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# View from the Top



## Countdown to Centennial

by Audrey Weldon Shafer, Missouri  
Grand President

One of the most exciting duties of your Grand President since the 1970 Convention has been helping with the planning for Gamma Phi Beta's big Centennial celebration in 1974.

We are starting the kick-off for the Centennial with this issue of *THE CRESCENT*, and you will find stories herein of plans to date. Watch for each issue of our magazine for news of events as they develop.

This gigantic birthday party is to last for *one entire year* and will be observed by every Gamma Phi Beta throughout the United States and Canada. Who would ever have guessed that one hundred years after the founding of "the Gamma Phi Beta" there would be over 50,000 sisters invited to the party?

Start saving your pennies now so you can make the journey to Kansas City, Missouri in June of 1974 for the big Centennial Convention itself. It will be **THE BEST EVER!** Remember that "everything's up to date in Kansas City" and it would be a shame to miss all the fun and excitement. *Everybody* who is *anybody* will be there! "Let's go to the party!"

The Gamma Phi Beta story is like the unfolding of a miracle. It all began as the dream of four young girls who had the foresight and the ideals to begin traditions which are still developing today. Our Creed—love, learning, labor and loyalty, established early in our history, has been a worthy pattern for our existence.

Gamma Phi Beta has a rich heritage only because someone in the past cared enough to establish goals and traditions which are strong and lasting. Our Sorority has never been a static organization and this is most assuredly not our aim for the future. We fully intend to continue to grow and prosper.

The reaction of some young people today who do not like the *status quo* is simply to "drop out." How much more constructive it would be for them to persist in working within the existing framework, making changes for the better! Our organization has changed a lot since 1874, and it would not have remained the going concern that it is if our sisters of former years had not been receptive to suggestions for changes and improvement. High ideals are never out of date, but sometimes they need to be restated.

Sorority life is not for everyone, but for those who do become sisters, membership in Gamma Phi Beta can grow in meaning

with each passing year. What a unique privilege it is to belong to our sisterhood! Did you ever stop to think that when you became an initiated member of Gamma Phi Beta you automatically acquired a family of 50,000 sisters?

Like any family, we do not always agree. In fact, in such a very large family, it is conceivable that there could be quite a wide range of opinions. But, also like any good family, we learn to compromise and adopt the solution which will be the most beneficial to the majority. By using our Creed as a guideline, we can always find an equitable solution to any problem.

Reflective and thought-provoking though the past may be, we look to the future with optimism. Working together we can accomplish even greater advancements for Gamma Phi Beta.

To paraphrase John Kennedy's quotation, "Ask not what your Sorority can do for *you*, but what *you* can do for your Sorority." In our huge family of friends, there is a place for every single Gamma Phi Beta. We need the talents and energies of every person and there is a way in which each one can make a valuable contribution.

We need *you*—we need your ideas and suggestions. Gamma Phi Beta is only as strong as her individual members. You know where your talents lie. Search your consciences as to how you can best serve your Sorority. What can you do to improve Gamma Phi Beta? What can you do to show your devotion? How can you help to make our Centennial celebration an outstanding observance, the highlight of our first one hundred years? What will you contribute as we look forward to our second hundred years?

Many people today are afraid to commit themselves. Gamma Phi Betas, however, are not afraid to stand up and be counted. Wear your badge with pride as a symbol of your loyalty. Volunteer your time and talent. Work with your Greek-letter and alumnae chapter presidents to determine what role you will play in the year of our Centennial. Then contact our Centennial chairman, Ardis Marek, and volunteer your services.

Our leaders of the past and our leaders of the future, together can produce a Centennial of inspiration, showing that tradition and new ideas work hand in hand. It is great to be a Gamma Phi Beta!

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BACK COVER: One of Denver's inner city children, at our Colorado camp, listens to the quietness of life's voids. She truly carries many battle scars and it is our privilege to have given her a few days of love and serenity. Legend by Noreen Linduska Zahour.

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# Would You Be Fair On a Jury?

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At the conclusion of a Miami lawsuit in which a man sued a building owner because an elevator fell with him and caused serious injuries, veteran newsmen and court attendants predicted the jury unquestionably would return a verdict for the victim. But after three days of bitter debate in the jury room, the foreman reported that the veniremen could not reach a verdict; one juror stubbornly held out against his colleagues who favored the complainant. The judge dismissed the jury and the case was tried again. This time, the plaintiff won \$15,000 of the \$25,000 he sought as damages.

Why did one member stalemate the first jury by refusing to find for the accident victim? Here is what this juror later told a newspaperman: "The injured fellow on the witness stand made a poor impression on me. He wore yellow shoes with run-over heels and his socks drooped. His tie had food stains on it. I figured that since he was sloppy and indifferent about his personal appearance, he probably had been negligent about his safety, too. That's why I refused to vote with the others on his behalf."

Trivial as these "reasons" were, this juror's adamant stand irritated but did not surprise the judge. For too many jurors are known to be unpredictable, inattentive, prejudiced and inconsistent. Some critics of our trial system believe that the erratic performance of many juries is attributable to the fact that most responsible, educated citizens find it easy to evade jury service.

The statistics seem to bear out this belief. The Texas Bar Association interviewed 115,000 residents of that state who had asked to be excused from jury service. Only 18,000 actually were exempted; the pleas of the others were disregarded as trivial or spurious.

Some sample excuses:

"I'm allergic to wool and can't sit next to men in wool suits." . . . "My bridge club will miss me if I don't show up." . . . "My wife is ill in the hospital and I have to stay home to take care of the kids." (This, from a 33-year-old Ph.D. who never had been married!)

Eight out of ten Texans who had to accept jury duty bitterly complained that they were losing money by sitting in court. Of those who asked to be excused, more than 82% were in high income brackets and 70% were active in community affairs, ranging from PTA to good government leagues.

The Bar Association probers learned that there are other reasons why too many individuals shirk jury service. Among these are fear of boredom in the courtroom, dislike of hectoring by attorneys, and dread of arguing with other jurors. Our nationwide evasion of jury duty is abetted by the laws of many states whose legislators leaned over backward to excuse a wide variety of people from this obligation.

Exempted in many states are clergymen, doctors, teachers, pharmacists, veterinarians, morticians, railway brakemen and railroad presidents. In California, the "keeper of a public ferry or toll-gate" is relieved from jury duty. In Washington, D.C., "keeper of asylums" are automatically excused.

But most people who have served on juries would like to do it again. Professor Harry Kalven of the University of Chicago Law School says that 94% of jurors he questioned had found the experience interesting and satisfying, once they had overcome their initial distaste for it.

Because of the difficulty in getting well-qualified, public-spirited citizens to accept jury service, our courts have come to rely on the "old faithfuls;" the unemployed, the aged, the infirm, busybodies, and morbid hangers-on who relish sitting in on other people's troubles and getting paid for their time—albeit meagerly.

The need for public-spirited, intelligent jurors was emphasized by the Ruth Commission in Pennsylvania which investi-



gated the lax juries of that state. It found that some juries, tiring of argumentation, had flipped coins or drawn straws to arrive at verdicts.

One venireman admitted he had switched his vote to one for conviction of a defendant "because I had to get home in time to see my favorite television sports program."

Another jury member—a 39-year-old woman—changed her vote to agree with the majority "because my country club was having its big spring dance, and I was late for a dressmaker's fitting of my new evening gown."

Even more shocking is the case of the midwestern woman who served on a criminal court jury. Unaware that the panel could be discharged if agreement could not be reached, she voted with the others to send the defendant to prison for life. Later she said, "I still believe the poor man was not proved guilty, because real evidence was lacking, but I simply had to get home to my children after ten days in court!"

The right of trial by jury—guaranteed by our Constitution—has made it possible for defendants or plaintiffs to hire attorneys who are nimble enough to confuse or wear out those jurymen who may be ill-prepared or ill-suited for their duties. Comments Prof. Charles Newman of Florida State University: "The average juror is swayed by the emotion and prejudice stemming from his heredity, background, and training (and, how often, by his breakfast!)." Jurors, he adds, tend to be sympathetic toward defendants charged with violating regulatory statutes—such as licensing laws or car speed limits—but frequently are unduly hostile toward persons accused of robbery or sex crimes.

An Ohio court bailiff who has watched jurors for ten years

makes this observation: "The men jurors watch the clock or look at their wrist watches twice as often as women jurors do. Some jurors show their bias by the way they sit; a slouched juror is hard to convince, but one who leans forward to catch every word usually is striving to be fair."

A squint, smile, frown or sigh can spell volumes to trained observers of courtroom life. Lawyers say that business executives and professional men serving on a jury are the toughest to convince of the merits of one's case. A three-man team from the University of Chicago Law School studied 49 juries and discovered that such top-bracket individuals in the privacy of the jury room spoke more, argued more, were more forceful and tended to dominate other jurymen.

But this is all to the good. Such thought-minded individuals are exercising the very qualities of intelligence and leadership which made them excel in their respective occupations and professions. If and when you serve on a jury, don't be reluctant to use your critical faculties, weigh the evidence, call for explanations and exhibits—and argue doggedly, if you think you are right.

If you are called, remember that you may be disqualified right away. Attorneys for either side will ask you many questions. Some may be embarrassing or unpleasant; other questions may be phrased in a way that will make you angry or indignant.

Attorneys for either side can exercise a certain number of "challenges for cause" or "peremptory challenges." You may never learn why a lawyer didn't want you as a juror, but he has the right to exclude jurymen until he exhausts his allotted number of challenges.



*"His logic certainly isn't my logic."*

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If you are bounced from a jury before it even is sworn in, don't condemn yourself. It doesn't mean you appear stupid or unfair to the lawyer who objected to you. Says Virgil W. Peterson, executive director of the Chicago Crime Commission: "Defense counsel, generally speaking, does not want intelligent jurors. When one appears and cannot be eliminated for cause, he is easily eliminated by the peremptory challenge."

To remedy some of the inequities of our jury system, many legal experts have proposed steps such as:

Trimming the list of persons who, because of their occupations or professions, are exempted from jury duty . . . Reducing the number of peremptory challenges allowed attorneys . . . Permitting jurors to make written notes during a trial. Too much dependence in memory is now required of a jury . . . Require only a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote by a jury instead of the traditional unanimity. Some states already have made this change . . . Encourage short courses in jury service for public and parochial schools, since 95% of all Americans are wholly ignorant of what jury duty entails.

But, since we have assumed that you are an intelligent individual who has been accepted for jury duty, how can you perform your duty fairly, objectively, and without being diverted or influenced by extraneous or inconsequential elements of a trial? It won't be easy. But achieving a detached, unbiased attitude never is. For one thing, you must be wary of witnesses who are too glib or pat in their answers to questions. Well-coached witnesses can deceive the best-intentioned juror.

If you are a woman juror, try to be fair to a woman defendant or plaintiff as you would be to a man. It is axiomatic among lawyers that female jurors tend to be harsh or critical toward members of their own sex who are litigants in a suit or defendants in a criminal case. Many attorneys also claim that woman jurors think small—that they do not render adequate monetary judgments in civil suits.

If you are the emotional type who weeps easily at the movies and wears your heart on your sleeve, you may play into the hands of an attorney who uses histrionics to win your sympathy or favor. Some lawyers and prosecutors admit that they would rather sway a jury's emotions than deal solely in hard facts which require thoughtful analysis.

The majority of cases heard in court are civil suits. These can get pretty dull, especially if they involve tax problems, probate matters, real estate boundaries, or corporate disputes. But the parties to such litigation are entitled to your full attention and objective thinking just as much as are the individuals accused of serious crimes or felonies.

Remember, too, a jury is hampered by strict technical rules of evidence. A witness may, with complete impunity, fail to relate the most pertinent facts about a case.

Listen carefully to the judge's instructions at all times. If you are foggy about what he means, ask for clarification. You are entitled to a clear and direct statement of instruction by the presiding judge; don't settle for less.

Try at all times to keep an open mind no matter how damning the evidence appears to you. Do not jump to conclusions or decide the guilt or innocence of a person until all evidence is in from both sides and after the case is formally submitted to you and your fellow jurors. Some other pointers:

Never discuss a case during a trial with family, friends, or even with other jurors . . . Be certain that you understand everything that is going on. Don't be afraid to ask for explanations in open court—that little point you want clarified may be critical in enabling you to make up your mind later in the privacy of the jury room . . . Resolutely ignore any evidence or testimony that the judge has ordered stricken from the record. This will not be easy, but you must do it, if you are to be fair and arrive at a verdict solely on the record of the court.

The judge is a kind of traffic cop to the confused, harried, or badgered juror. One of his functions is to guide you. In the course of a trial, you will get to know the judge well. He is human, too, and all his little mannerisms—from tugging at an earlobe when he is angry to cleaning his glasses when he is thoughtful—will become familiar to you.

Use your eyes as well as your ears. A keen juror will watch a witness' hands and feet. If testimony is false or evasive, very often the movements of the hands or feet will suggest this, though the witness may speak in a clear, confident voice which carries the ring of honesty.

Unfortunately, too many jurors are fearful of casting their votes, and are anxious chiefly for the approval of their fellow veniremen. But serving on a jury is not comparable to entering a popularity contest. If you have the courage of your convictions and are not afraid of criticism by other jurors, then you may experience the satisfaction that you have performed your duty with all the attentiveness and fairness of which you are capable.

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### The Case for Six-Member Juries

A June 1970 decision of the U. S. Supreme Court opens the door to possible use of six-member juries in criminal prosecutions. The Court reviewed the history of the Sixth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution and concluded that the traditional jury of twelve was an "historical accident" and that the framers of the amendment did not necessarily intend to equate the constitutional use of "jury" with the characteristics of a common law jury in 1789.

According to the Court, the purpose of a jury trial is prevention of oppression by government, a function unrelated to the number of citizens comprising the jury.

There are still questions to be answered, however. An important one has to do with the unanimous vote. Currently Congress and a substantial majority of the states require juries of twelve and unanimous verdicts in criminal cases. The Court's decision, which permits reduction of criminal juries to at least six by statute or by amending state constitutions, does not state whether a jury of fewer than twelve must also reach a unanimous verdict.

### Future Attractions

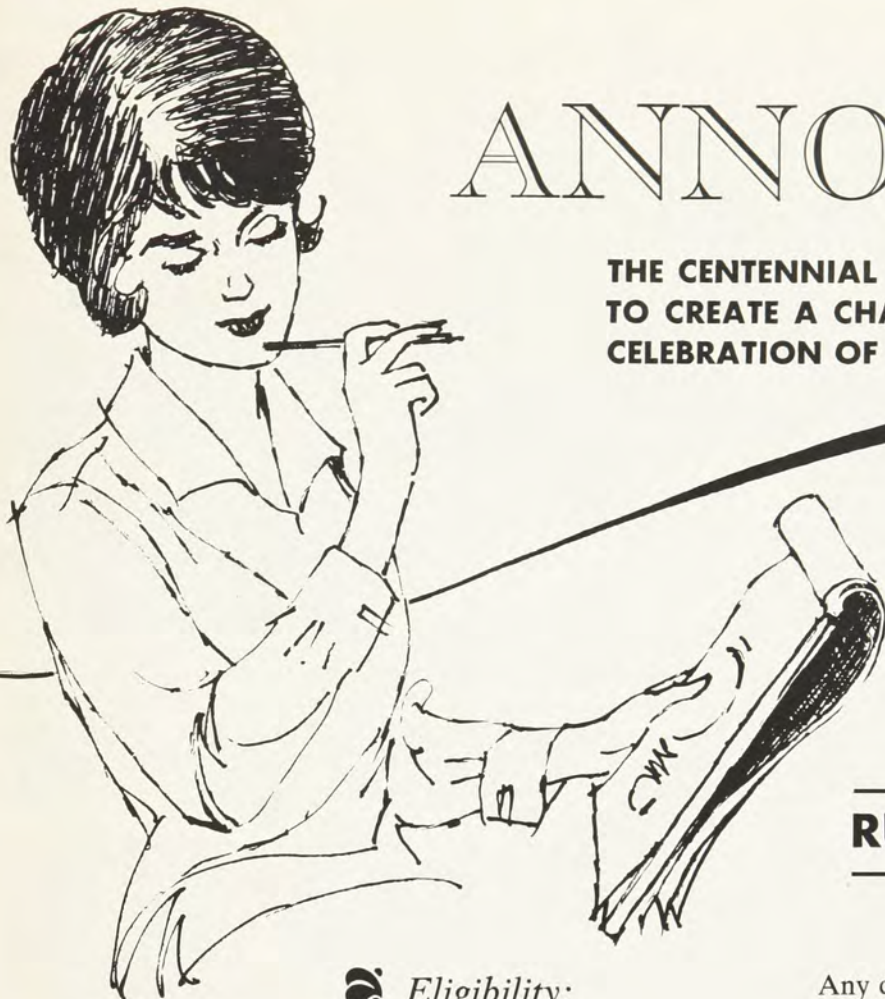
*Within the next few months, two more articles will appear in your Sorority magazine as a part of the Operation Brass Tacks series. In the next issue, you will have a first hand account of "How to Get a Job," including a list of Do's and Don'ts in job seeking, a discussion of job prospects for 1971 and a personality rating scale for your own self appraisal. Written by Dorothy Thompson Chambers, president of the Alabama Vocational Association, this article should have appeal to both graduate and undergraduate members.*

*Later Brass Tacks will explore the problems of ecology, a subject currently popular on the college campus and in the urban community.*



# ANNOUNCING

THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES A CONTEST  
TO CREATE A CHARM IN HONOR OF THE CENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION OF GAMMA PHI BETA



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### *Eligibility:*

Any duly initiated Gamma Phi Beta, either collegian or alumna is eligible to enter.

### *Specifications:*

- 1 The charm is to be  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter.
- 2 No enamel is to be used.
- 3 The charms will be made up in gold (filled), silver and 14K gold (special order).

### *Entry Rules:*

- 1 Designs will be accepted until June 1, 1971.
- 2 Name, address, Greek-letter, alumnae chapter (or both) should accompany each entry.
- 3 All entries should be sent to:

Centennial Charm Committee  
Gamma Phi Beta Sorority  
630 Green Bay Road  
Kenilworth, Illinois 60043

### *Award:*

One hundred dollars will be awarded for the winning design. The winner will be announced in the December 1971 issue of THE CRESCENT.

The design will also be used to produce seals for letters, envelopes and other items. The Centennial charms will be sold during the next three years with the profit realized going into the Centennial Fund.

**G-et** started on your design now!  
**P-ut** your creativity to work!  
**B-e** a winner!



# Centennial Plans—Past, Present and Future

A Centennial is a once-in-a-lifetime event and requires a great deal of planning over a period of years by many people. Through the years the Grand Presidents and those who have served on the Grand Council have worked toward the upcoming Centennial year with persistence and devotion.

In 1964 the Grand Council appointed Ardis McBroom Marek (Northwestern) to the position of Centennial chairman with Ruth Bartels Fox (Northwestern) as co-chairman. Mrs. Marek's many contributions to Gamma Phi Beta are discussed in the article on page 7.

Ruth Fox served as rush chairman and president of Epsilon chapter at Northwestern University and after her graduation, she reorganized the Chicago alumnae chapter and served as its president for five years. During this time the sorority house movement evolved at Northwestern and she was a member of the original Panhellenic committee of three who worked within the University to develop the women's quadrangles. Mrs. Fox was instrumental in raising the initial payment to the University for the Epsilon chapter house and served as treasurer of the Gamma Phi Beta house association for 11 years. She then accepted the appointment as director of Province II.

Aware of the need for expansion within Gamma Phi Beta, she introduced the Expansion Gift Fund at the 1946 Convention and served as chairman from 1947 to 1950. Mrs. Fox conducted two all-membership mailings from Central Office files to raise money for the expansion program. She established *The Crescent News* in 1952 and was appointed its first editor. This publication has been used for rushing, as an aid to new chapters and for expansion. Mrs. Fox served on Grand Council from 1950 to 1952 as Chairman of Provinces and as Chairman of Expansion from 1952 to 1954. She was named to the International Service Roll in 1955 and became a member of the International Honor Roll in 1958. Through the years she has been an active member of the Evanston-North Shore alumnae chapter and its alumnae advisory committee.

She has been an active alumna of Northwestern and was elected as secretary and as vice president of the Alumni Association, as president of the Associate Alumnae; and as a member of the Centennial campaign. She received a special service award from Northwestern in 1951.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Marek and Mrs. Fox, the Centennial planning was instituted. In 1966 Gladys Hecker Myles and Elizabeth Wagenbreth Owens (Washington-St. Louis) took over the reins of leadership.

Mrs. Myles attended Washington University and was a member of Phi chapter where she served as treasurer. She was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

She was treasurer of the 1948 Convention which was held in St. Louis. From 1951 through 1963, she was international magazine chairman and from 1964 to 1966 she held the position of chairman of the international nominating committee. Mrs. Myles has served as president of the St. Louis alumnae chapter, the Phi Mothers' club and the Phi house corporation. Currently she is serving as president of the Gamma Tau house corporation and as a member of the off-campus housing committee of the Women's Society of Washington University.

Mrs. Myles is a member of the Missouri Historical Society, the board of trustees of the First Congregational church and a member of its finance committee. She is a past president of the Women's Council of the church and is the present treasurer. She has also served as corresponding secretary for the Church Women United of St. Louis and on the constitution committee for the Missouri Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Elizabeth Owens, also a member of Phi, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and the St. Louis Library school. She was chief librarian for the Mercantile Trust from 1942 to 1952 and was elected a bank officer in 1950. In 1952 she became the chief librarian at the Union Electric Company and served as international president of the Special Libraries Association from 1950 to 1951. She was the recipient of their highest professional award in 1957. Mrs. Owens was elected to the Library Hall of Fame in 1966 and recognized as the Professional Woman of the Year of St. Louis in 1967. She became a library consultant during that year.

She has been president of the Gamma Phi Beta alumnae in Wichita and in St. Louis; her daughters Marabeth Owens Ostwald and Joanne Owens Pierce are members of Phi chapter.

## The Honorary Centennial Committee

We are rapidly approaching our gala Centennial year of 1974. With this in mind, Audrey Weldon Shafer, Grand President, has announced the appointment of an honorary committee for the Centennial celebration. Named to this illustrious committee are all of our living past Grand Presidents and the past Centennial chairmen.

Past Grand Presidents, named to the committee, are: Lois McBride Dehn (Washington), Penelope Murdoch Simonson (California), Evelyn Gooding Dippell (Illinois), Elizabeth Fee Arnold (Colorado State University), Elizabeth Wheeler Olsen (Michigan), Beatrice Hill Wittenberg (Stanford), Orra Spencer Reid (Michigan) and Barbara Burns Hiscock (Washington).

Past Centennial chairman who will lend their expertise to the committee are: Ruth Bartels Fox, Gladys Hecker Myles and Elizabeth Wagenbreth Owens.

These 11 women will enhance the working committees with their vast storehouse of information, their intimate knowledge of the membership and their vast experience on all levels of participation.

## Present Planning Underway

On January 17 through 20 the executive committee for Centennial planning met at the Parkway Hotel in Dallas, Texas, to discuss future planning for the Centennial year.

Ardis McBroom Marek, Centennial chairman, led the three-day session over many areas of interest: special events for the entire year of 1974, local and national publicity, program suggestions, historical data and memorabilia, an updated history of Gamma Phi Beta, Centennial souvenirs, fund raising and departmentalized functions to prepare for the 1974 Convention.

On hand to meet with Mrs. Marek were permanent members of the executive committee: Virginia Forsythe Vint (Missouri), Four Founders fund chairman; Barbara Nicholson Conklin (Syracuse), who will work with Mrs. Vint; Mary Kay Dormer Kabler (Kansas), special events chairman; Sandra Graham Cude (Memphis State); Betty Luker Haverfield (Missouri), editor of *THE CRESCENT*; Beth McCallom Wheeler (SMU), Foundation representative and Jane Scholl Farrell, director of public affairs. Audrey Weldon Shafer (Missouri), Grand President, will serve *ex officio*. Those members of the committee not in attendance in Dallas are Eleanor J. Sieg (Iowa), Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Marjorie Spiedel Lundin (Washington), Director of Finance.

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Ardis, the golfer



Ardis, the equestrienne



Ardis, the Centennial chairman

# Ardis McBroom Marek, Centennial Chairman

*Ardis McBroom Marek: former International Grand President, golfer, past editor of THE CRESCENT, equestrian, National Panhellenic Conference Delegate, wife, past chairman of the National Panhellenic Editors' Conference, mother, Centennial chairman, lady.*

There is no possible way to write an article "about" Ardis Marek—for that would mean to time-stop her, here and now, with words; one can only hope to create a story "around" her. But even then it is hard to decide whether to start with her more than 20 years of volunteer work for Gamma Phi Beta, or with the Marek farm which prizes the top flock of Shropshire sheep in the state of Illinois, or with her latest international appointment as Centennial chairman.

After having served as editor of THE CRESCENT for 18 years (from 1959-61 she was also chairman of the National Panhellenic Editors Conference), as International Grand President from 1966-68, and as NPC Delegate from 1968-70, Ardis thought that she might retire from the demanding work of Grand Council, or at least retreat a little and accept the position of first alternate NPC delegate; retreat back to the golf course, the Marek farm, the library, and the family that is.

In 1950, deciding that they did not want a city life for their children, Ardis and her husband Jim bought a farm in Clifton, Illinois. Jim, though a professional photographer by vocation, is also an excellent wood worker and has done much of the remodeling and redesigning of their 100 year old house.

Starting with a few sheep as a 4H project for their son Dennis, who is now an attorney practicing in Kankakee, Illinois, they developed their excellent stock of Shropshires. A few ponies bought for the children began an active interest in training show horses. Although Lori, who is 15 and the youngest of the three children, has not been interested in showing, she is an accomplished rider, so a few horses are still kept around the farm.

The older of the daughters is Diane Marek Austin who is married to an attorney with the FBI and now lives in California. Diane was selected as one of the 100 outstanding English teachers in California and is currently dean of girls at a pro-

gressive school in Poway, San Diego County. Dennis is also married; and he and his wife will present the senior Mareks with their first grandchild this month.

When they do retire, Ardis and Jim plan to spend the greater part of their time based in Spain and Portugal while traveling throughout Europe and North Africa doing photo-journalism articles for American magazines. They have visited Europe several times and plan another trip this fall to view other areas of Spain before finalizing plans for a "base camp."

But retirement is out of the question for Ardis, at least before 1974 since she has been appointed Centennial chairman. The appointment seems well made for not only does her past experience include that of being an international officer, but she has also served as co-chairman of the Centennial committee which laid the first long-range plans for the 100th anniversary celebration. The title of Centennial chairman encompasses all areas and activities of the celebration from the raising of funds to the awarding of scholarships. Of course, there is an extensive executive committee working with Ardis; and a chairman for the actual convention will be selected by the Kansas City alumnae and announced at the close of the 1972 convention in Minneapolis. The first executive committee meeting was held in Dallas in January and members have already received a bulletin from Ardis inviting everyone to take part in a Centennial medallion contest.

But experience is not the only qualification Ardis Marek possesses, for even more diversified than her experience is her interest. Possibly this is the real reason that she cannot retire from active involvement—because of her genuine concern for and in the sorority, the college campus, and young men and women in general. Since her graduation from Northwestern University her interest and perception have gained her a place in *Who's Who Among American Women*, and has qualified her as a frequent speaker for not only Gamma Phi Beta, but NPC and the Fraternity Editors and Secretaries Association.

So one can see that it is virtually impossible to time-stop Ardis Marek—for she continues to work and learn with the particular interest, ease, and grace that is all her own.     D D D

SUSAN HAGEN





Jane Scholl Farrell  
Director of Public Affairs

## *A New Year, A New Department, A New Gamma Phi!*

The Grand Council met the "challenge of change" at the beginning of the new year with the establishment of a department of public affairs for Gamma Phi Beta and the appointment of a new Gamma Phi Beta, Jane Scholl Farrell of Wilmette, Illinois, as its first international director.

The public affairs department will supervise and direct all public relations and fund raising programs for the Sorority. Further responsibilities will include the writing of new policies and directives; promotional and fund raising letters; rewriting and updating official publications and manuals as well as developing new publications and methods of communication within the sorority.

The new department welcomes and encourages any and all ideas and suggestions from all individual members of Gamma Phi Beta as well as from the alumnae and collegiate chapters.

Mrs. Farrell was graduated from William Smith College, Geneva, New York, in 1946 with a BA degree. She brings with her a versatile background, training, and depth of experience in the fields of public relations, fund raising, and administration.

For the last two years she has held the position of midwestern region director for The American Medical Center at Denver, a cancer research hospital, and directed the activities of its volunteer chapters in Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, and St. Louis, as well as in Chicago where the midwestern office is located. Recently she instituted and conducted a successful leadership conference for The American Medical Center volunteers. Prior to her transfer to the midwestern region, Mrs. Farrell had been associated with The American Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia as their southern region director.

While living in Syracuse, New York she served as executive director of the central New York state chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation and as the executive director of the Onondaga County unit of the New York state division of The American Cancer Society. She lectured to classes of student nurses, spoke to various service and community groups, and appeared extensively on television and radio on behalf of these organizations when she was on the staff.

Mrs. Farrell's maternal responsibilities involve three children: Cathie, 22, who lives in Syracuse, New York; Nancy, 19,

a student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio; and T.J., 14, a freshman at New Trier West High School, Northfield, Illinois. She has also been active in academic, community and professional organizations and activities.

She served as president of the Syracuse chapter of the William Smith College alumnae association and was named to the William Smith alumnae association executive council. She was a charter member of the Metropolitan Business and Professional Women's club of Syracuse and was appointed as the first public relations chairman on the executive committee and became the second president of the group. Under her leadership the membership doubled and the club received outstanding awards at the state convention. During the years that she was associated with The American Cancer Society, she was a member of the Onondaga County interagency committee on smoking and health and the health educators association. She has held memberships in the Council of Service Clubs, the National Rehabilitation Society, and the Administrative Management Society. In Atlanta, as a member of the Administrative Management Society's board of directors, she handled the public relations for the organization.

Her major hobby is Little Theater and Mrs. Farrell has made appearances in productions, often playing a lead role, whenever her professional and domestic commitments allowed. She also enjoys cooking, sewing, and an occasional game of golf.

During a recent initiation at the Beta Zeta chapter located at Kent State University, Mrs. Farrell became a member of Gamma Phi Beta as a special initiate. Her daughter, Nancy is a pledge at Beta Zeta—another Gamma Phi Beta mother-daughter team!

As this new year has started, so has a new department for the sorority with a new, dedicated, and energetic Gamma Phi Beta as its director. Bringing with her enthusiasm and fresh ideas, Mrs. Farrell will be visiting as many alumnae, and collegiate chapters and province conferences as possible.

She looks forward to meeting members personally, welcoming new ideas, and telling the story of the new department of public affairs.

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Floy Van Dusen Gale (Wisconsin '87), mother of the author Angeline Gale.

# The Gamma Girls In the Late Eighties

by Angeline Gale, Wisconsin

*Angeline Gale has had a long and personal relationship with the early days of Gamma Phi Beta and with the early history of the University of Wisconsin.*

*She attended the University of Western Michigan at Kalamazoo for two years, and then entered the University of Wisconsin as a junior. At the insistence of Mary Brittingham, a charter member of Gamma chapter and Angeline's "big sister" in Gamma Phi Beta, she was initiated and spent two years with the girls of Gamma.*

*After receiving her MA at the University of Michigan, she spent 46 career years in various phases of guidance and counseling. Her report of veterans prefabricated housing was published in the Congressional Record and brought her a letter of commendation from General Eisenhower, then Chief of Staff.*

*Always active in the AAUW, P.E.O., Delta Kappa Gamma, Business and Professional Women, and the First Congregational church, Miss Gale's greatest interest is people and the almost-lost art of communication.*

*Her first book, "An American Family," is centered around university life in the 1880's and covers much of the family life of the Gale and Van Dusen families. While the book was not ready for distribution as this issue of THE CRESCENT went to press, it will be reviewed in a subsequent issue.*

*It is from her research for the book and from her mother's and aunt's personal papers that Miss Gale prepared this article exclusively for THE CRESCENT.*

My mother, Floy Van Dusen, graduated from Portage High School in 1887 and registered for fall admission to the University of Wisconsin. Her sister, Bertha, had waited so that the two sisters might room together. Mother said that they always had a suite of rooms with two other girls.

The girls of Gamma invited mother to participate in a panel to be held at the chapter house in 1935. The panel role mother assumed was as "the girl of 1890" in discussion with the girl of 1935. Mother wrote out most of the discussion. That paper furnishes me with most of the following material. I also have a collection of mother's letters to her family which are valuable. For years I was privileged to read the interchange of letters of the Round Robin of the friends of the late eighties. I gathered a great deal of information from the precious packet which made the rounds twice a year.

It was to Ladies Hall that the two Van Dusen girls were assigned because it was the only residence hall for women. Upon arrival, the custodian of the building directed them down town where they could rent a base burner to heat their room. He showed them the coal bin in the basement where their supply of fuel would be kept. It was his responsibility to maintain their supply of fuel for a small stipend. With no bell system, it was necessary for the custodian to travel through the halls to ring a hand bell in town crier fashion.

In 1887 Madison had street cars drawn by donkeys. Mother wrote in one of her letters to her mother describing the scene where two donkey-driven street cars met just below her window. She wrote of the strong argument between the drivers before it was decided which one would get off the track and let the other one go by. This was the usual means of transportation down the length of State Street to Capitol Square.

When the two girls pledged Gamma Phi Beta in 1887 the Madison chapter was but two years old and the national chapter but twelve years of age. There was no separate sorority house. Most of the girls lived in Ladies Hall.

Serenades, rather than panty raids, seemed to be popular. The girls tried to have food available to feed the boys. Their chief technique was to "swipe it" off the table if they got late word of the possible serenade.

Social gatherings were almost always over-chaperoned. One of the major sports was to try to outwit the chaperone. The campus was far enough away from the business area so that most university affairs found a well integrated student-faculty relationship. Special parties were made gay with candle-lit Japanese lanterns. Come spring, Lake Mendota had its appeal. It was always special to row over to Picnic Point. It was much too early for women to go in bathing. A bikini would prove a shocker for our girl of 1890.

As a member of the panel mother was asked about means of transportation other than the donkey street cars. She said that the very wealthy rode in fine carriages called landaus which were two-seated with a higher seat for the driver in livery. People of more ordinary means had double carriages or one-seated phaetons for business and pleasure driving. Most of the better homes had their own stables. Horse-drawn busses met travelers at the depots. Hacks, which were closed carriages, could be ordered for special occasions. Of course it had to be very special for a college student to order one! A bicycle built for two was much more fun anyway!

Probably the most active sport for both men and women was tennis. Mother described a tennis outfit of that period for the panel. One wonders how they ever managed to move enough to play. Baseball was the game that drew the crowds. We have an old battered tin horn which mother said she carried to games and when she got excited she would hit a friend on the head!

Mother was asked to describe in detail what was typically



worn by the girl of 1890. I will quote directly as she wrote it: "Remember I was a Wisconsin woman and used to severe winters. The first required garment in the winter months was a union suit, at least half wool, extending from one's ankles to the neck. Next came corset, built substantially with double steel stays in front and well boned all around. Of course this was very tightly drawn and laced in the back. Our stockings were lisle, never silk, and always black. Next came a muslin corset cover, usually much decorated with lace or embroidery, and rather full muslin drawers. For some unknown reason these two garments just mentioned had to be very stiffly starched. In 1890 girls usually wore a small bustle which was made of coiled wire or stiff hair cloth. After putting on a knee-length starched white skirt or a silk under skirt, the bustle was properly adjusted. The last underskirt always was very full and usually ruffled. Finally, came the dress itself which came to our ankles, usually with a slight train in the back. From this description you will understand why a roommate was most desirable as an aide in dressing."

Mother's fascinating description continues: "In those days the girls piled their hair high on the head and frequently had full, curled bangs in front. Ornate combs were used to tighten the hair on the sides and back. Our hat sat on top of our head with two long hat pins to hold it on. Wings, plumes and even whole stuffed birds appeared on winter hats and much ribbon and flowers on the summer hats. At one time I was the proud owner of a wide brimmed hat popularly called a 'Merry Widow' hat."

Since the Gamma Phis were not the first sorority on the campus, and independent sorority houses had not yet been built, Ladies Hall must have formed the initial nucleus for an early Panhellenic organization on the campus. From what I observed, friendships were close and enduring. When the Class of 1891 held their thirty-fifth reunion on the campus in 1926 when I graduated, I was amazed at the signs of solidarity and

real joy in the reunion.

I have previously referred to the Round Robin started and perpetuated by these girls of this period.

It was in the forty-sixth year of the "flight of the robin" that the precious packet of letters was lost and lines of communication were broken. I have often wondered if it wasn't the longest lived friendship group within the framework of Gamma Phi.

The girls in the picture are of this period and practically all of them were members of the Robin. It was my privilege to personally know Mary Clark Brittingham and Anne Chapman. For years Miss Chapman served as librarian at William and Mary. She collaborated with the Rockefellers in the research preceding the restoration of Williamsburg.

Mother was married in the fall of 1892. It was in the little lumbering town of Prentice that my father, Charles I. Gale, just in from Brooklyn, grew to know the youngest daughter of the town's outstanding lumberman. The Gale family of seven children grew toward maturity midst the beauty and freedom of the north woods. Mother's depth of knowledge, ingenuity and resourcefulness urged all of us on to tackle the seemingly impossible. Later in life she shared her skills and experiences with more involvement in church and club activity. Our beloved "girl of 1890" was only sixty-seven when she died rather suddenly in 1937. She knew well how to be a great person.

I consider the richness of my heritage partly inspired by mother's early experience at the university. I know that her friendships in Gamma Phi Beta meant a great deal to her. It would be difficult to really measure the dividends from that experience. What are the dividends from university life as we see it today?

An assessment of values that will blend into responsible womanhood might well be the topic for another panel discussion. Please record your findings and share with all of us!

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The Gamma chapter of Gamma Phi Beta in 1888. Bertha Van Dusen (far left) had a daughter, Cornelia Mathews, and a granddaughter, Dollie MacMillan, both members of Gamma chapter. Floy Van Dusen Gale is fourth from the right in the back row. Third from the right is Mary Clark Brittingham, charter member. Note that Gamma Phi pins were worn almost anywhere in those days.





# A Poignant Letter To All of Us

Dear Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta:

Yesterday Rosie had trouble because she had "collected" a sweater that belonged to a friend. The youngest of four children, she's small, extremely talkative and very unlovable. Although her father is in the home, he works irregularly and there is never enough money.

Mary missed school again today. It's the second time this week and the seventh time this month. Her mother is divorced, unemployed and living on ADC. Unfortunately, there are five younger brothers and sisters that this 11-year-old must care for when mama grows weary of her responsibilities and deserts the home for a few days.

Tomorrow Janet will go to visit her mother three blocks away. She is living with another man, cooking for his children and bringing the pay from her part-time job to him. Janet cares for her four brothers and sisters when her father isn't home.

And then there are:

Debbie, 10 and Annie, 11, the part-Negro daughters of a white, illiterate, separated mother. Very large for their ages, their aggressive personalities bear resentment against all adults, white or black.

Juanita, a 9-year-old, lives poorly with a domineering sister and grandmother on the outskirts of a Colorado city. Her doctors were delighted to learn that she was going to camp; her spirits needed to be lifted for the major adrenal gland surgery she will have later in the summer.

Vicki, a chubby child with an irritating speech problem, tattles on her peers with such frequency that she has no friends. At the age of 10, no one trusts her because of her compulsive fibbing.



Colorado campers enjoy "Christmas in July."

Marty, a sixth grader, was given up by her parents at the age of 6-months because they could not afford to keep her. She is supported now by her separated grandmother's old age pension check.

How do you describe the yesterdays, todays and tomorrows of the 160 girls who go to our camp? The cases I've mentioned are not unusual. Terms such as "culturally deprived," "emotionally lacking" and "undernourished" can be found on almost every referral we receive. Last year, one of our campers tried to commit suicide while at camp. She didn't want to go home.

Our declared international philanthropy is camping for underprivileged girls. Do you think one week in the mountains away from the misery, guilt, fears, filth and lack of success is worth the efforts of an entire sorority?

I do. And, so do the 20 women on the Colorado camp board who run *your* camp.

Sincerely in Pi K E,  
CATHERINE CURTIS SENDROY, *Vanderbilt*  
Camper Selection Chairman

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## WATERFRONT DIRECTOR'S APPLICATION FOR VANCOUVER

Mail to: Mrs. E. Bruce Adams, 8235 45th Ave., N.E., Seattle, Wash. 98115

Name: ..... Chapter ..... Age .....

Address: .....  
(Home: Street, City and State) (College: Street, City and State)

Experience pertinent to counseling .....

Camp Experience ..... Where ..... Year .....

Special Interests: .....

Waterfront Experience and Qualifications .....

Marital Status and Dependents .....

Names of three persons who may be used as references: one concerning character and personality (e.g. alumnae advisor or alumnae president), one from your W.S.I. instructor, and one from an employer in this field (if possible).

..... Address .....

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An accompanying personal letter and small photograph are required.

Salary: \$200 for the full camp period.





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## Counselors and Campers



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### DIRECTOR'S APPLICATION FOR VANCOUVER

Mail to: Mrs. E. Bruce Adams, 8235 45th Ave., N.E., Seattle, Wash. 98115

Name ..... Chapter ..... Age .....

Address ..... Marital Status ..... Dependents .....

Experience pertinent to position as Camp Director .....

Camping Experience ..... position held ..... year .....

Names of three persons who may be used as references. People who know your experience and ability.

..... Address .....

..... Address .....

..... Address .....

An accompanying personal letter and small photograph are required.

Salary: from \$500, dependent on experience.





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1. WENDY ROSE (Γ B-Gettysburg) served as waterfront director and director of Camp Sechelt. Here she works at removing chewing gum from a worried camper's hair—just one of her many responsibilities which included everything from coordinating staff activities to supervising the swimming program.
2. MARIE WURTZBURGER (A H-Ohio Wesleyan) helped in all areas, especially in raising spirits. Here, she and a camper relax and enjoy camp life. Most of the children are from deprived homes around Vancouver and camp gives them their one opportunity to be out in the open and enjoy the great outdoors. They have no concept of the meaning of the word "sorority," but they do know that gammaphibetacamp is fun!
3. ELENA HANNAN (A Φ-Colorado College) was a whiz at creating crafts projects to keep the campers busy. Using simple objects like the pebbles from the beach, the campers made pretty crafts to take home or give as gifts at the various camp celebrations. Elena lives in Mexico and shared some Mexican fun with the campers by making a piñata.
4. KERRI OSBORNE (B M-Florida State), accompanied by her guitar, served as music director and helped the campers produce puppet shows and plays. Some of the more successful products were "Cindy, the Fireplace Kid" (a modern day Cinderella) and "The Robbers, Rich People and Police." Here, she and the other angels prepare for their parts in the Christmas pageant.

5. SHEILA TELFER (A T-McGill), the Canadian member of the camp staff, helped direct a charm school created to teach the campers about personal health and grooming habits. The campers are provided with brushes, combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste to use while at camp, with the hope that their experiences at charm school will develop regular habits after they return home.

6. CAROL MERRYFIELD (Ψ-Oklahoma) was versatile in many areas, especially on the waterfront. Although the campers all come from the Vancouver area, most have never had the opportunity to go swimming. Lessons are given to everyone.

7. JO DINKLA (Γ Ψ-Northern Iowa) was assistant director and created some evening programs which were most outstanding. Here, she takes campers for a boat ride, one of the most eagerly anticipated treats of camp. Because of the clarity of the water at Sechelt, watching the bottom of the ocean was a fascination in itself and gave the campers a special thrill.

8. GRETCHEN PAGE (Ω-Iowa State) was the Gamma Phi auctioneer. The auction was held each session to give the campers an opportunity to take home the many donations to camp, yet be able to choose what they could best use. Each camper was given a \$10 credit and could bid on any items she wished. The success of the auction was readily apparent as the campers carried their many shopping bags full of needed clothing (and games!) home to their families.

9. Counselors at Sechelt, 1970, were (front row): Wendy Rose, Marie Wurtzbarger, Gretchen Page; back row: Jo Dinkla, Carol Merryfield, Kerri Osborne, Elena Hannan, Sheila Telfer.

KERRI OSBORNE, Beta Mu



## GAMMA PHI BETA APPLICATION FOR CAMP COUNSELOR

Mail to: Mrs. E. Bruce Adams, 8235 45th Ave., N.E., Seattle, Washington 98115

Name ..... Chapter ..... Age .....

Address .....

(Home: street, city, state)

(College: street, city, state)

Camp experience .....

Special Interests .....

References: .....

Please circle date and location preferred.

Transportation costs paid.

Colorado  
July 27 to August 4

Vancouver  
June 30 to Aug. 10





Sandra Graham Cude  
Public Relations Chairman

# Grand Council Appointments

## Sandra Graham Cude

A Dallas resident is the newly appointed public relations chairman. Sandra Graham Cude is a journalism graduate of the University of Alabama, but is a Gamma Phi Beta initiated at Gamma Alpha chapter at Memphis State in 1964.

At the University of Alabama, Sandra was president for the Women's Residence, head of the Judiciary Council, a member of the board of directors of the Associated Women Students and affiliated with the newspaper staff and the Cotillion Club. At Memphis State, she served as a pledge officer and representative to the Student Government Association.

Sandra has put her journalism training to the test as assistant director of public relations for Neiman-Marcus, the specialty store, and as publications manager of Chilton Corporation. Currently, the new public relations chairman is doing free-lance writing and teaching at the Barbizon Modeling School.

While a student at the University of Alabama, Sandra helped to organize the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, alumnae chapter. She served as associate editor of the 1970 Convention newspaper. She is publicity chairman of the Dallas alumnae chapter and secretary and hospital chairman of the junior group. Her mother, Latane Jordan Graham, was a special initiate at the colonization of Gamma Phi chapter at Auburn University.

Sandra was selected for inclusion in the 1970 edition of *Outstanding Young Women in America*. She is public relations vice president for the Dallas auxiliary of the Children's Asthma Research Institute and Hospital. Her publicity work for this group won the national CARIH public information award this past year.

Her husband, John, is a student at Baylor University College of Dentistry. A Kappa Sigma at Tulane, he also attended North Texas University. Sandra is a member of the Baylor Dental Wives and serves as junior representative for the Wives Club of her husband's dental fraternity, Delta Sigma Delta.

Sandra is also a member of the Dallas Industrial Editor's Association and Theta Sigma Phi.

Both of the Cudes are avid water skiers and try to spend one day a week at the lake from March to October plus any warm days in-between. Their other hobbies include antiques, decorating, designing and making jewelry and for Sandra, tennis.

## Mary Jane Melton Nicely

Mary Jane Melton Nicely, the new alumnae director in Prov-

ince VIII, was graduated in 1965 from Vanderbilt University where she majored in Spanish. In those days, before she met husband John, she wanted desperately to be a diplomat. Now she's content being Mrs. John and letting someone else handle the international crises.

In Alpha Theta chapter Mary served as alumnae relations chairman, assistant rush chairman, scholarship chairman and president. On campus she worked on the staff of the school newspaper for two years.

After graduation and marriage, the Nicelys moved to Huntsville, Alabama where John, also a Vandy alumnus and a member of Sigma Nu, is employed by the IBM Corporation as a senior associate programmer. His programs checked out the Saturn rockets before they were launched from the Cape.

In Huntsville, Mary has served as president of the Gamma Phi Beta alumnae group and is currently serving as publicity chairman and CRESCENT correspondent. She is also treasurer of the Huntsville chapter of AAUW.

Because the Nicelys have no children (just three Siamese cats), Mary has had time to follow a career. Several years ago she took a course in shorthand and later became an instructor of business subjects. She first taught for a private business college, then for the state of Alabama and is now employed by SPACO, Inc. in their training division. Because the company was short of instructors last summer, she ended up teaching elementary drafting, machine mathematics, measurement (micrometers and calipers) and board wiring. She says she "stayed one day ahead of my students (barely)!" Her students are all disadvantaged persons, those who are not readily employable. This, to her, is one of the most rewarding of careers—to help someone out of a state of despair into a productive life.

Hobbies? She and John enjoy scuba diving and they took up golf last summer. When she told her friends that she shot a 78, they were impressed. Then she played the other nine holes. Mary's parting remark to THE CRESCENT was "After taking this job as PAD VIII, I'd say my hobby is trying to keep up with my correspondence."

## Helen Berg Towne

Helen Berg Towne (Idaho '40) is the newly appointed alumnae director for Province XII. She was graduated with a degree in home economics from the University of Idaho where she was a member of Cardinal Key, president of Phi Upsilon Omicron home economics honorary and vice president and so-





Mary Larsen MacDonald  
Alumnæ Director—VII



Lois Bolle Van Leeuwen  
Collegiate Director—V



Mary Melton Nicely  
Alumnæ Director—VIII



Helen Berg Towne  
Alumnæ Director—XII

cial chairman of Xi chapter. Currently living in Spokane, Washington, her home town is Wallace, Idaho.

After living for many years where there was no Gamma Phi Beta alumnæ chapter, she has enjoyed being active in Spokane where she cut short her second term as president to accept the alumnæ director appointment. Helen's husband, Bob, is very understanding of the Sorority's demands on her time because he is a former division commander of Sigma Nu.

There are four children in the Towne family: Marilyn Towne Keuter (Idaho '64), Barbara Brewer Brucker (Kappa Delta at the University of Washington '71), Beverly Brewer (Idaho '73) and Roger Towne, seventh grade.

Before coming to Spokane, Helen taught high school home economics for three years in Walla Walla, followed by a highly enjoyable stint at teaching Bishop method sewing to adult classes. She still enjoys sewing as a hobby and admits to being an enthusiastic, if inexperienced, golfer and skier. A member of P.E.O. since 1943, she is presently treasurer of her chapter, and tries to give one day a week to the Spokane Rehabilitation Center for handicapped adults. Her church affiliation is Presbyterian and she has taken a leave of absence from the League of Women Voters since becoming province director.

#### Lois Bolle Van Leeuwen

Province V's new collegiate director is Lois Bolle Van Leeuwen (Illinois '48). She and her family make their home in Winnetka, Illinois.

Lois grew up in Highland Park, just a few miles north of her present home. She attended the University of Illinois at Champaign where she majored in speech therapy and was recognized for outstanding achievement in this field during her senior year.

Her husband's business career has involved seven long distance moves and, in her pre-children days, Lois worked for six years in the school systems of Stevens Point, Wisconsin; New Orleans, Louisiana and Richmond, Virginia. In addition to her B.S. in speech therapy, she says she has a Ph.D. in moving!

While at Champaign, Lois was a busy gal both in Gamma Phi and on campus generally. During her senior year she was president of both Gamma Phi Beta and Zeta Phi Eta (speech professional sorority). In prior years she served as Gamma Phi rush chairman, junior manager of the university's year book and in various student union and theater guild production staff activities. She was a member of Panhellenic Council and was elected to Shi-Ai and Mortar Board.

In the years since college, Lois has continued her interest in Gamma Phi and in community activities. She was state recommendations chairman while living in New Orleans and is currently area recommendations chairman for Winnetka. She is a recent past president of the Winnetka Newcomers' Club and is currently completing her second term as president of the Winnetka junior board of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago. While living in Minneapolis she was a member of the Abbott Hospital Auxiliary Board and was chairman of the board's major fund raising event. She has also modeled in several fashion shows for charitable organizations.

Lois' husband, Bill, is also an Illini. He holds A.B. and LL.B. degrees and is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. They were married shortly after graduation. Bill is currently a vice president of the Kemper Insurance Group. They have two children: Barbara, a sophomore at New Trier East High School and Tom, an eighth grader at Washburne Junior High.

#### Mary Larsen MacDonald

Mary Larsen MacDonald, new alumnæ director for Province VII, comes from Rho chapter at the University of Iowa where she was initiated in 1945. While at the University she served her chapter as assistant pledge trainer and rituals chairman and the university as a member of the YWCA board and hospital volunteer. After graduation she married Robert W. MacDonald, a Sigma Phi Epsilon from Iowa, and moved to Minneapolis for a year's stay before moving to Louisiana.

While living in Baton Rouge, the MacDonalds became the proud parents of three daughters, Barbara, Jody, and Nancy and a son, Jim. Barbara and Jody are now both Gamma Phis at LSU.

Besides raising a family, Mary took on the job of Girl Scout leader for ten years—at one time was the leader of three troops in three levels of the Scout program. What else could she do with three daughters? Teaching a lively Sunday school class was also a challenge.

When an alumnæ group was chartered in Baton Rouge in 1963, Mary was there as a charter member and helped colonize Gamma Lambda chapter at Louisiana State University the following year. She served as treasurer, ARC, and president of the Baton Rouge chapter before her husband was transferred to Houston by Humble Oil Co. where he is the petroleum products coordinator. Since coming to Houston, she has served as Panhellenic delegate and ARC for the Houston alumnæ chapter and as a member of our national camp committee.



# By the light of the Crescent Moon

## Here We Go Again!

We know we've said it before but we feel we must repeat! Please send *THE CRESCENT* only black and white glossy prints. Most college students buy only color film and their pictures are beautiful to behold—but they just do not reproduce well in black and white in the magazine. So, when you have scheduled a special event, do buy some regular film (it's cheaper, too!) and record your activities in *THE CRESCENT*.

And, watch those deadlines! Start now collecting pictures of your outstanding honor students and be sure they reach *THE CRESCENT* by June 1 to appear in the chapter honors section of the September issue.

## Fairy Godmothers in Boston

Patients at the Walter E. Fernald School in Waltham, Massachusetts have 60 fairy godmothers looking out for their special needs these days.

The Boston West Suburban alumnae chapter of Gamma Phi Beta has adopted the school as a continuing fund-raising and service project. This year's project, an attic sale, raised \$400 and the check was presented to the school superintendent, Malcolm Farrell, by Mrs. James Wright, president and Mrs. Donald Matheson, treasurer, of the alumnae chapter.

The school houses retarded children and adults ranging in age from two to 80. This year's Gamma Phi Beta donation will be used to purchase a small freezer for medication, ice cream for parties and supplies for the service store.

## Pink Carnations to Gamma Mu

Last November during Greek Week the Gamma Mus at Moorhead State College helped the city conduct a labor availability survey as a part of the economic development program. Working with the other sororities and fraternities under the direction of the city, the college students conducted personal interviews with nearly 5,000 persons.

In a letter to Gamma Phi Beta Central Office, W. E. Morse, director of the department of economic development in Moorhead, wrote: "It is the desire of the mayor, city council and the citizens of our community that your office be advised of this very worthy effort by the Moorhead State College chapter of Gamma Phi Beta."

May *THE CRESCENT* add our congratulations to the ladies of Gamma Mu.

## Tragedy in Atlanta

Susan Evy Doty (Vanderbilt '67) was found brutally murdered on the outskirts of Atlanta in December. Miss Doty was a clothing sales representative for the Girl Scouts of America working in five states out of a regional office at Atlanta. Our sincere sympathies to Susan's family of Petersburg, Indiana.

## President of Women in Personnel

Patricia Denton (Oklahoma), employment manager at the University of Illinois Medical Center, has been named president of Chicago's Women in Personnel. Women in Personnel is a professional association for personnel and industrial rela-

tions executives and administrators. Miss Denton also serves as chairman-elect of the midwest region of the College and University Personnel Association.

## Beta Upsilon in Bolivia

Ruth Koelliker and Connie LofGreen, undergraduate members of Beta Upsilon chapter at Kansas State University, spent last summer in Cochabamba, Bolivia as teacher aides in the Methodist-American school for Bolivians. Several times during the summer, they took excursions to other parts of the country, including its capital city, La Paz. From working with these people, Bonnie and Ruth felt they had gained insight into the working of their own country, their relationships with their fellow men and even a better understanding of themselves. Connie summed it up best with a quote from a book she bought in Bolivia: "To travel, to know, understand and respect other countries are the prime conditions for peaceful coexistence between the peoples of the world."

## College Education Is Worth \$245,205

In the November 18 issue of the *Washington Evening Star*, financial columnist Sylvia Porter draws on the latest U.S. Census figures to conclude that four years of college are worth \$245,205 to the high school graduate. Average annual income for a high school graduate is \$10,003 today; for persons with one to three years of college, \$11,314; for a college graduate \$15,452. Lifetime earnings for the high school graduate add up to \$405,135, for the degree holder \$695,340.

## Hey! All You Alpha Deltas

Can you believe that this spring will mark the Golden anniversary of Alpha Delta chapter at the University of Missouri? And, they plan to celebrate it in a big way. Springdale is gone; Gaebler's is no more; and, the old Coronado is a gourmet restaurant. The campus has been enlarged and extends all the way to the football stadium and beyond. The old golf course is now a complex of high-rise dormitories. But the columns are still there, and the Jay School lions—and the Gamma Phi Beta house, with its new large addition, is waiting for you!

All of the alums will hold forth at the Ramada Inn. There will be an earlybird party for all those arriving on Saturday afternoon, April 17, and class parties during the evening. Sunday morning there will be an informal coffee at 808 Richmond where you will meet such illustrious dignitaries as Audrey Welton Shafer, International Grand President, and Rose Baker Reid, our revered charter member. There will be a banquet at 1:30 at the Ramada Inn with many awards and presentations.

If you don't receive a mailing by mid-February, do drop a note to Mrs. A. Overton Durrett (Sue Dorsey), 421 West 49th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri 64112. Sue is general chairman for the weekend.

So, mark these dates down on your calendar now: April 17-18, 1971, Ramada Inn, Columbia, Missouri.

I'll be there. Will you?

B.L.H.



Sitting on the floor of her office, Rosemary Krieger Goetting (Oklahoma '42) shows the six editions of the *South Park News* with her story of the Southern California Intercity Founders Day on the front page of each. For many years Rosemary has arranged for extensive publicity for Gamma Phi Beta events. She is the news editor of the South Park paper which is delivered twice weekly over the large area of Huntington Park, South Gate, Lynwood, Bell, Maywood and Downey.



Editor Rosemary Goetting

# *Founders Day 1970*

## International Service Roll

In recognition of outstanding service on both the local and international levels of the Sorority, the Grand Council of Gamma Phi Beta has elected the following alumnae to the 1970 Service Roll:

MARY ORR OLMSTEAD DISTELHORST, Rho '34

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

RUTH E. FORD, Alpha Xi '21

Lubbock, Texas

MARGARET MOORE SAWYER, Chi '35

San Francisco, California





**BOSTON WEST SUBURBAN.** Golden Crescent awards were presented to three 50-year members: Gladys Kingman, Beatrice Chambers and Marjorie White. Seated in the rear is Mrs. Edward Carney, province alumnae director.

**FAIRFIELD-WESTCHESTER.** Mrs. Ivan L. Bowman, president of the Fairfield County alumnae, presented the Golden Crescent award to Mrs. T. D. Wilton as Mrs. Hubert L. Phyfe, program chairman, looked on.



## *One Hundred*

In just four years we will be 100—one century old! As we look forward to 1974, our Centennial Year, we remember, too, the rich history and tradition of our sisterhood.

Collegiate and alumnae chapters from one end of North America to the other met during the month of November to celebrate the founding of Gamma Phi Beta. At luncheons, dinners, teas, and desserts, candles were lit in honor of our four founders: Frances E. Haven, Mary A. Bingham, E. Adeline Curtis, and Helen M. Dodge.

Here is the Founders Day 1970 story as it happened in each of our fifteen provinces.

### **PROVINCE I**

ALPHA chapter—where it all started—joined with the SYRACUSE alumnae to observe Founders Day, and their 96th birthday, with a dinner at the chapter house. A highlight of the program was the re-enactment of the celebration held in 1875 to mark the first anniversary of the founding of Gamma Phi Beta. Mildred Faulkner Rice (Syracuse '17), a former president of the alumnae chapter, received the Golden Crescent award.

Our oldest Canadian chapter, ALPHA ALPHA (Toronto) had a 100 per cent turnout at a luncheon with the TORONTO alumnae. Mr. Walter Kehm spoke on ecology, pollution, and the environment. In Montreal ALPHA TAU (McGill) held an evening meeting.

BURLINGTON alumnae and BETA NU collegians (Vermont) shared a covered dish dinner at the chapter house. Province alumnae director Jacqueline Soutar Carney (Northwestern) was their guest.

Gourmet cooking was a feature of the Buffalo alumnae chapter's dinner at the home of Anne Artz (Syracuse). Each person received a pink carnation in honor of our four founders.





**BUFFALO.** Attending the Founders Day ceremony at the home of Ann Stellman Artz were, from the left: June Preve, Julia Dake, Dottie Little, Cathy Boyd, Ann Artz, Lois Martin, Sylvia Armstrong, Marcia Rauch, Dixie Klingaman and Frances Fox.

# *Minus Four . . . and Counting*

by Joanne Sallee Kernitz,  
Alumnæ Assistant Editor

Alumnæ from chapters in FAIRFIELD COUNTY, Connecticut and WESTCHESTER COUNTY, New York got together for a luncheon with Director of Expansion Margaret Lamping Maguire (Washington), province alumnæ director Jacksie Carney, and international philanthropy chairman Janet Milligan Heaton as special guests. The Golden Crescent award was presented to Elizabeth Carlson.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY celebrated Founders Day again with an evening meeting for those who could not attend the luncheon.

Mrs. Leroy Marek, former province collegiate director, was hostess for the BOSTON WEST SUBURBAN chapter's potluck supper. Jacksie Carney presented Golden Crescent awards to Gladys Kingman, Beatrice Chambers, and Marjorie White.

## **PROVINCE II**

ALPHA PI (West Virginia)—with 100 per cent attendance—and the MORGANTOWN alumnæ celebrated Founders Day with a dessert at the chapter house, and gave special recognition to members who have recently won honors on campus.

ALPHA UPSILON (Penn State) and the STATE COLLEGE alumnæ met for dessert with province alumnæ director Elizabeth Sloan Phillips (Washington-St. Louis) and province collegiate director Mary Jean Lauvetz Hart (Nebraska) joining in the festivities.

A tea at the ALPHA CHI chapter house at the College of William and Mary brought together alumnæ from RICHMOND and WILLIAMSBURG. Miss Carolyn Moseley, Assistant Dean of Women at the College was an honored guest.

The largest Founders Day banquet in the East was held in the nation's capital. COLLEGE PARK alumnæ were the hostesses this year, with the BETA BETA collegiate chapter (Maryland), and the WASHINGTON and NORTHERN

VIRGINIA alumnæ chapters participating. The speakers' table at this annual dinner is always filled with members who have given distinguished service to Gamma Phi Beta. Included this year were: former Grand President Evelyn Gooding Dippel; Honor Roll members Ruth Folwell Studley and Beatrice Locke Hogan. Golden Crescent awards were given to Ruth Studley and Florence White. Guest speaker was Mr. Israel Lee, head of Greek Affairs at the University of Maryland.

The GAMMA BETA suite at Gettysburg was the scene of a dessert with the GETTYSBURG alumnæ and the province collegiate and alumnæ directors.

The DELAWARE chapter's evening meeting was held at the home of Lee Bush in Newark. There were nine chapters represented among the ten alumnæ who attended—a very diverse group!

In NORFOLK the alumnæ met for an evening dessert.

Two dinners were held in the Philadelphia area, by the PHILADELPHIA and the PHILADELPHIA NORTH SUBURBAN alumnæ chapters.

PITTSBURGH alumnæ continued their tradition of a tu-reen dinner featuring the best gourmet recipes of members. Province alumnæ director Kiki Phillips attended.

## **PROVINCE III**

The COLUMBUS alumnæ chapter traveled to Ohio Wesleyan University and provided dessert for a joint celebration with ALPHA ETA chapter. Chapter programs chairman Marie Wurzbarger read an essay on the meaning of sororities in today's world. Guests included: Mary Dorsey Krauss (Missouri), province collegiate director; Constance Young Heffner (Ohio State), province alumnæ director; and Carol Dronberger, assistant to the Collegiate Vice President.

The new addition to the ALPHA NU chapter house at Wit-



tenberg University was the subject of a skit presented by the collegiate chapter at a dessert held jointly with the SPRINGFIELD alumnae. Former Field Secretary Joan Herzig (San Diego State) spoke on the subject "Getting to Know Ourselves Better."

Alumnae in Cincinnati got together at a Founders Day tea.

The Cleveland area was the scene of three activities: The CLEVELAND chapter met for dinner at Diamond's Restaurant, and CLEVELAND EAST SUBURBAN chapter held an evening meeting. CLEVELAND WEST honored six of its past presidents at a dinner: Joan Elliott Piper (Wisconsin), Eugenia Lichner Sanson (Miami-Ohio), Nancy Smith Arcara (Bowling Green), Jane Pihringer Mueller (Wisconsin), Marcia Fitzpatrick Cherryholmes (Ohio State), and Janice Huddle Tarr (Michigan State). Founders Day chairman Pat Rauch reports that eight of the nine past presidents of this chapter still live in the area and are active members.

This was the first year for a joint DAYTON and BUTLER COUNTY dinner. The program included a brief history of Gamma Phi Beta, and slides of chapter houses throughout the country which were shown by Diana Winterhalter. President Marjorie Hiegel Hetzler reports: "The joint celebration with our Butler County sisters provided an opportunity to meet new friends, and in some cases to renew friendships of many years ago. Most certainly we will be doing this again in the future."

LIMA alumnae enjoyed a dinner at the Red Fox Inn, with province alumnae director Connie Heffner as their guest speaker.

Joyce Renaux read *Speak Up for Greeks* at the TOLEDO chapter's banquet. BOWLING GREEN alumnae were invited.

### PROVINCE IV

CALUMET AREA alumnae went on a luncheon-shopping spree at the Deacon's Bench in Palos Heights, Illinois. "The girls enjoyed this event, and it has proved the most successful way for our group to have a get-together to celebrate our Founders Day. A discussion of campus events took place during lunch," reports chairman Mrs. Donald Gertz.

A roast beef dinner at the BETA DELTA house (Michigan State) was held with the GREATER LANSING chapter. Alumnae chapter president Barbara Brown Hestenes (Michigan) presented the Carol Downie Award for the most helpful alumna of the year to house corporation board president Gloria Hopewell Van Dusen (Indiana State) for her devoted service to the collegiate chapter. Dr. Laurine Fitzgerald, Assistant Dean of Students at Michigan State was the guest speaker. Sue Byers Garbarini (Michigan) reports: "Dean Fitzgerald's thoughts and ideas on the future of sorority life on campuses throughout the country highlighted her stimulating talk. Founders Night 1970 was one of the most fulfilling and informative we have ever experienced."

BETA PHI (Indiana) and the BLOOMINGTON alumnae met for dinner with 99 per cent of the collegians attending. Chairman Barbara McDonald sums up the evening as "a very rewarding event. It gave all present a chance to look at the past of Gamma Phi Beta and find strength for the future." A gold pin set with a diamond was presented to Mrs. Jerry Femal whose name has been placed on the Merit Roll.

A talent auction was featured at the EVANSVILLE alumnae chapter's dessert meeting. Items made by members were auctioned off.

Gaynell Ventura reports that the INDIANAPOLIS chapter met for a "pitch-in dinner with the traditional turkey. Each

alumna brought her specialty to the home of Audrey Hofelich Beckley (Indiana)." Attendance was 100 per cent plus six newcomers.

LOUISVILLE alumnae are in the process of re-activating, and they observed Founders Day by attending the open house and dedication of the new GAMMA OMICRON chapter house at the University of Kentucky.

The BIRMINGHAM and DETROIT chapters held a joint dinner with province alumnae director Charlotte Hamilton Mason (Michigan) as their special guest.

Province collegiate director Rosetta Roodhouse Erb (Washington State) was guest speaker at the dessert meeting held by the GREATER LAFAYETTE chapter.

GRAND RAPIDS alumnae enjoyed a turkey dinner at the home of Nancy Taleen.

### PROVINCE V

Field Secretary Lee Ann Welch was the guest of the OMICRON collegians and CHAMPAIGN-URBANA alumnae at their dinner at the University of Illinois.

Edith Stubbs, president of the GREATER PEORIA alumnae chapter reports on their joint dinner with the BETA ETA collegians (Bradley): "Kathy Esser, Beta Eta Founders Day chairman wrote and presented a lovely testimonial to Kay Elwood thanking her for her four years service as chapter adviser. A corsage was presented to Mrs. Elwood with the thanks of the collegiate members, and an engraved gold brooch was presented to her by the Peoria alumnae."

Eighty collegians and alumnae attended the dinner given by the EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE and CHICAGO NORTHWEST SUBURBAN alumnae and EPSILON chapter (Northwestern). Author Marianne Kirkland Brown (Northwestern) was the featured speaker. Special guests were: Eleanor Sieg, Executive Secretary; Charlotte White, the first Executive Secretary in Central Office; Clara Beth Kerner, International Scholarship Chairman; Mary Jane Mithos, Endowment Board president; Virginia Stone Holland (Northwestern), province alumnae director; Lois Bolle Van Leeuwen (Illinois), province collegiate director; and Ardis McBroom Marek (Northwestern), former Grand President.

CHICAGO WEST SUBURBAN alumnae had a potluck supper at the home of Mrs. Gary Ingersoll in Elmhurst. Virginia Holland attended.

Marcia Galaska, Founders Day chairman of GAMMA chapter (Wisconsin) writes: "Our Founders Day this year was a 'Future Day' oriented to the younger girls—our future alumnae—in an effort to interest them in the future of our chapter."

GAMMA GAMMA chapter (Wisconsin—Milwaukee) entertained with a tea at which Elna Erickson Simmons (Birmingham-Southern), Collegiate Vice President, was the honored guest. Chairman Linda Abati writes: "Founders Day was a tea with speakers and a skit. One of the highlights was the presence of Mrs. Simmons who spoke about changes in people and in Gamma Phi Beta. She talked about a blending of the old and the new. Another highlight was the presentation of a diamond badge to Peggy Allen, the senior with the highest cumulative average."

A skit on "Founders Day from the Past" was presented by the pledges of GAMMA RHO (Wisconsin—Oshkosh) at their tea. The chapter had 100 per cent attendance.

GAMMA OMEGA (Platteville) met for an evening dessert with the PLATTEVILLE alumnae. Special guests were: Mrs. Bjarne Ullsvik, wife of the president of Wisconsin State University at Platteville; and Mrs. Rosamond Jones, associate dean of students, and Gamma Omega chapter adviser.

Ten out of the twelve members of the KANKAKEE chapter met for a luncheon with special guests Virginia Holland and Ardis Marek.



Luncheons were also held by the AURORA AREA alumnæ with the GLEN-ELLYN chapter, and by CHICAGO SOUTH SUBURBAN.

## PROVINCE VI

KAPPA chapter's luncheon included alumnæ from the MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL chapter, with a total attendance of 140! Miss Helen Keyes, a 68-year member, was honored, and Miss Ruth Hall presented her badge to the collegiate chapter.

At RIVER FALLS the alumnæ joined with the collegians of DELTA ALPHA chapter (Wisconsin State—River Falls) for an evening dessert meeting.

GAMMA PI (Mankato) and the MANKATO alumnæ enjoyed a dinner and an entertaining skit. "The collegians found out who their 'town moms' were. Active alumnæ were assigned two or three 'daughters' in an effort to create better communications and relationships between collegians and alumnæ," reports chairman Susan C. Martin.

ALPHA KAPPA (Manitoba) held a dinner. Guests included province collegiate director Joan Erdall Warner (Minnesota), and area financial adviser Jane Bollinger.

The words "written and directed by Mrs. W. H. Murfin" have appeared frequently on programs given in Fargo-Moorhead. Latest of her efforts is the shadow play which was presented at the Founders Day tea given by the FARGO-MOOREHEAD alumnæ chapter with the ALPHA OMICRON (North Dakota State) and GAMMA MU (Moorehead) collegiate chapters. This is the third script Mrs. Murfin has written for Gamma Phi Beta. She researched her subject thoroughly and decided to take the angle of the women's liberation movement in education since Frances E. Haven was an ardent advocate of education for women. Mrs. Murfin gets a bit impatient with people who look upon sororities as strictly social organizations, especially since sorority members are very conscious of their community obligations. The shadow play displayed the emergence of our sorority and its growth. (ED. NOTE: Look for a feature on Nell Murfin in a future issue of THE CRESCENT, with information on how you may learn more about the shadow play.)



ALPHA CHI-WILLIAMSBURG-RICHMOND. Above, Virginia Vogel, Alpha Chi rush chairman and A award winner, chats with Miss Carolyn Moseley, assistant dean of women at the College of William and Mary. Below, Jean M. Clark, Richmond alumna, visits with Virginia Smith, Alpha Chi pledge trainer.



BETA DELTA-GREATER LANSING. Left, assistant dean of students at Michigan State, Dr. Laurine Fitzgerald, speaks to Beta Delta collegians and local alumnæ. Right, Barbara Brown Hestenes presents the outstanding alumna award to Gloria Hopewell Van Dusen as Sue Weston smiles approval.



ALPHA UPSILON-STATE COLLEGE. Enjoying an informal chat are, from the left: Mrs. Elizabeth Doggett, charter member of Alpha Upsilon; Mrs. Joye Noble, president of State College alumnæ; Mrs. Alan Phillips, alumnæ director; and Laverne Sawicki, Penn State collegian.





## PROVINCE VII

Grand President Audrey Weldon Shafer (Missouri) was the guest of honor at the HOUSTON alumnae chapter's luncheon at the Houston Club. Chairman Marguerite Young Davis writes: "The Houston Alumnae Chapter was thrice honored in having three recipients of the Golden Crescent award: Florence Kob Adler, Doris Hopewell Harrop, and Eleanor Beck Sloat. Betty Ticken Pieper presided, and province alumnae director Mary Larsen MacDonald (Iota) led us in the candle lighting service. Virginia Forsythe Vint, assistant to the Alumnae Vice President was a guest from Dallas. Alumnae from Beaumont, Texas City, Clear Lake, and Baytown, as well as several Gamma Phi Beta mothers, were among the 74 who gathered to honor our Grand President and celebrate the founding of Gamma Phi Beta."

GAMMA NU (Lamar State) and the BEAUMONT alumnae celebrated with a dessert at the Beaumont Club. Province alumnae director Mary MacDonald spoke on "Strengthening Communication" and Beaumont president Catherine Wendell spoke on "Loyalty and Service." Ten Beaumont alumnae were honored for loyal and outstanding service to Gamma Phi Beta: Mamie Abshier, Betty Alford, Mollie Eastland, Linda Hillis, Helen Irion, Ruby Lenhart, and Marguerite Tatum.

The LUBBOCK chapter joined the BETA TAUs (Texas Tech) for dinner. The topic "Three Steps of Sisterhood" was explored by pledge Debbie Hanson, initiate Laurie Kimbrough, and alumna Mrs. Wade Collins. Elizabeth Cornish Crandall received the Golden Crescent.

The Dean of Women at East Texas State University was a special guest at GAMMA ZETA's dinner. The chapter had 100 per cent attendance.

Florence Weymouth Munn (Texas) of the EL PASO chapter reports: "Audrey Shafer's letter to the chapters made us feel she was with us—certainly she was there in spirit."

Dinners were held at ALPHA ZETA (Texas) and the AUSTIN alumnae, GAMMA IOTA and the WICHITA FALLS alumnae, and by the FORT WORTH alumnae chapter. Luncheons were held in CORPUS CHRISTI and AMARILLO.

## PROVINCE VIII

FORT LAUDERDALE alumnae celebrated Founders Day with an evening meeting. An evening coffee was held by the ATLANTA alumnae.

**BIRMINGHAM-DETROIT.** Attending the ceremonies in Michigan were, from the left: Joyce Fox, Barbara Roberts, Annette Carter, Sandra McVicker and Catherine Nelson.



CHARLOTTE, North Carolina alumnae met for a luncheon at the home of Mrs. John Gough, with each member bringing a salad or casserole. The JACKSONVILLE alumnae chapter also had a luncheon meeting.

BETA MU (Florida State) had 100 per cent attendance at their dinner with the TALLAHASSEE alumnae. Peggy Webb reports: "Before the traditional ceremony Mrs. M. F. Nimkoff, past international officer, spoke on the history of Beta Mu chapter."

At Memphis State University GAMMA ALPHA met for a dinner with the MEMPHIS alumnae. Mary Agnes Welsh reports: "Dr. C. C. Humphreys, president of Memphis State University, spoke on 'The Role of the Greek System in Today's Society.' He said that the Greeks contribute greatly to the university community through involvement with civic and philanthropic projects."

GAMMA PHI (Auburn) had 100 per cent attendance for their dinner with the AUBURN alumnae.

BIRMINGHAM alumnae held a tea at the home of their president Mrs. Frank Abernathy.

Province alumnae director Mary Melton Nicely (Vanderbilt) attended the HUNTSVILLE chapter's tea.

ORLANDO-WINTER PARK alumnae and ALPHA MU collegians (Rollins) held a "supper party at the beautiful Spanish home of Mrs. Harry Collison on Lake Maitland. Tables were set on the open patio, and we dined by candlelight. Secretary Lee Ann Welch was the special guest of honor," reports alumnae president Mrs. Harold Walsh.

## PROVINCE IX

BARTLESVILLE chapter's dessert meeting featured a history of the local chapter and a salute to the charter members.

Also enjoying a dessert meeting were the BETA PSIs and the STILLWATER alumnae. They met at the chapter house at Oklahoma State University.

Sue Harmon Peters (Kansas) was given the Outstanding Alumna Award at the potluck supper held by the TULSA alumnae chapter.

Glen's Hike'y Inn was the setting for the OKLAHOMA CITY alumnae chapter's luncheon with BETA OMICRON (Oklahoma City). Connie Claiborne Putney (Missouri) spoke on "There's No Gap with Gamma Phi Beta." Province alumnae director Janice Lee Huston Romerman (Oklahoma) presented a Golden Crescent pin to Eula Fullerton (Oklahoma). The Oklahoma City Alumnae Woman of the Year award went to Pat Murrell Thompson (Oklahoma). Province collegiate direc-

**CHICAGO WEST SUBURBAN.** Preparing for the candlelighting service are, from the left: Debby Drake Stancl, Diane Smith Robertson, Judy Benthaus Ingersoll, Judi Wertz Thomas and Karen Reich Klouda.





tor Winnie Schumacher Hawkins (Kansas) and past presidents of the alumnae chapter were honored guests.

## PROVINCE X

The GREATER KANSAS CITY alumnae chapter had Grand President Audrey Weldon Shafer (Missouri) as their speaker at their banquet. The Woman of the Year award was given to Laura Frances Cottingham (Missouri). LaVerne Bronaugh Stover (Kansas) received the Golden Crescent award.

BETA CHI singers entertained the WICHITA alumnae with three songs written by Merry Kay Winter, including the one which won the Happy Song award at Convention. Province collegiate director Mary Lou Perry Jenkins (Oregon) was a special guest at the dinner at the Hickory House. Ruth Rhodes Hay was honored with a Golden Crescent pin.

Singing was the order of the day at the buffet dinner held by the ST. LOUIS alumnae and PHI (Washington—St. Louis) and GAMMA TAU (St. Louis) chapters. The Sentimental Six presented "St. Louis Set to Music." Speaker for the evening was Shelia Fletcher Kreimelman (Missouri).

BETA UPSILON (Kansas State) collegians held their banquet in one of the newly-redecorated rooms in the Student Union.

## PROVINCE XI

COLORADO SPRINGS alumnae and ALPHA PHI collegians learned more about Gamma Phi Beta camps as they celebrated Founders Day with a luncheon at the Grain and Grape Restaurant. Mrs. Dean Schiemann, president of the Denver Camp Board, and Mrs. Byron G. Rogers, Jr., vice president, showed camp slides and pictures and gave histories of the Colorado and Sechelt camps. "The Lucy Moore Lennox service award was presented to Keri Smothers of Alpha Phi chapter for demonstrating above average scholastic ability, leadership, and service to the sorority," reports Anita Bertram Curtis. Alpha Phi Founders Day chairman Pam Swanson adds, "Lucy Moore Lennox (Denver 1904) was a founder of Alpha Phi chapter in 1935, and of the COLORADO SPRINGS alumnae chapter. We are indeed fortunate to have Mrs. Lennox with us." A surprise to everyone was the presentation of an engraved sterling silver pitcher to the collegiate chapter by Hazel Earle West (Northwestern), a Golden Crescent member. The pitcher had been given to her as a wedding present in appreciation for her service to Gamma Phi Beta. Founders Day chairman Diana Hornbrook has developed a very helpful Founders Day handbook.

The Generation Gap was the subject of Jane Butchart Whyman's (Denver) program at the THETA chapter's dinner with the DENVER alumnae at Neusteter's Penthouse Restaurant. Province collegiate director Janice Joyer Doane (Nebraska) presented a single pink carnation to each of the twenty new pledges. Chapter adviser Jane Larson Long (Miami-Ohio) presented carnations to the six new initiates. Golden Crescent awards were presented to Ruby Franklin Collins (CSU), Katherine Culbertson Cook (Denver), Corine Bourk Japhett (Denver), Harriet Shannon Lee (Denver) and Gene Hudson Zook (Nebraska).

LARAMIE alumnae and GAMMA DELTA collegians (Wyoming) met for a dessert at the chapter house. Verna Hitchcock gave the history of Gamma Delta chapter.

In ALBUQUERQUE the alumnae enjoyed a dinner at Hoyt's Dinner Bell.

BOULDER alumnae and BETA RHO (Colorado) collegians got together for a dinner at the chapter house.

## PROVINCE XII

CHI chapter (Oregon State) had a perfect attendance for its dinner with the CORVALLIS alumnae as did DELTA BETA



**AURORA AREA.** Those who planned the Founders Day luncheon were, from the left: Mrs. John Bryan, chairman; Mrs. John Neumann and Mrs. Robert Bischoff, vice presidents; Mrs. Robert Bilston, Aurora president and Mrs. George Kallal, Glen Ellyn president.



**OKLAHOMA CITY.** Eula Fullerton receives her Golden Crescent from Janice Romerman, alumnae director.



**OKLAHOMA CITY.** Pat Thompson holds her Woman of the Year award as Jeannette Miller and Connie Putney smile their approval.

**MINNEAPOLIS.** Mrs. Howard Bell (left) and Mrs. Roland Molzahn pose with Mrs. Helen Keyes who was honored as a 50-year member.





(Boise State) at the dessert they shared with the BOISE alumnæ.

GAMMA EPSILON (Puget Sound) and the TACOMA alumnæ held a joint dinner meeting. Peggy Anderson (Washington) spoke about the colonization of Gamma Epsilon chapter.

In SPOKANE, Golden Crescent awards were presented to Marjorie McCrea Kinney (Idaho), Thelma Ehrenberg Brady (Washington), Helen Bloom (Idaho), Ellen Peterson Schmitz (Idaho), and Ruth Wetmore Whitehouse (California) at a buffet dinner. Province alumnæ director Helen Berg Towne (Idaho) was a special guest.

NU chapter (Oregon) celebrated Founders Day with a dessert and program in the chapter house.

XI chapter (Idaho) joined with BETA SIGMA (Washington State) for a tea.



MINNEAPOLIS. Mrs. Erwin Guetzlaff enjoys lunch with Miss Ruth Hall who presented her badge to Kappa chapter at the Founders Day gala.



ST. LOUIS. The beautiful decor honors the founders.



Sheila Kriemelman, guest speaker, and Patsy Henerson, alumnæ president.



The Sentimental Six entertained with the story of St. Louis set to music.



WICHITA. Beta Chi and Wichita alumnæ honored three of their members who were named to the International Merit Roll: Merle Fair Kahrs, Elizabeth Apel and Rachel Siefkin Spandling.





**SPOKANE.** At a buffet supper are, from the left: Marjorie McCrea, Betty Lawson, Thelma Brady and Helen Towne.



**GAMMA KAPPA.** It was 100 percent attendance at Founders Day. Pictured are the seniors, from the left: Sally Zikmund, Kathy Lierley, Liz Upward, June Richey, Kathi Hughes and Candi Kai.



**OMAHA.** Omaha alumnae celebrated their fifth anniversary at Founders Day. Above are Delta Gamma members: Margie Gordon, Rosemary Houston, Joan Leahy, Chris Christensen, Karen Smith and Sue Person. Below are alumnae Mrs. William Holloran, Mrs. James Warren, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mrs. John Martig, Mrs. Robert Churchich and Mrs. James Fletcher.



**COLORADO SPRINGS.** Before the luncheon Mrs. Dean Schiemann (left), guest speaker, enjoys coffee with Kari Smothers, Alpha Phi president, and Mrs. T. E. Decker, alumnae president.



**LARAMIE.** Verna Hitchcock gave the history of Gamma Delta chapter.

**COLORADO SPRINGS.** Lucy Lennox (Denver '04) was an honored guest at the Alpha Phi celebration.





# PROVINCE XIII

PALO ALTO alumnae awarded Golden Crescents to Margaret Hill Smith (California '01) and Eleanor Eaule Salz (California '24) at their dinner.

PENINSULA chapter also honored two of their members with Golden Crescent pins. Province alumnae director Jeanne Murphy Cribbins (San Jose) reported on Convention.

A dinner was given by the SACRAMENTO VALLEY alumnae at the Carousel Restaurant. Esto Dunbar Linscott (California '08) received the Golden Crescent award.

GAMMA THETA (Pacific) and the STOCKTON alumnae got together for a Founders Day tea.

ALPHA GAMMA (Nevada) and the RENO alumnae had a dinner meeting at which the Curriculum Coordinator for Washoe County Schools was the speaker. Mrs. Shirley Yates, Mothers Club President, was a special guest.

Carolyn Creighton Stillman reports on the SOUTH PENINSULA alumnae chapter's meeting: "A dessert tasting and recipe exchange was held as part of the program. This was an excellent way for us to try new recipes that might be used next year when we have our benefit dessert and card party."

# PROVINCE XIV

In Arizona 140 collegians and alumnae attended a statewide banquet in Phoenix. Mignon Phipps Michele reports: "Beatrice Hill Wittenberg (Stanford), past Grand President and NPC Delegate, flew to Phoenix with the two province directors for our 96th anniversary banquet at the Smoke House restaurant. It was a statewide affair with all three active and all three alumnae chapters represented: PHOENIX, TUCSON, and FLAGSTAFF; ALPHA EPSILON (Arizona), BETA KAPPA (Arizona State), and BETA OMEGA (Northern Arizona). Mrs. Wittenberg spoke on the true meaning of Gamma Phi Beta. Special guests included: Barbara Nicoll Campbell (Wisconsin), province alumnae director; Betty Grimm Murray (Denver), province collegiate director; Mary Babbitt Bilby (Arizona) past Director of Expansion; Kathryn Herbert Winchester (Denver), past Foundation vice president; Florence Allebaugh Mathiesen (Idaho), past Alumnae Vice President, Director of Expansion, and National Panhellenic Delegate."

In addition to the state celebration, the TUCSON alumnae held a dessert meeting for those who could not attend the banquet.

The SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERCITY banquet is always a memorable event. Founders Day 1970 brought together Gamma Phi Betas from eleven alumnae and three collegiate chapters: BALBOA HARBOR, BEVERLY-WESTWOOD, GLENDALE, LONG BEACH, LOS ANGELES, OR-

ANGE COUNTY, PASADENA, POMONA VALLEY, SAN FERNANDO, SOUTH BAY, and WHITTIER alumnae chapters, and ALPHA IOTA (UCLA), BETA ALPHA (USC), and GAMMA ETA (Long Beach) collegiate chapters. Founders Day chairman Wilda Bridgeford Kovich writes: "Our program included the presentation of the Four Founders Awards to four collegians; the Woman of the Year Award to June Mahon Meader (Stanford) of the Pasadena chapter; and Golden Crescent awards to nine fifty-year members. We were especially pleased to have three past Grand Presidents attend our banquet. Special visitor to our area, Barbara Burns Hiscock, NPC Delegate, brought words of welcome from Grand Council. Elizabeth Fee Arnold, International Revisions Chairman, made a presentation to Beatrice Hill Wittenberg, whose name has been placed on the International Honor Roll of Gamma Phi Beta. A member from each of the collegiate chapters gave a report of her chapter's activities. In addition to the special guests mentioned above, we were delighted to have with us: Mrs. Bruce Steele, Assistant to the Collegiate Vice President—Bylaws; Mrs. Robert Sohus, Foundation president; Mrs. Robert Reynolds, State Membership Chairman; Mrs. Raymond Gosnell, Southern California Intercity Chairman; and Mrs. Robert Campbell, province alumnae director."

SANTA BARBARA alumnae enjoyed a dinner, with province alumnae director Barbara Campbell as their guest.

RIVERSIDE AREA chapter president Margaret Heinhold reports: "Our Founders Day luncheon was held at the Holiday Inn in San Bernardino. We gave Golden Crescent pins to Helen Neilson Babcock (Wisconsin '19). Founders Day is inspirational and certainly helped strengthen our feelings for Gamma Phi Betas all over the country."

Barbara Campbell attended the SAN FERNANDO VALLEY alumnae chapter's evening dessert meeting.

GLENDALE alumnae got together for dinner, and BETA OMEGA held an evening meeting.

Thelma Richmann Davis (Vanderbilt) reports: "VENTURA COUNTY alumnae met for a Founders Day luncheon at the beautiful Pierpont Inn, high on a bluff, overlooking the sparkling Pacific. It was a time for reminiscing, but we were soon brought back to a quick and enthusiastic realization of exciting current news and change reported to us by Barbara Campbell, who brought us up to date on the 1970 Convention and great 'happenings' in our chapters."

The Town and Country Hotel was the scene of the joint banquet of the SAN DIEGO and LA JOLLA alumnae chapters and BETA LAMBDA (San Diego). Golden Crescents were presented to: Edith Herrin Watt and Beatrice Barker Evenson, both from Nu chapter at the University of Oregon. Judith Davis Warner, International Chapter Programs Chairman was a special guest.

WHITTIER alumnae are proud of their two fifty-year mem-

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PENINSULA. Golden Crescent awardees enjoy the accolade.



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. Happy alumnae pose at birthday reunion.







Beatrice Hill Wittenberg, named to the International Honor Roll, accepts floral tribute from Province XIV collegians.



Barbara Campbell (left) presents International Merit Roll certificates to: Helen Wilfong, Marian Day, Gwen Nourse, Delmas Lewand, Robyn Steele and Carol Blanchard.



Four Founders awards were presented to Meredith Milligan, Beta Alpha; Madeline Kristovich Thomas, Beta Alpha, Judi Nesbitt, Gamma Eta and Pat Rider, Alpha Iota.

# *Southern California Intercity Council*



June Mahon Meader was named Woman of the Year.



Collegiate speakers were Sandy Wachler, Tammie Furnas and Barbara Gius.

Golden Crescent awards were presented to Anne Mundt Gillmore, Omega '23; Clara Dutton Peters, Rho '19; Doris Weaver Smith, Pi '17; Florence Fisher Hertlein, Rho '21; Marguerite Streeter Hornun, Psi '20; Ruth Merrit Arnold, Kappa '23; Dorothy Swartzlander Herold, Pi '23; Waive Kingrey Leh, Mu '23 and Dorothy Walter Cathriner, Psi '21.





# The 1970 Merit Roll

Recognizing the long-neglected need to honor certain outstanding members of Gamma Phi Beta, the 1970 Convention voted to establish the Merit Roll. Members who have given long, devoted and distinguished service to the Sorority on the local level *only* were eligible for nominations by Greek-letter or alumnae chapters or by provinces. The Awards committee, with the approval of Grand Council, selected 63 recipients for the Merit Roll last Fall. The certificates of merit were awarded at Founders Day gatherings in November.

ALLEGRA MCGREAL ALLEN, Chi '24  
San Francisco, California

ELIZABETH APEL, Sigma '15  
Wichita, Kansas

MILDRED WALSH ANDERSON, Alpha Iota '24  
Balboa Harbor, California

MABEL ECKSTROM BARTON, Alpha Epsilon '31  
Tucson, Arizona

AUDREY MAIR BELL, Beta Lambda '41  
San Diego, California

ELISE BOSSORT BELL, Gamma '34  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

MARY BABBITT BILBY, Alpha Epsilon '42  
Flagstaff, Arizona

CAROL GOSHAW BLANCHARD, Beta Alpha '54  
South Bay, California

CECELIA BUCKNER BOUMA, Beta Beta '45  
Washington, D.C.

NORMA JO DOUGHERTY BRETT, Psi '22  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

ANN DONOVAN BROWN, Lambda '30  
Seattle, Washington

RITAJEAN HARTUNG BUTTERWORTH,  
Lambda '53  
Seattle, Washington

CARRIBELLE WATERS CONWAY, Zeta '45  
Washington, D.C.

VERLA COX COOK, Beta Chi '33  
Wichita, Kansas

MARGUERITE ATER COOPER, Alpha Zeta '31  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

DOROTHY RIOCH CUNNINGHAM, Epsilon '22  
Evanston, Illinois

MARY STEWART DAVIS, Omega '25  
San Francisco, California

MARIAN INGHAM DAY, Beta Theta '51  
South Bay, California

ELIZABETH CREELMAN DOGGETT,  
Alpha Upsilon '34  
State College, Pennsylvania

SHIRLEY GROUNDS DUNCAN, Sigma '52  
Tucson, Arizona

LUCILLE CRIMMINS EICHORN, Alpha Xi '40  
Dallas, Texas

WILMA KINNEY ERICKSON, Beta '36  
Birmingham, Michigan

DORIS LEAKE ERSKINE, Alpha '17  
Syracuse, New York

KATHERINE SMITH FEMAL, Gamma '35  
Bloomington, Illinois

JANE DIBBLE FRASER, Epsilon '31  
Columbus, Ohio

JUDY COOKE FUNKE, Beta Chi '58  
Wichita, Kansas

RUTH DENEFEE GARTH, Nu '28  
San Francisco, California

JACQUELYN HILGER GRAVES, Alpha Xi '40  
Denver, Colorado

BETSY LITTLE HARRIS, Omega '45  
Washington, D.C.

RUTH RHOADES HAY, Omicron '22  
Wichita, Kansas

VERNA JOHANNESSEN HITCHCOCK, Xi '17  
Laramie, Wyoming

FLORENCE BEGHTOL HULL, Omicron '50  
Laramie, Wyoming

VIRGINIA WHITE JAQUITH, Delta '32  
Boston, Massachusetts

DOROTHY RAY JOHNSON, Alpha Xi '34  
Atlanta, Georgia

MERLE FAIR KAHRS, Sigma '27  
Wichita, Kansas

JOANNE SALLEE KERNITZ, Alpha Nu '51  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

FLORENCE BARRETT LEHMAN, Delta '34  
Washington, D.C.

DELMAS PIERCE LEWAND, Alpha Eta '52  
South Bay, California

HAZEL MCCLURE LUEDEMAN, Alpha Delta '25  
Washington, D.C.

MILDRED BEALL MAREK, Alpha Zeta '25  
Boston, Massachusetts

GLORIA SWANSON NELSON, Psi '43  
Dallas, Texas

GWEN HITT NOURSE, Mu '34  
Pasadena, California

MILDRED RULE OLSON, Sigma '24  
Wichita, Kansas

IRENE HOLLENBACK PIGAGA, Pi '41  
Omaha, Nebraska

MARTHA NICHOLSON ROBINSON, Phi '36  
Lubbock, Texas

KATHLEEN SAGE, Alpha Epsilon '44  
Tucson, Arizona

LOUISE HOOVER SHELLADY, Rho '22  
Iowa City, Iowa

JUNE WILLIAMS SMITH, Xi '47  
Boise, Idaho

KATE SMITH CLEMANS SNITJER, Mu '26  
Palo Alto, California

RACHAEL SIEFKIN SPRADLING, Sigma '25  
Wichita, Kansas

MARIAN CURTIS STAGER, Beta '50  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

ROBYN FORSYTH STEELE, Alpha Gamma '53  
Pomona Valley, California

ROSE STORM SUMMERS, Omega '23  
Ames, Iowa

MARTHA TERRILL, Alpha Xi '34  
Dallas, Texas

KATHLEEN HOUSE THOMAS, Beta Chi '50  
Wichita, Kansas

GLENDORA BRILEY TIMM, Omega '32  
Ames, Iowa

ALICE ALLINGTON UDALL, Alpha Epsilon '54  
Tucson, Arizona

MARGARET COCHRAN VANARSDALE,  
Alpha Phi '39  
Wichita, Kansas

LOIS TILLER WALLACE, Chi '49  
Tucson, Arizona

FLORENCE ROY WHITE, Omicron '30  
Washington, D.C.

HELEN LUCAS WILFONG, Xi '33  
Pasadena, California

ALICE ERIE YOUNG, Alpha Beta '25  
Tucson, Arizona

IRENE LANGFORD YOUNG, Alpha Theta '25  
Nashville, Tennessee



# The Three Lives of Helen Jane Wamboldt



Helen Jane Wamboldt

"I LED THREE LIVES" might well be the story of Helen Jane Behlke Wamboldt (Northwestern)—in education, in radio and television and as a mother and wife. It all started in Wausau, Wisconsin where she was born, but the greater part of her childhood was spent in "the coldest spot in the United States"—Bemidji, Minnesota, where she completed her grade school and high school education. When she was a Sophomore in High School she made her first radio appearance, singing on station WDAY in Fargo, North Dakota. She attended Northwestern University as a freshman, pledging Gamma Phi Beta at Epsilon chapter. At Northwestern, in addition to being initiated into the sorority, she also appeared in the Scrap Book Musical production and in the WAA-MU show that spring. But Helen Jane was homesick for Minnesota, so she transferred to the University in Minneapolis as a sophomore and graduated there *cum laude*, a Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year. She sang for all the Gamma Phi rush parties and various other college events and, during her senior year, sang nightly with Dick Long's orchestra from the Curtis Hotel. These orchestra dates included broadcasts over local radio stations in the Twin Cities and she also had her own program weekly on WCCO and WTCN, called "The Bridge Club of the Air."

During one of her broadcasts from the Curtis, Ted Weems, who was playing at the St. Paul Hotel, heard her and asked her to sing as a guest with his orchestra one evening. Then, on the eve of her graduation from college, Mr. Weems sent her a wire at the Curtis, asking her to join his band at the Westwood Gardens in Detroit. Helen Jane sang with this orchestra in theaters, night clubs and on radio until the band returned to Chicago the following January. During this time, Perry Como joined the Weems aggregation.

When the orchestra returned to Chicago, Helen Jane auditioned for Don McNeil's Breakfast Club program on NBC and became the second regular girl singer on that program. She stayed with the Breakfast Club for two years and then went to New York, where she appeared on such programs as the Frank Crumit-Julia Sanderson "Comedy Stars of Broadway" and the "Hammerstein Music Hall." She returned to Chicago the following year with a contract to sing for the Ralston-Purina Company and appear on their radio series, "The Tom Mix Show." During this period, she made the transition from talent to production and worked on programs for the Gardner Advertising agency. On one such program, Elliott Roosevelt made a guest appearance and asked Helen Jane to come down to Fort Worth, where he was then president of the Texas State Network. She was in Texas for two years, working for Mr. Roosevelt

and singing daily under the name of Carol Leighton. At the end of her first year with TSN, Mr. Roosevelt named Helen Jane Program and Production Director of the 27 station network. Among her activities in this capacity, she produced programs for the Dallas Symphony and acted as commentator on their broadcasts.

But now begins the second "life" of Helen Jane Behlke. She married "Bob" Wamboldt in Fort Worth and left Texas for New York City and Oxford, Maryland. In Oxford, she and her husband lived on a motor sailer on the Tred Avon River and in New York, where her husband worked for Compton Advertising Agency and later for ABC. Helen Jane worked for Sherman K. Ellis and for McCann-Erickson Advertising Agencies, for Newsweek Magazine and, as the first woman in its Production Department, for CBS. She also wrote a "five-a-week" radio show for ABC while she was awaiting the arrival of her son, Wickes Wamboldt II.

Bob, Wickes and Helen Jane moved to Los Angeles when her son was six weeks old and she spent the next two years as wife and mother. Then, when Wickes was two years old, she was left alone to raise him. She decided to complete her education at this time, and, thus, begins the third "life" of Helen Jane.

She received an MA degree and was elected to Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Southern California. The following year she was offered a graduate assistant's position in the speech Department and became the first woman to teach in that capacity in that department. For four years she taught at USC, working at the same time on her doctorate which she received in 1952.

With her son married, Helen Jane decided to take "the giant step" and return to the state which had won her heart so many years before. She came to Dallas in 1968 and is currently working for KDFW-TV, where she is assistant to Eddie Hallack, director of public service for the television outlet.

In her present position, she works with over 500 local, regional and national colleges, universities, public and parochial schools; cultural organizations, civic groups, hospitals, churches and clubs. She assists in processing their television materials, setting up the scheduling of slides, films, and video-tapes; recording their performance for the FCC, the station and for the organizations themselves.

There you have "the three lives" of Helen Jane. Add to that her love for golf, poetry, music, animals, mankind and God and you have the whole picture.





Connie McCready addresses Portland's City Council.

## Connie McCready, *The Pride of Portland*

Portland, Oregon's Connie Averill McCready (Oregon) is the second woman to serve on Portland's City Council. Last Spring Connie was appointed from a field of 30 candidates to fill an unexpired City Commissioner term. Her record, particularly in the field of urban affairs, recommended her choice to the non-partisan office.

In the November 1970 election, Portland elected Connie for the two year term as City Commissioner. A week later Connie made it to the Portland Gamma Phi Beta Founders Day Banquet as the guest speaker. By her election, Connie set back the hard-core politicians who said it couldn't be done. Connie did not have a political machine in the campaign, just friends and neighbors who spread the word from her kitchen.

Her areas of responsibility as Commissioner place her in charge of the Fire Bureau, Department of Public Safety, Municipal Courts, Nuisance Abatement, Probation and Parole Office, and Metropolitan Youth Commission. Connie is a breath of fresh air at City Hall, bringing new vitality, creative imagination, and personal dedication to Portland's government.

At the time of her appointment, Connie had finished her second term as State Representative in the Oregon Legislature. During her tenure in the Oregon House, she sponsored legislation stiffening pollution control; reforming fair employment practices; and making steelhead a game fish. The Oregon Wildlife Federation named her "Legislative Conservationist of the Year."

She has earned the good will of conservatives and liberals, Republicans and Democrats. She has the confidence of minority groups and the underprivileged of all races, as well as the respect of the business community.

Connie co-authored a best selling cookbook. Also a former newspaper woman and a licensed real estate saleswoman, Connie is the wife of *Oregonian* assistant managing editor Albert L. McCready. They have three daughters. She received her BA in journalism from University of Oregon in 1943, where she was a member of Nu chapter of Gamma Phi Beta.

Some of Connie's other hats have been with the District Camp Fire Girls Board, PTA, League of Women Voters, Individual Liberties Committee, Precinct Committeewoman, Oregon Roadside Council, Irvington Community Association, Citizen's School Committee, and the Isaac Walton League.

Perhaps Connie became heir to her many hats naturally. She is the daughter of a pioneer Oregon family. Her great grandfather was the original surveyor of the old Jacksonville area of Southern Oregon and her grandfather was the founder of Bandon, Oregon, then called Averill, with his store-trading post. Her father was well known for his conservation work. He introduced Oregon's first anti-pollution measure in the 1930's.

To top her Pink Carnation hats off, Connie is a fly fisherman, a steelheader and a good hand on a sailboat!

MARYLEE HANSEN, *Oregon State*

Regulation fire coat and white helmet are presented to Connie by Ron Usher, president of Firemen's Local No. 43. The silver-colored coat is the only one of its kind in the Fire Bureau.







Ascot costume from Cornelia Otis Skinner.

## Historical Happening In Connecticut



Marion Bachelder Williams

Marion Bachelder Williams (Minnesota) graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1928. Since then, she had done everything from teaching high school history and acting in summer stock to creating a Costume Museum for the New Canaan (Connecticut) Historical Society. Last year Marion's hard work and devotion to the Costume Museum, the only one of its kind in the state, were rewarded by the State of Connecticut with an Award of Merit.

Marion's Costume Museum started in an unusual way. The New Canaan Historical Society planned a weekend festival to celebrate the dedication of the John Rogers Studio as a National Monument. It was to be called Landmarks Weekend and it was to reflect the "living history" of New Canaan. Marion was asked to write six tableaux depicting local history, yet the arguments presented were to be timeless. The title was "The More Things Change, the More They Remain the Same." Fearing that the word "tableaux" would not draw much public attention, they decided to call this production a "Historical Happening!"

While working on the "Happening" Marion and the director discovered some period garments and costumes stored in the closets of the Historical Society's library. This was the beginning of the New Canaan Historical Society Costume Museum of which Marion became the curator. Three rooms of the Library were transformed into a series of Victorian parlors featuring the lovely costumes and furniture of the period. The amount of work involved in restoring these elegant old gowns is amazingly time-consuming. Many gowns are given to the Society in fairly good condition, but their age alone causes problems because of faded material, mildew, dust and frayed fabric. It takes weeks to put even one dress into condition for showing. Along with the restoration of the gowns came another problem. What to put the dresses on? The figures of the women of yesteryear were more delicate and small in stature, and the modern forms were too large. Not to be out-manuevered by a mannequin, Marion and her associates surmounted that obstacle by making their own forms out of Christmas tree stands, chicken wire and two by fours! The effect is perfect!

The first display consisted of twenty-three costumes. This was three years and four exhibits ago. Today there are over five hundred costumes and innumerable accessories. All costumes are donated by local and area families, and generally the family can supply information regarding who wore the dress, where it was made, or for what occasion the costume was worn. Many costumes have fabulous stories behind them or belonged to famous people. One cream colored Battenburg lace with black velvet trim, Ascot dress was once owned by Corne-

lia Otis Skinner. Once in awhile a mystery costume is found or donated and this is when Marion starts researching books and people who might give a clue to the original owner. Such a thing happened in 1969, when a gentleman's blue brocade waistcoat was found without a trace of the donor. The only clue to its history was found in the lining of the coat; two labels, one saying, "This coat belonged to John Dolbeare, born 1669, died 1740. See portrait." (No portrait accompanied the coat), and the other label said simply, "Lockwood." Strangely enough, in a historically haunting way, this was the oldest garment in the Museum's collection, and curiosity was aroused in all. Articles and ads were put in local papers about the coat. Marion worked with the town historian to discover any record of the Dolbeare or Lockwood families. There were no records of them in New Canaan. Finally a man from New York City, whose wife was related to Mr. Dolbeare, saw an article about the coat and contacted the Museum. He knew of a portrait belonging to the Historical Society of the City of New York, of Mr. Dolbeare wearing the coat. The Costume Museum, in addition to having the waistcoat, now has photographs of the portrait and a documentation of its history.

Marion has the amazing ability to give her whole mind and strength to all her projects, all at the same time! Her interests are as diversified as winds in a storm, yet she still manages to come out unruffled and carrying the prizes. She has contributed to each community in which she has lived with intellect, skill, a delightful sense of humor, a great devotion to her responsibilities, and two rare qualities, love and enthusiasm. Her basic loves have been history (as a teacher and researcher), the theater and Gamma Phi Beta. She has been vice president and secretary of the Fairfield County alumnae, and CRESCENT correspondent in Larchmont, New York, and Fairfield County. She was the organizer of the Round Ridge Players in New York; charter member of the Brainerd Women's Club and Service League; board member of the Fenimore Players, Mamaroneck, New York; board member of the New Canaan Town Players and vice president of the New Canaan Children's Theater. Most recently Marion starred in "Blythe Spirit."

Marion is married to Robert Williams, Alpha Tau Omega from the University of Minnesota, who is vice president of Market and Travel Research in New York City.

While visiting with Marion to gather material for this profile, she asked, "How do you capsule forty years of not exactly being idle?" For some women it might not be too difficult, but for someone of Marion Bachelder Williams's nature and energy, it is impossible!

JOAN TRUSSELL IRWIN, *Michigan*



# Colossal Collegians on Campus

## Debbie Preston, Beta Epsilon

From batons to sorority pins and chairmanships to beauty contests Debbie Preston is one of the most active and outgoing Gamma Phis at Miami University.

A junior botany major from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Debbie has been a Miami majorette for three years and was head of the twirling unit this year. She is a past chairman of the Miami Chest Fund drive, as well as past scrapbook chairman for the chapter. In addition she filled the social chairman's position this year, was involved with Women's Lib and was the Gamma Phi's candidate for Greek Week Queen and Miss Miami. In her "spare time" Debbie also aids the botany department as a lab assistant.

Besides soaking up the Florida sunshine when she is home for vacations, Debbie manages to participate on a local department store's college board and works with the Ft. Lauderdale Panhellenic Association to encourage girls to rush.

KAREN HECKENDORN, *Miami*

## The Greek System on the Air

"Do Greeks Make a Difference at SMU?" This was the title of a television program directed and produced recently by Jill Tobias, a junior Broadcast Film Arts major of the Alpha Xi chapter at Southern Methodist University. In this production, Jill presented the public with some of the pros and cons of the Greek system, some of its specific problems on the SMU campus, and some of the changes which need to be made in order to keep the Greek system relevant to the individual student.

The program began with a brief history of the Greek system at Southern Methodist. This was followed by a slide collage of various aspects of Greek life with comments taken from questionnaires completed by both Greeks and non-Greeks. The rest of the program featured a discussion of Greek life by an all-Greek panel. Jill purposely chose only Greeks for the panel with the idea that a system can only be changed from the inside. The discussion was in the form of a "bull session" with the panel members seated informally on the floor.

Jill has used her creative talents and interests to bring the Greek system into the public eye. Her choice of subject and her presentation of the Greek way of life at SMU brought the progressive trends of the Greek system to the attention of the public. General agreement was reached that the Greek system has something to offer all types of people but that it must concentrate more upon meeting the needs of each individual.

MARGARET EGLIN, *SMU*

## A Salute to the Little Colonel

Sally Ryan, a University of Arizona Gamma Phi Beta, was recently chosen Area I Little Colonel at the Arnold Air Society

and Angel Flight area conclave held in Los Angeles. Area I is the largest of all the Arnold Air Society and Angel Flight groups in the nation and encompasses Arizona, New Mexico, California and Hawaii.

Sally was originally put up for the title of Little Colonel by the Arnold Air Society Russell Spicer Squadron from the University of Arizona. From there Sally went to the conclave and competed against the other candidates from the Area I squadrons.

Selection was based on poise, beauty, intelligence and knowledge of current events. Sally will compete with nine other area winners in the Little General Contest at the April national conclave in Miami, Florida. Although Sally was ecstatic about receiving the Little Colonel title, she seemed even more excited that Michele Johnson from San Diego State placed as first runner-up. Sally beamed: "She was a Gamma Phi too!"

## John Davidson—Gamma Phi Man

John Davidson, popular singer, is now honorary "Gamma Phi Man" of the Alpha Xi chapter of Gamma Phi Beta at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. An eager delegation of Gamma Phi Betas assembled at Love Field (the name is pretty appropriate when mentioned in connection with John Davidson) to greet this much admired star. We stood with signs, all smiles, thinking surely he would be the next one off the plane. Passers-by stopped passing by and hesitated to examine our signs. As it turned out, much to our chagrin, John had not made his plane!

However, since we had not been able to make our special presentation, we were given complimentary tickets to the Vene-tian Room where John Davidson was playing for ten days. At the end of the performance, the same smiling delegation was invited to go forward to the stage. John was then made honorary Gamma Phi Man and awarded a wooden crescent and a certificate citing his interest in SMU. To top things off, it was his birthday and of course it was necessary for Jill Tobias, who was making the presentation, to give him a little kiss. (She also received the very first piece of his birthday cake!)

MARGARET EGLIN, *SMU*

## CONNIE KING at Oklahoma

Connie King, utilizing an unusual skill of playing tunes by ear, lends her piano ability to the promotion of Psi Chapter on the University of Oklahoma.

Now a senior at OU majoring in vocal music education with emphasis on piano, Connie finds time to be active on campus and in the house, despite time-consuming practice sessions and classes. As a freshman, she was her pledge class president and Panhellenic representative. She served as affiliation chairman





Debbie Preston



Sally Ryan



The Roble girls

for Pipers (regional sophomore women's honorary) and helped to initiate the organization's affiliation to CWENS, the national sophomore women's honorary. She was also Psi chapter's representative to the Association of Women Students.

However, Connie's main contribution to the house has been her musical talent. During her sophomore and junior years she accompanied the house at social functions, at Mom's Day, Dad's Day, Sooner Scandals and University Sing. Since she played for all skits, many of the skit songs were recorded *only* on her memory. Thus the house faced a real dilemma when Connie couldn't return for rush this fall because of an illness. All the songs had to be transposed by hand before someone else could act as accompanist.

Connie began piano lessons at the age of five, but really became interested in music in the first grade when she came home from school and played by ear the theme song from a play her class had put on. "It was the first time I'd discovered there was more to playing a piano than reading notes," she explained, smiling proudly as if reliving the moment.

Music lessons have been a pertinent part of her life. She has taken lessons constantly—not even stopping in the summer—and has studied under many prominent people including Mrs. William Gooden, former Miss Oklahoma, Don Northrup, professor at Oklahoma City University, and Celia Mae Bryant, the first woman president of the Music Teachers National Association in 92 years.

During high school, Connie was honored with several outstanding musicianship awards and was awarded scholarships for two summers at the West Texas Music Camp, Canyon, Tex. But her music ability has blossomed at the University of Oklahoma. She is presently serving her second year as president of Sigma Alpha Iota, an international professional fraternity for women in the field of music. This organization has a select membership now numbering 20 women. On Sept. 1, she was elected by the music school student body to be their representative to the Student Curriculum Committee, where she will advise the faculty on the students' curriculum suggestions.

Connie has freely given many hours to Gamma Phi Beta, contributing her two most abundant talents—music and unending interest.

DONNA VANDENBURG, *Oklahoma*

#### Gamma Phis at Miami University

As college campuses become more concerned with the social ills and revolution facing us today, there is no reason to doubt that Greek organizations will also find themselves actively in-

volved in programs and projects to correct some of the wrongs in our society. And the Gamma Phis at Miami University are no exception.

On both the national and international scene, Gamma Phis were helping the University Angel Flight with a nationwide project to flood Hanoi with millions of letters to move it to permit inspection of its camps according to the Geneva Convention and eventually lead to better treatment of prisoners and their eventual release. The drive was started by the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia and Beta Epsilon showed great concern.

On a local basis, the Gamma Phis participated in an ecological program initiated by the University Friends of the Earth. In order to improve conditions in the village of Oxford, the group started a "Can the Can" campaign in which dorms, sororities, fraternities and off-campus houses were competing for the largest collection of pop and beer cans. The winner received a prize and all of the cans were sold to an aluminum company, the money being used to sponsor lecture series and ecology programs.

In conjunction with the Zero Population Growth organization on campus, the chapter invited a speaker from Planned Parenthood to discuss with them the importance and necessity of limiting the sizes of families and spacing them accordingly. Also the Gamma Phis have been working with the Oxford Welfare Organization by tutoring and performing activities with underprivileged children in the area.

All in all, the Beta Epsilon chapter sees a definite need for improvement in our society and is ready to step in and become actively involved in instituting change.

KAREN HECKENDORN, *Beta Epsilon*

#### The Robles of North Dakota

In a letter from their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Roble of Harvey, North Dakota, THE CRESCENT has learned of another great Gamma Phi family. The Robles have four lovely daughters, all of whom are attending or have been graduated from the University of North Dakota, where they are all members of Alpha Beta chapter.

Last fall Alpha Beta celebrated its fiftieth anniversary during the University's Homecoming weekend. All four girls were on hand for the celebrations. Pictured above in front of the Sorority house are, from the left: Gail Roble, '73; Joan Roble, '72; Marcie Roble Rindy, '70, from Seabrook, Texas and Susan Roble Bertsch, '67, from Seattle, Washington.

The senior Robles certainly have four reasons to be proud.





Typical of our outstanding collegiate members is Jane Riggs, Alpha Eta, Panhellenic president at Ohio Wesleyan.

## *Forum on Chapter Programs*

In order to try to establish some wide-spread communication among all of our collegiate chapters on current campus innovations, we asked each Greek-letter group to tell us about their new chapter programs. This was to be in lieu of the usual chatty newsletters. We suggested that they discuss their pledge programs or their alumnæ relations programs. The response was not as great as we had hoped: we heard from only 29 of our 91 chapters.

But, we learned of some splendid plans and it is a pleasure to report them and hope that they will be useful to other chapters who are in the process of revamping their chapter programs. We were especially impressed with the reports from Ohio Wesleyan and Kent State and the pledge programs at Southern Methodist, William and Mary, Western Ontario, Florida State and Kentucky. Special pink carnations to Alpha Delta at the University of Missouri for being the first to turn in its report on their inspiring initiation week.

Only two chapters reported on their alumnæ relations program. Our province alumnæ and collegiate directors tell us that many chapters have outstanding programs. At Gamma Kappa at Kearney the chapter sends a monthly letter to the alumnæ president telling of the chapter activities; each year an alum acts as a "Gam Ma" to answer special questions and problems; the chapter honors alumnæ for special help with much appreciation and small gifts. At Beta Upsilon the Greek-letter chapter awards a silver tray each year to an outstanding alumna and engraves her name on a plaque which stays in the house. Many of the collegiate groups have Christmas parties and Easter egg hunts for alumnæ and their children. Most of the alumnæ groups are always ready to pitch in to help for rush, teas, dinners and special occasions. One collegiate chapter entertains alumnæ husbands at an "apple-polishing" luncheon.

THE CRESCENT congratulates all our chapters for their sincere efforts to update their chapter programs. Thank you for sharing with us.



**"To show our concern for pollution,  
we served bottled mineral water at rush."**

The '70 school year for Epsilon chapter stepped off with a list of changes. First, we were all greeted by our new housemother, Mrs. Ruth Hackett. Of course, all of us knew each other quite well and were laughing and joking around, but poor Mrs. Hackett was trying so hard to just learn our names. She said that studying the composite with the girls names was not as effective when it came to meeting us in person. Some of us fooled her by getting our hair cut or lightened from the summer sun. But after a little while, we all got to be better acquainted, and we just love her! Sure she is still trying to learn our favorite dishes, desserts, and ways of doing things, but we are off to a great start. By the way, if you ever want to meet someone who makes the best handmade Christmas decorations, just come see our Mrs. Hackett.

We, also, have a new system of rush to get acquainted with. This year we are experiencing having deferred Rush. We have had informal parties in fall-quarter with no pledging permitted except for sophomores or transfer students. Then comes winter quarter, we will have formal parties with pledging. Wheh—talk about a lot of parties! It is like having two rushes!

And what happened to our rush chairman, Nancy Barnes was—unbelievable! She fell and broke her nose a couple of days before informal rush began! After working all summer on rush and preparing us for the parties, she ended up missing most of them herself. She worked so hard and came up with such good ideas. For example, to show our concern for pollution, we even served bottled mineral water at some of the parties. This way the rushees could get a taste of some clean, tasty water for a change and be introduced to the importance of pollution as an issue on campus.

Oh! And talk about epidemics! We Gamma Phis went through a phase of having every kind of cold there ever was! It was like a chain reaction—after the first one got sick, it went right down the line until we all had our turn at the chills, sore throats, and coughing. That was an unexpected happening that we are glad is over with. We all remember to drink our orange juice in the morning now without fail!

Well, we have just about made it through the quarter with our ups and downs and changes. Now we are on the move to better things—like getting our new pledges. We will be so glad when that day of pledging comes so that we can hug our pledges and say, "Welcome aboard!"

KIT PINCHOT, *Epsilon*

*University of Illinois*

**"... Gamma Phis have so much to offer,  
but you have to go after it."**

Secure, and often not so secure, in our little worlds of college, we hear that the "world out there" is a really different place. And right in the middle of hassles with rush on a campus which is experiencing the painful down-Greeks and drop-the-total number of girls who enroll for formal rush, a letter from the "world" makes us realize we shouldn't complain because there is so much that the system has to offer. Hey stop, and think a minute on all the experiences and people you never would have known except for Gamma Phi! And so a word from a first year graduate from Gamma Phi who is working in Washington D.C. brings a realization.

"Oh yes, Gamma Phi and the world. So what are your problems there? People borrow things without returning them. People don't help clean the house on Dad's Day. People play their

record players too loudly. So what is different? I live with three girls now—the same problems exist. And if you think that because there are fewer of us it is easier, you're mistaken.

"I was disillusioned with a lot of things at Gamma Phi, rush in particular. The system has a lot of faults, but I think you can overlook some of them. A sorority is people. People are going to be around forever. A sorority is experiences and the more of those you have, the better you are going to be able to cope later. Lots of people let me down; I'm sure I let others down. But I learned to go to chapter meetings and practically bite my tongue off to keep from saying something I felt strongly. (Sometimes I didn't bite hard enough obviously.) And I learned what it meant to disagree violently with someone's views but to respect and even like them in spite of it. I learned that I could agree with someone's views and not even like them very much.

"You can move out. That doesn't change in the world. I can understand wanting to move out for a chance to be on your own. But to blame chapter meetings is, to use a new cliché, a copout. When I wanted to move out my junior year I was just having trouble with personal relationships.

"A sorority can be a limiting environment. But WOW! You've gotta put out to get back. That doesn't change. I have to take the initiative at a party to meet people. Gamma Phi may be one of the few sororities that allows you to bring a weird looking guy into the house and not feel uncomfortable. I did learn, at least, that a fraternity pin isn't a necessity, nor a sorority pin. Maybe what you can gain in a sorority or from Gamma Phi can be gained living in another college environment. I don't think I could have.

"As I said it's all experiences and people. They're out in the big world, too. People you agree with and people you disagree with—people who have something to offer. I think the Gamma Phis have so much to offer but you have to go after it. I was never able to do that before. Gamma Phi lets you, or perhaps makes you realize that you have to say what you think or it might not get said. But you have to be a diplomat, too.

"I guess what I'm trying to say is that I'm glad I was there. The sisterhood is nice—and I'm not taking anything away from friendships, that is understood. But the point is you have to learn to get along with all kinds. Gamma Phi is one of the best starting points I know."

*From a letter from Linda Proctor, '70.*

LYNN WOLFE, *Omicron*

*University of Nebraska*

**"Each pledge shaped her own study program,  
in conference with the scholarship chairman."**

Pi chapter on the University of Nebraska campus, through pledge program innovations of the last few years, is endeavoring to focus on the individual talents and abilities of its pledges. The pledge program, as set up by director Sylvia Kuneman and her assistant Sonia Krichhoff, is a flexible one, subject to the needs and desires of the pledges throughout their months of preparation for membership. New this year is an experiment in no required study hours—each pledge shaped her own study program in a conference with our scholarship chairman, Sue Rogers. Throughout the year, additional conferences insure its effectiveness and provide for tutoring and advice on study habits.

Philanthropy also is being stressed as direct, personal response to need, rather than an impersonal monetary contribution. Plans are pending for a house cooperative effort to provide recreation facilities for the children of Foreign Students on campus. At Christmas time we adopted an underprivileged



family and provided them with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. Filling stockings and tucking surprises in the food basket made the gift more meaningful and allowed us to express our creativity—in very distinctive and varied forms!

Freshmen pledges are looking forward to living in the house next year, when they will contribute their ideas and suggestions for improvement of the program. In order to make the Gamma Phi pledge program responsive to the changing moods and attitudes on this campus we must strive to be a dynamic force, relevant to the issues of our times. Pi Chapter, through innovations, accepted and rejected, is striving to relate its pledge program to the fluctuating progressive environment of the University of Nebraska campus.

KAREN KASH, *Pi*

### *University of Missouri*

**"Each pledge mom takes her daughter a flower, a booklet she has made, and a letter."**

The members of Alpha Delta work toward giving each pledge a memorable and rewarding experience during the months preceding initiation. After the bids are delivered and the answers received, the new pledges are brought to the house where they receive their ribbons of mode and brown. Each pledge has a big sister to help her during her first month as a member of the university and as a pledge of Gamma Phi Beta.

Pledge moms are then chosen by the pledges. After the hunt to find them, there is a party which unites not only the pledge class, but the entire house. The next day each pledge received her pledge pin. Throughout the year there are roller skating parties, bowling parties, and of course, the after-hour's parties. The traditional Christmas party is the last time the chapter is together until the next year.

As the second semester begins, thoughts of initiation evolve on both the pledges' and the members' parts. It is the desire of Alpha Delta chapter to make initiation a very meaningful point in each girl's life.

Therefore, the week before initiation is designated as Gamma Phi Beta Week. Each pledge mom takes her daughter a flower, a booklet she has made, and a letter. The booklet gives insight to the meaning of Gamma Phi Beta and lets each girl know what the schedule is. Each day a letter is given to the daughter. And each night the pledge class meets as a whole at the chapter house to hear speakers discuss the important aspects found in the Creed of Gamma Phi Beta.

As the day of initiation approaches, each pledge grows in the realization of what Gamma Phi Beta is and the part it may play in her life as well as what she may give to Gamma Phi.

RUTH BEUMER, *Alpha Delta*

### *Ohio Wesleyan University*

**"The Princeton Plan was not as successful as students had hoped."**

The most distinguishing factor of the fall term at Ohio Wesleyan University, was the experiment of the Princeton Plan, a twelve-day break over the November elections to enable the students to participate in electioneering. For the few students who earnestly worked to campaign for a favored politician, or just to help with elections, the recess was a success. However, the great majority used the time for other purposes, such as working on the school newspaper or play, writing term papers or studying, or visiting friends, and did little or no work on campaigns. Anna Reyner, a Gamma Phi from Arlington, Virginia, worked all election night at the polls for the United

Press to help with the returns. Helping Adlai Stevenson III in Chicago was Gamma Phi Wendy Schneider. She was an audience filler when he spoke at Elmhurst College, and she also attended a rally for the victorious candidate.

For some students, the long recess was a welcome break. It was too great an interruption in the middle of the term for others, as it took valuable time to get back into the swing of things after the 12 days. Furthermore, in order to accumulate the eight days of free time (four days were weekends), classes had resumed earlier than usual in September, and the Thanksgiving holiday was eliminated, as well as the free day of studying before finals. Overall, the Princeton Plan was not as successful at Ohio Wesleyan as students had hoped it would be.

A Panhellenic activity initiated this fall is the tutoring of retarded children at a nursery school in one of the churches. Gamma Phi Amy Brinberg, a speech therapy major, is also working with a retarded child in speech development.

Many plans for next term were inspired by a fall term course on the population explosion, and a speech given at Ohio Wesleyan by Secretary of the Interior Stuart Udall. Hoped-for projects include workshops in the high school and junior high on population control, the printing of students' papers from the population class, and letter-writing to Congress. Involvement in counseling on birth control, and the collection of aluminum cans for recycling are projects in which the students are already engaged.

Along with the rest of Ohio Wesleyan, the Alpha Eta chapter of Gamma Phi Beta is looking forward to a progressive new year.

MARCIA KOHN, *Alpha Eta*

### *Southern Methodist University*

**"A great deal of emphasis is placed on the meaning of the Greek system as a whole."**

The Alpha Xi chapter is planning great things for 1971. Hopefully, one of the major areas of concentration will be developing a more meaningful pledgeship. The emphasis will be on establishing ties of friendship between the pledges and the actives. The new pledge trainer is already enthusiastically planning a big get-together with just the pledges right after rush. Her theory is that the first step toward a meaningful pledgeship is being friends with the rest of the pledges from the start—not just knowing their names and their faces but really being friends. A great deal of emphasis will also be placed on the meaning of the Greek system as a whole. All pledges will be required to read *The Greek System* in hopes that they will better understand the system of which they will soon become a part and to which they are contributing.

After the pledges have been exposed to sorority life for a while, they will be asked to participate in the rush retreat. Despite the name, the retreat is not by any means devoted entirely to rush. It is a chance for fun, for the tossing back and forth of serious ideas, for the pledges to give their reactions to various aspects of the sorority and to rush. One of the activities on the night before the retreat is a scavenger hunt for the pledges which stresses the importance of working together as a group. Each group finds one clue and it takes the pledge class as a whole to piece the clues together. When all the clues have been assembled the message can be understood. This stresses the need for chapter unity. During the rush retreat there will be group discussions on the Greek system on the SMU campus and on Gamma Phi Beta in particular. The pledges will play a key role in these discussions.

A meaningful pledgeship does not signify a dull pledgeship. That would be unthinkable! There are many get-togethers



planned with the chapter and with other pledge classes, of both the male and female varieties. One of the things on the creative party list is a decoupage get-together. All in all, we hope that we can make pledgship meaningful for each individual. There should be just as much participation in pledgship by the members as there is by the pledges. As a result, strong bonds will be established and chapter unity will result.

MARGARET EGLIN, *Alpha Xi*

### ***North Dakota State University***

**"Our new pledges all made their grades, and were initiated."**

The pledge program here at Alpha Omicron chapter was completely redone this year. Helen Tritchler, the pledge trainer, came up with some really good ideas. The philanthropy project was changed from a group activity to individual projects. Each girl was made responsible for writing up a contract on what she was going to do. One girl spent so many hours a week with mentally retarded children, and another made pillows for poor children in Fargo. Each contract was different and each was fulfilled by the end of the pledgship.

Another change in the program was that there were no special rules for the pledges to live by. They went by the standards of the initiated chapter. The girls also had to spend a minimum of 3-4 hours a week at the house getting to know the girls. This did not include hours spent in required activity.

Early in the pledgship the girls came around asking for our signatures, our hometowns, and some important question such as "What brand of cigarette do you smoke?" or "What's your boyfriend's name?" I think each girl should know something about every one of her sisters, especially where she is from and this helped them to get to know us a little better.

The pledges pulled through this year with a very remarkable amount of skips and tricks. What would we do without soap in our sheets and blankets scattered across the lawn? One night they did surprise us with something nice though. Right after active meeting we found big bowls of popcorn waiting up stairs. One Saturday morning each pledge woke up her sorority Mom and they all went out to breakfast together. It's times like that, when we really realize how nice it is to be a Gamma Phi. Our pledges will all (I mean everyone of them made their grades) be initiated soon, and that will probably be the most rewarding experience of all.

NANCY ULRICH, *Alpha Omicron*

### ***Pennsylvania State University***

**"Our fall pledge class did their pledging under a point system."**

The major purpose of pledging is to give the pledges a chance to get to know the sisters and to become a real part of Gamma Phi Beta. So we at Alpha Upsilon critically evaluated our pledge program and decided that we could accomplish these goals better if a few changes were made.

Our fall pledge class did their pledging under a point system. They needed a total of 150 points each, which they could earn by having coke dates with sisters, attending the artist series with sisters, and spending at least three hours a week in the suite where they could get to know the sisters better. This was in addition to the pledge project, prank, scrapbook, skit and interviews with the sisters that we always had before.

The fall pledge class had a bake sale to make money to send to the orphan whom Alpha Upsilon supports. Each pledge has to be involved in at least one campus activity, and must attend

informal sorority meetings and programs. Our pledges gave a party for the sisters one night after winter rush. One thing we did away with after asking last winter's pledge class what they thought about it, was study hours in the suite each week. They said that they could get more studying done in their rooms than in the suite with the whole pledge class. This they agreed was very distracting. So study hours were eliminated, but pledges still had to turn in their grades each week.

This was the first time we tried the point system in pledging, but it seems to be a good way for pledges to get to know the sisters—which is the major goal.

JUDY HARVEY, *Alpha Upsilon*

### ***College of William and Mary***

**"Our unbirthday party helped freshmen relieve first semester anxieties."**

There were many happy get-togethers among the Alpha Chis as the new school year began in September at the College of William and Mary. Everyone was enthusiastic about seeing each other again and eager to plan the coming year. Already at school to greet the rest of their sisters were the 13 girls who had been selected the previous year as Freshman orientation sponsors. Also arriving early were the six freshman counselors and other upperclass Gamma Phis involved in the orientation program.

The semester has turned out just as successfully as we had hoped. We have five new marvelous initiates; Sanny Smith, Terry Hughes, Janie Harland, Frankie Crabill, and Alice Garland. Having pledged in the early fall, they have completed their pledge period and were initiated on December 11. At our annual Christmas party they presented to the sisterhood the efforts of their pledge project—two newly painted bicycles ready for use by any sister. The pledge class was a very close-knit one and inspired a great deal of enthusiasm for the entire sisterhood.

The chapter has been very busy with philanthropic projects this semester. At Homecoming rather than making a float we sold helium filled balloons and the profits were given to WATS, a local development agency. Later in the semester at one of our Panhellenic rush parties we made paper flowers for the members of an old peoples' home in Newport News, Virginia. Our most recent philanthropic effort was on December 16 when we sponsored our annual Bloodmobile drive. Held in the fire station, the drive was well advertised and door prizes were given in order to encourage people to donate blood. This year the sorority is again busy writing letters and Christmas greetings to our orphan, Kang. We take turns writing to him so that he gets acquainted with as many of the sisters as possible.

The Alpha Chis have also been busy planning and attending social events. After the Homecoming game we had a tea at the house for alumnae and friends. Many of last year's graduates made it to Williamsburg for the weekend and it was really great to see them. In November we had a Founders Day tea and there were seven different chapters represented. We enjoyed being able to visit with sisters from different schools and it was interesting and beneficial to exchange ideas. Also in November we had our annual fall dance; and our five new pledges were presented.

One of our most original and successful projects of the semester was our fall rush party for freshman women. Entitled the "Unbirthday party," it provided the freshman (dressed in grubbies) a chance to rid themselves of first semester anxieties and, therefore, enjoy themselves. One room of the house was entitled the regression room where our guests were invited to



color, paint or do anything child-like. In the gripe booth each girl was given an inflated balloon to write her problems on and then she could break the balloon, dispelling her problems at the same time. The party created an easy, natural atmosphere which allowed us to meet the freshmen for them to get to know us.

Like everyone else, the Christmas season has found us to be very busy. Our house is decorated with greens and lights and inside we have our own Christmas tree. The annual Christmas party was held on December 14 and the seniors entertained us with an original skit. Amid the gayety however there was some sadness because three of our seniors are graduating and will be leaving; Ginny Vogel, Sharon Smith, and Sue Schwenk.

A review of our activities and successes of this first semester make us realize how much has been and can be accomplished in and by the sisterhood.

DENISE BUNKER, *Alpha Chi*

## University of Western Ontario

### "We set about bridging the pledge-active gap."

Alpha Omega was ecstatic at having attracted one of our largest pledge classes ever, and the largest on Western's campus. With 18 pledges, we set about the task of "bridging the pledge-active gap," and trying to get to know each girl individually.

Besides the weekly get-together dinner before our meetings, activities were planned to encourage the removal of any barrier which may have sprung up between pledges and members. We had lots of laughs and serious discussions while bowling, playing pool, going to the theatre or having a sleep-over at the house.

We all felt that we had bridged the gap, when at 6:30 on the morning following our initiation ceremony, our new initiates kidnapped all the members from their beds and transported them, blindfolded, to the Hotel London. Upon entering a large banquet room, we were feted to a delicious breakfast by our new initiates. There was truly a sense of togetherness as we sat eating our breakfast, singing, and doing kicklines with our new sisters. As one girl said, "This is the best pledge class we've had in a long time!"

It proves to be a very interesting and exciting year with the spirit, enthusiasm, and togetherness the chapter has attained these past few months.

SANDRA SANDHAM, *Alpha Omega*



Some of the active members of Alpha Omega chapter following their kidnapping and delicious breakfast.

## Bowling Green State University

### "... we had an all-chapter slumber party on pledging night."

Love, Labor, Learning, and Loyalty are all major reasons why Beta Gamma of Gamma Phi Beta has had a very successful and happy year so far.

This year we returned to a new housemother, Mrs. Ryan, and two new houseboys, Brian Kossman and John Brenneman, both Sigma Chis. Lynnette Davis also returned after having spent a year in Germany. We were delighted to see that our lounge and dining room had been completely redecorated. Having everything so new and beautiful made fall rush even more exciting. Under the direction of our rush chairman, Stephanie Robinson, we took a great pledge class of 16 girls. The sisters of Beta Gamma welcomed their pledges on a Saturday morning and had an all-chapter slumber party that night.

Homecoming was a highlight activity to us this year since Janice Mears, one of our sisters, was sophomore homecoming attendant. After the game, dates came back to the house for an open house tea.

For Halloween this year, we had a party for some orphans from Toledo with the Beta Theta Pis. It was a real success and a lot of fun, with the kids teaching us how to "soul" dance.

We celebrated Founders Day with a delicious dinner at the Holiday Inn and the pledges presented their song.

Mrs. Sutton, our cook, prepared a real feast which we all enjoyed for our traditional all-chapter Thanksgiving dinner at the house. After Thanksgiving vacation we all became busy with Christmas preparation. We decorated the lounge and our tree and we ended "Gammy-Bug-Week" with a Christmas party where gifts were exchanged.

As can be seen, the sisters have been very busy with Gamma Phi Beta activities. Along with these, we have had teas with the Sigma Nu, PiKA, and the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternities.

Sisters also display their spirit and hard work by participating in campus activities. Cheryl Ruper, Terry Thomas, Val Viglione, Sherrie Albright and Debbie Kaufman are all active in Angel Flight, while Linda Moser is in Royal Green. Orientation leaders for the freshmen this fall were Barb Contak, Kathy Hayes, Debbie Marcum, Val Viglione, Jan Mears, Vicki Ellis, and Debbie Kaufman.

Active in the Association for Women Students are Bobbie Fix, representative, Brenda Frawley and Barb Culver, legislative board and rules revision board.

Those sisters active on Student Council boards and committees are: Barb Contak and Maryann Tarpy, on the homecoming and spirit and traditions committees; Linda Macklin on the homecoming committee and the registration review board; Rhonda Tokash and Cindy Cochran on various other committees.

Sisters in other activities are Jean Denig, Greek editor of the KEY; Debbie Marcum and Amy Ondreyika, UAO committees; Terry Thomas and Stephanie Robinson, Panhellenic; and Linda Macklin, justice on the student court.

Jean Denig and Barb Hoge are busy with the university chorus, while Cindie Phinney and Jane Stevenson are in A'capella choir and Judy Zacharias sings at St. Thomas Moore. Debbie Marcum is in University Players.

Representing the Spirit of Gamma Phi Beta are Jackie Wer-kowitz, Falconettes, Pat Toole, Pommerettes, and Becky Spahr, hockey cheerleader.

Active in the Dormitories are Bobbie Fix and Linda Macklin, both secretaries of their dorms and Barb Hoge, Debbie Johnson and Debbie Kaufman are representatives. On various dorm committees are Pat English, Kathy Hayes, Debbie Mehas, Debbie Kaufman and Linda Macklin.



Chosen as Sweetheart of Sigma Nu was Terry Thomas, and Sheree Gibson as Sweetheart of Pi Kappa Alpha. Pat English and Joan Kuchta are Little Sisters of PiKA, while Maryann Tarpy is a Little Sis of Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Bev Brownfield is a SAE Little Sister of Minerva. Barb Baird, Jackie Wer-kowitz, Sheree Gibson, Sue Murray, and Linda Macklin are Sigma Phi Epsilon Golden Hearts. Pat Schoeni represented her county as Beef Queen at the Ohio State Fair.

This year our house was very proud in winning the campus scholarship trophy, and in having a 3.2 all-chapter grade average out of a possible 4.0. Those sisters in Honoraries are; Becky Cochran, Alpha Lambda Delta (president) and Beta Beta Beta; Debbie Marcum, Theta Alpha Phi (secretary); Jan Mears, Alpha Lambda Delta; Amy Ondreyika, Mortar Board and Kappa Delta Pi; Kay Yahn, Sigma Alpha Iota; Terry Thomas, Alpha Lambda Delta, Kappa Delta Pi and Mortar Board; while Cindy Dawson, Pat Tuttle, Marcia Meilahn, Donna Rue, Kathy Hayes and Sherrie Albright are all in Sigma Alpha Eta.

As can be seen, Love, Labor, Learning, and Loyalty are major reasons why Beta Gamma of Gamma Phi Beta has had a very successful and happy year, so far.

LINDA MACKLIN, *Beta Gamma*

### *Miami University*

**"We want our pledges to feel like Gamma Phis right away."**

After taking one of the three largest pledge classes out of the 19 active sororities on the campus of Miami University, the Beta Epsilon chapter of Gamma Phi Beta decided to bridge what may have been termed a "pledge-active gap" with the realization that a sorority is composed of many individuals working together as one and not just two separate classes of pledges and actives. In order to do this certain obligations were placed on both the new pledges and the actives as well.

Starting with pledging the active heart sisses picked up each new pledge to be in their dorm and escorted her to the suite for the pledging ceremony. After pledging the new initiates were given wooden crescent door hangers, stationary, T-shirts with a picture of a Raggedy Ann doll and Gamma Phi Doll stamped on it and were treated to a picnic at a scenic spot on the campus. The first Friday night after pledging there was a slumber for the new pledge class and any actives who wanted to attend. Also actives were encouraged to call up new pledges and ask them for study dates, coke dates and shopping dates. By doing things with the active chapter each pledge was able to feel more like a member of Gamma Phi Beta, rather than just a newcomer to an organization. Also they were given a chance to become better acquainted with the girls who saw in them the makings of a Gamma Phi Doll.

As for the pledges themselves, they were required to earn points for activities such as unrequired visits to the suite, assisting any officers, writing different chapters for songs, rush ideas, projects, etc. and reporting them to the active chapter and pledge class, attending lectures or cultural events, coke dates with seniors, study dates with juniors and making up skits before pledge-active meetings. The earning of each point equalled a letter in Gamma Phi Beta, which were added behind each pledge's name on a special poster board.

Other planned activities for the pledges included setting up chairs for meetings, fixing up something in the suite, preparing and cleaning up for Saturday morning breakfasts and decorating the suite for special parties.

While it seems like the new pledge program is somewhat demanding, its whole purpose is to make sure the pledges have

a better opportunity to become better acquainted with the active chapter and to show them that the actives are concerned about them. Even after activation their pledgeship still lingers in the form of meetings with the ritual chairman to explain meeting procedures, ritual and to review activation ritual, learning of the pledge before their first active meeting and informal discussions on their views of active meetings and their relationships with actives now they're officially initiated.

We want our pledges to feel like Gamma Phis right away and there's no better way than to get them actively involved right from the beginning. By having a strong and stable pledge program there is no reason to doubt that the active chapter will become stronger.

KAREN HECKENDORN, *Beta Epsilon*

### *Kent State University*

**"Togetherness within the Greek system is actually what people are seeking."**

Dear Sisters,

After our long summer it seems good to have Kent open again, and to be together as a chapter. Things have definitely changed at Kent since May, in some ways for the better. Many of our girls have been caught up in the swing of those who are organizing to make sure that we don't have any other disturbances on or off campus. The chapter is getting off on the right foot by sponsoring speakers, doing service projects within the community—where town-gown relationships really need to be improved—and just generally getting involved—a Gamma Phi attribute.

Our new house was a big help in bringing together our girls after we had been without a real "home" last year. Twelve girls live in it, with lots of space to move. Our spring pledge class has fixed up an old room in the attic so that both the actives and pledges now have their own private meeting places. Our furniture from the old house looks great, and, despite the faltering Greek spirit ours remains at a steady high!

We entertained James Michener one evening for a discussion group. He's writing a book about the Kent shootings and had much to say and many questions to ask all the sisters. We hope to have a lot more such events, and should be able to since so many important people keep popping up all over Kent. It's just another way in which we can stay informed and be an important part of the university community.

Our pledges from last spring quarter finally went active after what we consider just about the longest inspiration week in history—four months of inspiring! Because of the change in attitudes towards the Greek system at Kent we're in the process of changing our rush. We have high hopes for the coming rush with all our new ideas.

The ideas which we have formulated stem from our feelings

The Kent State chapter house





towards the changes in the general attitudes here. The majority of the students seem to think that being a Greek just isn't important anymore. Our argument is that the togetherness within a Greek system is actually what all these people are seeking; they are just afraid to admit that such a situation exists and can work within the "system."

By becoming involved in projects other than the normal campus-oriented functions we are able to get across to many others who would not ordinarily seek us out. However, we also maintain our active participation on campus, giving our rush-ees an overall look at the involved KSU student.

We hope that any other chapters that may have tried this approach will contact us and let us know their results. We are still a growing group of individuals, wishing to bring others into our circle.

Peace.

JAMIE HAINES, *Beta Zeta*

### *Idaho State University*

#### **"The chapter has a Christmas party for alumnæ and their children."**

At the beginning of the college year, the alumnæ of Beta Iota assist the chapter with formal rush by serving refreshments at all of the parties.

In November, the alumnæ prepare the food for our Founders Day Banquet.

In December, the chapter has a Christmas party with the alumnæ and their children. The actives and pledges have a gift exchange, and there is a Santa Claus for the children.

Last Spring, the alumnæ had a garage sale for a money-raising project. They gave the chapter fifty percent of their earnings. The sale was a success and the alumnæ plan to have another this year.

During Parent's Weekend, which is in the first week of May, the alumnæ prepare the food for our Mothers' Luncheon.

Also, at the end of the year, the alumnæ have a Senior Dessert for all graduating students. A delicious array of desserts is prepared for the chapter and the seniors are given gifts from the alumnæ.

In February, the alumnæ have tentatively planned a rummage sale. The alumnæ will collect the items, and the chapter will help with the sale.

The new alumnæ advisor of the Beta Iota chapter is Jane Pierson.

PEGGY L. ANDREWS, *Beta Iota*

### *Florida State University*

#### **"Working together as a whole is more fun and more productive."**

The members of Beta Mu chapter returned to campus this fall with many ideas, some new perhaps, on the best way to make our chapter a real sisterhood. At a retreat held before the hustle and bustle of classes began, we all decided that to have a good chapter this year, we had to concentrate first on getting to know ourselves and having fun *together*, rather than on frantically entering every campus contest that comes along. This is not to say that most contests aren't fun and worthwhile, but first things first. Becoming real sisters should be given the first priority.

This attitude guided our rush and pledge programs this fall. During rush, we "let ourselves go" and had fun, and our success was evident—17 great pledges. We welcomed our new pledges with a "Happiness is . . ." theme. On the day of soror-

ity pledging, the Gamma Phi house wore a welcome banner proclaiming "Happiness is a Gamma Phi Beta pledge!" Crescent guides (one active to each new pledge) showed pledges the upstairs of the chapter house after the pledging ceremony, and the doors of members who were crescent guides were decorated with Snoopy doghouses bearing their pledge's name. The crescent guides changed about every five days so that the pledges could get to know as many members as possible. (This continued until pledges got big sisters.) In order that pledges and members learn each other's names and home towns quickly, pledge paddles were all signed within two weeks after pledging. So much for the basics!

The pledge program this fall stressed activities done by pledges and members alike. Pledges and their big sisters, as part of our philanthropy program, made Christmas cards for soldiers in Vietnam one night after dinner. After mid-term exams, the entire chapter had a bonfire and cook-out at a nearby lake to keep up our spirit, which has a tendency to lag during mid-terms! Throughout the quarter, both members and pledges did thoughtful "little things" for each other. Pledges surprised actives with home-made Thanksgiving cards and original songs, and Beta Mu made "survival kits" for their little sisters during final exams.

About four weeks after pledging, the pledge class staged a legal "walk-out" (at least, the pledge director knew about it!) Early on a Saturday morning, they completely "undid" the upstairs of the chapter house with string galore, papered doors, hidden shower curtains—the works! After wreaking this havoc, the group went to some nearby caverns for a day of fun—getting to know each other and making up songs. How could the girls be angry when the pledges later serenaded us with one of their songs and, besides, they cleaned up the whole mess!

This quarter, on the whole, the Beta Mu members tried to make the pledges feel that they, the pledge class, are a vital part of the chapter. There was no big "pledge-active" distinction made as in past years. Of course, the pledges did have special little duties of their own, but, hopefully, they did these out of thoughtfulness rather than just duty. We, as a chapter, found that working together as a whole is much more fun and productive than working as two separate entities within the chapter. This outlook, we hope, will guide us during the rest of the year.

PEGGY WEBB, *Beta Mu*

### *Indiana State University*

#### **"Members surprised the pledges with a morning hike and breakfast."**

Gamma Phis at Indiana State started out the fall semester by initiating four members into the active ranks. Caroline Robertson, Karen Oing, Becky Rausch, and Diana Terrell were initiated on September 26. Diana was selected last Spring to compete in the Miss Illinois Pageant which was held last summer.

September also found us busy with the annual "Campus Carnival," which proved to be successful when the Beta Pis walked off with the second place trophy. The weeks that followed found us with hammer and saw in hand as we put the finishing touches on our Homecoming float under the direction of our co-chairmen Linda Raymond and Dana Rumble.

October spelled *Rush*—and rush we did! Linda Pickett, field secretary from Nashville, Tennessee, visited us during the ten days of rush and celebrated with us on the evening of October 26 as the Beta Pis took 19 beautiful pledges! Jackie Button was our fabulous rush chairman.

During November the actives and alums gathered for our traditional Founder's Day celebration. A candlelight ceremony



and dessert was held at the home of Mrs. Gerald Eble. The weekend on November 7-8, Beta Pi's Linda Pearson and Caroline Robertson attended the National Leadership Conference in Merom, Indiana.

Saturday, December 12 found the actives surprizing the pledges with an early morning "hike" followed by a breakfast at the home of pledge trainer, Susie Heine. With the holiday season at hand the Beta Pis had our annual Mother-Daughter Christmas Party in the suite. A gift exchange proceded the spreading of "Christmas cheer" as the Gamma Phis serendaded the ISU fraternity men.

RETZY CRAWFORD, *Beta Pi*

*Washington State University*

**"The desire is to be individuals, although not independent of one another."**

This fall Beta Sigma opened its doors to receive 16 pledges. The individual backgrounds of each pledge combined to add new aims and ambitions to the Greek chapter. Their genuine interest and enthusiasm for the survival of the Greek system has influenced change within our chapter. They continue to uphold our idea that the outlooks of the system must change to meet the needs of the coming generations. Change is desirable, but the basic Greek structure must be preceived as desirable if these individuals are to become a part of it. It is the surface aspects that need alteration.

Because of their initiative, our pledges have attempted to break through the social confinements which are so often a detriment to Greek living. As a unit, the chapter and pledges hope to follow through this initiative to develop personal responsibility and organization by doing away with afternoon study hours and related restrictions of academic persuits. Leniency concerning dress standards has taken place, which has proved successful in the development of the individual needs of each sister. The desire is to be individuals, although not independent of one other. The hope is to create dependance and interaction, which will develop a more substantial emotional maturity through these modifications in the Greek system.

ELIZABETH ANN MERTZ, *Beta Sigma*

*University of Wichita*

**"Pledges were introduced to "moms" through the matching of nightshirts."**

We've just got the best pledge class ever! It seems we say that every year, but once again Beta Chis feel it's true. For the sake of just getting to know each other, our members and pledges have tried planning some happening together at least once a month. Our first venture together came on the night of formal pledging when we all had a slumber party. Here, pledges were introduced to pledge moms through the matching of nightshirts. Each mom made her daughter a nightshirt. They ranged from tie-dyes to towels and each pledge recognized her mom through their look alike nightshirts. Other pledge-member activities have included a pledge dance and the pledges annual skit of slamming the actives. Alumnæ, also, are meeting pledges by sponsoring teas.

Perhaps the most unifying, but most unfortunate, force resulted from the plane crash tragedy of our university. Efforts to recover from the loss not only unified the house, but the Greek system, the campus and the city. We all worked together on projects raising funds for the Football Memorial Fund. Pledges and members both took part in sponsoring a booth at a univer-

sity-wide carnival; we also sponsored and supplied two teams for two hours in a 40-hour basketball marathon, and the pledges forwarded the profits from their annual mum sale to the memorial fund. The people of the house, the university, and the city have all channeled themselves toward helping ease the crash tragedy. We appreciate the thoughts and efforts of everyone in his help.

JENA DIR, *Beta Chi*

*Oklahoma State University*

**A letter from the pledges is read at initiation banquet each year.**

First of all, Gamma Phi means love. It means a sharing of that which is good and bad with sisters. Next Gamma Phi means labor. We work together to make Gamma Phi what it is today. I realize that it is up to each one of us to make Gamma Phi a little bit better. Thirdly, Gamma Phi means learning. It has helped me to keep my standards high and given me the incentive I needed. Last, Gamma Phi means loyalty. It means caring enough about our sorority and each other that we can seemingly conquer the world with our love.

Gamma Phi is the place I turn to when I feel lost, the place I stay when I'm lonely, where I go to seek love and understanding. Gamma Phi is a priceless relationship which I shall carry with me for the rest of my life, and whose memories I shall cherish forever.

I came to college wanting to be active, doing things, meeting people, going to parties—along with making good grades. I felt that a sorority would help me do all these things. Gamma Phi was the only place that I felt at home and didn't feel like I had to impress anyone.

After I first pledged I had my doubts about being happy. I think everyone wonders sometimes. But now my love has grown steadily stronger.

Gamma Phi is, as most everyone knows, a dream come true for me—one that I thought impossible for me to achieve. But at last it is coming true for me and eight of my dearest friends. Together we will strive to make Gamma Phi Beta as good in years to come as it was given to us.

Last spring I pledged Gamma Phi Beta. Since then it has become more and more important. It has always been necessary for me to have a place where I belong. For a long time here at OSU I didn't have a place to go, but now I do,

There are two loves in my life, two different kinds of love but I think they are equal in their separate ways.

Now that I'm living in the house I feel a part of Gamma Phi and all the girls in it. I have such a warm feeling of love in me when I say, "I'm a Gamma Phi."

*This letter was made up of all the things our spring pledges expressed about Gamma Phi. Each pledge, right before initiation, writes a letter to her big sister and these feelings are all combined to create a letter that is read at initiation banquet. This tradition at Beta Psi chapter is very meaningful to all of us, especially since it comes from the hearts of the newest additions to the crescent.*

JAN JONES, *Beta Psi*

*Gettysburg College*

**"Pre-initiation overnight is the highlight of our pledge program."**

Gamma Beta enjoys a tradition that both honors pledges and strengthens the sisterhood. The night before initiation (usually a Saturday), the sisters and pledges go to the College



Cabin (located in a state park about 25 miles from Gettysburg) to enjoy an overnight together.

Loaded with sleeping bags, blankets and food, we leave school around five o'clock. Everyone explores the area surrounding the cabin before dinner and usually there is a group expedition to the nearby lake. After enjoying a dinner of hot-dogs and hamburgers cooked on the open fireplace, we play funny games for a while and generally have a noisy, good time.

This fun time at the cabin is a great time for the pledges as they get to know sisters outside the context of the college environment. Often pledges have serious talks with their big sisters sometime during the night, gaining a little more insight into the essence of sisterhood.

This overnight is the high point of inspiration week. As everyone begins to settle down for the night, we each get a candle and go outside, forming a crescent on the hill in front of the cabin. We sing several Gamma Phi songs, including the Hymn. Then we go back inside and everyone scatters around the cabin on mattresses and in sleeping bags. A few sisters keep their candles lit and read quotes and poems about friendship, love, and sisterhood. This is a neat thing for the sisters, as it focuses their thoughts on their experiences in Gamma Phi. It is also meaningful to the pledges as it gives them a look at the ideals held most dear by their sisters. In the thoughtful silence which follows the readings, sisters sometimes speak up softly and say what being a Gamma Phi means to them.

It is hard to really communicate the effect the overnight has on us because it gives a special feeling to each sister. The overnight is always a highlight of our pledge program and it holds significance in the sisterhood of Gamma Phi Beta at Gettysburg.

TIMMIE MARTER, *Gamma Beta*

### *University of Wyoming*

#### **"The pledges entertained at a pledge dance in November."**

The University of Wyoming has been a very busy place this semester with Gamma Delta chapter included. We started our school year off right by pledging eighteen wonderful girls.

These great pledges put on a fine pledge dance on November 14. The decorations were of the Medieval Age with the theme of Take Courage.

Homecoming brought several activities. The theme of homecoming was Union All the Way so we decorated our front yard with two men driving in the golden spike for the Union Pacific Railroad. For the homecoming sing we sang "Food Glorious Food" from the movie *Oliver*.

For our Chapter Programs we have a presentation given by Mr. Beach, an instructor of engineering at the University of Wyoming. He gave an interesting lecture and demonstration on the art of making wine.

Gamma Delta has a few noteworthy members. From our alumnae we have Mrs. Verna Hitchcock and Mrs. Florence Hull who were named to the Gamma Phi Beta International Merit Roll. From our collegiate chapter we have Sue Svenson and Bev Fischer who were named to Who's Who.

SHARON BLAES, *Gamma Delta*

### *University of Puget Sound*

#### **"The attitude between actives and pledges is strong; the programs are weak."**

I was dismayed when I read that we were to talk about our pledge program or alumnae relations because we are so terribly weak in these two areas.

During formal rush, we took 27 pledges. The night of pledging, we took them to our traditional dinner. That following weekend, we had a day retreat to a beach house to get acquainted with the new pledges, and they in turn could get to know the active chapter.

Each year, the pledge class sneaks off campus somewhere, and the members search for them. While we look, they choose pledge class officer. This they did.

I'm sorry to say that I am not totally sure of what went on in pledge meetings, yet I know they had tests each week. To me, I felt they were not important. ie: to know the actives' names, their hometown, and their majors, as a first test. For meetings, they were allowed to wear anything, including jeans and T-shirts.

We had two parties during the semester, one at Halloween and one at Christmas. At Halloween, each Big Sister made a pillow for her Little Sister. Then at Christmas, after the pledges had decorated the chapter room for all of us, each Big Sis gave a pink nightgown to her Little Sis.

We have an inspiration week before initiation. During the week, we talk about Gamma Phi, its responsibilities, and its requirements.

I am very unsatisfied with this program. It appears that our pledge trainer is doing only the barest minimum.

I feel that pledge class officers were chosen too early. They couldn't have had the time to know their pledge sisters properly. We haven't had any Big-Little Sister program. It is on an individual basis. We have no standards or program chairman. We have a weak scholarship program—three hours a night for four nights a week. It is not enforced. The pledge duties are few.

I am very ashamed, but I felt that I could not write about something that was not here. I, myself, am trying to work on improving this program, but it is a slow process.

We do have some good points, though. We have no hazing; the attitude between actives and pledges is strong. It is just that we were not properly trained ourselves. We are lacking in education to make good Gamma Phis.

The reason I feel the way I do, is because I am one of four Gamma Phis in my family, and have been "trained" at home.

We haven't any alumnae relations program either. We do have a chapter advisor, but that is all.

I am looking forward to the next issue of *THE CRESCENT*, so that I, and my chapter, can pick up some ideas from other chapters.

BARBARA WARNER, *Gamma Epsilon*

### *University of Tennessee*

#### **"Our program was planning activities for members and pledges together."**

After fall rush, the Gamma Xis started looking for ways to get to know our 20 new pledges—a process sometimes known as "bridging the pledge-active gap." One of the most important parts of our program was planning activities for members and pledges together.

On bid night, each new pledge was assigned a temporary big sister who was responsible for helping her little sister to become involved in chapter activities.

After formal pledging, members and pledges had a slumber party in our suite in the Panhellenic building. We taught our new pledges Gamma Phi songs, and some of us used the kitchen for tie-dying. We now have several tie-dyed dishtowels, and there is still a funny blue streak down the side of the stove. We all had as much fun cleaning up our mess as we did making it.



Along with several other sororities on our campus, we Gamma Phis decided not to participate in the Sigma Chi Derby. Instead, we wanted to find some community project for the whole chapter. A few weeks later, we cleaned the Wesley Settlement House, and spent an afternoon playing with the kids there. Most of our members found this a more rewarding project than the Sigma Chi Derby.

We had our pledge retreat in Gatlinberg for two days. While we actives were enjoying the beauty of the mountains and planning our silly skit for the pledges, a series of pledge pranks was being planned. Later that night, the pledges surprised us with a serious program. They told us what their Sorority meant, and presented each active with a pink carnation. We finished by singing some of our serious songs, and left the next morning.

Later in the quarter, while planning a homecoming display with the Delta Tau Deltas, we have a little trouble with the homecoming theme, "Rejected but Still Valid." We finally decided on a huge peace sign with an elephant and a donkey pulling on it in opposite directions. We enjoyed making the display, and thought it was one of the better ones on campus. Of course we weren't prejudiced!

Our chapter has done other things together, such as working on our philanthropy, helping patients at the East Tennessee State Psychiatric Hospital; going to church together; having a kidnap breakfast for big and little sisters; and having two pledge-member meetings each month. Some of the things that have helped us get to know each other better—not just members and pledges, but each group learning more about each other—have been individual things: studying together in the suite, playing cards (our chapter probably has some of the world's best spades players), singing together, and just talking.

We feel that we have done a great deal, not only to bridge the gap between pledges and members, but to keep a "gap" from being formed, which is the best way.

KATHERINE JENKINS, *Gamma Xi*

### **University of Kentucky**

**"We think our alums are great;  
we lived with them."**

The Lexington Gamma Phi Beta alumnae and the GO chapter sisters have a unique relationship. To begin with, we know each other. This is easily explained. Our house wasn't completed when we came to school for rush last August, 1970. As a result, we were spread out across the city in the homes of the Gamma Phi alumnae and town girls. We lived with them for approximately three weeks before the house was ready for occupancy.

The GO chapter is grateful to our alums. Not only do they help with rush, but also they opened their doors to us. Their household routines were continually disrupted, but nevertheless, they gave us a place to stay, sometimes transportation, and more than several times, a free meal. Plans and projects are great for getting to know alums, but what is a better way than living with a person to know her?

We think our alums are great and to show our appreciation, we hope to have a surprise for them soon!

MARY BETH HEISE, *Gamma Omicron*

### **Mankato State College**

**"To promote Greeks on campus,  
a Sorority Week preceded rush week."**

With welcome relief of winter in Minnesota, Mankato Gamma Phis began spring 1970 with plans for the annual Charity Car-

nival. With help from the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity chapter the Gamma Phis rolled in the greatest amount of money of any of the shows produced with go-go girls and a borrowed production of "Hair" put on by the campus high school. Initiation was also in order for two pledges—Kathy Bock and Peggy Feay. The philanthropy project included a cancer drive co-ordinated with the local cancer association and a fun afternoon of entertaining underprivileged day care center children. Greek Week was filled with many activities and Gamma Phi's contributions resulted in an all-participation trophy. Spring awards were presented at a dinner for all the parents and family friends of Gamma Pi chapter. May was a warm month and a Panhellenic picnic at the state park was held along with a final picnic for all Gamma Phis at the lake.

Fall quarter at Mankato State began with great expectations for all-sorority informal rush. In effort to promote Greeks on campus a Sorority Week was announced which included a style show, songfest and open houses to any MSC girl interested in any sorority. The next week was informal rush and quite a success. We have ten wonderful pledges. Founders Day soon followed and we invited our alumnae for a sit down dinner. After our candlelighting ceremony we all found out which alumna was our "town-mom." Two or three girls are "daughters" to one alumna in an effort to personally know them and to have them as adult-advisor-friend. Date party was great—complete with a polka band for old time whooping-it-up. The next morning everyone was up bright and early to collect canned goods for the all-sorority food drive (a big success!) for all those needy families in and around Mankato.

Now we are looking forward to new actives, new pledges, and activities during winter quarter.

SUSAN MARTIN, *Gamma Pi*

### **St. Louis University**

**"The chain of Gamma Phi Beta is only  
as strong as its weakest link."**

As each of Gamma Tau's new actives reflects on her pledge period, it is hoped that she will realize that she has developed as a unique woman. When she enters our portals of Gamma Phi, she promises to share her talents and her efforts with all her sisters. Rush parties foretold that the Sorority can only return as much as the individual puts into it—for the chain of Gamma Phi Beta is only as strong as its weakest link.

Following pledging, a party is given to welcome the girls into the sisterhood and to reintroduce them to the members they met during the rush period. A circle is formed and each person must provide a few facts or delightful data about the girl beside her. Often even the members are astonished at new revelations.

The first two weeks are devoted to learning the names and faces of everyone. The pledges are required to address each member by her last name, upon first encounter. Obtaining the signature of every girl reinforces the memory of the pledge and gives everyone a sense of true membership and value. Pledge-active switch days also serve to promote a sense of belonging. Appointments are the ultimate bond which, hopefully, demonstrate to the initiate that she is an integral part of a community. Friendships within the sorority know no bounds.

Service within the pledge class implements the formation of lasting ties. Working on pledge projects, planning the pledge-active party, serving at sorority functions, creating pledge songs and Greek Week skits, as well as, spontaneous pledge pranks manifest the joys of sharing and cooperating with people who care.

The culmination of pledging is Inspiration Week. The Fire-



side Ceremony sets the mood for meditation and reflection. Each active and pledge brings a "special thing" which she explains—this is quite frequently a moving experience as members share and care. The climax of the ceremony comes as the pledges are seated before a fireplace with their "big sisters" beside them. An inspirational verse is read followed by sorority songs. The pledge is aware that the portals of Gamma Phi are opened to her.

During Inspiration Week, a big sister-little sister dinner is planned to assure the pledges that initiation is a beginning as well as a foundation. The purpose of this big sister program is to show the pledges Gamma Phi Beta through the eyes of the members. The big sister can help her little sister to learn the ropes and she can offer her an insight into her own experiences, best of all she can exemplify the true meaning and spirit of Gamma Phi.

Inspiration Week is dedicated to clearly outlining the obligations and responsibilities accompanying initiation. Gamma Phi asks the pledges to meditate upon the sacrifices she must make and the support she must give. It is at this time that the individual decides the role she will take as a Gamma Phi.

The final phase is, of course, the initiation ceremony. This is emphasized as the first step inside the portals of Gamma Phi Beta. THE CRESCENT has again opened to new members seeking the ideals of Gamma Phi through her traditions.

The pledge period has not only guided new members to the true meaning of a sorority but has also rekindled the spirit of sisterhood for each Gamma Tau.

SHARON HERBERS, *Gamma Tau*

## *Auburn University*

### **"Sisters are people who share the same joys and sorrows."**

Rush Rush Rush! This word not only describes the period in which 19 enthusiastic girls joined Gamma Phi chapter, but also applies to their entire fall quarter at Auburn. We want our pledges to feel that sisters are people who share the same joys and sorrows that they do. We do feel that in order to have a good pledge program, pledges and sisters must get to know each other. This quarter we've been doing just that in a variety of ways.

Newcomers started off their pledgship with a spend-the-night party in their new chapter room. There they got acquainted with members, pledgesisters, and their "Fearless Leader," Susan Walker, the pledge trainer. The tensions and formality of rush were relieved as they saw the sisters as human beings who wear curlers, Clearasil, and baggy night shirts! This party set the pace for pledgship in Gamma Phi.

After their first pledge meeting, two sisters invited the pledges up for a popcorn party. Supposedly for pledges only, more and more sisters dropped in to join the fun. Nobody can resist the smell of fresh popcorn. What an easy way to get people together!

Shortly after formal rush, the pledges learned what rush is all about as they actively helped the chapter pledge 11 great new girls. The party was very informal with guitars and folk-songs. By this time we were ready to begin our Big Sister-Little Sister program. A week before little sisters were announced, Big Sis was busy making a personalized workshirt for her little sister. We rented a nearby roller skating rink for a party. Here each Big Sis wore the workshirt over her clothes until her little sister found the shirt with her initials on it. Despite a few bruises and blisters, everyone had a great time. To show their appreciation to their Big Sisters, the pledges pulled the first of many pledge pranks. After chapter meeting, the sisters re-

turned to find their doors completely newspapered and vase-line on the doorknobs. And as if that weren't enough, our sheets had been taken and we had to pay 50¢ to get them back! Oh well, it was all in fun!

In getting to know Gamma Phi and her members, pledges were required to visit each sister at least two times. To make these visits a little less frightening, sisters were asked specific questions about their hometown, activities, boyfriends, etc. This not only helped to "break the ice," but helped the pledges learn about each sister.

Activities are vitally important to us because we are relatively new on campus. So, the pledges were asked and encouraged to participate in at least one significant campus activity. We now have more Gamma Phis on committees, and in various organizations. During football season the pledges were especially busy preparing banners and punchboards for each game and the pledge class marched in the "Wreck Tech" and "Burn the Bulldogs" parades. They also worked many long hours for a "Burn the Bulldog" float.

Scholarship too is very important, especially for first-quarter freshmen who haven't learned the art of studying. There are several incentives for good grades such as pledge points for A's and B's on major quizzes. After one of our Pledge-Sister chapter meetings, everyone was given a scholarship treat equivalent to her grades.

Because we are Gamma Phis, we take great pride in our personal appearance. Our program chairman arranged a make-up demonstration for the pledges and many "new" faces emerged. Many of these make-up ideas were put into daily use. And, this proved important for catching the eyes of fraternities on campus. The pledges were guests of the Chi Phis, the Beta Theta Pis, and Phi Kappa Taus for pledge swaps. And with the sisters, they helped the Sigma Phi Epsilons' entertain Head Start children at a Christmas party.

Yes, fall quarter has been busy for the pledges as they learned about activities, scholarship and the Greek way of life. But most important of all, they learned what it means to be a Gamma Phi Beta.

JANICE RANDALL, *Gamma Phi*

## *University of Northern Iowa*

### **"We even rushed our alumnæ!"**

We had a lot of practice with our rush parties this year. In fact, we even rushed our alumnæ!

This year for Founders Day we tried to do a lot of different things. Our formal rush week had just ended along with a week of informal rush and we were anxious to show off our 18 new pledges. Our "rush" party was held at the Cedar Falls Women's Club. There was informal conversation on a one-to-one basis with intermittent songs. This party copied our "Little Women" party. The members wore our long, old-fashioned dresses while our pledges wore our brown skirts and mode sweaters. Midway through the party President Linda Barsetti gave the roll call of members and pledges. We sang more songs and the alumnæ enjoyed joining in when they knew the songs. We ended with the Toast Song to our alumnæ in gratitude for their invaluable help in rush and throughout the entire year.

The last part of the evening consisted of a Founders Day ceremony. Kathy Davis, chairwoman of the night's activities, conducted the ceremony of our symbols and the lighting of the candles for our four founders. Then an alumnæ from each of the schools represented lit a candle for that university.

We were especially honored to have as our guests that evening Christie Larson, our field secretary, and Mrs. Mildred Wallace and Mrs. Frances Clemens both of whom are 50-Year members.



All agreed that the evening was both meaningful and fun. We hope we have many more opportunities to meet our alumnæ in this way.

JENNA JURGENSEN, *Gamma Psi*

### *Wisconsin State University, Platteville*

**"Active-pledge teams are big sisters to high school girls who need friendship and guidance."**

Our main concern in our pledging program has been what one might call involvement. More than ever before, our emphasis this past semester has been on getting both the members and pledges involved in activities together. Although certain Saturdays during the pledge period had been reserved for the pledges to work on their projects, the evenings before such meetings involved such get-togethers as a slumber party with all present.

One sorority project that has resulted in closer ties between individual girls, has been our "Big-Little Sister" program. Our chapter was asked by the local high school to help certain teenage girls who needed the friendship and guidance of older girls. The program has now expanded to include younger girls from the middle-school as well. In this program, the sisters of Gamma Omega have been assisted by our pledges. The typical arrangement has been to have one active and one pledge as "big sisters" for each of the girls referred to us by the schools. As well as assisting our "little sisters," we have also discovered that the program has aided us in establishing closer ties of friendship within our own group.

Liz Hymes, our resourceful pledge trainer, deserves much credit for bringing greater unity to our chapter by helping our pledges to feel truly a part of us. We now have fourteen charming and wonderful new members. Thank you, Liz!

EVA HALLBERG, *Gamma Omega*

### *McGill University*

**"Twas the night before initiation and . . ."**

'Twas the night before initiation and four of the five pledges had gathered at the apartment to spend a quiet Saturday night with some of the sisters. Other than the broomstick fights, it was a normal night.

At about 1:15 in the morning we escorted our sisters to the door. At 1:16 they were on the other side of the door. Tonight (this morning?) the apartment was to be ours. With our sisters gone, the fun started. We put on our jammies and sat down on our tilted divan. We drank tea, which everyone felt looked better on the pillow than in the tummies. You see, the tea was made by our ace cook, skydiver and pledge class president. Suddenly, hark! In the distance we hear a distinct *crash!* "Could it be?" "No, it couldn't." "Oh, yes, it could!" cried Cathy from the pledge project room, the bathroom. There, in our bathtub, lay the cupboard, which had disassembled from the newly-papered wall. Towels and other assorted goodies lay in a heap on the floor.

As our eyelids started to droop, we all crawled off to our assigned quarters. At 3 A.M. the fifth pledge sauntered in. As we were tired, we soon convinced her that she was, too. Okay, dreamland, here we come.

A mere two hours later, Rudolph and company came bounding up the stairs. Our 14 light-footed, soft-spoken sisters arrived: "In the neighbourhood and thought we'd drop in." And what

else would one rather do at 6 in the morning than to be initiated.

So it was that at 8:00 in the morning, December 6, 1970, five very tired but happy pledges became real sisters in the Alpha Tau chapter of Gamma Phi Beta.

THE 1970 FALL PLEDGE CLASS

### *Moorhead State College*

**"We cannot thank our alumnæ enough . . ."**

Gamma Mu's biggest project for the year 1970 involved the purchasing of our new house. This dream could never have been realized without all the help and advice we received from our active alumnæ chapter. Now that we're all moved in, the house corporation board is still constantly busy making improvements. We cannot thank them enough for all their help, and all the girls enjoy their frequent visits to the house.

October was another busy month for both Gamma Mus and their alumnæ. Our annual homecoming luncheon was held at the house. It was a great success because of the many alumnæ who came to our new home. Discussing the changes that had taken place through the years was fun for everyone. Later in the month the alumnæ, with our help, put on a style show at the Elks. This is the largest alumnæ money-making project of the year. We helped out by modeling, selling tickets, serving refreshments and entertaining during intermission. Not only was the style show most enjoyable, but we also made far more money than anticipated!

All quarter we have been having various open houses for the Greek organizations, our parents, faculty and the public. Our alumnæ baked, furnished flowers, and most important of all, attended all of these affairs.

Founders Day was celebrated jointly with Alpha Omicron of North Dakota State. A tea was held at their house and the alumnæ entertained us with a skit about the founding of Gamma Phi Beta. Both chapter presidents talked about what their groups were doing and the new pledges were introduced.

This year was completed with preparations for Christmas. Our house was beautifully decorated, thanks to the gifts from our alums. They are a wonderful group of Gamma Phis, and we are all proud of them.

We invite any Gamma Phi Betas in the area to join this busy group of ladies. They would love to hear from you and so would we! Do call Mary Johnson at 233-3468.

NANCY PEARSON, *Gamma Mu*

### *Colorado College*

**"We used a Mafia theme for informal rush."**

September rush was informal this year and it was a big success. Our first day of rush, we used a Mafia theme with girls dressed as gangsters and refreshments decorated like dice and poker chips. The next two nights we had marshmallow roasting, singing and talking outdoors. Our new pledge class was small, but such an addition to the Sorority. They kept us busy with all sorts of functions. We helped them collect for UNICEF at Halloween, which was their philanthropy project.

Initiation was on December 8 with a week of special activities leading up to it. Inspiration night was on December 5 and fostered an especially close feeling among the members and pledges. Initiation was in the evening with a dessert afterwards. The pledge moms and daughters exchanged paddles and pillows and the new initiates sang their original songs.

CYNTHIA BROWN, *Alpha Phi*



## Founders Day

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bers. Hazel Tilson (UCLA) writes: "Dorothy Walter Cathriner (Oklahoma) and Anne Mundt Gillmore (Iowa State) worked together for the beginning of Gamma Phi Beta in Whittier by starting the alumnae chapter in 1951. Together Dorothy and Ann have sold, year after year, over one hundred tickets to the Intercity Greek Theater Benefit. Dorothy has been president of the alumnae chapter, and Anne has served as province secretary. Dorothy has two younger sisters who are Gamma Phis, and Anne has two Gamma Phi daughters."

### PROVINCE XV

One hundred members of GAMMA KAPPA chapter (Kearney) attended the Founders Day tea—and that was one hundred per cent of the chapter! KEARNEY alumnae joined in the festivities, presenting a Golden Crescent pin to Ruth Holmes.

DES MOINES alumnae and GAMMA UPSILON (Drake) held a tea at the chapter house.

PI chapter (Nebraska) entertained LINCOLN alumnae with a dessert at the chapter house. Province directors Jeannette Collins Sicks (Iowa State) and Marilyn Robbins Hawthorne (Bradley) were guests.

TRI-CITY alumnae celebrated Founders Day with a dinner at the Short Hills Country Club in Moline, Illinois.

WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS alumnae were entertained by GAMMA PSI chapter (Northern Iowa) at an evening dessert meeting. Mildred Elder Wallace (Iowa State) writes: "The Gamma Psi girls had a well-planned program for us at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club. They used the 'Little Women' theme for the program and each member was dressed in old-fashioned 'Little Women' gowns. It was a happy blending of collegians and alumnae, and a close bond was felt."

OMAHA alumnae and DELTA GAMMA collegians (Nebraska—Omaha) gathered at the New Tower's Riviera Room for a dual celebration—Founders Day, and the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Omaha Alumnae chapter. Alumnae president Mrs. Tad Dunham read the history of the chapter. Awards were given to two collegians: Mary Kula, for the greatest improvement in scholarship; and Chris Christensen, for her outstanding work in campus and community activities. Special guests were the province collegiate and alumnae directors.

## Speak up for the GREEKS

As sorority members we become concerned when we read unfair and biased articles downgrading the college fraternity program.

The Greeks (members of sororities and fraternities) have a history of obedience and cooperation with college administrations. Why, then, is the fraternity system attacked while other student groups are allowed to disrupt classes, set policies and force the resignation of college presidents?

To those who march, voice obscenities and degrade the United States, many of the activities and antics of the Greeks may seem childish. Unfortunately they are often derided by the press. Too often it is not reported that money raised by these activities support "nonsensical" projects: schools for the blind, deaf or retarded; the S.S. HOPE; and scholarships that are available to qualified students.

While some students destroy university property, the Greeks paint recreation centers, collect food and clothing for needy families and tutor underprivileged children. While some students burn draft cards, the Greeks donate blood to the Red Cross. While participating in these "trivial" activities, the sororities maintain the highest scholarship on campus.

The fraternity system is nearly 200 years old. The "Who's Who" of the fraternity world reads like the "Who's Who" of American history. Over 80 per cent of our industrialists, political leaders, humanitarians and other professionals are fraternity members.

Today membership in fraternities totals over seven million. In the last six years, 400 colleges asked that the Greek system be established on their campuses. Reasons given for these requests were: the fraternity system improves scholarship, promotes leadership and good citizenship, and creates a loyalty to the college or university.

We think the facts should be reported fairly and completely. We are proud of our collegiate Greeks who consistently maintain high scholarship standing and who encourage high moral and ethical standards. We are proud they are learning to be the leaders of tomorrow.

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# On Being Community-minded

Community is the realm within which the life of an individual is realized. We are nonentities at birth, and we only become persons when we acquire status in a group and a conception of our place among our associates.

The good community is one which provides an environment permitting and encouraging and making it possible for the individuals composing it to grow to full maturity, and one which puts to use for social betterment the maturity available in its ranks.

A community may be briefly defined as a society in which the ideal life of all its members is promoted as efficiently as possible. It is a way of life, not merely houses, stores and streets. Its people enjoy feelings of security, pride, self-respect and hope. It has many different interests: spiritual, cultural, political, business, industrial, educational and social. It takes the wants and aspirations of its people and writes them in terms of action.

What is needed to build a community of this sort? People must be eager and willing to work cooperatively toward solving their common problems; they must make use of the potential resources existing in the community; and they must learn together how to use these resources to their greatest advantage.

Being community-minded is not a folksy experiment. It is mature collaboration with like-minded people who are determined to lead happy social lives.

There is real personal meaning to be found in community activities like meetings that get things done or provide information, sports or crafts groups that provide an outlet for skills, study programs that enlarge minds and broaden horizons, and special events that help people to know their neighbors better. In a community you learn the fun of living a normal self-expressing life, and you do not feel the need for jet-set jollities.

A healthy community does not remain static. Changes in environmental conditions, changes in aspirations, and changes in the people making up the community require modification of plans and sometimes change of objectives. "One of the things that you learn from history," said Frank Underhill in *Values in Conflict*, "is that every generation of men is always going through a period of painful, critical and destructive transition." The art of community living is to maintain a basic code and to be fearless in revising it so as to serve enlightened reason.

Social control is exercised by numerous agencies whose chief object is other than to regulate society generally. They help to fashion ideas on social matters and to mould the lives of people according to patterns that are generally approved. In this list we find families, churches, lodges, clubs and countless others.

These institutions furnish the individual with a routine of life, patterns of expected behavior by which he will be judged and objectives and ambitions toward which he may strive.

Members are usually attracted to an institution because its stated objectives have meaning for them. Any institution will function effectively only in so far as it provides the possibility of participation by individual members and the possibility that they may experience some satisfying consequences of their own action through group participation.

In addition to law and the institutions we have convention and custom to make life comfortable. The effective functioning of a community depends upon the presence of patterns for reciprocal behavior between individuals and groups. Good citizenship includes the practice of the simple courtesies, those social amenities which make life run more pleasantly; those niceties which enable us to show respect, deference, appreciation and goodwill.

The most useful community activities are those which keep individuals in the stream of life. This stimulates continual learning, so that the accumulated wisdom of advancing years will be strengthened by a growth in concepts suited to changing social, economic and political conditions. It is the horror of emptiness, of lack of purpose, far more than any economic privation or political injustice, that drives people to seek revolutionary change.

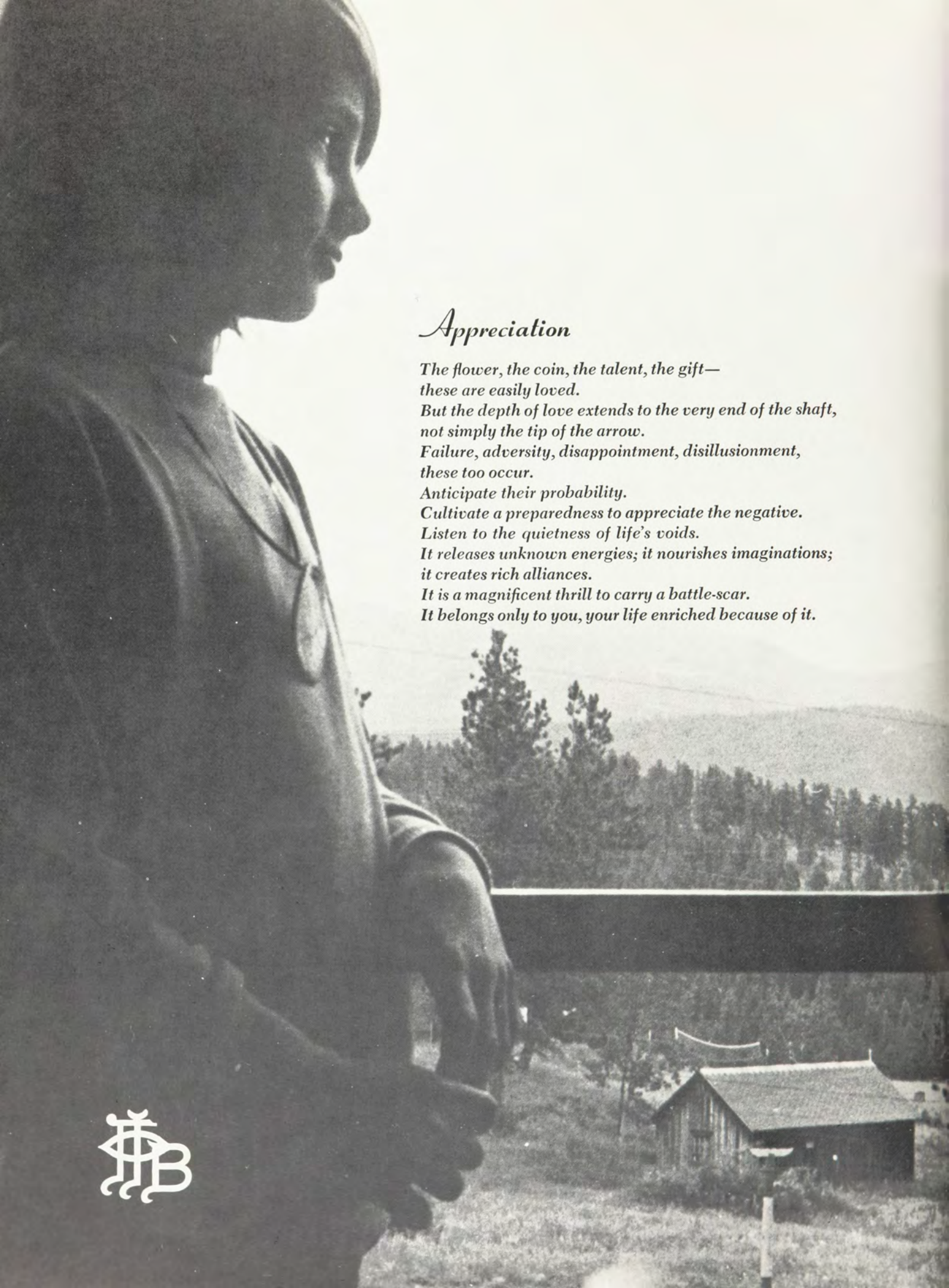
The good community is more than the sum of its members. It can be the author of ideas that the same people acting alone would never think of. Members of the good community develop sympathies with one another. They weave together many small threads of interest in a fabric of relations which tends toward the ideal life for everyone.

The world community is the sum of all its small communities, and it cannot be created unless we conserve the values of the intimate neighborhood. These values include the affection that comes only with the intimacy of working together in a good purpose, the appreciation of personality, the supremacy of integrity and the sense of interdependence.

One of the finest experiences in living is liking people and wanting to share actively with them in the human enterprise. When we worship with others, or feel compassion for others; when we meet to enjoy music; when we join with neighbors to reason things out, to pursue ideas, to help the weak, to honor the noble, to cooperate in building a better world, our behavior is worthy of our status as human beings.

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## *Appreciation*

*The flower, the coin, the talent, the gift—  
these are easily loved.*

*But the depth of love extends to the very end of the shaft,  
not simply the tip of the arrow.*

*Failure, adversity, disappointment, disillusionment,  
these too occur.*

*Anticipate their probability.*

*Cultivate a preparedness to appreciate the negative.*

*Listen to the quietness of life's voids.*

*It releases unknown energies; it nourishes imaginations;  
it creates rich alliances.*

*It is a magnificent thrill to carry a battle-scar.*

*It belongs only to you, your life enriched because of it.*

