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OF GAMMA PHI BETA

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Foundation Sets Policy On Annual Tribute Awards

The Gamma Phi Beta Foundation has announced a new policy regarding annual tribute awards. These may be given in the donor's name as a memorial or in honor of someone of the donor's choice.

According to Mary Jane Hibbs Misthos, Foundation executive vice president, the gifts can be made by chapters, individuals or both, but must total \$500 for a single given year. They may be designated for any of the Foundation's programs and can be repeated by annual giving in subsequent years.

Simultaneously, Mary Jane announced two annual tribute awards for undergraduate scholarships in 1975-76. These will be presented in honor of Penelope Murdock Simonson (California) and Harriet Barrickman Blackstock (Texas).

Penelope Murdock Simonson

Berkeley Alumnæ have been joined by Contra Costa, Palo Alto, Peninsula, Sacramento, San Francisco and South Peninsula alumnæ chapters in a tribute to Penny Simonson "for over 60 years, a devoted friend and wise mentor to Gamma Phi Betas everywhere."

A member of Grand Council for 15 years, including Vice President, Director of Finance and NPC Delegate, Mrs. Simonson was Grand President from 1946-1950. As International Historian, she authored the 1965 edition of the Gamma Phi Beta History, the first Gamma Phi Beta Housing Manual, the first Handbook and introduced the Loyalty Pledge into the Gamma Phi Beta ritual. Elected to the Honor Roll, she has a legacy daughter—Elizabeth Simonson Brower (California).

Harriet Barrickman Blackstock

Austin Alumnæ and Mr. and Mrs. Howell Ward have provided funds for a tribute to Harriet, a charter member of Alpha Zeta (1922) and the Austin (1947) chapters. She was the alumnæ chapter's first president and has held practically every office at least once.

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Named "Best Alumna Advisor" for Province VII in 1957, Harriet was also honored that year by having her name engraved on a silver punch cup for devoted service by Austin Alumnæ to Alpha Zeta. In 1971, her name was added to the Gamma Phi Beta Merit Roll, and in 1972 she received the golden Crescent Award during Alpha Zeta's 50th anniversary celebration.

Harriet started and maintains a complete file of names and addresses for every Alpha Zeta. In addition to her Sorority activities, she is a valuable member of the Breckenridge Hospital Auxiliary.

Harriet's sister, Elizabeth Barrickman Ash, is also a charter member of Alpha Zeta. Her niece, Barbara Ash Clark, is also a Gamma Phi Beta.

New Permanent Fund

The first new permanent fund in Gamma Phi Beta's second century has been established with gifts to the Foundation by the Allen-Heath Memorial Foundation, Los Angeles. Income from the fund will provide an annual graduate fellowship in honor of Fern Holcolm Heath (Oregon State). Fern is a resident of Beverly Hills, CA.

CRESCENT Assignments For September

Alumnæ Correspondents:

Wanted to share—unusual and profitable money-making ideas. For those chapters sponsoring bazaars, what are your three most successful items—your worst losers? If possible, give how-to information (with black-and-white photo) on a top item—or contact person for details.

Greek Chapter Correspondents:

Traditionally, the September issue carries Chapter honors. Submit black-and-white photos of key honor winners—Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board and the like.

Send material by June 1 (June 8 latest) to appropriate editor:

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She's Alive And Well

Helen Upton Gates, Eta, was erroneously reported deceased in the May, 1974 issue of The Crescent. Happily, she's alive and well, according to a letter from her aunt, Pauline Porteous MacKenzie (Oregon). Helen is Mrs. Charles Gates residing at 12720 Hanover St., Los Angeles (90049).

Confirmation Required

In view of this unhappy happening, the Editor of THE CRESCENT must insist that all reports for IN MEMORIAM be accompanied by newspaper clippings or obituary notices. If such are not available, the report must be notarized. Send them directly to Central Office, Box 186, Kenilworth, IL 60043.

A Tribute from a Husband

THE CRESCENT has a new and most welcome correspondent—R. C. Hakanson of Cleveland, OH, secretary-general of the Evidence Photographers International Council. He wrote to tell us:

"My wife (41 years) is a Gamma Phi Beta and a most remarkable woman. She received in November, 1972, your Merit Roll Certificate, and it proudly hangs in our bedroom. Last fall she received another certificate, this one certifying her as an honorary Fellow of our Council. This recognizes the many duties she has performed for us the last seven years.

"She has maintained an audit of our books. But even more notable is that she went over all of my copy for the Journal of Evidence Photography, of which I am editor—correcting my spelling mistakes and booboos in grammar, and did most of my layouts.

"I know she regards Gamma Phi Beta as one of the great things in her life, which to me makes your sorority pretty special."

Congresswoman Helen Meyner Represents N.J.'s 13th District



Helen Stevenson Meyner (Colorado College), former first lady of New Jersey, now represents the state's 13th district in the U.S. House of Representatives. Active in the Democratic Party for over 20 years, she was the unsuccessful leader on her party's ticket for the same post in 1972.

The wife of former Gov. Robert Meyner, who she married in 1957, Helen has long been involved in social and political activities. Having served with the Red Cross in Korea during the early 1950's, she later worked for the United Nations in New York and for TWA as a consumer adviser. In 1956, she joined the staff of her cousin, the late Adlai E. Stevenson, during his first presidential campaign.

It was that same year, at Oberlin College, where her father was president, that she met Gov. Meyner, then serving his first of two terms. While first lady, Helen was responsible for opening to the public Murven, the official Governor's Mansion at Princeton.

From 1962-69, Helen wrote a twice-aweek column for the Newark Star Ledger, and overlapped this career with one for Newark television stations as a program interviewer. A member of the N.J. Rehabilitation Commission since 1961, she also serves as a member of the board for the Newark Museum, the N.J. Symphony and the N.J. Chapter of the United Nations Association. She is a trustee of Rider College, Trenton.

In 1973, her alma mater awarded her with an honorary Doctor of Laws.



INSPECTING the Gamma Phi Beta room at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Nashville, are Dr. David I. Karson, director; Linda Daniel, Alpha Theta president; and Ruby Foster, chairman of Alpha Theta's golden anniversary celebration. This included a gift to renovate the room.

Legacies: Splendid Asset or Millstone?

That was the provocative question raised by Douglas C. Stone in a recent issue of Kappa Alpha Order's *Journal*. It is one which faces all sorority and fraternity people with each rush season.

What is the answer? There certainly isn't any easy one. As Patricia Johnston Cramer of Phi Mu's Aglaia points out, sororities and fraternities are fast nearing a point where they could conceivably have a collegiate chapter with nothing but legacies

According to a recent survey on rushing and pledgic regacies, answers ranged from "give preferential treatment" on to "legacies should be dealt with like any other rushee—"without favoritism or prejudice."

To the majority, it seemed that legacies should be given preferential treatment but not to the detriment of the collegiate chapter. While conceding that collegians should make the decision, it was pointed out they should be open-minded to the guidance of alumnæ advisers.

For, as KA's Stone pointed out, "Cherished dreams of continuing family alliance (sorority or fraternity) have been macerated on the thorns of this problem. Too often, after suffering humiliation (son or daughter rejected), the alumnus is even approached by his chapter for donations toward a new house or scholarship—a rather short-sighted request to say the least!"

No Easy Solution

Obviously, there is no easy solution. But protocol dictates: though actives have the power to select, they must recognize a sense of responsibility to the future—for Greek chapters do, in the final analysis, have the most to gain from alumnæ support

Rather than reject—or accept—legacies automatically, Greek members should give them thoughtful attention during rush. Alumnæ recommendations should be shown courtesy—respectful due.

Greeks eventually become alumni (æ), Stone pointed out, "and continued association through generations usually results in increased loyalty to the fraternity (sorority). Too many legacies are precipitously blackballed when good qualities, fraternity (sorority) orientation, and family support should make them extremely strong members."

Within Gamma Phi Beta, let's seek more two-way communication—bridging the graduation-gap for continuing sorority effectiveness.

—The Editor

(This issue contains the 1975 listing of International Membership Chairmen to facilitate rushee recommendations.)



Good Buys from Gamma Phis

Bonnie Harris, president of the Tucson Alumnæ, reports the chapter is "sold out" on its "Specialties of the House" cookbook. However, she says the committee is preparing an expanded fourth edition. She'll let members know when it's ready.

Not sold out are the listings in the December issue of THE CRESCENT. To these are added:

T-shirts bearing the 100-year emblem of Gamma Phi Beta. Available in men's sizes S, M, L at \$3.75. Also anniversary emblem car window decals at 75¢ each. Send orders to Mrs. James R. Welsh, 15102 Encinito, San Antonio, TX 78216.

Attractive playing cards with a Gamma Phi Beta theme and a brown-and-mode scheme are available from the Calumet Area alumnæ. Attractively gift-boxed, they sell for \$3.75 per double deck; \$3.25 in lots of 10, postage paid. Order from Mrs. Robert Bielfeldt, 6329 Moraine, Hammond, IN 46324.

Spirit of '76 Hits Mizzou Campus

The Spirit of '76 has descended upon the University of Missouri and Alpha Delta Chapter, reports Janet Tuppu. The school was named the first Bicentennial University in the United States with an award pre-sented to its Chancellor at a Missouri-Kansas basketball game.

The University Singers, of whom Alpha Delta claims two of its 40 members, represented Missouri in Washington, D.C. in April. Similarly, the Marching Mizzou traveled to the capitol to represent the bands of Missouri. A campaign for trip funds to send the band abroad has been kicked off as the patriotic fervor catches on across campus.

Can Sororities Be Far Behind?

Earlier this year, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity made national news when its University of Washington, Seattle, chapter took on the responsibilities of foster parenthood for a young boy. The Court, pleased with case results, were last considering an application by the chapter to "father" two more boys.

It was felt that boys, reared in such a college environment, would be inspired by their "elders" to work toward their own university careers and make something good of their lives.

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Transient Society Underscores Need for Gamma Phi Beta Transister Service

Americans are on the move. So are Canadians. One has only to read the alumnæ letters in this issue to realize how many Gamma Phi Betas are living far from their original origins . . . Californians in Rochester, New Yorkers in Minneapolis, St. Louisans in Houston, etc. Many of these will be relocating again this year-and the next.

Our transient society only underscores the growing need for Gamma Phi Beta's TranSISter Service. And the need explains the program's growth. The Sorority now has 168 TranSISter contacts in the United States and abroad. This is in contrast to 115 last May.

What can the service do for you? Plenty if you are moving to a new locale. A TranSISter can help you find a house or apartment, locate a baby sitter, recommend doctors, dentists and lawyers. She also can suggest dry cleaners, retail shops, interior decorators . . . all manner of services to ease your move into a strange community. Best of all, she will put you in touch with Gamma Phi Beta-the alumnæ who will give you a warm welcome and include you in their activities.

But TranSISter Offers More . . .

First, there's its House Exchange Plan. Under it, families have an opportunity to switch homes and environments for a holiday period. For example, a family in

WANTED: House Exchanges

Illinois family of four would like to exchange their home in Normal (near Bloomington) with one on east coast or in southeastern city for one week this summer.

Virginia Beach family of five would like to exchange their home near ocean for one in the Boston or Cincinnati area this summer.

Respondees should contact the TranSiSter Service by June 1, c/o Mrs. James W. Pinholster, 14840 Cranoke St., Centreville, VA 22020 (703) 830-2518.

Tucson could exchange their home with a family in Chicago for a dramatic change in scenery for both. And what a wonderful way to cut vacation expenses.

"Bed and Breakfast"

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CORRECTION:

The Block Plan, described on page 3 of March Crescent, was erroneously credited to Colorado State. Actually, the academic program is practiced at Colorado College.

Greek Letters



HOMECOMING COUPLES have replaced queens at Kansas State. Deana Paulsen was the distaff member of a 1974 pair.



DENISE SHUEY, Alpha Upsilon, suggested and planned Penn State's first Homecom-ing Parade. Honored guest was U.S. Senator Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania.

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Gamma Tau Has Sorority Suite: First on St. Louis U. Campus

Gamma Tau Chapter officially moved into its sorority suite October 13. It was a first for the chapter as well as on the St. Louis University campus, according to Liza Mayer, Crescent Correspondent.

The occasion prompted an open house sponsored by the House Corporation Board. Special guests were Rev. Daniel O'Connell, the university's new president, and Mary Bruemmer, dean of women.

No one at the open house could possibly have imagined how the room had looked only two months earlier, reports Liza. "There was a two-foot hole in a wall, peeling paint and a bathtub covered with a rust-colored crust. The room had not been occupied in four years.

"But since we had lived in a cramped dormitory room with two beds and a desk, we saw great potential for a new home. Gamma Taus just pitched in to clean, scrub, make repairs and decorate it. After many hours of hard work, the room took shape-became our pride and joy."

The room is bright and cheerful with its yellow walls and comfortable furnishings. A brown and mode banner with the Sorority's Greek letters hangs in a conspicuous place.

Gamma Tau is now 20 women strong, much because of its new home. It expects the suite to be a good drawing card for future rush.

Marcia Lazar Etzhorn (St. Louis) is House Corporation Board. The chapter credits the board as well as the Phi Corporation Board, the St. Louis and Kansas City Alumnæ for its help with the suite.

Beta Tau-Texas Tech

Our big excitement of the Fall semester was winning the Sweepstakes Award in the Homecoming Day Parade. We built the float with the Phi Kappa Psis. We received a beautiful three-foot trophy and divided \$100 with the Phi Kappa Psis.

Our outgoing president Linda Bowman was one of the semifinalists for Texas Tech Homecoming Queen. Patty Lamberth, a Fall pledge, is the 1974-75 Phi Gamma Delta Olympic Queen and will be featured in the annual. Four of the pledges made 3.5 grade averages or above

in the fall. Two of them had 4.00 grades. -Chris Scotte

Gamma Eta-California-Long Beach

Just prior to the start of school, a group of our members drove to San Luis Obispo for the installation of Delta Theta Chapter. We were able to meet some of our Grand Council officers and the special women of Delta Theta, too.

Eleven of our members participated in a 72-hour marathon canoe race sponsored by Busch Gardens, a brewery with gardens, exotic plants and birds and a lagoon. The competition was among students from USC, UCLA, SDSU and Long Beach State. Each university paddled the full 72 hours. Two-person teams paddled two-hour shifts. Although Long Beach placed fourth, we had a good time.

We continued the chapter tradition by throwing our annual initiation party for all initiates. Six Gamma Etas participated in a Panhellenic Conference February 19 at USC. The discussions were beneficial to all chapters.-Karen M. Hilton

Eta Chapter—California-Berkeley

Eta Chapter has the largest powder puff football team on Berkeley campus. Four of our women are members of the women's swim team. We are particularly proud because it is the first women's athletic team on the campus to participate in national competition. A fifth swimmer teaches swimming and serves as a lifeguard at the California School for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

One of our most distinguished members is Susan Jane Green, a senior from Oakland, who was named Panhellenic Girl of the Year.

Beta Pi-Indiana State

Beta Pis helped with rush functions at Purdue University in January. The new Gamma Phi chapter there was installed in April. Our alumnæ chapter sponsored a Christmas Boutique Auction and gave the proceeds to the Purdue chapter.

We participated in Campus Revue March 6-8.

Barbara Lowe of our chapter was on the Campus Revue Steering Committee.

We also participated in Tandamonia Race with other sororities, fraternities and dormitories.

The Beta Pis and Kappa Sigma fraternity won first place in the paired division of the Homecoming float competition. Theme of the float was "Go Home Butler, You've Had Too Much." It was a bar room scene.

For the Campus Carnival on September 13, we called our booth "Gammy Gallery." Our games included the ring toss and throwing a ball through the clown's nose. We dressed as clowns .- Myra Costa

Gamma Chi-Southwest Texas State

We placed first in the sorority division for homecoming displays during festivities from November 8-10. Virginia Seymour Johnson of our chapter was the recipient of one of the Sorority's Centennial Scholarships. Two of our members, Kathy Kostelnik and Marsha Scheller, placed second in tennis intramurals.

Beta Omega-Northern Arizona

We had a great Fall semester with 11 members making the Dean's list. Four members had a perfect 4.0 average.

Last semester, we started a Panhellenic onthly get-together. Every month two the four sororities on our campus have an open house, sing along or other party for the other two sororities. It's been a great way to increase Panhellenic relations and to get to know our Greek sisters better.

Delta Zeta-Southern Oklahoma State University

Our chapter sponsored a Girl of the Year Pageant on October 17 for our largest money-making project of the year. The contestants were sponsored by campus organizations. "Southern Belles" was the theme for the pageant which Dayna Robertson directed. The winner was Darla South, sponsored by the freshman class. Others in the contest were Given Bjerke and Jan Burkhalter.

Beta Alpha—USC

Our chapter pledged 45 women in September making our pledge class the largest on the sorority row. Our pledges had an outstanding overall grade point average of 3.1.

The pledges kidnapped their big sisters in October for an early morning breakfast -a sleepy surprise!

We had our Little Brother Contest where six little brothers were chosen, along with a Gamma Phi Man who conducts weekly Bible studies in our living room. They also contributed their time and talent to our House Decks. The theme of the display was "2001" and we won first prize. We built the display with Sigma Nu fraternity.

A major house activity in Fall was a retreat on November 24. We exchanged thoughts and feelings and the time to

share a peaceful afternoon.

We had our fall Pledge-Active party called Gatsby Night and everyone dressed accordingly. We also enjoyed our formal Christmas party.—Suzi Barrett

Delta Delta-California-Fullerton

Our successful Fall rush produced the largest, most fantastic pledge class ever. We had a special presentation of the pledges to their parents at a dinner dance on the Queen Mary.

The Fall Father-Daughter weekend included a Sunday brunch and brag session. Each member gave a reason for being proud of her father. Many dads were surprised to learn they were such heroes to their daughters.

Delta Delta also had a pajama party with Delta Chi fraternity and a dessert get-together with Delta Delta's little sister

sorority, Alpha Chi Omega.

In December, we had many fun Christmas activities. An Italian restaurant was the site of the Fall awards banquet. After dinner we went to the house for a Christmas party and a visit from Santa Claus with gifts for all. The semester ended with an old-fashion Christmas party and dinner given by the pledges.

Beta Psi-Oklahoma State

Informal rush at Oklahoma State found Beta Psi on top. Eleven of 48 women pledged Gamma Phi, making us the only sorority to meet quota.

Initiation for Fall pledges was February 7 and was preceded by a busy inspiration week. Among the activities was a service project of making tie-dyed "T" shirts for Gamma Phi Beta camp kids.

We are enjoying the \$2,000,000 new wing that has doubled our house.—Donna Losev

Gamma Alpha-Memphis State

We raised \$300 for St. Jude Children's Hospital by trick or treating with the Pi Kappa Phis. Several members also participated in the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon.

We sponsored our annual Fall luau and had a Christmas party for the alumnæ chapter of Memphis. We presented the officers at the Spring formal on March 22 and had our Gamma Phi Romeo picnic to honor the man who has helped us the most this year on March 23.

Laurie Hood of our chapter was a member of the Homecoming Court and Linda McBee is the MSU Panhellenic president.

We initiated 10 women in January and have 10 Spring pledges. The Spring pledges had a pajama party pledge swap with Sigma Chi recently.—Claire Boyle

Lambda Chapter—Washington

During the last academic year, Lambda had a house grade point average of 2.99 with 17 members earning a 4.0 average. The chapter is especially proud of Jane Dunning, past vice president, who maintained a 4.0 in all three quarters of her senior year.

Special awards for scholarship were the sophomore cup, received by Purna Gilbert with 3.4 average, and the freshman ring, earned by Kathy McCloud with a 3.79 average.—Bonnie K. Kozen

Alpha Chi-William and Mary

Our Homecoming float won second prize in the parade. The theme was "Scarlet's Knights are Gone with the Wind" so all the sisters wore Confederate uniforms or long hoop skirts. The prize money, donated by local businesses, was put in a Sunshine Committee fund.

The Sunshine Committee was formed to aid the philanthropy chairman in carrying out many projects. Our most successful philanthropic project in the fall was sponsoring a bloodmobile at the college. Our efforts caused donations of more than 100 pints of blood.

We initiated 13 pledges in mid-Decem-

ber.

A major undertaking has been redecorating the whole first floor of our house. Jenny Wood of our chapter, who is an art major, planned the decorations. The chapter repainted the walls. Unfortunately, to finish before formal rush the painting task fell during exams, but it turned out to be

a good study break. Our redecorating is not complete, but it certainly has made the house more of a home to us. We received help from the Northern Virginia and Richmond alumnæ chapters.—Judy Wascher

Beta Epsilon-Miami-Ohio

We attracted 26 outstanding pledges after a successful Fall rush. October brought the annual Greek Week games. The newest event was the Gamma Phi Beta Phone Booth Stuffing Contest. The winners—a sorority-fraternity team—crammed 19 of their smallest members into the phone booth.

At the end of the month the pledges gave us a Halloween party that ended with the announcement that as a pledge prank our composite had been delivered to the Fiji house. The pledges said the only way we could get it back would be to go, still dressed in our costumes, and sing for it.

Winter activities were a hayride and Christmas party. We brought presents and food for needy families in the area to the Christmas party.—Vicki Schwartz

Gamma Mu-Moorhead State

The Gamma Mus are advertising that "Gamma Phi is a Natural High" with their new campaign buttons. We really dig them and were wondering if other chapters would like them.

We spent a Sunday afternoon with other Greeks picking up sugar beets left by the trucks during harvest to raise money for the Red River Art Center. The experience was fun and novel since some of us were not too sure what a sugar beet looked like. We sold candy canes as a philanthropy for the Kaposia Developmental Learning Center for mentally retarded adults. The money enabled them to travel at Easter.

We had our Active Tea December 16. Our informal Christmas Get-Together included swimming for some members.

In January our attention turned to Greek Week activities. Inter-Greek teams kidnapped the faculty and held them in "Jail for Bail" on January 20.

There was a tobogganing day, dance and a potluck banquet. On January 23 we had a team "fire-up" and a basketball game. A fun, fun Greek Week.—Lory Fischer

Tau Chapter-Colorado State

After a six-week Christmas vacation, we ended the first week of classes with a retreat at Sylvan-Dale ranch near Estes Park. We discussed house rules, philanthropies, chapter development and male visitation.

Following retreat, pledges had inspiration week before we initiated 25 new members.

Our Winter formal was at Steamboat Springs. The annual Winter Carnival days also were celebrated at that time. We had plenty of ice skating, tubing and skiing.

We worked hard on a Ski for Cancer project. The main event was on Copper Mountain near Vail. Part of the proceeds from each lift ticket went to the American Cancer Society for cancer research. We also raised money for this philanthropy by selling candy and sponsoring a rummage sale for students and the residents of Fort Collins.—Kerry Cuje

Chi Chapter—Oregon State

Chi pledged 20 women in the fall. The Fall term was full of activities. Besides functions with fraternities, we participated in intramural football and won the sorority tug-of-war during Homecoming week. In October we attended an all-campus Spaghetti Feed, sponsored by Greeks. To help promote house spirit, the sophomore and freshman classes took a day off and headed to the beach one weekend.—Joan Thompson

Xi Chapter-Idaho

Xi chapter attended an all-house retreat on January 25. We hosted Gamma Phi Beta's 100th year celebration for all Idaho members. On February 28, we had an open house for Idaho State guests after the annual arch-rival basketball game.

Our philanthropy this fall included Halloween caroling at the area nursing homes. We made cards to give each patient.—Maureen Schultheis

Beta Delta-Michigan State

The Beta Deltas are concentrating their efforts on community work. The chapter is involved with Panhellenic rush evaluation and design and the Panhellenic summer sister program. This program is an information service for incoming freshman woman so they can get acquainted with local sorority women. We are also



T. JEAN RODGERS presented the sorority badge of his late wife, Elizabeth Armstrong Rodgers (Texas) to Jani Patusek, president of Gamma lota Chapter last fall. The badge will be permanently displayed in the Midwestern U. chapter house. Looking on, Evelyn's daughter, Ann. Evelyn had been a Province VII Alumnæ Director, Texas State Membership Chairman, and chairman of the International Mother's Club.



FRANEY RADEWEN, Beta Sigma, received a \$200 Centennial Scholarship Award from Spokane Alumnæ. Sheila Bell, alumnæ president, made the presentation as Helen Towne (PAD Province XII) looked on.

someone they can turn to with questions concerning college life.

Our community includes planning parties and outings for 25 children in a Head Start group. We also contribute to a family help plan through a local church.

Alpha Xi—Southern Methodist

One of the chapter's philanthropies has been many trips to Seagoville, a minimum security prison, to entertain the prisoners.

Our social calendar has been filled with parties and TGIFs (Thank Goodness It's Fridays) with new fraternities. Our chapter took second place in the Phi Delta turtle race. In the FIJI Olympics we took first place in a race that left two members with broken legs.—Jeanie Roy

Psi Chapter—Oklahoma

Since we know how valuable a camping experience is for a child reared within the barriers of the inner city, we are making as many contributions to camping as possible.

For several years our chapter has sent a couple of girls to the Camp Sechelt in Canada. Several girls also have gone to the Colorado camp. Our members have acted as directors and counselors. Members and pledges have made house shoes and puppets to send to both programs. Our camping interest does not end with Sorority camps.

We have actively supported a local Panhellenic-Interfraternity Council camp for underprivileged children. Last year, our chapter provided the director and two of the three women counselors.

The Oklahoma University collegiates are proud of our accomplishments, but we realize how much more is needed. We hope we can replace an old cabin at the Sechelt camp with a pre-fabricated building. We hope all chapters can join together with financial support for our camping program.—Judy E. Graham

Alpha Upsilon-Pennsylvania State

Linda Pearson, collegiate consultant, has got our chapter well on its way to a fresh start with new ideas for programs and chapter life. In January we had a chapter retreat to practice and learn songs and to draw up a new list of chapter goals.

Recently, we had our suite redecorated in shades of blue, white and gold. Linda Egan, a member, spent part of her summer making gold drapes that cover one wall. Patti Reilly made a needlepoint

hanging of the Sorority crest.

Our sister, Denise Suhey turned Homecoming into a celebration worth remembering. She suggested and planned the university's first Homecoming Parade. It was so successful that the parade is sure to join the University's many traditions. Richard Schweiker, U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania, was guest of honor for the parade.—Mary Ann Raynak

Alpha Tau-McGill

We started the year with a new house—our first. After going from apartment to apartment we got lucky and were able to rent a house.

Along with our house, we got the biggest pledge class in five years. We also drew more rushees than any other house on campus. With our new initiates we are the largest sorority at McGill.

Through our philanthropy we helped the United Nations' Children's Fund (UNICEF) by trick-or-treating for donations. We had a successful booth in the Student Union to sell UNICEF cards for Christmas. We had a Christmas party for the alumnæ and parents of all members. We also collected a food basket for a needy Montreal family.—Judy Blood

Alpha Theta-Vanderbilt

The weekend of October 11-13 we celebrated our 50th anniversary. We were honored to have Betty Luker Haverfield, Grand President, at all the ceremonies.

Other Fall activities included a pledge spaghetti supper, a party for blind children, Dad's Weekend. We sold Halloween pumpkins filled with candy, chapter stationery and magazines. On campus, we were first in scholarship, athletics and the Alpha Phi Omega blood drive.

We pledged 25 women in the spring. After the flurry of rush, plans for the rest

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of the semester included a scholarship dinner and the long-awaited formal.

Sigma—Kansas

We celebrated the initiation of our Fall pledges with our traditional initiation formal. The pledges must earn all the money for the party, so they have work nights at the fraternity houses. Sigmas mend clothes, clean rooms, iron and do laundry and charge the maximum that the guys will pay. Actually, the fraternity men end up paying for the party.

A favorite with us, Father's Weekend, was another success. We had blue and white stadium seats for our dads for the football game. The seats were imprinted "Here Sits a Gamma Phi Beta Dad" and they loved it.

We sponsored the campus Blood Drive. We also collected for UNICEF on Halloween and had much fun trick or treating.—Cyndi Woody

Beta Upsilon-Kansas State

Beta Upsilon, working with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, won first place in the sorority-fraternity division for Homecoming floats. Deana Paulsen of our chapter and Steve Rankin of Theta Xi were one of two couples chosen during the Kansas State homecoming. Homecoming couples have replaced the queen contest. The couples did skits representing an era in our university president's life. Deana and Steve chose the 1920s.

We joined with Delta Upsilon fraternity and became the grand champions of University Sing on November 24. Luci Ronning was crowned Phi Kappa Tau Cannonball Queen the same night. This is the second year in a row a Gamma Phi had the honor of shooting the cannon at K-State football games. Last year, Kathy Andrews won.

In October we took the Tau Kappa Epsilon powder-puff football title, making the fourth Gamma Phi win in the five-year-old tournament. We were undefeated in the six-week tournament. We also earned first place in intramural swimming and second place in bowling.—Meg Beatty and Robin Rouse



AT IDAHO STATE Michelle Pond is president of Beta lota Chapter. She also was chosen Phi Sig Moonlight Girl.

Beta Iota-Idaho State

Rushing, retreats and recreation have marked our chapter's year to date. In the last category, we have enjoyed our dinner dance and Greek Week—and especially our participation in Homecoming. Our float took a second-place trophy and our skit, third place.

We've also had some special honors: Our new president, Michelle Pond, was named Phi Sig Moonlight Girl. Though only a sophomore, Shaunna MacGregor has been elected president of Panhellenic. Our past president, Renee Papino has been named to Mortar Board. And two of our own have been selected as soloists with the Idaho State Civic Symphony for spring concerts—Karen Crocker, celloist, and Candy Parker, oboe.—Janine Olson

Gamma Upsilon-Drake

On January 19, Gamma Upsilon sponsored a benefit for cystic fibrosis at Uncle Sam's, a local campus spot. Nearly \$650 was collected from the one dollar cover charge and donations. Local merchants also donated merchandise for a raffle conducted by a local TV personality.

One black note in our year's report: just before December finals, we were awakened by fire engines. Our garage was on fire. More than half of it plus newspapers for a paper drive, old furniture, luggage and bicycles were damaged or destroyed. Arson was suspected. Then, while we were on Christmas break, the rest of the garage was destroyed. A car and two motorcycles, belonging to renters, were totaled. Remnants were leveled in February.—Carol Fishel

Gamma Omicron—Kentucky

The winning trophy for overall best performance in the Chi Omega Greek Sing went to Gamma Omicron. Proceeds from the event went to charity. As a result of this victory, the chapter entertained at the All Greek Banquet.

Under the patient direction of Mrs. Virginia Shannon, alumna adviser, the chapter worked many hours in preparing their entry. Each girl donned the attire of a football player, complete with jersey, shoulder pads, and black marks under the eyes. They jogged on stage, en masse like a football team, and did a spirited rendition of two songs, "The Game" and "Heart." These songs, performed at the

height of the football season, were a huge hit with the judges and the audience, and Gamma Phi Betas once again let their voices be heard on campus.—Victoria C. Vaughn

Beta Rho-Colorado

Our fall started out on a happy note when we pledged 32 girls from all over the United States. Feeling a big thank-you was in order for our hard-working alumnæ, we gave them a dessert party. Then we took off with the pledges to see "Godspell" in Denver after formal pledging.

The pledges didn't lag behind in party-giving for long. They gave us a wake-up breakfast. Later, we gave them one. And recently they took us "as you are"—at 6 A.M.—to a pancake house.

Close on the heels of our after-thegame Homecoming party for alumnæ, we celebrated Halloween. There was a costume party, judged by the hashers, and goodies for one and all. On All Saints' Day, we joined the Chi Omegas for a party at Hidden Valley Ranch.

Mothers and dads from near and far flocked to us for Parent's Weekend. They wanted to see how their daughters were doing. There was a Saturday brunch, a football game—then in to Denver for dinner and "The Music Man."

Following Founders' Day, we had our scholarship dinner. Dress was prescribed by grade point averages. Those with below 2.5 gpa had to come in black black; those with above a 3.5 could wear what they wanted.

We wound up 1975 with elections and two Christmas parties. This completed a week of "Secret Santas" in which we secretly gave gifts to one other girl living in the house.

It was a terrific year!—G. Lee Haugen

Alumnae Roundup

ALBUQUERQUE

"El Rancho de las Golondrinas"—last rest stop before Sante Fe on the long trip from Mexico City via the Camino Real—was the September meeting place for Albuquerque alumnæ. After a tour of the historic area, the group gathered for luncheon and to hear President Patty Teel Zemke's (Denver) report on the centennial convention. Rowena Bass Cole (Missouri) and Cindy Faller Anderson (Nebraska) also attended the Kansas City conclave.

In October everyone enjoyed bidding on handcrafted and home baked specialties at a pre-Christmas auction at Judi Barter Rice's (Indiana State). Founders Day was celebrated with a dessert party hostessed by Judy Hansard Campbell (Midwestern) and Mimi Sherman Fox (Iowa State).

As usual December was busy. The monthly bridge meeting was combined with a luncheon for the entire chapter. Plans were finalized for the annual Christmas party for the hearing pre-school. The holiday season was capped by a dinner party at Dave and Anne Fleming Slauson's home.

Plans currently are underway for the biennial benefit magic show. Newcomers who want to join our fun should call Judi Rice at 294-4565.—Sandra Broome Love (Texas Tech)

ATLANTA

Atlanta Alumnæ recently elected Becky Ashmore Robinson (Florida State) as their new president. Bake sales and a Christmas boutique are money-making projects being planned. Thus far this year the group has made contributions to the Gamma Phi Beta Camps and the Atlanta Mental Retardation Center. Call 963-1695 for information.—Mrs. Leslie Morley

BERGEN COUNTY AREA

In September, the Bergen County Area Alumnæ, eager to renew friendships and exchange vacation news, met at the home of Joan Walker Jenney (Boston) for a buffet called "A Tongue in Cheek Weight Watchers Dinner." Of course each member arrived with a gourmet delight.

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Early in October, the alumnæ worked with the Ridgewood, N.J. Girl Scouts to make a mountain of hero sandwiches. These were sold by the Bergen alumnæ at an open horse show sponsored by the Amateur Horsemen's Association and the

Ramsey, N.J. Lions Club. The joint effort benefited the blind. Riders were resplendent in their best riding apparel and the activities were electrifying.

Also in October, the members met at the home of Charlotte Estebrook Stafford (Syracuse). Charlotte, who operates a catalog shopping business, and Virginia Martin Leritz (Iowa State), formerly with Bloomingdale's and Macy's, led a discussion and exchange of bargain shopping info.

Handicrafts and Christmas kitchen goodies were featured at a boutique with Nancy Gross Meendsen (Northwestern) as holiday hostess. Jane Woestenmeyer Chase (Kansas) hosted the January program while February brought a buffet supper for husbands at the home of Mary Fay Elvidge (Michigan). Molly Murphy Daniel (William and Mary) entertained the March gathering with its trunk showing of crafts and gifts.

At deadline time, the Bergen alumnae are planning an April program on New Jersey's bicentennial celebration plans and on May 22 new officers will be installed. Still another event to include members' husbands will be a pool party June 21 at the home of Virginia Carter Perkins (Kansas). A Hawaiian luau will be featured at this finale to the year's activities.

For information on meetings call Alice Tomlinson in Upper Saddle River (327-7918) or Nancy Hassard in Wayne (696-5369)—Unidentified Correspondent

BIRMINGHAM, AL

The alumnæ have had a delightful year under the capable leadership of Inez Lollar Jones. At all meetings we have stressed the idea of KNOW YOUR SISTER. How often do we go to a meeting seeing the same people month after month without making the effort to really know that sister beyond cordialities? To change that, we applied some of the collegiate rush ideas to strengthen our

alumnæ chapter and it has been fun.

Now we're looking forward to the
Area Leadership Conference. When
something happens at Gamma Phi Chapter, the whole state "jumps on the bandwagon" and is ready to help with ideas,
time and money. We are working feverishly on plans for the banquet.—Norma

H. Zimmerman BIRMINGHAM, MI

Not one, but two money-raising projects occupied Birmingham alumnæ at

Christmas time. Proceeds from selling holly were used to purchase two wallabies (miniature kangaroos) for the Detroit Zoo. The annual Talent Auction benefited Beta and Beta Delta chapters. Members contributed needlework, art, gourmet treats and craft items to be auctioned off to members and friends.

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Gamma Phi Beta camps and Beta and Beta Delta also are beneficiaries of our booth at the annual Birmingham Fair. It featured a game of chance with stuffed animals as prizes.—Carmella Grecco

BOISE

A fall rummage sale replenished the treasury of the Boise Alumnæ Chapter. Our spring money-maker will be a Champagne Art Show and Sale featuring Idaho artists and talented alumnæ. Proceeds will be used to help furnish a study room for Delta Beta.—Sonja Hall

BUFFALO

We were very much in the news last fall when, with some of our husbands, we manned telephones during a subscription drive for WNED, local public television channel. We were "on camera" at every program break and Gamma Phi Beta's aid was publicly acknowledged.

In October, Betsy Dunnington Simpson (California) arranged for a luncheon and private tour of the Max Bill show put together at the Albright-Knox Gallery. In December, our husbands again joined us for the Buffalo General Hospital Snow Ball. Dixie Dragon Klinaman (Syracuse) arranged the purchase of a block of seats, the proceeds going to a "kidney-keeping" machine. After ball entertainment featuring Ella Fitzgerald, we proceeded to Anne Stellman Artz's (Syracuse) for supper.

With Lois Kinien Martin (Syracuse) chairing the Buffalo City Panhellenic Annual Dinner, Buffalo alumnæ were kept busy working out the decorations.

Our fund raising project—the sale of stationery—was ably managed by our treasurer, Gladys Bock Jamieson (USC).

New members in the area should phone Anne Artz, president, at 839-1929.—

Dorothy Thomsen Little (Syracuse) CENTRAL ORANGE COUNTY

Painting and sprucing up the Delta Delta house at California-Fullerton have kept Central Orange County alumnæ busy. The results are delightful and much appreciated by "our girls." Dottie Sutherland Throop (Washington

Dottie Sutherland Throop (Washington State) opened her lovely Fullerton home for an October drop-in luncheon. Fashions from two local shops were modeled continuously by Delta Delta girls. The event was a great success with a delicious salad bar plus yummy desserts.

Over the past months, the group put

Over the past months, the group put together a cross stitch quilt. The design was done by our immediate past president, Sharon Conner Van de Veld (Colorado College). There were 11 squares cross stitched in shades of pink and green. Cathy Cottrel Salerno (Colorado) selected the bordering fabric of gingham checks and was helped by Peggy Higgins Hannawell (UCLA) in tieing the quilt together. The quilt was displayed and raffle tickets sold for the benefit of the Delta Delta building fund. When the winner's name was drawn, it was none other than Gail Carlson, a 1974 graduate of Delta Delta. For quilt project information, write Mrs. Robert Salerno, 4128 Church Haven Way, Anaheim, CA 92806.

In December Tim and Barbara Rosbe Felkisy (Michigan) opened their home in Orange for the annual "Holiday Sampler." Each year we enjoy entertaining our husbands at this festive event.—

Joanne Gladden Reese (USC)

COLUMBIA, MO

The Alpha Delta house was the scene of three fall alumnæ activities. First, a get-acquainted with new alumnæ and new pledges gathering in October; next a November tea honoring Betty Luker Haverfield, Grand President; and then a Christmas decorating party. The second annual Christmas luncheon was held at the Columbia Country Club.

In February a craft auction was held to raise money and in March the Columbia Alumnae co-hostessed the Area Leadership Conference. May brings our End of the Year Fling—a pot luck supper for alumnae, their husbands and guests.—Karen Coulter Rawlings (Missouri)

CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi Alumnæ got off to a good start for 1974-75 with a September salad luncheon and business meeting at the home of Joanne Blakeslee Counihan (Texas). In October, a Tupperware party was given for members and guests at Barbara Mead Stever's home (Ohio Wesleyan). Money raised will be used for Gamma Phi Beta summer camp projects and to send a local needy Campfire Girl to camp.

to camp.

Janis Jones Herren (Texas) hosted the annual Christmas party for members and their husbands while Dorothy Blasingame Bateman (Texas) opened her home for a Guest Day Coffee and book review in February. Installation of officers and a program on flower arranging is now set at the home of Barbara Griggs Allen (Texas).—Carolyn Campbell Bain (Texas)

CORVALLIS

Fall activities, guided by 1974-75 officers Mary Holthouse (Oregon State), Jane Pendleton Ball (Oregon State), Judy Ebeling Schaumburg (Arizona State) and Donna Notelfer Black (Oregon State), began with the rush report at Chi chapter house in October. Later that month alumnæ entertained new pledges with dessert at Judy Schaumburg's.

New officers elected and installed at the January meeting are Donna Black, president; Jane Ball, vice president; Ruth Chadwick (Oregon State), secretary; and Lu Andros, treasurer.

A no-host dinner for alumnæ and their husbands was a February event. At a luncheon meeting in May members will contribute and mark items to sell through OSU Folk Club's Thrift Shop.—Mary M. Holthouse (Oregon State)

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

The Fairfield County Alumnæ Chapter of Connecticut opened its season with a September luncheon at the home of Sally Rausch Whittle (Miami-Ohio) in Westport. Plans were made for selling Christmas cards, with proceeds going to camperships at Camp Hemlocks, an Easter Seal Camp.

An informative October meeting on

An informative October meeting on "Women's Legal Rights" was presented by Catherine Albrecht and Elizabeth Wellington, partners in the first all woman law firm in the state.

A terrific Christmas workshop was held in December at the home of Karen Giesen Gorman (Iowa) in Old Greenwich. Barbara Heberlein Freeman (Wisconsin), our talented vice president, showed us how to make "kissing balls" of various varieties of pinecones, chestnuts and other gorgeous goodies.

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January 20 was a farewell meeting for our president, Sally Erikson Lewis (Bradley), who has moved to Chicago. A business meeting, luncheon and Chinese Auction was held. Golden Crescents went to Elwyn Bridgens Loosley (Missouri) and Constance Baker (Washington-St. Louis).

Because of unpredictable winter weather, activities are curtailed. But in

weather, activities are curtailed. But in April we will go to the University of Connecticut in Stamford for a Panhellenic Brunch and in May we will take a bus trip with friends to a point of historical interest. Early June will bring us back to our traditional couples party.

Jeanne Murtland Richardson (William

Jeanne Murtland Richardson (William and Mary) is representing Gamma Phi Beta as county Panhellenic treasurer.

New residents in the area may call either Barbara Freeman (869-3491) in Cos Cob or Georgia Lemley (227-7478) in Westport.—Georgia Marshall Lemley (Idaho)

FARGO-MOORHEAD

Only five days after its Centennial Founders Day celebration, Fargo-Moorhead Alumnæ staged its annual fund raising project—a wine and cheese tasting party with a style show for both men and women. It was hard to tell which sex enjoyed it the most

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Just one week after that we were stunned and saddened by the deaths of Esther Gunvaldsen Myrha (North Dakota State) and her husband, Mig, caused by a fire in their home.

Just recently we organized bridge and sewing groups. The seamstresses will make items for our camps. The bridge sessions will aid our treasury with each player donating \$1.00 each time they meet.

Sharon Christianson Mark (North Dakota) was installed as president in February. She succeeds Marge Sebens Opperman (North Dakota State) — Kathy Taylor Valenta (North Dakota State)

FLAGSTAFF

The Flagstaff Alumnæ Chapter began its season with a fried chicken picnic supper honoring the new pledge class. By October members were engrossed in plans for its annual money making project—a Christmas Idea House always held the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Lise of a lovely home is obtained and

weekend before Thanksgiving.

Use of a lovely home is obtained, and it is decorated. Most of the items are for sale. Each member is requested to furnish 10 dozen cookies and two or more Christmas items or ideas. Refreshments are served from a decorated table and all extra cookies are packaged and sold.

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The request for cookie recipes prompted us to make a cookbook this last year. These were sold out in the two days the Idea House was shown. Tickets are sold ahead of time and at the door for \$1.00. We show the house from 1 to 4 P.M. Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds for our last event went to The Boy's Club and the Flagstaff Community Cultural Center.

Spring will bring our Smarty Doll party. It is a steak or beans affair honoring Gamma Phis with grade averages of B or better. Good grades are awarded the Steak dinner and a 12-inch elf (made by us).—Bernetta Grape

GLEN ELLYN

In October the Glen Ellyn (Ill.) Area



SHOWING OFF GOODIES sold at the Glen Ellyn Christmas bazaar are (from left) Char Brown Baker (Texas Tech), Marilyn Payne Reynolds (Denver) and alumnæ president Kathy Harn Anderson (Oklahoma).



FLOWER POTS filled with Creeping Charlie were Irvine alumnæ's holiday gifts to Delta Eta collegians. Shown admiring their work (from left) Ginny McFarland (Minnesota), Ellen Handley and Mary MacLeith (both USC).



GREATER KANSAS CITY ALUMNÆ contributed a portion of its \$7,000 profits from the Antique and Art Show to the Kansas City Zoo's new animal nursery. Mrs. Jack Armstrong, curator of animal health, recently gave Barbara Barott Lentz (Nevada) and Judy Hubbard White (Kansas State) a personal tour of the nursery.

alumnæ decided to financially aid a local horseback riding program for the handi-capped in addition to their usual contribution to our Gamma Phi Beta camps. These projects called for successful money making endeavors. So instead of pricing items at our Christmas Bazaar, we sell them to the highest bidders. We find this brings in more money. We also add to our treasury via monthly bridge games for which each player contributes a dollar.—Ann Rothrock

HOUSTON

Under the slogan "People Support What They Help Create," the Houston alumnæ have been showing a "valuable collection" of creative people and events. Ornamenting our Christmas season were the lovely area collegians, their mothers and our own daughters who were guests at a Christmas coffee.

But jewels really began to sparkle back in September in the form of diligent in September in the form of difigent workers for our 7th annual Gamma Phi Gallery, which was held February 27-28 at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel. These special "gems" included Brenda Howard Atchley (Texas), show chairman; Ada Lou Hartman Richman (Texas) and Jane Ann Leach Holcomb (Texas), public relations chairmen. Through their efforts, many thousands were raised for the Houston Museum of Fine Arts and for

the Easter Seal Society. Easter bunnies provided fun and sur-prises for alumnæ children at our Easter

Egg Hunt, while their elders got their reward at our spring Couples Party.

If you're new (or just unlocated) in the Houston area, we'd love to have you join our "valuable collection." Just call Barbara Teal Berry (Texas Tech) at 783-2897 or Barbara Foster Templin (Texas) at 468-7203.—Carol Evans Crenshaw

HUNTSVILLE

The Huntsville (AL) alumnæ group held two successful rummage sales as money-making projects in 1974. Proceeds benefited several local philanthropies and the sorority's Scholarship Fund. Gifts also were given to Auburn and Florida State greek chapters and initiation robes were sewn for the Auburn group.

This year the Huntsville Alumnæ are

establishing a biennial award to the Greek chapter with the most outstanding record for community service in Province VIII.

Officers of the group are: Betty Ford (Auburn), president; Sidney Rogers Goldsby (Vanderbilt), vice president; Virginia Huth Fowler (Vanderbilt), secretary; Betty Huth Schonrock (Vanderbilt), treasurer; and Mary Melton Nicely (Vanderbilt), Panhellenic delegate).—
Virginia Huth Fowler (Vanderbilt)

IRVINE

Our September meeting at Diana Kendall's home in Tustin included an formal talk by two members of Delta Eta Chapter at California-Irvine, Leda Quiros and Linda Shumacher told us about Convention and shared their excitement at being the "baby chapter" there. Our alumnæ worked hard to send nine girls to convention. We made key chains decorated with storks and diaper pins for them to wear. Marilyn Kirk and Sue Zaephel also shared their experiences.

October was a working session at Ginny McFarland's in Newport Beach. We covered 48 clay flower pots with patchwork squares to be given to our Delta Eta collegians at Christmas, Talented Joann Clark personalized each pot with Gamma Phi Beta script lettering around the rim.

October also provided "a first" for alumnæ and collegians. Jan Winterbottom opened her home in Monarch Bay for a Monday Night Dinner and chapter meeting, Janet Croul, Deanna Engleke, Mary MacLeith, Joann Clark and Mary Earl Spencer prepared and served the food. After dinner, Jan Winterbottom spoke to the collegians about loyalty and tradition. It was most appropriate as this was the beginning of a tradition the alumnæ have initiated for the collegians. The latter are

without a meeting place.

In late November, we packed 1,400 pounds of shelled nuts which we sold for chapter projects. Under the chairmanship of Flori Page, we have found this to be a great fund raiser.—Mary Earl Spencer

GREATER KANSAS CITY

Thanks to our terrific Antique and Arts show co-chairmen, Joy Hillerns Hesler (Minnesota) and Kay Calhoun Rowland (Kansas), the Greater Kansas City Alum-næ Chapter dispersed over \$7,000 in philanthropic funds. We are proud to be helping the children of our community in many different ways. The largest single gift went to the County Child Abuse Unit. In addition to campships, disturbed and deaf children, we also became a Patron of the Friends of the Zoo and are participating in matching funds to construct a new animal nursery. We feel our city has a fine zoo that is a marvelous place for all children.

At Founders' Day we honored our Woman of the Year, Emily Margaret Allen Witham (Kansas). She has been our Magazine Chairman for many years and has won in magazine sales for alumnæ groups repeatedly. She also was convention secretary. Our Fifty Year pin recipient who attended was Betty Gunn Pretty-

man (Missouri).

Our Christmas Coffee at the home of Joan Knight Marsh was quickly followed by a January meeting at the home of Jane Bowen Egle. The topic: "Lock'em Up and Throw Away the Key." Speaker Jane Fugate Sieverling (Kansas), member of the Governor's Committee on Penal Re-form, provoked a lively discussion. A February book review and luncheon and a March wine and cheese party brings us

New members in the Kansas City area should call our TranSISter, Peggy Cook Evans at 831-9518.—Peggy Jo Herberger O'Brien (North Dakota)

GREATER LAFAYETTE

Most activities of the Greater Lafayette Alumnæ for the past eight months have been concentrated on colonizing a new chapter-Delta Iota at Purdue University. This colonization has expanded our chap-ter perspective threefold. First, many alumnæ responded by becoming ex-tremely active. Next, as we met with more people we brought 22 new sisters into the group as special initiates. Now we look forward to meeting and growing with the collegians.

One of the early colonization activities was a December reception honoring special initiates and Elna Dimmock, Director of Expansion. We also hosted university officials and Panhellenic representatives.

By the time this newsletter is on the press, Delta Iota will be a reality. April 18-20 was set as initiation weekend. We're challenged and delighted. Our goal is to help build a strong collegiate chapter.— Monica Rejzer Novakovic (Wisconsin-River Falls)

Having enthusiastically assisted Gamma Eta with the remodeling and furnishing of their new house, Long Beach alumnæ plunged into rush activities lead by Janet Parket Whitcomb (Long Beach). Then they settled down to a few of their own activities.

Cheeses and wines were the feature of a kick-off membership treat at the con-dominium home of Jeanne Potter Saalwaechter (Illinois). In October there was our annual nut sale under the chairmanship of Dorothy O'Brien (Illinois).

After a duo celebration of the Sorority's 100th-first with the Southern California Inter-City group, then our own informal dessert—Long Beach faced up to two December events: a Christmas boutique and auction at the home of Mary Ann Ryan Johnson (USC) and a cookie exchange with Edith Doughty Hindley (Mu).—Betty Ragenovich Kurkjian (San Diego)

MADISON

Several "Extras" marked the Madison observation of Founders' Day. Julie Traver Schnarr was presented the Barbara Scott Maroney award for her outstanding job as an alumna working closely with Gamma Chapter.

Louise Marston (Wisconsin), who retired September 13 after 41 years as society editor of The Wisconsin State Journal, was presented with a petitpoint replica of the Gamma Phi Beta pin. The lovely piece of handiwork was done by Janet Monsen Eisele. Louise retired with fanfare at a luncheon for 700 men and women at the Park Motor Inn. The affair raised almost \$6,000 for the Madison YWCA.—Louise Marston (Wisconsin)

A Parents' Party opened the Memphis Alumnæ's season. Held in the sorority suite, the gathering was arranged by Katherin Jenkins (Tennessee).

Pat Moore Gray (SMU) and Sarah

Stutz Kirby (Bowling Green) were co-hostesses for an October Las Vegas party. The month also brought a visit from Janis Abernathy, our PAD, as well as our annual bazaar. It was beautiful and another success. We have earned the reputation for selling unique and well-made items. Kay Tyus Soloman and Iva Mc-Cutchen (both Memphis State) were in

charge.

A Founders Day Iuncheon and a Christmas party marked the November and December calendars and in January we met to make plans for the annual Inspiration Supper. This is a pot-luck sup-Inspiration Supper. This is a pot-luck supper given by alumnæ for pledges and their
mothers. Members of the Greek letter
executive council attend along with the
presidents of the Mothers' Club, alumnæ
group and the pledge director. Each
briefly outlines the activities of her group.

Hot chocolate and doughnuts were
served following initiation Tanuary 18

served following initiation January 18. We especially honored two special initiates-Florence Luton, mother of Greek member, Betty Gay; and Jackie Bauman.

Upcoming events include a Steak and Bean Scholarship Dinner, the Memphis Panhellenic theatre party and participa-tion in our local flea market. Betty Thompson (Tennessee) has volunteered again to collect items for the sale.— Magnes Welsh (Memphis State)

MILWAUKEE

Our 1974-75 list of activities centers around our very diverse membership. One of our best fund-raising events is the pre-Christmas Talent Auction which spotlights our many creative "crafters." Despite diversity in life styles and interests, our members have found we all like to read. So we scheduled a used book sale (10¢ for paperbacks) and a book review evening.

Our monthly programs have included speakers from the Montessori Pre-school system; and Loewi & Co. on stocks and investments. We also had a session for making finger puppets for children in traction. We are planning three spring events with the Wisconsin-Milwaukee girls and will end our schedule with a day in June. Our children and grand-

children will be special guests.

Throughout all our activity planning, we keep working for a larger and more enthusiastic membership. - Sally Wells

Three years ago Omaha Alumnæ determined that their Fall mailing to members, consisting of the president's newsletter and the traditional booklet of pro grams and member names, should be used as a tool to create a higher level of enthusiasm for their activities. Using a few eye-catching advertising gimmicks and keeping her messages short and to the point, president Diane Housel Henry

(Nebraska) inspired better readership.
Then vice president, Marcia Baker
Dawdy (CSU), came up with the 197273 theme, "Take A Cruise on the Good Ship Gamma Phi Beta." Events included a dinner at the "captains' table," guests from our "sister ship" (Delta Gamma) and a cocktail party-bring your favorite

For 1973-74, the theme was "TV Guide for Channel Gamma Phi Beta "Monday Night at the Movies" featured the 1874 smash hit, "The Girls from Syracuse" (Founders Day), "The Newly-wed Game" (Couples Party) and "The Galloping Gourmet" (cooking demonstration).

This year vice president Phyllis Don-aldson Choat (Nebraska) chose "Sing-Along with Gamma Phi Alumnæ." Offer-ings have included "Strangers in the

Night" (a program on rape); "Alley Cat"

(couple's bowling party); and "Tip-Toe Through the Tulpits" (plant sale).

The newsletter was expanded into a four-page tabloid this year with emphasis on centennial activities. The attention getter in this piece was a scrambled letter puzzle. The first member correctly solving the puzzle and returning it with a check for dues, received a ticket (\$6.90) for Founders Day. The contest was quite a conversation piece UAYSSREC (Syracuse) really had members in a dither.

Because our dues paying roster has increased and attendance at meetings has grown, we can't help but feel creative touches have revived interest in Gamma Phi Beta in our area.—Marcia Baker Dawdy (CSU)

ORLANDO-WINTER PARK

The Orlando-Winter Park Alumnæ Chapter began its activity year in September with a "Back to the Sorority House" program at Becky Connelly's. We dressed as we did during our college days and had

a delightful evening of nostalgia.

In October Randy Knight (husband of our June Knight) talked to us about local gardening. He owns a nursery and gave us many helpful hints. Each member brought a cutting of her favorite plant to

December 7 brought our Christmas Party at the home of Jo Dutton. Ticki torches lined the driveway as we arrived with our favorite beaus. Each member brought a child's gift to be donated to charity and 12 hors d'oeuvres to place

around the punch bowl.

At this writing, Kay Towle is our president. New officers will be installed at a Salad and Dessert Supper at Marion Schuyler's home.—Peggy Scharfenberg

PHILADELPHIA NORTH

Debbie Foulsham Freisheim (Penn State) started off the Philadelphia North Suburban Alumnæ's season with her convention report given at a September meeting at the home of Liz Sturges Bihn (SMU). Still another report—one on Prison Reform by Morris Longstreth—marked the October meeting at Joanne Sallee Kernitz's (Wittenberg).

Christmas was celebrated with a cookie and handmade ornament exchange at Debbie Freisheim's while January saw a demonstration of the art of stained glass by Georgia Shippy Peck (Miami-Ohio).

Other events have included a report on

camps and college trends, a plant party to raise funds for our philanthropy, and numerous social events. For one, a road rally engineered by Barbara Kenney Fortenbaugh (Syracuse) and her busband which and with a barbara at that which ended with a barbecue at their

A day for shopping and lunch took us to Flemington, N.J., where we went through the glass factory and pottery showrooms. A wine and cheese party at the home of Gwen Whitnell Egleston (Arizona) and a buffet at Ginny Ellis Ziegler's (Miami-Ohio) were parties for husbands

Julie Hill Flinchbaugh (Penn State) has successfully headed our fund raising this year and last. Our activities have included selling ice cream and drinks at the Jenkintown Art Festival, Holland bulbs in the fall, nuts at Christmas and note paper throughout the year.

If we have missed making connections with you, call Debbie Freisheim at OL 9-8122.-Gwen Whitnell Egleston (Arizona)

PHILADELPHIA WEST

EATING is the main activity of the Philadelphia West Suburban alumnæ! At least it seems to be if you glance at our annual meeting schedule. Our calendar featured three main "good food" events open to husbands and dates: the fall barbecue at Pat Adams Purdy's (CSU), an International Progressive Dinner at the homes of Nancy Kenney Hick (Syracuse), Millie McCowan Butler (Penn State) and Mari Pringi Liiva (McGill);

and the Car Rally and Box Supper at the home of Carol Schweinebraten Bowers (Penn State).

Even our regular meetings feature good food, especially the Christmas dinner and ornament exchange at Virginia Hildreth's (Ohio Wesleyan) and the pot-luck salad supper and terrarium making meeting at Betsy Siegler Girard's (Penn State). Perhaps the reason we are so food conscious is that two members, Nancy Spencer King (Penn State) and Tish Schumacher Robinson (Northwestern) are gourmet cooks and free-lance caterers.

The theme of our programs this year has been "Getting to Know You." Philadelphia, like all communities, is hard hit by job mobility, and we find we are con-stantly saying "hello" and "good-by" to members from all over the U.S. For this reason, Joann Kuerst Huntington (Northwestern), vice president, has planned programs involving members. In February, for example, we shared vacations via bro-chures, photos and souveniers.

We urge all Gamma Phi Betas in the area to join us for food, fun and fellowship. Contact Betty Lou Dean Wanderer (Illinois): MU 8-1541.—Betty Lou Dean

PHOENIX

Come-jump on the Phoenix Gamma Phi locomotive and take a tour of our 1974-75 activities! Our first stop was the beautiful home of Bizann Lewis Stiteler for the annual alumnæ/collegian pot-luck. With "Happiness is being a Gamma Phi" the theme, Snoopy adorned all tables

Traveling through October, we visited the noted Camelback Inn for our first Autumn Fashion Fair. We were greeted by calico clad hostesses and seated at tables festively decorated with calico dolls, breadbaskets and loaves of bread expertly arranged with fall colors. Two of the professional Sakowitz models that day were sisters Betsy Patterson Todd and Janet Lewis Ryan (both Arizona State). Engineers for this trip were Marcia Mc-Conoughy Fisher and Rae Deanne Knight Hancock (both Arizona State); and Helen Harbison Kroese, Tuck Feench Johnston, Kathy Johnson West and Nancy Kelly Church (all Arizona).

Further down the tracks we stopped at the Scottsdale Hilton for Founders' Day. A new feature of this traditional event was the presentation of awards to the four members we felt most exemplified our founders: Allis Haren Moore (Illinois), Wanda Browning Falk (Arizona), Joan Blayney and Gina Albers (both Arizona State) (both Arizona State).

"Christmas Boutique" junction was one December stop. Auctioneer for the evening was Rae Hancock and goodies were served in the dining car by Carol Edwards Draper (Arizona State). Shirley Lawson Henderson (Northwestern) hosted our second December stop-a Christmas tea.

Clickety-clack and down the track to the Gam Ma (alumnæ)/Gam Mi (collegians) picnic. Main purpose of this event was to create something useful for our national camps. Charla Jo Allen Lee (Arizona State) planned this affair. Many of our stops have not only en-tertained but also informed. We have had

a book review by Mary Alice McBride Sheeley (Arizona); learned plant care and how to create Baked Alaska; had our palms read by Virginia Gordon Ballard (Arizona): and even learned landscaping.

We have also learned under the capable supervision of Jenny Martin Troup (Northern Arizona) that an old fashioned bake sale can earn money. All the Betty Crockers in the Phoenix area donate bake goods and we sell them at the County Complex.

We are nearing our final stop—the May box luncheon honoring Arizona State seniors. Prizes will be offered for the outstanding boxes and numbers will be drawn as to which one each of us will

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GALLOPING GOURMET Theora Kurt Schonberg (lowa State) demonstrated hors d'oeuvre recipes for Omaha alumnæ.



PHOENIX ALUMNÆ enjoyed their Autumn Harvest of Fashions at the Camelback Inn. They included president Kathy Butler Beavers (center) and benefit chairman Marcia McConoughey Fisher, both Arizona State. Proceeds went for camping.



SPECIAL INITIATES Jackie Bauman (second from left) and Florence Luton (far right) were honored at a Memphis Alumnæ luncheon Jan. 18. Others are (from left) Jan Owens and Betty Thompson (both Tennessee) and Betty Gay Luton (Memphis State).

And so we've given you a "bird's eye view" of where our train has traveled this year. It has been a great trip. Next time we pull out of the depot, the sisters will have their tickets—be ready to go.—Kathy Butler Beavers (Arizona State)

PITTSBURGH

An October business meeting at the home of Jean Kerth Hawks (Wisconsin) opened the 1974-75 schedule for Pittsburgh Area Alumnæ. This was closely followed by a Founders Day celebration at the home of Penny Roberts Stewart (West Virginia).

A Couples Party was held February 1 at the home of Louisa Tragle Reynolds (Gettsburg). Later in the month we met to make Easter favors for Childrens Hospital at Margaret Calvin Hartley's (Bowling Green).

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A meeting to make arrangements for our May Flea Market was held in March at the home of Lillian Larson Schultz (Ohio Wesleyan). Now we look forward to that and our April International dinner and installation of officers at Grace Horning Crane's (Idaho).—Ruth Pringle Moore (Ohio Wesleyan)

PORTLAND

One of the highlights of the Portland area alumnæ's year was a benefit party following an NBA Trailblazer basketball game. The Blazers gave us a percentage of the proceeds from ticket sales and after the game we hosted a no-host party in the coliseum complete with refreshments and door prizes. Proceeds of \$500 were given to the Bureau for Voluntary Action. Elsie Miller Lasher (Oregon State) was in charge of tickets; Judy Lively Sandstrom (Oregon State) and Dina DeFoe Schmitt (Puget Sound) co-chaired the party.

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Another money project was undertaken under the leadership of Dawn Brunzell Holt (Idaho). We mounted a massive garage sale to benefit our treasury and provide campships for Camp Sechelt.

At each monthly meeting (second Tuesday evening), some cultural or educational program is planned by vice president Pat Sellin Heath (Puget Sound). This year we enjoyed learning to macrame, dry flowers, arrange flowers, select antiques, keep our homes free from burglars, how to read an astrology chart and just what our Oregon Museum of Science and Industry has to offer.

ence and Industry has to offer.

If you are in the area but not receiving our newsletters, contact Ginger Hudson Harrison (Oregon State), our TranSISter.

—Judy Lively Sandstrom (Oregon State)

RALEIGH

Formerly known as the Northern North Carolina Chapter, we recently voted to change our name to the Raleigh Area Alumnæ.

Mrs. George Jones was hostess for our September Dessert Luncheon and at our October meeting we were pleased to have our PAD, Janis Abernathy, with us for luncheon. Founders Day was celebrated at the home of Mrs. Richard Perrin with our husbands as guests for a covered dish supper.—Mrs. W. D. Toussaint

RIVER FALLS

The River Falls (Wisconsin) Alumnae branch is busy as usual. Last spring we were anticipating the Kansas City convention and getting a group together to go. But plans faltered due to husband-scheduled vacations, jobs and summer guests. It filtered down to one—our president, Ann Agnew.

Our money-making project this year is selling note paper, recipe cards, children's notes and assorted stationery. Our treasurer, Colleen Gerber, I'm sure, is tired of lugging that box around but it does make money.

The highlight of our year was Founders Day celebrated with Kappa and Gamma Pi chapters in Minneapolis.—
Nellie R. Poling

ROCHESTER

Another pot-luck supper launched another alumnæ chapter onto a new season

Rochester. Ours was held at the home

of Marcia Lane Payne (Rollins) on Canandaigua Lake.

Just preceding Founders Day, we participated in the Rochester Panhellenic Dinner Dance and Road Rally held on the R.I.T. campus. Proceeds went to scholarship.

For two years our alumnæ group has chosen the Hillside Children's Center as our philanthropic endeavor. It offers residental group, home and foster family care, treatment and educational services for emotionally disturbed and socially maladjusted youth. To raise money, we make craft items to sell at our fall and spring luncheons and local May Fair. This year's proceeds went to buy Center sports equipment and Christmas gifts for the children in our adopted cottage. In December we met at the home of Jill Sibson Holmes (Syracuse) to wrap the

Sibson Holmes (Syracuse) to wrap the gifts and have our own party.

Mary Travers Munger (Syracuse) is our current president. We will have a luncheon in her home in May to install

new officers.

We invite any interested Gamma Phi
Beta to join us. Contact Joan Heath Melville (Syracuse) at 381-1950,—Terry
Carbone Nicastro (Boston)

ST. LOUIS

The alumnæ year in St. Louis has been a busy, interesting and productive one under Gwen Lankford Rogers' (Iowa State) leadership. It has provided many activities for the alumnæ while also including support for three Greek-letter chapters. In addition, Caryn Hasselbring heads a young group comprised of recent grads unable to attend day meetings.

Backing up Phi at Washington U. with both advisory, rushing and financial help are these particular alumnæ: Gwen Rogers and Karen Diehl Greening, Patsy McGahey Henderson, Lynn Springer, Sally Thym Tucker and Dorothy Allen Drees (all Washington-St. Louis).

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Assuming specific responsibilities with Gamma Tau, St. Louis U., are Cindy Schaeffer, Ellen Barnes O'Rourke, Carol Greco and Marcia Lazar Etzkron (St. Louis U.), Ann Mullen Bronsing (Indiana State), and Cheryl Black, Jane Gebart and Rita Schere (Washington U.)

hart and Rita Schere (Washington U.) St. Louis support of Alpha Delta, Missouri U., touches three areas: Dorothy Volmar Schnebelen and Margaret Clarke Linn (both Missouri) travel to Columbia regularly for House Corporation meetings; for 10 years St. Louis alumnæ and rings for 10 years St. Louis alumnæ and for its benefit. This year more than 50 paid \$10 each to play. Finally, the chapter sends cash, gifts and awards.

The Boutique, introduced at the "Views of South St. Louis County" house tour in October, swelled the profits for this fourth annual tour event benefiting the Good Shepherd School for mentally retarded children. Over \$1200 was raised at this last event. Left-over items were sold at two events—a husband-wife affair at Christine Lankford McDonald's (Iowa State) and at the Christmas party at Martha Scott Kentons (Missouri).

Alumnæ continue to sell Christmas cards, an excellent source of income for 22 years. Bobbie Rapp Bergen and Joan Schenck Layton (Washington) scheduled this past project.

Karen Diehl Greening (Washington), new alumnæ president, and Ann Mullen Bronsing (Indiana State), president-elect, led our delegation to the March Area Leadership Conference in Columbia.— Eleanor G. Hemminger (Northwestern)

SALT LAKE CITY

Our annual Christmas Egg Nog Party was held at the home of our president, Eugenia Nethery (Texas). Traditionally we wrap gifts for patients in the home for the aged and have enjoyed brightening their holiday.

In February we held our "Camp and Projects" meeting at the home of Barbara Levy (Nebraska) and in April our members brought their own creations to our Craft Night. Doris Hilpert (CSU) was the hostess.

Our ranks are growing and it's just

great. Anyone interested in getting in touch may call Eugenia Nethery (588-0195), Patty Lemon (295-4653) or Barbara Levy, our PDC and recently appointed member of the Utah Heritage Foundation (487-2895).—June Garrity (Nevada)

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

San Fernando alumnæ played a major role in the 50th anniversary celebration of Alpha Iota Chapter last September. This was in accordance with their acceptance of sponsorship for the Greekletter group in October. Dorothy Haines Winans, Elizabeth Chambers Huck, Kathryn Crawshaw Anderson and Dorothy Burrell Zeller (all UCLA) played key roles in the memorable day into evening reunion.

The alumnæ chapter, dipped into more often because of our Alpha Iota responsibilities, is replenished by two money-making programs—one an evening bridge tournament and a May Game Party at which couples race a time clock to play various old fashioned games. At the latter bridge tournament prizes are awarded.

Under the presidency of Lyn Perkins Mesner (Oregon), the group has enjoyed many other gatherings including the annual Couples Christmas Party, hosted last by Dick and Martha Tipps McCarty (Texas). Their home was decorated by a forest of potted Christmas trees, borrowed and transported from Treeland Nursery by Ron and Natalie Sue Slocomb Rindge (USCLA). Many of the trees were sold to party-goers, with a portion of the cost donated to the treesury.

donated to the treasury.

December saw another valley tradition:
a cookie recipe and gift exchange at Jan
Gooch Riley's (UCLA). An Antique
Shop Walk replaced the January meeting.
There are 10 antique shops in a two block
area in Canoga Park, and we browsed
through each, stopping for luncheon at
a Creperie. February brought us back in
doors—at the home of a new-found sister, Libby Bate Brady (Arizona).

A cordial invitation is extended to alumnæ in all surrounding communities to call Lynn Mesner at 340-6239, Dorothy Zeller at 346-5540, or Charlene Baumbach Smith (William & Mary) at 993-0721. You are needed!—Beverly Smith Gosnell (San Diego)

SEATTLE

Having assisted Lambda Chapter with a very successful rush period, Seattle Alumnæ honored the new pledges and their parents at a September reception. They also had their own Coffee Hour and fall business meeting at the home of Barbara Story, and a no-host party following the U.W.-Texas A & M football

game at Marilyn Bradshaw's.

With Grand Council holding its annual fall meeting at the Olympic Hotel, some of our members were privileged to join Council members for a dinner at the Lambda house and a Halloween luncheon hosted by Berta Sorensen and Lois Dehn.

A gourmet delight was presented by Nancy Anderson and Joyce Lantz when we met at the chapter house in November. Its dining room served as both kitchen and auditorium for a hors d'oeuvre demonstration.

Our traditional Christmas luncheon featuring an auction of handmade crafts, baked goods and white elephants was supplemented by a sale of unique gifts from local shops and studios. Mary Kay Fitzgerald's spacious home was the setting for this potpourri. Jean Laveie and Joan Bergerson solicited the help of their class of '55 in preparing the luncheon.

Travel was the theme of our February Elections' luncheon at the home of Judy Slemmons. Susie Mucklestone shared the excitement of her recent African safari. Still to come—a bridge luncheon and our Decade parties.—Judy Slemmons

SPOKANE

Last October the Spokane Alumnæ Chapter conducted an intensive interest survey. This is helping our officers and committee chairmen to better plan our activities. Members also liked having more say in determining our goals and activities.

Proceeds from two rummage sales held last year and the year before financed a \$200 Centennial Scholarship. This was awarded by our president, Sheila Bell, to Beta Sigma sophomore Francis Radewen. Another local scholarship winner was Cindy Gates, Beta Sigma, who received the Spokane Panhellenic Scholarship.

All sisters in the Spokane area who have not been contacted are urged to call our TranSISter, Shirley Emerson, at 326-0682.—Shirley DeGraff

SUMMIT AREA

Throughout the fall, Summit Area alumnæ planned and prepared for our "Christman Country Store" which was held in early December at a member's home. We sold a varied selection of handmade items by area craftsmen—dolls, dried flower arrangements, calico and patchwork pillows, Christmas decorations and wreaths and house plants all on a consignment basis. Considering we received only 10-20 percent on each sale, our small group (about 20) was really elated to realize a profit of over \$300. Money will be used for campships to Camp Hope for Retarded Children, a summer day camp in New Jersey.

Meeting each month in the evening, our alumnæ group has enjoyed numerous programs. In January we held our annual casserole supper with each member contributing her favorite recipe. Another month we saw a slide presentation by an American Field Services exchange student from South Africa. For Easter we filled decorated coffee tins with cookies for Morris View, a home for the aged.

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TOPEKA

The Topeka Alumnæ Chapter is a small group, but loyal. We have monthly luncheons without a speaker, and find that keeps everyone acquainted. One of our projects is to support the Topeka Panhellenic Board's Stitch-a-rama Plus. The idea for this money-making project was conceived in 1971 by Pug Mandl (Vanderbilt) while Panhellenic president.

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Originally conceived as a sewing fair and contest, Stitch-a-rama was held in one of the large fair-ground buildings, with merchants displaying their goods. Then two years ago, the name was changed to Stich-a-rama Plus and crafts were added. Too, national companies sent representatives to demonstrate innovations in sewing and fashions. The Panhellenic Board sells food and local groups hold classes there for a day.

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Last year, Panhellenic was able to award 10 scholarships of \$300 each to local girls entering college. Attendance was doubled and now even more merchants have signed up for booths this

Topeka Alumnæ were proud to have sold all of their allotted tickets.

If your group would like more information on how to organize a fair such as we have in Topeka, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Ceil Priest, 2903 West 20th, Topeka, KA 66604.—Ceil Robertson Priest

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Alumnæ in the nation's capital have assumed the sponsorship of Beta Beta Chapter at Maryland U. Debbie Bartels Snead (Missouri) is alumna advisor and Cathy Housel Foster (Nebraska) is directing a Pledge Mother program for 13 pledges and their alumnæ "moms." This is something brand new.

We have been keeping Beta Beta at work on our Special Initiate program. They have initiated five for us and we are just completing arrangements for two more. Our "specials" are: Martha Dippel, daughter of Evelyn Gooding Dippel (Illinois); Mrs. Richard Day, mother of Eileen Ray O'Brien (Syracuse); Barbara Harding White, sister-in-law of Louisa White Riggs and Dorothy White Tessier (both Maryland); Elizabeth White, daughter of Florence Roy White (Illinois); and Jeanne Johanek Blackburn, sister of Martha Johanek Premo (Syracuse). Awaiting initiation are: Nancy Brandel Chakan, daughter-in-law of Charlotte White Chakan (Maryland) and Margaret Jane Shugart Richards.

Our programs continue to be varied and interesting—a slide presentation on historic Southern mansions; demonstrations of batik dying, wreath making, leaded glass and macrame; a talk by Mrs. Robert Byrd from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and a wig party with Beta Beta members.

Since our memorable Founders' Day with the Northern Virginia alumnæ, we have a mother-daughter Valentine tea and our annual Christmas shopping spree at Ruth Studley's Boutique. Ruth Folwell Studley (Iowa and Washington) donates the profits from the boutique each year to our treasury. She is our Santa Claus

This Spring we hosted a city-wide Panhellenic Tea honoring Kiki Phillips, alumnæ vice president. Now we are planning a May crab feast featuring our marvelous Chesapeake Bay specimens.

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WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS

Our year got off to an enthusiastic start with 30 alumnæ attending the Fall business and dessert meeting at the home of Mildred Elder Wallace (Iowa State). Joan Scott Schreiner (Iowa State) presided and reports on our campships to High Hopes Camp (YWCA for the handicapped) were given. Money for the campships were raised through a Patio Plant Sale.

In early fall, too, PAD Norma Hinchcliff was here to launch plans for the Province XV Area Leadership Conference we just hosted in April. Kate Denny Thorpe (Lows State) headed as the Denny Thorpe

(Iowa State) headed arrangements.

Now we are looking forward to our May picnic for collegians at which a Senior Induction Service will be held. Each senior will receive our keepsake gift—a brown card reproducing Miriam Griffith Miller's (Iowa State) original Gamma Phi Beta verse and design. Delegates to the Kansas City convention will recall our gift to the Historical Room—a framed wall piece of Miriam's verse written when she was a senior in 1930. It was a memorial tribute from our chapter made possible by Miriam's sister-in-law, Frances Miller Clemens (Iowa).—Mildred Elder Wallace (Iowa State)

WICHITA

Last fall, as always, Wichita Almnæ gave strong support to our City Panhellenic's fashion show and tea. Money was raised for six scholarships—one for each of the area high schools. City Panhellenic also sponsors information parties for graduating seniors and bus tours of Kansas State, Kansas U. and Wichita State, Our delegate, Nancy Elliott Martin (Wichita State) is serving as secretary.

Our own money-making project has been a salad luncheon combined with bridge and a fashion show. We also sold calendars for the Wichita Symphony Society with proceeds going to "Meals on Wheels" for the elderly.—Mary Lou Perry Jenkins (Oregon)

New on the GB Bookshelf

OZZIE—This little book tells the story of a young king snake and his life in the Great Dismal Swamp of Virginia (Vantage Press, \$4.95). It was written by Florence Hartman Hollister (Oregon).

A member of the Washington, D.C. Alumnæ and a former travel writer for American Express, Florence will have another book published by Vantage later this year. Titled "Me, Picaro!," it will relate the experiences of a Mallorquin black cat who lives with an American couple in the island of Palma.

