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## POSSIBLE QUESTIONS DURING RUSHING SEASON—WITH ANSWERS

1. *What is a sorority and why is it important for my daughter to become a member of one?*

A sorority is a compact, well-organized, widespread body transacting its own business, negotiating its own loans, investing its own money, building its own houses; of necessity, a chapter member must receive a business education which is invaluable. Aside from the practical advantages, the main purpose of the sorority is to impart to the college girl the highest ideals; to grant her the truest of friendships; to bestow upon her the benefits of the entire Greek-letter world; to interpret for her the beauty of knowledge. The life of a college girl will be infinitely richer and broader through her membership in a Greek-letter organization.

2. *What historical background has the sorority?*

Side by side with the emancipation of slaves came the emancipation of women. In 1875, Susan B. Anthony drafted the Woman Suffrage Amendment later ratified as the nineteenth amendment to the United States Constitution; in 1850, Oberlin College opened its doors to women; in 1870, a number of state colleges became coeducational. Inevitably into the fraternity system came the woman movement and the formation of societies with methods and principles akin to those of the established Greek-letter orders. In 1870, the advent of Kappa Alpha Theta at De Pauw University furnished the needed impulse to the sorority system and gave to the college world the first organized group of women under a Greek name. Kappa Kappa Gamma followed at Monmouth College in



October of the same year; and Alpha Phi was founded at Syracuse University in 1872. In 1874, in Mississippi, came Delta Gamma, with Gamma Phi Beta at Syracuse and Sigma Kappa at Colby; in 1888, Alpha Chi Omega at De Pauw. In 1888, at Boston, Delta Delta Delta was ushered into existence, and in the same year the I.C. Sorosis adopted the name of Pi Beta Phi. Since 1888, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Delta Theta, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Beta Phi Alpha, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Phi Mu, Theta Upsilon and Zeta Tau Alpha—all flourishing and progressive societies—have been added to the national Greek-letter roll.

3. *Anti-fraternity sentiment has been strong at times. How does the sorority refute the charges of poor scholarship, snobbishness, and careless conduct?*

Anti-fraternity sentiment has often been engendered by those who have a superficial knowledge of the fraternity system, those who have become embittered or those who have a bigoted idea of democracy. Careful investigation of the subject proves that the scholarship of the fraternity man or woman is not lower than that of those who do not belong to Greek-letter societies—oftentimes it is higher. Snobbishness may characterize an individual but seldom an organization. The principle of campus democracy is instilled into the freshman; the emphasis on that very quality is supplied by the national officers; the very strength of the organization is tested by its attitude to those without the circle. Careless conduct of a member never passes unrebuked; careless conduct of a chapter would mean instant action and penalty from those in authority. The distorted view of sorority life gained through sensational articles, cheap magazines, lurid novels, and melodramatic movies is dispelled by the presentation of indisputable facts of sorority supervision and training, and by a practical demonstration of the value of constructive chapter criticism and of the promulgation of high ideals and special service.

4. *Are the fraternities and sororities permanent organizations?*

Fraternities will disappear only when the undergraduate member does not desire to join them. They are necessary and valuable on the college campus; they help men and women to broaden their outlook on life; they inspire lasting friendships; they teach unselfishness, tolerance, and kindness; they give united support to college traditions, institutions, and enterprises; they receive in return the friendly co-operation of college authorities. A recent article upon the fraternity system states: "There are today about 6,000 such fraternity groups that furnish home life to more than 200,000 young men and women. There are fifty-seven fraternities and more than forty sororities national in scope that exercise a

control over their chapters that is wholesome, and have a code of morals, and ethics running through their rituals inculcating the highest lessons of right thinking and nobility of life."

5. *What is the Big Four?*

A mythical combine consisting always of the sorority in question plus any other three that the speaker may choose to name. Lately there has been mention of the Big Five—less exclusive but just as unsubstantial as to existence. Don't bother about or even consider the Big Four. The only organization to authorize such a group is National Panhellenic Congress; and such authorization will never come from that body.

6. *What is the National Panhellenic Congress?*

National Panhellenic Congress is a company of Greek-letter women—one from each of the twenty-one recognized national sororities—that meets biennially for the purpose of discussing and solving common problems, of settling local Panhellenic difficulties, of exerting advisory power over college Panhellenics, of fostering a fine spirit of friendship, camaraderie, and mutual help among all sororities. Incidentally, the name is a combination of two Greek words—one meaning *all* and the other *Greek*.

7. *Should my daughter join a sorority, is the chapter house the place for her—or does it offer too many distractions from study and rest hours?*

The modern sorority house has its efficient house mother who enforces house rules, carefully oversees the girls entrusted to her, acts as guide, philosopher, and friend, and serves as chapter chaperon at all house functions. A freshman's dates are restricted, her scholarship carefully watched, and should she fall below the college and sorority average, she is conscientiously tutored by the upperclassmen. She is aided in the development of character, of leadership. She is taught friendliness, tolerance, courtesy, good sportsmanship, loyalty—all social attributes.

And as to the houses themselves, they are things of beauty. They furnish the home atmosphere; they give the best of sanitary and study conditions; they offer every modern convenience; and each proves a charming rendezvous for college girls, alumnae members, and college faculty.

8. *What facts about Gamma Phi Beta can you give me?*

Gamma Phi Beta, founded in 1874 at Syracuse University, is one of the oldest societies for women and has placed chapters in the leading universities of the United States and Canada. It has been distinguished always for conservatism; and the length of the chapter roll shows that it has expanded slowly and wisely. Of its thirty-five chapters, twenty-two own their homes; seven, by college custom, are forced to have chapter rooms; while out of



the five that rent their houses, two are planning to build in the near future. These chapter homes are spacious, very beautiful, and very modern in every detail.

Scholarship is emphasized; loyalty to college is fostered; chapter organization is carefully supervised by experienced inspectors. Social life in the chapter house and chapter circle has a distinctive charm of its own. Many alumnae have more than local fame. Everywhere there are delightful associations, and lasting friendships; while assurance can be made that the wearers of the crescent in other states will prove congenial spirits and worthwhile friends. The tie is strong.

## INFORMATORY DOZEN FOR RUSHEES

### GAMMA PHI BETA

**G**ives a thousand dollar Fellowship known as the Lindsey Barbee Fellowship for graduate work in social service. Awarded through the American Association of University Women.

**A**wards a coffee urn each year to the chapter holding the highest scholarship average.

**M**agnifies scholarship, loyalty, friendship, service.

**M**aintains a summer camp in the Colorado mountains for underprivileged children.

**A**ids by an Endowment Fund not only the various chapters but also those members who desire to finish their college education.

**P**ublishes a quarterly magazine, *THE CRESCENT*.

**H**as the distinction of being the first Greek-letter organization for women to enter the White House. Margaret Wilson and Jessie Wilson Sayre, daughters of President Wilson, belonged to the Goucher Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta.

**I**s one of the oldest and most conservative of college sororities.

**B**rought much comfort to Belgian babies during the World War, by a coast-to-coast Milk Bottle Campaign which netted approximately ten thousand dollars.

**E**stimates the property wealth of the organization at \$989,800.

**T**otals thirty-five college chapters, twenty-three alumnae chapters and twenty-four alumni associations.

**A**dministers all business between conventions through a Grand Council and Province Directors.



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## WHO'S WHO IN OUR PICTORIAL SECTION

FIRST of all, we introduce you to Charlotte Kellogg, a loyal member of Eta Chapter and our international celebrity whose service in behalf of Belgium during the World War gained her the loving gratitude of the people for whom she so untiringly and unceasingly ministered. Mrs. Kellogg, wife of the distinguished Dr. Vernon Kellogg of Stanford University, always has been a prominent figure in the collegiate world; and the friendship between the Kelloggs and Secretary and Mrs. Hoover has extended over many years. The exceeding executive ability of Mrs. Kellogg was especially recognized during war time, and when the Committee for Belgian Relief was formed by President Wilson the only woman member was Charlotte Kellogg. For years she labored for the stricken nation; through her influence, Gamma Phi Beta undertook the Milk Bottle Campaign which resulted in so many thousands for Belgian babies; and from coast to coast she made her plea for the little country across the sea. She became a distinguished personage in Belgium; and in token of appreciation for her unselfish devotion, the King and Queen presented her with a jeweled miniature of the Princess, which bore the royal arms. Some of the most beautiful appreciations of Cardinal Mercier have come from her pen; she is a frequent contributor to the magazines of highest standing; and she has written a number of books, among them, *Women of Belgium* and *Bobbins of Belgium*. Gamma Phi Beta is very proud of Charlotte Kellogg.

Blanche Shove Palmer is a name that is synonymous with devotion and service to Gamma Phi Beta; for, since her initiation into Alpha in 1878, she has never faltered in her efforts for the sorority, has never refused a task, and has always retained the enthusiasm, the spirit, and the energy of her college days. Her particular service to the sorority has been the suggestion for the subsequent foundation of the Endowment Fund—a fund that is now a vital part of the life of her sorority. Those who have met and know Mrs. Palmer will never forget her eternal youth, her regal beauty, and the indescribable charm of her personality.

Kathleen Hart and Maud Hart Lovelace, both of Kappa Chapter, are two especially bright stars in the Gamma Phi Beta constellation. Maud Lovelace, after many charming contributions to the leading magazines, issued not so very long ago her first novel—*The Black Angels*. Since then she has finished another book and the third one is underway. She writes: "We spent the winter in St. Paul where I had lots of fun at the Minnesota Historical Society, delving into old manuscripts, newspapers, and letters to help me in setting the background for the new book."



Kathleen Hart, our famous song bird, has so many concerts to her credit that it would be impossible to enumerate all her triumphs; but a brilliant New York debut, and a successful concert tour have stories of their own; while at one time the Minneapolis Symphony claimed her as soloist. The accompanying photograph represents Miss Hart as Cherubino in *The Marriage of Figaro*; and she writes "I'm sailing the first week in August for Germany where I expect to spend about two years studying and coaching and singing. I'm to have a Berlin recital and do some operatic work."

There is no more delightful setting for Gamma Phi meetings than Nell Brooker Mayhew's charming studio in Los Angeles which, according to description, must have an indescribable atmosphere and distinction; incidentally, there is no more interesting and interested Gamma Phi than Mrs. Mayhew who is a member of Epsilon Chapter. She is alway ready and willing to help whether it be an article for the magazine, a word of instruction and encouragement for would-be artists, or a delightful "at home" for Los Angeles Gamma Phis. Mrs. Mayhew has contributed many articles upon art to various magazines; she has been an organizer and a foremost member of the Artists Colony; her exquisite pictures have been hung in many exhibits, have prompted most enthusiastic comments and have attained more than a local recognition.

Agnes Wells of Beta Chapter—Dean Wells of the University of Indiana—has had the honor of being the national head of all Deans of Women and is widely known, not only for her constructive work in this field but for her intellectual achievements. "Dr. Agnes"—for she holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Michigan—is a deep student and a master in scientific research; she has a keen understanding of the college girls; and at the recent gathering of the National Panhellenic Congress and Deans of Women at Boston, she gave an address upon "Sorority Standards" which *THE CRESCENT* is privileged to include in this issue.

And now we introduce Laura Sherry of Gamma Chapter—although Laura Sherry needs no introduction to Gamma Phis and to the dramatic world. She began her career as an actress with Richard Mansfield in repertory, playing leading ingénue rôles; and later she was associated with Sir Henry Beerholm Tree, Henry Miller, and George Broadhurst. Her professional work in acting was followed by study and experiment and practice of the various arts of the theater—costuming, setting, play production, poetry, pantomime, and dancing. She wrote many plays, pantomines, sketches in free verse and poetry reviews, and was not only an associate editor of *The Play Book* but a dramatic critic on the *Milwaukee Journal*. For five years she was associated with Dr. T. H. Dick-

inson who holds the chair of drama in the University of Minnesota, in the organization of the first experimental theater in this country; and, together, they founded Wisconsin Players in which Mrs. Sherry has been director and actress. During the war she toured France at the head of a professional company which received the most flattering reception from officers and men. Her last French engagement was played at the Theatre Albert Premier in Paris.

Laura Sherry was born in Prairie du Chien, and learned her French dialect along with her English; accordingly, she next turned her attention to the writing of the beauty, charm, song, and humor in the lives of the French voyageurs and habitants of the Mississippi Valley around Prairie du Chien. A program of lyrics, dialect, and rollicking old cabaret songs which she has presented in recital in many places has met with phenomenal success. Zona Gale declares: "Laura Sherry's character sketches of the pioneers of the Prairie du Chien country have a fidelity and beauty evident even to one who knows nothing of those picturesque days. It is a distinctly American program." While Carl Sandburg writes: "As for the upper Mississippi, she has hit off some of its quiet human side-play and I hope she is going to do more of it."

## DAILY DOZEN FOR RUSHERS

Give the best of your personality to your task.

Avoid knocking another sorority. Not only is such a proceeding ill-bred and apart from sorority etiquette, but it defeats its purpose.

Make the rushee realize that sorority life at its best is a valuable and lasting part of college life.

Manage your campaign in so detailed and methodical a fashion that there will be no slip in its presentation.

Attempt to discover the freshman who is less spectacular than some of her mates but who has the fine and stable qualities that will make a strong chapter member.

Pledge yourself to be honorable in every action.

Hold always before you the ideals of Gamma Phi Beta.

Inform the freshman of college history, sorority tradition, and campus custom.

Be sane and safe in your procedure.

Engage the enthusiasm and help of every alumna.

Try to reflect in your rushing schedule the simplicity that is the essence of good breeding.

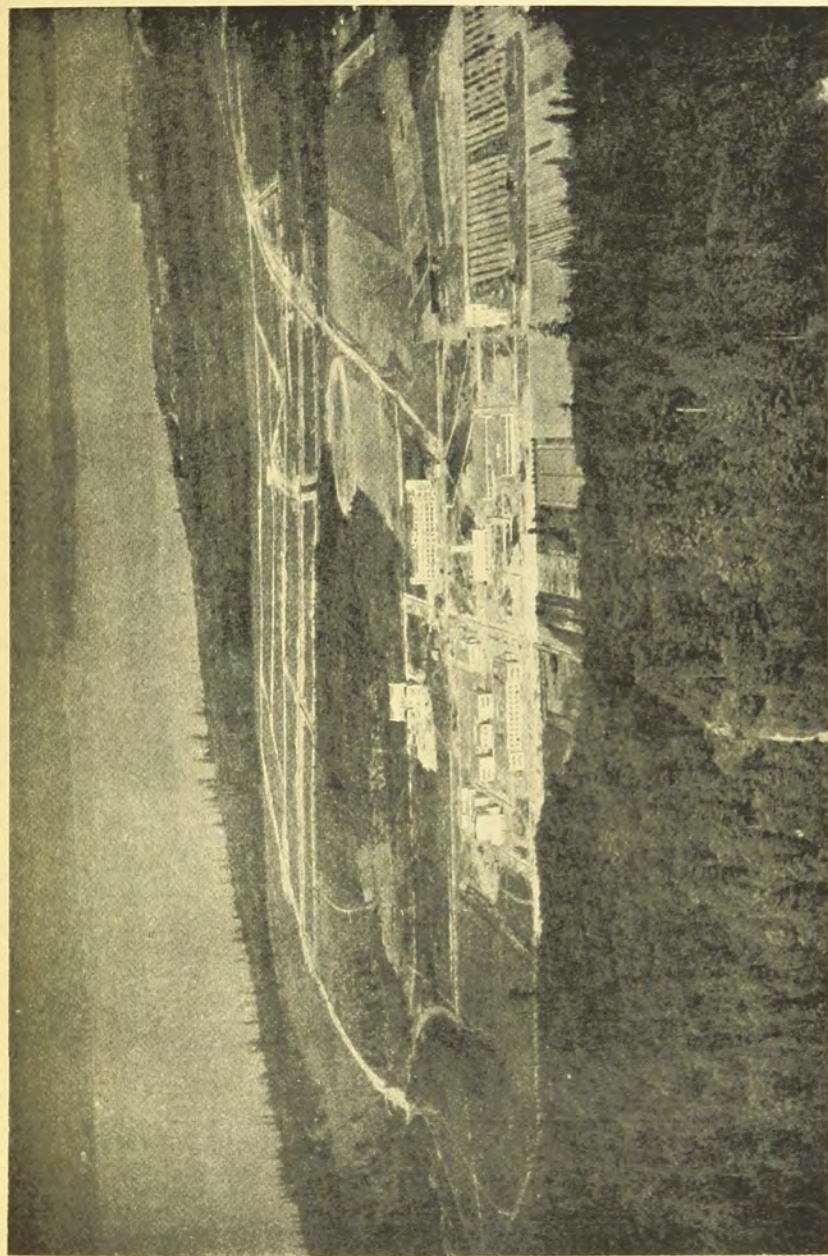
Act with the dignity that should mark each member of the sorority.



## CHAPTER HOUSES OF GAMMA PHI BETA

CHAPTER	COLLEGE	VALUATION OF PROPERTY
Alpha	Syracuse University	\$38,500
Beta	University of Michigan	\$45,000
Gamma	University of Wisconsin	\$112,000
Delta	Boston University	Chapter rooms
Epsilon	Northwestern University	\$96,650
Zeta	Goucher College	Chapter rooms
Eta	University of California	\$20,500
Theta	University of Denver	\$10,000
Kappa	University of Minnesota	\$30,000
Lambda	University of Washington	\$48,000
Mu	Stanford University	\$18,000
Nu	University of Oregon	\$55,000
Xi	University of Idaho	\$30,000
Omicron	University of Illinois	\$108,000
Pi	University of Nebraska	\$45,000
Rho	University of Iowa	\$55,000
Sigma	University of Kansas	\$55,000
Tau	College Agricultural College	\$17,000
Upsilon	Hollins College	Chapter rooms
Phi	Washington University	Chapter rooms
Chi	Oregon State College	\$27,000
Psi	University of Oklahoma	\$47,000
Omega	Iowa State College	\$50,000
Alpha Alpha	University of Toronto	Chapter rooms
Alpha Beta	University of South Dakota	\$19,000
Alpha Gamma	University of Nevada	\$10,700
Alpha Delta	University of Missouri	\$50,000
Alpha Epsilon	University of Arizona	Lot \$1,450
Alpha Zeta	University of Texas	House to be built
Alpha Eta	Ohio Wesleyan University	Rents
Alpha Theta	Vanderbilt University	Chapter rooms
Alpha Iota	University of California at Los Angeles	Rents
Alpha Kappa	University of Manitoba	Rents
Alpha Lambda	University of British Columbia	Rents
Alpha Mu	Rollins College	Rents
	Total Valuation	\$989,800





AEROPLANE VIEW OF THE CAMPUS OF UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH  
COLUMBIA

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

THE creation of a university in British Columbia was first advocated by Superintendent Jessop in 1877, but it was not until 1890 that the Provincial Legislature passed an Act establishing a body politic and corporate named "The University of British Columbia." In 1891 this Act was amended to require that a meeting of the Senate be held within one month after the election of the Senators by Convocation. The Senators were elected, but a quorum did not assemble on the date fixed by the Chancellor, Dr. I. W. Powell, of Victoria. Thus the first attempt to establish a university in British Columbia failed.

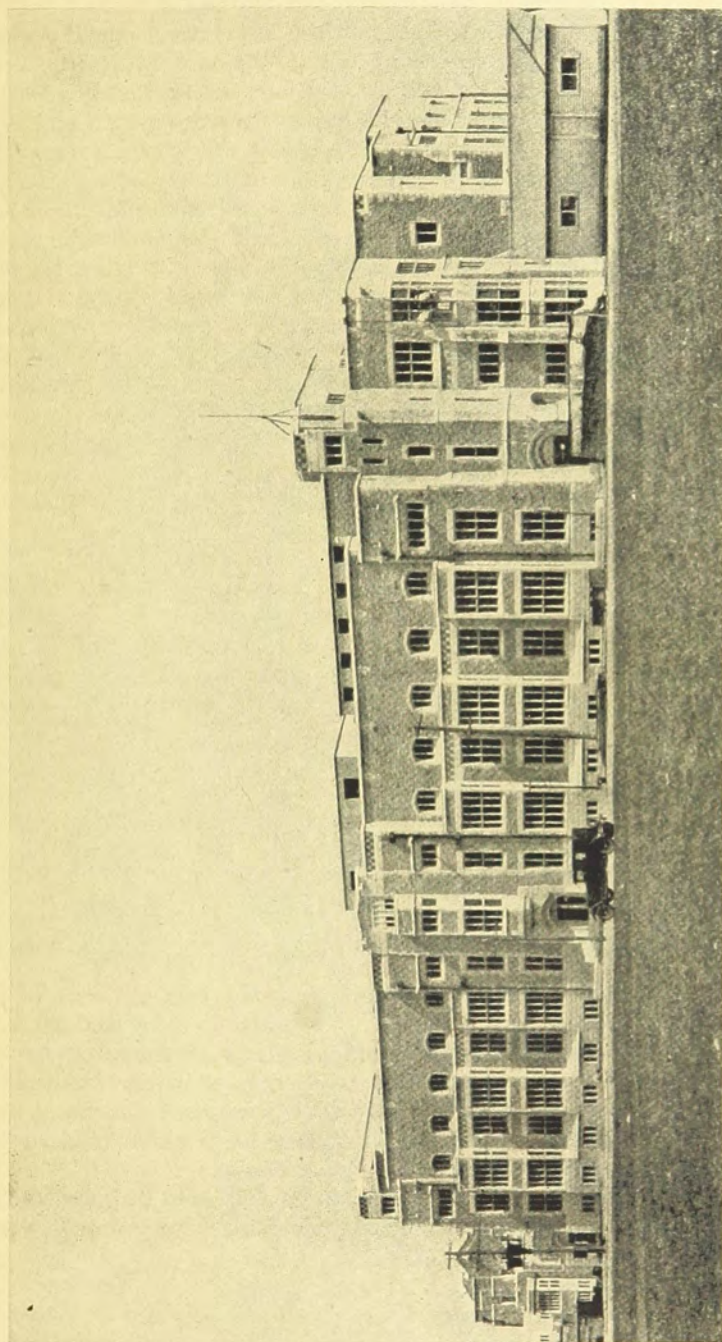
However, some of the work normally done in a university was begun in 1894, when an Act was passed which permitted the affiliation of high schools in the Province with recognized Canadian universities. In 1899 Vancouver High School was affiliated with McGill University in order to provide First Year work in Arts, and took the name of Vancouver College. First Year work in Arts was offered by Victoria High School when it became Victoria College by affiliation with McGill University in 1902. In the same year Vancouver College undertook the Second Year in Arts.

In 1906 an Act was passed incorporating the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning of British Columbia, which, in the same year, established at Vancouver the McGill University College of British Columbia. The scope of the work undertaken by this college was gradually increased until at the time it was taken over by the University of British Columbia it was giving three years in Arts and Science, and two years in Applied Science. When the University of British Columbia opened in the autumn of 1915, both the McGill University College of Vancouver and Victoria College, which since 1907 had been part of it, ceased to exist.

Definite steps to establish the university were taken by Dr. H. E. Young, Minister of Education, in 1907, when he introduced a "University Endowment Act." This Act was followed in 1908 by an Act establishing and incorporating the University of British Columbia and repealing the old Act of 1890-91. This Act, with its subsequent amendments, determines the present constitution of the university.

As authorized by an Act passed by the Provincial Legislature in 1910, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council appointed a site commission to decide upon a site for the proposed university. The commission held its first meeting on May 25, 1910, in Victoria, and after a thorough examination of the Province recommended the





SCIENCE BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



vicinity of Vanouwer. In the autumn the Executive Council decided to place the university at Point Grey—the site which the commission had named as its first choice. In 1911 the Legislature passed an Act authorizing the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant this site to the university. The grant was increased in 1915, so that it now consists of 548 acres at the extremity of Point Grey. The waters of the Gulf of Georgia form more than half the boundary of the university campus. A tract of some 3,000 acres of government and immediately adjoining the site, and lying between it and the City of Vancouver, has been set aside by the Government in order that university revenue may be provided by its sale or lease.

In February, 1912, the Hon. H. E. Young, Minister of Education, called for competitive plans which should include plans in detail for four buildings to be erected immediately, and a block plan showing all the proposed buildings on the campus. Messrs. Sharp and Thompson, of Vancouver, B. C., were the successful competitors, and were appointed university architects.

The first Convocation, held on August 1, 1912, chose Mr. F. L. Carter-Cotten as first Chancellor of the University. In March, 1913, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council appointed as President of the University, F. F. Wesbrook, M.A., M.D. C.M., LL.D. On April 4, 1918, Dr. R. E. McKechnie was elected Chancellor; on April 12, 1921, he was re-elected for a second term, and on April 3, 1924, for a third term. On the death of President Wesbrook, October 20, 1918, L. S. Klinck, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, was appointed Acting President, and on June 1, 1919, President.

From its opening in 1915 till the summer of 1925, the university carried on its work in temporary quarters on part of the site of the General Hospital in Fairview.

Construction work was commenced on the Science Building at the permanent site at Point Grey in 1914, but was interrupted because of war conditions. Work on this building was resumed in 1923, and in the autumn of the same year the contract was let for the Library. These two buildings, which are of stone and are fire-proof, conform closely to the original plans as prepared by the architects in 1914. The initial units of these structures, as well as nine other buildings which are of a less permanent character were completed in 1925, and at the beginning of Session 1925-26 the university commenced work in its new quarters.

The inauguration of the new buildings was held on October 15, 16, 1925, on which occasion honorary degrees were granted by the university for the first time.

## HISTORY OF TAU OMICRON

THE Tau Omicron Sorority was founded in 1920 by four girls, Julia Greenwood, Hattie McArthur, Lily Burnett, and Maizie McKenzie. In the early spring of 1921 seven girls were asked to join this sorority, making an active membership of eleven, and a meeting was called to decide on a permanent name and to draw up a constitution. The name and object, being a matter of great importance, was left open for discussion. The girls then decided that it



ALPHA LAMBDA

was necessary to have something to work for and to attain if possible. Too many girls come to college and join various clubs without considering why they do so. Thus it was decided that we, as members of the sorority, should make ourselves consider the usefulness of our various activities, even of our presence in the University. So we adopted the slogan, "What's the Use?" and the question mark as the emblem. W.F.V. are the Anglo-Saxon letters beginning the three words of the slogan. This motto is far from being as frivolous or as pessimistic as it at first appears.

In the fall of 1924, we decided to become a Greek letter sorority, and translated the original Anglo-Saxon name into Tau Omicron.



Thus in eight years, the sorority has grown from a group of four girls with a definite purpose in mind, to a group of sorority sisters numbering eighty-one.

During the session 1925-26, Mrs. R. L. Reid, and Mrs. F. M. Clement were voted into the sorority as honorary members, and have since proved to be a great asset to our sorority in many ways. They attend all activities, except the regular business meetings, acting as patronesses at our social functions.

Every year we plan some way of raising money, most of which goes to our special fund which is intended for the purpose of building a sorority house of our own on the University lands. These activities have mostly taken the form of teas, bridges, garden parties, rummage sales, and a hope-chest raffle, all of which have helped to swell our fund.

In 1926, the sorority rented a large furnished room with a fireplace to be used for meetings, fire-sides, and sorority purposes in general. Freshettes and other non-members were entertained here at fireside gatherings and this provided a means of getting to know prospective new members.

Every summer for a number of years, the sorority has had a camp which has always been a great success both financially and from the point of view of good times. Vancouver Island, Cypress Park, Saturna Island, and Crescent Beach have at different times been chosen as camping sites. The camps have been made to pay for themselves and have always been well-attended.

During the winter, besides various teas at which new members are entertained, two regular dances are held. The first, which is held in the fall session, is an informal one, while the second, held in the spring, is of a more formal nature. At the close of the spring term, the sorority entertains at a banquet in honor of graduating sorority sisters, and the guests of honor are presented with small souvenirs of the occasion.

Our initiation ceremony is strictly private. The new members are first put through a mock initiation for the amusement of the older members, and then follows the serious initiation ceremony at which the vows are taken, the history and traditions of the sorority read, and the sorority handshake given, all of which is very impressive.

Our pin consists of the Greek letters Tau and Omicron intertwined in a plain gold monogram; while the colors which the sorority has adopted, and in which decorations are carried out at all functions, are rose, violet, and gold.



## MEMBERS



Freda L. Wilson



Doris Fulton



Louise Campbell

### FREDA L. WILSON

Freda graduated in 1921 with her degree of bachelor of arts and science and after two years of graduate study at U. B. C. in bacteriology and chemistry, she received the degree of master of arts and science in 1923. She has been honorary president of the Sorority since 1923 and president of the alumnae chapter since 1925. When an undergraduate she belonged to the Y. W. C. A., the Student Christian Movement, the Chemistry Society and Chemistry Colloquium, the Biological Discussion Club, the French Dramatic Society, and the Tennis, Swimming, and Gymnasium Clubs. After graduating she received a teaching fellowship in bacteriology for the two years of 1921-22 and 1922-23 and she has been an instructor in bacteriology at U. B. C. since 1924. She is the author of the following publications: "Cellophone as a Sterilizable, Dialyzable Membrane." She is a member of the Faculty Women's Club, the Faculty Association and the University Women's Club.

### DORIS J. FULTON

Doris received her degree of bachelor of arts and science with honors in philosophy in 1922. During her college course she was secretary of the Economics Discussion Club in 1920-21, secretary of the Social Science Club in 1921-22 and was on the executive committee of the Y. W. C. A. and the Student Christian Movement. She was a member of the Classics Club, the Gymnasium Club, and the relay team of Arts '22.

### LOUISE CAMPBELL (MRS. G. E. W. CLARKE)

Louise obtained her degree of bachelor of arts and science with honors in history in 1922. She held the position of president of the sorority in 1921-22. She was a member of the Historical Society and did committee work for the Student Christian Movement.



Margaret Clarke



Gertrude M. Smith



Muriel Aylard

## MARGARET I. CLARKE

Margaret graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts and science in 1922 after majoring in English and botany. She was a member of the Women's Athletic Executive for one year. In 1922-23 she was elected to the position of president of the Inter-sorority Board. She was also a member of the Musical Society.

## GERTRUDE M. SMITH

Gertrude graduated in 1923 with the degree of bachelor of arts and science with first class honors in zoology, and obtained the degree of master of arts and science in 1926. She won the Scott Memorial Scholarship in Biology in 1920-21 and the Anne Westbrook Scholarship for Graduate Study in 1924-25. She had a teaching fellowship in biology for the years of 1924-25 and 1925-26 and the same in zoology for 1926-27. She has the position of instructor in zoology for 1927-28. During the summers of 1926 and 1927 she did research for the Biological Board of Canada. She is the author of the following publications: "Detailed Anatomy of *Triturus Torosus*" (Royal Society of Canada); "Notes on Ecology of Little Neck Clam, *Paphia Staminea*"; "Notes on the Distribution of Some Decapod Crustacea collected near Sidney, B. C." She has been member of the Biological Discussion Club, the Musical Society, the Badminton and Tennis Clubs, the Sigma Delta Kappa, a debating society; the Chemistry Society and the B. C. Academy of Science.

## MURIEL AYLARD

Muriel graduated in 1923 with the degree of bachelor of arts and science, specializing in geology. After a year's graduate work in geology at McGill University she received a master of science degree. At U. B. C. she belonged to the George M. Dawson Society (Geological Club).





Jesse E. Casselman



Lily R. Burnet



Mary I. McKenzie

MARION WILCOX (MRS. E. G. MOBERG)

Mollie graduated from U. B. C. with the degree of bachelor of arts and science in 1923. After graduate work at the University of California in paleontology she received her degree of M.A. and she is now a candidate for the Ph.D. at the latter. She is a member of the Phi Sigma (Honorary Biological). While an undergraduate she held the following positions: secretary of the G. M. Dawson Society (Geological), vice-president of the Musical Society, secretary of the Sorority and president of the latter. She belonged to the grass hockey team and the Gymnasium Club.

JESSIE E. CASSELMAN

Jessie received the degree of bachelor of arts and science in 1923 after majoring in English and history and later was a member of Education, '24. She held the position of president of the Student Christian Movement for 1922-23. She belonged to the Musical Society and the Badminton Club. In the sorority she was representative to the Inter-sorority Board for 1922-23 and later was secretary of the alumnae chapter.

LILY R. BURNET

Lily was a member of the class of Arts, '23, but after completing two years of Arts she was unable to finish her college course. She is a charter member of the Tau Omicron sorority and was secretary of the same in 1920-21. While at the University she was on the grass hockey team.

MARY I. MCKENZIE

Maizie received her degree of bachelor of arts and science in 1923 and was a member of Education, '24. She is a charter member



Florence I. Williams



Jean MacAskill



Doris Scott

of the Tau Omicron sorority and was treasurer of the sorority in 1920-21. She is a life member of the Letters Club and belonged to the Swimming Club and the Musical Society.

#### FLORENCE I. WILLIAMS

Florence graduated in 1924 with the degree of bachelor of arts and science and later was a member of Education, '25. She held the positions of class reporter of education, '25; reporter for the *Ubyssy* and vice-president of the Outdoors Club. She belonged to the Letters Club and the Gymnasium Club. She was the Graduate Representative to the Intersorority Board for 1924-25.

#### JEAN MACASKILL

Honey attended college in 1920-21 and was a member of the orchestra of the Musical Society. Since her year at college, she has taken a course at the Provincial Normal School and has been teaching for the past six years.

#### DORIS SCOTT

Doris went to U. B. C. for the year of 1920-21. While there she was a member of the University Musical Society. Circumstances made it impossible for her to finish her college course. Since then she has attended the Provincial Normal School and has taught for the past six years.

#### FLORENCE A. MCLEOD

Mac received her degree of bachelor of arts and science in 1925 and was later a member of Education, '26. She was on her class executive for three years, vice-president for 1921-22, secretary for 1922-23, and literary representative for 1923-24. In 1924-25 she was a member of the Women's Undergraduate Society Executive as





Laura S. Mowatt



Beatrice R. Welch



K. Doris Shorney

women's marshal and was secretary of the Mathematics Club. She belonged to the Musical Society and the Mathematics Club.

#### LAURA S. MOWATT

Laura graduated in 1925 with the degree of bachelor of arts and science. She was on the executive of Arts, '25, in 1924-25, women's sport editor on the *Ubysses* staff; and was vice-president of the Gymnasium Club for 1923-24 and 1924-25. She was on the university swimming team for 1923-24, and on the relay and track teams for four years. She held the position of corresponding secretary of the sorority for 1924-25.

#### BEATRICE R. WELCH (Mrs. R. L. MacLeod)

Bea graduated in the class of Arts, '25, with the degree of bachelor of arts and science. She belonged to the Outdoors Club and the University Musical Society and she held the position of secretary of the sorority for 1924-25. She also served on class and sorority committees.

#### K. DORIS SHORNEY

Doris received her degree of bachelor of arts and science in 1925 and was a member of Education, '26, of which she was vice-president. She was elected to the position of president of the Women's Athletic Association for the two years 1923-24 and 1924-25. This makes her the first woman to hold a seat on the Student Council for two years. She played on the senior "A" basketball team for five years and was a member of the track team as well as the Swimming, Badminton and Tennis Clubs. She is the permanent secretary of Arts '25, and was secretary of the University of B.C. Alumni Association for 1926-27.

## GRACE E. M. SMITH

Grace received her degree of bachelor of arts and science with a first class standing. When she matriculated from high school, she won the Governor-General's Medal and a scholarship of \$100 by ranking first in Vancouver district. In her first year she was secretary-treasurer of Arts, '25, and a member of the Chemistry Society; and a member of the Gymnasium Club. During her second year she was vice-president of her class and through her third year she was vice-president of the Women's Undergraduate Society, associate editor of the *Ubysey* and a member of the Historical Society. In her fourth year she was president of the Women's Undergraduate Society which gave her a seat on the Student Council.

## VERA M. SHARFE

Vera took Senior Matriculation before coming to college, and there graduated in 1925 with the degree of bachelor of arts and science when she was only nineteen. She was later a member of Education, '26. She belonged to the Mathematics Club and the Swimming Club. While a member of the latter she passed the Royal Life Saving Society's Bronze and Silver Medal Tests and became a life saving instructor.

## DOROTHY M. ROGERS

Dot graduated with the degree of bachelor of applied science in nursing in 1925. She held the positions of treasurer of the sorority, for 1922-23, vice-president of same in 1923-24 and secretary of the Nursing Society in 1924-25.

## MILDRED H. CAMPBELL

Scotty graduated in 1926 with the degree of bachelor of arts and science with first class honors in zoology. She has had a teaching fellowship in biology for 1926-27, and the same in zoology for 1927-28. She is a candidate for the degree of master of arts and science in 1928. Research work was carried on during the summer of 1927 in co-operation with Dr. Hutchinson under the Biological Board of Canada. She was secretary in 1924-25 and president in 1925-26 of the Biological Discussion Club. She also held the positions of vice-president for 1925-26 and president for 1926-27 of the French Club, "La Causerie." She is a member of the B.C. Academy of Science and was a member of the Basketball Club.





Clara M. Bridgman



Florence V. Brown



Jane H. Wilkinson

#### CLARA M. BRIDGMAN

Clara received her degree of bachelor of arts and science in 1926. She held the position of the secretary of Arts, '26, for 1925-26. She was a member of the French Club and the Student Christian Movement.

#### FLORENCE V. BROWN

Florence graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts and science in 1926. She held the position of treasurer of the sorority during the years of 1925-26 and 1927-28. She belonged to the Musical Society and the Swimming Club.

#### JANE H. WILKINSON

Jeannie obtained her degree of bachelor of arts and science with the class of Arts, '26. She held the positions of secretary of the sorority in 1924-25 and president in 1925-26. She was the president of the Women's Basketball Club for 1925-26 and was a member of the following teams: the senior "A" basketball, grass hockey, and class relay teams. She belonged to the Swimming and Gymnasium Clubs and the Musical Society.

#### LAURA WILCOX

Laura received her degree of bachelor of arts and science with the class of arts, '26. She belonged to the Musical Society and the grass hockey team for two years and to the Gymnasium Club. She held the positions of vice-president of the Outdoors Club, vice-president of the Hockey Club, and president of the sorority for 1924-25.



Laura Wilcox



Mildred Lynn



Doris Baynes

#### MILDRED B. LYNN

Billy graduated in 1926 with the degree of bachelor of arts and science after specializing in French and German and later was a member of Education, '27, of which she was secretary. She also was a member of Alliance Française and was secretary of the French Club for two years.

#### DORIS L. BAYNES

Doris obtained her degree of bachelor of arts and science in 1926. She started to take the Nursing course but changed to Arts. She belonged to the Musical Society, Gymnasium, Badminton, and Swimming Clubs. She was a member of the French Society, "La Causerie," and with the other French Club convened the "costumes" for three French plays. She belonged to the Players Club for her last three years at varsity where she took a part in one of the plays at Christmas in her third year. In her fourth year she convened the "properties" for the spring play. She was also one of our Intersorority Board representatives.

#### MAUDE A. ALLEN

Maude graduated in 1926 with the degree of bachelor of science in agriculture with honors in horticulture. In her first year she won the University Scholarship and in her third year the B.C. Associated Growers Scholarship. During 1925-26 she held the positions of vice-president of Agriculture, '26; and vice-president of the Agricultural Discussion Club. She was a member of the University Musical Society, the Biological Discussion Club, and of the Badminton Club.

#### HELEN M. LYTTLETON

Helen obtained her degree of bachelor of arts and science with the class of Arts, '26. She belonged to the Musical Society and "La Canadienne", a French Club; and was a member of the swimming team.





Maude A. Allen



Helen M. Lyttleton



Sadie M. Boyles

### SADIE M. BOYLES

Sadie received her degree of bachelor of arts and sciences with first class honors in French in 1926. When she matriculated from high school, she won the Governor-General's medal and a \$150 scholarship by ranking first in B.C. In her first year she received a \$75 scholarship for general proficiency (first in her class) and ran in the class relay. During her second year she was a member of the class relay team, of the class executive, and a reporter and later associate editor of the *Ubysey*, as well as winning a scholarship in English and French and a scholarship in general proficiency. In her third year she belonged to the Letters Club, French Club, and Women's Literary Society; was Associate Editor of the *Ubysey Staff* and again won the general proficiency scholarship. In her fourth year she belonged to the Letters Club and French Club; was senior editor of the *Ubysey*; and graduated with the following scholarships: Anne Westbrook Scholarship for Graduate Study (\$100) and the French Government Scholarship which entitled her to one year of graduate study at the Sorbonne, Paris. She received the Diploma, with Honorable Mention, on successful completion of studies in the "Ecole de Préparation de Professeurs de Français à l'Etranger."

### DOROTHY L. R. PARTINGTON

Dorothy obtained her degree of bachelor of arts and sciences in 1927, and is a member of Education, '28. She belonged to "La Canadienne," French club; and was a charter member of "Der Deutsche Verein," German club.

### PHYLLIS M. HEMSWORTH

Phyllis received her degree of bachelor of arts and sciences in 1927, and is now taking her teachers training course with Education, '28. She is a life member of the Player's Club and took part



Dorothy L. R. Partington



Phyllis Hemsworth



Myrtle Nixon

in a Christmas play in 1926. She held the position of corresponding secretary of the sorority in 1926-27. Her other positions were secretary-treasurer of the Swimming Club in 1925-26 and secretary of Arts, '27 for 1925-26 and 1926-27. She was on the University of British Columbia diving team and was a member for two years of the Arts, '27, relay team which won the Arts, '25, cup in 1924-25.

#### MYRTLE NIXON

Myrtle graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts and sciences in 1927. She was a member of the interclass relay team and of "La Canadienne," French club. She held the positions of corresponding secretary of the Sorority and president in her last year.

#### DOROTHY E. BROWN

Dorothy received her degree of bachelor of arts and sciences with the class of Arts, '27. In her first year she was on her class executive as women's treasurer. During her second year she was elected vice-president of her class and later took over the presidency. She was a member of the original committee that was formed to raise money to build a University Women's Union Building. In her third year she held the position of the secretary of the Alma Mater Society, being the first woman to receive this position in her third year. In her fourth year she had the honor of being elected president of the Women's Undergraduate Society. This position carries with it a seat on the Students' Council. From the nine persons on Council she was appointed vice-president of the Alma Mater Society. She belonged to the Musical Society, the Biological Discussion Club, and the G. M. Dawson Society (Geological). Dorothy is only the second woman to be a member of the Students' Council for two years.





Dorothy E. Brown



Maude Walsh



Grace Meredith

#### MAUDE WALSH

Maude graduated in 1927 with the degree of bachelor of arts and sciences. She took her first two years at the University of Alberta before coming to U.B.C. in her third year. Before graduating from University she had received the degree of A.T.C.M. from the Toronto Conservatory of Music. She was a member of the Studio Club in her fourth year.

#### ALICE WILMA METZ

Alice Wilma completed three years at U.B.C. but owing to her departure from the city she was unable to graduate. She is a very clever violinist and while at college she belonged to the Musical Society and the Studio Club.

#### GRACE MEREDITH

Grace was a member of the class of Arts, '28, but after two years in Arts she was unable to complete her college course. While at college she was a member of the University Musical Society and the Gymnasium Club.

#### VICTORIA SWENCISKY

Vicy will graduate this year with the class of Science, '28. She was originally an Arts student, but then changed over to Nursing in her third year. She played basketball during her first two.

#### HENRIETTA B. THOMPSON

Henri completed three years of her University course but owing to ill-health she was forced to leave college. When she has recovered she expects to return and complete the work necessary for a degree.



Victoria Sweneisky



Beatrice M. Ruttan



Lucy K. Ross

**BEATRICE M. RUTTAN**

Bea attended Victoria College, Victoria, B.C., before coming to U.B.C. in her third year. While at the above college she was a member of the Literary Society, and the Players Club. She is a member of Arts, '28, with a pass standing.

**LUCY K. ROSS**

Lucy left university after her first year to take a normal course for teachers training. She returned to Arts, '28, in her second year where she has been a member of the Musical Society for four years and secretary of this organization for 1926-27 and 1927-28. Her honorary societies have been "Der Deutsche Verein," the German Club; and "La Causerie," the French. She was secretary for the latter in 1926-27.

**AUDREY F. ROBINSON**

Audrey is a member of Arts, '28, with a pass standing. She was secretary of the Women's Athletic Association for the years of 1925-26 and 1926-27; and secretary of the class of Arts, '28, for 1926-27 and 1927-28. She also held the position of recording secretary of the Sorority in 1925-26. She has been elected the permanent secretary of Arts, '28.

**JEAN KIRK WILSON**

Jean belongs to Arts, '28, and has attained a second class standing. She has held the position of the secretary-treasurer of the Women's Undergraduate Society for the two years of 1926-27 and 1927-28. She has also been secretary of the Sorority for 1926-27 and president for 1927-28.

**ELEANOR DYER**

Eleanor took her Senior Matriculation in Regina, Sask., where she was associate editor of the annual, president of the Glee Club, and was on the executive of the Literary Society. She took part





Audrey F. Robinson



Eleanor Dyer



Olive Heritage

in the play presented by the latter. She joined Arts, '28, in her second year when she won the scholarship for general proficiency. In her third year she was a member of the Studio Club, the French club, and the German club, "Der Deutsche Verein," and attained a first class standing. In 1927-28 she was vice-president of the German Club and took the leading part in the German play. She has also held the position of corresponding-secretary of the Sorority and represented the Sorority on the Intersorority Board. She will be at the university for another year because she is taking a double honors course.

#### OLIVE HERITAGE

Olive attended Victoria College, Victoria, B.C., before joining Arts, '28, in her third year where she has had a second class standing. During her two years at the above college she was a member of the Glee Club and "La Cercle Française." At University she is a member of the Student Christian Movement, the Philosophy Club, and the International Club.

#### KATHLEEN P. BAIRD

Kay won the Governor-General's Medal for proficiency when she wrote her Junior Matriculation examinations. She ranked fifth in the province. While at college she has maintained a high second class standing. During her first year she was the literary representative for her class, a member of the Musical Society, and took part in interclass debating. In her second year she was vice-president of her class, Arts, '28; associate editor on the *Ubysey* and vice-president of the Musical Society. She was a member of the International Debating Team and a member of the Studio Club. At the spring concert of the Musical Society she sang the part of "Leonora" in *Il Trovatore*. In her third year she was elected to the position of secretary of the Alma Mater Society making her the second woman to hold this position in her third year. She was



Kathleen Baird



Doris Jean Woods



Anne Taylor

again a member of the International Debating Team and of the Studio Club. At the Musical Society of 1927 she sang "Butterfly" in *Madame Butterfly*, and in the concert of 1928 she took the part of "Lady Harriet" from *Martha*.

#### DORIS JEAN WOODS

Doris, in her first year, was on the executive of her class, Arts, '28, as athletic representative. She played on the senior "B" basketball team. During her third and fourth years she was president of the Track Club and a member of the senior "B" basketball team. She was again athletic representative for her class in the year 1926-27. In her fourth year she was elected to the position of president of the Women's Athletic Association which gave her a seat on the Students' Council. She was women's track champion in her second year and member of the track team for four years.

#### ANNE TAYLOR

Annie won the Governor-General's Medal for proficiency in Junior Matriculation. She made the highest marks in New Westminster, B.C. She is taking an English honor course. In her second year she won the Terminal City Club Scholarship. She has been on the executive of Arts, '28, as literary representative for the past year. She was secretary and later president of the Letters Club, and a member of the Players Club.

#### M. JEAN TOLMIE

Jean won the Governor-General's Medal for proficiency when she matriculated from High School. She ranked first in the province and received a scholarship of \$150. In her freshman year she made the highest marks in the class, winning the University Scholarship of \$75. She took part in Interclass Debates and in an International Debate with the Oregon Agriculture College thus





M. Jean Tolmie



Elaine Jackson



Luella Stangland

winning her silver pin. During her second year she was a member of the executive of her class, Arts, '28. She again took part in interclass debates and an international debate with the College of Puget Sound, winning her gold pin. She held the positions of assistant editor of the *Ubyyssey* and the assistant editor of the *Totem*, the annual. In her third year she was on the debating team which debated with the College of Puget Sound, winning the gold ring. Jean is the only woman who has been a member of an international debating team for three years. She was a member of the Letters Club, the Classics Club, where she gave a paper; and of the Historical Society, where she gave two papers. She held the positions of associate editor of the *Ubyyssey* and editor of the *Totem*. She won the Arts, '19, Scholarship for scholastic standing and character. In her fourth year she had the honor of being the first woman to be editor-in-chief of the university paper, the *Ubyyssey*. She is still a member of the Historical Society, of the Classics Club (a paper) and of the Letters Club (a paper). She is the valedictorian of the graduating classes of '28.

#### ELAINE M. JACKSON

Elaine is a member of Arts, '29, with a high second class standing in her first and second years. She is a member of the University Musical Society and at the concert this year sang a principal part. She received the Governor-General's Medal for making the highest marks in her district when she wrote her examinations for entrance into high school.

#### LUELLA STANGLAND

Luella belongs to Arts, '29, and has made a second class standing in her examinations. She has held the position of secretary of the sorority for 1927-28.



Dorothy L. R. Patterson



Geraldine Whitaker



Ruth Henderson

## DOROTHY PATTERSON

Dot is a member of Arts, '29, and has had a pass standing. She belongs to the Studio Club and the German Club, "Der Deutsche Verein." She has played forward on the senior "B" basketball team for two years.

## GERALDINE WHITAKER

Gerry was on the executive of her class, Arts, '29, as Women's Athletic Representative during 1926-27. She held the positions of secretary of the Track Club and vice-president of the Women's Undergraduate Society for 1927-28. She played for two years as center on the senior "B" basketball team and is a member of the Track and Skating Clubs. She has been a reporter on the *Ubyyssey* and vice-president of the Sorority during 1927-28. For 1928-29, Gerry has been elected president of the Women's Undergraduate Society, the highest honor a woman can obtain at U.B.C.

## RUTH HENDERSON

Ruth is a member of the class of Arts, '30. She received a pass standing for the work of her first year.

## THELMA MAHON

Thelma is a member of Arts, '30, with a pass standing. In her first year she was vice-president of her class, played forward on the senior "A" basketball team and was Women's Track Champion. During her second year she has been president of the Track Club and captain of the senior "A" basketball team which this year won the provincial championship. Before coming to the University, Thelma was the Girl's inter-high school track champion.





Thelma Mahon



Claire Menten

## IRENE POOLE

Irene belongs to Arts, '30, and has a pass standing. She has been the girl's treasurer of her class for the past year.

## ELIZABETH WHITESIDE

Betty belong to Arts, '30. In her first year she was the first president of the Women's Rooters Club. She has held the position of vice-president of her class, Arts, '30, for 1927-28. She has been a member of the university swimming team for two years.

## CLAIRE MENTEN

Claire is a member of Arts, '30, with a pass standing. She has played two years on the senior "A" basketball team, which this year won the provincial championship. She has been the president of the basketball Club for 1927-28. She was a member of the Arts, '30, track team which won the shield in 1926-27.

## MARION CARDWELL

Marion is in her third year of Nursing. She is training in the Vancouver General Hospital just now but she will be back in the University in her fifth year.



Irene Poole



Elizabeth Whiteside

## INSTALLATION OF ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER

ON FRIDAY afternoon, April 27, 1928, the excited and much frightened members of Tau Omicron assembled at the home of Mrs. Ruth Strong for a written examination on Gamma Phi Beta literature.

People passing Mrs. Strong's home that afternoon were surprised to see car after car filled with young girls apparently studying sheets of closely typed paper. For Tau Omicron members had need

to study. That very afternoon had been the last day of the final examinations at U.B.C. and the girls had been faced with the awful threat that anyone who did not pass the Gamma Phi examination could not be a Gamma Phi.

After the examination, the members returned to their homes to dress for the pledge service which was held at the Quilchena Golf Clubhouse. It was a beautiful sight to see more than a hundred girls dressed in white as they took part in the impressive pledge service.

The final installation took place Saturday morning at the home of Doris Baynes. The undergraduates were initiated in the morning from eight-thirty to twelve-thirty, and their initiation was followed by

a luncheon served at the home of Lily Burnett. After the luncheon the alumnae were initiated into Gamma Phi, and many of the undergrads helped in the initiation of their sisters.

That evening a banquet was held in one of the beautiful banquet halls of the Georgia Hotel. Besides the Alpha Lambda Chapter, there were fifty active members and fifteen alumnae members of the Lambda Chapter from Seattle, and also representatives from



INSTALLING OFFICERS

Lois McBride Dehn, Chairman of Expansion in West; Elizabeth Davidson Barbour, National President; Beatrice M. Loche, Director of Province.



seven other Gamma Phi chapters, including our grand president, Elizabeth Davidson Barbour.

On Sunday morning a model chapter meeting was held at the home of Dorothy Patterson, and shortly after the meeting the Lambda girls left for Seattle.

GERALDINE WHITAKER

## INSTALLATION BANQUET HOTEL GEORGIA

### MENU

Salted Peanuts	Celery en Branche	Mixed Olives
	Fruit Cocktail	
	Consomme Royal	
Roast Chicken		Celery Dressing
	Coupe Augustine	
Duchess Potatoes		Cauliflower
	Wafers	
	Rolls and Butter	
	Demi-Tasse	

### TOASTS

*To Great Britain and the United States*

Response:  
"God Save the King"  
"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

*To Gamma Phi Beta*

Given:

Miss Jean Tolmie

Responded:

Mrs. Barbour

*To Our Visitors*

Given:

Miss Doris Shorney

Responded:

Mrs. Younger

*To Alpha Lambda*

Given:

Miss Catherine Redpath

Responded:

Miss Eleanor Dyer

## HIGH LIGHTS OF ALPHA LAMBDA INSTALLATION

INSTALLATION proper of Alpha Lambda Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta occurred on April 28 in Vancouver, British Columbia; but it is impossible for me to think of that event as happening on any one day, for in my mind there is a panorama of events, which as a whole must make up the installation of Alpha Lambda.

There is the first scene when Lois Deln and I departed for Vancouver to make our first inspection with only a hazy idea of what organized groups we might find at the University there. The interest we immediately felt in the group of girls to whom we were

introduced by our own Lambda sister, Dorothy Hager, whose home is in Vancouver—the parley which occurred on that day at Ruth Strong's home (Kappa) when Tau Omicron girls met Gamma Phi women and acted for all the world like maneuvering leaders of strange, though very amicable armies and then the retirement of said leaders, each to consider carefully the information so strategically offered. During this period there were investigations made, propaganda in its best sense sent out, courtesies exchanged, and finally a decision made. All parties concerned were satisfied. Tau Omicron was allowed to petition for a chapter of Gamma Phi Beta.

The next scene in my mind shows a large group of representative Gamma Phis gathered in conference—conference of Province VI at Seattle. Gamma Phis from all this northwest corner of our country assembled at banquet in the lovely spacious dining-room at the Sunset Club, and here Dorothy Brown and Freda Wilson of Tau Omicron formally presented their petition for a chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. It was an inspiring moment when Elizabeth Barbour, our grand president, read the petition of Tau Omicron, when Lois Dehn moved that it be accepted, when Beatrice Locke seconded the motion and when with one accord the assembled Gamma Phis rose to cast their vote in favor of the motion. My eyes were wet and my throat throbbed and I know that in this I was not alone.

Afterward came many long conferences—"Could we possibly be installed this spring?" said Tau Omicron. "If it is possible you shall be installed," said Mrs. Barbour and finally after much planning it was decided that it could be done.

Less than three weeks to prepare for the great day. Mrs. Barbour was to return from her Pacific Coast inspection for the event. That in itself was thrilling. Seattle Alumnæ and Lambda Chapter were made official installing chapters and that caused much excitement. Everyone worked hard. Properties were assembled and parts rehearsed in the United States. Plans for housing the visitors and the entertainment thereof were made in British Columbia. Letters by the ream were exchanged from coast to coast. Central office did her part and it was a large one, for pins must be had and only she could get them so speedily. Many other duties fell to her lot, but at last each and every one was performed.

The advance guard left Seattle in mid-week, the installing officers with Mrs. Barbour as their leader, representatives from both active and alumnæ chapters, all those who had special work to perform or plans to fulfill. The Vancouver Hotel was to be our headquarters, and in that place occurred all sorts of interesting conversations. Dorothy and Freda seemed like new friends to us now. They had been pledged in Seattle during the conference, and



were able to give us much help in the plans for installation proper. Florence Brown, the efficient treasurer, with her business-like manner and equally business-like arrangements for the more mercenary angle of the installation, is a vivid spot in my recollection. Florence Wilcox, who planned the transportation and housing of guests was a joy to me.

Space does not allow me the possibility of telling you of many, many such memories of that time, but as one ceremony followed another in rapid succession, each one well planned and consequently well carried out, I felt, as did many others, the strong similarity of ideals between Tau Omicron and Gamma Phi Beta, until at last after the many parts of the installation were over and Alpha Lambda and other Gamma Phis gathered for the banquet in the Aztec Room of the Hotel Georgia, more than one hundred strong, there was a sense of closeness and a friendship in Gamma Phi Beta, the knowledge of a new link in our chain of chapters of which we were justly proud.

I cannot finish this picture of the installation of Alpha Lambda without a word of Elizabeth Barbour, whose sunny presence, whose wonderful endurance of both physical and mental strains, whose calm judgement offered in that vibrant voice you all know by now, whose sincere devotion to Gamma Phi Beta inspired us all to give our best. And though there were many weary heads and tired feet after the strenuous days in Vancouver, I know there was not one among us, who was not glad at heart to have done her bit toward serving Gamma Phi.

CLARA TANEY WILL

## THE HISTORY OF ROLLINS COLLEGE

**R**OLLINS COLLEGE was founded in 1885 and thus became the first institution of higher education in the state of Florida.

Rollins was practically reborn, however, when Hamilton Holt, Litt.D., LL.D., was called to her presidency in the summer of 1926. Under his leadership the Board of Trustees have set out to develop the institution into the "ideal small college of America."

On October 23, 1925, at the dinner given by the alumni to welcome President and Mrs. Holt to Rollins, an address outlining plans for the realization of this new ideal for Rollins was made by the new chief executive, and summed up as follows:

"We propose that Rollins shall become a shining exception to the rule that the greatness of a college is measured by the number

of its students and the multitude of its buildings. The things that make a college great are the quality of those who teach and those who are taught.

"It is the professors who make a college great. And yet how rare is a great teacher. As we add to our faculty we shall invite only those rare souls to join us whose personality appeals to young men and women. They must have the gift of teaching and the nobility of character to inspire youth.

"What shall we do to upbuild the material side of Rollins? We shall find the most beautiful buildings of the Mediterranean type in Florida, and the architect who creates them. We shall then hope to get that man to design every building on our campus necessary for the comfort and pleasure of seven hundred selected students and seventy-five golden personality professors—all buildings in harmony and each a part of a unified whole.

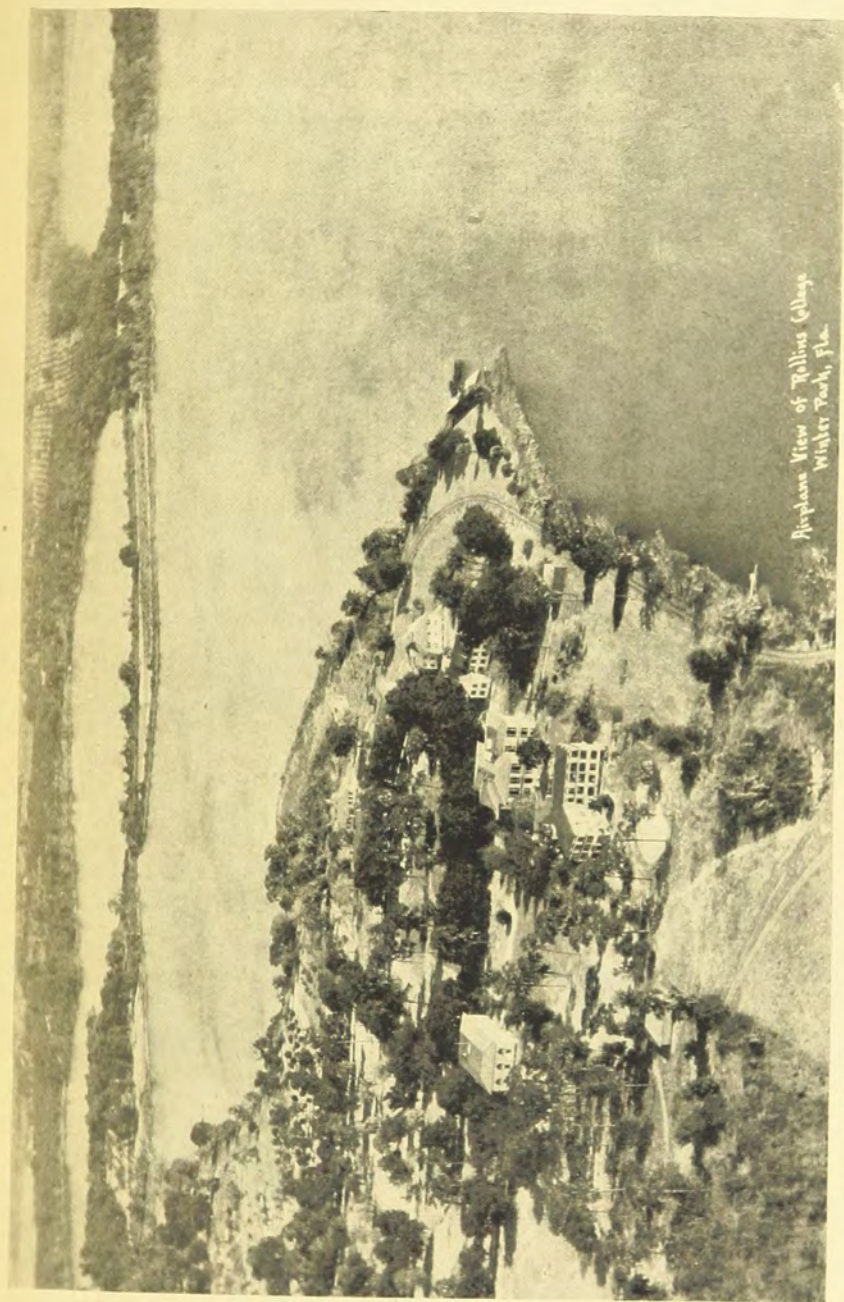
"It is our ambition to have at Rollins a group of professors, each one revered and beloved and all equipped with every line of educational apparatus from laboratories and seminar libraries to moving pictures and stenographers, teaching seven hundred students—four hundred men and three hundred women—in the most beautiful spot in Florida.

"In other words, we purpose to enrich the lives and characters of our students by the personalities of teachers and by beauty of environment."

During the last two years under the leadership and through the work of Dean George E. Carrothers, Rollins College has brought up its scholastic requirements to the Southern Association of Colleges and was accepted by that association in December, 1927. Rollins is the only college in the state of Florida besides the two state universities which has been admitted to this association.

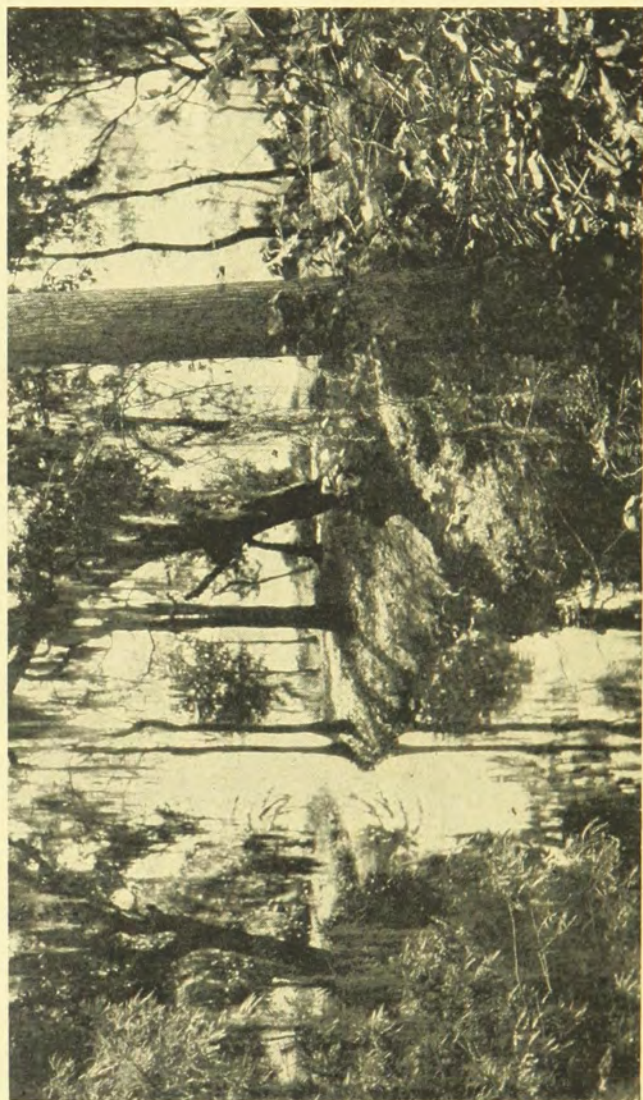
In the fall of 1926 a new system of education was created and inaugurated at Rollins known as the "Conference Plan of Teaching." It is a high adventure in common-sense education and "puts Socrates on an eight-hour day." Its ideal is to bring teacher and taught into close, intimate association in the working hours of the day so that in educating himself, the student may have the advantage of a "guide, philosopher, and friend." Under this plan, classes are two hours in duration and all work is done in class. This does away with the old lock-step, spoon-fed, *lecture system* by which the information proceeded from the instructor's note-book to the student's note-book without passing through the mind of either. Under this plan, the instructor is always present while work is being done, and the two-hour period is used in study, in conference, in discussion, in any way which best suits the particular course in





*Airplane View of Rollins College  
Winter Park, Fla.*

AIRPLANE VIEW OF ROLLINS COLLEGE, WINTER PARK, FLORIDA



A TYPICAL ROLLINS SCENE  
Where the coeds go canoeing



question. This gives great freedom in the conducting of classes and leaves the evenings free for worth while recreation. The system has developed an atmosphere of acquaintance, of confidence, and mutual respect between students and faculty. It has put some spice into education and given opportunity for individual thinking and independent endeavor.

## HISTORY OF PHI OMEGA

**P**HI Omega sorority was founded February 14, 1921, by twelve girls who had a common interest in music. Its purpose was to promote the literary, cultural, and scholastic standards of its members; to create a feeling of loyalty between them; to inspire them with the ideal of unselfish service; and to make a constructive contribution to the life of the college.

All members were required to maintain a scholastic average of 80 per cent and to pass an examination upon affiliation. A constitution was drawn up, and pledging and initiation ceremonies were established. An attractive room in the Music Conservatory was used for the weekly sorority meetings.

The following year these same girls founded the local music and dramatic art sorority which was soon granted a charter by Phi Beta fraternity, a national professional fraternity of music and dramatic art. With the exception of one year, all the presidents of this fraternity have been Phi Omega girls.

During the year 1923-24 Phi Omega gave a series of benefit bridges at the Country Club, and also held an anniversary dinner at the Hamilton Hotel which became a traditional event. Seven girls were pledged this year, and twelve influential Winter Park women were affiliated with the sorority as honorary members. Miss Suzanne Peschman became sorority mother and has continued in this capacity up to the present time.

When Dr. Hamilton Holt became President of Rollins College in September of the year 1925, a new era for Rollins began. The first step toward the construction of the new Rollins was the undertaking of the Rollins campaign. Phi Omega immediately raised thirty-five dollars for the fund and pledged an additional fifty dollars which was paid the following spring.

At the suggestion of President Holt the sororities decided to rent houses, and accordingly Phi Omega secured a house directly opposite the Rollins Art Studio. This became the sorority home for two years at which time a newer and more attractive house was leased.

When Cornell University donated two rowing shells to Rollins, the students agreed to raise the necessary funds to transport the

boats to Winter Park. Consequently an annual carnival known as "Crew Night" was inaugurated, and at its first presentation, Phi Omega had charge of two very successful booths whose proceeds were contributed to the fund for the rowing shells. The second "Crew Night" again found Phi Omega a ready contributor, and more money was made at the Phi Omega booths than at those of any other fraternity or sorority. The proceeds from this carnival went toward the upkeep of the shells and the crew expenses.

In the spring of 1927 Phi Omega put on an evening entertainment known as the "Kaleidoscopic Skits" which netted over one hundred dollars for the treasury. It included a one-act play, a pantomime, a burlesque, and several dancing numbers.

The sorority also held a tea at the Woman's Club for the purpose of raising money with which to publish the first Rollins Song Book. In the fall of 1927 the books were actually printed and 150 copies were presented to the Chapel Association of the college by the sorority. The remaining copies of the edition were to be purchased by students, alumni, and townspeople, with all profit to go toward the establishment of a rotating fund for the publication of future editions of the Song Book.

The Student Association at Rollins has charge of arranging programs for Friday morning chapel exercises each week. The association called upon the various college organizations for entertainments, and Phi Omega was the first sorority to respond with a program, which consisted of two piano solos, a reading, and a clever kitchen orchestra.

Beginning with the year 1928, Phi Omega is offering a prize of twenty-five dollars to the senior girl who has taken the most interest and done the most outstanding work in the field of economics. The object of this prize is to create an interest in this field of study among the girls of the college.

With the aid of her honorary members, Phi Omega sorority put on several very successful benefit bridges during the spring of 1928. The proceeds of these bridges were set apart to be used in the event that the dream of becoming a chapter of Gamma Phi Beta should come true. And now that Phi Omega has become the Alpha Mu Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, we look back with pride upon the part that she has played and the contribution she has made in the life of Rollins College.

The memory of Phi Omega sorority will not fade with the years, but will rather live as a continual inspiration to Alpha Mu Chapter; to its aspirations and to its endeavors.



# MEMBERS



Catharine Adams



Lucy Baker



Camille Beach

CATHERINE ADAMS—Glee Club '26-'28, Folk Dancing '28, Pianist for College Orchestra '27, Accompanist for Expression Department '27-'28, Play Production '28, Music Club '28.

LUCY BAKER—Y.W.C.A., Spanish Club, French Club, Music Club.

CAMILLE BEACH—Woman's Athletic Association, Basketball team '28, Y.W.C.A., swimming team, tennis tournament.

NANCY BROWN—Glee Club '26, War Canoe Crew '26, Secretary Freshman Class '26, Treasurer Sophomore Class '27, French Club '27-'28, Rollins Little Theater '27, Woman's Athletic Association, Honor poetry class, *Flamingo* contributor, Rollins Key Honorary Society, Honor Scholarship.

DOROTHY EMERSON—Winner of Witter Bynner National Poetry Contest '27, Poetry Society of Florida, Honor Poetry Class, Allied Arts Association of Winter Park, Music Club, Author of "*Balancing The Scales*"—(volume of poetry)—Contributor to *Saplings* and the *Flamingo*, Tampa Woman's Club Scholarship.

FRANCES VALLETTE—Y.W.C.A. Cabinet '26, Corresponding Secretary Phi Beta Musicial Fraternity '26, Vice-president Phi Beta '28, Secretray Senior Class '28, Rollins Music Club, Honor Scholarship.



Nancy Brown



Dorothy Emerson



Frances Vallette



Freda Kuebler



Jewel Lewter



Marion McCutcheon

FREDA KUEBLER—Captain Basketball team '25, Sport head for Volley Ball '25, War Canoe Crew '25-'27, Track '26, Captain of Hockey team '27-'28, Life Saving Corps, *Sandspur* Staff, Applied Arts Club, Y.W.C.A., Women's Athletic Association, Fort Myers Club, Honor Scholarship.

JEWEL LEWTER—Woman's Athletic Association, Y.W.C.A., French Club '28, Rollins Literary Society, War Canoe Crew '28, Volley Ball Team, Basketball Team, Captain Freshman Swimming Team, Treasurer Woman's Athletic Association '28-'29.

MARION MCCUTCHEON—Hockey Team '28, Volley Ball Team '28, Y.W.C.A. Social Committee '28-'29, Play Acting, Woman's Athletic Association.

HELEN MORROW—Y.W.C.A., Music Club, Phi Beta Musical Fraternity.

IONE POPE—Red Cross Life Saving Corps '25-'26, Hockey Team '27-'28, Volley Ball '28, Vice-president Junior Class '28, President Rho Kappa Sigma (Honorary Chemistry Fraternity) '28, Honor Scholarship, Vice-president of Chemistry Fraternity for 1928-29.

MARTHA SCHANCK—Y.W.C.A., Woman's Athletic Association, Applied Arts Club, French Club, Hockey Team '27, Tennis Tournament.



Helen Morrow



Ione Pope



Martha Schanck





Lucille Pipkorn



Harriet Pipkorn



Eleanor Krause

LUCILLE PIPKORN—Basketball '25, Volley Ball '25, War Canoe Crew '25, Life Saving Corps '25, Rollins Trio (Celloist) '26, '27, '28, Y.W.C.A. Cabinet '27, Treasurer Phi Beta Musical Fraternity '28, *Tomakan* Staff '28 (college year-book), Rollins Key Society, French Club, Music Club, Rollins Literary Society, Captain Senior Swimming Team.

HARRIET PIPKORN—Manager Hockey Team '27, War Canoe Cox '27, Red Cross Life Saving Corps, Volley Ball '28, Vice-president Woman's Athletic Association '27, President of Woman's Athletic Association '28, Y.W.C.A., Freshman Rat Committee, High Point Scorer in Water Sports '27, Sophomore Representative of Student Association, Treasurer Spanish Club, *Sandspur* Reporter, Captain Sophomore Swimming Team.

ELEANOR KRAUSE—Y.W.C.A., Woman's Athletic Association, Volley ball team, Basketball team.

MARY SHEPHERD—Y.W.C.A., Woman's Athletic Association, Hockey Team '27-'28, Music Club, French Club.

STELLA WESTON—Glee Club '26, Rollins Literary Society, Honor Poetry Class, *Flamingo* contributor, *Sandspur* Reporter, Secretary of Y.W.C.A. '28-'29, Hockey Team '28, President of Rollins Literary Society '28-'29, Editor of *College Handbook*, Winner of First Prize Allied Arts Short Story Contest, Winner Second Prize Poetry Society of Florida Poetry Contest.



Mary Shepherd



Stella Weston



Mary Hansen Green



Florence McKay

FLORENCE MCKAY—Corresponding Secretary for Phi Beta Musical Fraternity '28, Panhellenic '26, Treasurer Y.M.C.A. '27, *Sandspur* Reporter '26-'27, Vice-president of Junior Class '27, Vice-president Phi Beta '27, Vice-president of Rollins Key Society '28, Vice-president of Student Association '28, Faculty Student Council '27, Blue Ridge Delegate '27-'28, Secretary of Spanish Club '28, President of Y.W.C.A. '28, Secretary of Panhellenic '27, Literary Society, Phi Beta Fraternity, Spanish Club, Rollins Key Honorary Society, Woman's Athletic Association.



Mary Race



Freda L. Wilson



Louise Campbell

MARY RACE—Freshman Representative to Woman's Athletic Association Board, Treasurer of Freshman Class, Chairman of Woman's Athletic Association Poster Committee, Prize-winner in Sprague Oratorical Contest, Y.W.C.A. Cabinet '28-'29, Spanish Club Basketball Team, Volley Ball, Hockey team, Contributor to *Sandspur*, Treasurer Spanish Club '28-'29, Design Award Committee, Tennis Tournament.

## PHI OMEGA BECOMES ALPHA MU OF GAMMA PHI BETA

A GROUP of girls in brightly colored frocks was impatiently pacing the platform of the Winter Park railway station. "Goodness!" smiled one, "this meeting the 1:30 train is getting to be a habit. Tuesday Mrs. Borland and Mrs. Thayer came; Wednesday Stella's sister, Mrs. Hall, pulled in; today Miss Camerer and Miss Blake arrive; and tomorrow it will be the Hollins girls."



"Yes, and think of the loyal Gamma Phis and the Phi Omega alums who are coming from all over the country! I know we will all feel a real affection for the Atlantic coast-line from now on."

"Here they come . . . here they come. . . ."

A steel-bright train thundered around the curve and drew up to the station. As two women alighted, the girls quickly surrounded them and began the pleasant task of becoming acquainted. Then they enthusiastically formed a snug circle and,

"Rah, rah, rah-rah-rah!  
Rah, rah, rah-rah-rah!  
Rah, rah, rah-rah-rah!  
Camerer! Camerer! Camerer!"

filled the air, followed immediately by,

"Rah, rah, rah-rah-rah!  
Rah, rah, rah-rah-rah!  
Rah, rah, rah-rah-rah!  
Blake! Blake! Blake!"

With many sighs of "Whew! we're so happy," and "See you later," the group separated as the girls departed for the new Gamma Phi Beta house.

A few hours later found the new arrivals and Mrs. Borland, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Thayer at the Rosalind Club in Orlando as guests of Mrs. Raymer Maguire of Beta Chapter, Mrs. Clark Jennings of that chapter and two Phi Omegas were also present.

After listening to a delightful program of vocal and instrumental music, the party began to "reminisce" over their pieces of chilled watermelon.

"Doesn't it seem great to see so many Gamma Phis again?" Mrs. Maguire asked Mrs. Jennings. "And to think that there will be a whole chapter at Rollins from now on."

"Yes, it seems almost too good to be true. And oh,—do you remember when . . ."

"Gracious! We'll have to tear if we are to make the Rollins Commons in time for dinner. Thank you so much, Mrs. Maguire. We've had a lovely time."

After dinner with Hamilton Holt, known to the prospective Alpha Mus as "Prexy," the visiting Gamma Phis accepted his invitation to step over to his office for a moment and view the architect's plans for the new Rollins. A brief talk on the Rollins Ideal—the fusing of the Golden Personality Professor and the Selected Student—accompanied the explanation of the drawings.

The following morning found all the members and prospective members of Gamma Phi proudly attending the commencement exercises of the Rollins graduating class of 1928. Their own five

seniors received their diplomas with apparent calm, though inwardly they were seething with the excitement of having the little tan and mode pledge ribbons to wear on their gowns. They noted the envious glances of their former sorority sisters with secret delight, remarking that it was entirely in keeping with their positions as seniors that they be pledged early and thus have their ribbons to exhibit at Commencement.

With the arrival of the Hollins girls both sorority houses—the old Phi Omega and the new Gamma Phi Beta, were filled to overflowing. The first was used for Phi Omegas, actives and alumnae, while the new house had been turned over entirely to the guests. Between the laughter and soft Southern drawl which floated through the windows of the two houses and on down Fairbanks Avenue, were interspersed snatches of Gamma Phi songs and happy whistled tunes.

"I'm satisfied, I'm satisfied—  
I've got my chapter by my side—  
I'm sat-is-fied, I'm sat-is-fied."

After dinner that evening the Rollins girls filed slowly over to the Gamma Phi house. They were clad in simple white dresses and their faces were flushed with subdued expectancy. An hour later they stood dewey-eyed and speechless—gazing at the little tan and mode ribbons pinned on their white dresses. After a moment's silence someone choked and broke the spell. With various expressions of gratitude, the pledges of Alpha Mu Chapter presented a leather writing case to Mrs. Thayer, the one who had first brought Gamma Phi Beta to them.

Then came a shout "Everyone off for Lake Mary! A right royal swimming party and the "Theta boys are hosts. Let's give the folks a glimpse of a real Florida swimming hole—alligators and everything."

After the installation ceremonies which filled the entire next day, the Alpha Mus went forth to the festival of rejoicing at the Dubs-dread Country Club with their hearts near to bursting.

Around a huge crescent-shaped table loaded with roses and cut flowers assembled all the installing Gamma Phi Betas, all the members of Alpha Mu Chapter, and all the friends whom they had invited to rejoice with them over their new honor and to share with them their birthday celebration.

The five guests of honor wore shoulder bouquets of rosebuds, while a single rose blossomed beside the plate of each of the other guests. The placecards were hand-painted facsimiles of the Gamma Phi Beta pin, and dainty tan and mode programs of the banquet served as favors for the occasion.

After the singing of the Gamma Phi Beta blessing, Mrs. Thayer, the toastmistress, gave a short greeting after which she read a



message from Elizabeth Davidson Barbour, Grand President of Gamma Phi Beta. These opened the informal program which accompanied the courses of the banquet and included the singing of sorority and college songs, and the reading of telegrams of congratulation and good will for the new chapter.

Sparkling eyes met sparkling eyes as happy fingers touched the pin glowing on each soft dress; while the banquet hall was filled with the strains of—

“There’s nothing so dear as this lit-tle pin here  
The Crescent of old Gam-ma Phi—i.”

“Rollins Keeps Rolling Along” was next sung to assure everyone that Rollins intended to deserve the honor which had been conferred on her that day.

After brief talks by Mrs. Grover and Dean Carrothers, Dorothy Emerson, the Alpha Mu who won the Witter Bynner National Poetry Contest of 1927, read two poems: “Diminuendo” and a new unnamed one.

Then more songs were sung and more telegrams read, and what a quickening of heartbeats came with the realization that one of them was from a founder of Gamma Phi Beta.

Two poems, “Heaven Shining Through” and “A Girl In Church,” were read by Stella Weston, president of the Rollins Literary Society, after which Ruth Amy Sebring sang several soprano solos.

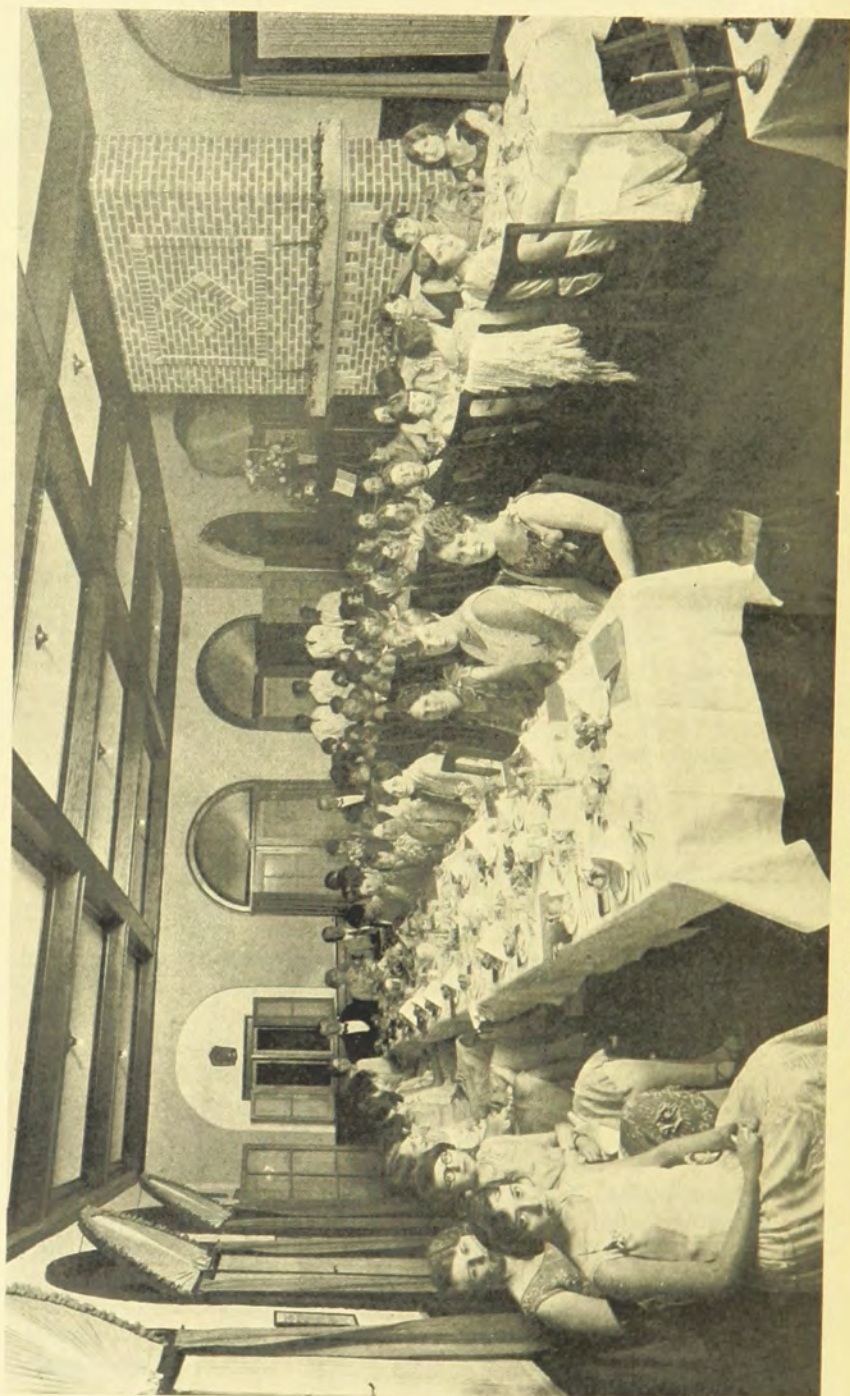
At the conclusion of the dessert course a number of toasts were given.

Then came one of the most inspiring moments of the evening. As Mrs. Hall called the roll, a member of each of the twelve chapters represented came forward and lighted her chapter candle from the flame of the central one which symbolized the spirit of Gamma Phi Beta. Then the girls formed a circle at the end of the banquet hall so that a great halo illumined the room as seventy-five voices chanted slowly and then faster and faster:

“I’m sat-is-fied, I’m sat-is-fied,  
I’ve got my chap-ter by my side  
I’m sat-is-f-i-ed, I’m sat-is-f-i-ed.  
If any-one should ask you why,  
Jut tell them I’m a Gam-ma Phi,  
I’m sat-is-f-i-ed, I’m sat-is-f-i-ed.

At the conclusion of the song, Mr. Grover rose, remarking that the ceremony reminded him of the words of Robert Louis Stevenson when he said, “*The one who can finish the race with his candle still lighted—that man is a hero.*” At these words all the Alpha Mus silently resolved to keep *their* candles burning at all costs.

A complete surprise came when Mrs. Thayer presented Alpha Mu with a beautiful Gamma Phi Beta plaque of silver on mahogany



INSTALLATION BANQUET OF ALPHA MU CHAPTER



for the new chapter house. The gift was received for Alpha Mu by Freda Kuebler who responded with a short speech of thanks.

After a brief farewell by the toastmistress, everyone rose and sang:

"Oh Gamma Phi Beta, to thee do we raise  
In true adoration our voices in praise  
To thee in whose circle true  
Friendship we find  
Where love is so constant and hearts are so kind."

More than ever it seemed to the Alpha Mus that "Music is love in search of a word," and seeking hands met seeking hands beneath the shelter of the tablecloth as the last strain was repeated:

"Where love is so constant  
And hearts are so kind."

The next night after attending Alpha Mus first chapter meeting and the watermelon feed at the Kappa Alpha fraternity house; after being introduced to the Old Chieftain, the country's largest cypress tree, and after having tea at Mrs. Weston's; after being accompanied to the Orlando station by all their new sorority sisters and a goodly number of fraternity men, Miss Camerer, Mrs. Borland, Miss Blake, and Mrs. Thayer, the last of the Gamma Phis to leave received silver compacts as mementos of the occasion and departed for the north with the regretful farewells of their new Florida friends following them.

And the Alpha Mus returned to the deserted Gamma Phi house to find it haunted with memories of glowing, gracious faces and happy, solemn moments, and as one Alpha Mu dropped exhausted on her bed that night, there came to her the vision of a shining scroll on which was written:

"And they were known as the Phi Omegas....."

"Yet the bonds of sympathy and love which encompassed them waxed stronger and finer as they beheld a great project to strive for and a great purpose to achieve. So to that project and to that purpose, they solemnly pledged their faith.

"And it came to pass that the members of the Order of Phi Omega set forth on a mighty crusade that they might seek out the Holy Grail of girlhood and secure it for their own. And the road was long and hard, and it contained many difficulties to conquer and many hardships to overcome.

"But the Crusaders of Phi Omega struggled on unceasingly until one day they found a high wall across their path and the wall contained a massive gate. And as they swung wide the gate, they saw a great glory beyond it and smiling said, 'This is the end!'

"And passing through the gate they found awaiting them *Pi Kappa Epsilon*, the Holy Grail of girlhood. But as their arms encircled the Grail, they perceived that the road stretched on and out thru a great and glowing splendor. And with this sight they realized that the securing of the

Grail was not, indeed, an end, but rather the key to a greater and more glorious beginning."

So as they followed the crusade,  
Heart-whole and spirit-high,  
It came to pass they gained the Grail.....  
God gave them Gamma Phi.

STELLA WESTON

## INSTALLATION BANQUET DUBSDREAD COUNTRY CLUB

### MENU

Mixed Olives	Fruit Cocktail	Celery En Branche
	Chicken Patties	
	Potatoes Au Gratin	
Petit Pois	Waldorf Salad	Beets Au Beurre
Orange Ice		Cake
	Demi-Tasse	

### TOASTS

Toastmistress—Mrs. Frank Thayer

*To Rollins College*

Given:

Mrs. R. F. Maquire

*To Gamma Phi Beta*

Given:

Miss Harriet Pipkorn

*To Alpha Mu*

Given:

Miss Pansy Blake

*To Our Visitors*

Given:

President Holt

Response:

"Rollins Rouser"

Response:

Mrs. Paul Borland

Response:

Miss Helen Gleason

Response:

Miss Alice Camerer

## NATIONAL SORORITY CHAPTER IN- STALLED AT ROLLINS COLLEGE

**I**NSTALLATION of Alpha Mu chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, a national sorority, at Rollins College was completed Saturday night with a banquet at Dubsdread Country Club. The charter was granted to Phi Omega sorority.

The installation took place at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. The initiation marks an epoch in the history of Rollins College as it introduces to its campus the first national chapter to be placed by any of the national sororities. Phi Omega has at all times had an active part in the administration of college activities. It started the chapter of Phi Beta, national musical fraternity, at Rollins. It published the first Rollins Song Book. It gives an Economics prize each year to the senior girl who has shown the most interest in that field throughout her college career.



The banquet tables Saturday night were decorated with roses and ferns lying flat on the table and in the design of a Gamma Phi crescent. A rosebud was also placed at each plate, and shoulder bouquets of rosebuds marked the places for the five honor guests, Miss Alice Camerer of Detroit, Mich., national secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Paul Borland of Chicago, Ill., chairman of the national committee of inspection; Miss Pansy Blake of Detroit, Mich., middle-west representative of the national committee of expansion; Mrs. Frank Thayer of Chicago, Ill., national inspector, and Mrs. L. W. Kall of Minneapolis, Minn.

The place cards were hand painted designs of Gamma Phi Beta pins with the black crescent and the Greek-letters in gold. Favors were printed programs done in the  $\Gamma \Phi B$  colors of fawn and seal brown.

During the course of the banquet an informal program of sorority songs, college songs, and the reading of telegrams was interspersed throughout. Mrs. Frank Thayer, toastmistress, gave the greeting and also read greetings from Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson Barbour, grand president of Gamma Phi Beta.

Following are other numbers of the program: song, "The Gamma Phi Pin;" song, "Rollins Rolling Along;" informal address by Edwin O. Grover, professor of Books at Rollins College; song, "Toast to Gamma Phi Beta;" talk by Dean Carrothers; reading of two poems, "Diminuendo" and "Forsaken" by Miss Dorothy Emerson who won the 1927 Witter Bynner National Poetry contest; solo by Mrs. Ruth Amy Sebring, "Dawn"; readings of "Heaven Shining Through" and "A Girl in Church," by Miss Stella Weston, winner of second prize in the Ponce de Leon Poetry Contest, and a formal program of toasts followed the banquet. There were as follows:

"To Rollins College," given by Mrs. Raymer F. Maguire, response, "Rollins Rouser"; "To Gamma Phi Beta," given by Miss Harriet Pipkorn, response, Mrs. Paul Borland; "To Alpha Mu," given by Miss Pansy Blake, response, Miss Helen Gleason; "To Our Visitors," given by President Holt, response, Miss Alice Camerer.

Following the toasts a pageant was presented which consisted of lighting the chapter candles by a member of each of the twelve chapters represented. During the pageant, music was furnished by the Gamma Phi Beta trio, Miss Dorothy Emerson, violin; Lucille Pipkorn, cello, and Frances Vallette, piano.

A plaque representing the Gamma Phi Beta coat of arms was presented to the new chapter, Alpha Mu, by Mrs. Frank Thayer. The plaque was a personal gift from Mrs. Thayer and came as a complete surprise to all present.

Mrs. Thayer gave a brief address of farewell, and the Gamma Phi Beta song, "Fidelity," completed the evening's program.

In addition to the honor guests mentioned above, the following were present: Dr. Hamilton Holt, president of Rollins College; Dr. George E. Carrothers, dean of Rollins College; Mr. Edwin Osgood Grover, professor of Books at Rollins College; Mrs. Carrothers, Mrs. William Frame, Mrs. Harold Gaymon, Mrs. Fred Henderson, Mrs. Elmer Shellenberg, Mrs. C. W. Jennings, Mrs. R. F. Maguire, Mrs. H. I. Week, Miss Alice Briggs, Miss Helen Henderson, Miss Margaret Henderson, Miss Mabel Mabrey, Mrs. McWitt, Mrs. W. W. Baker, Mrs. C. G. Weston, Madame Bowman, Mrs. Emilie Cass, Mrs. G. E. McKay, Mrs. Austin Race, Mrs. Edwin O. Grover. Members of Upsilon chapter of Rollins College, Hollins, Va., included: Misses Helen Weaver, Betty Steel, Alys Lavinder, Laura Lavinder, Emily Saunders, Terry Lee Roberts, Ruth Stone, Mary White, Mary Ellen Franklin.

Following are members of the new chapter, Alpha Mu, of Gamma Phi Beta: Florence McKay, Frances Vallette, Lucille Pipkorn, Freda Kuebler, Ione Pope, Stella Weston, Harriet Pipkorn, Mary Shepherd, Camille Beach, Katherine Adams, Martha Schanck, Mary Hansen Green, Helen Morrow, Helen Gleason, Nancy Brown, Jewel Lewter, Eleanor Krause, Marion McCutcheon, Mary Race, Dorothy Emerson, Lucy Baker, Ruth Amy Sebring, Lucille Waters, Beata Meyer Silva, Estelle Pipkorn, Dorothy Cosby, and Ruby Warren Newby.

## A MESSAGE TO GAMMA PHI BETA FROM DR. HAMILTON HOLT

[Dr. Holt, so prominent in the educational world, has generously contributed the following article for which we are very grateful and appreciative.]

**N**OTHING has pleased me more as president of Rollins College during the last year than the honor that Gamma Phi Beta has done our girls of the local Phi Omega Sorority by taking them into the generous circle of its membership.

Gamma Phi Beta is the first national woman's organization to recognize Rollins College with a chapter and every son and daughter of Rollins appreciates the honor.

Perhaps the sisters of Gamma Phi Beta would like to have a brief outline from me of what we are trying to do at Rollins College to make it one of the outstanding small colleges in America. Reduced to its briefest terms, we are trying to make a college that does not confuse greatness with bigness. We are going in for quality rather than for multifarious courses, large grounds and buildings,



and a colossal student enrollment. We are limiting our student body to seven hundred—that is three hundred girls and four hundred boys. We shall seek the beloved type of professor—not the research man. We shall want the student who is faithful rather than the one who through cramming and memorizing can answer the most facts on examination paper, and we hope eventually to have the most beautiful grounds and buildings for seven hundred students and seventy professors that Mediterranean architecture and landscape gardening can devise. In other words, we hope to enrich the lives of our students by personality of our professors and beauty of environment.

This is not entirely a dream, for we are already on our way. I have already called new professors to our faculty who have been endorsed not so much by their colleagues as by their former students. I have brought these professors into close contact with their students by abolishing the lecture and recitation system under which the professor is active and the student is passive, on the theory that no one ever yet received an education by being a sponge. In our two hour conference period, the student becomes active, and if anyone is passive, it is the professor. This plan seems to be working like a charm. As far as I know, there is not a professor or a student who would go back to the old lecture and recitation system.

Some people have said that the two-hour conference plan is an innovation and an experiment. Some have gone so far as to say it is revolutionary. It seems to me, however, that it is more conservative or even reactionary than experimental or revolutionary.

As far as I can see, it is nothing more than going back to Socrates and putting him on an eight-hour day.

HAMILTON HOLT

*President of Rollins College  
Winter Park, Fla.*

## GOLDEN PERSONALITIES

ROLLINS COLLEGE is attracting the attention of the educational world today because it is using the conference plan.

Its buildings are not beautiful *now* (but don't encourage me or I should find myself expounding on the plans for the exquisite buildings of the future); they are brick mostly and painted white. There is atmosphere about them and about the campus, a kind of spell—perhaps its the Spanish moss hanging from the glorious big trees—anyway it's there and it's no wonder that Rollins students love Rollins. I think more fundamental than all this is the fact that Rollins students know each other and their instructors so well that they are *Rollins*. The college life is in terms of person-

alities—"golden personalities" as President Holt calls them, and truly they are "golden," everyone I met, president, dean, "Professor of Books" and all.

Perhaps this little introduction has prepared you for the kind of girls you'll find in our baby chapter, Alpha Mu. They are different because most of them seem interested in the creative side of life. Two of them write beautiful poetry, Stella Weston, sister of a Kappa Gamma Phi, and Dorothy Emerson, who won the Witter-Bynner prize last year. You can see how impossible it is for me to give you much of an idea concerning twenty-six girls when I knew them scarcely four days, but I'm going to mention some of the "golden personalities" of the group and I know there are many potential "golden personalities" that I have missed.

There were three Pipkorns—Harriett, Lucille and Estelle. Harriett, I felt that I knew best—you know she's the kind you can always depend upon to be there and do the thing whether told to do it or not.

So many of the girls are musicians or else interested in music, so again we see that same creative tendency. Frances Vallette, who graduated this year, is the outstanding musician of the group although I was not fortunate enough to hear her play.

I don't know in what my little "personal slave" (each active had special duties and some were appointed to take care of the visitors personally—I believe it was Mrs. Hall who named them "personal slaves") Lucy Baker, is especially interested but she was a very attentive "personal slave"—that I know.

It has been a good month since installation; and yet as I sit here looking at my list from the banquet program, I can picture every girl as I see her name. There was Ruth Amy Sebring, who sang so well; efficient little Mary Hanson Green; darling Camille Beach whose eyes went absolutely closed when she laughed; Beata Silva of the pretty name and lovely curly hair; Helen Gleason who is going to be the charming as well as practical guide of the group next year; and many others. Everyone seems so individual to me that I could go on and on, but I must not.

Now don't they sound lovely and if everyone of you could see them you would be just as proud of the fact that they are wearing Gamma Phi pins as I am!

PANSY BLAKE (BETA)  
*Expansion Chairman for East*



## CONFERENCE OF PROVINCE I

THE Conference of Province I of Gamma Phi Beta was called to order by the Province Director, Mrs. Mildred Bigelow Price, on Friday, April 20, at 10:30 o'clock at the Woman's Republican Club, 46 Beacon Street, Boston.

Ten delegates were present: Margaret Butler, Alpha; Mildred Bigelow Price, Syracuse; Dorothy Cheney and Martha Vining, Delta; Betty Macy Kauffman and Grace Howard Smith, Boston; Laura L. Graham, New York; Georgia Peacock, Zeta; Alvahn Holmes, Baltimore; Page Stone, Upsilon.

The chair appointed Grace Howard Smith, Boston, as Censor.

The first topic to be discussed was expansion, especially in the South. The delegates favored conservative expansion and looked favorably upon a chapter in the far South, if this was to be considered as a link in a chain of southern chapters to be established later.

*Inactives:* The question of inactives was presented and discussed. It was felt that Gamma Phi Beta should have a plan of honorable dismissal after the girl and the sorority have discussed the matter thoroughly. Factors contributing to the desire of girls to be inactive were stated as: (1) lack of sorority interest on the part of the girl. (2) impermanency of high school sororities. (3) Lack of proper training of freshmen, either on the part of the sorority, itself, or the local Panhellenic.

*Moved and Seconded:* That this conference present to the business of national the question of honorable dismissal together with the suggestion that Gamma Phi Beta put out a pamphlet on the history of sororities, presenting the goods and the evils, as a contribution to the Greek letter world.

It was suggested that in bringing charges against a girl for possible dismissal that chapter proceed carefully. If the charges are not true a girl can sue the chapter and the national organization for defamation of character and that if a girl is to be expelled, absolute proof of charges is necessary.

*The Denver Camp:* The conference felt very definitely that Gamma Phi Beta should have some altruistic enterprise.

*Moved and Seconded:* That the conference is in favor of going on record as being in favor of Denver Camp but the delegates do not want to bind themselves until they know what the tax is to be.

*Financial Survey:* There was a unanimous feeling that alumnae dues, generally, are too low. Delta wished to go on record as opposed to the \$8 tax, suggesting that \$6.50 be added to the tax on actives and \$1.50 to the tax on alumnae.

*Life Subscription to the CRESCENT*

*Moved and Seconded:* That the conference recommend to the Grand Council that \$25 be paid at the time of Initiation or \$10 the first year and \$5 for the three succeeding years for life subscription to the CRESCENT.

*Junior College Students*

*Moved and Seconded:* That each chapter decide for itself the advisability of admitting to the sorority a student in her junior year.

*Discussion of Gamma Phi Beta Policies*

*Scholarship:* The chapters represented, reported that they are working hard to raise the scholastic standing of its members.

*Chapter Ethics:* There was a brief discussion of transfers and it was cited that some chapters on the western coast, like Eta, often find themselves with as many as twenty transfers on the campus at one time. In regard to smoking, the delegates reported that they were governed by the rules of the college or university in which the chapter is located.

*Freshmen Mothers:* All the active chapters present reported that they employed the plan of an advisor or mother for each freshman and found it to work most satisfactorily.

There seemed to be a most friendly and helpful relation existing between all active and alumnae chapters, in some cases, the alumnae materially assisting the active chapter.

*Preparation for Sorority Examination:* Delta appeared to be the only chapter which has found that its members study far in advance for the sorority examination. Delta has a chairman who gathers the material and drills the members for weeks before initiation. The general feeling was that most members show but little interest and cram the night before.

Delta Chapter presented a model freshman training meeting to the conference. The freshmen have their own officers, transact their own business but are advised by an upper class trainer from the active chapter. This seemed a new procedure to many of the visiting delegates.

*Chapter Problems:* Voting on new members. The desire was expressed that the conference go on record that some of the chapters have been lax in looking up recommendations and in acknowledging recommendations. The system of blanks or questionnaires was suggested as an aid to finding out more of the history of a rushee.

*Moved and Seconded:* That information on the following be obtained from the Grand President: (1) Are two black balls necessary to keep a girl from membership? (2) Is it right for chapters to use different hymns? Is "Fidelity" the Gamma Phi Beta hymn?



In the informal discussion, these points arose in which the delegates did not understand each other.

*Moved and Seconded:* To recommend to Grand Council that an amendment be made to the Constitution (By-laws) that a candidate for membership in the sorority be investigated by two alumnae. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Graham were appointed by the chair to draw up the resolution. The resolution was prepared as follows: Province I recommends to the Grand Council the adoption of a more stringent method of looking up freshmen before or upon their entrance to a college or university where there are chapters of Gamma Phi Beta.

### *Dignity of Initiation*

*Moved and Seconded:* That initiation be carried on in a dignified manner and that there be no music except the singing of songs in their proper place. That a suggestion be made to all province directors in making their visits to stress the uniform method in which each chapter should conduct initiation.

Mention was made of the pledge service which is being prepared by one of the national officers whereby girls may be pledged in groups. There was an expression of feeling that we are apt to sacrifice a great deal if we speed up too much and a preference was shown for individual pledging.

Greetings were conveyed to the conference from Mary McCurley who expressed regrets at her inability to be present.

*Moved and Seconded:* That a message of condolence be sent to Mary McCurley on the death of her mother and that delegates assemble in conference regretted her inability to be present.

*Alumna Advisor:* It was ascertained that the constitution does not provide for an alumna advisor.

*Moved and Seconded:* That the conference recommend to the Grand Council that each active chapter elect an advisor from the alumnae chapter for the period of one year.

*Moved and Seconded:* That the Province Director with the Acting Secretary draw up and send a day letter to Mrs. Barbour as follows:

In view of proposed change in organization of Province I, the delegates in conference assembled request that change be postponed for two years. Feel insufficient time to test grouping. Conference proves most helpful in exchange of ideas. Zeta and Upsilon particularly anxious to continue present arrangement. Please forward to President and Grand Council for immediate action.

MILDRED PRICE, DIRECTOR, *Province I*

ELIZABETH MACY KAUFFMAN, *Acting Secretary of Conference*

The report of the nominating committee was read and accepted.

The secretary was instructed to cast one vote. The officers for the ensuing two years were elected as follows:

Emma F. Lowd, Province Director.

Mrs. Levi Willcutt, Secretary.

Reports from each chapter were given showing the scholastic and financial standing of each chapter to date. Meeting and conference adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Macy Kauffman, Acting Secretary*

### CONFERENCE OF PROVINCE III

ON FRIDAY afternoon, an informal tea was held at the Omicron house, with Mrs. Moss presiding at the tea table, and her daughter, Alida Moss Skinner, Omicron, of Rockford, Illinois, a guest of the occasion. A family group comprised the list of guests—mothers, alumnae, patronesses, and Mrs. Kinley, wife of the president of the university.

On Saturday night came the banquet with Nina Gresham as toast-mistress and talks by Lillian Thompson, Gladys O'Connor Borland, and the delegates. A beautiful silver vase was presented to Sigma Chapter as a tribute to its high rating of efficiency during the past year.

The national organization was represented by Lillian Thompson and Gladys O'Connor Borland; the programs of the business meetings were interesting, varied, and uplifting. A few of the most important findings and resolutions follow:

National policies as explained by Mrs. Borlund were adopted as read with one amendment—that all freshmen be required to buy a manual.

The new system of finance was discussed and accepted by Omicron, Phi and Sigma. Alpha Delta was not prepared to vote, and Alpha Theta accepted the survey except for the initiation fee which would make rushing difficult at Nashville. Province III, as a conference, indorsed the national survey.

Expansion discussion disclosed a desire to enter small colleges of high standing, southern territory and to investigate other suggested fields.

Province III recommended that there be no voluntary inactivity, and that it be used only as disciplinary measure. After very interesting discussions on the Denver camp, it was recommended that this camp be made a national project.

Many very helpful suggestions were given for higher scholarship attainment and also for a higher rating in sorority examination. In view of the latter it was recommended by Province III that all





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in front of Omicron Chapter House

alumnæ chapters and associations have at least one program at the time of the active chapter examination and dealing with the same material. It was requested that national send the material to alumnæ as well as actives.

One of the most helpful and inspiring talks of the conference was the report of our national Panhellenic delegate, Miss Lillian Thompson. We saw ourselves from every viewpoint—financially, numerically, scholastically, and morally. Sometimes we were very proud and sometimes not quite so enthusiastic. Miss Thompson also suggested that our great need among the alumnæ is a unifying altruistic effort.

Chapter problems among actives came in for lengthy discussions and it was moved that as a province we increase our executive council to include representatives of each class; that we co-operate with national in substituting courtesy-week in place of hell-week; that we ask our alumnæ to assist in the training of pledges and that an alumna advisor be chosen to assist every active chapter.

Of course we were reminded many times throughout the conference of the coming convention (June 1929), and Mrs. Woodward's report of the plans already made by Kansas City to entertain the convention made us very enthusiastic and determined to outdo all previous convention attempts at hospitality and achievement.

Representatives were present from Beta, Upsilon, Theta, Phi, Sigma, Alpha Delta, Alpha Theta, Omicron, Kansas City, St. Louis, Nashville and Champaign-Urbana.

NINA GRESHAM

### IMPRESSIONS FROM CONFERENCE OF PROVINCE III

THE Conference of Province III were very successful; Omicron and Champaign-Urbana were most cordial hostesses. A spirit of co-operation and helpfulness was very marked throughout the conference.

GRACE SEWING, *St. Louis Alumnæ Chapter*

2. What a lovely home! And oh, what a pleasure to meet my sisters of Omicron! It was indeed a great joy to attend this lovely convention and to meet Miss Thompson and Mrs. Borland of Grand Council.

LOIS LINSOTT, *Sigma*

3. The Conference of Province III has been an inspiring experience for me. My alumna viewpoint has been widened greatly and I shall take back to the Kansas City Alumnæ Chapter the



vision of Gamma Phi's national problems and aspirations as well as of the local ones. Omicron has upheld her tradition of graciousness and hospitality which was a potent factor in the success of the conference.

MILDRED ODELL BLUM, *Kansas City Alumnæ Chapter*

4. A magnificent new house—commodious, comfortable, colonial. Interesting meetings—honor guests. Good entertainment; in fact a great time “was had by all.”

CHRISTINE CHAPIN, *Phi*

5. If the conference has meant as much to the other delegates and the Omicron girls as it has to me, I am sure that it was well worth while. It was a great help to hear our problems discussed from different viewpoints as well as a pleasure to stay in Omicron's beautiful new house with so many charming girls. I hope to carry back to Alpha Theta many helpful new ideas as well as the enthusiasm and wonderful national spirit that was so evident.

MARTHA FISHER, *Alpha Theta*

6. As our dear visitor, Lillian Thompson, said at our Saturday night banquet, “One sees more from an aeroplane than standing on the ground.” That is what the conference of Province III has done for all of us. We feel broadened—and strengthened—and enthusiastic!

Miss Thompson's report on the last Panhellenic convention in Boston was to me the most interesting report of the conference. It brought far-away problems in which every Gamma Phi has an interest close to our line of vision. Miss Thompson told us the amount of Gamma Phi's wealth and property, in comparison to the other twenty-one sororities represented in national Panhellenic.

I am sure I speak for all of Province III when I say that conference has taught us that, to our local pride and chapter strength, must be added the desire to co-operate and strengthen our national organization in scholarship, and in her policy of expansion, as well as in a financial way.

ELEANOR HASER, *Omicron*

## CONFERENCE OF PROVINCE IV

MADISON, the home of Wisconsin's progressive state university, was literally bathed in sunlight to welcome the delegates to the second biennial conference of Province IV. We had hoped for an early season with flowers and green grass, but were in fact, contented with the brisk coolness and warm sunshine that greeted us there at the very lovely capital city.

At any rate, Friday morning, April 27, a group of actives and alumnae burst into the gathering of Madison alumnae waiting at the station, and in a few moments were borne swiftly away by a squad of autos up to the lovely Italian villa of Gamma Chapter.

The arched cathedral windows, dark carved furniture, the beautiful red upholstering impressed us all with its charm, and old-world dignity.

The meetings were held in fine old Lathrop Hall on the first hill above the business part of the city. Miss Moreland, province director, presided and Mrs. Colin MacDonald, acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. LeRoy Hall. During the time assigned for these gatherings, there was no delay in the routine, and no friction in the discussions. An informal but business-like atmosphere pervaded the meetings, and the discussions were definite, constructive, and frank.

National business attracted the attention of the meeting on Friday; active chapter and province problems Saturday morning, while Saturday afternoon was reserved for reports of committees and election of officers. Alice Camerer, our national treasurer, represented the national point of view.

The new officers elected were Mrs. Arthur Sullivan, province director, and Mrs. Charles McGuire, secretary and treasurer. This election seemed to give universal satisfaction as Mrs. Sullivan has often visited other chapters and is a popular, efficient, and well known alumna of Gamma; while she and Mrs. McGuire served as the chairmen of the Madison alumnae for the conference, and made the speech of welcome at the convention.

Resolutions were passed thanking the out-going officers for the conscientious discharge of their duties, and promising support to the new officers. Another resolution thanked Gamma and the Madison alumnae for their wonderful generosity and delightful hospitality which made possible the very successful second conference of Province IV.

The social activities were opened with a luncheon at the Gamma Phi house on Friday, and a buffet supper at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Brittingham. The views from the spacious windows of this colonial home would have been ample compensation for the eight-mile ride from town, not to mention the delightful buffet supper and card party with its seven prizes.

At the same time that the alumnae were enjoying themselves, the actives were indulging in a lively dance at the house. Some of the visiting actives were heard to declare that they never had so much fun in their lives.

A luncheon on Saturday followed at the truly classic Madison club, with a drive in the afternoon after the meeting past the artistic houses of college professors, the fascinatingly ancient homes of





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old settlers, and through the University grounds. Besides these attractions there was always the beautiful lake. The conference ended with the typical Gamma Phi Beta banquet, partly serious, partly gay. Our inimitable toastmistress, Alice Ringling Coerper presided over the toasts.

Gamma Phi was represented as a newspaper office with various departments given to various editors. Rewey Belle Inglis, Minneapolis alumnæ, was the humor editor, and Mrs. Brittingham was a society editor. The latter said it was her first toast and her last.

Those responding to toasts were Alpha Beta, Jessie DePew; Alpha Kappa, Alice Herriot; Rho, Marguerite McKonkie; Minneapolis alumnæ, Rewey Belle Inglis; and Madison alumnæ, Mrs. Brittingham.

The banquet closed with the mystic circle.

Besides the hostesses and the number of visitors from Rho, Omega, Kappa, and Minneapolis alumnæ the following officers and delegates were present.

Alice Camerer—National Secretary-Treasurer.

Marie Moreland—Province Director.

Virginia MacDonald—Acting Secretary and St. Paul Alumnæ Association.

Daisy Stott Sullivan—Madison Alumnæ Chapter.

May Burchard Burlingame—Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter.

Rewey Belle Inglis—Minneapolis Alumnæ Chapter.

Gladys Black—Grand Forks Alumnæ Association.

Oenia Payne—Gamma.

Florence Pittman—Kappa.

Marguerite McKonkie—Rho.

Emily Jammer—Omega.

Jessie DePew—Alpha Beta.

Alice Herriot—Alpha Kappa.

MARIE MORELAND

## CONFERENCE OF PROVINCE V

THE conference of Province Five was held April 20 and 21 at Lincoln, Nebraska, with Pi and Lincoln Alumnæ Association as hostesses. Tau, Psi, Alpha Zeta, Omaha, Pi, Lincoln, Denver, and Theta were represented. We were exceptionally fortunate in having Gladys Borlund, chairman of inspection, present.

We made the new Pi Chapter house our headquarters, and were royally entertained there and at other interesting places in Lincoln. Each meeting was an inspiration, and we all felt that we learned much to help us in solving our respective chapter problems.

Our first stop in Lincoln was for luncheon at the new Country Club where we met our hostesses and the other delegates. After luncheon we went to the chapter house for our first meeting which



was an informal discussion of national problems including expansion, the magazine in general, the value of an Information Number of *THE CRESCENT* for rushing purposes, the camp for underprivileged children, and the individual problems which confronted each chapter in conforming with the new budget.

During the dinner in the evening, our hostesses entertained us with songs, and afterwards arranged dates for us so that we had a chance to meet the male population of Nebraska University. At 12:30 P.M. we were summoned to a Pajama Party which was in progress down-stairs. The room was gay with bright costumes, and during the entertainment which followed we found that Pi girls are gifted as well as charming.

At the meeting Saturday morning Constance Syford read a most inspiring paper on Gamma Phi needs. She traced the growth of Gamma Phi from its beginning, through the many changes which have taken place in university and sorority life, to the present with its numerous new situations to be confronted. A very helpful discussion followed on maintaining a high scholarship, fostering a close relationship between active and alumnae chapters, the financing of new chapter houses, active and alumnae exchange of ideas, rushing, social functions for actives and alumnae, and methods of interesting seniors in alumnae chapters. The question of keeping in touch with alumnae who did not belong to an association or chapter was also brought up and discussed.

For luncheon we went to the Cornhusker Hotel, and after a delightful sight-seeing tour we returned to the chapter house for our last meeting. At this meeting special mention was made of the splendid work of Madaline Miller, and Mrs. Walter J. Kline, our present province officers. Fayne Merritt of Omaha, was elected Province Director to succeed Madaline Miller when her term expired, Ethel Watkins of Lincoln, was elected Secretary.

In the evening Mrs. Phillip Watkins entertained the delegates at a charming formal dinner, from which we rushed to change our clothes for Pi's annual Spring Dance at the chapter house—a glorious ending to a most delightful conference.

The writer feels that much was accomplished through a frank presentation and discussion of individual problems which brought many helps for their solution. Her only regret is that each member of her chapter could not have been present to get the wider and better understanding of the meaning of Gamma Phi which the conference gave to her.

WILMETTE JONES, *Theta*

## CONFERENCE OF PROVINCE VI

*(By request, the minutes are printed)*

**M**INUTES of Second Biennial Conference of Province 6, Gamma Phi Beta, Friday, March 30—2:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Province Director, Beatrice Locke.

Opening Exercises.

Roll call.

Minutes of previous conference were read and approved.

Katherine Redpath extended the welcome to convention visitors.

The following committee were appointed by the chairman:

1. Findings—Chairman, Violet Stanton, Spokane; Verona Britt, Everett; Evelyn Dew, Nu.
2. Resolutions—Chairman, Helen Smith, Portland; Evelyn Ganfield, Lambda; Grace Colburn, Chi.
3. Nominating—Chairman, Lois Dehn, Seattle; Violet Stanton, Spokane; Dorothy Hall, Xi.

Clara Will made announcements regarding registration and social arrangements.

The report of the Province Director was read. It covered the work done in the past two years including visits to Greek and alumnae chapters during that time.

The report of the Province Secretary was read. This also covered work done during her term of office.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Reports from all chapters and associations were next given.

The Lambda report was given by Evelyn Canfield, reporting activities of various kinds.

Evelyn Dew reported improvements made by Nu Chapter over the two-year period to be one of conservative progress.

Dorothy Hall reported Xi's progress.

Grace Colburn reported a better financial situation at Chi Chapter.

Lois Dehn reported Seattle's situation. She told of the new money-raising methods by group project, and Seattle's new budget system.

Helen Andrews Smith reported the activities of Portland Alumnae Chapter.

Verona Morgan Britt reported 100 per cent national dues paid by Everett.

Spokane, represented by Mrs. Stanton, reported a congenial group at Spokane, having a meeting every two weeks.

A letter was read by the secretary from Eugene Alumnae Association from Bula White sending best wishes to the conference.





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Boise sent a telegram which was read, saying that weather conditions prevented them coming at the last moment.

Mrs. Barbour, national president, was introduced by the chairman. She discussed national Panhellenic Congress in Boston, which she had just attended. She reported all sororities working for same purpose, good feeling among sororities and unity in aim. She spoke of our delegate Lillian Thompson and of the respect and deference paid her because of her experience and ability. She told of the Panhellenic House in New York City which is a home for all sorority women living in or visiting in New York if they choose to go there. She told of the rule passed by Panhellenic congress against smoking in the sorority house. She said a tribute is due Lindsey Barbee as editor of the *Crescent*.

Expansion was then taken up by Mrs. Barbour. She reported three problems of Gamma Phi Beta to be: raising scholarship, improving finances, expansion.

Several prospective chapters were discussed by Mrs. Barbour.

Mrs. Dehn told of the Vancouver situation at the University of British Columbia. Tau Omicron, local group at the university sent in a history of the group which was read. Mrs. Dehn reported that word had been sent to the group telling them they might present their petition at this conference.

All the active chapters spoke in favor of the group, as did Margaret Younger.

Mrs. Barbour asked for expression of the conference's opinion as to going into small universities that are well endowed and of good standing.

Alma Teal spoke in favor of smaller colleges and universities. Margaret Younger asked that we be careful that small universities have continuous and permanent policies before rushing in.

Motion made and carried that this province go on record as not being opposed to expansion in small colleges.

Motion made and carried that Province VI go on record as being in favor of conservative expansion.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Friday Evening, March 30

Dinner at the Sunset Club.

No formal routine business was transacted.

Following the dinner Mrs. Barbour, national president received the petition brought by representatives from Tau Omicron of the University of British Columbia, and read it to the group.

Mrs. Dehn moved the petition be accepted. It was seconded by Beatrice Locke and the motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned to welcome the members of Tau Omicron who presented the petition.



Saturday Morning, April 31, 1928

Lambda Chapter House

Meeting called to order by chairman, Beatrice Locke.

Roll call.

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

Mrs. Barbour discussed Gamma Phi Beta's altruistic work—the Denver camp. She asked for a discussion as to whether or not we wished to make it a national social service work.

Motion made and carried we concentrate at present on Denver camp as a national social service project.

Scholarship next discussed.

Mrs. Haggett, dean of women of the University of Washington discussed scholarship problems. She felt that scholarship requirements are too high—that they defeat the purpose for which they exist.

Lambda expressed herself as being in favor of study table part of the time. Nu was in favor of it. Xi said they were going to start the study table again. Chi thought taking away privileges works better than study table.

All chapters reported that activities count toward a girl's initiation.

Discussion of the national rule that each chapter must be in upper one-third in scholarship or lose vote.

Motion made and carried that this conference go on record as asking for a fairer re-wording of this rule from the national scholarship chairman.

Finance was the next question under discussion. Mrs. Barbour discussed and explained our new national budget.

Under new business mother's clubs were discussed.

Lambda told us about her Mothers' Club.

Nu told what her Mothers' Club has done.

Mrs. Haggett expressed herself as being afraid that girls depend too much on mothers' clubs for things they need. She felt that mothers' clubs could be more value socially and inspirationally than financially.

Mrs. Horsefall felt that mothers' clubs were a mistake because they sometimes relieve the girls of duties the girls should assume.

No definite recommendations were made for mothers' clubs.

Relation between alumnae and Greek-letter groups discussed by Portland. She felt that closer co-operation in rushing is most essential.

Nu told of a pleasant, profitable relation between alumnae and Greek chapter.

Spokane told of help in rushing given the active girls and said that no co-operation from the Lambda had ever been received.

Reciprocity between chapters next discussed. Several cases of dissension were brought up and discussed.

Mrs. Barbour told us that Central Office would soon send out rushing blanks to all alumnae chapters, to be sent in to active chapters for us and return.

Adjournment.

Saturday—2 P.M. Chapter House

Meeting called to order.

Roll call.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Province director asked for suggestions as to how to make province function better.

Mrs. Haggert suggested that the same inspector come to the chapter twice.

In reporting the round table discussion of the active girls, Xi moved that conference go on record as favoring a period of probation for affiliates to be in length decided by each chapter in accordance with its situation. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barbour reported the question of inactive membership as being very important. She felt that the chapters should not declare a girl inactive—this should be done by province director.

Margaret Younger moved this conference go on record as referring all matters of inactivity to the province director. Motion carried.

Margaret Younger reported on the alumnae round table.

It was recommended that there always be a Greek-letter chapter letter in the CRESCENT. The annual letter sent to alumnae from Greek chapter is a real stimulus.

It was suggested that at alumnae meetings information of college and fraternity be given occasionally—that members be informed of meetings—that letters be sent regarding members that move—that alumnae chapters have more national social service work—committee of alumnae supervise and advise Greek chapters regarding scholarship—that a fund be set aside to provide tutors for special cases of poor scholarship—that alumnae do all possible to relieve condition of disappointed girls not making a sorority.

It was suggested that the following cities in Province 6 were favorable locations for new associations—Cœur d'Alene, Tacoma, Twin Falls, Vancouver, Wash., Vancouver, B.C., and Olympia.

Moved and carried that the report be adopted.

It was moved and seconded that by-laws be amended so that expense of province officers—director and secretary—be paid to conference. Motion carried.

It was moved we amend Article 8 of by-laws to read: "By-laws may be amended by conference in assembly by three-quarter vote or



between conferences by same vote, provided notice of amendment be submitted to all chapters and associations one month in advance of time stipulated for votes to be cast. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried that province dues be increased from \$5 to \$10 for chapters and from \$2.50 to \$5 for associations.

The nominating committee reported the re-nominating of present director and secretary-treasurer.

The findings committee reported. Motion made and carried that the report be accepted.

Resolutions committee report given. Moved and carried it be accepted.

Mrs. Barbour told of convention for next year at Kansas City last week in June.

Mrs. Stanton, Spokane, extended invitation for next conference in 1930. Moved we accept Spokane's invitation with thanks. Carried.

Meeting and conference adjourned.

GRACE MAXWELL, SEC.

## CONFERENCE OF PROVINCE VII

ALL of the confusion one would expect when a number of visitors arrive at varying times and by various means was absent at Stanford on April 13. No matter what hour the guests came, from early dawn to noon, they were met at the door, escorted to their rooms, shown over the house, and left in the meeting room. When the roll was called, there answered for Eta Chapter—Janet Byrnes and Merva Martin; for Mu Chapter—Blanch Barnett and Babette Bailey; for Alpha Gamma Chapter—Kathleen Griffin and Beatrice Ott; for Alpha Epsilon Chapter—Ione Sparks and Maryanne Gilbert; for Alpha Iota Chapter—Katie Simonson and Doris Bowerman; for San Francisco Alumnae—Mary Allen Vaughn, Lambda, and Marjorie Bridge, Eta; for Los Angeles Alumnae—Marie Douley Kuhl, Epsilon; and for Reno Alumnae—Ethel Steinheimer Herman, Alpha Gamma. The guest of our convention was Mrs. Barbour, who gave us the needed inspiration and counsel. We were sorry that San Diego and Phoenix Alumnae Associations could not be represented. All of the delegates were cared for in the chapter house, making the convention seem like a houseparty, except for the business sessions.

After one of our national officers had seen our program, she wrote "How will there ever be anything left for the national Convention to settle?" But we were not so presumptuous. Our object was to bring many questions up for consideration, feeling that the small group discussion of important matters and much thinking would

facilitate the business of national Convention. And so we touched upon everything that C.O. had suggested for a program from matters of international scope to the status of the newest pledge. Frankly, I was worried over the lack of interest in national affairs, wondered how those problems could be presented to rouse the keen interest they called for, and hoped we would at least have order while the questions were before the sessions. That was before I had met Mrs. Barbour. Many of you know the feeling of confidence, enthusiasm, and success that she inspires. So do I, now. And after she had finished her discussions we all realized that the only reason national problems were rarely mentioned among us was that we knew almost nothing about them. The province convention, namely Mrs. Barbour, remedied that difficulty for the delegates and from reports I have heard since, the delegates continued the good work in their chapters. Our meetings were models of 100 per cent attendance and interest. It almost looked as if the delegates had been scared into listening by their chapters and were afraid to go back without a notebook full of helpful hints.. I know the Los Angeles delegate looked pitifully distressed when neither the conference as a whole, nor the Alumnae Round Table individually could tell her how to increase attendance at alumnae meetings. That was the one thing they wanted her to bring back.

But I suspect that one reason we could work so well in meetings was the delightful way we played before and after. All credit to the hostess chapter. Even our lunches were charming, eaten in the house, on the porches, or under the palms in the yard with a glorious garden for background. We saw everything worth seeing on the Stanford campus, including a production of Shaw's *Cæsar and Cleopatra* in which Dorothy Garner, one of Mu's seniors, played Cleopatra. Her acting would have done credit to a Broadway star, and we were all proud of her. And we met most of the celebrities on the campus, from Mrs. Treat, a past grand-president of Delta Gamma and Mrs. Roedel, a past grand-president of Alpha Phi, through the presidents of all the women's organizations, and the house presidents of each sorority. The entertainment committee called this affair a Panhellenic dinner, given for Mrs. Barbour at the beautiful Woodside Country Club, but it was really a presidential gathering and unusually delightful as well as stimulating. We even had a chance to play bridge. Our thoughtful hostesses realized that although some had to leave after the closing session on Saturday, a few would be staying until Sunday morning and so had planned an informal party at the house with prizes, eats, 'n everything. Sunday was spent with Eta Chapter in Berkeley—the two universities are only about forty miles apart.

The one innovation of our province convention was a song contest with a loving cup awarded the chapter producing the best



original song, both music and words. Alpha Iota won it this year and I understand the chapters are already wondering which will be the next name engraved on the cup. Two things prompted this venture—the call for a new song-book that every chapter sounded in my ears, and searching talk about that elusive substance that can not be touched, Spirit. A new song-book means new songs, but no one had them. And to get a fine spirit you have to forget about it and do something. So we posted notices six weeks in advance. The night of April 13 we listened to new songs and learned them, and then sang old songs and dimly sensed something that might be ours if we could get closer to it. This time we were rather shy about drawing nearer. You see, our first contest was sort of a beginner's experiment, but the next one will be something to talk about and to remember. Our songs bring the best of our life and ideals constantly before us, forming an unconscious undercurrent in our thoughts. And so I think that singing old songs, writing new ones and learning them is going to strengthen our love for Gamma Phi and surround us with the true Gamma Phi Spirit.

MARGARET NACHTRIEB

#### REPORT OF FINDINGS COMMITTEE

1. The pledge of Alpha Epsilon be incorporated in the procedure of freshmen meetings.
2. The plan of freshmen meetings proposed by Alpha Epsilon be taken back to the chapters for discussion and adoption.
3. The active and alumnae chapters support a national altruistic policy aiding the Denver Camp.
4. Legislation on smoking be left to the discretion of the individual chapters.
5. A national rushing book be compiled from best suggestions of different chapters.
6. More extensive publicity be favored.
7. Pledges be taken from the Aryan race, excluding Hindus.
8. Chapters require payment of \$50.00 by each member to form and maintain a sinking fund; the sum to be paid in installments if desired.
9. Young married college girls not be allowed to live in chapter houses.
10. Girls seek advice of alumnae advisors before taking decisive measures.
11. Strict measures be taken against inactives in the active chapter.
12. Regulations be imposed to raise the scholarship and there be a general course in sorority history throughout the semester, with intensive training in details before the examination.

## SORORITY STANDARDS

COLLEGE friendships, among the choicest that most women treasure, make the memories of the four short years spent on a campus radiant with joy. The choosing of friends is usually brought about through environment, the class room, contacts made in dormitories, rooming houses or church affiliations. No matter where we find a group of two or three hundred women whose interests are relatively the same, we find within a short time a division into groups of from ten to twenty, where the interests are still more alike. This natural grouping of friends usually follows channels of similar tastes in living, in entertainments, in dress, and most important of all in general culture. The women's colleges from the start provided housing for the girls, with, in most cases, varying prices of rooms. Often this decided the friendly groups because the girls who could afford certain special-types of amusement, to fill leisure time, gravitated to the same center. Often an interest in some special subjects held other groups together. The process of choosing friends is intricate and yet is often determined by proximity. In co-educational colleges, especially in State institutions where dormitories have not been provided by the state, the housing problem is still a serious question. Faculty members and friends helped find rooms for students during the years when no approved lists were provided and rooms were not inspected. If we knew the motives which prompted the founding of every Panhellenic group, we should undoubtedly find that a desire for congenial companions and comfortable group living were the principal factors.

Twenty-five years ago the groups were homogeneous. Sorority standards demanded small numbers, and the members were devoted to each other in a manner not possible in groups of forty or more. One of the questions asked of the National Presidents of Panhellenic groups last year in the questionnaire sent out by the sorority committee of the Deans of Women was: "Do you choose girls because they are a certain type or do you try to mold them into a type?" To each question most answers were "no." This may be true; still there are types of people who choose and are chosen by certain sororities, just as certain types select different halls in women colleges. Most college women feel they are of a certain class and for the most part they try to join the group that represents this class. Certain halls at Smith, Wellesley, and Bryn Mawr attract girls of a special type, where a choice is possible. Undoubtedly, the friendship with some girl already there helps determine the choice. So have groups been filling their ranks. Daughters and granddaughters as well as friends are now choosing



special dormitories in womens colleges and special sororities in co-educational colleges.

Club rooms and houses became common about 1900, but few groups owned their own homes. Ten years ago many groups on campuses all over the United States owned property, but now the whole number would astonish even this body, and the total amount of money invested is amazing.

The eastern colleges that are building dormitories face the fact that good building costs from \$3,000 to \$5,500 per girl and no one criticises this expenditure, but if sororities should, in general, spend this amount most people in the middle west and west would feel free to complain of ultra extravagance. At Indiana University the new dormitory, Memorial Hall, cost a little less than \$2,000 per girl in 1924-25 and none of the ten sorority houses built since 1923 has cost more than that; most of them not as much. All are excellent small dormitories, housing from 25 to 40 girls. The other seven groups own their own houses and all of them have been built or rebuilt since 1920.

With the rapid increase in the demand, by all the people of the United States, for what were formerly luxuries, no wonder the college students of this age demand a different standard of living. Physical discomfort makes study difficult. The aim of all Panhellenic sororities now is to house its members comfortably and surround them with harmonious colors, beauty of line, and a simplicity that will develop good taste or continue the development started in the home. National Panhellenic Congress in 1926 warned against too extravagant housing. The Western Deans in 1927 urged a closer co-operation between groups and administration, in sites chosen and expenditures. Many state institutions have definite regulations which must be met. The houses are the laboratories where the girls work as well as live and play. They must be well equipped so that the members may get the most out of college.

At Indiana University as at many universities, the state has not provided a cent for housing the students. There is one dormitory for 114 girls, leased for fifteen years. The new dormitory, Memorial Hall, costing \$400,000 housing 205 girls, was made possible by gifts from students, alumnae and friends. Both buildings are self-supporting. The alumnae and active members of the seventeen sororities contributed liberally to the dormitory fund, although they were at the same time paying for their own houses, at a total cost of \$700,000. This willingness on the part of sororities to help the university while struggling with their own problems is found at the majority of colleges and universities at the present time. Living expenses of sororities have been criticised as extravagant. At Indiana University the average amount paid by sorority

girls is \$49.50 per month for room, board, and dues, both national and local. The amount paid at Memorial Hall is \$42.50 per month. This means the average sorority girl pays sixty-three dollars per year for the privileges and advantages of sorority life.

Group living, be it in dormitory or sorority, cannot exist without government of some kind, regulations for conduct within and without the house. Dormitories everywhere have established traditions and so have sororities. These traditions have developed into house rules and college government regulations. Most colleges represented here have very similar regulations to develop and maintain harmonious group living. As sororities increased in numbers and in chapters within each group, elaborate rituals were developed. Women for ages have seen Masonic and other fraternal orders work out elaborate rituals and take great pleasure in the fact that no one outside the order might know the secrets, almost on penalty of death. Fraternities and secret honor societies grew up in men's colleges, supported by boys who were imitating their fathers in being exclusive. When their sisters began to go to college in great numbers they wanted secrets too, and thus developed the sacred chapter room. In early days when there were no Deans of Women and no associations of women students, the "old girls" in each sorority, on each campus, called attention to standards of living, scholarship, and conduct and the upperclassmen insisted that they be understood and observed. As we see now so many careless parents, careless faculties, careless directors of halls, careless upperclassmen, we know that too often the standards are not respected by the heads; if this continues from year to year, poor conditions will prevail in dormitories and in sororities, and also in the homes.

### Scholarship

The scholarship standard of all national groups is high but the scholarship records of well housed groups are not always good. Group pride will sometimes stimulate where there is no personal interest; fear of a probation period will sometimes develop a sane attitude toward study. A very deplorable practice in sororities is to select girls who dress well and rate well with men, and who covet their pin and will if possible select "snap courses" in order to "make grades" to be initiated. The thirst for knowledge is unknown in this type which fortunately comprises a minority of organized campus groups. The real standards of scholarship are high, as is shown by the semester records of the majority of groups, but the present love of pleasure and leisure upsets not only the standards of scholarship of sororities but of girls living in dormitories in women colleges as well as at co-educational in-



stitutions. Many groups have loans and gifts for brilliant girls, in moderate circumstances, whose college work would otherwise be hindered because of financial difficulties. Brilliant graduates are encouraged to take up some piece of research work and are awarded fellowships provided by their national groups. Several Panhellenic groups have fellowships which are awarded by A.A.U.W.

The sorority house in a co-educational college is also a social center and four nights a week in most co-educational colleges, men may call. Even this amount of time is felt by some girls to be too limited! These girls come to college to get a fraternity pin as well as a sorority pin! The college age is the mateing age and many fine friendships ripen into love, and marriage follows. The small groups ought to be fine social centers but alas, in this age of amusement where the radio and auto and movie have taught passive entertainment the old ideas of play and fun have almost disappeared, except for a few. The only other forms of entertainment are dancing and bridge. Too much money is spent for music and decorations at dances.

The sorority chaperon plays an important part in the social development of the group and her personality is often the deciding factor in a girl's choice. Too much care cannot be given to the choice of a suitable chaperon. In my judgment she should also be the house manager and paid at least thirty dollars and room and board if chaperon only, and fifty to seventy-five if she fills both positions. Stephen Leacock advocates group living for all students, with a college graduate as director for each group. For dormitories this is possible, but the expense for smaller groups is too great especially as college trained women now command good salaries in so many fields. Perhaps when housing is paid for, bigger salaries can be paid the chaperons; as much perhaps as is now paid the cooks! Something of the social training given to girls in our best private schools should be given to sorority groups on every campus by the chaperons. Dormitories can give the same training but most dormitory groups are larger and therefore this task is more difficult. Monthly meetings of chaperons with the dean of women are necessary that their plans and work may be discussed and suggestions made and criticism given. Each group should have a committee of upperclassmen who should often meet with the chaperon to discuss scholarship, social life, house duties, house budgets, etc.

The Universities and colleges look to the sorority and fraternity members to put over most of the big projects launched by the administration. Loyalty to their alma mater ought not to be greater among organized students than among the unorganized, but, in general, it seems to be so, where the unorganized cannot have

group living. Undoubtedly if all students lived in groups of from twenty to one hundred under well chosen directors, loyalty would be the same for all. Group government and pride in the good reputation of the group are great helps to the morale of a campus. Local sorority alumnæ usually are an aid to good government and it is often with their help that even in this age of changing moral standards few groups will shield a real culprit and cover up her actions. Co-operation of the sororities with the administration depends largely upon the attitude of the dean of women and her assistants. All Panhellenic organizations urge their groups to support the Administration and try to see that this is done. The national officers are willing to insist upon a change of policy in the groups when necessary and will stand back of the administration in getting rid of undesirable members.

The standards of the National Congress are high. The national officers of all groups are anxious to have friendship the basis of choice for membership, not overlooking however scholarship, ability, and good character. They advise good housing that is not extravagant. The supervision of sorority life by carefully chosen chaperons is an ideal held by all. This supervision includes social training as well as regulation of budgets for running expenses and entertainments. They desire the chaperon to co-operate with the self-government in the house. Every national wants its members to be democratic, loyal, and helpful and willing to aid the administration in every way. Sororities are however a cross-section of society, at large, and we find many snobs and disloyal people among non-sorority college graduates.

I will close with a statement sent to the sorority committee by the president of one of the state universities. With this statement I entirely agree. "My attitude toward these social groups is: They are here and we must try to help them do as much good and as little harm as possible. At the best they certainly do much good. They are usually at the best when the leading members have and hold firmly to ideals that are thoroughly good. Such leadership helps solve almost all the problems of the campus in the right way. The good spirit of the group affects favorably the incoming freshmen as well as every other individual member. The spirit of the good group affects favorably all other groups and students who are in no groups. The good group is magnanimous toward the unorganized or rather there is mutual human friendliness with all, regardless of organization. All these conditions are reversed when an organization group through bad leadership develops a bad morale.

"Accepting the Greek letter organizations as facts of the situation it is true that the actual spirit and conduct of these groups is more important than any other influence in determining the moral



character of our colleges. How to develop the right spirit in these groups is the most important single problem for the members of the groups and for all of us."

AGNES WELLS (Beta)

*Dean of Women, University of Indiana*

## THE HOLDER OF OUR FELLOWSHIP

THE Lindsey Barbee Fellowship, presented by Gamma Phi Beta through the American Association of University Women in the interest of social service, has been awarded to Mildred Fairchild. The following article in regard to Miss Fairchild appears in the publication of A.A.U.W.

Mildred Fairchild was born at Tabor, Iowa. She was educated in both public and private schools, including a year in the American School for Girls in Rome, 1903-1904. She was graduated from Oberlin College, receiving the B.A. degree and Phi Beta Kappa in 1916, and an M.A. in Sociology in 1925, holding a scholarship for the year 1924-1925.

In the intervening years between the Oberlin degrees she spent two years on the staff of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, studying race problems at first-hand, and four years with the Playground and Recreation Association of America, doing publicity, survey and organization work in turn. From 1925-1927 she was Carola Woerishoffer Fellow at Bryn Mawr College and is now serving as Research Assistant in the Department of Social Economy at Bryn Mawr. Miss Fairchild has completed all the requirements for the Ph.D. with the exception of the dissertation—the topic which is, "The Social Significance of Specialization in Industry." Miss Fairchild wishes to continue her research in England next year in order to add essential elements to her dissertation—a further study of the aspects of skill, using some of the older English trades, where massive production and repetitive work have not yet possessed the field. She will work at the London School of Economics.

## MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN OF MUSIC

HAVING very recently been appointed national song chairman of music, I shall have only a few general suggestions to make in this issue. We have been evolving many plans and suggestions that have been offered into some definite form; and hope to submit them either by special letter to the chapters or in the next issue of the CRESCENT. For the present we would suggest that a splendid beginning would be to learn both the music and words of our first Gamma Phi Beta Song: *List the Watchword* (on page 96 in the song book) written by our beloved founder Helen M. Dodge. This is one of our songs with which few of us are familiar and should be learned both for its historic value as well as for its merit as a song.

We shall be very pleased to have any suggestions that anyone can submit to improve our music both nationally and locally. Very soon a questionnaire will be sent to each chapter, which, if returned promptly and answered fully, will be invaluable to your new Music Chairman,

ELSIE FRISBIE NORMAN, *Chairman of Music*

## ALLOW ME TO PRESENT THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF MUSIC, MRS. JAY C. NORMAN

A NEW national committee has been created, and we of Kansas City, and especially those of us who took our vows at Sigma, are most proud of the fact that the chairman is none other than our own Elsie Frisbie—now Mrs. Jay C. Norman. Here I must add that we are proud because she is one of us, but particularly so because we feel that she is able to do Gamma Phi a very real service along this musical line.

Perhaps if you know a little of her early musical accomplishments, you, too, will feel some of the thrill of confidence that we have for her unusual ability.

Elsie showed great musical tendencies very early in life. Her mother insists that one Sunday at the tender age of two months she hummed the note in accord with the church organist's opening chord. Be that as it may, we do know that she was in a child's class of Jessie Gaynor—well known children's composer—at seven years, and showed remarkable ability by writing a song on the blackboard after merely hearing Miss Gaynor hum it. She not only placed the notes correctly but filled in the measures and the quarter and half notes.

After taking part in many children's entertainments, she won a blue ribbon for composing a song in ward school. This was the only ribbon given, and was presented because her composition, a simple little march, was so unusual for a child of eleven years to write.

At high school she was chosen leading soprano soloist three years in succession in the combined high schools of Kansas City, which is an achievement of which anyone might well be proud. She graduated from high school with the added honor of having been voted the "Girl Who Has Done Most for Northeast," having a list of nineteen things to her credit for the school's honor.

Elsie received her degree in voice and piano at the David Grosch School of Music, of Kansas City, where she won a gold medal in the voice department contest. During the time spent at the Grosch





ELSIE FRISBIE NORMAN, Sigma and Kansas City, Chairman of Music

School of Music she had fifty piano pupils, and acted as secretary of the school.

At Kansas University she assisted Professor Skilton, former Dean of the School of Fine Arts, in grading papers. She had private harmony and counterpoint under such eminent teachers as Sol Alberti—now of New York—and Professor Charles S. Skilton of the University of Kansas. She further distinguished herself at Kansas by having the lead in several musical comedies and dramatic plays. She represented Gamma Phi most ably both her years at Kansas University by appearing in the "Follies," a popular institution at the college. As a result of such activities, she gained Gamma Phi further renown by having her picture in the annual as one of the University's seven representative women. Do you wonder we are proud of this Elsie of ours?

At present she is resuming her study of harmony and counterpoint with Carl Busch, the result of which study in the past placed several small compositions to her credit.

Since receiving her degree, she has studied voice with Mrs. Jennie Schultz and at the present time is studying with Eduardo Sacerdote of the Chicago Musical College.

During the past ten or twelve years she has acted as soprano soloist in various churches in Lawrence and Kansas City, as well as over the radio, and at numerous teas, conventions, etc.

Elsie has always shown the greatest willingness to sing at all Gamma Phi affairs where we show her off with the greatest pride and joy; but just at present she spends most of her time singing lullabies to her ten-months-old daughter.



## FROM THE EDITORIAL MAIL BAG

## EXCERPTS FROM MISSOURI PAPERS

MISS HELEN RHODA HOOPEES, Sigma, assistant professor of English at the University of Kansas, will present a series of lectures over WDAF, \* \* \* \* Miss Hoopes will use as her subject, "Kansas and Kansas City Poets." Miss Hoopes is editor of *Contemporary Poetry*, containing poems of Kansas and Kansas City poets. During the vacation season, Miss Hoopes will teach at the Teachers College, giving courses in fiction, Shakespeare and appreciation of literature. Miss Hoopes is a member of the Kansas Authors Club and of the Lawrence Drama Club.

Miss Elizabeth Ahrens, a junior in the school of journalism at the University of Missouri was elected president of the University Y.W.C.A., on Monday. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta, Theta Sigma Phi, Zeta Sigma and other organizations.

Miss Minerva McEwen, a junior in the University of Missouri School of journalism, tonight was crowned queen of the 1928 "Scoop" annual dance of the Missouri student journalists. Five hundred students, the majority of them attired in newsboy and newsgirl garb, attended the party. Ralph H. Turner, a graduate of the school of journalism, crowned Miss McEwen in the absence of Dean Walter Williams who is on a speaking tour in Texas. Miss McEwen is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

## THE GAMMA PHI BETA NEWSLET

THE EDITOR is in receipt of a most attractive and most interesting little sheet called *The Gamma Phi Beta Newslit*, issued by Baltimore Alumnae Chapter. In addition to a wealth of messages from the "old girls" it contains such articles as *Plans for November Reunion and Celebration of Zeta's Birthday*; *Local Alumnae Chapter Has Interesting Year*; *Zetas Living Abroad*; *Zeta's House Party*; *What We Hear Amout Them*; *Leaders on the Campus*. Baltimore is to be congratulated upon this achievement; and it is hoped that other alumnae chapters will follow suit. There is no surer method of acquiring alumnae interest.

## TWO LITERARY GAMMA PHIS

JULIA JONAH, Phi, is responsible for *Pullman Stevensonia* in the *Saturday Evening Post* of December 3; *To One Soon Bored* in the *March College Humor*; and *Technique* in the *May College Humor*. She writes under the name of Julia Richards, and we hope to have some of her work in the next CRESCENT.

Felice Davis, Theta, is contributing to New York newspapers and has an article, unsigned, in the May *Theatre Magazine*. This appears under the *Amateur Stage* and is called *A Play With Three Faces*.

ORIGINAL POEMS READ AT ALPHA MU'S INSTALLATION BANQUET

DIMINUENDO

My eyes are tired.  
Too many color-glamouring things  
Have strangled them.  
I long for the calm monotony of grey.  
When I have gone  
Let no hand close my lids.  
Tired eyes cannot rest under such heaviness.  
Only let a grey shadow fall gently  
And shut out the light.

A violin string snaps  
When tuned too tightly.  
So do not promise me  
A color-flooded crescendo of joy—a heaven.  
Only let me know  
That the finale of all things is death.  
Only let me know that awaiting me  
Is the calm monotony  
Of nothingness.

CRUMB

I do not take his tables spread  
Of cake and sweetened loaves of bread.  
I beg a crust from you instead.

DOROTHY EMERSON

[Dorothy Emerson, in 1927, won the Witter Bynner Scholastic Contest—an annual national contest for high students sponsored by the Scholastic Magazine. The prize-winning poem, *Balancing The Scales*, and several others from her group were published in an anthology of the best work submitted]

MRS. GROSVENOR'S SOCIAL SERVICE

AN ARTICLE in the CRESCENT of some time ago expressed the wish that the sorority at large might know more of the marked activities of the different chapter members. And so I have decided to write about the splendid work done by Mary Hamilton Grosvenor, one of the charter members of Beta Chapter.

It was in the summer of 1927 that I visited Mrs. Grosvenor in



her Detroit home and learned of her work; which is one of the interest of the city of Detroit, Department of Recreation. Hers is the Garden Division which has several subdivisions. First there are the boys' and girls' Nature, Garden, and Canning Clubs. Furthermore there are 72 School and Communities Centers, which are units for organizing into clubs, boys and girls from the ages of ten to seventeen, for the purpose of following the above lines of work and study.

Mrs. Grosvenor's personality and enthusiasm has brought co-operation with the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, principals of schools, and teachers; also the Science Department of the Detroit Teachers College, Wayne County Farm, and the Bureau of Extension. Then there is the Twentieth Century Club of which Mrs. Grosvenor is a member and chairman of the Home and School Garden Committee. The school gardens are on school property or on vacant lots owned by the city. It was my good fortune, in company with Mrs. Grosvenor, to visit a school garden in the Polish district; and it was really beautiful with its velvet lawn and many flowers. The preparation of the soil, the planting of the seeds and the plans was all done by the pupils; of course under Mrs. Grosvenor's ever watchful eye. The teachers show much interest and are helpful in their suggestions. As we went from one part of the garden to another, we were followed by children very proud that their work received attention. These gardens are not in public places only, but also in the yards of private homes, making many a dark corner bright and attractive. Some of the home gardens are given up entirely to the cultivating of vegetables.

We were in Detroit, at the time of the State Fair, and were thus enabled to see the really fine display of flowers and vegetables to say nothing of the canned goods, all brought by the children as the result of their labor. Each hoped to win a prize; perhaps this was an incentive for working on Saturday and holidays each paying his own carfare.

The ground given by the city, for these gardens is all divided, and each boy or girl has his or her special plot to plant and to cultivate what is most wished for. It is astonishing, how much the children learn of soil, harmful insects, and the science of real gardening as well as a regard for proportion. Then there is the civic and home pride; competition of different districts and a love for the beautiful. Mrs. Grosvenor has a special car, provided by the city, which enables her to get about very easily. In the summer of 1927, there were in Detroit under Mrs. Grosvenor's supervision thirty school gardens, and about 2,500 club members and twenty-four canning centers. The canning classes are held from July 1 to August 20 in the science rooms of the different school build-

ings. The club meetings are also held in the school buildings, one hour a week.

This is a brief description of a splendid piece of work, productive of much good.

M. RUTH GUPPY, *Beta*

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF GAMMA PHI BETA CORPORATION

THE Annual Report of Gamma Phi Beta Corporation at Syracuse takes the form of an attractive little booklet which contains much interesting news of Alpha and Syracuse and many personal items. Those who issued it are Grace Eddy Boone, Florence Bailey Crouse, Isabel Gage Dibble, Louise Krock French, and Grace Featherly Marot.

The following quotations from the report will be of interest to all readers:

For the Fiftieth Anniversary Convention at Lake Placid, Alpha raised \$10,568.00. The bazar netted \$1,300.00 and the remainder was contributed by alumnae. \$3,450.00 was left after convention expenses were paid; \$3,000.00 was applied to mortgage on chapter house and \$450.00 was put into our local Endowment Fund. Some of you may not know what this Endowment Fund is. Several years ago a few Gamma Phi alumnae loaned \$300.00 to one of our seniors to help her thorough her last year in college. It seemed a good idea to have a fund of this kind so the \$300.00 was left as a nucleus for what we call our local endowment. There is now \$529.00 in this fund. It is managed by a committee composed of one trustee, one member of Alumnae Chapter, and one active girl. They have power to use it as they see fit. At the present time an active girl, who has high scholarship, is being loaned money for tuition. If any of you feel interested in this worthwhile cause, Louise Klock French, 707 Sumner Avenue, would be glad to receive your contribution.

When Syracuse University put on the campaign to free the university from debt, Gamma Phi Alumnae Chapter pledged \$1,500.00. This was the largest sum given by any sorority. We raised money in various ways and last year had another bazaar with Grace Featherly Marot again acting as chairman. We made \$1,200.00. One twentieth of the proceeds went to the active chapter for its assistance. We have paid our pledge to the university in full, but in order to do this the Alumnae Chapter borrowed \$500 from the Endowment Fund, and \$150 of that loan is still unpaid. Much of the success of our two bazaars was due to the chairman, Mrs. Marot.

To us here in Syracuse it often seems as if many of you forget all about Gamma Phi when you leave college. Perhaps you feel that we forget you. What can we do to hold your interest? It has been said that a financial interest is always a lasting one, and we have been thinking of starting a Gamma Phi Foundation. If every Alpha Gamma Phi would contribute a very little each year it would grow very quickly into a goodly sum toward a new chapter house in the far future. Our house is eighteen years old and cannot live forever.



## COPY—1928

THE editor acknowledges with appreciation, a volume, *Copy—1928*, containing four full length plays from the work of students in the Play Writing Courses of Columbia University, an organization of over seven hundred members composed of students and teachers in the special courses in writing at Columbia. The club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month during the academic year to hear talks on writing by authors, editor, publishers, and producers; another project is the production of plays written by members of the playwriting course; while all royalties received from the sale of *Copy* are returned to club members in the form of prizes.

Former issues of *Copy* have included short stories, articles, essays, verse and one act plays; and, in response to the interest already shown by the public, the present collection was planned and the plays chosen from a large number of manuscripts because of their representative quality. These four plays—all very readable and of exceptional literary and dramatic value—are: *The Man With the Book*—a play in six scenes, suggested by the life of Dr. Samuel Johnson—by Agnes Porter; *Release*, in three acts, by Edith S. Isaacs and Rose Albert; *His Father's Boots*—a dramatic comedy in three acts—by Carol McMillan; and *Meeker and Meeker*—a farce in eleven scenes—by Hazel Christie MacDonald.

The following census inadvertently was omitted from the last issue of the magazine. Now, the number of chapters for Gamma Phi Beta will read 35.

## A CENSUS OF N. P. C. SORORITIES

By Olga Achtenhagen

Editor of *The Angelos* of Kappa Delta

WITH the installation of 28 chapters by the 20 N. P. C. sororities during the last year (March, 1927—February, 1928) the total number of chapters in all groups is now 939.

Four sororities,  $\Gamma \Phi B$ ,  $A \Phi$ ,  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ , and  $K K \Gamma$  granted no chapters during the year. Ten groups granted one, each:  $A \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Sigma K$ ,  $\Delta \Gamma$ ,  $A \Delta \Pi$ ,  $\Delta Z$ ,  $A X \Omega$ ,  $\Phi M$ ,  $K A \Theta$ ,  $X \Omega$ ,  $K \Delta$ . Two groups granted two, each:  $Z T A$ ,  $A O \Pi$ . Two groups granted three each:  $\Pi B \Phi$ ,  $A \Xi \Delta$ . Two groups,  $A \Delta \Theta$ ,  $B \Phi A$ , granted four.

The first sorority to bear a Greek name is probably  $K A \Theta$ . It was not until 1904 that Adelphean and Philomathean, local societies at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., became  $A \Delta \Pi$  and  $\Phi M$ .  $\Pi B \Phi$ , originally the I. C. Sorosis, adopted her Greek name in 1883.

Statistics used in this survey were available through the courtesy of the national editors of the N. P. C. sororities.

<i>Sorority</i>	<i>Number of Chapters</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Years Since Founding</i>
	1927	1928		
X Ω.....	77	78	1	33
Π Β Φ.....	71	74	3	61
Δ Δ Δ.....	71	71	0	40
K Δ.....	60	61	1	31
K K Γ.....	57	56	1 (less)	57
K Α Θ.....	55	56	1	58
Z T Α.....	52	54	2	30
Φ Μ.....	51	52	1	76
A X Ω.....	49	50	1	44
Δ Z .....	48	49	1	26
A Δ Π.....	47	48	1	77
Α Ξ Δ.....	42	45	3	35
Δ Γ.....	41	42	1	54
Σ K.....	38	39	1	54
A Γ Δ.....	37	38	1	24
A O Π.....	32	34	2	30
Γ Φ Β.....	33	33	0	54
A Φ.....	28	28	0	56
B Φ Α.....	13	17	4	17
A Δ Θ.....	10	14	4	9



## NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS

WHATEVER of hidden meaning may lie beneath our varying fraternity symbols, the basic fabric of all is the same—enduring friendship which shall be the inspiration of such unselfishness as leads to an uncircumscribed service. However short we may fall of this goal, it is the one toward which we strive, and it is this goal which National Panhellenic Congress keeps ever in mind.

National Panhellenic Congress believes as strongly in the development of fraternity individualism as does the fraternity believe in such development in its members. There is no desire or attempt to curtail such fraternity individualism. However, just as the fraternity works toward the solving of its problems and the planning of the most progressive program through the conference of experienced members, so National Panhellenic Congress seeks to work. Because of the great weight which is given in fraternity evaluation to the attitude found in our college Panhellenics, every effort is being put forth to the end that each college Panhellenic may reflect the spirit found in National Panhellenic Congress.

There is a splendid spirit of comradeship and understanding in National Panhellenic Congress—but National Panhellenic Congress as such is composed of but one voting delegate and two alternate delegates from each fraternity. The realization of the aims of National Panhellenic Congress can never come until everyone who wears a fraternity pin constitutes herself an active member of the real National Panhellenic Congress. When each believes and admits that the wearing of a fraternity pin can not of itself appreciably change us from those of our associates not so favored; that not all that is good can be held within the confines of a fraternity, and that if such were possible no *One* fraternity could encompass *All* that good; that fraternity means not greater privilege but increased responsibility—then we shall approach the goal which is set for all fraternities and for that alliance which they form as National Panhellenic Congress—greater capacity for true friendship and unselfish, uncircumscribed *Service*.

## THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

[The following survey was read by Miss Green at the last N.P.C. Another survey by Mrs. Kemp, K K Γ, will appear in the December issue.]

## SURVEY OF SOCIAL CONDITONS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

By L. PEARLE GREEN, *Kappa Alpha Theta*

DEFINING "social conditions on college campuses" as the college community, social life opportunities, and activities offered students or created by students for themselves, this survey—limited to colleges where N. P. C. fraternities have chapters—seeks help in answering these questions:

1. Is college social life adequate or excessive?
2. Is it wholesome or the reverse?
3. How is it organized and controlled?

Since fraternities are social organizations, such questions are important in constructive Panhellenic co-operation.

This report assumes universal acceptance of certain tenets:

- a. That social life is an essential part of play, which is essential to life, and therefore is important on every campus.
- b. That frequent friendly contacts between men and women is a necessary element in character development for young people.
- c. That the college world is in miniature a copy of the life of the nation.
- d. That college social life not only should give pleasure, but also should cultivate the finest social graces and amenities, while maintaining high standards.

e. That social standards and character developments are not established principles, but are forces of civilization which must be in constant stage of flux, if civilization is to progress and improve.

*Question 1.* Social life is inadequate at most colleges, notably so in the women's college where wholesome contacts with men are not provided by college social plans nor by plans students can make for themselves under college rules.

As perhaps an extreme example of this inadequacy is the situation at a certain state college for women. It has more than 1,300 women students, the great majority of whom live in dormitories, yet there is not one parlor or living-room connected with any one of the college's great dormitories, nor is there any social center building. So far agitation for a change in this institution has been fruitless, for not only do legislators, but also alumnae of the college, argue "a college is a place for work, so social rooms are not needed." Add to this the nerve wracking plan of 1,500 people hurriedly eating napkinless meals in one huge room, and imagination refuses to conceive a less cultural college social environment.

Fraternity houses on that campus have the only living-rooms open to students. Is it any wonder chapter house life is popular? Fortunately the climate helps some. If any one comes visiting,



the hostess—if weather permits—sits with guest on dormitory steps or lawn benches, otherwise they must visit walking the streets, lingering over a meal at some eating place, or at a movie.

Eighty miles from this particular university, is a state college for men. Week-ends the women of one fraternity chapter, or of one dormitory club (embryo fraternity) sign for out of town visiting; then go to the home of an alumna, undergraduate, or friend, in this nearby town, put on a "pay at the door" (fifty cents or a dollar) dance in some hall to which come the students of the men's college and any other men who care to pay the small price for an evening of dancing with college girls. Last winter an enterprising student at this university organized an orchestra, made a proposition to the women's groups that he take charge of all dance arrangements, split profits 50-50 on any dance they would sponsor, etc. This plan was generally accepted by the women, so week after week posters were displayed announcing a dance at some hall under the auspices of some fraternity chapter.

Some of the college authorities recognized the need of parlors and a different dining-room plan, but there is much inertia as well as much belief in the rightness of the present plan to be overcome before any change comes. The dean knew too, of the dances, didn't approve of them, but was powerless, as her control did not go beyond the campus and "certainly normal freedom demanded students be permitted to go home or visiting over week-ends," to quote her.

At the other extreme is the hectic social life led by the popular college girl at the great university where there are five or more men students for every woman student, and where the university considers social activities outside its province. If this college be in, or near a large city, where young unattached business men are plentiful, social life for the popular girl reaches the climax of excessiveness. But even at such a campus the great majority of the students have meager social life opportunities. Even in the chapter houses where the supposedly more attractive college girls live, there is many a girl starved for a bit of the fun which satiates her popular roommate. This is, of course the tragedy of life itself, not especially a college problem, and has no solution unless some dean, with leisure for new work, can devise a course that will imbue every woman student with come hither charm.

The answer to question 1 is certainly against the cry of "too much social life on the campus"—except in the case of the few girls favored by the gods with popularity—and emphasizes the need of more social life and fun for the majority of students. Who is to create the opportunities, if they can be created, for broader social life? Certainly chapter houses do much along such lines for fraternity members. Can fraternities do similar things for non-

members, or imbue some one with desire to do them and with tact and skill to do them well?

One other point that needs emphasis. On many a campus in recent years there has been a deliberate attempt to build up athletics for women, to organize activities of various sorts to absorb every moment free from class room routine to consume any surplus energy of the individual girl. Admirable for health and a development of co-operative effort as these movements are, frequently they are much over done; and never, never can they fill successfully the need for social contacts between men and women of college age. Often where such activities are most abundant and apparently most successful are found the more lax social standards.

*Question 2.* Is the social life on the campus wholesome or the reverse? Where there is freedom to develop social life without the handicap of many taboos and regulations, it is wholesome. Everywhere, it is more wholesome than older people are prone to think, for the present generation of college students has an "integrity and courage born of truthful teaching and honest living."

That these college students today indulge in social practices different from those we and our friends indulged in as college students is unquestionably a fact. That we every day indulge in social practices different from those our parents indulged in is unquestionably a fact.

Education should aim at the creation of the future of mankind and should "not perpetuate ancient traditions but make new and better human creatures." That education is doing these things to college social life is most encouraging. Perhaps, because of youth's enthusiasm and energy, educational social progress has outstripped social thought progress. Openly and fearlessly the youth of today endeavors to live by what science and psychology have taught it is truth rather than by what society has tried to preserve as habit and custom because of its long years of bondage to the guidance of philosophical religious theories.

Today's great problem is not to force student social life into the social channels of yesterday (or even further back) but to "bridge the gulf between intelligent rebels and pioneers who have climbed out of what is ordinary because its stupidity disgusts them, and those left behind, who, though sound and stable in instinct, are ignorant and intolerant in its application."

In this progress toward a fuller, more wholesome, more scientific, more sincerely honest social life, youth makes mistakes, sometimes indulges in unwise excesses. But, similar mistakes have been made by every generation in any progressive civilization. Moreover from its own mistakes a generation learns more intelligently than from the precepts and example of its elders, though many elders today



do set an example of social changes and excesses beyond what college students, always social conservatives, are willing to follow.

Most of youth's social excesses are the natural, to-be-expected revolt against the foolish attempt to impose standards which contradict facts and which attempt to repress wholesome desires. So the college social problem today is really the problem of changing the mental outlook of faculty, parents, all the older generations so they may "watch with passionate interest rather than with malevolence the changes which youth is making in its ways and will make in the government of the world."

Social life on the campus today is wholesome when judged by social standards in keeping with the conditions today, though unwholesome in the eyes of those who will not recognize that social standards are in a constant state of flux in a progressive civilization, but who think social standards are unchangeable lanes established by the prestige of hoary habit. Such an attitude toward social problems is as little justified as the educational attitude that "since the little red school house was good enough for my father, it is good enough for my children."

*Question 3.* How is the college social life organized and controlled? Four factors seem to predominate, about each of which this report has a few things to say. These factors are: (1) supervision by the college, now usually through a dean of women; (2) control by a so-called woman's self government association; (3) Panhellenic regulations; (4) fraternity customs and rules. Each of these factors is composed largely of established procedure, which has come to be almost hoary tradition or custom. Each is the victim of an astounding inertia that accepts what once may have been desirable as still the best possible plan.

General college supervision of student life is based, as apparently it always has been, on the mechanistic life idea. Social life is made as a machine is made—draw a plan, manufacture the parts, fit them together, and the job is done—except to hand out penalties for forgetting or ignoring any of the countless rules. Most administrators seen unaware that college social institutions are to serve the seem unaware that college social institutions are to serve the needs of student life, that they are not a tool by which student life shall be molded to serve the institution's preconceived social ideal.

Many fraternity alumnae have worked zealously and loyally for the creation in their respective colleges of the position of dean of women. On every campus there is need for women of broad sympathies, full life experience, and understanding of youth, that will give college students guidance in understanding themselves and the world.

*Probably a dean's first job should be to get rid of dozens of rules*

and regulations—such as make up the false superstructure built on university campuses within the last decade, and such as have always handicapped the denominational controlled college campus. As illustrations:

At many a college a pernicious social situation is created by a ban on dancing. What the students do outside of the college town, in such colleges, is considered no concern of the faculty, so, as young people enjoy dancing, students of such colleges stage parties at neighboring towns or go to dances where there is music at any old roadhouse or dance hall outside the college town. Before you say this is the fault of the automobile, let me tell you that I met this situation on the first chapter inspecting trip I took in the Middle West, which was before college students as a group had automobiles always at hand. Those young people went thirty miles by street car to dance in the city, or if funds were low, seven miles to a dance hall over a mining town grog shop. They still go to these places, but quicker by the automobiles, which youth did not invent. There is no harm in this dancing, these young people are all right, but they should have a chance to dance under conditions more in keeping with high social standards, and without the atmosphere of doing something daring, defying rules, etc.

An almost amusing phase of the denominational college viewpoint is the frequent dormitory rule against men callers on Sunday evening, though a date for church service is permissible. In one such town I do not know if the churches display standing room only signs, but I do know that even this year, regardless of storm or cold, the town's streets on Sunday nights jammed with strolling couples—not servant girls and their boy friends, but college students—for here they can't even take refuge at a movie or an eating place, since the college influence has closed all theaters and all food shops on Sunday.

Before you condemn these practices, stop and think. Youth demands and needs social good times; where wholesome good times aren't available, they take any offered substitute. Then condemn the real offenders, the good people who are determined to force on a progressing world the standards of their own youth or that of their Puritan forebears, which they have forgotten they themselves once rebelled against, and probably personally ignore today.

Perhaps you wonder why this report dwells so on college authority made rules when student self government is the plan on many a campus today. If there ever was a travesty on democracy, a misuse of fine words—self government—it is these associations.

Self government calls for a mass meeting of women students and the announcement says "attendance obligatory, house presidents will report any absent member to this board." Any self government



about that? When you ask why this required attendance, the reply is, "No one would go otherwise." Let us ask in turn, if a meeting isn't important enough, and interesting enough to get a voluntary audience, what possible justification is there for having that meeting at all?

Spending a few days with a friend in a college town before officially visiting my chapter there, my friend invited two of the girls to dine with us at a restaurant of the town famous for its good cooking; after dinner I was to accompany the girls to the house for my visit with the chapter. Reluctantly the girls refused the dinner invitation and arranged to meet me on the corner by this restaurant at a certain hour. Curious to know why this strange arrangement, I investigated. That restaurant was on student self government's black list, so no woman student could eat there. Why on that list? They didn't know, but a faculty friend found out. In pre-Volstead days there had been a saloon, with connecting restaurant bearing a similar name—no doubt it was taboo to women students, as the college had tried unsuccessfully to make it taboo for men students. As 'tis heresy to alter rules, the name stays on the black list and to present student generations this new eating place, on a different street, eminently respectable, even high class, is black listed because of a similarity in name.

Time was when college dances began at 8:00 P.M. and closed at midnight. Today they begin at 10:00 P.M. and close at 2:00 A.M. or later. University authorities countenance these late closing hours by approving chaperon lists for these dances, etc. But student self government rules still require that women students must return from a dance by 12:30 A.M. Result, every girl invited to dance finds some "friend" or "some friend of a friend" in town willing to take in a guest—often a "paying guest"—overnight, then the girl signs out to spend the night at this friend's house—no mention being necessary of the dance she is attending.

If you ask a self government association to make its time rules agree with its college's customs, you are told the "dormitory chaperons won't stand for it," or presented with arguments from the dean of women or physical education department against the change for health reasons. Add to these the fact that in 99 out of 100 such associations the governing board personnel is made up of girls who don't dance, or date, who have some queer twist that makes them uninterested in social life, and the rule stands—while deceit remains the only way to lead a normal social life there. A frank dean of men calls these rules for the women students "accommodators"—made to make life easier for dormitory heads, and to save the cost of night clerk in the dormitory.

The marvel is not that college women break a few rules; the

marvel is that they stand for so many ridiculous ones. A few Bolsheviks about self government associations, if they had any balance of common sense, could do a lot of good.

Here let me record what one dean, new on the campus, accomplished after three month's effort. She actually got from student self government a concession permitting girls who attended the Junior Prom (closed officially by the university at 4 A.M.) to return to their dormitory rooms after the Prom ended! But you should have heard what the dormitory chaperons—well paid to consider the interests of women students—and the self government association board called that dean!

How can college educated women go about boasting of the new freedom for women, striving for equality, and then be not merely indifferent to these college conditions, but actually active in helping to increase the bondage of women students, in drawing up new inequalities between their college advantages and those of their brothers?

Then there are Panhellenic regulations hoary with age but continuing year after year because a unanimous vote to change them can't be secured. Most of these concern rushing and perpetuate social excesses, social problems.

For instance, on many a campus the rush begins by every fraternity entertaining all the freshmen women at tea. When a college received each fall forty or less freshmen, this may have been a nice custom; today when the same college received each September more than 500 freshmen women, the custom is absurd, an unfair burden of expense, of no value as a rushing party; but unless this congress takes positive action, the same absurd teas will occur on many a campus next September!

Equally to be condemned is the opening of the rush by a Panhellenic party for all freshmen—which embitters many a freshmen, who otherwise might not know there were fraternities until she had made her friends, as it leads her to expect a rush which she won't get. I know of one campus where the number of freshmen and the number of fraternity chapters has become so large, that while this plan continues and all freshmen are asked, the fraternities that foot the enormous party bill are allowed only "three representatives from each house."

To correct immediately such antiquated, ridiculous Panhellenic rules is within the power of N.P.C. and nothing more important than reform of the social aspects of rushing rules can come to this congress calling for prompt action.

Just a glance at the chapter house customs and rules. Fraternities through their national officers and through the influence of alumnae in national conventions have written on their statute books many a law that contradicts present social life conditions.



Most such regulations, be they made by the national fraternity or by the chapter (in the days before the present generation of college members were initiated) should be relegated to "forgotten laws," as have been by the necessity of life countless laws passed by state and national legislatures. Given any initiative they would be so scrapped by the college girls, who would then make their social life conform to present day standards in these unessentials, with which such rules are concerned, while standing staunchly for the fine things of real character.

There is too much traditional prejudice in the management of fraternities. They have not kept in step with changing conditions. They have not devoted enough time to the reasons behind action. They fail to recognize the flux in social life. They do not trust the youth of today as they must have been trusted to have developed the character to be the leaders of today. Under the present system of regulation, leaders for tomorrow are not being developed.

Deep down in fundamentals human nature remains fairly constant, "but surface fashions in behavior vary as widely as fashion in clothes." And youth is always hopelessly the slave of fashion. How can it help being? The only protection from the tyranny of fashion is a firmly developed, strong individuality." And it is only growing through personal experience that will make personality. Less supervision, more friendship, and sympathetic understanding is what college students, and all youth, need.

Don't let us forget that "a democratic society is only great and free in so far as greatness and freedom breathe from the individuals that compose it."

It is not the young people that make the problem today, but their elders who would be amusing, if they were not playing with fire, when they condemn son and daughter for the very things father and mother do as a right under their conception of "personal liberty." Blindly they do not see that "the cause of most tendencies they deplore in boys and girls are not inherent depravity of modern youth but are to be found in the bewildered, confused, modern adult society in which youth is growing up." The solution is to try to work out the present just as we find it. We can't go back to the, in retrospective, "good old days" even if we would.

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all the grandeur, smartness, and exclusiveness of the hotel, the owners have none the less labored to preserve one predominating ideal—the friendly warmth and the welcome hospitality of that old pioneer home that once graced this spot. You will always be welcome at *The Ambassador*—on the old Santa Fé Trail.

## OUR PUBLISHER—GEORGE BANTA

THERE are various stages in the evolution of each issue of a sorority magazine. As a prelude, the instructions to correspondents and the request for articles; next, the compilation of such other material as is necessary; again, the retyping of illegible manuscripts and the tabulation of contributions; finally, the departure of the bulky package to its destination, Menasha, Wisconsin. All of which introduces the subject of the publication of our magazine and of the publisher thereof—George Banta, one of the most remarkable and most beloved men in the fraternity world.

The Banta family rejoices in a genuine fraternity background which in itself is most unusual and most interesting. Mr. Banta's father, once Dean of the Law School of the University of Indiana, was one of the first seventy-five men to be initiated into Phi Delta Theta and was a member of the Class of 1855 at Indiana. In 1874, George Banta himself was initiated into the same fraternity at Franklin, Indiana, and later transferred to the University of Indiana where he became a member of Phi Delta Theta at that institution as did his brother. George Banta, Jr., now associated in the Collegiate Press, followed the example of his father and grandfather, while his brother, Mark Banta, Wisconsin '04, also became a member of Phi Delta Theta, as did his son George who was graduated in 1928 from Wabash. Four generations in Phi Delta Theta—so unusual as to be without parallel; and over sixty members of the family who have joined this fraternity. Truly, a background and an atmosphere!

In 1878, George Banta was attending a convention of Phi Delta Theta at Wooster, Ohio; and there he met some girls from a small boarding house in Mississippi who told him of their own particular organization and of their desire to expand, especially in the North. In order to be of material assistance, it was necessary for the girls to acquaint him with their secrets; and as some of the material was not entirely completed, he revised it to the satisfaction of the members and initiated his fiancée, then a student at Franklin College, who, in turn, gathered together other girls and formed the first northern chapter of Delta Gamma. Mr. Banta wears his Delta Gamma badge with pride and affection.



When the *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta* reached the dignity of a third volume, Mr. Banta became business manager and publisher; and in 1880 when the fraternity was reorganized and adopted its present



GEORGE BANTA, SR.,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$

form of government, he was made the first president of the General Council. He remained for many years the delegate of Phi Delta Theta at the Interfraternity Conference, and was a member of the first meeting of that body. Needless to say, he always has been regarded as a vital force in this Conference; and his advice and

viewpoint have been of inestimable value in discussions and subsequent measures.

From his boyhood, Mr. Banta was exceedingly interested in printing; and while he spent a great part of his life in another business, he was never satisfied until there came the opportunity to organize the company for the express purpose of catering to the needs of fraternity people. In 1903 he assumed the publication of the *Scroll*; and from that beginning, his list of publications has increased until at the present time over sixty fraternity magazines are issued by the Collegiate Press. In 1912, Banta's *Greek Exchange* first appeared—a magazine invaluable to the Greek-letter world and an inexhaustible fund of information for every fraternity man and woman. This publication, as its name indicates, gathers the most vital facts from each organization, culls the best from their magazines, gives the latest and most interesting news of the college world, acquaints us with fascinating personalities and their Greek letter affiliation includes most worthwhile articles from those of note in the fraternity world, offers practical suggestions for all phases of fraternity work, and often delights us with a department that contains the best of college humor. However, in the editorials is the spirit of Mr. Banta most evident; for here we find a keen and sympathetic understanding of youth, a fine appreciation of the best in fraternity life, a gentle philosophy of everyday problems, an increasing emphasis upon those fraternity standards and fundamentals which are synonymous with the highest, the truest and the best.

George Banta, Jr., ably assists his father and at present has assumed much of the responsibility of the business. As keenly interested as George Banta, Sr., in Greek-letter matters, he is prominent in fraternity and interfraternity circles, is conversant with all phases of the Panhellenic situation and is always a ready and willing listener to any editorial perplexity. His wife, the newly elected vice-president of Kappa Alpha Theta, is well known in National Panhellenic Congress and is possessed of a most charming personality. The sister of Mrs. Banta, Sr., was also a member of Kappa Alpha Theta at Indiana; and it is of interest to Gamma Phi Beta that his daughter was pledged to Gamma Chapter at Wisconsin. Unfortunately for Gamma Phi Beta, she transferred to the University of Indiana where she was initiated into Delta Gamma.

Our sorority is fortunate in its choice of publishers; and in token of their help, their advice and their friendship, the editor offers this appreciation.



## CONVENTION DEPARTMENT

A description of *The Ambassador Hotel*—the setting for the 1929 Convention—is given in this issue, and will be followed in December by a more detailed account, photographs, convention committees, etc.

IN 1833, during the tumult of the famous "Andy" Jackson administration, Richard Waller Cummins, a hardy pioneer, came to a quiet spot in the land of the Delaware and Shawnee Indians.

As he halted his oxen, he gazed pensively at a patent signed by Daniel Dunklin, Governor of the State of Missouri. It was the government's receipt to him for one hundred sixty dollars, payment in full for eighty acres of land in Jackson County, Missouri.

On the spot where he stopped, stands today—nearly a hundred years later—*The Ambassador Hotel*.

It is a far call from the rough pioneer homestead of the nineteenth century to the magnificence of *The Ambassador*. Yet the architect goes back even farther, to the picturesque North of Spain of centuries ago, for the architectural inspiration.

The soft buff shade of pulschrome terra cotta on the first floor, tones harmoniously into reddish brown brick walls as it rises to the ninth floor, there to burst into a riot of colors, crowned with the deep red and fire-flashed tiles of the Spanish roof. Terra cotta window ledges, wrought iron balconies, twisted columns and lunettes of blue, green, white and soft orange, produce a striking effect. The colors deepen as they reach the roof garden with its many windows. It is significant that on the front wall, directly above the eighth floor, a simple little shield of the Stars and Stripes, in red, white and blue, stands proudly forth, conspicuously dominating the other hues.

Large Barcelona bronze lanterns, and the numerous bulbs of the marquee, flood the front entrance with light and blend with the colors and shadows. The towering walls extend nine stories above the street level and one below, and in their beauty faintly suggest the loveliness to be found within.

This hotel is literally fireproof. It is constructed of Haydite concrete, a material originated by a Kansas City man, and named after him. There is no other building product that fire or water cannot damage or destroy. The building is completely soundproof.

Castle doors open into the lobby. A glowing fireplace on the north wall radiates the same warmth and hospitality that attracted the traveler of nearly a century ago to the rough old fireplace on the same spot. The huge Caen stone mantelpiece, exquisitely carved, bears the shield of *The Ambassador*. On either side of the shield is a lion—the king of beasts—symbolizing the regality of the hotel. Leaded glass windows, gorgeously draped in red and gold damask, break the walnut wainscoting and rough plaster shaded walls.

Structural beams decorated in blue, yellow and orange cross the ceiling, running into the plaster walls, the curved beams and the sloping ceiling creating a trussed effect.

The floor attains an indefinable magnificence through the inter-persion of black marble squares with pink Kasota marble blocks, laid diagonally. A green marble base gracefully skirts the walls.

The lobby furniture is of a Spanish motif. Deep, richly, upholstered divans and soft, roomy chairs invite the guest to sink into them to rest, read or chat. Classic desks, conveniently scattered tables, rich decorations, add an aristocratic air to the comfort of the lobby. Thick Oriental rugs complete the setting.

An electric fountain playing in many colors is a marvelous work of art. Standing on a huge pedestal are three bronze winged figures, supporting above them the fountain of glass prisms, with another female figure kneeling above. The figures are the admiration of all who see them. The ferns and ivy drooping gracefully from the baskets nestling under the fountain almost carry one back to the original old-world setting of the piece.

The lighting fixtures are of Spanish design. The chandeliers are of antique wrought iron and bronze, with gold, enamel, crystals, glass, jewels and rosettes—open lantern style. The superimposed bronze band supports a cluster of antique tallow drip candles. The wall brackets are pendant chandelier type, with an oval band of bronze cresting supported by lantern outline in wrought iron. The detail is in Spanish harp effect, with tallow drip coach candles, all finished and draped with crystals.

Just off the lobby, entered through a highly ornamental arched opening, is the ladies' parlor, with its rich carpeting and lovely old furniture. Here a quaint Louis XIV chair, there a dainty hand-wrought iron table with marble top. A group of crackled art-glass windows draped with green satin damask, over a gauze curtain of orchid, are an attractive foil to the furniture. A grand piano lends charm and dignity to the room.

Marble steps descend gradually from the lobby to the elaborate dining-room; or, one may enter from the boulevard through a patterned Terrazzo foyer set off with ornamental plaster, wainscoting and an embroidered banner. It is invitingly set with divans, chairs, procession lanterns and other pieces of interesting furniture. Descending a few steps, one beholds on either side a torchierre of finely detailed crystal and wrought iron shaft, worked into the stair newel posts, with an antique amber, paneled, hexagon lantern matching the lamps at the head of the stairs. These are augmented by bracket lights of wrought iron, gold and enamel, draped with amber-toned crystals, chains and tear drops.

The walls are composed of soft, natural grain walnut wainscoting,



supporting smooth finished plaster, stippled in delicately blending hues. The lighter wall colors play into a graceful cove ceiling effect. Small pedestal tables fill the room. Two recesses at the far end of the room accommodate the larger tables with slightly more privacy. The chairs are red Spanish leather, with gaily colored backs—blue panels with gold trimming. Natural windows are artfully concealed behind false windows formed of leaded mirrors. Circular transoms, iron grills and ornamental plaster work of excellent technique enhance the beauty of the room. Drapes of richest colors, with burnt orange predominating, give the room life, character and joyousness.

The north portion of the roof garden, when not otherwise used, becomes a solarium for the use of the guests and their visitors. Delightfully furnished with reed sofas, chairs, end tables, desks and smoking stands, with a rug thrown carelessly here and there, you may take your magazine, book or paper and read; or you may visit, rest, or entertain your guests, while basking in the sunshine. It will be a favorite South Side meeting place.

## DIGNIFIED PUBLICITY

IS THERE a difference in your mind between notoriety and publicity? Surely there must be, for notoriety carries in its train a sense of unwanted, unpleasant fame, while publicity seems to hold a word of commendation, a sense of dignity that is pleasing to all. It is with this in mind that Gamma Phi Beta has always worked.

Dignified publicity must be news as well, something of interest to the public and consequently an event or an achievement of outstanding value.

Gamma Phi has numerous events of such a nature, but often they pass without note. Is not the public being defrauded of its rights and is not Gamma Phi loosing a valuable asset as well? Remember all publications would soon die, were it not for the news furnished them by the public. An organized group has items of interest in regard to the doings of the group as well as the activities of its individuals.

Many of our members are studying journalism and does it not seem fitting to you that these members should act as Gamma Phi Beta reporters, assembling their facts from the great activities of their sisters and presenting them in acceptable form to the various journals of their neighborhood?

"Dignified Publicity"

It is our plan to have these items clipped and mailed by each chapter every month to the publicity editor, who in turn will put them in a melting pot, from which we plan to print in our own CRESCENT, that news deemed most interesting to the Panhellenic world. Each chapter will receive specific directions as to the mailing of these clippings but in the meantime let us make a start. September and October are interesting months in the college world and is not all the world interested in its youth?

Let us have a friendly competition in dignified publicity.

CLARA TANEY WILL, *Publicity Chairman*





*Founded firm upon the rock  
Of our life, our love, our truth,  
Born of the immortal stock,  
Destined to eternal good—  
Gamma Phi, our hope in thee,  
Far beyond the mists of time  
Looks upon eternity,  
Clad in souls through thee, sublime.*

GAMMA PHI BETA SONG BOOK

We of discreet years often wonder just what chance we should have of emerging triumphantly from the average college examination of the freshman were such a terrorizing experience to be thrust upon us. Our mathematical knowledge is perhaps an unknown quantity; our remembrance of historical events merges into a confusion of dates; our irregular verbs have taken their place in the processional of the past. In brief—we do not care to risk any kind of a quiz upon the college curriculum. All of which is no reason to declare that we are averse to an examination upon Gamma Phi Beta history and statistics—an examination which should be the yearly task of each alumna, each college girl and each freshman.

“But,” sighs the busy alumna, “if I am vitally interested—and I am—why should I bother about the number of chapters, the constitutional amendments and the national business? If I am loyal—and I am—why should I be expected to be familiar with every sorority enterprise? If I read my magazine—and I do—why is it necessary to know more than is included between its covers?”

Why, indeed?

If you are interested—and you are—you should be conversant with every phase of Gamma Phi Beta’s development. If you are loyal—and you are—you should have the opportunity of rejoicing over each chapter achievement. If you read your magazine—and you do—you should realize that the CRESCENT cannot always con-

tain all the technical communications that emanate from the central office. Why not a yearly examination for the "old girls." It would be an innovation in alumnae procedure; it would be an invaluable aid in rushing; it would prove to the college member that there is always much for alumnae to learn about the organization that exemplifies its crescent symbol by eternal growth.

Accordingly, the Information Number may present facts of which you are ignorant; it may intensify the loyalty and interest which distinguish your sorority experience; it may bring you into closer touch with every activity; it may give you a glimpse of those members who have made a place for themselves in the outside world; it may inspire you to write your own little word of welcome to the new chapters that have come under the bonny brown banner. While this same Information Number will aid the college girl in her explanations to the inquiring freshman and will prove, we hope, to this inquiring freshman that the acquisition of the crescent pin is not only a privilege and honor but a lasting joy.

*Sisters in many climes  
Join hearts and hands.*

GAMMA PHI BETA SONG BOOK

Any recent discussion of expansion for Gamma Phi Beta invariably has closed with the wish for more chapters in the south and in Canada. Accordingly, the fairy godmother obligingly has waved her magic wand and has bestowed upon us Alpha Lambda and Alpha Mu.

There is an indescribable thrill in blazing the trail; an inestimable and serious responsibility in initial achievement. Alpha Lambda is the first sorority on the campus of the University of British Columbia; Alpha Mu is as yet the only group at Rollins College to achieve the approval of a national organization. To each chapter comes the privileges and the opportunities of the pioneer; the promise and the progress of leadership; the enthusiasm and inspiration of a new experience. Each group has meant much to its college community, has achieved much in its own circle, has contributed individually and collectively to high scholarship, campus activities and splendid organization. Not only do we offer the heartiest welcome to these new chapters, not only do we expect from them fine constructive measures but we know that the bond of Gamma Phi Beta has been intensified and strengthened by their admission.

*Crescent shields to guard our love  
Linking us in mystic tie;  
While the silv'ry moon's above,  
We'll e'er love thee, Gamma Phi.*

GAMMA PHI BETA SONG BOOK



The opening of the college year presents for discussion the eternal question—What part in rushing has the alumna member? And, as usual, the question is argued from various angles. Eliminating all the arguments, let us consider the alumnae as a background—a practical demonstration to the rushee that the enthusiasm of youth remains even in maturity; that the order so dear to the college girl is just as dear to the woman; that interest in the welfare of the group and in its prospective members still remains after college days are over. Even the weary, fêted freshman is quick to notice details; and if she realizes that the background of the hostess sorority consists of gracious, well-poised women who suggest the cultural atmosphere, who represent all that is best and most to be desired, she will be influenced in her final judgment.

*The anchor, the arrow, the kite and the key  
Are all very well but for you and for me  
There's nothing so dear  
As this little pin here,  
The crescent of dear Gamma Phi.*

—GAMMA PHI BETA SONG BOOK

Some alumnae are apt to forget to wear their Gamma Phi Beta pins—there's no doubt of it; and, just as often, other alumnae fail to appear with the shining little symbol that marks their places in the Panhellenic world. Fortunately, there are many others whose crescent shields are ever with them, who have never lost the thrill of the initiation night, who do not care if their best frocks have the appearance of open work embroidery, who always are hoping that the badge may prove an open sesame to some passer-by who happens to wear the same symbol.

As a freshman, each of us counted it an honor, a privilege and an eternal happiness to wear this shining pin. After passing years, we should realize that the honor has been a lasting one, that the privilege has meant much to us in many ways, that the happiness has been given not only during the four years of college but for all time.

Let us wear our pins!

*Sing, girls, sing—sing of joy and gladness—  
Sing, girls, sing—our hearts are light and free.*

GAMMA PHI BETA SONG BOOK

“Sing, girls, sing!” It has been the theme of editorial comment; it has been the admonition of the province director; and now it has the approval of the Grand Council. Accordingly, henceforth we are to have a chairman, duly appointed and nationalized, whose

duty it is to direct our efforts in the musical line; to tabulate from time to time those dearly beloved and often neglected songs of the past and to follow the tabulation by the request that each chapter familiarize itself with the list; and to compile and disseminate the new and catchy songs of each chapter. All of which will be a prelude to a great, grand, and glorious Convention Sing!

*O sorores, convenite,  
Ut cantemus Gamma Phi.*

GAMMA PHI BETA SONG BOOK

Province Three is very busy these days in preparation for its celebration of 1929—namely, convention. A most attractive program is in process of evolution; a most spacious hotel has been chosen as the scene of festivity; a lofty roof-garden promises to be an innovation; and a very wide-awake committee already has formulated a schedule that comprises every form of work and play. It is not too early for each loyal Gamma Phi to think of convention, to plan for it, to do her part in making this biennial gathering a memorable one. For the first time in some years the convention will be held in a city—a city centrally situated; and aside from the novelty of the celebration, there is every reason to expect a large attendance. Let us begin the college year by adopting as our slogan—*On to Convention!*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DECEMBER CRESCENT

The next CRESCENT will be given over to the alumnæ, with articles from members who are following interesting and unusual careers. All copy due *October 15*.

### SORORITY HISTORY

No college year should open without the question—Have you a *Gamma Phi Beta History*? If you do not possess one, order from the central office.

### STYLE SHEET

Every CRESCENT correspondent should possess a Style Sheet. If the present correspondent has not been presented with this Style Sheet by her predecessor, she may obtain one from the editor.

### GAMMA PHI BETA PLAYING CARDS

Don't forget that Denver Alumnæ Chapter is selling the Gamma Phi Beta Playing Cards for the benefit of the Camp for Underprivileged Children. Either bridge sets or individual packs may be obtained from Mrs. J. M. Heath, 2244 South Columbine St., Denver, Colorado.

### DIRECTORY

The fall issue of the magazine usually contains some incorrect names and addresses. Please correct any mistake in the directory immediately.

### ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER HOUSE

The Alpha Delta chapter house, a beautiful southern colonial edifice, is in process of construction, and a picture of the house without its southern pillars, appears in this issue, as Alpha Delta wishes to be represented. When the house is complete, another picture will be published.

### MU CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Carl M. Will is the newly appointed chairman of Publicity, while Nina Gresham assumes the responsibility of the national examinations.

### PHI BETA KAPPAS

*Beta*—Esther Merrick

*Delta*—Ruth Carter, Eleanor Dimmick

*Zeta*—Madeline Clay

*Mu*—Irene Fox, Dorothy Garmer

*Alpha Zeta*—Helen Hamilton

*Alpha Theta*—Louisa Peery, Gladys Smith

#### CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENTS

*(gleaned from chapter letters)*

*Alpha*—Two of six sponsors chosen for R.O.T.C.

*Beta*—Esther Merrick chosen to address Phi Beta Kappa.

*Delta*—Two Phi Beta Kappas.

*Epsilon*—Prettiest float in Northwestern Circus. First place in inter-sorority relay. Prize for best clown (first time awarded to a woman).

*Kappa*—Champion golf star.

*Mu*—Two Phi Beta Kappas.

*Omicron*—One of five to receive highest award of W.A.A.

*Sigma*—Honorary Colonel of R.O.T.C.

*Alpha Gamma*—First and second places in "Best Story" contest.

*Alpha Delta*—President of W.S.G.A. President of Y.W.C.A.  
Two of the three big offices on campus.

*Alpha Theta*—Two Phi Beta Kappas.



## DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

THE National Treasurer and the other members of the Grand Council living in and near Evanston met at my home on May 26 and May 27, for the express purpose of making necessary changes in the financial section of the Standing Rules which were not passed last year. Taking into account the wishes of the chapters as expressed at their various province conferences these changes were made and the new Standing Rules sent out for vote. Many of the active chapters were, however, in the midst of finals at this time and have not as yet had an opportunity to send in their vote. This is desired for the early fall.

While the last Council meeting was called largely to settle these difficulties, many other problems of the sorority were discussed.

Committees, which will be announced in the next *Crescent* were approved for the coming convention, and a tentative business program was outlined. It is hoped that the chapters and individuals will send in their suggestions for convention as early in the new year as possible.

I am happy at this time to announce that La Verne Stover (Mrs. H. C.) of Sigma and Kansas City has been chosen for convention chairman and you are soon to hear of her unique and interesting plans.

The Council also takes pleasure in announcing that a new department has been created. It is a song department, with Mrs. J. C. Norman of Sigma and Kansas City as National Song Chairman. We are fortunate indeed to secure one so well fitted for this work and one who is so loyally interested in Gamma Phi's welfare. Mrs. Norman has a number of clever and interesting ideas for her new department, one which she tells me will be a song contest between the active chapters during our convention in June.

A brief summary of the progress of Gamma Phi Beta during the past college year is as follows:

1. Expansion: Two new chapters, Alpha Lambda at The University of British Columbia Vancouver, installed in April; and Alpha Mu at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, installed in June. We are proud of these new chapters, happy to welcome them, and confident of their success. There are many other fields of expansion open to us but our well known conservative policy will prevail.

2. Scholarship: There is now a decided improvement in our scholastic standing. Many of the chapters have made a remarkable average which the National Scholarship Chairman's report will show in detail, and the Council feels that Miss Dimmick's five points for raising scholarship have been of great benefit.

3. Finances: A financial plan has been perfected whereby the national expenses of the various departments have been budgeted, the CRESCENT Fund established, and with a favorable vote on the Standing Rules, our finances are equitable and safe.

4. Social Service Work: Denver's Camp For Under-Privileged Children was partially financed by national this past summer and many of the chapters sent in generous sums for its support. Since this camp is to be our National Social Service work, definite plans for the development of the idea will be discussed at the next convention.

5. Central Office is now highly specialized to care for all the business details of the sorority, and individuals may render valuable assistance by sending in changes of addresses promptly and any other information pertinent to the welfare of the office.

6. Inspection: The province conferences were a very great success netting in a small way the results of a national convention. All chapters were inspected once last year, a number of them more than once, and a few chapters received monthly inspection.

May I take this opportunity to express again to the chapters and individuals of the West, who were my hostesses last spring, my appreciation of their delightful hospitality. I have unlimited enthusiasm for these strong and loyal chapters, and their business-like province conferences, and from these conferences we have gained a new inspiration and a vision for this year's work.

ELIZABETH D. BARBOUR

*President of Gamma Phi Beta*

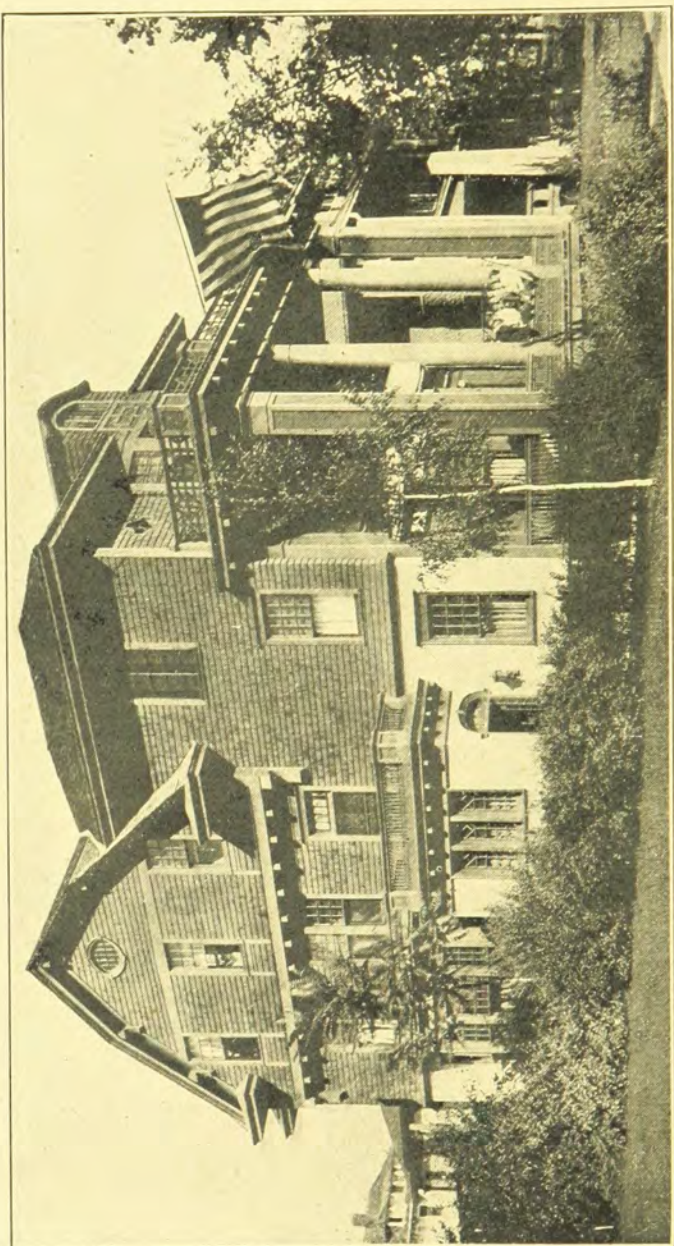


RUSHING CHAIRMAN\*

Perhaps someone will know of a desirable freshman who is destined for some college in which Gamma Phi Beta has a chapter. Or, doubtless, some rushing chairman may desire to know the rushing plans of some other chairman. For such emergencies the following list is given:

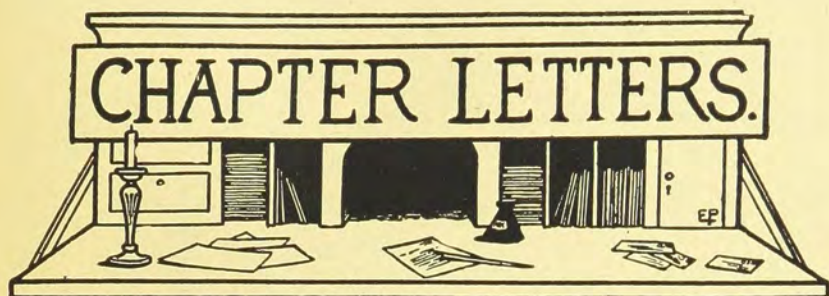
- Alpha:.....Edith Burton, 405 Glenwood Boulevard, Erie,  
.....Pennsylvania  
Beta:....Mary Ruth Pettelco, 915 First Street, Jackson, Michigan  
Gamma:.....Margaret McLellan, 270 Langdon Street, Madison,  
.....Wisconsin  
Epsilon:.....Vesper Getman, 2626 Isabella, Evanston, Illinois  
Eta:....Jane Holabird, 2701 Belrose Avenue, Berkeley, California  
Theta:....Gwendolyn Olinger, West 29th Avenue and Wadsworth,  
.....Denver, Colorado  
Kappa:....Jean McGlashan, 4905 Lyndale Avenue South, Minne-  
.....apolis, Minnesota  
Nu:.....Edwina Grebel, 134 Fifty-third St., Portland, Oregon  
Xi:.....Alice Vaug, 10 East Mission Street, Kellogg, Idaho  
Rho:....Bernetta Keenan, 1201 North Third Street, Clinton, Iowa  
Sigma:.....Suzanne Robertson—(Use chapter house address)  
Phi:.....Elizabeth Schall, 7133 Washington Avenue, St. Louis,  
.....Missouri  
Chi:.....Julia Smith, 1237 Garfield Ave., Portland, Oregon  
Omega:.....Kathryn Bell, Springfield, Iowa  
Alpha Alpha:.....Leslie Leitch, 421 Russell Hill Road, and  
.....Margaret Copp, 96 Wellesley Street, Toronto, Ontario,  
.....Canada  
Alpha Delta:.....Winifred Beatty, 3908 Tracy St., Kansas City,  
.....Missouri  
Alpha Epsilon:.....Dorothy Houle, 1303 East Fifth Street,  
.....Tucson, Arizona  
Alpha Zeta:.....Catherine Clark, Crowell, Texas  
Alpha Theta:.....Katherine Andrews, 1903 Twenty-first Ave. S.,  
.....Nashville, Tennessee  
Alpha Kappa: Mona Tier, 72 Arlington Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba,  
.....Canada

\* Delta, Zeta, Lambda, Mu, Omicron, Pi, Tau, Upsilon, Psi, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Eta, and Alpha Iota: No names supplied.



ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE





# DELINQUENT COLLEGE CHAPTERS

Eta, Janet Byrnes.  
 Nu, Margaret Harbough.  
 Xi, Elizabeth Dunn.  
 Pi, Margaret Fullmen.  
 Rho, Dorothy Murtagh.  
 Omega, Helen Ann Thomas.  
 Alpha Beta, Jessie De Puy.  
 Alpha Kappa, Helen Hamilton.

## ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

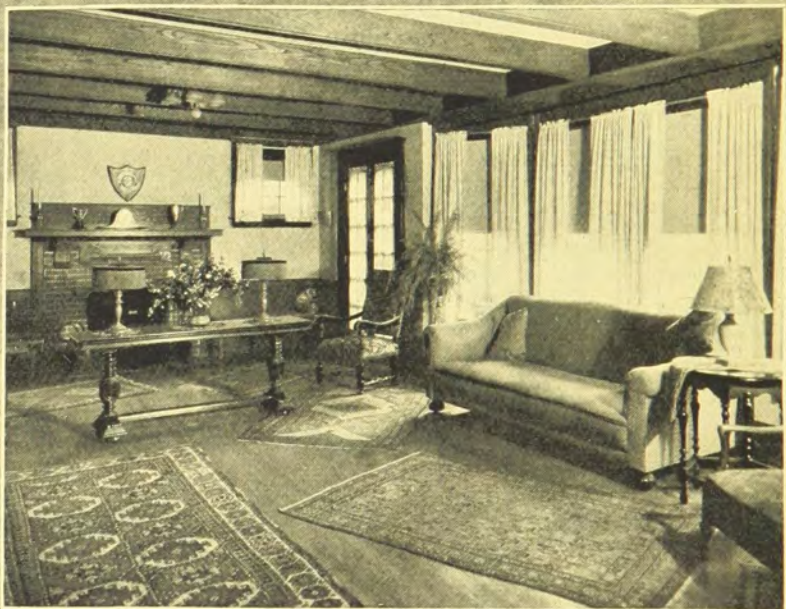
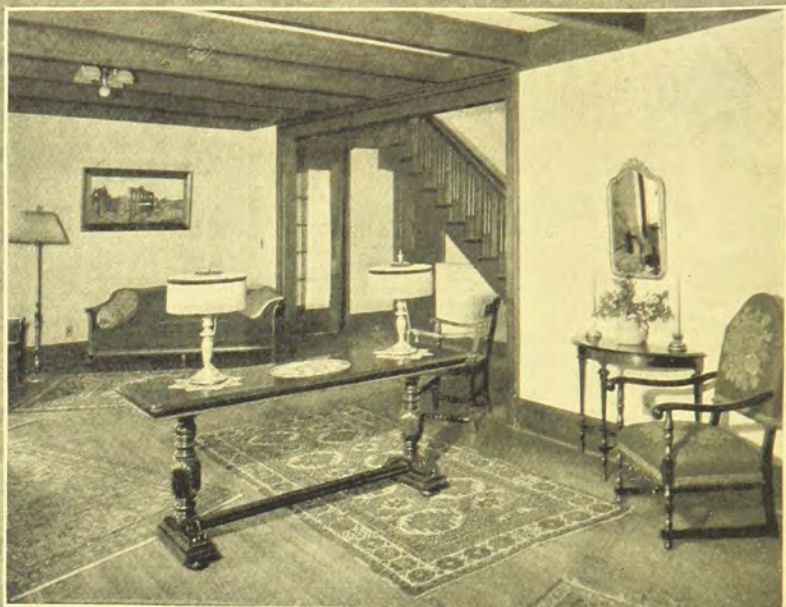
*For fifty-four years has maintained its original prominence upon the Syracuse Campus.*

Opportunity has knocked on Alpha's doors and we are justly proud of those girls who have answered—those girls on whom a variety of campus honors have been bestowed. Margaret Butler has been elected new women's editor of the *Daily Orange*, as well as having been elected to Eta Pi Upsilon, the honorary senior women's society. In the recent Y.W.C.A. elections Edith Burton was chosen vice-president, and Dorothy Jones, secretary of that organization. To complete the list, Virginia Tucker was made secretary of the women's Athletic Association. I might add that "Miggy" Butler and Edith Burton were also chosen two of the six girls, sponsors of the R.O.T.C., a new honor on the campus.

Graduation has always been an exhibition of joy as well as sorrow, but this year it proved to be more tearful than otherwise for the majority of us. Bidding our seniors goodbye was no easy matter and we postponed the agony as long as possible. Our spring formal proved to be quite wintry, for while the house was decorated with spring flowers, etc., snow lay on the ground outside. A pleasant feature of the picnic given for the seniors was the presentation of farewell gifts to them. Then after the last meeting of the year, we gave a combined shower for our two future brides, "Beany" Anderson and "Dodie" Ehlers. They were fairly buried with gifts and of course very much surprised! Finally came graduation and our seniors were gone almost before we realized. We hope they will make us frequent visits in the near future and help to keep us in the straight and narrow path.

The new coat of paint adds much to the beauty of the house and will be a welcome sight to the girls returning in the fall.

DOROTHY JONES



ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE



## ENGAGEMENT

Mary Katherine Jones (Alpha, '31), to Mr. Ernest Hurbut of Cortland, New York.

## BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Claims as a member the Author of the Junior Girls' Play of 1927, Esther Merrick.*

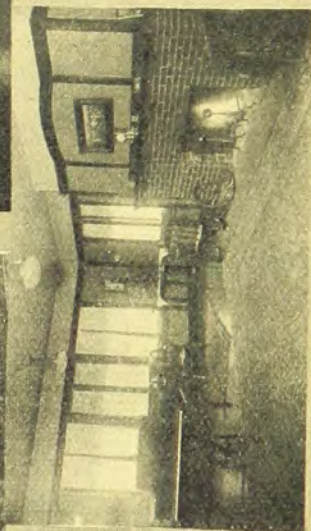
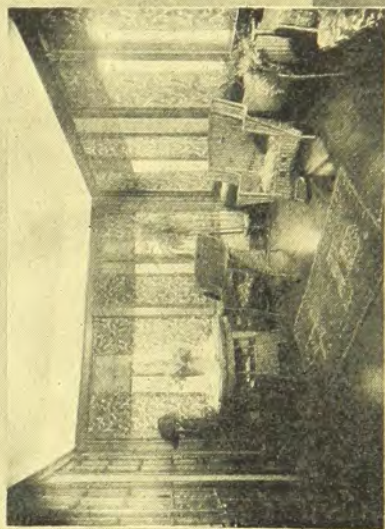
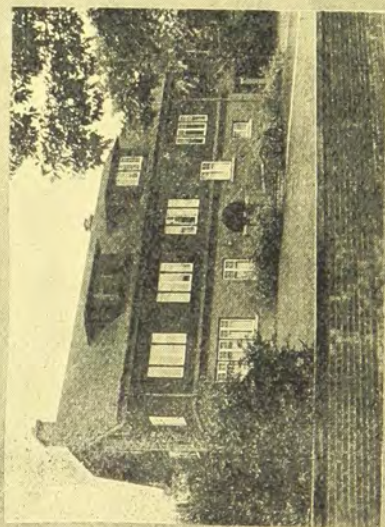
Beta always seems to be having an interesting time. Whether the many kinds of "sorority functions" are going on or whether it is within the confines of the chapter *only*, there is a great deal of spirit and festivity.

Among the activities of the sorority there have been a few occasions which stand out from the rest. One was a tea dance given by the whole chapter to which "stags" were invited. It was a peppy and very enjoyable party and everyone had an excellent time. Then there was the annual mothers' house party to which a very nice number of very nice mothers came. It was the week-end of Mothers' Day. The mothers arrived on Friday afternoon in time to get ready for an informal dinner. After dinner we all left to hear the speeches and ceremonies of Cap Night, on which night the freshmen throw their pots into a mammoth bonfire and, from that time are treated a little more like human beings. When we came back, there was bridge for those who felt so inclined, while the rest of the mothers and daughters sat around having a nice, chatty time. Breakfast was served in bed; there was a pleasant luncheon, a delightful tea at Mrs. Lorch's house (the mother of an Ann Arbor Gamma Phi) while dinner was formal with lovely corsages. Afterwards the house party went in a body to see *The Play's the Thing*, given at the Mimes Theater. There were several mothers' house parties at the same time and the Delta Gammas and their mothers sat right in front of us. Again, breakfast in bed, and for Sunday dinner there were favors of beautifully arranged nests of French boxes in various soft colors. The mothers left later in the afternoon, all declaring they had had a delightful time and that they quite approved of us. It *was* a lovely house party.

Swing-out came along—the time for seniors to clap on cap and gown and exhibit themselves in a long and extremely hilarious parade which trails along the diagonal walk cutting through the campus. All our seniors had corsages and looked charming in their robes. Just the other day came Senior Breakfast at the Country Club, given by Mrs. Wagner, a Gamma Phi alumna. We hear that the food was excellent; so excellent were the descriptions that we're going to hurry up to become seniors. The Senior Dinner followed on the same day. The uppermost classmen seemed very pleased with their very pretty corsages and favors of the very latest product of Karess, a beautifully engraved double compact in silver. A hilarious time followed in the singing of the well known song beginning "Where, oh, where are the verdant freshmen," and ending with the "grave old seniors," each class rising in turn.

Our Esther Merrick, who was mentioned in the last Beta letter for THE CRESCENT as a Phi Beta Kappa, was appointed to speak for all the newly initiated feminine Phi Betas of Michigan at the banquet given in the honor of the initiates, masculine and feminine. She was also elected to Phi Kappa Phi, senior honorary society.

Catherine Chase, the girl with sixteen hours of A work, was initiated into the honorary sorority of Alpha Lambda Delta while her roommate, Marie Louise Burt, was initiated into the honorary society of Phi Kappa Phi, and honorary chemical sorority of Iota Sigma Pi. One of our "grave old seniors," Ruth Moore, was awarded a place in the campus Hall of Fame, being judged an outstanding member of the senior class.



BETA CHAPTER HOUSE



On Lantern Night, when the freshman girls give their annual pageant out-of-doors, one of Beta's freshmen blossomed forth as Iris, Goddess of the Rainbow. As a bit of pleasantry the Detroit papers published pictures of her in a grove of trees.

Three girls—Ruth Mary Pittelco, Louisa Smith, and Estelle de Journo—turned out one evening clad very sportily in riding habit and looking extremely “knockout,” saying that they were to ride in the Horse Show. But it rained just at the wrong time and Beta lost another chance for a lead in campus activities.

We welcome any of our sisters in other chapters who choose to visit next year. We are planning to turn partly Spanish and attach a patio to our home. We already have a nice new awning. Another charming idea is the Beau Garden in which are to be put any bulbs which may at one time have been attached to flowers sent to a sister by a gentleman friend. Have you a “Beau Garden” in your house?

Beta announces the pledging of Helene Terry, '30, and initiation of Lula Anderson, graduate student.

ADELAIDE SYMONS

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Genevieve Holmes, '28, to Mr. Martell Walker.

Elizabeth Morrison, '28, to Mr. Joseph Whinery, Nu Sigma Nu.

#### BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Graeme Reid (Orra Spencer, '27), a daughter.

#### GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

##### PERSONALS

Mary Atwood will spend the summer at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, where she will continue her post graduate study in international relations. She will also do summer work for the Non-partisan League of Nations Building and will return to this country in October to resume her position in the history department of the Liggett School, Detroit.

##### MARRIAGES

Jean Hay to Mr. G. Salazar, Estacion Sabinal, Chihuahua, Mexico.

On June 14, at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Verena Baker (Gamma) to Mr. Glenn Peck Gessell.

On June 9, at Evanston, Illinois, Elisabeth Burgess (Gamma) to Mr. Eric John Lea Cotton. Mr. and Mrs. Cotton are at home in Beechome, Earl Shilton, Leicester, England.

On July 7, at La Crosse, Wisconsin, Helen Golman (Gamma) to Mr. James Stanley Sheldon.

On June 2, at Evanston, Illinois, Helen Baker (Gamma) to Dr. Lucien Samells Griffith.

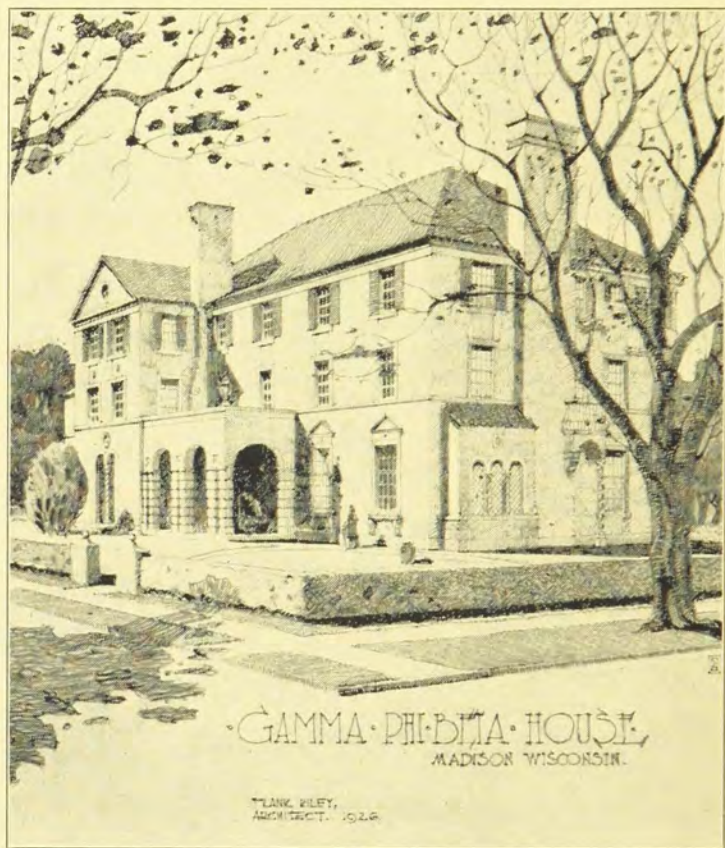
#### DELTA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

*Has as its tradition, an annual house party.*

Spring of 1928! That to Delta means a season busy with entertaining and studying. After the excitement of the N.P.C. in Boston we found ourselves entertaining the convention of Province One. Although it is reported in another part of this issue, let me say that we were charmed with our sisters of our sister chapters. In the sessions at the Women's

Republican Club and at the social gatherings at the home of Mrs. Smith and our apartments we were greatly pleased to become acquainted with the delegates. The exchange of ideas was profitable to us, and our chapter.

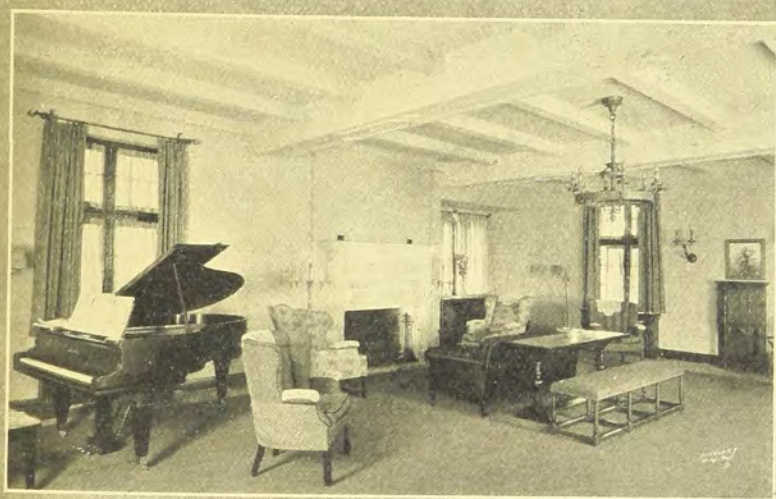
After struggling with examinations for two weeks we emerged, heads up. Then began four days of hilarity in the gray house by the beach. The life saving station proved to be a center of interest with the fried clam store a close second. And swimming—brr, the waters of the North Atlantic



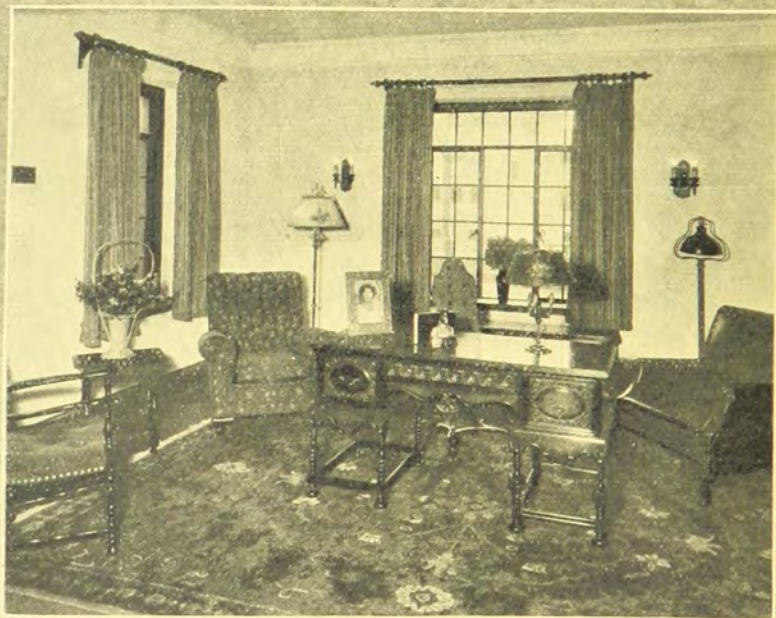
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were frigid. The sands were soft, though, and at all times of the day, many figures sunned themselves like so many crocodiles while the hot sunbeams painted white arms red. Dancing, bridge, hikes, and visits to Hampton Beach helped to fill the busy days. Even at night, sleep-walkers and three o'clock hot dog parties kept sleep from becoming monotonous. Our house mother, Miss Dall, proved a perfect chaperon. When the cold rain descended one afternoon she entertained us by revealing to us the untold mysteries of the future. All in all, we ate, we played, but most of all we learned to know our sisters in a more intimate way. And as we





INTERIOR VIEWS OF GAMMA HOUSE



EPSILON HOUSE



rolled into the station yard we surprised two other sorority groups by singing, with such gusto as only Gamma Phis can muster, "I'm satisfied."

But even in the midst of our gayety, we could not forget that six of our number would not be gathering with us on Wednesday night, our seniors—all of them girls whose personality has been distinct during their Gamma Phi lives.

Our chapter was given a big thrill as the honor of invitation into Phi Beta Kappa was awarded to two of these seniors, Ruth Carter and Eleanor Dimick. Delta is justly proud of them.

Another of our seniors, Helen Ropes, proved that "In the spring, . . ." by announcing her marriage to Dr. Lawrence Obsey.

The last meeting in April gave us a new group of chapter officers who have already displayed their ability to fill their predecessors' shoes. Dorothy Cheney is our new president; Tessanine Peckham, her assistant; Catherine Weldon and Dorothy Wolfenden, the secretaries; with Martha Vining, as treasurer.

The other Gamma Phis have not been lazy this spring. Helen Handy was the woman representative of the School of Education to the University Council. Gladys Morland played in Professor Black's production of *Much Ado About Nothing*. At W.A.A. Awards Party, Eloise Barber was given numerals for second-year participation in athletics. At the same time M. Fraser, a pledge, won her first-year honor.

After house party, the chapter became widely separated. Peg Johnstone sailed for Europe; Dot Goddard and Dot Wolfenden are in New Jersey; Marion Blair went home to Illinois; and the rest of us are scattered throughout the New England states, at summer school, at camp, at hotels and at home.

Although we are separated yet we are independently creating energy, which, when combined this September, will start Delta off with a big bang.

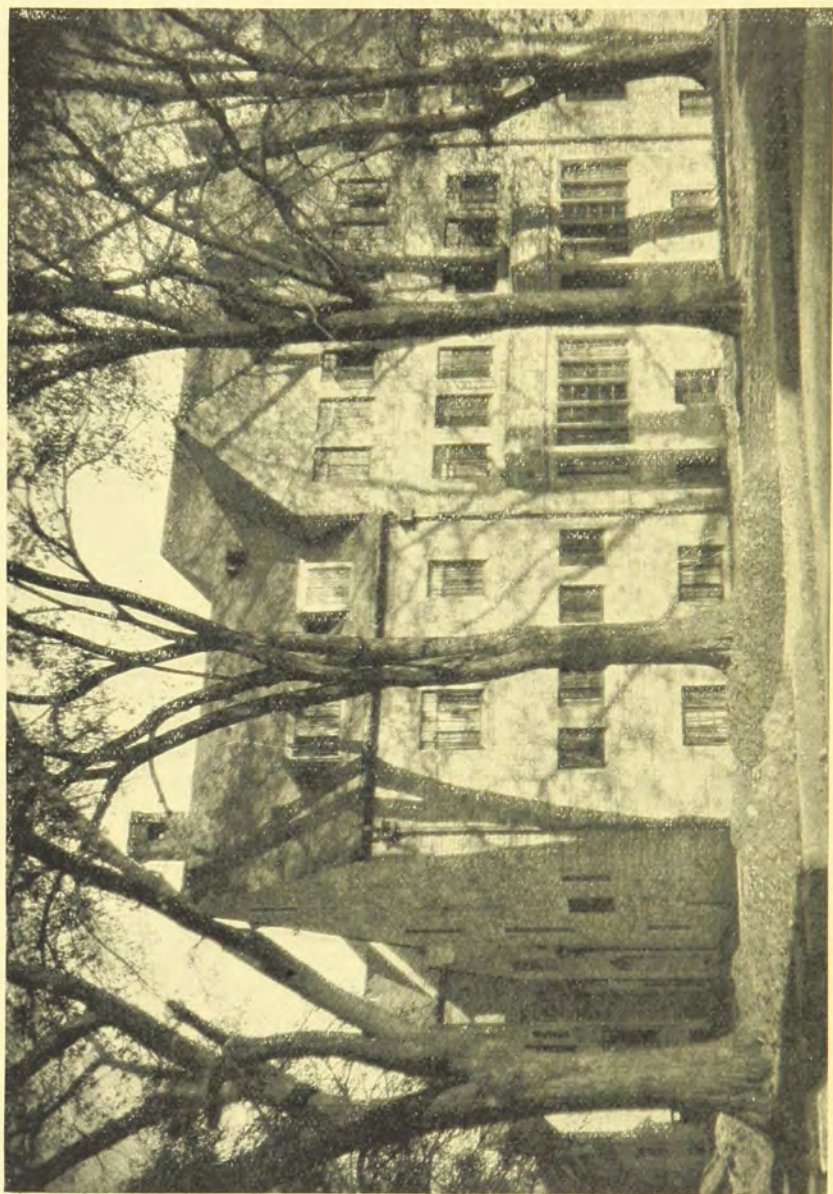
ELOISE BARBER

#### EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

*Has splendid point system for activities and scholarship.*

On the table in the corner of the living-room of the Epsilon house lies a large brown leather volume—the chapter scrapbook, the work of Nellie Weston. Upon its ample pages it is not hard for even the most casual visitor to find interest and entertainment, for therein is the story of what Epsilon has done through the weeks and months of the year 1927-1928, or what has befallen Epsilon. And to us, the girls who are the characters in the book, how much more this volume means, what jokes and proud thrills it recalls.

Take, for example, the pages devoted to the week last March which the whole chapter spent in quarantine, while four of our members—Helen Fulkerson, Marijane Dovel, Mary Magoon, and Virginia Wingert—lay sociably together in the contagion ward of the Evanston hospital with scarlet fever. How the university infirmary just about made its headquarters in our house; how we all stood in line twice a day to have our throats examined and our temperatures taken; and what excitement there was when anyone was even half a degree above normal, even though it was due to the heating effect of the sixty-two pounds of candy which poured in from well wishing neighboring houses. How we played "I doubt it" till the wee small hours; how every meal was a picnic; how we actually felt sorry for the ordinary students who had to go to classes; how we feared to retire each night because the bed would doubtless be full of goldfish or cracker crumbs! How our house mother, Mrs. Russell, stood



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up right nobly under the strain; how we took our exercise by jumping rope on the patio and had our pictures in all the Chicago papers; the night letter we received from "the four fevers" whose affliction did not seem to dampen their good spirits—these are a few memories recalled to our minds by these pages.

When the N.U. Circus came to town, it was truly a triumphant jamboree for Gamma Phi, for we won a cup for having the prettiest float in the parade and gained first place in the intersorority relay, while Jo Fawcett stepped out and acquired a silver cup herself for being the best clown in the whole affair—the first time a girl has ever won this honor.

Turn another page and you will see that Eleanor Luse brought us lasting glory. Having won the Kirk Oratorical Contest, she thus represented Northwestern at the Northern Oratorical League Contest at Minnesota, where she placed third. She has also been elected to Delta Sigma Rho, honorary forensic fraternity.

Another page breathes the spirit of our Spring Formal, when we turned the house for an evening into a Japanese cherry orchard; while still another page records that, at the annual class Lantern elections, Vesper Getman, Dorothy Hediger, and Mary Stubbs, were each elected to office in their respective classes. Another clipping announces Helen Berquist as woman's tennis champion of the college and Helen McClarnan, champion of the sophomore class.

A more sober page marks the passing of our seniors of the class of '28; one of the finest groups of girls we have ever had. Mary Collar, Eleanor Luse, Mary June Fellows, and Helen Kapple graduated from the School of Speech; and Josephine MacRae, Nellie Gibbs, Florabelle Kinnebrew, and Nellie Weston from Liberal Arts. At Senior Chapel, Nellie Gibbs was voted the most popular girl in the class, and Jo MacRae the senior woman who had done the most for Northwestern during her four years there—proof enough that their college as well as their chapter will miss them.

But we shall carry on. A few weeks more will find Epsilon with another wonderful group of pledges, ready to become the kind of Gamma Phi we are all trying to be. And their fortunes will in turn be recorded in the brown scrapbook.

HELEN LENEHEN

#### ENGAGEMENT

Nellie Gibbs, '28, to Mr. Ellis Jones, Sigma Chi, Dartmouth.

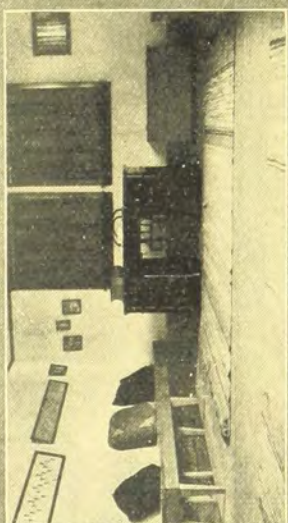
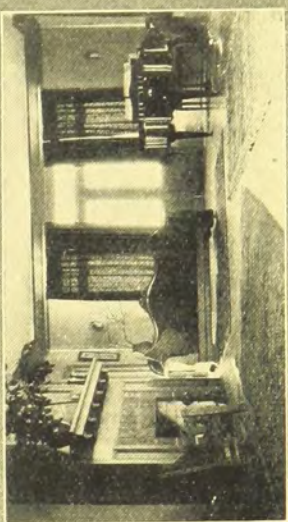
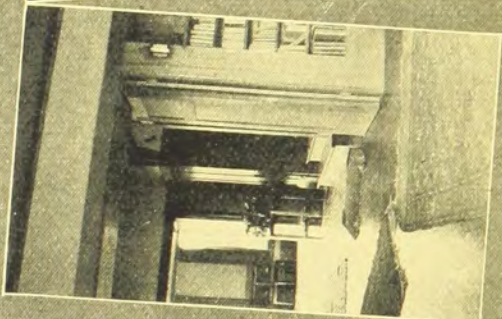
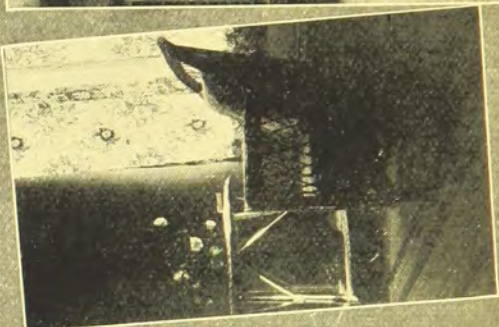
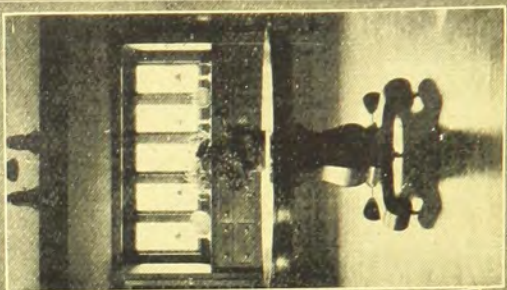
#### ZETA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

*First Southern and only chapter in a woman's city college.*

Time rolls by so quickly that it is hard to realize our seniors have left us for good, and that now we must watch for alumnæ news to learn what they are doing. It is indeed fortunate that our present seniors are so capable, for Gamma Phi will be sure to have a successful year with Georgia Peacock as its president. The other officers are: Peggy Stover, vice-president; Doris King, treasurer; Ginny Potter, recording secretary; Marion Hardy, corresponding secretary. Wilhelmina Warkintin is the rushing chairman and she would be delighted to have any names for her list. Rushing is to be during the second college week this year. Thus we shall have an opportunity to know the freshmen, and Zeta will be able to get its share of the best.

House party was very thrilling and exciting this year. We stayed at Wrightson's which is at Claiborne, Maryland. The house is on a point,

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so that we were surrounded on three sides by water. We had a Panhellenic meeting when we went swimming, for the Delta Gammas joined us often. The Alpha Phis dropped in whenever they were passing. One afternoon we hiked over to join the Thetas in a game of bridge.

Now for the really unusual news. Gary Cooper, Fay Wray, and Jane Chandler were at St. Michaels (which is very near Claiborne) making a picture. It is called, *The First Kiss*. We spent half our time watching its production, and hoping that we would be on the set when that kiss was being shot! No, we were not in the picture. But the only reason was that the crowd scenes were not taken when we were there. Fay Wray married her scenario writer the week after we left.

We departed on a Monday, took the afternoon ferry to Annapolis, and were on our toes because we had been told that Gary was to rob the ferry, which we were on. But you can imagine our dismay when the rain spoiled our fun. However, we felt very much better when our long-suffering friends exclaimed with glee over the snap-shots we produced.

MARY BONIS

#### THETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

*Each year presents a play written by an alumna and counted the leading dramatic event of the college.*

Swanky new spring outfits and whatnot bespoke the nearness of vacation—and a sudden fiery interest in politics bespoke the approaching campus elections; elections in which the wearers of the double-brown were not without their usual three-fourths of the glory. Such a positive statement would seem to require proof, and here it is:

Norma Van Orman was elected to the office of Inter-School Council Representative for the College of Liberal Arts—a position which tradition demanded should be filled by a man. Consequently one of that species suffered complete humiliation as a result of Norma's determination to win the honor—an honor indeed, since she is the first girl to ever be nominated for the office.

This same Gamma Phi was also elected as Junior Class Princess to the May Queen, and Joy Kinkel was chosen to represent the personality, popularity, and pulchritude of the Sophomore Class. Both these girls held this same distinction last year, also.

Gwendolyn Olinger was one of only four girls on the campus to win membership to Kedros, senior and junior women's honorary. To wear this key is an honor greatly coveted by all woman students.

Sigma Phi Alpha, which corresponds to Phi Beta Kappa, the members of which are chosen by the vote of the faculty, claimed two Gamma Phis—Maxine Hair and Genevieve Young. Both of them having four year averages well over the 90 mark.

And these coolish summer days have been ideal for little bridge four-somes—more than ever pleasant because of the jolly rushees who have inspired a summer's entertaining. Besides the petit tête-à-têtes, two large affairs have taken place. The first a bridge breakfast at Chief Hosea Lodge thirty miles up in the mountains, and the second, a lovely garden tea, given by the alumnae in honor of rushees.

However there has been one sad event in these months of flowers and parties—that was the death, on August 7, of Chellie Stevens Wright, '29. Chellie was one of our dearest sisters, a talented, sunshiny girl, who was always willing to do a great deal more than her share in any of Theta's



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undertakings. We shall find an unpleasant emptiness about the Lodge when we go back next month.

Such a long letter! But one thing more—a message to every Gamma Phi chapter from Theta: "The best of luck in rushing, and a wonderfully happy year!"

MARION WATKINS

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Gertrude Winne, ex '29, to Mr. Arthur Vos, Sigma Chi.

#### BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. J. Burris Perrin (Hellen Russell, Theta), at Edinburgh, Scotland, on April 22, a daughter, Helen Eva.

#### DEATHS

Theta chapter extends deepest sympathy to Helen Ramsey, '30, and Virginia Ramsey, '31, who lost their brother in July.

Dr. David H. Fouse, father of Mary Elizabeth Fouse, Theta, '30, died on August 17, in Denver. Dr. Fouse was one of Denver's most popular and influential ministers and a friend of the college girls. The sympathy of the chapter goes to the family.

#### CHELLIE STEVENS WRIGHT

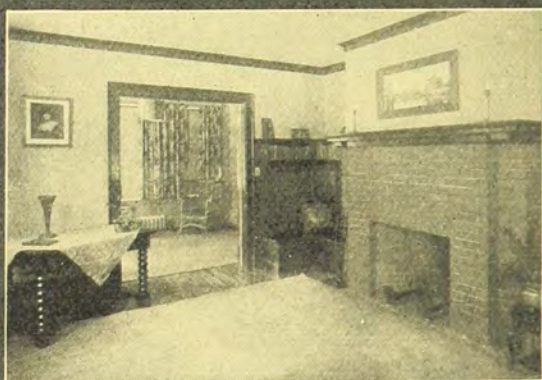
August 6, 1928.

*"Love never forgets; its past is ever present; its yesterday is ever today."*

Sometimes an exquisite melody ceases abruptly; and, even in the silence, that follows, we feel that—somewhere, somehow—the glory of the song goes on and on. Sometimes the merest fragment of perfect verse is unfinished—incomplete; and yet we believe that—somewhere, somehow—the poem is finished. And when a young life, endowed with genius, beautiful in its faith, its friendship and its promise, is taken from our midst, we know that this life, apart from our vision, rounds out its purpose, fulfills its destiny and wields an influence that cannot be destroyed.

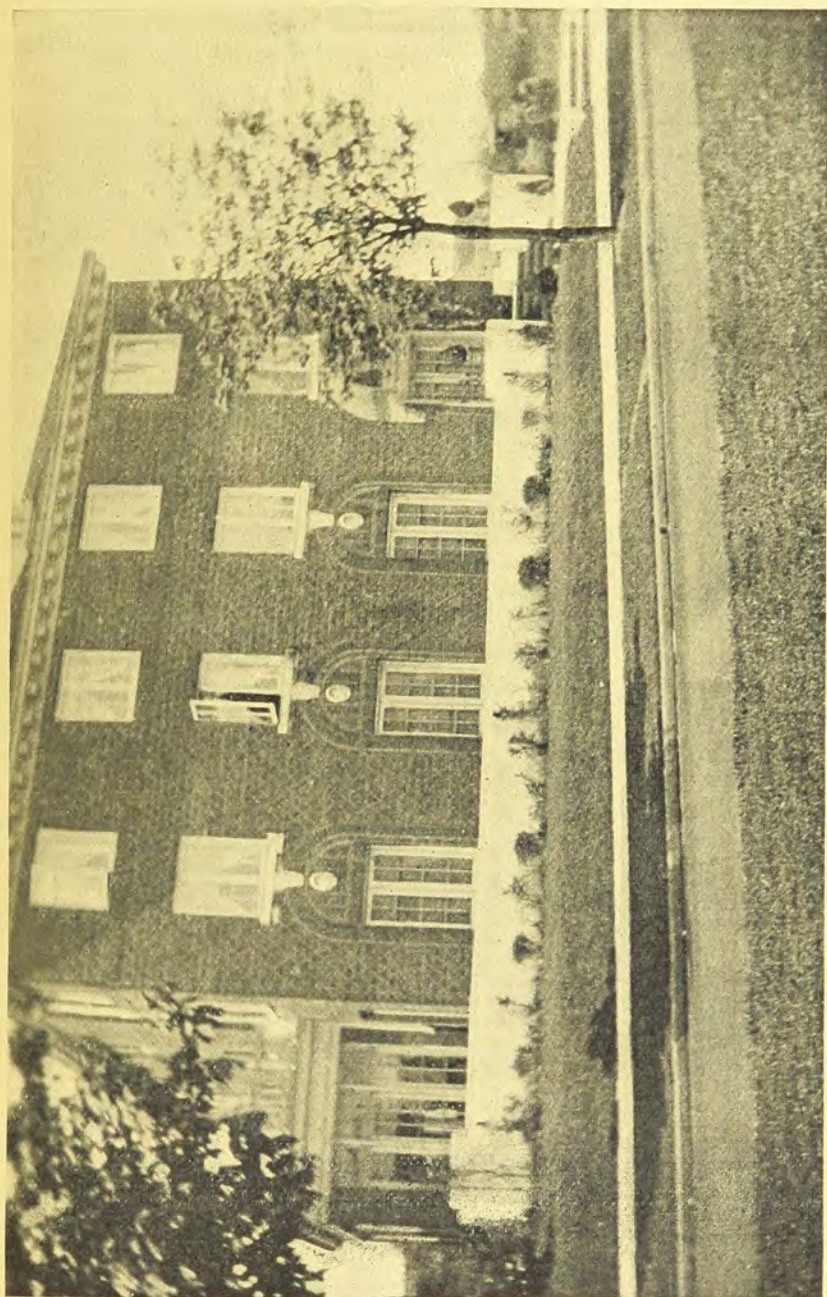
Chellie Stevens Wright came to Denver University after her preparatory work at Dana Hall and was initiated into Theta Chapter in 1926, wearing the badge that her mother had worn years ago. To her chapter she brought not only her genius—for, inheriting her father's gift of music, she was ranked among the city's splendid pianists and had received the finest training in her chosen work—but a loyalty, an endeavor, and a loving spirit that meant much to her group, individually and collectively. Though often restricted in her activities by physical weakness, the sunshine of her nature never failed her friends, the gay little twinkle in her eye was ever a part of her, and the allegiance to her chosen order never faltered. Her high scholastic average made her known in the classroom and among the faculty members; her services to the campus included the presidency of Alpha Zeta Pi, honorary French society and the presidency of the P.E.O. Campus Club.

In Gamma Phi Beta, aside from her personality, three distinct achievements we shall always remember—her yearly history of the chapter, her management of the 1928 Theta play, and her charming letters in the CRESCENT. For two successive years, at the annual Initiation Banquet she read the year's chronicle; and those chronicles were marked for their cleverness and their unusual presentation. As manager of the play—always a difficult and stupendous task—her tact, her sweetness of disposition, her



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efficiency and her understanding gained for the event a spectacular success; and all scene shifters, all stage hands, and even the managers of the theater were her loyal slaves. While, as chapter correspondent in the magazine—an office that she loved—she revealed her personality in the sparkling little letters that bore the Theta heading. Strange that the last word of the last letter in the May number should have been—*goodnight*.

For Chellie Wright, Theta lights the candles of Memory—of Love—and of Influence. For the memory of a beautiful life is a sacred heritage and a precious trust; the love of one friend for another is the invisible yet invincible bond which reaches even into the world beyond; the sweet and tender influence of the one who is with us day by day, of the one who has passed to the Chapter Eternal is the true strength, the true beauty, and the true inspiration of Gamma Phi Beta.

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

*Has always been one of the most active groups on the campus.*

This year, Kappa chapter was well represented in the Senior class for Martha Shute, Margaret Bradbury, Katherine Baker, Harriet Jackson, Grace McGregor, and Marion Bachelord graduated in June. Of these, Katherine Baker was chosen Representative Minnesotan, and Margaret Bradbury had charge of a section in *The Gopher*, called "The Campus in Sketch."

Gamma Phis were also well represented in the other classes. Florence Pitman was elected to Mortar Board and W.S.G.A. Board. Elinor Thompson was chosen secretary; and Esther Martin, treasurer of Tam o' Shanter, Junior class organization. Esther was also made editor of the W.S.G.A. *Bulletin* for freshmen. Polly McNeale was elected secretary of the Y.W.C.A.; and Milla Kara Jacobson, secretary of W.A.A. Milla Kara was also contender for the women's tennis championship.

This summer, Patty Stephenson, one of the youngest golf stars in the state, entered the women's trans-Mississippi golf tournament, and surprised everyone by getting into the finals. Patty won matches from many veteran players and was defeated only by Mrs. Dow George, the champion.

Alice Russell

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

*Maintains a loan fund for students, and founded both Panhellenic and the Woman's League at the University of Washington.*

Lambda extends the heartiest invitation to all chapters of Gamma Phi Beta to attend all her functions and witness all her important events when radio-television is perfected. Until then Lambda fears that her sister chapters will have to depend on the questionable memory and observation of a CRESCENT correspondent. My predecessor announced in her last letter that there would be much news for the next, and so there is.

The first week of spring quarter brought the Province Conference which was held in the chapter house. A few days before the session began we gave a tea in honor of Mrs. Barbour and we took great pleasure in introducing to the outstanding figures on our campus our national president. During the next few days we were engulfed in province affairs, for morning sessions, luncheons, afternoon meetings, round-table discussions, and banquets filled up the hours in the schedule planned under the leadership of Beatrice Locke. Delegates from the active chapters, alumnae chapters, and alumnae associations of Province VI gave detailed reports on their respective groups. The outstanding result of the Conference was the grant-



ing of a charter to Tau Omicron, a local sorority of the University of British Columbia, a group which had originally won Lambda's approval. At the last banquet which closed the Conference, pledging was held for three members of the group which was to become Alpha Lambda.

College duties, reluctantly resumed after the thrill of round-table discussions and banquets, were made less unbearable by the anticipation of the installation of Alpha Lambda. On the afternoon of April 14 we held initiation for five of our freshmen, Mable Chestnut, Mary Collins, Helen Dickinson, Elizabeth Ederer, and Elizabeth Kelley, and in the evening we gave our spring formal, a dinner dance at the Inglewood Country Club. Never has there been a better setting for a debutante than that in which we introduced our five newly initiated sisters whose elated hearts beat proudly beneath their recently acquired crescents.

Two weeks later found the members of Lambda *en route* to Vancouver, British Columbia, on a mission which was to be henceforth a landmark in the history of the sorority. We were all charmed by the wonderful hospitality which our Canadian sisters bestowed upon us during our stay. There were two days of continuous happenings for the national installing officers, the installing chapter, and the neophytes. Pledging of all the members of Tau Omicron occurred on Friday evening, April 27, and the initiation of the active members and that of the alumnae took place on Saturday morning and afternoon respectively at the home of one of the pledges. The climax of this appointed mission was reached at the inspiring banquet given that evening at the Georgia Hotel. Piano selections and a clever skit presented by a few of the members of Alpha Lambda were given as entertainment. Barriers of country and university were broken down by the inspiring words in the toasts given by Mrs. Barbour, Margaret Meany Younger, and Catherine Redpath, welcoming Alpha Lambda into the sisterhood of Gamma Phi Beta.

The installation of Alpha Lambda holds a special significance for Lambda, for it marks a step in the development of the chapter. Given the power to install by the sanction of the other chapters of Gamma Phi Beta, Lambda fully realized the responsibility which was involved, and it was this sense of responsibility which brought out what the chapter as a whole could do. The fact that the group co-operated in this task under the efficient guidance of our president, Elizabeth Barbour, Margaret Meany Younger, Clara Will, and Beatrice Locke, proves that Lambda has reached a commendable stage in her development.

The events of the following weeks were insignificant so greatly were they eclipsed by the events of those preceding. A week before college closed we welcomed a new pledge, Marie McDonald. The freshmen entertained brilliantly at a breakfast on June 9 given for the members of the Senior class, consisting of Wilma Brisbin, Mercer Gregory, Annabell Hall, Ruth Hubley, Ruth Chase, Kathryn Ludington, Katharine Parr, Mary Ramstedt, Catherine Redpath, Virginia Saunders, Gladene Thompson, Mildred Walsh, Florence Walton, and Virginia Wester. Our new china and multicolored balloons were the features of the event. Farewell songs composed and sung by the members of the Freshman class added to the entertainment.

Though college is months away, nevertheless many of our responsibilities are retained, one of the most important being that of rushing. Our spring party was given on June 18 at the country home of Ruth Nettleton. An atmosphere of informality gave a charm and ease to the affair. Under the efficient management of Betty Cotton as rushing chairman we look forward to a promising and successful season which we hope we shall be proud to report in the next issue of *THE CRESCENT*.

LOUISE BRADY

## ENGAGEMENT

Helen Lord, '27, to Mr. William Lucas, Chi Psi.

## MARRIAGES

Gertrude Ireland, '27, to Mr. Edwin J. Mott, Jr., Psi Upsilon.

Harriet Hill, '29, to Mr. Clarence Baldwin, Delta Chi.

Mildred Walsh, '28, to Mr. Hilding Anderson, Phi Delta Theta.

## MU—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

*Calls its dwelling the "Brown House on the Hill."*

The past college year was a happy and successful one for those in the "Brown House on the Hill." First of all, you must hear about our freshmen. We are so proud of them! After two weeks of strenuous rushing in winter quarter we came through with six of the sweetest, most charming girls you ever saw. Our freshmen, however—pledges no longer—do not stop at being merely charming; they are girls who *do* things, have already made names for themselves. Let us tell you about them!

Mary Lee Richmond from Riverside is famous not only for her tennis and her athletics but also for her daily work—she is already a journalist to be reckoned with—and for her—imagine it!—straight "A" average. But Mary Lee is not the only one of our freshmen who is so brilliant. Margaret Kempenich, of Seattle, Washington, also possesses a record that shows nothing but "A's." Peggy Farmer of Alhambra is, everyone on the campus will admit, a jewel; Peggy's black hair and eyes and her adorable ways are the envy of the "five hundred." Beth Pillsbury from Los Angeles is another one of our beloved six. With blonde ringlets and deep blue eyes of a surprising depth made even deeper by long black lashes Beth too, is a not-to-be-forgotten picture. Bea Elkins, of Palo Alto, is a type distinct from the rest. Bea is vivid, audacious and her whole personality may be expressed in the phrase, "full of the old Nick." Last of all comes Pat—Thelma Patton to be exact. Pat, though, is never last in our thoughts. She has made no mean reputation for herself in athletics and we are justly proud of her. Now that you have heard about our girls do you wonder that it is hard to stop writing about them?

But our freshmen were not alone in activities last quarter. Dorothy Garnier took the lead in Bernard Shaw's *Caesar and Cleopatra*; Julia North played an important part in *South Seas Preferred*, the junior opera; while Jeanne Kurtz and Mary McCleave were in the chorus. Ena Demond and Lorraine Reeder achieved success in athletics. Blonch Barnett was named sponsor; and Irene Fox and Dorothy Garnier were elected to Phi Beta Kappa. These girls are only a few of those who have brought fame to Mu chapter.

We had so many wonderful times, spring quarter! At the first of the quarter we were proud to be hostesses to delegates from surrounding chapters at Province Convention, and we were exceedingly happy to have had with us, Mrs. Barbour.

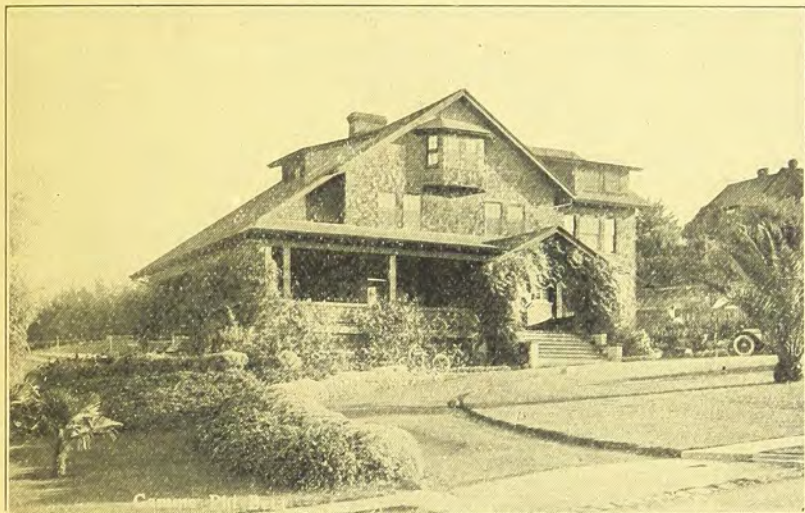
Initiation, of course, is always an important event, as is the banquet which follows. Our banquet this year was held at the Woodside Country Club and what fun we did have!—even if we were disappointed to have had no "boxes." Soon after initiation our freshmen gave us a party—a midnight one—and how we did feast on sardines, cheese and crackers, and watermelon. Mary Lee and Mary McCleave kept us roaring with laughter while they staged a watermelon-eating contest. Mary Lee won



with eight slices to Mary's seven. Senior breakfast, served on our spacious veranda, was also an important event with its class prophesy and will.

Then came graduation. How we hated to see our seniors leave and we have many heartaches as we think of those girls who will not be with us next year. Still we rejoice in the knowledge of what they have meant to us, what they have stood for in the house; we rejoice in the tender and loving companionship they have given us; we rejoice in the inspiration they have left with us to be to others as they have been to us.

HELEN BULLARD



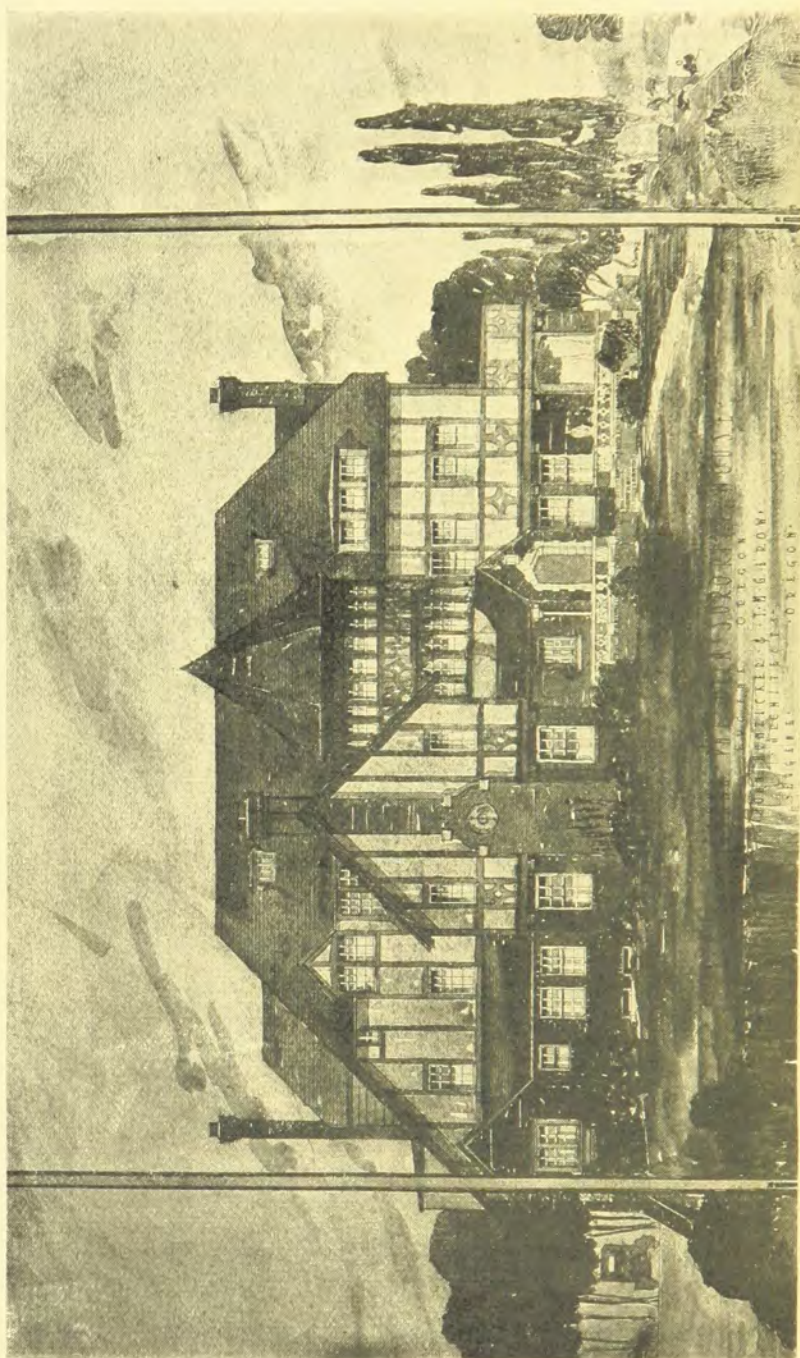
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#### OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

*The only chapter to be founded by a founder and to claim the daughter of a founder.*

As the chimes rang out the noon hour on the twenty-seventh day of April, the last touches were put to Omicron's chapter house, and she stood, poised and dignified without, bright and shining within. There was a happy expectancy in her semblance as she looked across Nevada Street, an expectancy that was present also in the smiling faces of the girls who hurried over her stairways and through her halls. And how the big house beamed and seemed to stand more erect as her guests from Missouri, Kansas, and Tennessee poured in to be greeted by Omicron chapter, well aided by Mrs. Woodward and Miss Gresham. Then hostesses and guests were swept up in a happy confusion of names and faces, faces and names.

Luncheon was served amid an unceasing murmur of voices, and at one o'clock we gathered in the long living-room to begin the more serious side of our conference. Dean Maria Leonard, herself a sorority woman, gave an entertaining as well as inspiring address of welcome and then left us to begin our business. Before giving the program (in mere outline form) credit should be given to our director, Mrs. N. K. Woodward, and



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our secretary-treasurer, Nina Gresham, for the originality of their program. Though two other province conference programs show a similarity to that of Province Three, the two directing officers of the latter originated the general plan followed. As the date for our conference was set for several weeks later than first decided, the other two preceded ours. The program was as follows:

FRIDAY, APRIL 27—1:00 P.M.

- Registration and roll call by chapters.
- Address of welcome.
- 2:00 Formal business meeting.
- Suggestions from delegates for round table-discussion on Saturday.
- 2:45 Message from Mrs. Ernest Barbour, Grand President.
- 3:15 National Problems:
  - Expansion—Omicron and Alpha Theta.
  - Inactives—Phi and Sigma.
  - Camp for Underprivileged Children—Kansas City and Nashville.
  - Financial Survey—Omicron and Alpha Delta.
  - Junior College Students—Alpha Theta and Alpha Delta.
- Closing exercises.
- 4:30-5:30 Tea.
- 6:00 Dinner.
- 7:00-7:30 Gamma Phi songs and stunts.

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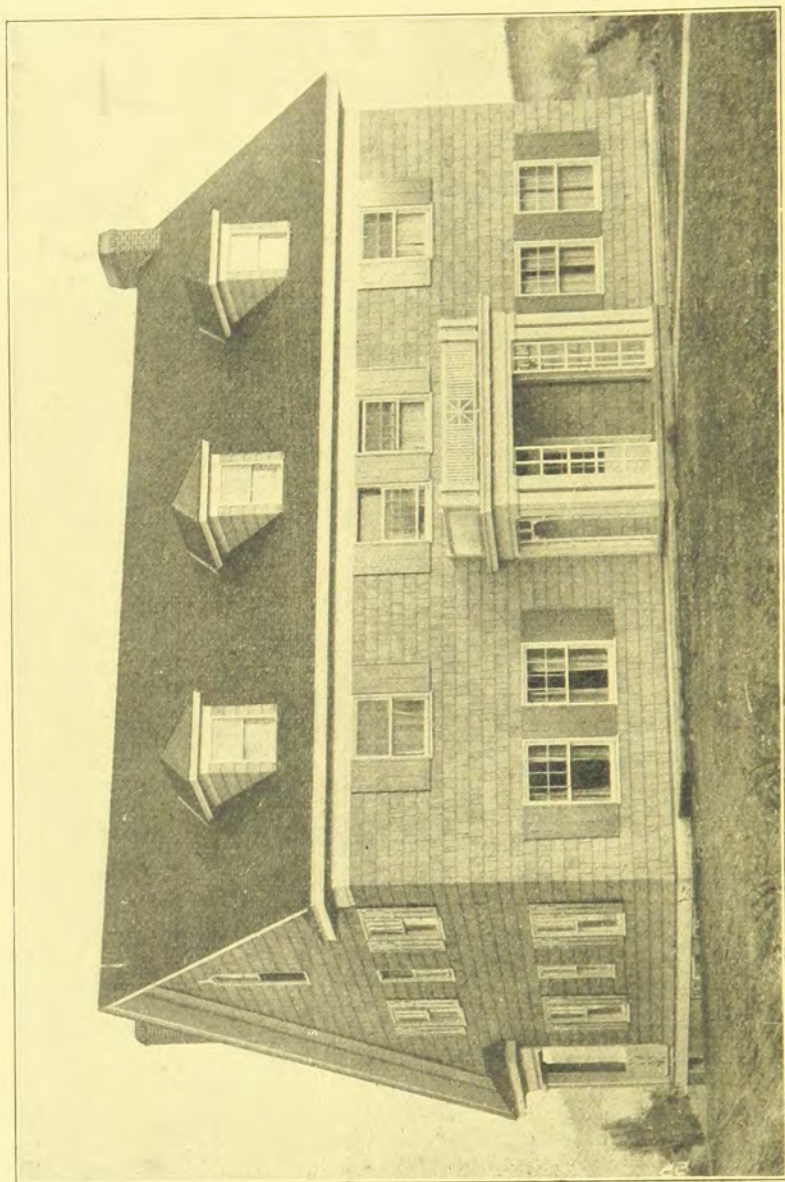
Conferences, committee meetings and plans for convention

SATURDAY, APRIL 28—8:30 A.M.

- Opening exercises.
- Gamma Phi Beta's Needs:
  - Higher scholarship—Omicron.
  - Freshman Mothers—Alpha Delta.
  - Relationship between chapter and alumnæ, town mothers, patronesses and chaperon—Alpha Theta.
  - Preparation for sorority examinations—Phi.
  - Dignity of conduct at all times—Sigma.
  - Our responsibility as alumnæ—St. Louis.
  - Social Service—Kansas City.
- Literary exercises, Mrs. Moss
- Convention plans discussed; Province Three to entertain.
- 11:00 Report of National Panhellenic Conference—Miss Lillian Thompson, Beta and Chicago.
- Informal discussion by delegates.
- Closing exercises.
- 12:15 Luncheon.

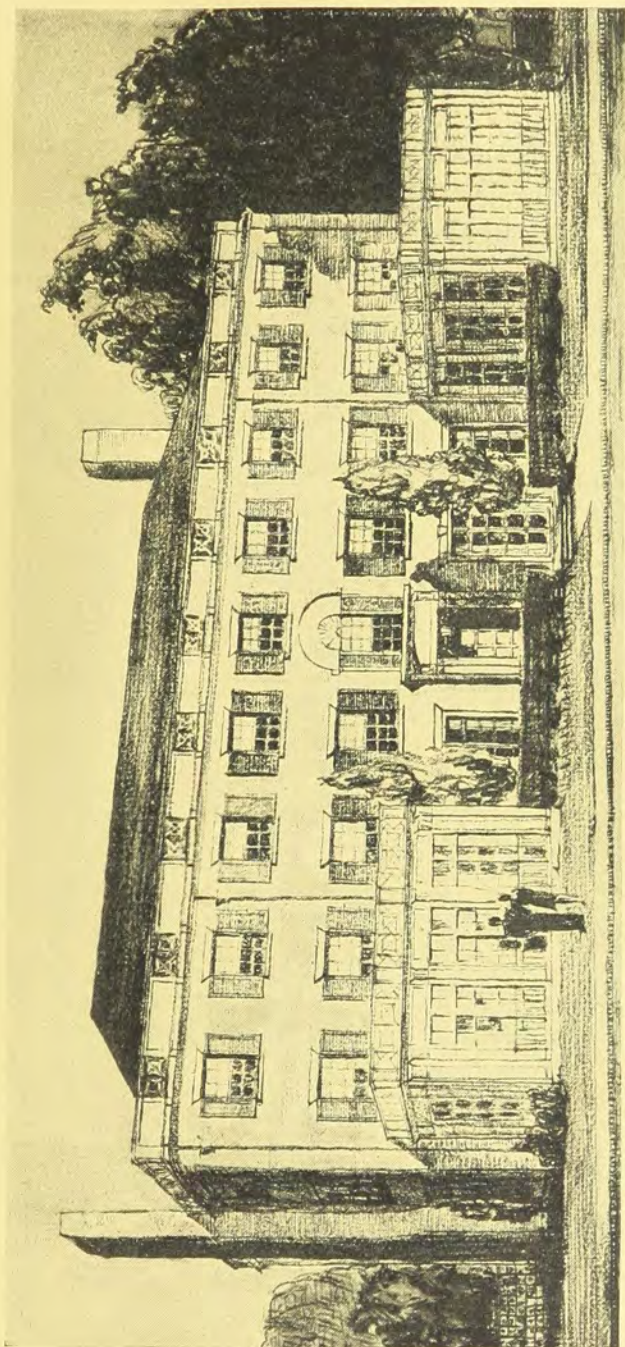
SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00 Presentation of a model freshman training meeting—Omicron.
- 2:00 Round-table discussion:
  - Topics which were suggested on the previous day.
- 3:15 Chapter problems:
  - Voting on new members. Methods and plans.
  - Dignity of initiation.
  - Alumnæ adviser.



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- 4:00 Business meeting:  
       Reading of minutes.  
       Committee reports.  
       Election of officers.  
       Closing exercises.

6:00 Informal banquet.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 29

- Unfinished business:  
       Convention plans.  
       Conferences with national officers.

An account of those discussions of mutual or individual problems, and the plans resulting would cover too many of *THE CRESCENT's* pages. And perhaps after all there was something resulting from those discussions, which was of greater value than all the definite plans made—the experiencing of that spirit of co-operation, that working together for unity and perfection which was in evidence in every contact of officers and delegates.

Omicron knows that when the last guest departed on that Sunday afternoon in April, there remained more than definite practical suggestions for improvement—a new spirit and a new understanding of Gamma Phi ideals, which we shall strive to pass on.

With the spirit of the conference guiding us on, events followed in rapid succession. During the week-end of the annual interscholastic track meet, Omicron entertained twenty high-school guests with a house party, and for three days the house was gay with music and laughter and flowers. With the dawning of the morning of Senior Breakfast, a week later, a wistful note entered into this gayety. And though the sunshine, the bright bowls of roses and the smiling faces belied any sadness, yet it was there, a tender thing to be hidden away in these days of sophisticated hardness. That breakfast was our goodbye to Virginia Supple, Winnifred Garland, Lois Baker, Virginia Hanna, Elizabeth Cook, and Lucile Meeks, but we hope that for them it will be a mere passing on to the Alumnæ Association, where they will do as excellent work as they have in the active chapter.

In spite of the stress of final examinations which herded most of us into the seminars, Mary Doolittle and Virginia Supple seemed to find strength enough for outside activities. Besides being a member of the citizenship advisory board, and president of the student branch of the Illinois League of Women Voters, Mary was awarded the Minor "I" of W.A.A. Virginia, always outstanding in athletics, was one of five to receive the honor gold seal of W.A.A., the highest honor awarded by the organization.

Another year is now before us, and when *THE CRESCENT* goes to print, Omicron will be busy with the fall rushing season, and mentally preparing herself for hard, but—oh so remunerative study.

FLORENCE MAE CURTIS

#### ENGAGEMENT

Margaret Van Gerpen, '27, to Mr. Hepburne Stewart, of Chicago.

#### MARRIAGES

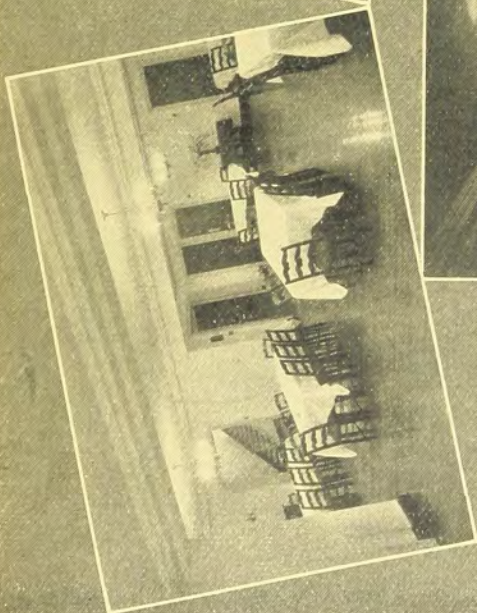
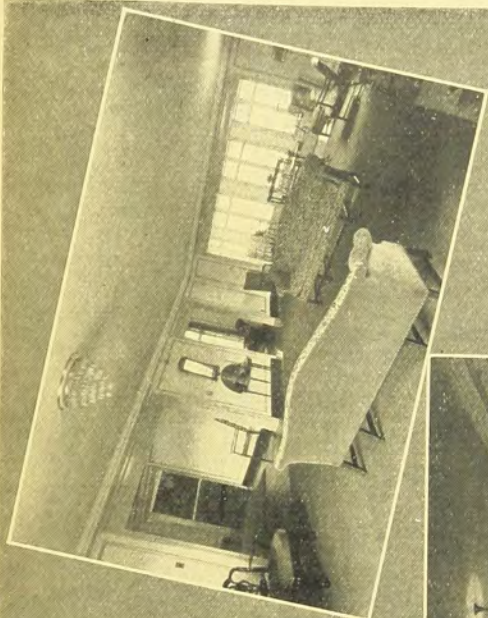
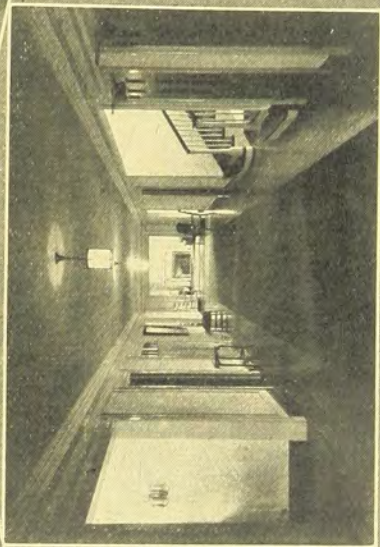
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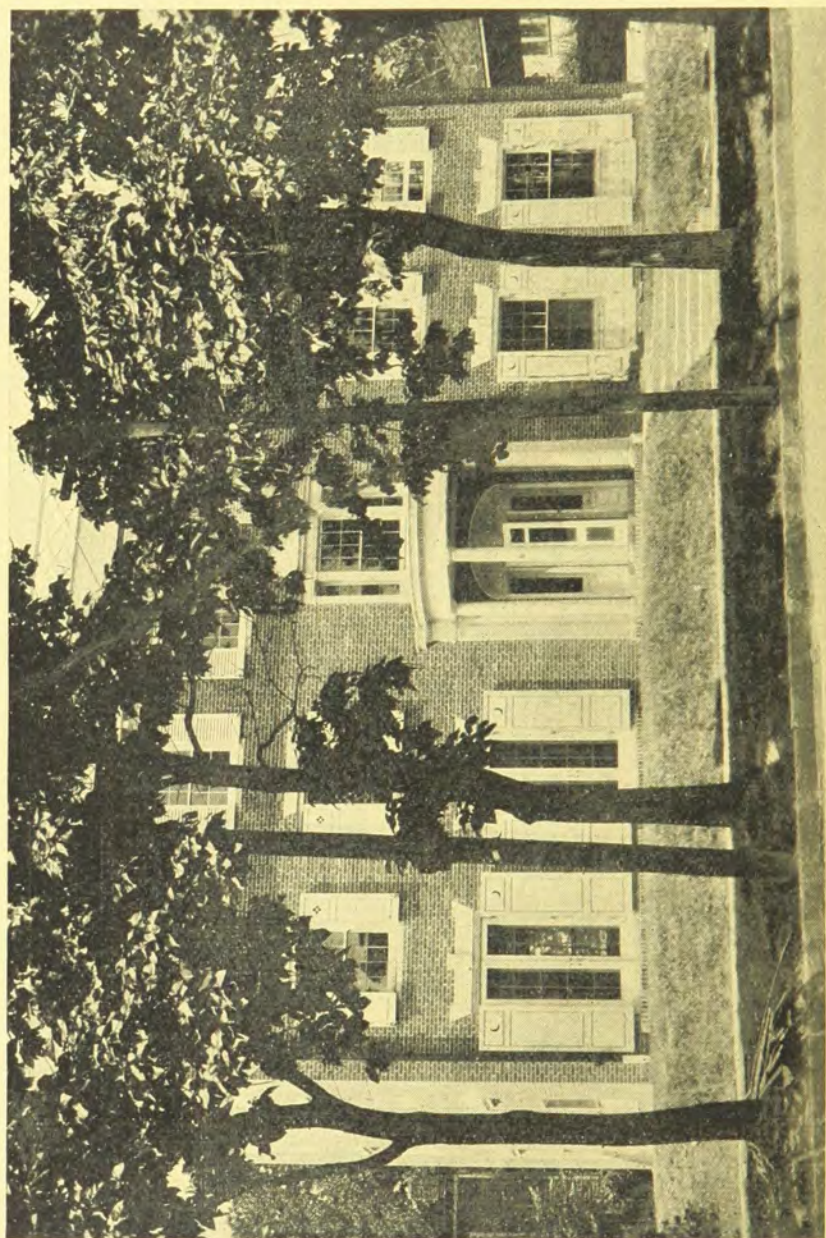
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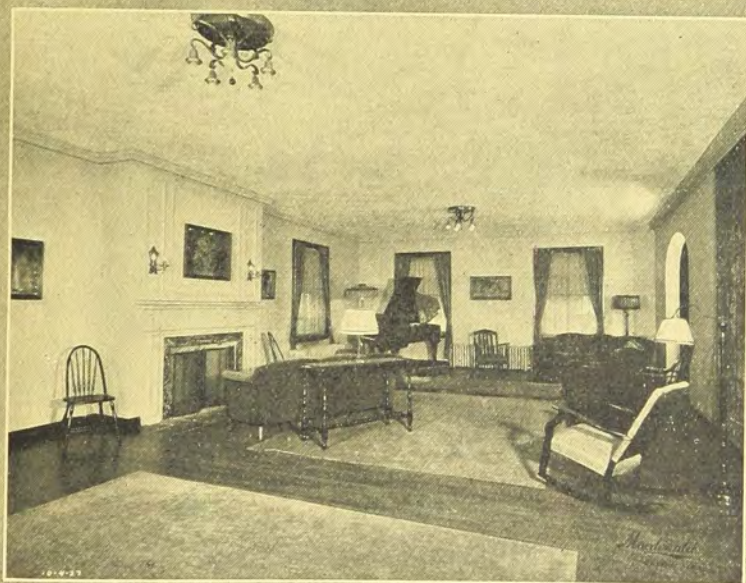
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## SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

*Has a charming tradition called a Muffin Worry. Holds the Conference trophy for efficiency.*

Sigma has completed another very successful year at the finish of which, five girls—Betty Campbell, Louise Ridgeway, Esther Johnson, Constance Nuckles, and Huberta Russel, inactive—graduated.

Lois Linscott, Dorothy Stone, and Betty Campbell represented Sigma at Province III Conference and were very pleased to bring back the Efficiency Cup awarded by Kathryn Woodward.

Every year the R.O.T.C. elects an honorary colonel and Gamma Phi is honored this year by the election of Dorothy Stone, who is a senior and one of the hill's most popular girls. She is very worthy and capable of the honor. Also, another honor was received by Louise Ridgeway in her election to Pi Kappa Lambda, and by Huberta Russell's election to Phi Beta Kappa.

Some of the other activities of Sigma at the close of the year were: Paula Cost, president of Women League of Voters; Ruth Van Riper, Delta Sigma Rho, national honorary debate fraternity; Evelyn Hitchcock, president of Phi Chi Theta, honorary business fraternity; Ruth Sowonger, Phi Lambda Theta, honorary educational fraternity; and Lucile Henderson, elected to Pen and Scroll and freshman baseball team. Louise Burton was one of the Kansas beauty queens.

Sigma girls are looking forward to a successful rush week and we know we will have some loyal new Gamma Phis.

ROSEMARY KINNEY

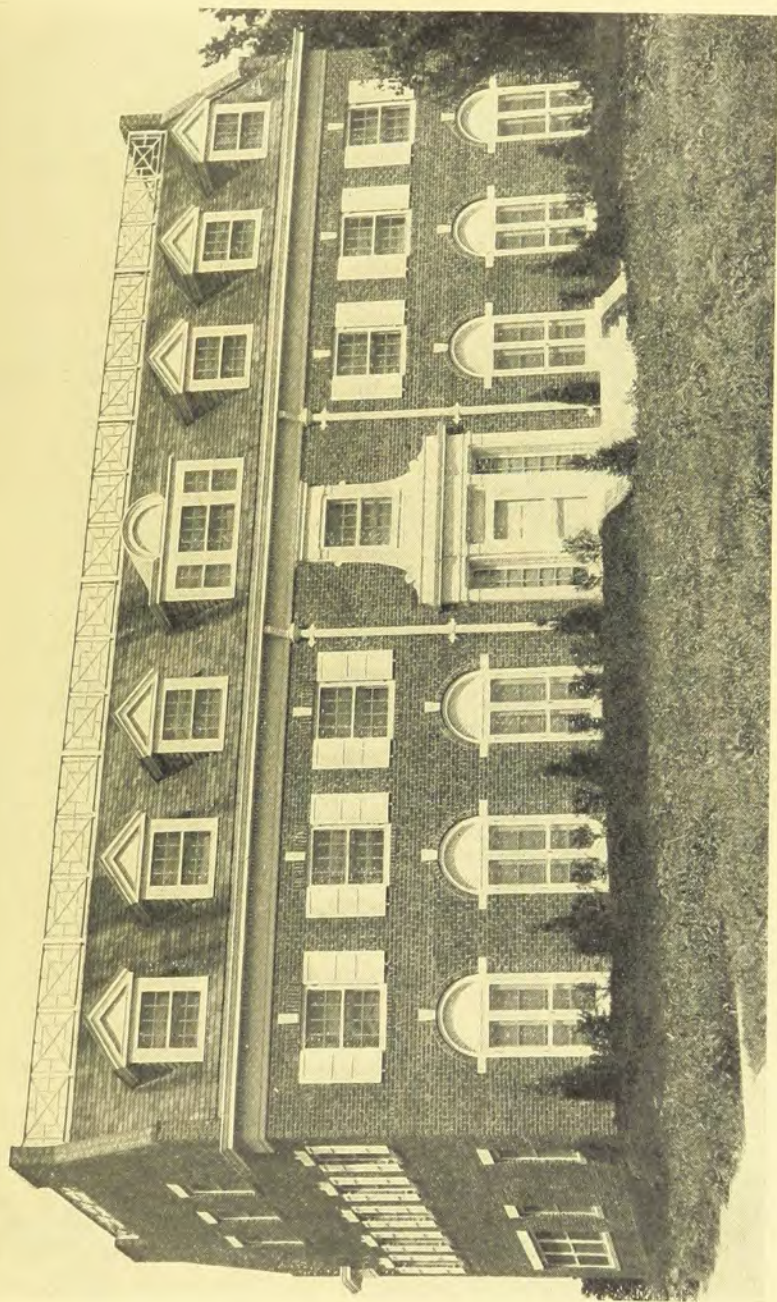
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Margaret Phillips to Mr. T. B. Souther, of Vega Asta, Porto Rico.  
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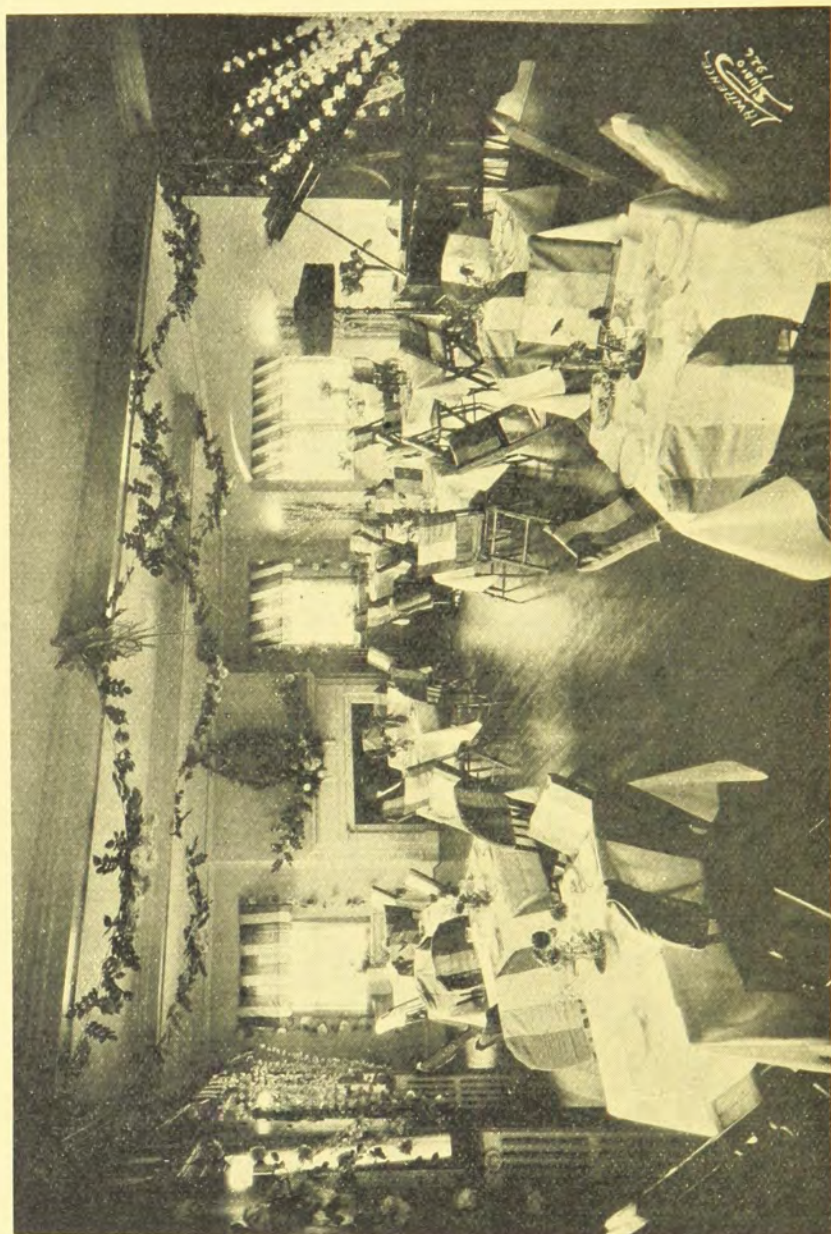
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Esther Johnson to Mr. Delmar Fritts, Beta Theta Pi.





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## First sorority in the College

Since our infancy we have all talked, planned and looked forward to the day when we could add another house to the glory of Gamma Phi. Toward this end the efforts of the chapter for the last year have all been for the completion of our "Dream House."

The first step in the realization of our dream was to get the whole Tau family's interest. Our alumnæ took the initiative in recalling pledges to the house fund in which every one was most generous. Our exchequer was further increased by dances, bridge parties, rummage sales and gifts. With our house fund made substantial by these means we have been able to borrow from National and individuals a sufficient sum to cover the entire building which will run about \$18,000.

After a winter of gathering and collecting money Mrs. Barbour came and not only gave us moral support but practical support when she told us her husband was an architect. Mr. Barbour very soon sent us plans for our double brown house which will be ready for the girls upon their return to college.

Katherine Glendenning has been our fairy godmother working out our budget in her efficient manner and making Mr. Barbour's plans possible.

The house is old English style of architecture and will accomodate twenty-six girls. As this letter goes to press, the plasterers, the painters, and carpenters are vying with each other for working room and it is dangerous for even the most daring press agent to get close enough for an adequate story of the house. Consequently for the next issue of the CRESCENT we will be ready to send full details and pictures inside and out of our "Dream House" and the success of our rushing season in our own chapter house.

RUTH MECHLING

## MARRIAGES

Mildred East to Mr. Edwin Reinholtz, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Avis Whittier to Mr. Harold Brown, Phi Delta Theta.

Lorena Johnson to Mr. Wilbur Jones.

Edna Fox to Mr. R. W. Caldwell, Sigma Nu.

Margaret Horsley to Mr. Guy Pace, Sigma Nu.

Frances Gilkinson to Mr. Morris Roberts, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Niea Blaker to Mr. Philip Starbuck.

Lillian Roberts to Mr. Harold Collins, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

## DEATHS

On July 23, Lois Long.

## UPSILON—HOLLINS COLLEGE

*Originally, Alpha chapter of Phi Mu Gamma, a junior sorority.*

So very much has happened at Hollins since the May CRESCENT went to press. Campus elections, May Day "exams," and commencement have followed close upon each other until it is hard to know where to begin.

Of course, spring elections for the major all-campus offices are always both important and exciting. But this year Upsilon is especially proud

to announce that the president of Hollins Student Government Association for 1928-'29 is Alice Robinson who served this year as president of the chapter. Mary Agnes Snyder has been elected house president of East Building. Clare Whitfield, a junior, is vice-president of the Hollins Music Association.

Two particular off-campus honors have come to our Alma Mater this year, and Upsilon has had a part in both of them. The Hollins choir, of which Betty Steel, Mary Agnes Snyder, Alice Robinson, Terry Lee Roberts, Jane Williams, and Clare Whitfield are members, won first place in the Intercollegiate Song Contest held by the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs at Danville. Then, too, the Intercollegiate Press Association awarded a silver cup to *Cargoes*, the literary magazine of Hollins in token of its decision that *Cargoes* was "the best magazine published by any college, normal school, or university in the state." Frances Stoakley, another junior representative of Upsilon, has been asked to serve on the staff for her third successive year.

May Day was especially lovely this spring, for the play presented before the Queen and her court reinvoked old England in the days of Chaucer and his *Canterbury Tales*. Mary Ellen Franklin was elected maid of honor to the Queen; and Helen Weaver, chosen one of the twelve prettiest girls in college who composed the May court. Mary Ellen Franklin was also chairman of Freya, the Hollins honor organization which has charge of May Day.

"Exams" came and went without disastrous results for any of us; and with returning alumnae, commencement was on its way. Jane Williams played first violin in the commencement concert, and Mabel Mabry, Mary White, Alice Robinson, Mary Agnes Snyder, and Clare Whitfield sang in the Choral Club. Mary White also served at the Senior Banquet.

A cherished tradition among the Gamma Phis at Hollins is the annual commencement breakfast. This year we were very proud to receive into the circle again four old members—Miriam McClamney, Elois Kelley, Mary Bayne Kelley, and Beulah Bennett, a charter member of Upsilon. Would that more alumnae could have followed their returning example!

So commencement swung wide for the seniors the gate into "the wide, wide world," and Upsilon has lost Mary Ellen Franklin and Virginia Williams. We shall be forced to work especially hard in the fall to find new members who are worthy of succeeding them.

Since commencement, about a dozen Upsilon girls have hurried down to Florida to help in the installation of Phi Omega of Winter Park into Gamma Phi Beta. And then there was an Upsilon house party for two weeks at Mable Mabry's at the beach on the blue gulf of Mexico! But of these you will hear more later.

Good luck to all of you in your fall rushing!

FRANCES STOKLEY

#### PHI—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

*Was first to pledge and raise five thousand for Woman's Building.*

The curtain rose to the rhapsodic sighs of syncopation mingling snappy dance numbers and dreamy Carolina melodies. It was the Quadrangle Club's production, *High Hat*.

"That's the college widow," said a handsome young man to his date as he unconsciously moved to the edge of his seat. "Wasn't she maid to the Engineer's Queen too?"

"Yes," replied the date, "her name is Virginia Louise Smith and she is a Gamma Phi."



"That pony ballet would soften George White's heart. See that lovely blonde with the curly hair and twinkling toes. She has talent," reflected the handsome young man.

"She is Sylvia Kleinschmidt. Here comes the chorus and there are Glen May, Eva Davis, and Ruth Walbauer," volunteered the date indicating two pretty blondes and a maid at the Junior Prom.

"They're all Gamma Phis. I don't see how you can help being proud of your sisters," remarked the handsome young man as he saw the three beaming letters pinned over her heart.

We have all had a glorious year and we have not failed to remember that all play and no work makes Jill a dull girl. Through diligent work and successful co-operation we have gained offices and distinctions for Gammi Phi. Christine Chapin is vice-president of Hare and Tortoise, a hiking club for sorority women; Betty Schall, a member of the Y.W.C.A. cabinet has made Ternion, a junior honorary society for women. Marjorie Ball is treasurer of The League of Women Voters, and Doris Jane Kuhlmeier is a member of the League's Executive Board. Elizabeth Burdeau has been elected because of her outstanding work in English, to Tanea, an honorary literary society for women of which she is treasurer. Virginia Sankey was one of the five senior women to receive activity awards at Senior Convocation gaining honor for her work as business manager on Washington University's yearbook, *The Hatchet*. Glen May and Eva Ryall have had parts in Thyrsus dramas this year. Eight of our girls have been working in Little Theater and three have been chosen for the important play committee. Doris Jane Kuhlmeier and Mary Beresford have been taken part in chapel choir concerts and Doris Jane recently danced a solo dance at the Glee Club's Orpheum program. Ruth Bates, who has passed her Missouri State Law Examination brilliantly, is business manager of the *St. Louis Law Review*. Ruth Walbauer is on the business staff of *Student Life*, a bi-weekly campus publication. Florence Kingsbury is assistant business manager of *The Cub*, a campus literary publication.

May Day was a pretty event and Gamma Phis were present as dancers, ushers, and pages. Shortly following was the Washington University alumni play in which Marguerite Van Booven, Virginia Sankey, and Doris Jane Kuhlmeier assisted. June Nagel, Virginia Louise Smith, and Marguerite Van Booven were initiated April 4. We are proud of each one of them.

Eva Davis' initiation came June 6 on our house party. It was at St. Alban's Inn, a beautiful place situated near the Missouri River and half-nestled in the green Ozark mountains. There is a stream which runs near the door and falls resounding on the rocks below, which lulls one to sleep but we fooled the stream. It was the last time we were all together before leaving for the summer.

Betty Schall gave a linen shower for our two brides-to-be, Maude Beattie and Virginia Sankey. Betty is a charming hostess and everyone seemed as thrilled as the fair guests of honor. Just before province convention we elected our officers. Christine Chapin is president; Elizabeth Burdeau, vice-president; Jeanette Lantz, recording secretary; Hortense Stone, corresponding secretary; Florence Rein, treasurer; Mary Beresford, historian; Doris Kuhlmeier, librarian; and Betty Schall, rush captain.

Speaking of province convention brings to mind the ideas, help, and inspiration it gave us. Our three girls who attended have been talking about it ever since. "How glad I am to be a Gamma Phi!" each said.

We are looking forward to a bright season of rushing with five parties already planned for—a breakfast, a real pink tea, a progressive dinner, a bridge, and an Italian party. We are also anticipating the occupation of our room in the southeast corner of the new Woman's Building, from

which we can see our grey stone chapel through the trees like a painting on the walls. This room shall always be a symbol of the love of our alumnae, the co-operation and devotion of our older sisters, and an inspiration for us younger girls to do greater and better things for a glorious Gamma Phi of the future.

FLORENCE KINGSBURY

#### CHI—OREGON STATE COLLEGE

*Is Prominent in all-campus activities.*

It hardly seems possible that the summer vacation is over and another college year is almost upon us, but it will be marvelous to be back again, and all to be working for one purpose, Gamma Phi Beta.

Our summer rushing season in Portland has been gloriously successful, and we have met many charming girls.

But to go back to the finishing months of spring term and the college year. The last few months brought several honors to Chi Chapter. In the first place we won first prize—a silver loving cup presented by the Associated Women Students—in the stunt show which is an annual affair given by the Co-eds. A wave of applause swept the house as the curtain went up on *A Matter of Good Taste*. A huge candy box showing both the box and the cover appeared from which the variously clad bonbons came forth and danced with Wilma Smith, the inimitable peppermint stick. Rebecca Hamilton, the old-fashioned girl on the cover, stepped out of her setting and became a very modern and pleasing dancer. Ten of our Portland alumnae came down to share the happiness of our success, which we celebrated with a "Fireside" far into the night. We owe much of this success to Madeline Brumbaugh, one of our Corvallis alumnae who received her master's degree at commencement, and who was in charge of our stunt.

Lucille Morton, our retiring president, has been elected vice-president of Phi Chi Theta, national honorary fraternity for women in commerce. She is also secretary-treasurer of Cap and Gown, a local honorary scholastic society for senior women which is petitioning Mortar Board. Grace Colbourne, our present president, was pledged to Kappa Kappa Alpha, Art honorary, and also elected sergeant-at-arms for the Associated Women Students.

Our spring formal was given in May at the chapter house. Out on the porch and about the yard we hung colored lights which added to the natural beauty of the cherry and apple trees which were loaded with pink and white blossoms. The house was beautifully transformed into a ball-room by means of palms and flood-lights.

Thus finished another very successful year for Chi Chapter, Chi wishes all other chapters much success and happiness in the coming college year.

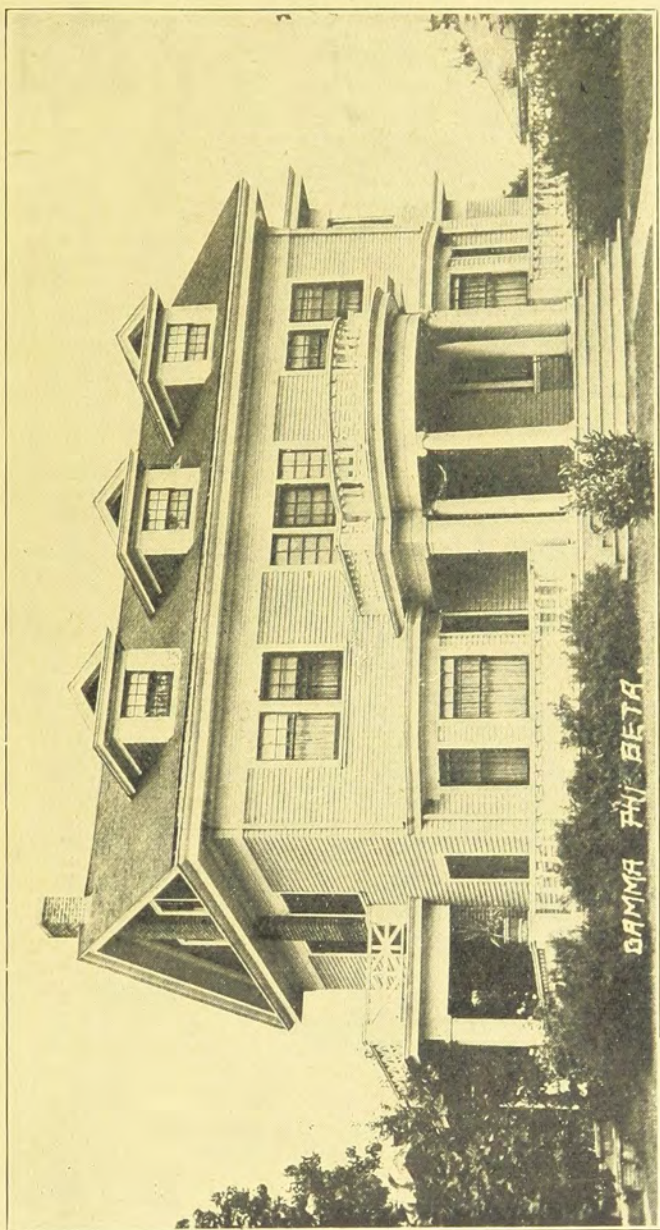
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#### PSI—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

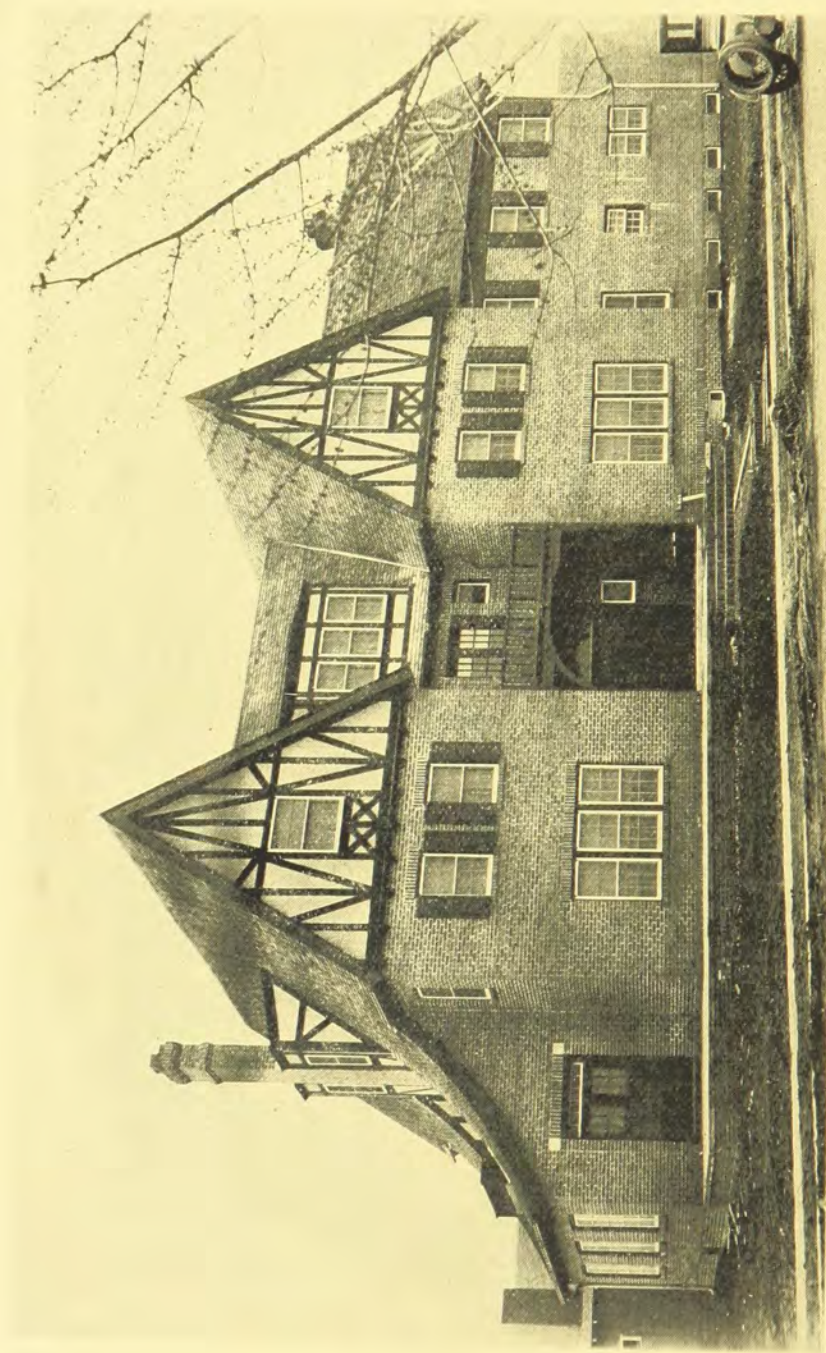
*Has unusual murals—the work of artistic alumnae—in its chapter house.*

Summer winds are hot and dry  
 Summer dust is in the eye,  
 Summer days all strongly vie  
 To make a loyal Gamma Phi  
 Just mop her brow and weakly sigh,  
 "I never thought I'd live to fry."





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But summer winds will soon blow by  
And summer dust will sometime lie,  
Summer days will quickly fly,  
For school is coming—fall is nigh,  
We'll be once more with Gamma Phi.

In the meantime, however, there is work at hand. Fall is coming, and with it college. And with college comes "rush."

The Tulsa alumnae and active Gamma Phis entertained their Tulsa rushees as well as rushees from neighboring towns at a lovely bridge luncheon in the College Club, on June 26. It was very successful both as a rushing affair and as a get-together for Gamma Phis. Girls from out of town drove up with their special rushees. Imagine my joy upon looking up from a very catastrophic hand of bridge to see my own sorority mother from whom I had been parted a month, walk into the room.

The same was true of the Oklahoma City party. By that I do not mean that I saw my mother enter there. I do mean that a very successful breakfast bridge was given in the Oklahoma Club.

Frances Massey, our rush captain and my superior officer, writes that rush is progressing very well. They, those "Oklahoma City-ers," are planning a final big rush party before college starts, as are we Tulsans.

In the meantime, two of our loyal Gamma Phis, "Squid" Dean and Mary Frances Hawks, while in summer school have been planning and preparing the fall rush parties. Both are very capable so we have little to worry us about rush.

But enough of rush. Lulu Clark, our president in '27, who has been working on her master's degree at Columbia University in New York this last winter, has just returned from abroad and is visiting in Tulsa.

Cleo Kerline and Milam Wilson, who have been very devoted all this last winter surprised all their friends a few weeks ago by getting married. We all felt it in our bones that it was coming, but not so soon.

Oh, I almost forgot something very important. We are to hold fall initiation, September 9, for our second semester pledges, Maxine Brockman, Genevieve Morgan, Frances Atwater, and Gertrude Owen. They have been fine pledges and will make even better sisters, so we are as anxiously awaiting September 9 as they are.

Psi Chapter wishes all her sister chapters as successful a year as she is expecting for herself.

BETTY KREBS

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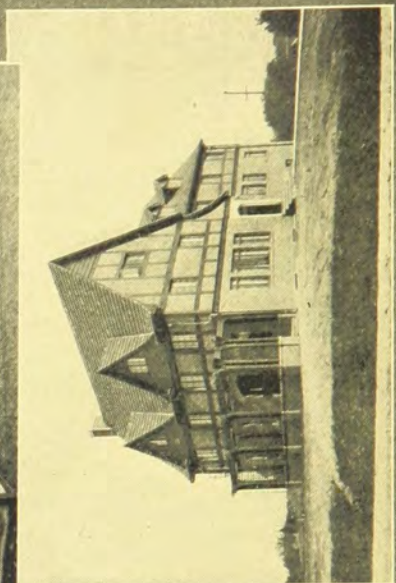
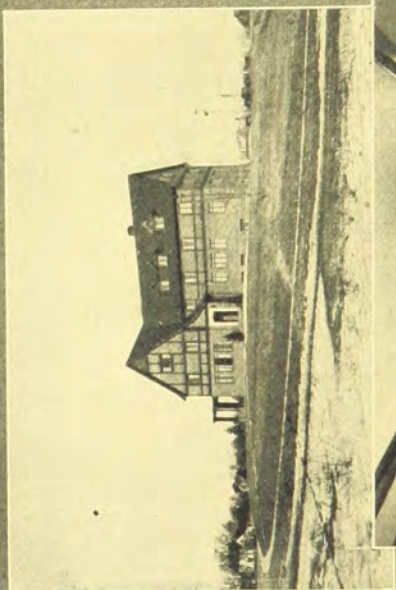
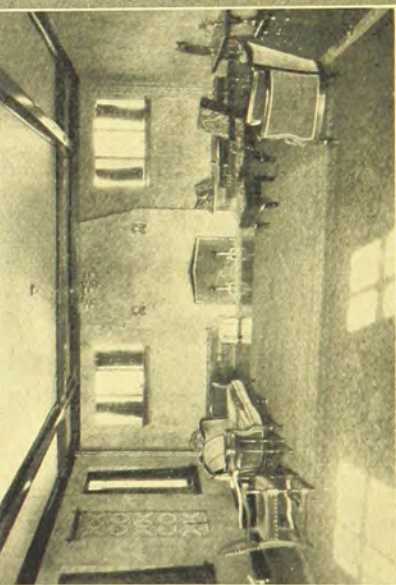
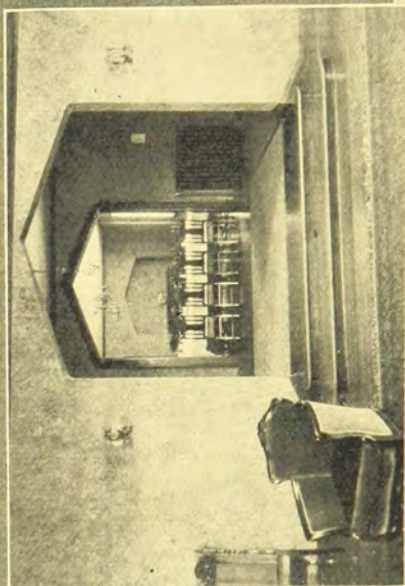
Cleo Kerlin, '28, to Mr. Milam Wilson, Acacia, '28.

#### ALPHA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

*With the installation of Alpha Alpha in 1919, Gamma Phi Beta became international in scope.*

Summer has come and has already hurried through half her allotted days. With its coming, college and sorority interests became slightly more remote and have taken a second place to all the immediate demands which holidays make upon us; but we still have vivid memories of the events of the spring term; and Alpha Alpha's memories are all that she could wish.

We can still look back with delight upon our "At Home" in March. It is only a pity that one of our number could not have painted a picture of the gay room, filled with shifting light and color, or that the laughter and music could not have been broadcast to our sister chapters just to let them know what a perfect evening we were spending; but like the



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poets, we felt that when the last chariot had rolled away, the world had grown strangely overcast with cloud.

What was this ominous shadow? Only final examinations in May; but they were quite sufficient to sober us all too quickly.

We appeared in public just once more before the storm, upon the occasion of the election of next year's class executives. We came with a will and found a way to make sure that Gamma Phi was represented in the various years, and as a result we shall have a strong interest in coming campus activities.

Examinations, with all evils, had their day and we emerged triumphant with a noble list of "grads." On June 7, the day before convocation, we held a luncheon at the Gray Gables Tea-Rooms to pay them due honor and, as a token of our love and pride, presented each girl with a pair of brown pullman slippers in a case bearing her name in gold letters. All that marred the day was the thought that now we actives are obliged to surrender Lois Poyntz, Jessie Mooney, Olive Snyder, Emma Weir, Dorothy Wood, Margaret Young, and Anna Connor to the alumnae, but we know that we shall see them often at supper-parties on Monday evenings, our sisters just as truly as ever.

Heaven sends its gentle rain upon the just and the unjust, but particularly upon the just. So at least we were convinced when the time came round for the house party at Orchard Point Inn, Lake Simcoe. We really ought not to have expected anything but uncertain weather so early in the season, and, to do us credit, we made the best of dull, damp days. With many a walk about the country, photography when the sun shone, and councils round the fire after supper, we filled our days with fun. That we throve upon such a life, take to witness the two Chinese chefs who were kept busy preparing a succession of breakfasts, dinners, and suppers, the size of which would have shocked us horribly at any other time.

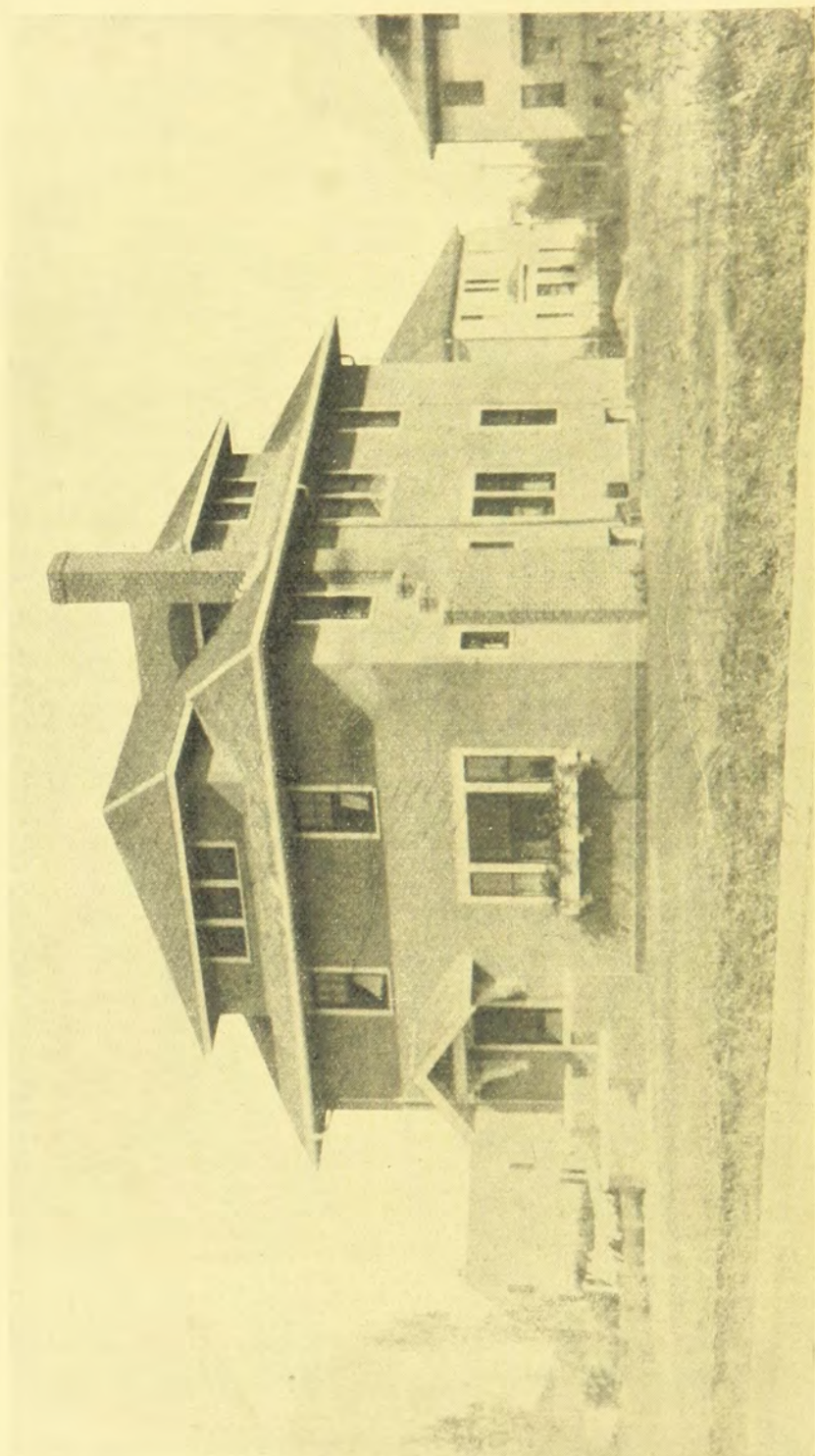
With house party over once more, we parted with good wishes and promises of letters, but even though we are separated for a time, we are all looking forward with high hopes towards autumn and rushing days. We do not mention our plans too loudly, lest some expectant freshie should learn them before the appointed time. However, we in the secret know of hints at breakfasts, luncheons, teas, bridges, with our Chinese dinner and perhaps a dance to cap the climax. There will be strong competition between the sororities of the campus but we are determined that Alpha Alpha shall add to her roll girls who will bring a strength, not only new, but worthy of Gamma Phi Beta traditions.

CONSTANCE SHIELL

#### ALPHA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

*Has recently purchased its own home. Always holds high campus honors.*

The gods seem to have decreed that 1928 will be Alpha Gamma's lucky year. With the spring semester drawing to a close, and honor societies hunting for new members, Gamma Phi have been garnered in from all their respective classes. With Kathleen Griffin, '28, becoming a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the honor scholarship society, Carol Smith, '28, elected to Cap and Scroll; Barbara Horton, '30, and Peggy Smith, '30, making Delta Alpha Epsilon, the English honor society; Inez Loomis, '30, and Peggy Smith, '30, making Campus Players, the dramatics honor society, Alpha Gamma feels full of hope for the future. Not content with this record, however, the greedy old chapter felt it positively her duty to snatch all the new offices possible, so, when elections were over, she found herself more successful than she had dared hope, with Barbara Horton, '30, as

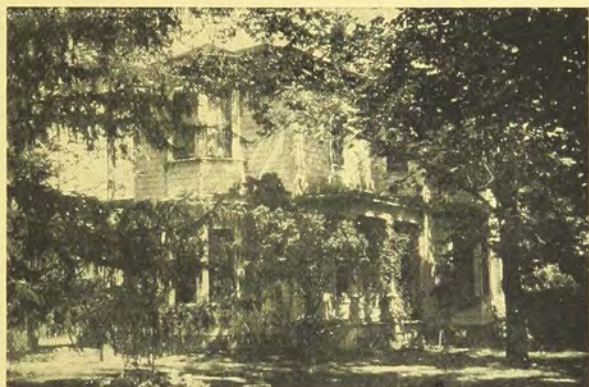


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secretary of the Associated Students; Maryemma Taylor, '30, as vice-president of the Sophomore class; Romaine Foley, '29, as secretary of Campus Players; Barbara Horton, '30, as treasurer of Delta Alpha Epsilon; and Peggy Smith, '30, as corresponding secretary of Delta Alpha Epsilon. Neither was the chapter to be left behind in the matter of honors, for in the "Best Story" contest, run by the *Sagebrush*, weekly college paper, for a period of six weeks, Cecilia Hawkins, '31, won first place and a beautiful silver cup, with Peggy Smith, '30, making second place.

Promptly upon the close of the semester, Elizabeth Shaber, '29, became the bride of Ervie Ferris, with Kate Curieux, '28, as organist; Alyce Couch, '31, as soloist; and more Gamma Phis as bridesmaids; so that it was a real Gamma Phi wedding. The semester has been a huge success and the only



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dark spot on the horizon is the loss of the nine talented seniors who have done such a tremendous amount for the sorority.

The prospects for the fall semester seem especially promising, however, as the Reno alumnae are planning to make improvements upon the house during the summer and the garden is to be landscaped next year.

With enthusiastic rushing plans in mind, the Reno girls are having rushing parties all summer for Reno girls, and one of the patronesses, Mrs. Wheeler, is having a house party at Lake Tahoe for some of the girls and for some rushees.

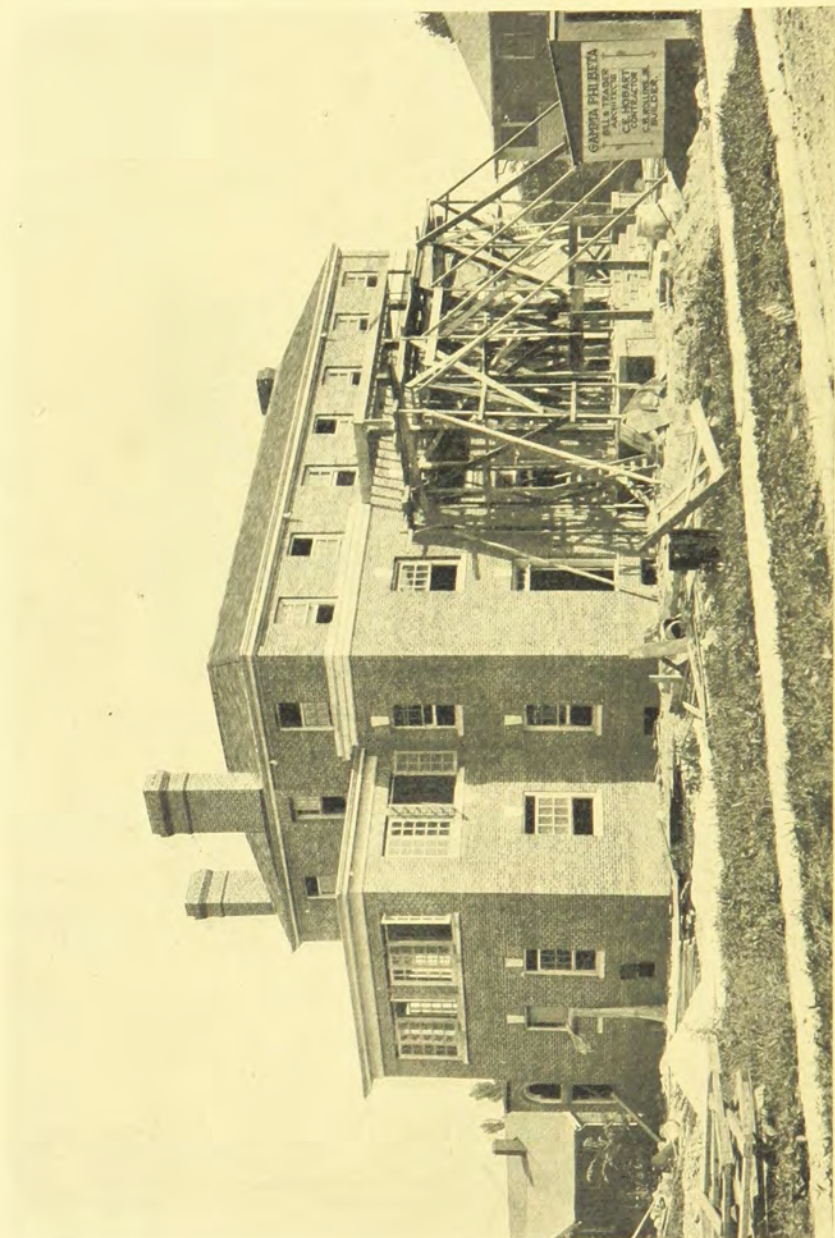
All in all, the future looks extremely rosy!

PEGGY SMITH

#### ALPHA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

*Is building a beautiful southern colonial home.*

We, of Alpha Delta, have had so many lovely things happen to us this past semester that it seems too good to be true. Mary Ellen Hubbard was elected president of W.S.G.A. for the coming year; Elizabeth Ahrens was elected president of Y.W.C.A. These are two of the three big offices on the campus that may be held by girls and we are mighty proud of Mary Ellen and Elizabeth. Elizabeth was also elected to Mortar Board.



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We have also continued to be prominent in dramatics. Winifred Douglass and Grace Dooley had the two leads in *Facing the Music*, one of the big plays of the year. Mary Ruth Welsh, Winifred Douglass, and Adeline McBurney were initiated into Workshop, the dramatic club of the University, and Mary Ruth Welsh was made secretary of the organization. Hazel Futch, Mary Ruth Welsh, and Adeline McBurney took part in the annual May Fete.

And let me tell you that we also have royalty in our midst, for on April 14, Minerva McEwen was crowned "Scoop Queen" at the annual Journalism Ball. Margaret Lewis made Avena, national honorary sophomore society.

We have a very capable set of officers for next year. Nedra Culler is president; Winifred Beatty, vice-president; Mildred Wood, recording secretary; Louise Ogilvie, corresponding secretary; and Mary Ruth Welsh, treasurer.

Nor has our social life dragged this past semester. On April 28 we gave a bridge to raise money to send our delegate to conference and the next week we entertained the girls of Stephens and Christian College with a tea. We celebrated the week-end of May 11 by entertaining our mothers, and we all agreed that it was one of the most enjoyable times of the year. The mothers presented us with the loveliest surprise—a beautiful chair for our new home. Miss Pearl Mitchell, one of our patronesses and a former chaperon, gave us a console mirror, wall and ceiling lights for the living-room, that she had brought from a Russian Cathedral. The week-end of May 18 brought our alumnae to us for a short visit. Both old and new girls were glad to have them with us and talk over good times of the past. May 6 was Senior Breakfast. The Seniors presented us with a check that will come in handy when we furnish our new home.

And our house is coming along beautifully. When we left college this June we had the most wonderful feeling of seeing the roof and knew that we were just around the corner from being settled in the house that we have dreamed about for so long. It is a southern colonial of brick with four big white columns. On the first floor is found a large living-room with a fire place, a dining-room, a large reception hall, a kitchen, and the chaperon's quarters. There are sixteen bedrooms on the second and third floors, with a sleeping porch on the second. Our pride, however, is the circular staircase from the first to second floors. There is also a separate chapter room in the basement which will mean so much to us. The house is located at 808 Richmond, in the very heart of the new addition for sorority and fraternity houses.

Mildred Wood was our delegate to Province Conference this year and she surely brought back many helpful ideas and news from the other chapters.

I've saved the best for the last. At the close of the semester we initiated all five of our pledges, and we were indeed proud to see them wearing shiny crescent pins. Our five new initiates are Mary Browne, Marian Johnson, Lorene Mohler, Elizabeth Roberts, and Elizabeth Shields.

Ten of our girls graduated this year and no one knows how sorry we are to lose them—they have meant so much to us. But we wish them much joy and success, and are hoping that they will come back often to see us. One of them, Marjorie Braham, won the McAnally medal for the best composition written by a member of the senior class.

And so Alpha Delta's tale comes to an end for this year, but with glorious hopes for the coming one.

ADELINE M. MCBURNEY

## ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

*Is planning its chapter house.*

Another year has slipped away, and seven more of Alpha Epsilon's girls have completed their college career and are leaving our happy circle for various distant points—but what a glorious year it has been, scholarship heading the list, activities galore, charming new initiates, with a plentiful supply of talent—all this has been a small portion of our share from "old man's luck's" store.

The college term closed with a bang, scattering many honors on our door step. One of the most exciting events was the crowning of Bonnie Wade as "Desert Queen"—that is the men's choice of the most popular girl on the campus. Nor did Bonnie stop there for among other things she has been elected secretary of the student body for next year, and is also president of the chapter. Dorothy Houle was one of the five girls chosen for Mortor Board, and is also president of W.A.A. Other office-holding Gamma Phis include Ione Sparks, who is treasurer of the Associated Women Students, and Mary Baldwin secretary of the Y.W.C.A. So our prospects for next year begin to assume a rosy hue.

All our energies are at present directed toward planning rush week, with many, more delightful dinners, teas, and suppers, under construction. We are cherishing fond hopes of welcoming to our circle next fall many charming Gamma Phi aspirants.

MAUREEN NELSON

## ALPHA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

*Since its founding has always claimed high offices on the campus.*

Rushing! The refined "Battle Royal" of rush week proper will not begin until September 14, and in the meantime, Alpha Zeta girls are laying their plans of attack most carefully and supplementing them with summer manoeuvres that reach a high point of effectiveness. Already there are attractive, vivacious rushees, serene and poised rushees, rushees from the high plains of West Texas to the tall pines of East Texas, but all of them rushees from whom to choose the girls to carry on the ideals of Gamma Phi Beta.

Early in June, Emma Virginia Deckard entertained in Austin honoring Sally Moore, Lindsey Barbee's cousin. Sally will enter the University in September as a transfer from C.I.A. Later, Aileen Burns gave those of the girls who remained in Austin and a few rushees a delightful bridge party. Then, hopping nonchalantly from Austin to Amarillo, we find Helen Hamilton, Dr. Nan L. and Johnnye Gilkerson of Alpha Zeta and Harriet DeWolfe of Sigma rushing prospects for both Texas and Kansas. (Yes, Theresa, Helen's little sister will be in Austin to carry on the Hamiltonian traditions.) And letters! Is it any wonder we love these girls, when they write such charming and interesting letters? Catherine Clark is our rush captain, and the battle cry is "concentration."

On September 14, our first formal rushing will begin with a Rose Dinner at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel. The next morning Eloise Miller and Isabelle Mayes will repeat their famous Plantation luncheon of last year—nigger mummies and all. In the afternoon, individual dates followed in the evening by the Majestic dinner. Sunday is "silence" and Monday morning as well. Monday afternoon is the Japanese tea and Monday night the riotous Shipboard party. Tuesday is rather full with the Rainbow luncheon in the morning, the Dansant in the afternoon and the Spanish bridge that night. Wednesday, the last day of rushing, will begin with individual breakfast dates in the morning, followed by the Poll Parrot



bridge in the afternoon and the traditional Crescent dinner that night. For the last several years a Crescent Moon has shown on the house of double brown on this particular night to bring it good fortune, and we're hoping for another one again this year.

Thursday night will be pledge night. . . . Little ribbons of brown and mode . . . strains of "I'm satisfied" . . . the pledge night German. . . .

We are looking beyond rush week into the life of Alpha Zeta on the campus next year. To begin with the honors of last spring: Helen Hamilton was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, after having been seriously ill for the greater part of the spring semester. Helen also graduated with high honors. Loraine Dechard was elected to Mortar Board, while Grace Sanderson, Virginia Montague, and Nance Brandenburg are on the Senior Cabinet of the Y.W.C.A. for '28-'29. The presidency of Present Day Club is filled by a Gamma Phi Beta, and Gwendolyn Shepherd is secretary of the same club. Margaret Shelby, among other things, is on the Junior Cabinet of the Y.W.C.A. Last spring, "Mex" was director of the women's all-university tennis tournament sponsored by W.A.A. Grace Sanderson is on the W.A.A. council again.

There have been weddings and rumors of weddings of Alpha Zeta girls this summer. Catherine Virginia Hatch was married to Alfred Wacker at Bartlett, July 11. Eva Belle Huling-Quaid was the maid of honor. (And that reminds us. . . but we'll save that delicious secret for another letter.) Virginia and Alfred went to California for their honeymoon and will return to Bartlett the latter part of the summer.

And last spring Kathryn Bryant Menger tore herself away from Schenectady long enough to pay her family and us a little visit. Marian Hord Wilson has been an "ever present help" when it come to decorating the house. Jean Pomeroy, in her usual dashing way, spent a week-end or so with us, and Pauline Fertsch came up for a fortnight. (Pauline will be in Austin "for good" next year.) There never was a chapter quite as fortunate as Alpha Zeta with all its alums, and patronesses and mothers. The formal dinner we gave for them just before finals couldn't begin to express our love for them and appreciation for all the thoughtful things they do for us.

VIRGINIA MONTAGUE

#### MARRIAGE

Catherine Virginia Hatch to Mr. Alfred Wacker.

#### ALPHA ETA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

*Among first sororities to enter Ohio Wesleyan.*

To make up her loss of seven seniors, Alpha Eta initiated four more girls, just before the college year ended. The departing seniors, who will be greatly missed this coming year, were—Katharine Whitney, Marysville, Ohio; Martha Borden, Delaware, Ohio; Heloese Davis, Leipsic, Ohio; Ruth Hyde, Nelsonville, Ohio; Josephine Suttles, Decatur, Indiana; Ruth Werst, Sidney, Ohio; and Ruth Stevens, Delaware, Ohio.

Initiation was held June 9 at "Peggy" Bing's home in Delaware, for Helen Downing, Floral Park, New York; Margaret Heistler, Massillon, Ohio; Eleanor Barber, Cleveland, Ohio; and Dorothy La Cour, Floral Park, New York. In the preceding March, Alpha Eta had initiated two Delta Psi alumnae; Mrs. Thomas Sharpnack, Huntington, West Virginia, and Mrs. Clinton C. Firebaugh, Windsor, Indiana, with eight pledges. Mary Freeman, Cleveland, Ohio; Mary Porter, Findlay, Ohio; Dorothy Burnap, Lakewood, Ohio; Mary Bee Ames, Columbus, Ohio; Sarah Evans, Fairmont, West Virginia; Dorothy Chesley, Chicago, Illinois; Frances Boyd, Steubenville, Ohio; Lois Shilling, Troy, Ohio.

In May, Alpha Eta entertained with a very successful Circus Dance. The efficient Lowery twins, aided by "Judy" Henderson, "Fran" Boyd and Mary Lu Selby originated and carried out very clever ideas. Needless to say that all of us had lock'd jaws and wheezy breaths from blowing up 1,300 balloons(!), which formed the colorful ceiling. The bare walls were covered with bright circus posters. The Ohio State Orchestra, in a gilt cage, acted the parts of wild animals to perfection. Pink lemonade completed the idea. The dance was talked about for many weeks so we'll have to go some, next year to keep up our reputation.

To keep up traditions the freshmen made the seniors perform on Sunday, June 3, when the juniors entertained the seniors with a breakfast. In return for their labors and for graduation gifts the seniors received from the group lovely crêpe de chine dancing sets.

The sophomores of Alpha Eta entertained with a delightful tea at our rooms for the visiting guests for Mannett Day "Lib" Rice was the able chairman of the affair, assisted by "Judy" Henderson, Mary Jane Joyslin, and "Bee" Haskins.

Athletically, Alpha Eta astonished herself! Her tennis team, consisting of Mary Lu Selby, "Dave" Lowry, "Millie" Grove, "Jo" Suttles, "Lib" Rice, and "Gin" Madden played in the intra-mural finals but sad to say, were defeated by the Alpha Chi Omegas. The scores were 4-6, 6-4, 3-6. In baseball, we also shone but the season was unfinished when college closed so we have no idea who won!

Again "Hellie" Robinson brings honors to our group. This time she surprised us all by appearing in a light blue beret (an honorary symbol), the day after Tap Day by the Women's Boosters, the senior women's honorary association. Helen was also elected president of Histrionic Club for next year.

"Gin" Madden was made society editor of the Ohio Wesleyan *Transcript*, the best college newspaper in Ohio (voted so by the Cleveland *Plain Dealer*.) "Sally" Evans and "Dot" La Cour, a freshman, were elected to the staff as society reporters.

Our Cleveland alumnæ are still very faithful and they come down quite often—Marge Myers, Martha Ballinger, "Franny" Calvin Hecker, and Eleanor Quass. She is to be married some time this fall.

At commencement we welcomed the Cleveland girls and Norma Nelson Massillon; "Peggy" Stoddart, East Palestine, Ohio; and "Hap" Harmon Garrison, Corning, Ohio; "Vi" Hughes, Toledo, comes quite often and sometimes we are honored by "Sally" McKeown's presence, from Wheeling, West Virginia.

"Sally" Evans has been made a member of the English Writer's Club.

"Gin" Madden is rushing chairman and would appreciate any names given or sent to her, as early as possible.

VIRGINIA MADDEN

#### MARRIAGES

Antoinette Main '29, to Mr. Marion Mason, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Utica, Ohio.

Martha Borden '28 to Mr. Griswold Campbell, Phi Kappa Psi, Delaware, Ohio.

#### ALPHA THETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

*Charter granted at celebration of fiftieth anniversary.*

Alpha Theta has just been "worrying along" through the hot summer months, but we had a busy time of it before college closed. On May 2, Olivia Malone gave a lovely stork shower for two of the alumnæ, and while I am mentioning the storks we wish to report that we have two



new Gamma Phi supporters in the chapter. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turk Young (Irene Langford) have a son, born July 21, and Mr. and Mrs. Sharp (Elsie Waller) have a daughter, Helen Wilson Sharp, born July 14. Elsie's baby is named for her Gamma Phi daughter, Helen Hopkins, and we know Helen is proud of her namesake.

The freshmen tried to do their duty for the upper classmen by giving a house dance for them on May 18. It seemed to be quite a success and everybody took part in the "after-midnight" feast that followed. We are certain of the success of that.

On May 25 Alpha Theta gave her farewell banquet to the seniors of '28 at Bellemeade Country Club. If farewell banquets and the success thereof are to be judged by the amount of tears shed, ours was a "winner." There really wasn't a "dry eye in the house" when Carremaye Evans, our president, finished her toast to the seniors and to Mrs. Browning, who has been our house mother since Christmas. Dr. Ada Bell Stapleton, Dean of Women at Vanderbilt was present and thanked us several times for singing our beautiful Gamma Phi songs for her. The seniors were presented with tokens of Alpha Theta's love and appreciation for their devotion to Gamma Phi. A lovely Gamma Phi ring was given to the best freshman of '28.

On May 26 the annual Panhellenic luncheon was held at the Hermitage Hotel and we were proud of Alpha Theta's representation there and of the really creditable singing of "Fidelity." Of course we know that Gamma Phi has the best and most beautiful songs there are—but it makes us appreciate them all the more when others praise them too.

To read this, apparently everything Alpha Theta has done lately has been a great success. We always would rather look on the "bright side" of things though. That is the reason I have not mentioned final exams which began June 2. We *hope* that Alpha Theta came out all right but I am not certain. We *do* know however that we have acquired a new Phi Beta Kappa key in the chapter. After exams it was decided that Louisa Peery deserved one, so we have another member of this year's seniors to keep Gladys Smith company. We are all proud of Louisa and Gladys and wish we could do the same.

We shall be busy house-hunting next month, so wish us luck, for it is a trying job. As yet, we have not become very agitated over "rushing" for Panhellenic of Vanderbilt has voted for "delayed rushing." Therefore we shall have time enough to get excited and frantic after college begins. We may not get everybody we want but just the same we shall do our best. We are anxious for the fray to begin so that we can show our love for Gamma Phi.

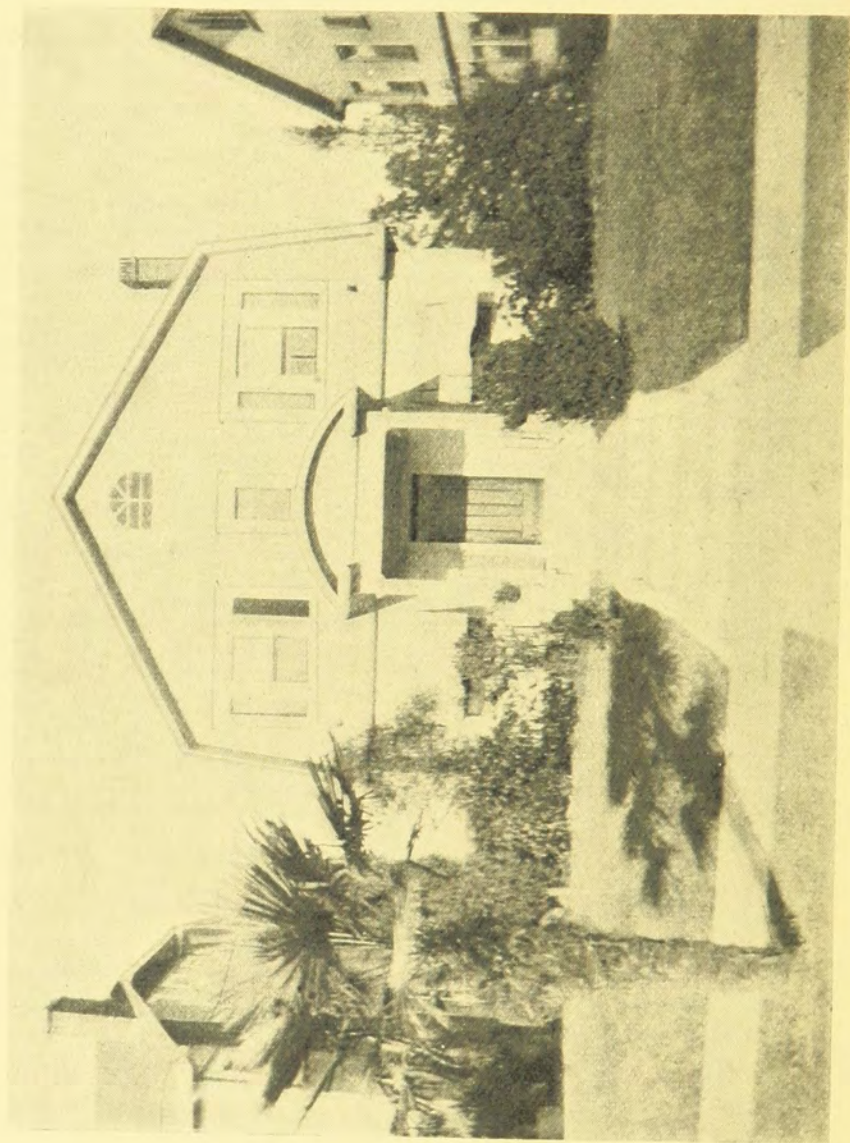
CHARLOTTE LINDSAY CALDWELL

#### ALPHA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

*Charter granted at celebration of fiftieth anniversary.*

It is a long time since the first of May or thereabouts, and the chapter's social activities have been many and varied. The most important event of that month was our Spring Formal, given on May 19 at the Pacific Coast Club at Long Beach. The favors were suede-covered book-ends with the Gamma Phi crest burned on either end. They were very effective, being the combination of double brown of the sorority, as well as being very useful. Of course, our house mother, Mrs. Frederick Mosson was among the patronesses as well as Mayor and Mrs. George Cryer, mayor of Los Angeles. Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Frost also honored us with their presence.

The *alumnæ* gave a very beautiful benefit tea and fashion show for the chapter on May 24 at the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood. The fashion show was quite the longest and most varied I have ever seen, and, best



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of all, was given free to the sorority. Mrs. Ruth Shephard was the guiding genius of this affair, and it is to her that we owe the most sincere thanks.

Just a few days before this, the Mothers' Club of our chapter planned a tea for the house benefit. And here let me say that they are positively the world's best Mothers' Club. During the discussion of their meeting they mend any household linen that needs it, and plan more and more ways of raising money for our much planned chapter house on the new Westwood campus. Mrs. Edgar Frost very kindly gave the use of her lovely big home for the occasion, and tea and sandwiches were served in the patio after bridge. Nearly one hundred dollars for an Italian cut-work tablecloth for the house was realized by this tea alone.

Senior Breakfast, on Wednesday of Senior Week, was quite an affair. Everyone was wondering about those famous five-pound boxes of candy that are so apt to come; for there had been three during the last month or so on meeting nights. There were forty at the breakfast, and things went off very smoothly. Right in the middle of the bacon and eggs, another box was brought in, announcing the engagement of Katherine Simonson and Stewart Harris. It surely was a big surprise and more or less a shock, as Katie is one of the mainstays of the chapter. Yellow balloons with the names "Katie and Stew" on the inside were given about, and such popping you never heard! The senior gift to the house was a little green card table with chairs to match, while the pledges gave a very beautiful silver candelabrum with candles. The class will was read and caused much mirth with its cleverness. The five seniors were Jean Paulsen, Georgia Clark, Lucille Berry, Marilyn Mambert, and Kate Frost. After a word of appreciation of the jeweled pin—always given the graduating president by our chapter—by Jean Paulsen, the breakfast broke up with just a touch of sadness. Our seniors are no more.

Mother and I are making a tour of the East this summer, and since my departure, I hear that another of our seniors has announced her engagement, and I am only sorry that I cannot give account of it for this issue of *THE CRESCENT*.

This closes the account of the doings of Alpha Iota chapter. We look forward to reading the new *CRESCENT* and the other chapters' activities for the past few months.

MARGARET SCHIRM

#### DELINQUENT ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

Chicago, Mrs. Lloyd Pfeifer.  
Columbus, Mrs. Warren B. Sisson.  
Los Angeles, Mrs. Robert Underhill.  
Madison, Mrs. Eugene Sullivan.  
Portland, Mrs. Charles C. Petheram.  
San Francisco, Mrs. Leland C. Stearns.  
St. Louis, Mrs. George Ketlage.  
Toronto, Marxine Wrigley.

#### ANN ARBOR

*Is closely allied with Beta.*

The new officers of the Ann Arbor Alumnæ Chapter are: President, Mrs. Everett S. Brown (May Morgan, Eta); Secretary, Mrs. K. M. Davenport (Florence Pittlecoe, Beta); Treasurer, Mrs. James F. Breakey (Grace Collins, Beta).



The June meeting was a tea at the home of Gretchen Wolaver at which Grace Breakey was also a hostess. A tentative plan was discussed for a summer picnic meeting if there were enough girls in town.

Alice Beckwith Thompson died in Detroit on May 27, and the service was in Ann Arbor at the home of her son Bradley. Her two sisters, Bessie and Frill were here at the time.

The biennial meeting of Beta of Gamma Phi Beta, Inc., held on June 17, was most successful. Many girls were able to be here on Sunday who could not have come otherwise. We had the pleasure of visits with Alpha, Epsilon, Gamma and Zeta alumnæ at the same time.

Alice Camerer of the Grand Council, gave some interesting viewpoints for those who are not identified with any chapter or association.

Pansy Blake spoke briefly on expansion.

The two province officers, Dorothy Sweet Welchli and Helen Tuthill Pulford also spoke of Province matters and made some very pertinent suggestions.

The chronicle of births, must, of course, include grandchildren—Barry Austin Breakey, the son of Doctor and Mrs. Robert S. Breakey, was born on August 4 in Ann Arbor where Dr. Breakey is located.

#### BALTIMORE

*Issues a chapter paper called the "Gamma Phi Beta Newslet."*

Baltimore Alumnæ Chapter is making plans for Zeta's thirty-fifth birthday. The anniversary is to be celebrated by a reunion on next November 17, and it is hoped that a great many Zeta alumnæ will be back for it.

The active girls living in Baltimore and the alumnæ here had two very lovely picnics together this summer, down on the Chesapeake Bay.

Plans are being made for another series of lectures next winter. The lectures this past winter added so much interest to the alumnæ meetings that everyone was eager to continue them if possible. There will also be another "Little Theatre Guild" benefit this fall as the one in the spring was so very profitable and enjoyable.

Loraine Stonebrook (Mrs. Rollin C.) from Rho chapter is now living in Baltimore. Her address is 2910 Reisterstown Road.

Virginia Merritt and Frances Coventry are motoring to Colorado. Mary Thomas McCurley will join them there for a month's vacation.

Cecelia Keilholtz is spending her vacation in Sunset, Maine.

Bell Baker Treide has just returned from Maine.

The alumnæ extend their sympathy to Ethel Shriver Dulaney on the occasion of the death of her father-in-law.

The combined efforts of a member of the Baltimore alumnæ resulted in the printing of a little newspaper, called *The Newslet*, which was sent to Zetas all over the world. Its main object was to stimulate interest in the reunion, but in addition it was most happily successful in forming some contracts with Zetas who have been "among the missing" for several years.

The accumulating of news for the paper was good sport for those in charge and it is hoped that if there is any Zeta reading this letter who for some reason missed receiving her copy that she will write and request it.

The paper was financed by the Baltimore chapter and by voluntary subscriptions of one dollar contributed by some of the distant Zetas. We take this occasion to thank those who helped with their letters and money.

MARGARET LIPPINCOTT EMMONS

## BOSTON

*Each year celebrates its founding by a Spring Luncheon.*

Although our Province Conference is now but a pleasant memory of the past, I really must tell you all what a very successful event it was. We had three very delightful days of entertainment, meetings and "chats." How charmed we were with our visiting delegates!—and how sorry we were to have them leave us. They made us feel what a pity it is that *all* the members of our wonderful Gamma Phi organization can't know each other and meet in one great group once in a while. I wish for our next convention we might canvas every member and make her attend!

Our annual spring luncheon was held at the University Club while our visitors were here. They made the event doubly interesting. We were especially fortunate, too, in having two of our chapter founders with us, Mary Jane Wellington and Emma Laud, who was elected to be our Province Director. We always feel completely happy when they can be with us.

Now we are looking forward to the reopening of our alumnae activities in the fall. Boston Chapter wishes everyone a most successful and active year.

DOROTHY GIBB

## MARRIAGE

Elizabeth McCormick, ex-'27, to Mr. Frank Winslow Mansfield, Jr., Harvard '21.

## ENGAGEMENT

Ruth Chandler, ex-'27, to Rev. R. Roby Rushton of Lexington, Massachusetts.

## CLEVELAND

*Keeps in close touch with Alpha Eta.*

Summer finds us scattered, as I realized from the few answers to many telephone calls. In order to take up the chain of events in the Cleveland chapter I must go back to our April meeting. This was held at The Woman's City Club when we heard interesting reports from Marion Deming Horr and Marjorie Myers, our delegates to the Province Conference. At this meeting it was decided in order to increase our treasury to sell a very fine grade of castile soap among our members, Pauline Adams Drake to have charge of this new enterprise. That it is flourishing and that Pauline needs an assistant is very evident for we never see her but both her car and herself are loaded down with soap which she is delivering! So our treasury *must* be looking up a bit, especially since we have all been paying fifty cents for our luncheons and many of the girls have opened their homes for teas and bridge parties.

Our May luncheon was held at the Clifton Club, Mary Lyons Dibble, Lillian Boynton Smith, and Olive Moorhead Beckwith, hostesses. We were very glad to have Mable Barrett Reel, Iota, as our guest and new member at this luncheon. Helen Williams was visiting in town at this time, and we were happy to have her back with us again.

The June meeting found us at the lovely new home of Gladys Stearns. Marguerite Evans and Katherine Haggard assisting hostesses. This was one of the largest luncheons of the year and a most enjoyable one. Mrs. C. C. Osmun, Iota, of Akron was our guest at this time and also Mrs. R. S. Bower, a member of Phi Omega at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida. Phi Omega was recently absorbed by Gamma Phi, and is now Alpha Mu chapter.

The names of the new officers for 1928-1929 were read by the chairman of the nominating committee and includes: president, Katherine Ramsey



Haggard, Theta; vice-president, Abbie Lane Geibel, Upsilon; treasurer, Lillian Boynton Smith, Beta; Recording secretary, Marjorie Meyers, Alpha Eta; corresponding secretary, Olive Moorehead Beckwith, Alpha, and Alice Kenyon Watkins, Alpha, Panhellenic delegate.

Many times there is a tinge of sorrow with our happiness. So it was that this luncheon was in the nature of a farewell to Helen MacDonald Sander. Helen has been with us only a short time but we have all grown to love her and shall miss her. She is spending the summer in Seattle, Washington, after which she goes to Brunswick, New Jersey, where she will make her home. Just so that she won't forget us we gave her a silver pendant.

On May 23, Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Gamma, gave a most enjoyable musical tea for the Cleveland Chapter and their friends at her studio in a beautiful old Euclid Avenue mansion. A most delightful program of violin and vocal music was given by Margaret and other artists. We all enjoyed the opportunity of hearing her in scenes from *Cavalleria Rusticana* given in costume—it was a rare treat.

Our picnic was held June 16 at the summer home of Olive Beckwith at Madison Golf Lakelands. A good time was had by all, especially the hostess. We were glad Mildred Dimmick could be home in time to be with us. Mrs. Dimmick and Mrs. Adams, Pauline Drake's mother, were our guests as were Mary Lou Freeman, Mary Louise Selby, Eleanor Barber, Dorothy Burnap, Jane Dibble and Mrs. R. S. Bower.

Ruth Hier, Zeta, was delegate from the state Association of the N.E.A. convention which was held July 1-6 in Minneapolis. After the convention she visited Marjory Earle, Zeta, in Minneapolis and Virginia Merritt in Chicago.

Pauline Adams Drake, Beta, is spending a part of August in Negaunee, Michigan. Pauline had as her guests recently, over the week-end, Helen Ely Charlton and Hildegard Hagerman John from Detroit.

We are glad to hear good news of Marguerite Stevenson Evans, Theta, who has been ill for a number of weeks. She will soon be able to go to their cottage for the remainder of the summer.

Lillian Boynton Smith and her daughter are visiting in Oak Harbor.

Alice Kenyon Watkins is spending some time in Syracuse, and Wolcott, New York.

I'm sorry I was unable to reach the rest of the girls whom I feel sure are enjoying themselves.

OLIVE MOOREHEAD BECKWITH

## DENVER

*The original sponsor of the camp for Underprivileged Children.*

Although our June meeting, held at the home of Eleanor Whitford Gould, was the last until next September, and though summer festivities have been occupying a lot of our time, Denver alumnae have not been given an opportunity to forget their responsibility and pride—the Gamma Phi Beta Camp for Underprivileged Children.

On July 16, several of us started out bright and early, 6:00 A.M. to be exact, to pick up all the children who had been chosen by the City Charities as the most worthy to go to camp. If all of you could only have seen them as they assembled at the depot. Most of them had never been on a train nor to a camp, so you can easily imagine the thrills and delights they were experiencing. Fourteen went up for the first two weeks and from all reports of our splendid councillors, everything has gone well. They have even had movies taken, so that some day we hope that all of you may have a better idea of the children, the camp, and its environs.

We have been more than delighted with the three girls from Kansas City, Laura Frances Cottingham, Lorene Mohler, and Corrine Heim, who have been so good as to come out to work. Laura Frances is head councillor and from what Mildred Robinson, our camp director has said, she has proved to be most efficient, as have all the others who so loyally have volunteered their services. We certainly can never thank them enough, for we all know what a task it really is to manage a camp. Those from our chapter who have gone up are Genevieve Young and Jessie Huffsmith Schrepferman.

Perhaps now that National has taken over part of our financial burden, we will be able to extend the time or have a larger camp, in which case more out-of-town girls will be given the privilege of a few weeks in the Rockies, to do councillor work. If only all of you could go up to visit, I am sure that you would be thrilled, and realize that your money is going into a very worth while channel.

And that reminds me, don't forget the Gamma Phi Beta playing cards, because profit from them goes to camp. We haven't a great many left, but we do want to dispose of them before placing a new order.

After the camp, the next thing to claim our attention is summer rushing. So on August 15, Denver Alumnæ expect to have a bridge tea in Louise Iliff's summer garden. Louise Parks is taking charge of it, so we feel sure that it will be a great success. As to the outcome of rushing however, we shall be able to tell you more in our next letter.

DOROTHY BELL JOYCE

#### PERSONALS

Francis Foster Freeman who has spent six weeks in California with her children has just returned home.

Edna Traylor sailed June 23 for Europe from Montreal with a group of Evanston Gamma Phis and is expected to return some time in October.

Mayme Sweet has been studying for her masters degree in Education at Columbia this summer and will teach at the Lincoln Experimental School next year.

Harriet Shannon has been in Denver this summer but plans to leave this fall to study Physiotherapy at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. We all envy her, her winter in Washington.

Stella Allman Wolff who has been in California since March is expected home the middle of August.

We are all delighted to know that "Connie" Whitney Davis who has been in Detroit for the past two years, has returned to Denver to live.

Among others who have come back to Denver to visit this summer are, Katherine Ramsey Haggard, Theta, from Cleveland; Katherine Wiggington Nelson; Eleanor Dennison, who has been in Boston for more than a year; Katherine Allen Woodward from Kansas City; and Ethel Young Bullen from Salt Lake, all Theta girls.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Alice Barber, Goucher '25, to Mr. John Rawson. The wedding will take place the first week in September.

Edna Traylor, Theta, '24, to Mr. Edward O. Eisenhand.

#### MARRIAGES

On June 23, 1928, Laura Graham, Theta, '26, to Mr. George Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are living in Golden, Colorado.

On June 26, 1928, Carolyn Helbig, Theta, '26, to Dr. Arthur Judson Williams of Chicago.



# BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Dennison (Jessie Carmen, Theta), a third daughter, Marjorie, April 30, 1928.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell (Rosamond Spears, Theta), a son, June, 1928.

# DEATH

Denver Alumnæ Chapter sympathizes most deeply with Chellie Stevens Wright in the loss of her daughter, Chellie, on August 6. At the time of her death, Chellie was a very beloved member of Theta chapter, one of the finest musicians in the city, a prominent campus worker, and popular with young and old. Her passing is an irreparable loss to her circle.

# DES MOINES

*Helps both Iowa chapters.*

Summer vacations have taken most of the Des Moines alumnæ to far and near resorts and to old homes, and we again find ourselves with fall rushing close at hand.

The last Sunday in July, at the spacious home of Margaret Hahenicht, we gave a Musical Tea for rushees. Fifteen girls who are planning to attend college away from Des Moines were our guests. The committee attended carefully to every detail which greatly added to the affair. One of Des Moines' able pianists played throughout the afternoon. The refreshments and flower nosegays carried out Gamma Phi Beta symbols and colors.

Our regular first Saturday meeting in August was held at Des Moines University, the institution of which our president is registrar. Luncheon was to have been served on the lawn but owing to rain it was served in the drawing room of the girls' dormitory. We were fortunate in having many guests at this luncheon.

Plans are under way for a breakfast bridge at one of our country clubs, the last of this month. This affair again will honor the girls who plan to enter colleges in which we have chapters.

Here's for a successful rushing season for all!

SADIE W. MISHLER

# KANSAS CITY

*Is planning for convention of 1929.*

And now that it is assured that Province III is to be hostess to the convention in Kansas City next June, you may be sure that our thoughts and efforts are directed largely toward getting ready for that. LaVerne Bronaugh Stover is chairman of the convention committee, and already she has each one on her committee working so that she will have a definite report to make at the first meeting.

Of course the Ways and Means committee is one of the busiest. Does it sound strange when I tell you that they have created a "Grocery Store"? And it is one that you would be glad to patronize, for their prices are as little or less than those of any cash-and-carry store. Orders are being taken now from members and their friends, which will be ready for delivery in September or October at the grocery store through which we are dealing. Gamma Phi will realize almost the difference between the wholesale and retail prices. Isn't that easy? But I fear Miriam Lamar Mott, who is managing this, would tell you it isn't as easy as it looks on paper.

Regular meetings of the chapter have been suspended since May. However, we have managed to get together once in a while. Mrs. Barbour was here in April and those who attended the tea at Elsie Norman's and the luncheon the next day at the A.A.U.W. Club enjoyed meeting her and talking things over. With her ideas and management surely the 1929 convention will be "ever" so interesting. Kansas City is anxious for her to return to stay a while.

Summer rushing has included little private parties, a tea at Elsie Norman's and a musical tea at the Mission Hills Country Club at which the rushees and their mothers, as well as the mothers of members were guests. The entertainment included a piano solo by Audry Miller, a number of Gamma Phi Songs sung by a group of Gamma Phis, and two groups of songs by Elsie Norman. What a pleasure to hear Elsie again—as we used to do at Sigma when we sat for hours—listening—to Elsie!

A star in Gamma Phis crown was gained when more Gamma Phis than any other sorority were present at the summer Panhellenic bridge luncheon.

Kansas City has a part in the camp for underprivileged children at Pine, Colorado, in the person of Laura Frances Cottingham, Alpha Delta, who is head counselor there this summer.

Kathryn Woodward has been in Colorado also and while there visited with Lindsey Barbee and the officers of the children's camp.

When we get together again in September we'll hear about everyone's vacations, including Imogene Simonds trip east, and Carol Macadow's stay in New York—that is if she is back by that time.

CAROLINE HARKRADER PAXTON

#### ENGAGEMENT

Katherine Madorie, Sigma, to Mr. Robert Cooper.

#### MARRIAGES

Josephine McMurry, Sigma, to Mr. Leigh Hunt, Jr., Alpha Tau Omega, on June 9. Their address is 1629 Harvard Street, 505 Lenawee Apartment, Seattle, Washington.

Harriet Blum, Sigma, to Mr. Ivan Roberts, Phi Delta Theta, on May 5.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson T. Jennett (Cordelia Bruns, Alpha Delta), a boy, Jack Nelson, on April 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. Norris Paxton (Caroline Harkrader, Sigma), a girl, Janet Rae, on May 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Muir (Thelma Deckard, Sigma), a girl, Betty Lou, on June 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Russel V. Baltis (Louise Saltmarsh, Sigma), a boy, Russel V., Jr., on July 26.

#### MILWAUKEE

*Aids Gamma in every way.*

The second province convention, held in Madison, Wisconsin, the last week in April, was attended by an enthusiastic group from the Milwaukee Alumnæ chapter. Those who attended were: Mary Burchard Burlingame, Margaret Grubb, Anne McCawley Glennon, Edith Rice, Margaret McDonald, Alice Coeper, Isabel Kuehn, Virginia Vliet Dalton and Elinor Bloodgood. Mary Burlingame was our official delegate, and ably represented the chapter. The meetings were, as usual, full of interest and



lively discussion. On Friday noon, April 27, a very nice luncheon was served by Gamma chapter at the Gamma Phi Beta house; and on Friday evening Mrs. Brittingham entertained the guests from the various alumnae chapters and associations at her beautiful home, at a buffet supper and bridge party. Saturday noon, after the meeting, we all had luncheon at the Madison Club, and Saturday evening the banquet was held at the chapter house. Alice Coerper was the toast mistress, and those who have heard Alice in action know how brilliant she always is. There were seventy-five present at the banquet.

The election of officers took place at the May meeting which was held at the home of Isabel Kuehn. Anne Glennon was chosen president; Virginia Dalton was re-elected treasurer; and Elinor Bloodgood is secretary.

Mrs. Marshall Moss entertained the chapter at her charming home in Thiensville the last week in June. After a delicious luncheon, we spent a pleasant afternoon playing golf and croquet. Three girls from Gamma chapter were present: Betty Burchard, Marion Driggs, and Elinor Anderson.

We are all looking forward to the September meeting when we shall hear about the vacations that our members have enjoyed.

ELINOR M. BLOODGOOD

#### PERSONALS

Anne Glennon is visiting in Minnesota; Alice Ringling Coerper has gone to Baraboo, Wisconsin, with her children to visit her mother; Alice Fitzgerald is with her parents in Houghton, Michigan.

Isabel Kuehn and Elinor Bloodgood, accompanied by their husbands, attended the Commercial Law League convention at Mackinac Island.

Virginia Dalton entertained Helen McConnell of California for two months.

Marion Schifflin is spending the summer in Colorado.

#### MINNEAPOLIS

*Gives Panhellenic cup to sorority having highest scholastic average.*

Shortly after my last letter went to you, our new president, Helen Schei Wilke moved to Fergus Falls, where her husband has entered business. We were all more than sorry to lose Helen not only as our president, but also as a friend in the chapter. To replace Helen, the nominating committee selected Alice Kidder Lewis, who was unanimously elected.

Summer has flown by so rapidly that I can scarcely realize another CRESCENT letter is due. Doubtless I shall forget to include some news which I should write, but I trust that no one will be offended.

To hearken back to spring, let me tell you about the lovely banquet with St. Paul as hostess. We were seated at small tables arranged for ten, which was quite an innovation. Usually, the long tables are used. The speakers table extended across one end of the Palm Room in the St. Paul Hotel. At it were seated our beloved grand president, Elizabeth Barbour, who made a flying trip and was with us for but one day; the toastmistress and her speakers; the presidents of the St. Paul and Minneapolis chapters and a few other notables.

Mrs. Barbour honored us with a few words which were given in such an informal manner that she made each one feel herself a personal friend. How she could have been so calm and smiling when one realizes that from the moment she reached St. Paul, every minute was taken by inspections,

drives, a luncheon at the Kappa chapter house, a tea in her honor at the New Minneapolis Woman's Club and finally, the formal banquet!

Besides delicious food (always enjoyed) inspiring toasts, and highly entertaining skits by the freshmen, we were elated over the many honors carried away by the members of the active chapter. I am sure Kappa chapter has more campus honors than any other sorority at the University of Minnesota. An impressive candlelight service was given by girls from various chapters of Gamma Phi Beta under the able direction of Gertrude Hauser Ruhberg.

Minneapolis Chapter's last meeting was a picnic at the home of "Jerry" Batson in Wayzata. Those not attending missed a most enjoyable time.

Probably, in telling so much about our annual spring banquet, I have stolen part of St. Paul's news; but every Gamma Phi here wants St. Paul to know what a success in every respect its banquet was!

MARGARET ALDRICH JONES

#### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoffman expect to spend the month of September motoring in the East.

Dr. and Mrs. Norman Smith have traveled through the West, making the trip by way of the Canadian Rockies. They took the boat trip to Vancouver and spent some time in Alaska. Their daughter Elinor accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris C. Jones visited in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilke, (Helen Schei).

Mrs. John Earle (Marjorie Wingert) has been seriously ill having undergone an operation at Northwestern Hospital.

Miss Frank Lufkin and little daughter of Maui, Hawaiian Islands, visited in Minneapolis as the guest of Mrs. J. S. Young and Mrs. J. K. Lewis. Mrs. Lufkin before her marriage, was Lenore Long.

#### MARRIAGES

Jess Marie Heinrich to Mr. Joseph Regan.

Genevieve Bezoier to Mr. Warren Tingdale.

Marjorie Jones to Mr. Francis Bishop.

Elizabeth Young to Mr. Wallace Wright.

Harriet Zuppinger to Dr. Kenneth Nelson.

#### NEW YORK

*Is particularly interested in the Endowment Fund.*

As I write this letter, out in Kansas, I have two leading thoughts about the New York Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta—past pleasures and future service. Our last two meetings for the year 1927-28 made me realize the bond of fellowship which the New York chapter has developed for all who come to join her, while many of her tried and true leaders continue to point out the ideals of service waiting for us there.

On April 30 at the home of our president, Mrs. Leon H. Cornwall (Becky Bowe), we enjoyed a supper meeting, followed by the election of officers. For the year 1928-29 we shall have Lousene Rousseau for our president; Grace Zimmerlin Cumber for vice-president, Jessie Groat Richardson for corresponding secretary, Bernice Bridgens Barnby for recording secretary, and Kathryn Herbert for treasurer. A great task awaits these officers in keeping up the record of their predecessors. Kathryn Herbert, who succeeds herself, will have as hard a task as the others, for last year she secured fifty paid members for our chapter.



The meeting at Mrs. Cornwall's would have been a fitting farewell until we start our meetings in the fall, but the gods decreed that we should have something more to take with us in our memories of Gamma Phi. Mrs. Donald Halsted (Helen Codling) invited us to her summer home at Northport, Long Island, for the out-of-door meeting we had planned for June 2. We were met at the station, and thoroughly enjoyed the drive along the north shore of the island with its marvelous views of the Sound and the waters of the bay on the south. Our reception at the station was just a sample of the hospitality we enjoyed during the entire day. When we had explored every nook and corner and admired the novel decorating and intriguing closets, all of which Helen had designed herself, we felt that the new Panhellenic House would indeed be all it boasted of in interior decorating. Since Helen Codling Halsted has worked faithfully on the decorating committee.

For us who have enjoyed the past year's pleasures little more need be written. We know! But for us, and for all who may come to New York in the fall, there is one outstanding service which we may do for Gamma Phi—a Founders' Day Banquet which shall be bigger and better than any we have ever had before. Another happy memory of the delightful one we had last year creeps in. So if you are in New York during November, 1928, write to Mrs. Roy S. Richardson, 387 McDonough Street, Brooklyn, New York, for information concerning the Founders' Day Banquet.

RUTH BURGARD

#### PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Shearman (Ruth Russum) are cruising in the Pacific Ocean, visiting Japan, China, Australia, and other points of interest.

Mrs. Richardson (Jessie Groat) has gone to her summer home at Thousand Islands Park.

Helen Moore has accepted a position as head of the Piano Department of Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida. During the summer she will study at the American Conservatory, Fontainebleau, France.

Lousene Rousseau has been asked to teach in the Speech Department of the University of Wisconsin during the summer. While at Madison, she will have charge of the new Gamma Phi Beta house for its first summer session.

Mrs. Palmer (Blanche Shove) has returned to us from a prolonged absence in Paris, where she was ill in the American Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan T. Holcomb (Grace Burgard) have returned to New York City after a six months world cruise on the S.S. *Resolute*.

Gladys Fearon, who is teaching in the History Department of the White Plains high school, joined us for the out-of-door meeting held at the home of Helen Codling Halsted. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson (Edna Stitt) drove over from Bay Shore; Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver (Florence Murray) from Blue Point; and Mrs. Inda Kuzmier from Hunnington, Long Island.

#### RENO

*Has been instrumental in acquiring Alpha Gamma's new home.*

Reno Alumnae Chapter still continues to talk about its greatest interest—the house. Last summer we were constantly thrilled over the prospects of our newly purchased sorority house. This summer finds us busy with needed plans for improvements, repairs and plans for the house and our gardening about it. Of course this takes money; so the chapter gave two card parties. One was held at the house; and another at the home of Mrs.

Curtis in Reno. Both were delightful and through them we cleared quite a sum.

We have a nice new Mother's Club, too. The mothers of many of the Reno and Sparks girls have joined. Their purpose is to help the members pay for the house and get such furniture and improvements as are needed from time to time. It is gratifying to know that we have such loyal and solid support from our mothers.

Reno Alumnae Chapter is very happy to welcome nine new members from the graduating class. Three of these members will be in Sparks this coming year, and we shall be very happy to have them with us. Laverne Blundell brought honors to us with her election to Phi Kappa Phi, honor society.

#### PERSONALS

Pearl Turner, our CRESCENT correspondent, was married to Mr. Frank Short of Fresno in June and has gone to California to live.

Lulu Hawkins plans to go east in September to study art. She hopes to go into advertising and illustration work after a year of study.

Lucille Blake is now in Reno but plans to teach in Tonopah this winter.

#### *The Alpha Gamma Chapter House.*

The Alpha Gamma Chapter house is situated in the midst of some of the loveliest old trees to be found in the city, with one great pine sheltering the walk, and a fountain on either side of this walk. The house itself is a large, white, old fashioned residence, and the former home of one of Nevada's governors.

The inside of this house is done with an eye to the wonderful old furniture, and one of the first things to catch the interest of anyone entering is a gorgeous old square grand piano. Polished floors make a fine place to dance, and the other furniture makes one feel entirely at home. Two very fine tapestries cover spaces on the walls and another treasure is a rare old Wedgewood plate which has a history. Many callers have given us an idea of our home as it used to be when it was the mecca for all the personages of note and honor who came to Reno; and not one of Alpha Gamma's girls can help but feel the atmosphere of by-gone splendor and want to keep the place one of loveliness and brightness.

BARBARA HORTON

#### SEATTLE

##### *Maintains scholarship in University of Washington.*

Let's see, where were we? Considering that the last letter was written in March, and that before you read this it will be September, much water has passed under the bridge between times. However, it always registers its passage, for our Margaret Younger finds time to gather up details, and each month we received a typed letter which reminds us of coming events, tells the results of past ones, records all goings and comings, etc.

Lambda and Seattle Chapter have had a busy spring and summer. We have played hostess to a conference, helped install a new Gamma Phi chapter, celebrated our own Silver Jubilee, graduated twelve seniors, married two alumnae, engaged three others and "borned" five children—oh, and lots besides.

Conference was loads of fun—to dash about from business meetings, to luncheons and dinners and banquets, not to mention guests for bed and breakfast—Lambda girls principally, in order to allow delegates to stay at the house. Much good was accomplished, we feel, as discussions were very free and participated in generally.



The most thrilling result for us here was in connection with the new chapter at the University of British Columbia. This is the first chapter to be granted a charter at a province conference. Three pledges were created in our city. Its name is Alpha Lambda. Our Lambda girls installed, honored with the assistance of international president, Mrs. Barbour, and a number of us saw it done. We are reminded to train ourselves to think and talk of Gamma Phi Beta as an international sorority. I shall quote from Margaret's letter, "Installation of Alpha Lambda was very thrilling—115 Gamma Phis at banquet in the Georgia Ballroom singing 'God Save the King' and 'America'—glimpses of really British homes—new bits of slang and accent—a really international flavor to a Gamma Phi week-end. Over fifty of us 'from the South' and eight chapters represented."

May 17 was Lambda's twenty-fifth birthday, for which we alums had been planning for several weeks. We gathered, nearly a hundred of us, at the house, about seven-thirty. Bridge tables were provided, but not much bridge was played, because between hands some one would be sure to say, "Oh, do you remember—," and then the cards would lie unused until the story was finished—crowded quarters, wild rushing, experimental initiations, punch in big "flowered bowls," secret midnight suppers, etc. Presently Alma Delaney Teal, in her inimitable way, confessed to the assembled multitude to being one of those of age twenty-five years ago, and presented to Lambda in behalf of the Seattle Alumnae, a silver coffeurn with tray. It is actually large enough to be of real service at a big pouring, and was enthusiastically received. Margaret Meany Younger was responsible for the suggestion that hereafter pledges should memorize, along with other facts, the names of the originators of the local chapter which became Lambda of Gamma Phi, as to them we owe homage.

Two recent meetings held especial enjoyment. The May meeting was at the home of Helen Harper Smith on Beacon Hill, and between times one could catch glimpses at the view—the whole bay and the business center in the foreground, with the Sound and the Olympic Mountains beyond.

The July meeting was a picnic at the home of Clara Taney Will at Wing Point, Vashon Island. Besides the boat trip, there was swimming, golfing, or bridge, or one could just idle about from one group to another. You see, lunch is never any nerve-racking trouble since we have taken to patronizing our Florence Finch Dickson. At her Cheerio Coffee Shop in the Dexter Horton Building, she packs for us the best lunch—oodles of it, and at a real bargain.

The house has some new touches. Chintz curtains and gay chintz covers, more settles and lamps, give the modern air to the living-room and hall. Vernita Swezea Lunquist, who is an advertising B.F.A. Interior Decorator advised with the Mothers' Club on this effect. The fall quarter will see the results produced in den and dining-room by Lambda's savings. The den is to be "decorated," and a new set of china and glass will be in use in the dining-room.

Two girls are getting their master degrees this year, Dorothy Haggett Lister in August, and Mercer Gregory in December.

Ruth Bamford, after two years on the faculty at the University, takes a different degree soon, as her marriage to Kevin Gormley Henehan, a Theta Delta Chi of the University of Pennsylvania has been announced for September 14. Other engagements announced are Helen Lord to William Lucas of Olympia, and Ruth Joslyn to Clarke Ewing, a Psi Upsilon of Seattle.

Helen Baker was married recently to Mr. Davis Phillip Siegley, and we hear that Gertrude Ireland, whose home is in Portland, has been married to Mr. Mott of Olympia.

Among Gamma Phis visiting in Seattle this summer, are Josephine Carman Fox, Alfreda Smith, Florence Fowlkes, Myrtle Rude Anderson, Dolly McLean Callow, and Helen McDonald Sander. Dolly feels rather that she is coming home, for we find that Pennsylvania is to have her for only six months each year, and we get her the rest of the time. Helen Sander comes from Cleveland this summer, but will soon leave again, this time for Newark, New Jersey. She hopes to find Gamma Phis again, as her experience in Cleveland has been splendid indeed. She grew to know many of the alums, among them Mary Lyons Dibble, and her illustrious daughter, Alice Dibble, the secretary of Central Office.

We have in our midst two alumnae from other chapters—Marion Grebel Anderson of Nu, from Portland, who lives at Lawton Wood, and Catherine Green Dolliver of Eta, who lives at 5050 36th Ave. N.E.

We hear with sorrow of the sudden death of Florence Hansen Holzheimer in Alaska. She leaves two lovely children. We extend our sympathy to Margaret Meany Younger upon the death of her brother. He had been ill for a long time and died in July.

Many items of interest are very elusive, as so many are at summer homes or away on vacations. Lois McBride Dehn is off on a visit with relatives in Michigan; Winifred Johnson Marontate and Alice Payne McDonald shuttle back and forth between Seattle and Vashon Island.

And now, last but not least, those new babies. Only one can ever be a Gamma Phi. Sad? Why? They can still be brought up to marry one.

PEARL WICKSTROM

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Earle C. Whitley (Ethel Evans, Phi) a daughter, Mary Ethyl.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Howe (Willa Ashley, Nu), a son

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Mullen (Helen Steele, Lambda), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Scurry (Helen Thompson, Lambda), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Buel Blake (Doreen Kennedy, Lambda), a son.

#### SPOKANE

*Does exclusive social service.*

"Tempus has been fugiting" so fast this summer that it seems but yesterday that we held our last May meeting. It started out to be a picnic but rain brought it indoors at Dorothea Oien Steven's cunning bungalow, followed by our usual noisy bridge and mah jong.

The most recent excitement among the Spokane Gamma Phis has been weddings. Four of them!

After that the travelers!

Francel Hill Walker, Lambda, and her husband, of Honolulu, surprised us with a visit of two days enroute for a summer in Europe.

Evelyn Cox Moe, Lambda, came north from Los Angeles for two weeks at Fort George Wright.

Edna Eikenbary, Lambda, of Seattle, was the guest of Harriet Frost for several days.

Emma Dalquist, Lambda, is summering in Hawaii, and Rosella Mohr Paulson, Lambda, is in the Canadian Rockies.

Violet Baker Stanton, Xi, and small daughter are at Seaside, Oregon, while Marybelle Meldrum Shields and family are in Portland, Oregon.

Movelyn Robinson Halstom has just returned from Minneapolis only to pack up and move there for good she tells us. We shall surely miss her.

ELIZABETH C. WILCOX



MARRIAGES

Helen Stutz, Xi, to Mr. John Gee, Sigma Nu, on July 7, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Spokane.

Dorothy Motie, Lambda, to Mr. Frank Strebe of Los Angeles, on July 14, at Los Angeles.

Esther Motie, Xi, to Mr. Howard Breshears, Sigma Nu, of Boise, Idaho, at Los Angeles.

Myrtle Hurst, Lambda, to Mr. William Patterson, at Chicago, Illinois.

SYRACUSE

PERSONALS

F. Louise Warr, '74, assistant principal of Washington Irving High School, New York City, has returned from a world cruise.

Anna Loomis Humphreys, '93, is treasurer of the Louisville Railway Company.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Coleman (Irene Ward, '03) of St. Louis, spent the summer abroad.

Corinne Lewis Robinson (Mrs. R. R.) of Terra Ceia, Florida, has just been re-elected to the county school board.

MARRIAGES

On May 24, Hermione Bartels, '23, to Dr. Theodore Koppani.

Louise Stone, '27, to Mr. Martin A. Helfer, Dartmouth, Zeta Psi.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. David Kilpatrick (Marion Wood, '17) a daughter, Margaret Alice.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chappell (Louise Mellen, '19), a daughter.

To Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Fulmer (Emily Price, '13) a son, on June 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hinman (Grace Baldwin, '23), a child.

DEATHS

In June, 1928, Harriet Curry Ayers, '17.

On May 22, 1928, E. F. Cuykendall, husband of Mary W. Safford, '87, and father of Irene Cuykendall Garrett, '18.

On July 17, 1928, at Flint, Michigan, Laura Wadleigh Horsington, oldest daughter of Harriet Budd Wadleigh.

ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATIONS

LINCOLN

MARRIAGES

*Superintended the erection of Pi's beautiful new home.*

On June 5, Bessie Wythers to Mr. Pierre A. Perrine.

Mr. and Mrs. Perrine are at home in Kansas City where Mr. Perrine is connected with Proctor and Gamble. Their address is 105 W. 39 Street, Santo Domingo, Apt. 307.

On June 12, Clarice Greene to Mr. Clifford M. Hicks. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks toured Europe during the summer and will make their home in Lincoln, at 940 South Thirty-fourth Street. Mr. Hicks is a member of the faculty of the College of Business Administration of the University of Nebraska.

## PERSONALS

Constance Syford who has been a member of the faculty of the University of Nebraska in the English department went abroad in June to continue her study toward a Ph.D. from Yale University. She sought material in England and Italy.

Belle Farman, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, will spend the year in advanced study at Stanford University, California. For the last three years she has been a teacher in the English department of the Lincoln High School where she was adviser for the annual one year, and the weekly newspaper last year.

Dorothy Teal Ogden has gone with Mr. Ogden and their small daughter, Barbara, to make their home at Wayne, Nebraska. In June, Dorothy was swimming director for the Camp Fire girls camp at Horky's Park, Crete, where six hundred girls were in camp for one week. The following week she directed the Dorothy Ogden swimming camp at the same place when about sixty girls from nine to seventeen years old took intensive lessons in swimming. With an assistant, who taught diving and tumbling, Dorothy taught all the classes. Belle Farman was one of the councillors in the camp and Irmanelle Waldo, a member of Pi chapter at Nebraska also was in camp. This was the first camp of this type in Nebraska and the girls enrolled asked that another for a longer period be held next year.

Vivian Bahr Briggs, with Mr. Briggs and their two children, has moved from Alliance to Lincoln.

Among the summer visitors in Lincoln were Marguerite Smith Tomiska, of Chicago, and Margorie Cobb Johnson, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who, with her son, spent the summer with her aunt, Betty Exley Tobin, and her young son went as usual to spend the summer with her parents in Pacific Grove, California. Susan Riches Minter and Mr. Minter drove to Canada last summer to visit Susan's relatives.

BELLE FARMAN

## NASHVILLE

*Alpha Theta's tower of strength.*

If summer news were as thick as summer heat and dust here, a special volume of THE CRESCENT would have to be published!

The beauty of a beautiful spring was yet enhanced by a visit from Lorena Leech Hickerson. We were all so glad to have her with us again and she was honored with a number of social affairs which gave us an opportunity to see her.

Campus activities, so encouraged by Gamma Phi during college days, characterize the spirit of the Nashville alumnae. Beulah Leech takes an active interest in many organizations, among them Campbell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and was honored by her chapter in being elected one of the delegates to the national convention. Her account of the so-called "annual row" was most interesting. While in Washington, Beulah also attended the unveiling of the statue of Andrew Jackson in the Hall of Fame. Irene Langford Young has been treasurer of the Nashville Chapter of the American Association of University Women and, serving with characteristic efficiency, was elected for a second term. Margaret Malone Blair affiliated with Vanderbilt Woman's Club; and Doris Hawkins combines her musical and scientific taste; and when not expounding the mysteries of science, she is playing the violin in the Ward-Belmont Orchestra. Mary Cecil Morrison has been elected treasurer of the Vanderbilt Alumnae Council and will serve as vice-president of the Old Hickory Study Club. The executive committee of the Old Hickory Community Library chose her to help with that very congenial work.



So much for organizations officered by Gamma Phis.

History is repeating itself at the house. The girls have kept it filled with Peabody summer school students, thus defraying summer expenses.

The bi-monthly card parties have been repeated this summer, which pleasantly brings together alumnæ and active members.

The alumnæ organization welcomed the Alpha Theta seniors with an elaborate luncheon at the Andrew Jackson Hotel during commencement. About thirty gathered to enjoy the reunion and to wish our departing friends *bon voyage*.

MARY CECIL MORRISON

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison Leland (Helen Pattan, Alpha Theta), on April 15, 1928, a boy, James Morrison Leland, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharpe (Elsie Wiler, Alpha Theta), on July 7, 1928, a girl, Helen Wilson.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turk Young (Irene Langford, Alpha Theta), on July 21, 1928, a boy, to wear his father's full name.

#### SAN DIEGO

*A very active association.*

If he or she so chooses, the San Diegan, with little effort may watch the sun rise over the desert, bask in the heat of the day in the mountains, and see the sun go down to rest in all its splendor, over the Pacific. We Gamma Phis of San Diego have not yet done this as a group all in a day; but, because as individuals, we possess a bit of the pioneer spirit, just a *bit*, and have pitched our tents in the mountains, or the desert, or by the sea, as a group we have been able to enjoy these 'round the home fires of one and another of our girls.

In April we started out in San Diego with Eleanor Berry Edmiston, Nu, who invited us all for luncheon to her charming new bungalow, which she designed and planned. In June, May Voorhees Jones, Mu, invited us to the mountains to spend the day with her in her new log cabin at Alpine; Yes, a log cabin, a lovely rustic one up among the trees, yet no city home could boast more in the way of city charm indoors. Our first July meeting was in another new home, that of Beatrice Barker Evenson, Nu, which her husband designed and built, and which is in Loma Portal on Point Loma, overlooking San Diego Bay.

For our second July meeting, Helen Simpson Parkinson, Epsilon, asked us all to come (and to be sure to bring our bathing suits) to spend the day on the beach with her at Mission Beach, where she has taken a cottage for the summer.

Summer, you see, is our playtime here. We even have to stick in an extra meeting each month in summer, to begin to get in all our playing. Yes, we have discussed a bit such weighty problems as Christmas cards, and Christmas charities, and rushing. And by September we will settle down to the more serious things of life and Gamma Phi, but *this* is summer, and playtime for the San Diego Gamma Phis.

HELEN COBB WHITE, Alpha

#### PERSONALS

Helen Eggers Matheny, Theta, is spending the summer in Denver visiting her family.

Helen Simpson Tarkinson, Epsilon, has just returned from a visit of several months in the East.

Helen North Strout, Mu, is in Mexico City with her husband, who was called there on business.

ST. JOSEPH

*A constant aid to Alpha Delta.*

One of our well known shops has inaugurated the plan this summer of closing during the month of July; another has followed suit by being closed between one and three each afternoon; and we have sent notices to our members to this effect, "Meetings closed for the summer. Open again for business the third Saturday in September."

In the meantime, Beulah Bennett has attended a reunion at Hollins College, visited at several other points in Virginia, was home for a short time and then off again to New York University where she is due to receive her M.A. before her return. Louise Barthold is studying at Columbia University. Edith Rhoades did some special studying at Wellesley and is spending the remainder of the summer on the Maine coast. Mrs. Harry Seamans (Margaret Stein), of Oklahoma City, spent several weeks at the home of her parents. Esther Platt is now in Colorado; Bess Bristow, in Chicago; and Elizabeth Hawkins will leave the first of August for a month's trip to California.

We have not yet made our plans for the winter but we expect to have with us, when we resume our meetings, a former member and three new members who became alumnæ in June.

JESSIE ROBERTS

WICHITA

*Newly formed, but great in enthusiasm.*

I am afraid this is going to be a hard letter to write, because not much of anything has happened. About as exciting a thing as there is to chronicle is the fact that it is spring in Wichita. Everyone has such lovely flowers, the Palace Theater is installing a Vitaphone, the river is full of canoes, the tennis courts are in use every day, and the outdoor swimming pool is opening soon. But a Gamma Phi letter is no place to write rhapsodies about spring, especially when the temperature will probably be 95° in the shade when you read about it.

Last time I told you that we were about to have a money-making party. Each Gamma Phi was to bring as many guests as she chose, paying fifty cents for each of them and for herself. In that way we planned to make our money, and to allow the individual Gamma Phis to pay off their social obligations. The party was held at the home of Mrs. E. F. Wolf. We had five tables, with two people left over to serve refreshments and we made about seven dollars. Now, that may not sound like such a lot to some of you active chapters, who are used to counting your money in fifty dollar bills, but it looks plenty large to us. Why, our whole budget is only—well, you'll have to ask the treasurer, but I know it's done on seventy-five cents a month as dues.

On April 3 we had the pleasure of entertaining two Gamma Phis, at dinner—Helen Rhoda Hoopes and Mrs. Frances Kennedy Fink. Miss Hoopes is an instructor in English at Kansas University, and she came to Wichita in order to lecture before the Twentieth Century Club, in spite of two sprained ankles. One is bad enough, but how would you like two? It would take lots more than that to dim the good spirits of Helen Rhoda. Ask any one who was there and she'll tell you what a good time we had.

If this letter wasn't due for a couple of days, I might have much more to tell you. We are having a meeting, Thursday, and all kinds of interesting things may happen.

FERN OLDER.



OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN BLACK  
AND WHITE

The following article, clipped from the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* is well worth perusal. Not only does it combat anti-fraternity sentiment, but it is useful material for rushing season:

## CAN FRATERNITIES JUSTIFY THEMSELVES?

Opinions on this challenging question may be found in several of the Greek magazines. This question, however, is used as a heading of an article that appeared in *The Rattle* of Theta Chi. It follows:

"Fraternities must justify themselves today as definite adjuncts in the educational system. It is not enough that they have existed for more than a hundred years. It is not enough that their number has steadily increased. It is not enough that they are firmly established on all but a few college and university campuses. They must prove that they are worth while from the educational standpoint.

First, they must prove that they do not lower the scholastic standing of their membership. A fraternity chapter that repeatedly falls below the scholarship average of the men on the campus is not functioning properly; if it does not respond to treatment, it should cease to exist. This year eleven chapters out of the twenty-three placed on probation at the University of Minnesota failed to reach the campus average and thus face faculty discipline. Perhaps a single year is too brief a period to rally from academic weakness, but failure of a chapter to make the average in a reasonable period justifies drastic measures. At the University of Michigan thirty-five general fraternities had an average higher than the campus average for men, and twenty-three were below this average, six of the latter number being below C, which has a rating of 70. It is a satisfaction to know that the number above the average is decidedly larger than the number below, but there is little excuse for any being below, and certainly there is no excuse for twenty fraternities to be below the average of independent men. If there is, then the idea of fraternity groups being made up of picked men is simply plain bunk.

Second, they must prove that they do not lower the moral character of their membership. A fraternity chapter must be judged by the attitude its members take or tolerate. If that attitude causes members to scoff at ennobling things, to be cynical in regard to the virtue of women, to compromise on questions of honor and honesty, to lower the standards of conduct that they brought from their homes, in short to undermine the elements in a person's being that make for finer manhood, then that chapter is a menace to the true purposes of any educational institution. It should either be re-formed or eliminated.

"Third, fraternities must prove that they develop the right kind of a social attitude among their members as well as train those members in social manners. This is the positive thing—the thing that they must do, else there is very little excuse for their existence on any college campus. A fraternity that is merely a glorified rooming house and boarding club cannot be justified. The fraternity that permits a man to wear its pin and fails to see to it that the man knows how to eat a meal without making himself conspicuous among persons of good manners is not only advertising itself in an unfortunate way, but it fails to educate the man so that he can function to best advantage when he leaves his Alma Mater. Important as training in matters of social usage is, training in social-mindedness is

paramount. Friendliness, tolerance, courtesy, kindness, fairness, good sportsmanship, loyalty—these are social attributes. The degree to which they are cultivated determines most often the success and happiness enjoyed by the individual. No institution has a greater opportunity to develop them among its members than the fraternity.

"Test your chapter. Is it, or is it not, an adjunct to the educational system of which it is part?"

Two answers to this question are found in *The Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega. The first is:

"There is an enormous amount of apology made by fraternities for their existence. Read the journals of our fellow Greeks and you will find them all filled regularly with touching and passionate apologies for the American college fraternity. There is at least fifty times as much defense as there is attack, and it is by no means all chauvinistic blah. Much of it is keenly analytical and shows admirable self-criticism. But it is nevertheless a case of tilting with windmills. College fraternities have no real enemy but themselves. There is no danger of their disappearing, except they commit suicide.

"Fraternities in American colleges will disappear when the American undergraduate ceases wanting to join them, and that time is not yet at hand, nor even visible on the horizon of the future."

The second is:

"The conditions among the fraternities are no worse than those among the men outside of fraternities and outside of colleges. The standards of the individual men outside fraternities and outside of colleges are undoubtedly as high as those of individuals inside. The difference lies in the fact that men outside have not the ideals as groups that the men inside have. The men inside have set up as groups of men of these ideals, these visions, these dreams. The men outside have not so set up as groups of men. The actual conditions among men outside might be lower, but they would still be closer to the ideals of these men than the conditions among the men inside, who profess to have infinitely higher ideals, and to be organized into societies to promulgate these ideals. The fraternity fails, then, in that it succeeds in making its men only a very little, if at all, better than the men who lack the fraternity's ideals.

"In most cases this situation, which is probably not any worse than that among other men of the same age, this situation is not the result of active scheming towards evil; it is the result of apathy."

Percy Marks, often charged with holding up fraternities to ridicule, in his book, "Which Way Parnassus?" states:

"The fraternities are, I believe, both necessary and valuable. It would be futile and unwise to attempt to do away with them. Rather let us have more of them, many more of them, more than enough to go around. And let them cease fooling themselves. Let them recognize themselves for what they are, social organizations. They gain nothing by masquerading as honor societies, and they lose much. Finally, let them look to their ideals. They are rich in tradition, they are great in numbers, they are powerful in college councils. They have every reason to be fine. The men who created the first fraternities raised the standard high; their dreams were splendid, their ideals noble. The fraternities can do no better than to look back to their first brothers for guidance and light. If they will dream once more those dreams which gave birth to the fraternities, and if they will strive to reach the ideals with which they were founded, they may—who knows?—become what they now so hypocritically pretend to be, honor societies. They may become brotherhoods in fact as well as in name, truly fraternal, truly fine."



The opinion of *The Delta* of Sigma Nu follows:

"The college fraternity of the third decade of the twentieth century is far different from that of the 'gay nineties' or even of the first two decades. It has taken the ideals of the nineteenth century and transformed them into practicalities without losing that intangible substance which is 'the cement of fraternalism.' In so doing it has applied the precept of 'helping your brother,' though at times the outcry goes up that in enforcing strict discipline in conduct, finances and scholarship, we are bearing down too hard on the delinquent brother. The delinquent man is, of course, the man who is in need of help, but practice demonstrates that in maintaining high standards and helping the weaker members to attain them, we are making men rather than breaking them. You may not display too lenient a hand while, at the same time, fraternal sympathy dictates leniency in particular crises. The brothers who face the penalties of failure soon realize that the fraternal penalties save them from irrevocable disaster.

"All fraternities were founded on high ideals, and intentions in the beginning were always the best. If working out our ideals, in practical application, would belie the purposes of fraternity, then attainment of those ideals were of no avail. Too often we are met by public criticism and opposition which, however well based in earlier days, is now pointless and prejudiced. The Greek-letter man is proving his mettle and the place of the fraternity in college life.

"Dean Field of the Georgia School of Technology has made a declaration in favor of the fraternities, holding that they supply an element in college life which the colleges themselves fail to give. In the development of character his fellow students can give the college man more than trustees, faculties, buildings and endowments offer. The problem of 'living harmoniously with his fellows' is the problem of civilization, and it is in this field of education that the fraternity plays its greatest part.

"A century has tested the fraternity system and has found in it a permanent good in college life. The fraternities are better organized, better supervised, and better established than ever before. As the increasing body of alumni take more active part, the standards are rising, the influences are becoming more marked."

Here is what *The Magazine of Sigma Chi* has to say:

"The ideals of fraternities in general may be grouped roughly as three main postulates and their corollaries. The first ideal is intramural concord. The second ideal is intellectual achievement. The third ideal is moral exaltation. These are the visions of the founders of all fraternities, the visions exemplified in the lives of these founders and established in the rituals and creeds supposedly the direction of contemporary chapters of their fraternities. Allowing for the chauvinistic tincture in college fraternity histories, it is still evident that the men who laid the foundations for social fraternities consciously and constantly strove to incarnate the ideals which they set to words, the better to have a constant reminder and lode-star for their lives.

"The dream of the founders, then, was The Fraternity Militant, an organization of kindred spirits knit by ties of love and devoted to the strengthening of fraternal ties *inter se*, devoted to the stimulation of intellectual activity, and devoted to the enriching of life through constant seeking after moral beautification.

"In the light of these ideals, the standards set by founders and recognized by the present generation of fraternity men—in the light of these, their own standards, the fraternities are failures."

From *Arrow* of Phi Beta Phi:

During that hectic period of rushing an alumna can be invaluable. The alumna should have at her finger tips what a frenzied undergraduate might forget. Help the actives develop poise. Some alumna or patroness who is an acknowledged leader might talk to the chapter on etiquette, followed by "at home" teas, receptions, and dinners just for girls, at which the correct thing is practiced. The alumna, seeing the active girl from a better perspective, gives criticism sympathetically, and the adolescent girl welcomes it. Under some conditions, frank sympathetic talks are advisable. Help each girl "find herself."

Let us ask ourselves these questions:

Does the active chapter have a "Thank You" Committee?

How does the chapter act as hostess?

Do the girls meet people easily and receive instructions properly?

How do they impress strangers?

Can they carry on a conversation?

Can they listen?

Do they know the fine points of table etiquette?

Is the chapter well-liked on the campus?

Are the girls provincial?

Make friends with the girls and learn when to be silent. We can so round out our alumnæ existence that the girls will be glad to see us and to claim us as sisters.

From *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha:

"I Pledge ——"

The reaction and attitude of the newest initiate demands attention. Her viewpoint, fresh, and frank, is worth much to older fraternity members who would ever keep their finger on the pulse of the fraternity as a whole, and the most recent generation in particular. Ponder, then, the thoughts of an active set forth in *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu:

"I pledge myself to this, my fraternity—

"The dim candlelight flickers over the face of the pledges and the pledged. A solemn note is struck in the souls of all present. The latest member re-echoes in a low voice the words by which she solemnly engages herself to a new life.

"That the new life is one of service—not of mere servitude. Service to each and every member of her fraternity and service to the group as a whole develops and rounds out her own personality. No longer is there just herself or her own interests to consider as when she was an unaffiliated free-lance. Every act must be considered. 'Will it harm my fraternity or will it glorify her?' is the question she must ask. A poor grade affects no one but the free-lance; but the same poor grade obtained by a fraternity woman will cut down her group's average. The new pledge enters into a life of responsibility, and whether she meets that burden with head up and eyes shining will determine whether she accepts her responsibility and so makes herself a desirable fraternity member.

"A pledge is a solemn promise not to be held too lightly or broken too easily. A bid should never be accepted unless the girl is willing to see the group of her choice through storm and shine. The pledge who breaks her plight is a quitter, one who is not willing to sacrifice herself for the group. Such a one commonly considers herself too good for the group with which she finds herself. The solemnity of pledge night wears off and in the daylight is replaced by a commonness.



"To such superior souls, I shall say that if, honestly and sincerely, you find yourself with a mediocre group, is there not a wonderful chance here? Can you not become leaders of your fraternity? Can you not develop it and bring it into the foreground? If you can't do this, you cannot lay claim to your superiority.

"If, on the other hand, you contemplate breaking your pledge because of dissatisfaction with your group without clear analysis, I shall boldly ask, 'Are you worthy of that group? What have you contributed to your sorority?'

"Do you get above-average grades?"

"Do you add to your chapter's personal appearance, and, socially, are you somebody?"

"Do you engage in campus activities? Are you politically important because of your personality or because you have been the mere tool of a political party? Are you an athlete, a writer, a social service worker, a journalist, a church-worker, a club member?"

"Have you been active within your chapter, taking all duties seriously?"

"Finally, have you looked into your fraternity's history, and your own chapter's accomplishments?"

"A pledge is a plight, which means a seriously solemn promise, and intended for the other meaning of plight—to be in a critical position—only as it is the crisis of your character, only as it is the turning point whether you are to become altruistic and unselfish or whether you are to slump toward the extreme individualism that is incompatible to your group.

"A sorority girl must not hoist herself to fame on other's shoulders. She cannot flit, like a bee, to the sweetest flower. She must stick wholeheartedly to the words she solemnly uttered on her first entrance into fraternity life:

"I pledge myself to this, my fraternity."

The following article from *Tu Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi not only emphasizes a favorite project of the editor of THE CRESCENT but refers to Dean Wells, who as we all know, is a member of Gamma Phi Beta:

"A library in every chapter house" has become the slogan of Tau Kappa Epsilon. The Grand Council of that fraternity feels so strongly the need, the educational and cultural value of a real library in every one of its homes that at the instigation of their Grand Histor, they have undertaken the establishment of the chapter house library as a national project. Gamma Phi Beta and Kappa Delta are urging their girls to consider the suggestion. And we certainly think it is well worth our thoughts, too.

Many of our groups are building new houses—we hope they are true homes, not just handsome dwellings. But a house is not a home without books. Your houses may have the latest conveniences, the finest furniture, lovely lamps and pictures—so have the best hotels. A house is a home only when it attains the spirit of its owners, the atmosphere of being lived within and revered. And how often our books alone give it that air. By books we don't mean row upon row of unused "sets," either; better have none than to have volumes whose pages have never been cut. We mean those books which are alive, be they old or new—poetry which soothes when you are so upset after an examination; essays to stimulate thought which may turn the table conversation from clothes to something a bit deeper; fiction, old and new, so that when you've not

much to do, you'll have an old favorite or a worthwhile modern close enough to read without wasting time; reference books to save you a trip to the college library at a time when moments are precious; fraternity books that will help you to be more intelligent of your fellow Greeks.

Dean Agnes E. Wells of Indiana University once said in speaking of fraternity housing, "The houses are the laboratories where the girls work as well as live and play. They must be well equipped so that the members may get the most out of college." She must have been thinking of a chapter house library. Won't you think of one? Plan to have bookshelves built in one of your rooms during the summer. Ask your families and your alumnae to help you fill them. You'll find the house a real home next year if you do.

We quote from the *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha with this article; Incidentally, the editor of *The Wheel* of Delta Omicron, is Gladys Wilkinson Lawrence of Pi Chapter:

### The Charm of a Voice

Poise, assurance and a well modulated voice are the natural accompaniments of an engaging personality—something we all, young and old, desire. Its possession, like its desire, is ageless.

The days of pleasingly pitched voices did not pass with hoop skirts as so many present day pessimists are prone to think; and since the charm of a delightful voice is as real today as it was when crinolines were in style, we conclude that the charm of voice is one thing over which time and change have no power.

In an article, "If You Would Be Popular," *The Wheel* of Delta Omicron makes some sage, true comments. And they are constructive.

"Says Shakespeare: 'Her voice was ever soft, gentle and low—an excellent thing in woman'

"When Shakespeare put down those lines his pen didn't stutter. Oh, no; and he didn't mean 'maybe.' Because a voice of that description is a gift from the gods, or a matter of careful concentration.

"A voice is the most distinguishing trait in the world. Unless you cultivate it, it spells right where you come from. And yet it is astonishing how few women realize this and let their voices 'run wild.'

"Many a woman shops so carefully to clothe her body in exactly the correct soft fabrics, polishes her nails and beautifies her face, and just looks fine until she starts to talk—and her neglected voice is either rasping or shrill. And until you get keyed up to stand it all her work has been wasted. Her voice has killed the effect.

"A great many women talk just to make chin music. Merely words pouring forth, with no thought or modulation to make the words stand out from each other. And the faster these women talk, the higher runs the pitch, until they sound like a flock of blue jays gathered together. If you don't believe me take time off and attend a party where only women are invited. As you enter the room the staccato buzz sounds more like a zoo house at feeding time than a bunch of women all trying to grab the last word.

"One reason we neglect our voices is that we ourselves can't hear them. In fact, we never stop to listen to them. Like the brook we just babble on.

"But we should stop to listen. Try your best to hear your own voice. Ask somebody what it sounds like. Contrast it with another voice that you like. Try to copy that voice that you like best—imitation is a sincere compliment. No one will mind being copied. If your voice is very neg-



lected study expression to learn how to pitch your voice. Or take your troubles to a singing teacher. Perhaps it is wrong breathing that makes your voice shrill. Above all correct your child when his voice is too loud or harsh or shrill. Give a from-the-ground-up chance for the child to talk right, while you are correcting your own mistakes.

"Having a voice like Shakespeare's lady is lots of work. But with a voice like that the girl really would know how to mince words! Remember, her voice was soft—that means flexible; gentle—never raised in anger, excitement, boisterous humor; and low—a low voice holds a throb of sincerity, assured authority, and a cadence of culture. With a voice like that, why wouldn't a girl be popular!"

—*Wheel of Delta Omicron*

There is no reader of the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* who does not delight in the clever *Dipper* which gives always the most sparkling and most delightful humor. We agree with the following sentiment:

We understand that the National Panhellenic conference of editors decided that there is no place for humor in the sorority magazines. This is very interesting. If we had been called in to uphold the case for humor, we might have expressed our conviction that life in general, and college and sorority life in particular, often seems fairly bursting at the seams with the stuff of which humor is made.

Of course only one sorority has a dipper, but one would think that a key might unlock many a little door to joyousness, that an arrow should hit the bull's-eye of wit, and that there is nothing in the heavens gayer than the saucily-tilted horns of a crescent moon, and that a lamp might illuminate some of the world's dimness with the light of sagacious laughter. A trident, of course, should pick up witticisms three at a time.

We do not see the *Quarterly's* exchanges and can judge only from this editorial pronouncement. If by humor is meant only fillers "lifted" from *Life* and the *Literary Digest*, we wholly agree that there is no place for them in the sorority magazines. But indigenous humor, difficult enough to secure but always present in experience, seems to us well worth going after, even at the risk of some lack of brilliant achievement. So, until our editor-in-chief forbids, we shall keep on priming the fraternity pump with a full dipper, in the hope that sparkling waters may gush forth.

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