullery maids, with the exception of two little newsboys who passed out the *Dust Mop*, a journal containing satirical comments on their active sisters.

The Southern Branch has two great causes for rejoicing. First of all, the bond campaign which was an issue of such high importance in the heart of every loyal Californian carried at the November elections by a four to one majority.

And possibly of less weight, but still a subject of pride is our athletic advance—admission to the Pacific Coast Conference on January 1, 1927.

Three of our members—Carol Morse, Kate Frost, and Lucile Berry—were initiated into Prytanean Society, the honorary organization for junior women.

Louise Gibson and Kate Frost are spending their holidays in colder climes as representatives to the joint Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. conferences in Milwaukee. While Ruth Chase, the naughty little girl, has been persuaded to transfer to the University of Washington. We shall certainly miss her.

LUCILE BERRY

#### ALPHA KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

*May the New Year bring to Alpha Kappa—  
Success in the first rushing season*

"I want to be a Gamma Phi and then I'll ask no more," seems to be vibrating through the air of our University these days and we hope to hear the second verse sung with just as much enthusiasm in a very short time. Alpha Kappa is in the throes of her rushing season, the first in her history, and she is also in a state of feverish excitement which you might think quite impossible this far in the frozen north. Competition is very keen, and although our rivals are all locals, they are exceptionally strong.

Wander-lust has again seized Alpha Kappa and the Christmas season inspired her to adopt new quarters. At present we are occupied with curtains and cushions and such, and expect to have very attractive rooms.

In looking back over this year's activities our dance stands out as our greatest triumph. Financially, it was most successful enabling us to entertain fifty poor children at a Christmas party. This is not the only way in which we measure its success, for its praises are still sung on the campus.

So we are doing our best to live up to Gamma Phi's reputation of versatility.

EDITH POOLE

#### DELINQUENT ALUMNÆ LETTERS

*Syracuse*—Mrs. Edward F. Rice

*Baltimore*—Mrs. Alan Sutton

*Seattle*—Mrs. Russell Callow

*Los Angeles*—Kathryn Smith

*Des Moines*—Mrs. Merle Leibold

*Madison*—Mrs. E. S. Sullivan



CHICAGO

*May the New Year bring to Chicago—a repetition  
of its splendid spirit*

Everyone is talking convention now and we are very proud that Gladys O'Connor Borland has been appointed chairman of the convention committee. We can be sure that everything will be thoroughly and most expertly planned and arranged if Glad has anything to do with it.

Since our last letter Epsilon and Chicago alumnae have held their annual bazaar. This year Mildred Golden and Gertrude McRae were in charge, and Mrs. Allen of Lambda chapter managed the card party. The Mothers' Club took charge of the food booth as they have done for several years. Thanks to the hard work and capable direction of these chairmen, we added over \$1250 to our house fund.

Marjorie Etnyre (Gamma) was the Chicago representative at the Province Conference held recently in Ann Arbor, and reported most enthusiastically the plans and workings of the Conference at our December meeting which was held on Sunday, December 12, at the Orrington Hotel.

GLADYS PFEIFER

BOSTON

*May the New Year bring to Boston—What it most desires*

The two important events in the Boston Alumnae chapter since my last CRES-CENT letter seem to be the coming of the visiting delegate and the Gamma Phi Beta Christmas party. Although Mrs. Price made a stay of only two days in Boston, we were all very glad to meet her and to hear about national affairs as well as about other chapters. Ten alumnae gathered at a small dinner in the Hotel Victoria, in honor of the visiting delegate. We were anxious to have many more Gamma Phis there, but owing to a mix-up in addresses, Mrs. Price's letter did not reach us until the day before she arrived. So we thought we were rather lucky to gather together ten loyal alumnae who had the pleasure of meeting her.

I really think the Weather Man had some sort of a grudge against Gamma Phis on December 28, the day of our annual Christmas party. To say that some of the streets and crossings were small rivers is no exaggeration at all. After a hard snowstorm on the day after Christmas, this same Weather Man decided that New England needed some rain. So rain it did, and not a bit gently on the day of our Christmas party. But quite a few braved the hard rainstorm and talked to their heart's content with sorority sisters, some of whom are seen only once a year at the Annual Spread.

Here's wishing all active and alumnae chapters of Gamma Phi Beta a most happy and prosperous New Year.

GLADYS KINGMAN

PERSONALS

Nellie Allen, '25, has returned from California, and is now teaching in the Plymouth High School, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Florence Barbour, '09, is engaged in social service work with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Winifred Barnes, '26, is now in business in Boston, Massachusetts.

Betty Macy Kauffman, '20, is the author of an interesting article in a recent number of the *House Beautiful*. Betty has another article appearing in the January issue of the *Modern Priscilla*.

Leona Leland, '26, now holds a position with a banking concern in Framingham, Massachusetts.

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

Leah Wood, '14, has returned from a five weeks visit in California.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Porter (Madeline Hamlin), a son.

## NEW YORK

*May the New Year bring to New York—The Panhellenic Club House*

A delightful supper party was given at the home of Grace Zimmerlin Cumber in Bronxville, in November. A luncheon and business meeting was held at the Panhellenic Club in December. On January 15 we are giving a tea in honor of our national president, Mrs. W. J. Graham, at the home of Mrs. Hubert Howe, 141 East Seventy-second Street.

About sixty Gamma Phis attended the Panhellenic Ball on December 10 at the Plaza Hotel. Ten of our members are serving on a team to sell preferred stock for the new Panhellenic Club House. The stock sells at \$50 a share and every member that buys a share will always have the satisfaction of knowing that she had a vital part in providing a real home for Gamma Phis and other sorority girls in New York.

The McAlpin Luncheons have been resumed and will be held as formerly, the third Thursday of each month from 12:30 to 2:30 P.M. The luncheon dates are February 17, March 17, April 21 and May 19. Mrs. Allen T. Holcombe, 618 West 114th Street, is chairman and her telephone number is Cathedral 5412.

HELEN CODLING HALSTED

## PERSONALS

Harriette Ashbrook, Pi, '20, is writing feature articles for the Brooklyn *Daily Eagle*.

Gene Joy Beatty, Alpha, is living at 12 Pineapple Street, Brooklyn, New York. Elita Hyde, Alpha, '25, is studying art and Lucia Ryder, Delta, '25, is studying elocution in New York City.

Winnifred Morse Kinne, Beta, and her sister have two very successful tea rooms in this city—one located at 42 Fifth Avenue.

Blanche Shove Palmer, Alpha, and her daughter are spending the winter at the Shelton, Lexington Avenue and Forty-Ninth Street.

Edna Stitt Robinson, Iota, entertained her sister, Mrs. Ralph Church, during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Edwin Blake (Willie Carter Witt) and her husband, of Tampa, Florida, came to New York on their wedding trip.

## MILWAUKEE

*May the New Year bring to Milwaukee—A continuation of its fine spirit*

Happy New Year to you,  
Happy New Year to you,  
Happy New Year, dear Sisters,  
Happy New Year to you.

(I hope you all hummed that to the refrain of the kindergarten greeting song.) And what are our plans for the New Year? Evening meetings every other month, sewing for the new Gamma chapter house, a Panhellenic bridge to start a scholarship fund—thus shall we be busied in the coming months.

Our first evening meeting in November was so well attended and enjoyed that we enthusiastically voted to alternate them with the luncheon meetings, and we are eagerly looking forward to meeting with Gertrude Ross on the evening of January 18.

When we learned that Gamma could use luncheon linens almost without number for the new home, we decided to bend the efforts of our nimble fingers in that direction. That does not mean we have forsaken our Family Welfare Association work. A canvas of our members disclosed so many giving of their services to the Association in a number of ways that we felt the sewing we had been doing was more than compensated for.



Speaking of service, may I digress from future plans long enough to tell you that our chapter was again responsible for selling Christmas seals for the Anti-Tuberculosis Association for four days before Christmas?

Milwaukee Panhellenic has ambitiously become a purposeful organization and aims to raise sufficient funds at a bridge party to give a scholarship to a local high school girl. Our College Women's Club has graciously consented to administer the scholarship in connection with the several awarded by them.

Our chapter has the management of the bridge which will probably be held in January and, according to present plans, will be followed by a tea in order to promote the sociability for which purpose the organization was first started.

ANNE McCAWLEY GLENNON

#### PERSONALS

Mrs. Frank Youngmans (Marie Leavens, Gamma) with her family is spending some time in Milwaukee.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Dodge (Ethel Garbutt, Gamma) a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Archie Werrbach (Helen Harper, Gamma) a daughter.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

*May the New Year bring to San Francisco—*

*The customary achievement*

One of the most enjoyable meetings of the year was the luncheon at Rachel Colby's the Tuesday after Christmas. This party at Rachel's, which is an annual affair, is always especially pleasant due to the presence of a number of out-of-town members who spend the holidays in Berkeley. After a delicious buffet lunch, Bess Harshman Woods entertained us with a number of piano selections, and the business meeting followed.

The officers who are guiding the destinies of San Francisco Alumnae this year are the following: Elizabeth Allardt Brown, president; Gladys Sevier, vice-president; Margaret Nachtrieb, corresponding secretary; Helen Williams Saylor, secretary; Blanche Harris Dalton, treasurer; and Annette Ruggles Wellington, chapter editor to THE CRESCENT. Mary Vaughan and Margaret Nachtrieb are the representatives to the active chapter, and Katherine Lahann Small is advising the latter in financial matters.

Our latest venture in the realm of money making is a waffle and coffee sale which is to take place at the chapter house the first week in February. Margaret Nachtrieb is in charge of arrangements and besides waffles and coffee, there will be salads, cakes, preserves and other good things for sale at a delicatessen table. Electric waffle irons and good cooks are being chartered for that day and we hope all our members and their friends will come and eat their fill of waffles.

We are also to have "white elephant" sales at two of our spring meetings, one to be an auction and the other a bargain sale, each member pricing her own goods. We expect these sales to be quite remunerative as well as lots of fun.

San Francisco Alumnae chapter is looking forward to a most happy and prosperous New Year and wishes the same for all sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

ANNETTE RUGGLES WELLINGTON

#### MARRIAGE

On October 13, 1926, at New York, Ethelwyn Crockett (Eta, '21) to Clark Sydenham of Berkeley. Mrs. Sydenham had just returned from a year of study and travel in Europe. Her husband served with the Marines during the World War and is now an officer on the Dollar liner *President Hayes*. They are residing in Berkeley.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. William Monahan (Betty Walters, Eta, '25) on October 14, 1926, a daughter, Margaret.

To Mr. and Mrs. John-Hatfield (Margaret Smith, Eta, '21) on December 22, 1926, a daughter, Sarah Ellen.

## DENVER

*May the New Year bring to Denver—definite results  
from the Conference*

Probably the most worth while event sponsored by the Denver Alumnae chapter this fall was the Convention of Province Number Five held in Denver on November 25, 26 and 27.

Invitations were sent to all of the Greek letter chapters and alumnae associations in our province, and although we received several regrets we were fortunate in having Genevieve Young from Theta, Katherine Younger from Psi, Florence Frahm from Pi, Ruth Meckling from Tau, Clarice Greene and Mrs. Walter Cline from Lincoln Alumnae Association and Oklahoma Alumnae Association, respectively. We all felt that we were very fortunate to have the opportunity to meet and become acquainted with such charming girls.

The province conference held here was much the same as other province conferences. We held business meetings during the mornings and afternoons, with luncheons, teas, dinners, a dance and motor trips interspersed, making we hope, a very enjoyable as well as a worth while conference.

All who attended the conference were convinced that numerous and successful province conferences would not only give us an opportunity to present freely our difficulties and receive helpful suggestions and ideas, but would bring us into a more personal contact with other chapters; would not only help to bind the chapters of Gamma Phi Beta into a more closely united whole, but would give us all a broader and better conception of our national organization.

These province conferences are only in their infancy in our organization. The girls in each chapter are very busy as we all know, and may feel that they cannot possibly give the time necessary for such a gathering; but as a matter of fact it really does not take a great deal of extra time or work, and when one thinks of the benefits to be gained, there is only one thing to do—have a province conference as often as possible and help to make this enterprise a success.

THALIA VAN ORMAN WOODS

## ENGAGEMENTS

Jessie Helen Huffsmith (Theta, '25) to Mr. Clyde Schrepferman (Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Colorado State Agricultural College).

Winifred Lute (Theta, '26) to Mr. Miles Markley (Lambda Chi Alpha, University of Denver).

## MARRIAGES

On September 10, 1926, in Denver, Mary Virginia Milligan (Theta) to Mr. Orton Kirkwood Stark, University of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Stark are at home in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

On December 29, 1926, in Denver, Ruth Marr (Theta) to Mr. John Stubbs.

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schlessman (Florence Fabling, Mu) in December, a son, Lee Edwin.

## MINNEAPOLIS

*May the New Year bring to Minneapolis—The same  
ambition and achievement*

Since our last letter nothing of world-stopping importance has happened to the Minneapolis chapter other than a most successful rummage sale at which we cleared almost \$200, which gives new life to our pledge to the active chapter. In addition, Louise Smith was kind enough to open her home to us for a sacrifice sale, at which "fair exchange was robbery"—so those of us believe who were among the large number who had selected one certain article as the "only thing they wanted to buy." At any rate, a few more shekels were added to the pile.



The November meeting was held at the home of Ruth Simpson Knoblauch with much zest added by the fact that each member was successively invested with mortal terror upon hearing strange sounds issuing from the nether regions, and was later much chagrined to discover that it was all due to a very small bull dog with the asthma. The chapter voted to have similar entertainment at all meetings. Helen Carpenter was hostess at the December meeting, and set a precedent which will be hard to live up to, of having too many chairs. The annual holiday tea was held at the chapter house the Wednesday after Christmas. There was a large attendance and much "confab" between those who had not seen each other for some time. This completes our activities for the past two months, wherein the duties incumbent upon Christmas somewhat diverted attention from Greek letter occupations. However, we hope to attack the question of finances with new zeal, and your humble correspondent expects to have much more than her share to report next time.

JEAN S. MACMILLAN

#### MARRIAGES

Ottilia Maier to Mr. John S. Getchell, St. Thomas.  
Olga Frank to Mr. Robert Bryant.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dexheimer (Lucile Curtis) on October 22, a daughter, Mary Louise.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Willis Jones (Helen LaDoux), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Erdall, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Houlahan (Constance Davis) of Seattle, on October 1, a son, John Arthur.

#### PERSONALS

Helen Carpenter and her mother spent Christmas in Everett, Washington, and plan to go from there to California on an extended motor trip.

Kathryn Silversen and her father motored East before Christmas to visit Charles Silversen, who is a student at Princeton.

Mrs. Lucien Young of St. Paul visited the Iowa chapters in November.

#### DETROIT

#### *May the New Year bring to Detroit—an equally successful Bridge Tea*

One of the big events of the fall in which the Detroit chapter participated was the Conference of Province Two at Ann Arbor from November 12 to November 14. Dorothy Sweet and Florence Robinson were the chapter delegates, and several other members, including Pansy Blake, who gave us a report on expansion, were there. Quite a few of the girls motored to Ann Arbor Saturday and Detroit chapter was well represented at the delightful banquet on Saturday night. Ann Arbor and Beta were very charming hostesses and we all had a most enjoyable time. We are now looking forward to the national convention in June when we hope to meet many of our new Gamma Phi friends again.

Isabelle Hosie MacKay very generously entertained us again at a buffet supper at her home when we held our November meeting. Our January meeting is to be held at Augusta Durfee Flinterman's lovely new home in Grosse Pointe.

We are delighted that our annual financial worries have been so successfully settled this year. We had what everyone agrees was a very lovely Bridge Tea at the new Wardell apartment hotel on December 4. There were seventy-eight tables of bridge in play with a prize—a pack of Michigan League cards—for each table. Quite important of course was the fact that we more than made our objective which was to raise the money for our pledge to the Endowment Fund.

FLORENCE M. ROBINSON

## PERSONAL

Elizabeth Allen Wilson (Zeta '21) and her small daughter who are now living in Indianapolis were in Detroit for the Christmas holidays.

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cutter (Josephine Gage, Rho '22) a daughter, Nancy Ellen.

To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Earle Wilson (Elizabeth Allen, Zeta '21) on October 20, 1926, a daughter.

## PORTLAND

*May the New Year bring to Portland—even more "talent, ability, pep and enthusiasm"*

Only immediate "jottings down" as bits of news trickled to an embryo writer's ears, and sketchy notes penned at the very time of the occurrence of any event in the world of Gamma Phi Beta, have saved this letter from being a totally vapid affair, utterly lacking of all news,—for how on the night after Christmas, in the midst of all holiday festivities can one keep anything on her mind, save Christmas, itself,—if she didn't have a stack of notes to remind her of other times and past affairs?

Usually a pleasurable task, this writing of a chapter letter now seems an almost insurmountable one, with a houseful of guests, whose general merriment and intriguing conversation demand one's utmost attention and interest. The only consoling fact that remains is the thought that one is not alone in this effort, that over thirty-three other "would be" writers from Alpha to Alpha Kappa, and half again as many alumna correspondents are also having to stop in the midst of holiday gaieties, to wield the pen.

This period between October and the Christmas holiday season is always rich in news; so many activities are in full swing during that time. Gamma Phi Beta alumnae activities started in October with the first meeting at the home of Margaret Kern, with Carolyn Sanford, Katharine Wilson Woodworth, and Genevieve Clancy Dundore as assistant hostesses. Thirty-one members were present at this meeting, at which the president, Virginia Petheram Wilson, presided. Following the luncheon came the business meeting at which it was decided to change the time of meeting to the first Tuesday of each month, the girls to meet as usual for luncheon at 12:30.

On November 2 came the second meeting of the fall, and this was held at the attractive new home of Ruth Beach Mahlon, which is located in the beautifully wooded district of Forrest Hills. At this meeting plans were made for a Founders' Day banquet to be held at the New Healthman Hotel on the evening of November 13.

Portland chapter was happy to have Josephine Terrill Paul of Mu, and Marian Bauer Miller of Chi affiliate at this meeting.

On the afternoon and evening of November 10 the Gamma Phi Beta alumnae chapter had the honor of being asked to take charge of the dining room at the President Campbell Memorial benefit tea which was given at the handsome home of Mrs. I. D. Inman on Westover Terraces.

November 13 saw seventy-five Gamma Phis gathered together to celebrate Founders' Day with a formal banquet. Alice Benson Allen presided as toast mistress; Eileen Tompkins Hall, Grace Maxwell Gray, Edith Woodcock Whittlesey, Bertha Masters Patterson, and Florence Lewis Farrens responded with excellent toasts.

The December meeting was held on the seventh of the month at the home of Helen Houghton Peterson in Laurelhurst. At this time Eleanor Holman Burkitt, chairman of the Christmas charity committee, gave her report. Three families with little children ranging from tiny babies to boys and girls of twelve and thirteen years were provided with food, clothing and toys. This is an annual charity of Portland chapter.



Helen Duck Henshaw (Lambda) at this meeting was elected treasurer in place of Margaret Kern, who found it necessary to resign because of a pending trip which will keep her in California the most of the winter.

The most outstanding decision arrived at this last meeting was the agreement to sponsor a definite social service work among the blind people of Oregon, a work heretofore never undertaken by any other organization.

Before sealing and sending this letter I have waited to add a note about the annual Christmas luncheon of Portland chapter which occurred today December 29, at twelve o'clock in the Gold room of the Multnomah hotel. Over one hundred Gamma Phis, and their mothers attended this affair which was arranged by a committee composed of Margaret Kern, Mary Clancy, and Florence Hartman Hollister. A short musical program added much to the pleasure of the affair. Virginia Wilson Petheram introduced different members of the chapter who gave short talks, Christmas gifts were presented to Chi and Nu; representatives from Nu and Chi gave informal talks on the activities of their chapters during the fall term of college; and two mothers, representing the two Gamma Phi Beta Mothers' Clubs of Portland told of their accomplishments for the year.

These things wind up the events of 1926 unless mention may be made of the prominent part certain members of our organization are playing in the "Portland Follies," a production being staged by the American Legion, tonight and tomorrow night. Mrs. Pat H. Allen (Alice Benson, Eta) had a prominent part as member of the casting committee, and also as one of the members of the general committee in charge of the affair. Beside this, Mrs. Allen impersonated Queen Marie in the production which was a "take off" on all public events occurring in the city of Portland this year. Another member, Bertha Masters Patterson, was in charge of the costuming, which was a stupendous task which has been executed most successfully. Frances Warrens and Mary Luckel were members of the chorus.

This indeed closes the chapter news for 1926, a successful year for Portland chapter, and what with the talent, ability, pep, and enthusiasm we now have in the members of the organization, 1927 should be even a greater year.

GENEVA STERNO COCKERLINE

#### PERSONALS

Georgia Benson (Nu) is being welcomed to Portland chapter from the Eugene Alumnae Association. Georgia was president of the Eugene Association last year.

#### ST. LOUIS

*May the New Year bring to St. Louis—more shekels for the house*

As usual Phi alumnae have been raising money. That seems to be our chief occupation, but not a bad one at that. For some day you will see a house and a real one built by benefit bridges, Christmas cards, etc.!

The benefit bridge was lovely. The Castlereigh was the setting and everyone was there. The place was so crowded one could hardly squeeze between the tables. We sold home-made candy and served tea and cakes. Each table had an adorable prize and we just "raked in the shekels." The rake was kept busy for it brought four hundred dollars from the sale of Christmas cards. And so the fund grows larger day by day.

I must tell you that Phi and alumnae appreciated and enjoyed the visit of two splendid Gamma Phis—Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Woodward. They did so much for us here in St. Louis, and brought us a broader Gamma Phi vision; and we are doubly proud that we wear the crescent. Notice I say "wear" not "wore."

The Gamma Phis had a Christmas party at the home of Charlotte Briner. Pledges, actives and "alums" were there in all their glory. It was a "chummy" party where the new pledge and the "alum" with a daughter in college were made to feel like sisters—sisters in Gamma Phi.

The following list will tell you about the new Gamma Phi daughters of whom we are so proud. Here's hoping they will wear the crescent that their mothers wear.

LAURA HINCHMAN

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Cole (Bessie Mae Rostrov) a daughter, Nancy Ellen.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hallaner (Helen Hauser) a daughter, Helen Ann.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welliamsan (Gretchen Manning) a daughter, Patricia.

## RENO

*May the New Year bring to Reno—The inspiration of a  
 home to work for*

Nevada's Homecoming Day was celebrated on October 30, and the active girls entertained the alumnae at a luncheon, after which all attended the football game. Many of the out-of-town girls were there.

Our annual card party and dollar sale was held at the home of Janet Morrison and we realized almost a hundred dollars. So it was successful financially as well as socially. Laura Shurtleff managed the card party and Ethel Stunheimer the sale.

So many of the alumnae of Alpha Gamma are living in and around Los Angeles that they have organized an Alpha Gamma Club and are helping both Reno and Alpha Gamma. They sent in many lovely articles for our sale.

Just at present Alpha Gamma and Reno Alumnae are considering the purchase of a house. It will mean much work but how we will enjoy working for our own home.

LAURA SHURTLEFF

## PERSONALS

Emily Burke Farrar has a baby daughter—Mary Antoinette.

Erma Eason Dubord has a baby daughter, Barbara Erma.

Virginia De Bell, Eta, a member of Reno Alumnae for only two years was married in November to Dr. Bumgarner.

Pearl Turner has returned to Reno after spending the summer in Houston, Texas.

Lulu Hawkins has entered the field of commercial art and was chosen to design the programs for the new Granada Theatre. She is also doing several pictures for the Nevada Highway Exposition to be held here this coming July.

## TORONTO

*May the New Year bring to Toronto—the "old time thrill"*

The Christmas chapter of 1926 has closed and January 1927 has come blowing in since last we wrote to the CRESCENT. Would that you were all seated round a friendly fire so that we might talk and talk and talk! So many things have been happening.

Rushing, that gloriously hectic period that costs so many wakeful nights and worrisome days has gone. In its stead, a wonderful group of brand new Gamma Phis has blossomed. You'd love them all! The alumnae were unusually fortunate this year, since the arrangement of the rushing parties, made it possible for so many of us to get to know the rushees. So deep was our interest in the different girls, that many of us felt the old-time thrill of active chapter days, when we learnt that our "special prizes" had chosen Gamma Phi.

Toronto alumnae were singularly honored to have a visit from our president, Mrs. Graham. Those of us who had previously met Mrs. Graham, were so happy to see her again—those who met her for the first time quite lost their hearts to her gracious charm.

Gamma Phi has now joined the army of rummage sale workers, holding the first rummage sale in November; and quite successful it was. Jessie Mills, Mae Harris and Jean Stevenson, seemed to be the moving spirits in the affair, though all the girls dug down into their attic chests and co-operated to make it a real success.

Our children's Christmas tree was a bright spot in December. We entertained a group of little kiddies who came from homes where there was little brightness and



not much chance of Santa Claus calling. Each child received a useful piece of clothing and a toy. Edythe Ross arranged the party, and had you dropped in on it, you might have wondered who were enjoying it most—the alumnae or the children!

Toronto Alumnae chapter is so sorry to lose Jessie Mills who has gone to make her home in New York where her husband has recently accepted a new journalistic position. Jessie and Jack have long ago endeared themselves to Gamma Phis and we regret their loss sincerely. From the bottom of our hearts we wish them many years of success and happiness.

As this letter goes to press, we are off to the loveliest sorority affair of the season—initiation banquet. Wouldn't you all like to come?

MARY A. DALLEY

## SPOKANE

*May the New Year bring to Spokane—Success in every way*

The Spokane Alumnae chapter wishes you all a very happy and successful New Year.

The marriage this fall of Thelma Ehrenberg (Lambda) was an occasion of interest to our chapter. In her honor, members of the Spokane Alumnae Chapter gathered at the home of Mrs. Chester Paulson, for a handkerchief shower and bridge and mah jong party. The handkerchiefs were presented the honored guest in a big hat box attractively decorated and tied with a huge bow of pink ribbon. Many affairs were given for her.

Beatrice Locke of Portland, Oregon, inspector for this province was a guest of this chapter on her way to and from Moscow. A luncheon in her honor was given.

Most of our social meetings this year have been bridge parties. Our last one, which was held December 28 at the home of Gertrude Tormey, was especially enjoyable because the active members and visiting Gamma Phis were guests on that evening.

BERENICE STAMBAUGH

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Joseph Knapp (Katherine Peterson) has been visiting in Spokane with her parents.

Elizabeth Johnson from Ames also paid us a short visit.

Katherine Dwyer spent the holidays in Spokane visiting relatives and friends.

## MARRIAGES

Thema Ehrenberg (Lambda) to Mr. Howard Brady (Beta Theta Pi).

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dorothea Oien (Lambda) to Clarence Stevens.

## CLEVELAND

*May the New Year bring to Cleveland—even greater loyalty and service.*

The beautiful Christmas-tide is upon us and "all is right with the world." Our kindly thoughts and good wishes extend to our sister chapters and among our resolutions for the New Year is the one that as a chapter we will serve our sorority with greater loyalty.

The interesting events in our Gamma Phi Beta calendar for the fall started with our visit from our national president on November 1. The "inspection" proved to be a delightfully informal visit around the luncheon table at the Women's City Club on the day that Mrs. Graham was passing through our city. She left us feeling that as members of Gamma Phi Beta we have a high standard to maintain if we would reach the one she holds for herself as president of our sorority. We feel more strongly than ever that there is nothing of greater value for our chapters

than annual visits from officers or delegates. And side by side with this is the value of the Province Conference.

Alice Kenyon Watkins (Alpha) and Anna M. Dimmick (Zeta) were our delegates to the Conference of Province Two held in Ann Arbor November 12-14. Their reports were most enthusiastic about the delightful hospitality of Beta and Ann Arbor alumnae, about the pleasure of new acquaintances and about the value of strengthening our sorority by this means of "better understanding." This Province will be hostess for the biennial convention to be held at Mackinac Island in June. The excellent suggestion of Mrs. Graham that a whole province assume the responsibility of convention has met with instant favor. We are very happy to be one of the assisting chapters for this year's convention and we want to make a strong appeal to alumnae to attend. If you have reached the point where you desire a rejuvenation of mind and spirit—to say nothing of "face and figure"—we recommend the meeting of kindred souls at a convention. Begin to plan now for this summer outing.

Another November event was a charming tea held at the Woman's City Club in honor of Ruby Laird Baston (Kappa), Helen Ely Charlton (Beta), and Hildegard Hagerman John (Gamma and Beta)—our much loved former members who have moved to Detroit during this past year. Pauline Adams Drake (Beta) and Gladys Whittam Stearns (Epsilon) were the hostesses.

Our December luncheon meeting was held in a private dining room of the new Allerton Hotel, which is a popular place for college gatherings. The reports of the Province Conference were given and plans made for our Christmas party. Young as our chapter is we have "a tradition" and that is our party given at the holiday time for the active Gamma Phis who are home for their vacations and for any of their present or prospective college friends whom they may wish invited. This year our party is to be a luncheon bridge at the University Club. Marion Deming Horr (Gamma) is chairman of arrangements and we know she has some Christmas surprises for us.

In accordance with our resolve to do more for Gamma Phi this year, we are going to start by increasing the funds in our treasury. Enthusiasm and *cash* are both necessary for carrying out many of the things we are glad to see our sorority undertaking. We have increased our local dues for 1927 and are contemplating the time honored benefit bridge in the near future.

We are glad to welcome to our Cleveland Alumnae chapter Lenore Ebersole Fisher (Omicron) who is living at 16607 Delaware Avenue, Lakewood, and the Misses Ednah and Ruth Burrington (Beta) who with their mother have taken an apartment for the winter at 1933 East Ninetieth Street. The new address of Grace Sprague Cameron (Epsilon) is 1616 Winton Avenue, Lakewood.

If you live in Ohio and are without an alumnae chapter home we cordially invite you to join the Cleveland Alumnae chapter.

MARY LYONS DIBBLE

## KANSAS CITY

*May the New Year bring to Kansas City—The same  
"interest, sparkle and breathless seriousness"*

The Kansas City Alumnae chapter surely has growing pains; if not, it is because the chapter is such a healthy child that such things are not even tolerated in the exuberance of youth. For we are going along with a vigor and enthusiasm that is usually found only in active chapters.

A guest from another alumnae chapter at one of our meetings was astounded at the interest, the sparkle and the breathless seriousness of our meeting. She said it was not even equalled in some active chapters.

We have opening exercises to begin the meeting, and it was rather embarrassing at first how the voices would swell at some familiar phrase and then fade out when memory failed. It is hard to believe how very short is memory and how easily



things so vital to one during the college life drop from the conscious mind. But we are back in the swing of things now—a new chapter, inspired and thrilled.

A Gamma Phi Directory is one of our inspirations this year. It has the names, addresses, telephone numbers and chapters of all Gamma Phis in Kansas City; also it has a calendar of the meetings for the year with the names of the hostesses; is printed on mode paper with brown type and is an example of the organization we are perfecting.

Our benefit bridge was a huge success. We cleared much money and the atmosphere of the affair was one of enjoyment and fun. This letter is taking on the flavor of a Chamber of Commerce pamphlet, I am afraid! It may sound almost too optimistic but really the spirit is here!

The meeting for January will be in the form of a luncheon at the Newbern Hotel for all active girls in Kansas City for the holidays. Each one is to bring a small gift with her name inside, and then there is to be a grab bag resulting in a fine mixer, we hope.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. W. W. Huesner (Gertrude Livermore, Nu) to our chapter.

MILDRED ODELL BLUM

#### MARRIAGES

Bernice Bridgens (Sigma) to Mr. Herbert Barnby of New York, New York.  
Marcia Payne (Sigma) to Mr. Hal Stonebraker.

#### ANN ARBOR

*May the New Year bring to Ann Arbor—full experience as a chapter*

Our chapter is still new, and we have not even had a starting chance to make history for ourselves, although we hope we helped in the annals for the future, when the Province Conference was celebrated in Ann Arbor, from November 12 to 14, inclusive.

Much impressed by the fact that we have resorted to these conferences as a means to economy, we planned that simplicity in every detail should carry out our loyalty to the national intention, and permit the atmosphere of the homes of alumnae and the Michigan Union to carry the impression of luxury.

We met just previous to the Conference at the home of Mabelle Douglas, for supper, to make arrangements. This took the place of one of our regular luncheons, which bring us together every other month of the college year. On the alternate months we have teas.

After a brief welcome to our Conference visitors with tea at the chapter house, Friday afternoon, we met for supper at the home of Mrs. Nathan Potter, to which we invited a few women, representing the executive departments of the University. On Saturday we held the business meetings, broken by luncheon at the Michigan Union. We benefitted by the informal discussions, and were especially glad to have contacts with our young chapter from Ohio, and the delegates, active and alumnae, from Canada. Points of interest discussed were: the endowment fund, the relation of deans of women to girls, alumnae dues to chapters, CRESCENT life membership; and the sententious question was left to us to ponder: "Were You a Gamma Phi, or Are You a Gamma Phi?" The evening banquet at the chapter house was presided over by our kind and understanding president, Mrs. Graham. Sunday morning, we remained to hold conference with the Ann Arbor alumnae, for which we were truly grateful. From the Conference we gathered impetus for Convention and for its success.

GRACE L. BREAKEY

## CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

*May the New Year bring to Champaign-Urbana—a share  
in the Omicron house*

Since Omicron chapter is planning to build a new home as soon as possible, the Alumnae association naturally is anxious to help all it can. Just before Christmas we held a food sale, and, among other things, we are planning a benefit bridge to be given soon after the holidays.

But our activities are not all devoted to business. When Mrs. Woodward, our province director, came to visit the local chapter in October, we gave a dinner in compliment to her; while in November the association was entertained delightfully by one of its members, Mrs. Ida M. Staehle, formerly the Gamma Phi chaperone at the University of Illinois and the University of Washington and now head of one of the University of Illinois residence halls. Maxine McCormick is planning a similar party for us next month.

In addition to the regular business meetings this fall, the association held its annual gathering at Homecoming. We met as usual at the home of our founder, Frances Haven Moss. Less than a month later we were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of her husband, Professor C. M. Moss, who through all the years of its existence has been an active and helpful friend to the local chapter and a warm personal friend to many of its members. Our sympathy for Mrs. Moss, whom we love so much, is no greater than our admiration of the serene courage with which she faces life under such sadly changed conditions. We who know her realize that all that is best in Gamma Phi ideals of life has found embodiment in her.

MARIAN McANALLY

## WINNIPEG

*May the New Year bring to Winnipeg—another  
social service enterprise*

Things have been happening to Alpha Kappa since last we wrote. You must forgive us if we, Winnipeg Alumnae Association, are still Alpha Kappas in thought and action.

Our dance, of course, took most of our energies for a while, and it seems to have been a success. It turned out that our idea of giving a dance was received in various ways by the local fraternity chapters, and it was interesting to find ourselves the center of quite a small controversy as to whether the truly delicately-minded ladies' organization should partake in so public an affair or not. When our charitable intentions came to light, however, all was changed to plain sailing, and we had a splendid backing of fraternities. The dance itself was marked by its chorus which was notable for its beauty, wit and dexterity. We who weren't in it marvel that our sisters—though admittedly clever—could learn so many graceful little steps and ways in so short a time. As for the rest—well, our society editor nearly went mad describing it—the lights, the flowers, the food, the people! And after all, we did make enough money to have a fairly nice Christmas tree for forty youngsters whom Santa might have forgotten!

The Christmas party was truly a "howling success." Everybody, especially the children, shouted with glee at our very jolly and efficient Santa, who had heard the call and came galloping all the way down from St. John's College. Every child had an article of warm clothing, a toy and a stocking, a bag of nuts and candies from the huge tree.

We do feel that this is one tradition that justifies Gamma Phi's reputation for social service work, and are very happy in giving these children some of our own privileges.

HELEN GOURLEY



## LINCOLN

*May the New Year bring to Lincoln—many pennies  
for the new house*

Looking into the new year, Lincoln alumnae have visions of that new Pi chapter house on Sorority Row, which is made more of a certainty as letters go out asking loyal alumnae to give of their money. Mrs. C. C. Minter, 1120 North Thirty-seventh Street, as treasurer of the building committee, receives all checks; Ethel DeYoung Watkins has taken a place on the building committee; and we start 1927 with a definite goal in mind.

The last few months of 1926 have brought to the alumnae group much inspiration and pleasure, beginning with the visit of our province director, Madaline Miller. She first met the alumnae group and gave them her message and suggestions at an informal evening meeting November 1 at the home of Ethel DeYoung Watkins. A luncheon at the Country Club was given on November 4 to honor our guest, when we all gathered around one large table, decorated with yellow chrysanthemums.

The next Sunday papers were well filled with Gamma Phi as the *Star* had photographed Miss Miller and the *Journal* carried the picture of our president, Clarice Greene, who spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Denver as our representative at the province convention. Not even a sleet storm prevented an almost 100 per cent attendance at the December meeting at the chapter house when Clarice gave her complete and glowing report. Ruth Irwin of Winfield, Kansas, who had been visiting here, stayed an extra day to attend the meeting.

The alumnae enjoyed so much joining with the active chapter at the Founder's Day banquet at the house on November 11. We welcomed there, Blanche Simmons LeRossingol, who has returned from California with Ross and their nine months old boy, James Edward, to make their home in Lincoln.

A sadness comes to us at the end of the old year because two valued members of our small group are leaving us. Elizabeth Hayes Decker (Xi chapter) who so completely identified herself with the Lincoln group, will make her home in Omaha. Marguerite Smith, after her marriage on Christmas day to Eldo Francis Tomiska, left for Chicago where they will be at home after February 1. A number of social affairs have been given in their honor.

BELLE FARMAN

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Merritt (Fayne Smithberger), a daughter, Jacquelyn Lou, October 18.

## NASHVILLE

*May the New Year bring to Nashville—a realization of all plans*

Greetings from "Flooded Nashville!" With the Cumberland river breaking past high water records, we find a large part of our city and a great number of the up-country towns flooded. The river is expected to reach its high water crest tomorrow and then we hope it begins to fall, for it is almost time for the girls to come flocking back to college.

We are so enthusiastic over our freshmen, our prospective Gamma Phis. Though we are old and dignified alums having graduated two years ago, we still feel the thrill of initiation and get a great deal of pleasure in welcoming our new sisters on that night.

We're just recovering from Christmas and a very successful bazaar—our first. The result from a financial standpoint was worth all of that desperate toil and nerve racking worry that every group must go through before it is ready to open up its wares for sale. And oh, our house did look so pretty! I wish every Gamma Phi could have seen it, for as one lady said, it was worth a dime just to peep in.

We are very happy to have Beulah Leech, a graduate of Goucher and a most

enthusiastic Gamma Phi, here with us this winter. We only hope we can persuade her to make this her home for the Nashville Alumnae association needs her.

A big new year is just in front of us and the air is already full of plans to make this the most successful year Alpha Theta has ever had.

IRENE LANGFORD

#### PERSONALS

All of the alumnae and the Alpha Theta girls wish to extend their sincerest sympathy to Mary Cecil Morrison whose father passed away this fall.

We are happy to have here for the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Leland Morrison (Helen Patton) and her young son.

Susie Langford, teaching in the Pensacola High School at Pensacola, Florida, spent several days in Nashville just before Christmas and was beautifully entertained by the girls living at the chapter house.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*May the New Year bring to Columbia—a greater number to share the success*

The buffet supper held on November 10 at Mrs. Dulaney's with Eloise McCleave as assisting hostess, was one of the most successful meetings that we have had this year. There were fourteen members present—a large number for this widely scattered chapter. Ruth Elizabeth Hill, a new member, made her initial appearance at this meeting. At a buffet supper given for University alumnae and their husbands, all the Beta alumnae were present and Dr. Jane Sherzer assisted at the supper table. Katherine Lipscombe was joyfully greeted as it was the first time she has appeared since her recent serious illness. On December 2 seven faithful members met at the home of Margaret Shearer Willard to make the picture books for the Children's Hospital. Several members sent word that, while they could not be present at the meeting, they would be glad to make the books in their homes. So all the books were ready to be given to the children before Christmas.

MARGARET SHEARER WILLARD

#### PERSONALS

Eloise McCleave (Mu) who has been one of our most faithful and valuable members, left the middle of December for her home in Berkeley, California.

#### DEATHS

The sympathy of the entire chapter is with Mary Billington (Theta) in the loss of her mother last month.

#### OKLAHOMA CITY

*May the New Year bring to Oklahoma—success in every venture*

It is said that my remarks are usually prefaced by an apology and surely one is due from Oklahoma City as we have twice been delinquent in our CRESCENT letter. I will not bore you with details of the misunderstanding as it is probably more or less a case of "leaving it to George." Nevertheless we want to speak up and say that Oklahoma City is neither dead nor does she slumber, for the girls have been working hard all fall to pay on the debt for furniture in the chapter house at Norman as the alumnae contracted.

We've had rummage sales, candy sales and we made over fifty dollars on Christmas card commissions in spite of our late start.

On November 10 we entertained with a buffet dinner in the home of our president, Dorothy Herold, in honor of Madaline Miller of Denver, director of Province Five. About twenty-four alumnae from Norman and Oklahoma City had the pleasure of meeting Madaline and of being inspired by her plans for our future.

HELEN MITCHELL



PERSONALS

Our president, Dorothy Herold and her husband are spending a month holidaying in New York City.

Norma Jo Daugherty has recently been elected president of Panhellenic in Orlando, Florida.

Helen Berg Klein, Psi's own, has had the honor of being appointed by our national president, Laura L. Graham, as secretary of Province Five. We are more than proud of Helen and the many honors she has brought to Psi Chapter and the Oklahoma City Alumnae Association. That Mrs. Graham has not erred in her appointment is demonstrated by the fact that Helen is also the able president of A.A.U.W. in Muskogee.

Ruth Humphreys is secretary of Panhellenic in Muskogee.

Gamma Phi Beta alumnae report 100 percent in Panhellenic in Tulsa.

We are glad to welcome Muriel Welch (Sigma) into the ranks of the Oklahoma City Alumnae Association.

MARRIAGES

On December 16 Ruth Neal to Mr. W. Harding Spicer. Mr. and Mrs. Spicer will live in Cleveland, Oklahoma.

Marguerite Streeter to Mr. Victor Hornung. Mr. and Mrs. Hornung are living at 312 North Citrus, Hancock Park, Los Angeles where Marguerite intends to affiliate with the Alumnae chapter.

## OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK AND WHITE

FOR NOVEMBER—*Vinculum* of Delta Sigma Lambda; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Emerald* of Sigma Pi; *Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Quarterly* of Alpha Gamma Delta; *Triangle* of Mu Phi Epsilon; *Pentagon* of Phi Omega Pi; *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *Journal* of Kappa Alpha; *Magazine* of Sigma Chi; *Alpha Xi Delta*; *Journal* of Beta Kappa; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Journal* of Sigma Phi Epsilon; *Lamp* of Delta Zeta; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Angelos* of Kappa Delta.

FOR DECEMBER—*Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho; *Octagonian* of Sigma Alpha Mu; *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma; *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa; *Quarterly* of Zeta Beta Tau; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Diary* of Alpha Kappa Psi; *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *Monad* of Sigma Phi Sigma; *Quarterly* of Theta Xi; *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Star and Lamp* of Pi Kappa Phi; *Delta* of Sigma Nu; *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

The president of Kappa Alpha Theta sends to her pledges the following letter which we quote in its entirety:

I wish it were possible for me to write each of you personally just now as you are entering upon the great adventure of college life but, since I cannot, I hope this collective letter will be regarded as a direct communication with you individually and carry just as much appeal.

You are members, now, of a large group of girls all over the country who have been chosen by the various Greek letter organizations to carry on their purposes, to perpetuate their ideals, and uphold their standards in the future—chosen because you seemed to possess the qualities of mind, heart, and manner which would prove most congenial and most capable of working with the members already in the groups in their service to the college and to the fraternity. You are away from home in a position of independence for perhaps the first time and the fraternity, we believe, in place of the home will furnish guidance, encouragement, companionship and loving appreciation.

We hope you are all starting upon your college life with a definite and real vision of what you want it to mean to you and that you are looking forward to grasping opportunities in every line of activity to achieve a broad and well balanced personality. Two things will be necessary to insure your accomplishing this—a sense of values and a budgeting of your time, estimating as you encounter them what are the important things for your development, and arranging your time so that it is not wasted on non-essentials.

Popular misconception places the strongest emphasis on the social aspect of the fraternity and, no doubt, the period of rushing with its parties and entertainments tends to strengthen that impression. It is to our regret that more or less artificial means must be used to bring about the contact between the new girls and the upperclassmen in an intimate way. Apart from that the social life is but a pleasant side issue to the real business of the fraternity and should be important only in that the fraternity has an opportunity to exemplify a wholesome, moderate, and democratic social life in accordance with its own expressed standards and the regulations of campus welfare.



The real business of the fraternity is to build character, to supply the natural craving for comradeship, to stimulate high endeavor, to develop leadership, to promote unselfish co-operation, to create the friendly spirit in all human relationships by having learned the art of friendship in the smaller group.

May we hope that your pledging to the fraternity has had for you a deep significance of responsibilities undertaken, a realization of tasks to be done, sacrifices to be made, sorrows and joys to be shared, as well as all the dear, delightful experiences of chapter life which are more easily recognized? Give of yourself to the college and to the fraternity because only in so doing can you gain the really worth while things from them.

The pledge training period may seem arduous and profitless but to its lessons of group discipline, sportsmanship, respect for regulation and tradition, fraternity history, college relations, and chapter policy is due the standing your chapter has in its community and your fraternity among its sister national organizations. Chapter and fraternity are only as strong as those who bear the responsibilities of administration, and all have served their apprenticeship in the same way.

The fraternity requires some sacrifice of time, of work, and of individual desires for the common good but it offers many things of value in return during your college days and many more for all the years of your alumnae life. Owing to the rapidly increasing enrollment of colleges and universities, a faculty no longer has so personal a contact with the students, the cultural element is diminished, and the regular curriculum has no place for teaching practical idealism. The basis of all fraternity life is spiritual. The fraternity has something infinitely worth while to contribute to the educational forces, if it can provide a cultured environment and bring the spirit of good fellowship and high principles into the daily activities of its members.

Your goal of eligibility for initiation has been set, we believe, at a reasonable average. We most sincerely hope that every one of you will be ready to wear the Kite at the first opportunity and that Theta, having been your choice, will continue always the guiding light to your highest ideals.

And to this we add an editorial from the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, entitled "The Training of Pledges."

It has been pointed out repeatedly that there are two very important things which must be handled properly in order to maintain a strong chapter. The first of these is the matter of choosing your pledges. The second of these is the training of these pledges so that they will develop into strong men. Without good men to start with you can do little. But even the best of men require help in making the change from a secondary school to college, in adapting themselves to a new life.

On many college campuses it is easy to find the difference in the way pledges of a chapter with a strong internal organization develop compared to those of a chapter with a loose internal organization. So noticeable is the difference that it is usually assumed one chapter picked better men to start with. This is often a questionable assumption.

Compare the history of these two pledges—a history which is not overdrawn.

*1. Pledge trained by a well-organized chapter*

He learns the proper division of time between study and outside activities.

He learns the spirit of fraternity.

He learns how to study.

He makes good grades and is initiated.

He makes good on the campus and probably stays four years.

He gives the Fraternity credit for help rendered and becomes an enthusiastic alumnus.

*2. Pledge training neglected*

He becomes distracted by the lure of outside activities.

He does not learn how to study.

He has a hard and unhappy time over his grades.

Even if initiated, he does not develop that confidence in his own ability which is necessary for success.

His campus career is mediocre.

Usually he does not graduate.

As he knows the Fraternity did not help him much he becomes an indifferent alumnus.

Nowadays we hear much about training, especially in athletics. Should not the training of a man in those things which are necessary for his success receive far more attention? Certainly the proper training of freshmen is the most important administrative problem of every chapter.

Please make it your most important duty to see that your chapter does everything in its power to make your pledges better students, and better fraternity and campus men.

### From the *Kappa Alpha Journal*:

The estimated value of homes in possessions of Gamma Phi Beta is \$348,000. Out of thirty-eight chapters, fourteen own their own homes. The total amount in their Endowment Fund is \$54,000.

### From the *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi:

Pi Beta Phi as a national organization standing for the highest ideals and aims and for the development of splendid womanhood does not tolerate smoking and drinking. Smoking by members is not allowed in our chapter houses and members who persist in smoking in public places are subject to dismissal.

At the national Convention held at Bigwin Inn, June 1925, the following was adopted:

"That to the compulsory house rules be added the rule that no man coming to the chapter house or attending any fraternity function when under the influence of intoxicating liquor to any extent whatever, be allowed to return during the current term or semester."

In these days of seeming laxness it is interesting to know the following which appears on the menu of the Grove Park Inn, an excellent resort hotel in Asheville, North Carolina:

"Ladies are requested not to smoke in the public rooms. We do not make this request with any inclination to be critical. It is simply a rule that has been observed ever since the Inn was built and we believe conforms to the feelings of the majority of our household."

There are some individuals today who accept smoking and drinking as part of their personal liberty. The arrow is fashioned for those of another turn of mind. Its wearers must conform to "the feelings of our household."

### An unusual honor for Kappa Alpha:

The banner of the Kappa Alpha Order carried over the North Pole by Lieutenant-Commander Richard Evelyn Byrd on his record-breaking polar flight, September 15, 1926, was returned to directors of the Alumni Foundation of the order and will be preserved in the memorial and headquarters building it is proposed to erect in Richmond.

Return of the banner was made at a banquet held at the Commonwealth Club by the Richmond Alumni chapter with Lieutenant-Commander Byrd as honor guest. Although he surrendered the flag which he said had hung over his bunk and served as an inspiration during his trip to the Polar regions and had been carried in his plane when he flew over the Pole, the naval aviator received a new memento. Arthur Kyle Davis, president of Southern Seminary, Petersburg, acting on behalf of the Richmond Alumni presented to the distinguished Kappa Alpha a replica of the original badge of the order.



This from Sigma Kappa *Triangle*:

WHY JOIN?

WHEN you are  
RUSHING a girl  
AND she seems to  
LIKE you fine and  
EVERYTHING is O. K. and  
RIGHT out of a clear sky  
YOUR rushee says, "What  
GOOD are sororities  
ANYWAY? Just  
TELL her this:  
IF she wants to have  
FRIENDS that last a  
LIFETIME—  
FRIENDS in school so

CLOSE that they are  
PART of her;  
PLACES to go and  
THINGS to do, an  
INCENTIVE to  
HIGHER ideals—something to  
WORK for, something to  
TIE to, to lean on, to  
SUPPORT, just  
TELL her to join, and  
TELL her too  
TO make that group  
SIGMA KAP.

Phi Mu's social service is most individual:

The new Healthmobile, provided by Phi Mu last spring to take the place of the old and worn out machine, is now in the field and is meeting enthusiastic reception at every city and town at which it holds clinics. Electrically lighted, with running water and the latest medical equipment for the kind of work which it is called upon to do, the new Healthmobile is mechanically a great improvement over the old machine. Phi Mu's national colors of rose and white were chosen by the Georgia state board of health which operates the machine, for the outside decoration.

Reports received from the physician and nurses in charge of the Healthmobile indicate that it is entering on its greatest year of service. In the two months that the new truck has been operating, a total of 7,030 persons have been reached in the ten counties visited. Nearly 2,000 children have been examined, and 1,901 defects were found. Eight hundred and fifty-five mothers' conferences have been held, while the moving pictures and health lectures have reached audiences numbering 4,757. The new Healthmobile went into the field August 10, and is manned by Dr. Alva Gwin, Miss Beulah Fort, nurse, and E. H. Harper, chauffeur.

The Healthmobile is operated on a simple basis. A nurse from the state department of health goes into the county two weeks ahead of the unit to make contacts with the local physicians, the superintendents of schools, the women's clubs, especially the Parent Teacher Associations, the press and public officials and ministers. After seeing them, she calls a meeting and at that meeting a chairman and secretary are selected and permanent organization perfected. The state board hopes to secure committees that will function after the Healthmobile has gone on, looking after the general health of the locality and getting the corrections made that are found necessary during the visit of the Healthmobile. At this meeting of interested people various committees are appointed and the places that the Healthmobile is to visit are decided upon, the day and hour being fixed. A committee of that community is appointed to get the mothers and babies to the Healthmobile. Where they have no conveyance, they are brought in cars.

Interesting to us who also possess a Phi and a Gamma:

PHI, GAMMA AND DELTA

Phi is the most popular Greek letter in the naming of fraternities, according to a writer in *Banta's Greek Exchange*. Twenty-eight social fraternities and ten social sororities use this letter. Delta is the second most popular, eighteen fraternities and thirteen sororities employing it. Sigma, Alpha and Kappa are next in order. Gamma is not widely used by the modern Greeks, only one fraternity other than Phi Gamma Delta employing it.

Now that convention is upon us, we quote the following:

IF I COULD CHOOSE

I would pick out for Convention delegate the girl who is attractive in personality, disposition, and graciousness.

I would want her to possess a keen mind and be able to use it with accuracy from an open, broad view-point.

I would expect her to be able to discuss the problems and prospects of fraternity in an inspiring and efficient manner from the Convention floor and to contribute to our efforts in building and strengthening our Bond.

I would select only the girl who has served her chapter in many capacities, who has familiarized herself with the full history and inheritance of her chapter, who has helped weld the links between alumnae and the active girls, and who knows thoroughly the needs and ambitions of her own group.

I would choose a girl who had a vision of what the fraternity world can be and can mean in college spheres and who has an earnest desire to make that vision a reality by giving of her best—not only in active life but in the years after college days have gone by.

I would offer such a privilege only to the girl who can measure up to these expectations and in return I would ask a pledge in honor that she will return in the fall without fail and bring back the spirit and the anticipations of Convention.

I would ask her to pledge unselfish, patient, and untiring service in behalf of her chapter and fraternity during Convention days and post-Convention years. She is accepting a sacred obligation and her chapter and her Council are trusting her; each expects returns from this investment.

Would you choose alike?—*The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega and the Sigma Kappa Triangle.

—Arrow of Pi Beta Phi

From Banta's Greek *Exchange*:

AGAIN THE CREAM OF THE CAMPUS

*The dairy interests of the country have again experienced a decided boom, owing to the fall rushing period of the fraternities, if we may trust the statements of most of the fraternity journals. Again we discover that each chapter, or nearly every chapter, reporting to their several magazines has "pledged the cream of the campus freshmen." Vigilant indeed must be the editors of the magazines if they succeed in skimming off all this cream before the letters are printed.*



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