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FLASH!

Gamma Phi Beta will colonize Delta Rho Colony, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Penn. in early February. Notes of welcome and congratulations should be sent c/o Alumna Field Representative Bette Byrd Filip (Oklahoma) (Mrs. Thomas), RD 5 Box 491, Carlisle, PA 17013.

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ON THE COVER: Visitors to the 1980 Denver Convention will have an opportunity to see Gamma Phi Beta's new Central Office. In the courtyard outside the building which houses the new Central Office are (l to r) Georgene Renner, Convention Publicity; Joy Craven, Assistant Treasurer; Ann Hall, Treasurer; Jerrie Eicher, Corresponding Secretary; Lora Byerly, Alumnae Chapter Co-President; Cathy Lindauer, Convention Chairman; Jonette Crowley, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; and Cal Vaupel, Alumnae Chapter Co-President.

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Gamma Phi Beta

Council Communique

What is pride?

Pride is putting your elbows on the table during lunch and being told by a camper, "That's not polite."

Pride is saying "no thank you" to mashed potatoes and being told that at camp everyone eats at least three bites of everything.

"Pride is entering the lodge and immediately feeling the warmth, the love, the caring . . ."

I had the rare opportunity this past summer to return to my childhood, to "play" camper for a day at our Gamma Phi Beta Children's Camp in Sechelt, British Columbia. I came home with an enormous sense of pride in and great enthusiasm for Gamma Phi Beta Foundation's camping program.

I met Sharon Green, Foundation Camping Program Chairman, in Denver and flew with her to Vancouver. There, with much excitement and anticipation we boarded a bus, just like our campers, for the trip to camp.

Located about two hours northwest of Vancouver, our camp is surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery in the Pacific Northwest. Its waterfront setting on the Strait of Georgia with the mountains of Vancouver Island in the background is spectacular.

"Pride is seeing in use the labors of love of so many Gamma Phi Betas . . ."

Pride is entering the lodge and immediately feeling the warmth, the love, the caring that our Gamma Phi counselors share with approximately 140 "special" girls each summer. These counselors are indeed special themselves. They know what loyalty, dedication and hard work are all about. Except for the Director and Assistant Direc-

tor, they are volunteers, giving of themselves to OUR camp and OUR international philanthropy.

That night I fell asleep listening to the water beat against the shore—along with a giggle or two from campers and counselors.

The next morning breakfast was served on the beach. While cooking biscuits on a stick over the campfire, I met our "special" girls. They come from a variety of backgrounds and situations—many are required to act far beyond their years. There in the beauty of the out-of-doors 8, 9 and 10 year olds have the opportunity to be "kids" while learning cooperation, unity and consideration for others. The atmosphere was easygoing and relaxed, which this camper thoroughly enjoyed.

"Pride is meeting the Vancouver Camp Board, another group of Gamma Phi Bets who know the meaning of loyalty, dedication and hard work."

Pride is seeing in use the labors of love of so many Gamma Phi Betas: the colorful afghans which covered each bed, the Gamma Phi T-shirts each camper wore, the puppets hanging on the wall in the lodge, the stuffed animals and toys which are given each camper during "Christmas in July."

Pride is watching the faces of the campers light up when addressed as "ladies;" pride is knowing how proud two former Gamma Phi campers were to return as kitchen helpers and to now be a part of Gamma Phi Beta; pride is seeing the counselors give each camper that extra bit of attention that is often lacking at home.

Pride is meeting the Vancouver Camp Board, another group of Gamma Phi Betas who know the meaning of loyalty, dedication and



Karen Wander Kline
Grand President

hard work. Our thanks goes to these dynamic, warm, conscientious, devoted ladies. They, too, are volunteers—year round volunteers—who make all the arrangements and preparations to assure a smoothly run, efficient camp, year after year after year. They need our support, our monetary support as well as our gifts.

"Pride is OUR Gamma Phi Beta Children's Camp."

And, pride is having a former Gamma Phi camper call 20 years later to ask if her daughter could also attend our camp.

Like so many of you, memories of my childhood are filled with camp experiences. Now I have new memories—memories as a slightly older camper, which I will cherish always.

What is pride? Pride is OUR Gamma Phi Beta Children's Camp.

Gamma Phi Beta—more than a sorority, an opportunity for service to others. Support OUR camp!

Sun, Fun at Camp Sechelt



1. The 1979 Camp Sechelt staff members are: (1st row, l to r) Shellie King (Oregon), Eileen Licitri (Kent St.), Mary Wynne (California) and Kim Kempf (Nebraska); (2nd row, l to r), Judi LaFontaine (Mankato St.), Waterfront Director Kim Sherrell (Oregon St.) and Wendy Kitzerow (Colorado). Not pictured is Director Jennie Curtis (N. Arizona).

2. A young camper shows off her water gear.

3. Three of Camp Sechelt's campers find a good place to pause between activities.



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4. Innertubes and other recreational water toys offer many moments of fun in the water for the campers.

5. A bright and colorful sign nestled in the trees welcomes newcomers to Camp Sechelt.

6. Blue skies, green trees, fresh air and comfortable accommodations make the camp a welcome respite.



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Camp Forms Bond

By Anita Peterson
(N. Dakota)

Paint a picture in your mind. Color it with friendship, growth and frustrating, heart warming and comical experiences. Place women of different backgrounds and talents in your picture and keep in mind that they do share a very important bond.

Give them a position that demands long hours with no monetary gain. Yet, when you ask them, they will tell you that they are all richer for the experience. This would be a sketch of the Gamma Phi Beta Children's Camp in West Sechelt, British Columbia and the life of a camp counselor.

Camp Director Jennie Curtis has worked in the camping program in various capacities the past few years and also serves as International Parliamentarian. A newcomer to the camp and the 1979 Waterfront Director was Kim Sherrell of Hemiston, Oregon. She said, "There were plenty of ups and downs as a counselor, but the ups definitely outweigh the downs." Counselors were Kimberly Kempf (Nebraska), Shellie King (Oregon), Wendy Kitzerow (Colorado), Judi LaFontaine (Mankato), Eileen Licitri (Kent St.) and Mary Wynne (California). Excerpts from their letters are included in this article.

"We have shared so many thoughts and planned so many activities, I can see how well we function together as a team. Working together 24 hours a day for two months has a way of binding people to each other."



Camp Sechelt Counselor Kim Kempf (Nebraska) hugs two campers on the beach.

The 1979 staff supported each other with friendly ears and smiles. Collegiate and alumnae chapters can give the counseling staff a big boost, too. A package of baked goodies, cards and letters of encouragement or a unique and creative way to say, "Thank you for the time and love you're giving to Gamma Phi Beta," would brighten any day.

"What about the campers? How can I bring sunshine and happiness into the hearts of these little ladies? All I do is share. I share the opportunity to play, be creative, enjoy nature and find pleasure in the simple things."

At the Gamma Phi Beta Children's Camp, time and the order of things can be changed to suit your pleasure. Counselors and campers experienced Christmas in July with a surprise visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and a sleigh full of gifts. The Easter Beagle put in an appearance and there was a birthday celebration on the Fourth of July.

Skills in the various aspects of camping are useful in serving as a counselor but the skills that are most important seem to be organizational ability, an understanding

ear, good communication skills and an enthusiastic attitude. When talking with a counselor you will hear words like patience, strength, leadership, persistence and sincerity.

"Camp is a constant testing ground for a counselor. I have learned a great deal about my level of proficiency in areas of leadership, education and communication. The resources of the other counselors, the campers, books and the environment have given me so much knowledge. I have grown."

Take a moment to look at yourself. Do you see qualities in yourself you could give to Gamma Phi Beta and a special girl? Do you see yourself a part of the camping team because of your education, hobbies, talents or areas of expertise? Please give serious consideration to utilizing your strong points for the camping program. It will benefit you, Gamma Phi Beta and many young ladies.

"I am proud to be a Gamma Phi Beta. I feel a part of the international sisterhood. I would recommend the camping opportunity to any Gamma Phi who is concerned about young women. Your rewards are lasting."

Gamma Phi Beta . . . more than a sorority . . . an opportunity.

Camp Staff Needed

Further information and applications for camp staff positions may be obtained by writing Mrs. W. B. Gayle, 1351 Chartwell Dr., West Vancouver, B.C. V7S 2R4. Camp dates are approximately June 24 to August 14, 1980.

Gift List

To save postage, you may send money to the gift chairman and she will purchase needed items on your behalf.

- Autograph books
- Puppets
- Bandanas
- T-shirts (children's sizes 9-14), may be Gamma Phi Beta decorated)
- Toothpaste, deodorant
- Combs, both wide tooth and regular
- Brushes, barrettes and hair ribbons
- Cosmetics and perfume
- Jewelry
- Puzzles and games
- Stuffed or yarn animals
- Playing cards
- Inflatable boats or rafts
- 18"x18" clothes bags
- Camera and film for the camp

If possible, please send gifts in lots of 36, so there will be an item for each camper in a session.

Mail gifts to:
Mrs. J. K. Gardiner
885 Eyremount
West Vancouver, B.C. V7S 2B2
Canada

IMPORTANT:
Gifts must carry Tariff #09000-1. Mark package, "Gift, No Commercial Value."

Camp Experience Leads to Career Post

By Margy Molden Wiltamuth
Feature Editor

Proof of the statement "Gamma Phi Beta . . . more than a sorority . . . an opportunity," is Judy Graham (Oklahoma). The opportunity in Judy's case was Gamma Phi's camping program, a big stepping stone in Judy's career.

In 1974 Judy was a counselor at Camp Sechelt. She was back the next year as assistant director and then served as director for two years. She is currently International Philanthropy Chairman.

"Even before I landed my present job, this experience helped me get accepted into my masters program without the usually required full time work experience," said Judy.

Judy is supervisory counselor for the Dallas Salesmanship Club Youth Camps program. The program has two camps, one for boys and one for girls. It is a year round program for emotionally disturbed youth ages eight to 14. The camps are funded through the Byron Nelson Golf Classic, a Dallas Cowboys exhibition game and the Mary Kay Women's Golf Classic.

In addition to the camp staff, family therapists in the Dallas office work with the families before, during and after their child's placement in the camp. The campers stay an average 10 to 15 months, during which time they live in groups of 10 with two counselors. Judy's responsibility is to



Judy Graham
(Oklahoma)

train and supervise these counselors and help develop and implement the individual and group treatment plans of the campers.

"My job requires a lot of skills never taught in graduate school," said Judy, who holds an M.A. in social welfare from the University of Kansas. "One must be able to keep cool while a camper teaches her how to skin a snake or maintain the stamina to stay awake throughout the night with a suicidal child. Those are the times I can dip into the reserves for some of the things I learned in Gamma Phi Beta."

"I have a deeper and more personal understanding of the group experience from my years living in the sorority house. The experience at our Gamma Phi Beta camp has given me an invaluable head start in my present position, as well as having a great deal to do with my being hired for this position," said Judy.

Camp Slides and Brochures Available

For further information and a brochure about the Adopt A Camp/Adopt A Camper/Adopt A Counselor program, please write Mrs. David H. Green, 1090 Vail View Dr. #3, Vail, CO 81657.

Camp slides are available for chapter development programs or rush parties. Please write Mrs. Jack Wilson, 3015 Brenner Pl., Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

Pledging After College

**By Mel Eaton Matuszak
AAVP—Alumnae Initiates**

"I like people and I like what Gamma Phi Beta can do for a woman. I like the fact that I can make a positive contribution to that development," said Boots Best (Memphis St.).

Boots loves the opportunity to talk about her favorite activity, Gamma Phi Beta. "It has been bigger than a sisterhood to me. It is a lifetime commitment," she said. "I really gain more than I give."

Because of her 20 years of outstanding and enthusiastic service, Boots was named to the Gamma Phi Beta Merit Roll in 1978 and, in 1979, received the Pi Beta Phi award for Panhellenic service at Memphis State. Gamma Alpha Chapter surprised her

last fall with a dinner party, complete with flowers, gifts and songs about her. Her kind of dedication is not that unusual, but it is unique because Boots became a Gamma Phi after college. She is an alumna initiate.

Boots felt she had missed many experiences and opportunities by not joining a sorority. When Gamma Alpha was chartered at Memphis State she was delighted to be offered the opportunity to become a member. "I felt my experience would help me to help other rushees," she said. "I decided to give it my all."

More and more alumnae chapters are becoming aware of the alumnae initiates program and its benefits. Last year 13 alumnae chapters gained new members who have become a vital part of our Sorority growth.

Their contributions are immeasurable. To alumnae chapters sponsoring collegiate chapters, alumnae initiates are "a cementing factor," "a fresh new breath" and "most welcome additions."

When Beta Upsilon Chapter was chartered in 1957 at the University of Kansas, only nine women belonged to the alumnae chapter. Today, the group numbers 37 and almost one-half are alumnae initiates.

The Stillwater, Okla. Alumnae Chapter gained six members last spring and seven more in the fall. Because of the number of alumna initiate pledges, a "big sister" program was used to make the women an integral part from the beginning.

Susan Jackson is an alumna initiate who has been active in the Arlington Tex. Alumnae Chapter since 1973. She has served in many capacities, including rush advisor to Delta Epsilon Chapter and as Panhellenic president. During her year at the helm of the 17-member group, she had to move away from Arlington. She continued as president, commuting one and one-half hours each trip.

Where do you find alumnae initiates? Wherever there are Gamma Phis. Alumnae initiates are often friends of alumnae, mothers of Gamma Phi Betas, university personnel, community leaders and alumnae of local sororities which have become Gamma Phi Beta colonies. They welcome new challenges and friendships, they seek new avenues for growth, they like to keep in touch with today's youth and they enjoy involvement in worthwhile projects.

If your alumnae chapter has been thinking about inviting alumnae initiates into membership, the procedure is relatively simple.

1. Discuss names of alumnae initiate candidates in your area.



Boots Best (Memphis St.) and Gamma Alpha collegians view the punchbowl which is presented each year in Boots' honor to the chapter member who has contributed the most to Gamma Phi Beta.



Stillwater, Okla. 1979 alumnae initiates are (l to r) Scarlett Hall, Dorothy Blackwell, Vivian Lippert Laird, Melba Spurrier, Rheta Grisham and Sharon Fisher.

2. Entertain them at one of your functions. This can be a meeting, a coffee, a couples party or an alumnae-collegiate function.

3. Ask approval from the alumnae and collegiate chapters to pledge the women.

4. Request that these final candidates join our Sorority. Discuss with them both the benefits and expectations of the Sorority.

5. Submit applications to the Assistant to Alumnae Vice President—Alumnae Initiates.

The pledges then participate in a brief, comprehensive training program of six sessions. Material will be sent to a designated pledge director and includes facts about our history, traditions and organization. At the final session an open book test is given and badge orders and membership fees collected. The candidates are then ready to be initiated.

It's a worthwhile, rewarding program your group may want to take part in this year. Remember, the steps are easy. Look at the first letters; they spell out DEARS—and that's exactly what alumnae initiates are.



Stillwater Alumnae Chapter President Gladys Heath (Oklahoma St.) (left) visits with JoAnn Seamans (Oklahoma St.), a 1979 alumna initiate.

'80 Convention, A Mile High



For unsurpassed scenery, a trip to Estes Park, Rocky Mountain National Park and back to Denver via Berthoud Pass is a must. The trip is 215 miles and crosses the Continental Divide. An 11-mile stretch of road above timberline (11,000 ft.) and this view of Nymph Lake are included in the post Convention tour being planned.

Molly Brown invites all Gamma Phis to Colorado's "Mile High City." A special Western welcome is extended by Cathy Guthrie Lindauer (Iowa St.), 1980 Convention Chairman, on behalf of all Gamma Phis in the Rocky Mountain area.

Before moving to Denver in 1970, Cathy and her family lived 22 years in Portland where Cathy was alumnae chapter President and Vice President, President of the Chi House Corporation Board and Area Recommendations Chairman. She was President of the Portland Junior Womens Club and served as State Convention Chairman. In Oregon she was chapter President of the American Field Service and in Colorado was Homes Selection Committee Chairman. Cathy has been Denver Alumnae Chapter President and Treasurer, Camp Board Treasurer and Chapter

Development Advisor for Theta Chapter.

Cathy and the Rocky Mountain Gamma Phis will be waiting for you when the "Gateway to the Rockies" swings open on June 12, 1980. We hope many of you will remain after Convention ends on June 17 to see the sights of Denver and enjoy more of the Rocky Mountain West. Also, there are many nearby sights for your family to see while you attend Convention.

A few miles west of Denver you can see panoramic views of Denver from atop Lookout Mountain and visit Buffalo Bill's grave and museum. Nearby is the Red Rocks natural 10,000 seat amphitheater.

Denver is the gateway for a number of one-day trips into a beautiful vacationland. A trip to the U.S. Air Force Academy located between Denver

and Colorado Springs leaves plenty of time to travel to the summit of Pikes Peak and to see the Garden of the Gods.

Central City, where gold was first discovered in Colorado, and a trip to Mount Evans (14,260 ft.) on the world's highest auto highway is another suggested tour. Historic Central City was once known as the "richest square mile on earth." Each summer the old opera house comes to life for a season of opera featuring internationally known artists.

Camping is a way of life in Colorado, whether tenting, backpacking or in a motor home. Chatfield, Cherry Creek and Golden Gate State Parks are in or close by Denver. Several other state parks are just a few hours drive away.



(l to r) Barbara Stacy Gray (Denver), Convention Assistant Treasurer Joy Jordan Craven (Denver), Ruth Haberl Steinmetz (Denver) and Louise Stegner Steinmetz (Denver) take time out from Convention planning to meet the "Unsinkable Molly Brown."



Rebecca Syverson Young (Denver) and Ann Mitchell Kasper (Bradley) at the Flying W Ranch, where conventioners will have a chuckwagon supper and see a Western show on play day.



Convention Awards Chairman Marie Friedemann (Denver) (left) and Convention Printing Chairman Jean Scheidt Brian (Bradley) visit on the steps of the Colorado State Capitol Building, exactly one mile above sea level.



Cathy Guthrie Lindauer (Iowa St.) is 1980 Denver Convention Chairman.

Gamma Phi Beta Is

By Phyllis Donaldson Choat
Alumnae Chapter Development
Chairman

and
Sally Erikson Lewis
Public Relations Chairman

Have you ever said, "I was a Gamma Phi Beta?" Well, you still ARE a Gamma Phi Beta. Gamma Phi Beta is a lifetime commitment—and a lifetime opportunity.

Today, a Gamma Phi Beta alumna is an involved, busy, multi-interest woman. She may be a doctor, a housewife, a flight attendant, an author, a teacher, an engineer, a secretary, a scientist, an artist, a volunteer. She is involved with her family, her community, her alma mater, her career—and her Sorority, Gamma Phi Beta.

An involved alumna, whether or not she is located where there is an alumnae group, thinks and talks Gamma Phi Beta. She is proud of her Sorority and what it is doing. She is informed about Sorority activities; she reads each issue of *The Crescent*; she promotes Gamma Phi Beta among her friends and in her community. She is a public relations agent.

An involved and loyal alumna is also a good representative of the entire Greek system. She is abreast of current campus trends and speaks well of all sororities and fraternities. She is ready to answer any and all questions about the Greek system.

An involved and supportive alumna provides recommendations. By being aware of prospective members in her family and community and recommending them to collegiate chapters, she ensures that Gamma Phi Beta will continue to grow.

An involved and interested alumna maintains her collegiate friendships through round robins, annual newsletters or, better yet, reunions. She also keeps her mailing address current in Central Office. She knows misdirected mail costs money.

An involved and caring alumna pays her alumnae taxes annually and supports the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.

Where possible, involved alumnae support alumnae chapters or crescent circles and collegiate chapters. These groups provide opportunities for all of us to grow and develop as individuals and to cherish and expand our bonds of sisterhood.

An alumnae group provides the opportunity for alumnae to gain leadership skills as chapter officers and collegiate advisors. It provides opportunities for service through philanthropic projects, for continuing education and social enrichment through programming and for friendships with women of all ages, interests and backgrounds.

An involved and growing alumnae chapter contacts every member in the

Alumna Trumps In

By Margy Molden Wiltamuth
Feature Editor

Many Gamma Phi Betas are real hidden jewels, perhaps just waiting for a nudge to become a real asset to our Sorority.

Witness the story of Joan Hogan Laney (McGill). For nearly 20 years, Joan had no contact with Gamma Phi Beta. She had been Panhellenic Representative in her senior year at McGill and then earned an M.A. at the University of Tulsa. She and her physicist husband reared four children and Joan taught high school chemistry.

Five years ago, the family moved to Albuquerque, N.M. where Joan became a million-dollar real estate salesman. Last year she sold more than \$3 million in real estate and was sales manager and associate broker of her firm. She was recently designated a Certified Residential Specialist.

Soon after moving to Albuquerque, Joan went to a neighborhood bridge party, where she heard one player talking about her sorority's plans for a trip the next day. "I asked which sorority," said Joan. "She said Gamma Phi and when she learned that I, too, am a Gamma Phi she insisted that I go."

Joan is still going. That spring she was elected President of the Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter and went to the Seattle Convention. There she



Joan Hogan Laney
Province Alumnae Director XI

met International Public Relations Chairman Sally Lewis, who persuaded Joan to be Public Relations Chairman for Province XI. In 1977 she became Province Alumnae Director for Province XI.

"Becoming an active, involved Gamma Phi again has been a rewarding, enriching experience for me. I am active with the Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter and make crafts for our Christmas stockings for the children at the speech and hearing center," said Joan.

It's never too late to renew the ties with our Sorority. Gamma Phi Beta and Joan would have missed so much in mutual enrichment had it not been for that chance meeting over the bridge table.

Present Tense

area at least once a year. An involved and growing alumnae chapter contacts collegiate chapters in its province for the names and addresses of seniors who may be moving to its city—and then welcomes them when they've arrived. It formally initiates graduating seniors as alumnae and plans special activities just for them.

An involved alumnae chapter supports the TranSISter program, a unique service in the Greek world. Even where there is no alumnae group, "TranSISter make transitions happy" for members new to a community. These sisters, in turn, become involved, enthusiastic members.

An involved and friendly alumnae chapter invites new members to its meetings—the hospitality committee provides the transportation. How much nicer it is to attend your first alumnae meeting with a sister rather than alone. An involved and vital alumnae chapter promotes a warm and friendly atmosphere and is for all Gamma Phi Beta alumnae regardless of where they went to school.

An involved and caring alumnae chapter supports the camping and financial aid programs of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.

Become an involved alumna. Check the fall issue of *The Crescent* for the name of your local alumnae president or crescent circle chairman and give her a call. No alumnae group in your area? Start one! It only takes six members to form a crescent circle and 12 to organize an alumnae chapter—or volunteer to be a TranSISter.

You ARE a Gamma Phi Beta—today, tomorrow, forever. Honor your lifetime commitment—and take advantage of your lifetime opportunity.

Check the Fall, 1979 issue of *The Crescent* for the name of your local alumnae president or crescent circle chairman.



Members of the 1965 Pi Chapter Pledge Class who attended the reunion are (1st row, l to r) Jacki Glascock, Mary Parilek Roberts, Cheryl Tritt, Sara Brandt Walters, Sue Rusmisell Johansen and Nesha Neumeister Schumann; (2nd row, l to r) Phyllis Donaldson Choat, Trish Sultzbaugh Kenagy, Linda Bricker Liebendorfer, Linda Irving Felber, Janet Wagner Weerts and Joan Wagoner Stofferson; (3rd row, l to r) Sharon Nutz Todd, Jean Besom Schwartz, Karen Doherty Seeger, Linda Parker Clabaugh, Linda Jensen Starrett, Barb O'Neal Sutter, Jackie Krause Ossian and Diane Messineo Guthery.

Don't Wait to Reunite

"We may be getting better, but we are getting older," wrote Nesha Neumeister Schumann when she invited the Pi Chapter class of 1969 to a ten year reunion.

Twenty graduates returned to Lincoln to reminisce and catch up on news of their sisters. Diane Messineo Guthery opened the chapter house so returning alumnae could view the redecorated living room, search out former rooms and relive a few moments from their college days.

That evening, Gamma Phis and their husbands met for dinner and wrote greetings to Mother Yoes, housemother at the time the class was in school. Letters were shared from alumnae unable to attend. Those at-

tending wrote short paragraphs about themselves which Phyllis Donaldson Choat compiled into a newsletter to be sent to all class members.

Even the husbands enjoyed the opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones. One husband said, "It was nice to see the faces that go with the names I've heard about for so long."

From all accounts the reunion was a success. Statements such as "Why did we wait so long?" and "Let's do this again" were heard throughout the evening. Even if it means being older, the Pi Chapter class of 1969 is already looking forward to its next reunion.



These enthusiastic 1979-80 Collegiate Consultants are (l to r) Cindy Partain (Bowling Green), Marcia Major (Texas), Marni Shoner (N. Arizona) and Karma Burford (Iowa).

A Knock on the Door

By Colleen Sweeney
(Washington St.)

An opportunity to be involved in Gamma Phi Beta is knocking at your door if you are a recent graduate or will graduate during the 1979-80 academic year. You have the opportunity to become a Collegiate Consultant, traveling in the United States and Canada, spreading your love and enthusiasm for our Sorority.

Each year four Collegiate Consultants are selected to represent Gamma Phi Beta. A Collegiate Consultant is responsible for the training and development of officers and for bringing each chapter she visits new ideas to improve and enrich chapter planning and programming. She serves as an expert on Gamma Phi Beta policy and works directly with Grand Council and all international officers in building membership and strengthening the quality of our organization.

A Collegiate Consultant is a Gamma Phi Beta model and upholds the ideals of the Sorority. She greets each chapter she visits with enthusiasm. Her most important asset is the love she sheds on every sister and Panhellenic friend she touches during her travels. She is the greatest public relations tool we have because she covers more ground in one year than most people do in a lifetime.

The experience will aid you in developing your personal skills and talents, your capacity to counsel, train and develop leaders and allow you to meet the challenge of working side by side with hundreds of intelligent, interesting women.

If this experience sounds like it might be for you, write Central Office today for more information on this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Visions of Peanuts and Olives

By Charlotte Hamilton Mason
International Historian

We hear Gamma Phis say Alpha Chapter has a tradition of "peanuts and olives;" that even today, peanuts and olives are served at informal affairs at the chapter house. Occasionally, an old, old song is heard telling us that these two snacks and Gamma Phi Beta belong together.

And, tradition it is, for none of the older members of Alpha Chapter know how it all began. It may be that the first peanuts and olives feast was one of those accidental things, when the cupboard was bare, and peanuts and olives were all that could be found to offer to new pledges. Whether or not that is true, by 1895 the feast after pledging at Alpha and the other young chapters was peanuts in the shell and olives. Members and pledges sang the "Peanut and Olive Song" with great enthusiasm.

Dating the song's first appearance

can be narrowed down to Fall, 1894 or early 1895, because the refrain says: "In Gamma Phi Beta from Alpha to Eta" Eta was installed in April 1894, and by 1896, when the second song book was published, "The Peanut and Olive Song" was included. It was written by Bessie M. Cowles, Alpha '95, using a tune from "Patience" by Gilbert and Sullivan.

1. Give me the place so dear, where I can find good cheer, Where peanuts delectable, always respectable, comfort me all the year. With peanuts I'm done . . . if olives there are none. For they're so superior, never inferior, add very much to the fun.

Refrain:

- Then come my sisters true, and crack your peanuts, do; For in Gamma Phi Beta, from Alpha to Eta We eat peanuts and olives too.
2. Now when you think you're blue, that no one cares for you, Just come to our table and there you'll be able to find comforts and

peanuts, too. When college days are past, and joys are fleeting fast, I'll ever remember from June to September that olives and peanuts last.

One can spend a pleasant afternoon looking through that 1896 song book. How many of us stop to think . . . or ever knew . . . that some of the songs we sing on special occasions come from that very early period, or even were sung while our Founders were still at Syracuse University?

A few of these songs are "The Blessing," by Charles M. Moss, who married Frances E. Haven; "Fidelity," by Sarah E. Veeder, Alpha '96; "Greet We Each Other," by Helen M. Dodge, Alpha '76; "Amicae" ("Our Strong Band"), by Nettie Daniels, Beta '86 and Honta Smalley, Beta '88, our third Grand President; and "A Cheer for Gamma Phi Beta" ("In Fair or Cloudy Weather"), by Charlotte M. Yocum, Zeta '96.



Alpha Epsilon collegians present bicycles to their new houseparents, Josephine and Jack Vest, at a "wedding reception" complete with a 12-pound cake.

"130 Is Enough"

AE Outdoes TV Family

By Margy Molden Wiltamuth
Feature Editor

Most men would run in terror if a bride-to-be revealed she had 130 daughters. Not so Jack Vest, who courted and won the former Josephine Borchert, housemother of Alpha Epsilon Chapter at the University of Arizona.

After dating her under the protective eyes of the 57 residents of the house, and 60 other members and pledges, Jack seems to have won them all. The collegians were calling him "Dad" even before he married their

"Mom." They found it was nice to have a man around the house; it gave them a sense of security.

Josephine advised the House Corporation Board of what was in the wind. Not wanting to lose a housemother the collegians truly adored, the Board urged her to move him into the housemother's apartment. That's just what they did, making them the first houseparents on the Arizona campus.

Though it was the new Mrs. Vest's first year on campus, she'd quickly become accepted and loved by the Gamma Phis. "Mom's just like one of

the collegians," said Julie Richie. "She does everything we do; goes to all our parties. If we disco dance, she disco dances. She even sunbathes with us."

Jack is in for a lot of new experiences, having had only two sons. He says he feels he has 130 beautiful daughters, but is confident he got the "prettiest of them all."

Shortly after the wedding, the Gamma Phis threw a surprise party for their houseparents, complete with a 12-pound cake and his and her bicycles.

Appointments

Natalie Meyer McKenzie (Northwestern) had edited *The Crescent Communique* since 1976.

A member of the Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter, Talie has held every chapter office and was named the chapter's "Sterling Girl" two years ago. She was named to the Sorority's Merit Roll in 1976.

With bachelors and masters degrees in journalism, Talie was a news editor for a local publication after graduation. Currently, she is part-time secretary at the National Macaroni Manufacturers Association. Talie also works part-time as a secretary at the Palatine, Ill. Plan Commission and as an English lay reader in a local high school.

Husband George is an insurance account executive and they are the parents of four children. Talie serves as the regional screening chairman for the American Field Service and is the soprano soloist for her church. She enjoys tennis, needlepoint, handcrafts, cooking, bridge, reading and music.

Jonette Crowley (Colorado) is the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and in charge of our Central Office staff in Englewood, Colo. She previously served as Chapter Development Chairman—Programs and as Graduate Counselor for Alpha Delta Chapter at the University of Missouri.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate in environmental conservation, Jonette served Beta Rho Chapter as Social Chairman. She was also chairman for the university's "C. U. Days."

While at Missouri, Jonette was a member of the Student Senate and served as treasurer of the Graduate Business Students Association. She received an M.B.A. in 1978 and was employed for one year as a management consultant with Arthur Andersen in Denver.

Summer 1976, Jonette was a Congressional intern in Washington, D.C. She spent the next summer as a hospital administrative intern and wrote a manual on the new concept of "wholistic health" and "wellness."

A native of Denver, Jonette enjoys the mountains and is a skier, hiker and camper. She is interested in politics and has worked on local campaigns.

Jonette's duties include serving as a member of the Sorority's seven-member Grand Council, as business manager of the *Crescent*, as a member of the Budget Committee, as a director of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation and as a member of the Endowment Loan Board.

Mary Ellen Wisniewski Hern (Syracuse) has been appointed Alumnae Editor of the *Crescent*.

As an undergraduate, Mary Ellen was Panhellenic delegate and Scholarship Chairman. She was the assistant chairman of Alpha Chapter's Muscular Dystrophy Dance Marathon. She received Alpha Chapter's award for service to the Sorority and the university.

Mary Ellen has a B.S. in magazine journalism and fine arts and has done advanced study in art history and graphic arts at New York University. She attended the Syracuse London Centre for one term as an undergraduate.

An editorial assistant for *Art In America* magazine, she also does free lance writing for several small New York state newspapers. Mary Ellen has had extensive writing and editing experience and has been an editorial assistant for the Syracuse student newspaper, an editorial intern for a religious weekly, public relations coordinator for the Syracuse Chapel Choir's first European concert tour and an intern for a local savings and loan association in Rochester, N.Y.

A member of Who's Who and Sigma Delta Chi, Society of Professional Journalists, Mary Ellen is a new bride residing in Brooklyn, N.Y. Her husband, Damon, is production manager for a printing company.



Natalie Meyer McKenzie
(Northwestern)



Mary Ellen Wisniewski Hern
(Syracuse)



Jonette Crowley
(Colorado)

In Memoriam

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Glenda Jane Taylor

Mary Carson Griff, Beta Alpha Chapter, was listed in the In Memoriam column of the fall 1979 *Crescent*. This was in error and we apologize to you, Mary, and to all your friends for any suffering we have caused.

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority is urging its members to make memorial gifts to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation in memory of a lost "sister" or other loved one. Contributions, which are U.S.A. tax deductible, will be used to support the Sorority's philanthropies—camping for special children and financial aid to women students. The latter takes the form of scholarships, fellowships and grants-in-aid.

Members of the remembered one's family will be notified of your gift with a special card mailed from Central Office. Contributions should be made payable to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation, 7503 Marin Drive, Englewood, CO 80111, and designated as a memorial to (John Doe) on the face of the check.

Help deserving young women while remembering someone you loved.

Beverly Cummings Adams
Executive Vice President
Gamma Phi Beta Foundation

Boutique Item Approval Needed

All alumnae and collegiate chapters desiring space in the 1980 Convention Boutique must have merchandise approved by April 1, 1980, by the *Crescent* Alumnae Editor, Mary Ellen Wisniewski Hern, 246 7th Ave. #5, Brooklyn, NY 11215.

Please submit a description of the item, the price of the item and a sample, photo or detailed drawing. Be sure to allow for a 15 percent commission when pricing your merchandise. There is also a \$10.00 entry fee for each chapter participating.

After approval is received, please send the entry fee to the Boutique treasurer, Mrs. Douglas Doane, 820 Detroit St., Denver, CO 80206. Entry fee deadline is May 1, 1980. You will receive more detailed information after your item is approved.

Merchandise may be either mailed or hand carried to Convention. All merchandise will be sold on a cash and carry basis. Each chapter will be responsible for collecting unsold items at the end of Convention. All displays will be done by the Boutique

Committee.

Make a creation, big or small, cookbook to keychain. Some items requested but not available at the 1978 Boutique were Gamma Phi stationery, postcards, playing cards and gifts to take home to husbands and children. Get your money making ideas in early, so your chapter can participate for fun and profit.

Jane Larson Long (Miami)
Boutique Chairman

YES YOU CAN!

By Phyllis Donaldson Choat
and Linda Daniel Johson
Chapter Development Chairmen

Sweaty palms . . . blushing . . .
loss of eye contact . . . feeling ineffective . . .

You may have experienced these things during rush, when asked to present a skit or speak before the chapter. On these occasions you were out of your "comfort zone." Each of us creates a comfort zone based on self-image and how we perceive the world around us. When out of our comfort zone, we experience tension, manifested by one of the above signals.

What are your typical reactions when faced with a new challenge, a new group of people or an unfamiliar environment? One way is to get back to your old comfort zone, either physically or psychologically. Many a college freshman away from home the first time finds herself out of her comfort zone. She knows no one; nothing looks familiar; she feels alone.

She may react by dropping out and returning home. Or she may recreate a little of her old comfort zone by decorating her room with pictures of family and friends, a favorite stuffed animal or high school memento. The third reaction is to move beyond your self-imposed limitations of self and reality and use the situation as an opportunity for growth.

Sorority experiences offer opportunities to expand your comfort zone and grow. Holding a chapter office, presenting a program, organizing a social event, directing a service project or participating in rush all offer opportunities for growth experiences.

You can improve your conversation and communications skills or learn to motivate and lead others. It's easy to gain self-confidence as a member of a chapter that accepts, encourages and supports each member to become the best person she can be. It's super to know that if we make

mistakes our sisters will stand beside us and encourage us to try again. These experiences in the chapter will enable you to handle new situations in other organizations, your career and in your community.

Socially, Gamma Phi Betas have the opportunity of a special comfort zone in which Gamma Phis of all ages and backgrounds find a sincere welcome. Meeting new people, exploring new interests or even finding a new job is easier with help from a sister. Feeling at home is easy in a group in which everyone shares common ideals and experiences. For a Gamma Phi on the move, the TranSISter puts her in touch with a wealth of information and new friends.

Gamma Phi Beta has so much to offer: friendships around the world and opportunities for social development.

The opportunities are ours.

We don't grow old; we become old not growing.

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Alumnae Chapter Letters

Albuquerque

We are represented in local Panhellenic and several of our members assisted with rush week at the University of New Mexico. A summer swimming party gave our members a chance to meet with local Gamma Phi Beta collegians and prospective rushees from our area.

Our main philanthropic interest is the Albuquerque Hearing and Speech Center, where Marian Weber Holpp (Denver) serves as director. Our special interest is the center's preschool program, where several of our members volunteer time regularly. We also contribute to the Gamma Phi Beta Camp Fund.

A delightful July social event was held at the home of Joan Hogan Laney (McGill) where members and their husbands spent an evening swimming and enjoying a Mexican buffet.

We are especially proud of Virginia Fellows Higgins (Lake Forest), who was recently recognized by Gov. Jerry Appodaca for her volunteer work at the Albuquerque Hearing and Speech Center and JoAnne Anderson Abbott (N. Dakota St.), who recently completed a term as president of the center's board of directors. *Gertrude Magee Grenko (Oklahoma)*

Ames

Last fall, the Ames alumnae began the year with our annual picnic to meet our new Omega Chapter pledges. In November we celebrated Founders Day with Omega Chapter at the chapter house.

Our money making project, "A Box Social," was held in February. In April we worked with Omega Chapter to make tote bags for Camp Sechelt. Our last meeting, a pot luck, honored Omega Chapter seniors. *Janice Samuelson*

Balboa Harbor

We held our fifth annual Gamma Phi Superman Party in June. This is our traditional summer party where husbands and friends have a chance to show off their athletic abilities.

There was something for everyone: horseshoe toss, football throw, darts, baseball batting, basketball throw, golf driving and team volleyball. After the men competed and the women kept score, everyone enjoyed a steak dinner. Each winner received a Superman shirt and will attend next year to defend his championship. *Mary Earl Spencer*

Birmingham, Ala.

A covered dish dinner in September started out our new year. At our October meeting, instructions for making Gamma Phi counted cross stitch medallions were given to members by Janet Walker, Wendy Gamble, Ginny Myer and Martha Hendrix. Jean Oliver, PAD VIII, was Founders Day speaker at a dinner at the home of Violet Mahaffey. Collegians and their mothers from Auburn University and Vanderbilt University were special guests at our Christmas party.

Our guest speaker in March was state campaign manager for George Bush. In May we held a party for members, husbands and escorts at an oriental restaurant.

Janet Walker, Janet Mahaffey, Janis Abernathy and Elise Berthon attended Area Leadership Conference and were pleased to be present for the pledging of Delta Omicron Colony. We presented each pledge with a counted cross stitch medallion.

We made a \$100 donation to the Camp Fund and look forward to being able to expand on our giving in future years.

New members are welcome. Please call Ida Jean Wilburn at 979-7008. *Elise Berthon (Birmingham-Southern)*

Birmingham, Mich.

In September, a quiche and salad luncheon was given by the officers at the home of Ginny Gould. Betty Finkbeiner was the hostess for our October craft auction. The Detroit alumnae joined us for our Founders Day celebration where Amanda Fortenbaugh received the Golden Crescent Award. We exchanged Christmas ornaments at our December meeting.

Our January meeting was at Betty Patterson's home, where we worked on needlepoint projects for the pledges at Michigan St. and Michigan. Carol Hollingshead hosted our February meeting, where we listened to a speaker from a local human services agency.

Our installation of officers was held in March at the home of Jean Schuler, where a variety of salads were enjoyed by all. An April couples evening included a potluck supper and a play. Spring activities wound up with a booth we sponsored at the Birmingham Village Fair and our annual spring luncheon, where we awarded prizes from our bridge tournament.

Please call Jane Peters at 649-5893 if you would like to join us. *Mary Helen Holmes*

Bloomington

The Bloomington Alumnae Chapter sponsors Beta Phi Chapter and many of our activities involve these collegians.

Our first meeting of the year was a potluck at which we were each given a silver dollar and instructed to make the dollar "grow at least ten fold" by May. We could bake or sew for others, babysit or sell our crafts to make money. A table at Bloomington's Holiday Bazaar gave our members an opportunity to sell their work.

We joined Beta Phi Chapter for dinner and ceremonies on Founders Day. In December, we exchanged small gifts and treated ourselves to lunch.

We helped the Beta Phis with formal rush in January and entertained the new pledges the next month. March brought our party for Beta Phi seniors and a luncheon in honor of Cyndy Meisner Howes, PAD IV.

A salad luncheon and meeting in May at the home of Joyce Grove concluded our year. We elected officers and collected our "ten fold silver dollars." We presented the Golden Crescent Award to Lila Argue. *Dorothy Adam*

Boise

More than 60 alumnae and collegians attended a picnic in August. In September we enjoyed a bring a salad and a friend luncheon.

Our evening Founders Day celebration was held at the home of Gayle Soderburg and in December we honored the collegians at a Christmas brunch at the home of June Smith.

Many members played bridge with the Panhellenic bridge group. Our two bowling teams won several trophies last season. *Shelley Brazier*

Boston

We gathered at the home of Dorothy Roberts Matheson (Boston) for our annual Christmas party. Husbands and friends joined us for a pot luck dinner and we sang Christmas carols.

January's meeting was at the home of Rachel Rice Cook (Vermont). A restaurateur prepared fresh shrimp, haddock and baked stuffed lobster which we tasted.

We will meet at a nursery in February to listen to an informative lecture on the propagation of plants. In March we will have a gourmet luncheon meeting at the home of Martha Hall Kozlowski (Boston). A program on oriental rugs will be presented in April and the year will close with our annual banquet in May.

New members are always welcome. Please call Mary Ault LaGatta at 729-5167. *Rachel Rice Cook (Vermont)*

Buffalo

Buffalo alumnae began the year with a luncheon and museum tour. Our craft sale was held in October. We obtained items on

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consignment from outstanding area craftsmen and it was a real success. Proceeds were donated to the Camp Fund and Girl Scout camp.

Dolls for Salvation Army gift distribution were dressed and collected at Founders Day in November. We attended a Buffalo Panhellenic dinner and in March, met for literary discussion of readings during the past year. In May we enjoyed a guided tour of many beautiful, old homes. *Anne Stellan Artz (Syracuse)*

Central Jersey

Our goals for the year were continued improvement of alumnae-collegiate relations, increased efficiency in our Corporation Board and reaching out to more alumnae in our area.

Many of our objectives were successful. Our fall newsletter invited everyone to a tea party at home. The tea bag dues notices yielded many members and several donations of money and supplies for the chapter house.

Programs at our monthly meetings ran the gamut from women's legal issues to decorating and sewing. Our snow cone booth raised nearly \$900 for a nearby hospital.

Social events included a Founders Day dinner, a holiday party and senior dinner to welcome another graduating class into our alumnae chapter.

To top off our year, the Central Jersey alumnae were honored at Province I Leadership Conference as the outstanding advisory board.

Please call Cathy Boudreaux Griffin at 799-3291 if you would like to join us.

Chicago

Since the Chicago Alumnae Chapter was reactivated nearly two years ago, we have maintained our characteristic informality while performing more traditional alumnae functions such as helping with rush and presenting a careers night program. We also entertained graduating seniors and raised money for the Camp Fund by holding a white elephant sale.

Our main focus is providing the opportunity to be with other alumnae by meeting for casual dinners at each other's homes. The hostess prepares dinner for which we all share the cost.

We greet new members nearly every month. If you would like to join us for a guaranteed good time, call Sally Lewis at 644-4116. *Missy Creevy (Kentucky)*

Chicago Northwest

The Chicago Northwest Suburban alumnae were busy "thinking green" during a record breaking winter, while planning for

our second annual bedding plant sale. We were proud to surpass last year's sales and were able to provide several camperships to local camps and a donation to the Camp Fund. When spring arrived, we enjoyed making tote bags for campers.

We ended our year learning more about our city's architecture through a slide presentation, entitled "Chicago, You're Beautiful."

Our plans for this year include a salad supper, Founders Day potluck dinner and our special Christmas Craft Boutique. *Audrey Nelson*

Cleveland East

In June, we had a collegiate-alumnae picnic which was well attended. As a result of this gathering, we were asked to help with rush favors for Beta Epsilon Chapter.

In July we had our yearly fund raising project, participation in the Geauga County Flea Market. We made \$95 by selling items donated by our members.

Our fall schedule included a September potluck supper, a seminar on wall decorating in October, Founders Day celebrated with the two other Cleveland alumnae groups and a Christmas pot luck and gift exchange. *Jeanette Print*

Cleveland West

In addition to monthly bridge gatherings, the Cleveland West alumnae enjoyed a salad luncheon and quilt exhibit in May. June was highlighted by a couples swimming party and dinner and, in July, we held luncheons for visiting Gamma Phi Betas, Anita Vieson and Nancy Arcara. Moms and children were included in an August swimming party and picnic at Clifton Beach.

Our fall schedule included a surprise luncheon for Jean Horn (Barnard) and a pot luck supper in September. Husbands and wives attended a bowling party in October. *Karen Bailey Cooper*

Corpus Christi

We in Corpus Christi had a great year. We have contributed to the Camp Fund for many years and have also provided funds for one campership each year for the Camp Fire Girls. With the help of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation, we last year sponsored a camper and a counselor in training. Our goal is to steadily increase our efforts in expanding our philanthropic project.

Our schedule for the year included a salad luncheon in September and a number of speakers who will discuss the Camp Fire Girls organization, its goals and needs. Sue Herzog Johnson PAD VII, was with us for



Nashville Alumnae Chapter President Lynn Ayres presents a 50-year pin to Vallie Millins.



Nancy Wagey Osborn (Nebraska) (left) and Joan Hanson Perry (Nebraska) wore the wedding dress modeled by a collegian at Lincoln Alumnae Chapter's "Weddings Through the Years."

Founders Day and December provided double fun: a shopping excursion to Nuevo Laredo and a Christmas party.

We are especially proud of Dorothy Bateman, who has headed up a project in which local Camp Fire Girls have acquired and restored an historical home in Corpus Christi. The home will be shown on tours and serve as the Camp Fire headquarters. *Dorothy Coffin*

Corvallis

President Jane Crider McHenry (Oregon St.) turned over the gavel to Joann Jans Kennedy (Maryland) at a dinner in February. Husbands and escorts joined us for the combined social meeting and installation of officers.

March offered an opportunity to get together at the annual Panhellenic luncheon where Kay Conrad (Idaho), associate director of admissions for Oregon St., was the speaker.

We are proud to announce the initiation



Golden Crescent Awards were presented to (seated, l to r) Lucille Meyer Powell (UCLA), Margaret Crabtree Keith (Washington) and (2nd row, l to r) Betty Findley Krehbriel (Kansas) by South Orange County Alumnae Chapter President Marilyn Johnson Gingrigh.

of Mary Hutchins, Chi Chapter house-mother, who retired in June. After initiation, a banquet was held in her honor. The next day a reception was held at the chapter house.

A dessert in October honored Chi Chapter's new pledges and we celebrated Founders Day with the collegians. We will enjoy a January surprise brunch for the collegians and a February dinner with husbands and escorts.

Each spring we welcome graduating seniors to alumnae status with a dinner in their honor. We present the Betty Sue McCready Joiner scholarship award to the senior with the highest accumulative grade point average. The 1979 winner was Michelle Mayfield, who received an engraved silver candy dish. *Mary Holthouse (Oregon St.)*

Dallas

Dallas alumnae have had an especially exciting and busy year. In addition to introducing Gamma Phi Beta's first nationally distributed cookbook, *Ladyfood*, we enjoyed many other interesting and rewarding activities.

Thanks to hundreds of Gamma Phi Betas across the country, *Ladyfood* has become a reality. Sandra Graham Cude (Memphis St.) and Sara Hess McElhaney (Iowa), co-chairmen, their committee and a large group of recipe testers worked countless hours compiling the delicious recipes into a cookbook which is a hostess' delight.

Founders Day was a joint meeting of the Alpha Xi Chapter and Dallas alumnae.

Helen Jane Behlke Wamboldt (Minnesota), a 1978 recipient of the Pink Carnation Award, was the guest speaker.

Ginger Butler (Texas Tech) coordinated the December "Santa's Shop" with a wide selection of gift items prepared by alumnae. Proceeds were donated to the scholarship fund.

Alpha Xi pledges were welcomed by alumnae at a spaghetti dinner in February at the home of Jenny Taliaferre (SMU). Twenty-five Alpha Xi seniors were honored in May with a breakfast at the Hilton Inn, where awards from the Greek letter chapter, the alumnae chapter and the Mothers Club were presented.

Harriet Lishen Baldwin (Missouri), our TranSISter, would like to hear from members new to the Dallas area. Please call her at 867-0573.

Dayton

Dayton alumnae had a busy year. We started off last fall with a potluck and card party, which netted \$100 for cerebral palsy. We celebrated Founders Day and in December enjoyed a Christmas party with husbands and escorts.

In February we had a program on physical fitness and in April we were entertained with a program about the renovation of an old theater and a silent auction. We wound up the year with our May luncheon and couples picnic in June.

We united with the Alpha Chi Omegas for an art auction in November. The proceeds will benefit cerebral palsy.

If you are new in the area, please call Judy Bauer at 293-2421. *Carol Crowe (Missouri)*

Eugene

The Eugene Alumnae Chapter enjoyed a mother-daughter Christmas tea and a style show featuring bridal gowns.

Nancy Renton (Oregon) hosted her usual marvelous Founders Day dinner celebrated with collegians at the Nu Chapter house. Gail O'Donnell (Oregon St.) entertained alumnae mothers and their daughters at the Christmas tea.

Nu collegians modeled the bridal gowns of alumnae during the style show held at the chapter house in February. Gowns dated from 1921 through 1976.

Alumnae and husbands and escorts took part in an evening at the theater in April. Trudy Hirt (Iowa St.) was hostess for the annual senior dinner in May.

Cathy Chackel (Oregon) served as President during the year and initiated several new programs. A newsletter, "Carnation Comments," on appropriate pink paper was sent to all alumnae several times during the year and a chapter address book was published.

Eugene alumnae also donated gifts and funds to Camp Sechelt and the Camp Fund. *Trudy Hirt (Iowa St.)*

Evanston

The Evanston-North Shore Alumnae Chapter started the season with a salad luncheon at the home of Polly Grove Halliday (Northwestern). Our second auction of white elephants was fun and profitable.

A dessert and program, "All about Herbs," was held at the home of Dorothy Handley Welch (Michigan) in October.

Founders Day and the 90th anniversary of Epsilon Chapter were celebrated at a tea at the chapter house where the pledges were introduced.

In December we were busy with our annual sale of Christmas greens, our major fund raising event which benefits Camp Sechelt and special education classes at local high schools.

A luncheon and election of officers was held in March and we attended the annual Panhellenic spring luncheon in April.

The graduating seniors were honored at a luncheon held at the chapter house in May. Each graduate received a silver plate engraved with ΓΦΒ.

Alumnae new to the area may call Jane Carlson at 674-6082. For an auxiliary group meeting in the evening, please call Constance Kemmerer Koblish at 764-3999. *Polly Grove Haliday (Northwestern)*

Evansville

We had an exciting year with many new faces and lots of interesting programs. At our October meeting at the home of Linda Wilder Staggs, a speaker from the Willard Library gave an informative slide presentation and lecture about the history of our city.

PAD IV Cyndy Howes was guest speaker at our Founders Day luncheon. Mary Ann Pate Hormuth was presented the Merit Award.

The December auction hosted by Eloise Barrick Weller was a success. We more than doubled our projected income thanks to some fantastic cooks, artisans and auctioneer Sharon Dauby Overton.

One of the spring highlights was the May salad buffet honoring collegians.

Gamma Phis new in the area are welcome. Please call TranSISter Linda Wilder Staggs (Indiana St.) at 476-0989. *Anne Warner (Purdue)*

Glendale

The Glendale Alumnae Chapter enjoyed monthly evening meetings at members' homes. Highlights were the annual dinner at the home of Luciann Bell and a summer salad luncheon.

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Our new PAD XVI, Jeanne Lupton Leisy, presented an informative report at our May meeting. Marta Brown reported on the Area Leadership Conference.

We supported the Camp Fund and a local workshop for the retarded with donations. Twenty-five members and friends attended the Panhellenic luncheon and fashion show scholarship fund benefit last spring. *Edna Grubb*

Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter is on the move. More than 20 enthusiastic alumnae attended a reorganizational meeting in April at the home of Cyndy Meisner Howes.

In August, the executive Board met to formulate activities for the coming year, which will include a craft meeting, a Christmas bazaar, a gardening demonstration and a couples theater party.

Interested alumnae in the area may contact Pat Rodgers at 891-1795. *Nancy Murray*

Indianapolis

Much has been happening with the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter this past year. We all enjoyed the Founders Day dinner and our money making project of selling Christmas cards proved to be very successful.

Some of the programs we've planned are demonstrations on stained glass and furniture refinishing, a Christmas boutique auction, a program on makeup application and a lecture on oriental rugs. The social events for the year will be a couples cookout and a picnic with Indianapolis area collegians.

We're also planning a State Day luncheon and program to be held in March for all collegians and alumnae in Indiana. *Susan Borgnini*

Jackson

We celebrated our chapter's 25th anniversary by gathering for dinner with our husbands and guests. Other highlights were the visit of Cyndy Howes, PAD IV, our annual steak roast in July and recommendations luncheon in August.

New members Kathy Mewhort (Michigan), Nancy Walser Kuhl (Michigan) and Karen White Brienza (Illinois) have added new life and enthusiasm to our meetings.

We presented Golden Crescent Awards to Helen Kortenoff Breed, Loraine Werner Handley, Ruth Mary Pittelco Hart, Genevieve Holmes Warner, and her twin sister Geraldine Holmes Huizenga (all Michigan). We are honored to have International Historian Charlotte Hamilton Mason as a member of our chapter. *Betty Hert Lincoln*



Caroline Crouch Wood (Miami) (left) and Marilyn Shelt VanWey (Miami) enjoyed a ride around South Bay Island in the Woods' Model A Ford.

Lawrence

In October we entertained Sigma Chapter pledges at a picnic. In November we celebrated Founders Day at the Sigma Chapter house with a program put on by the collegians.

Our December meeting was a cookie exchange and carol sing. In February we had a demonstration and class on country cross stitch by the owner of a crewel shop.

Since many of our members do volunteer work at the hospital, our April program featured a speaker from the hospital auxiliary. In May we held our annual senior dinner and in June enjoyed a barbecue with husbands and guests. *Harriet Mattingly Larkin*

La Jolla

Fifty dues paying members and the prospect of more in the coming year delights us. Our meetings feature pool parties, special theme socials and tours to points of interest.

Helen Sun (Wittenberg) and Suzanne Santee Leinhaupel (Penn St.) made 20 pink table covers for rush parties at San Diego St. Audrey Mair Bell (San Diego St.), Geneva Shaw Thomas (San Diego St.), Nancy Hall Pawka (San Diego St.), Jane Crowningshield Whildin (San Diego St.), and Phyliss Busse (Illinois) helped with rush.

Profits from a lively white elephant auction and plant sale and from the Designers Show Case ticket sale helped raise money

for a Girl Scout camp.

We invite all Gamma Phis in the San Diego County area to contact Suzanne Santee Leinhaupel at 454-6982. *Geneva Shaw Thomas, Nancy Hall Pawka*

Lincoln

In August alumnae helped during rush as Pi Chapter gained another top pledge class. Also in August was a salad supper and bridge game. Many new friends were made and old friendships renewed when alumnae paired up to play each month in the Bridge Marathon Club. Tallies were kept and winners announced at the May meeting.

In October a crafts demonstration was held at the home of Virginia Langston Cooley (Kansas). Lincoln alumnae joined Pi collegians at the chapter house to celebrate Founders Day. Pledges were given goodie baskets made for them by alumnae.

In December children of alumnae were treated and entertained by collegians at a Christmas party. Alumnae, guests and friends gathered at the chapter house in January for a bridal fashion show. Fourteen collegians modeled wedding gowns worn by Gamma Phis or their mothers. Mary Louise Babst (Nebraska) narrated the event.

March brought our ninth art gallery. Collegians helped make this sale a big success. Paintings, sculptures, pottery and crafts were sold. Spring luncheon in April honored Pi Chapter seniors and the Corporation Board. In May we enjoyed a social evening and crepe supper. *JoAnne Armstrong Bettenhausen (Nebraska)*



Balboa Harbor alumnae, husbands and guests attend the annual Superman party at the home of Jim and Mary Ellen Hanley.

was installation of officers after attending a banquet in honor of Beta Tau's scholars.

We enjoyed a potluck lunch with PAD IX Ann McCune Volker. She inspired us with suggestions and ideas for the coming year. The annual senior brunch in May was held at the home of Marcie Johnston and in July, husbands and friends joined us for a summer party at Mary Jo English's ranch.

A warm welcome is extended to anyone in the Lubbock area. Please call Claire Casaday Wagner (Arizona) at 792-9018. *Claire Casaday Wagner*

Minneapolis-St. Paul

We are enjoying a fantastic year under the leadership of President Ginny Winn Atwill (N. Dakota St.). The House Corporation Board and interested alumnae have worked together to raise funds to update the Kappa Chapter house.

Programs this year will have a travel theme. The kick off was a luncheon and fashion show with a special segment on coordinating a travel wardrobe. Pat Ransier Lindgren (Minnesota) was chairman. Other programs will be an Italian luncheon and program on Venice, Founders Day, a Greek luncheon and program and a Hawaiian luau with the collegians.

Sports Mania, our largest project, benefits the University of Minnesota Patty Berg Scholarship Fund for Women's Athletics. Jane Veker Nayer (Minnesota) is chairman. We have donated \$13,000 to the scholarship fund during the past three years. *Marlys Nickeson Pung*

Nashville

This year, the Nashville alumnae have emphasized service to the collegiate chapter at Vanderbilt. That this program has been a happy choice for us is proven by the fact that membership is up by 30 percent. Since Vanderbilt has both fall and spring rush, the alumnae assist at both and later have a brunch for each pledge class.

Our philanthropy project was the Country Fair, put on with the collegians to support the Red Cross camping program. Founders Day saw a wonderful turnout for the presentation of nine 50 year pins. The mother-daughter Christmas tea and a party for seniors are annual events.

Please join us. If you are new in town, call Lynne Ayres at 269-6007. *Bonnie Hager Daume*

Northern Virginia

The highlight of the year was the annual art auction held in May. Proceeds exceeding \$2,600 were presented to the Northern Virginia Training Center for the Mentally Retarded.

Our year began with a get-acquainted meeting at the home of Susan McCarty

members and featured dessert and a Christmas ornament exchange. If you would like to join us, please call Susan Wiclshem at 445-5231. *Susan Wiclshem*

Louisville

Spring saw the Louisville Alumnae Chapter completing its program year with the annual elections meeting and a demonstration of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. We also had a Sunday brunch for husbands and friends.

After the summer, a get acquainted party kicked off the fall schedule. An outing to a luncheon theater and a potluck dinner for Founders Day were enjoyed by all. Fund raising for Gamma Omicron Chapter and a local camping program will continue.

Newcomers to the Louisville area may contact TranSiSter Terry Stacy (Penn St.) at 228-8678. *Madge Balden Adams (Kentucky)*

Lubbock

In September we congratulated Beta Tau Chapter on their new pledges and held the annual mother-daughter tea.

We had a lovely Founders Day with the collegians. Winifred Gifford, a member of the last pledge class to have Francis Haven Moss participate in its initiation, spoke to us.

We held a Christmas party in December and each alumna contributed a small gift for Camp Sechelt. In January we met for luncheon and election of officers. February

Long Beach

We attended the Panhellenic Art Auction in September with our husbands, escorts and friends. In October we were entertained at the home of Georgia Merchant for a potluck. We saw our new Gamma Phi Beta auto license plate frames which will be a special fund raiser along with our annual nut sale.

At our Founders Day celebration, PAD XVI Jeanne Lupton Leisy and Collegiate Vice President Ruth Donlon Lowell spoke to us. We were joined by South Bay alumnae and collegians from Gamma Eta Chapter.

Nicole Neesham opened her home for a Christmas party in early December. We welcome any new alumnae in the area and urge them to call Bea Johnson at 431-5405. As our new license frames say, "It's Great to be a Gamma Phi Beta."

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter is continuing to grow. We have a luncheon group which meets during the day and another group which meets in the evenings.

We ended the year in May with a potluck dinner and installation of officers. In August we had a summer barbecue with husbands and guests. In September we enjoyed a fashion show. Our December meeting was a combined meeting of all our

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Hume (Wm. and Mary). In October, we heard a speaker from the consumer affairs office. In April, a representative from the Fairfax County Police presented an informative program on rape.

In November we joined the Washington, D.C. alumnae for Founders Day at the Beta Chapter house. In December we held a Chinese auction at the home of Pat Beard Panton (Oregon). Our annual potluck and installation of officers was held at the home of Betty Roesler Griffin (Nebraska). We ended the year with a picnic for area collegians.

Newcomers and visitors to the area are invited to call Betty Roesler Griffin at 533-0972. *Pat Beard Panton*

Odessa

Highlight of our Founders Day luncheon was the presentation of the Merit Roll Certificate to Helen Wisdom Redman (Arizona).

In May the Midland alumnae joined us for a patio supper. We enjoyed some good fellowship with our neighboring sisters. In August, we joined the Midland and Amarillo alumnae to have a pre-rush supper for Beta Tau Chapter.

Ann McCune Volker is Panhellenic corresponding secretary and Barbara Greene is vice president. We're proud of our Panhellenic project, the Well Baby Clinic. *Barbara Hurley Greene (Texas)*

Oklahoma City

Our bi-annual fund raising project, "Candy Cane Lane," kept us busy until right before Christmas. We were occupied making items to sell in our Children's Boutique at "Candy Cane Lane." Again, as in years past, it was a smashing success. It enabled us to donate \$1,000 to the Oklahoma Society for Crippled Children to be used for their summer camp.

Winnie Schumacher Hawkins (Kansas) was chosen Panhellenic Woman of the Year. She was honored for her service to Panhellenic and the community.

In the spring we set our sights on our "Benefit Bridge," which is sponsored by our bridge group. Proceeds went to Beta Omicron Chapter to help defer rush expenses.

We finished our year by honoring the seniors from our four Oklahoma collegiate chapters. All seniors were invited to a backyard barbecue at the home of Tanya Williams Deen (Texas).

Omaha

Omaha Alumnae Chapter's theme last year was "Climb Aboard with Gamma Phi Beta." The train pulled out in August with a gathering at the home of Teek Kurt Schonberg (Iowa St.). In September the train



St. Louis alumnae entertain area collegians at a summer taco party.

stopped for a salad supper with featured a slide presentation by Grand President Karen Wander Kline (Iowa St.).

The chapter whistle stopped through October with a reception for Karen Kline and a Halloween costume party. November found the train pulling into the depot for our Founders Day celebration.

December brought the express to two holiday stops—our annual gift exchange and a mother-daughter Christmas tea. In January we enjoyed a skating and sledding party.

Spring introduced several short layovers including a catered dinner in March and the annual garden party in May. At the garden party, alumnae spent the day preparing orders and selling plants to help sponsor the diabetic camps. *Barbara Miller Adams*

Palo Alto

Palo Alto alumnae held their fourth annual fund raising bridge luncheon in October at the home of Edith Johnson Dickman (California). One hundred twenty Gamma Phis and friends enjoyed a gourmet luncheon prepared by members.

Bridge prizes were baskets of fall flowers and special gifts were awarded in a raffle. Proceeds benefited the Camp Fund, a local camp and Beta Theta Chapter.

Monthly meetings include a Founders Day celebration, a traditional Christmas party and trips to nearby places of interest. Highlight trip of the year was a visit to the California Palace of the Legion of Honor to view five centuries of art from the Dresden, Germany museum. *Lyra Beth Fitzpatrick Lemmon (Vanderbilt)*

Philadelphia

A September barbecue gave us all a chance to renew friendships. Founders Day featured an impressive ceremony, Gamma Phi sing and cookie exchange. Our Christmas covered dish dinner featured an ornament exchange. We also brought canned goods to distribute to a local child care facility.

A desert meeting in February featured "Books A la Carte." In March our husbands joined us for a progressive dinner. A salad buffet in May preceeded a slide show on King Tut. Husbands joined us again in June for a cookout.

We conducted a drawing for free dues from all of the paid members at the November meeting. This encouraged dues paying much earlier. Newcomers to the Philadelphia area should contact Milly Butler at 494-4166. *Bette Agnew Alburger*

Pomona Valley

Pomona Valley Alumnae wish to extend a "hello" and "come join us" to all the busy Gamma Phis in Pomona, West Covina, Covina, La Puente, Hacienda Heights, Glendora, Claremont and nearby cities. Please call Jean Griffin Glass at 339-6548 if you would like to join us.

Quad Cities

We have 35 members who gather monthly for a wide range of programs including lunch out, Founders Day, guest speakers



Lisa Futch (California-Irvine) receives the \$400 Balboa Harbor Alumnae-Betty Luker Haverfield Memorial Scholarship from Mary Earl Spencer. After completing an M.S. in health nutrition at Columbia, Lisa plans to enter medical school.

and children and alumnae coffee in the country.

The annual fund raiser, "Make It, Bake It, Create It," an auction of all sorts of wonderful things created by members, raised almost \$200 this year. The chapter donates camperships to the Girl Scouts and supports Camp Sechelt.

The chapter supports the local Panhellenic group in their benefit night at the theater by selling tickets and contributing food served during intermission. Panhellenic supports scholarships for area women. *Patty Faulds Blackman (Iowa)*

Riverside

During the past year the Riverside alumnae have helped Delta Lambda Chapter with rush and chapter activities. In October we held a pledging tea for the chapter at the home of Mary Thomas.

Six members of our group attended the Founders Day celebration in Long Beach. Our Christmas mother-daughter coffee was held at the home of Audrey Bashaw. Several of us attended the Area Leadership Conference in April in Long Beach.

Any Gamma Phis new to the area are invited to call Jan Mickelson at 683-6941. *Jan Mickelson*

Rochester

Rochester alumnae began the year with a potluck supper at the home of Marcia Lane Payne (Rollins). As the year progressed, members enjoyed a cake decorating demonstration and the Founders Day luncheon,



(l to r) Joan Wing Wesalowski (Wittenberg), Gladys Bock Jamieson (USC) and Marcia Meyers LaMorte (Iowa) view some of the items in the Buffalo Alumnae Chapter Craft Sale.

at which Florence Gratiot (Illinois) was presented a Merit Roll Certificate.

December was a busy month as the chapter continued its ongoing philanthropy work for Hillside Children's Center. Early in the month, we helped several of the center's residents with a holiday craft project and then provided a bundle of gifts for five of the facility's neediest children.

The chapter greeted spring with a party for new area alumnae. April was devoted to the group's annual fund raising project, decorating chocolate Easter eggs. Proceeds will go toward providing Christmas for some of the Hillside children. In June we had a Chinese cooking demonstration and installation of officers.

St. Louis

Under the leadership of President Dorothy Allen Drees (Washington-St. Louis) and with a variety of activities and programs, the St. Louis alumnae had a successful year.

Programs arranged by Stephanie Sarrah O'Leary (Colorado) included a fashion show featuring members' children, an interior designer, an evening social for members and husbands, a presentation

about the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair and an explanation of living with a transplanted organ by a kidney recipient.

Under the direction of Nancy White Welton (Nebraska, Minnesota) and Mary Palmer Schnitzius (Washington-St. Louis), the evening group enjoyed a get acquainted session and a trip to a plant nursery. They also went to the home of "Gourd Queen" Louan Lauman Neunreiter (Washington-St. Louis) where they watched her work on her creations.

Alumnae new to our area should call TransISter Margaret Godbold Briscoe (SMU) at 832-6305. *Catherine Gardner Bowling (Vanderbilt)*

San Fernando

It's always stimulating working with the collegians at UCLA. We helped with rush and Dottie Burrell Zeller (UCLA) was a rush counselor and Lyn Perkins Mesner (Oregon) served on the Panhellenic Rush Committee.

Our festive and fun Christmas party had a sad note last year as it was the last time the party was hosted by Dottie Haines Winan (UCLA) and husband Mal. They

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have become premanent residents of their motel in Lake Tahoe. Dottie's contributions to Gamma Phi Beta are endless and she will be missed.

In January we listened to an informative program on estate planning and also hosted the Alpha Iota initiation brunch. Spring activities included a meeting at the home of Beverly Smith Gosnell (San Diego St.) in Malibu Beach and an aerobic dancing demonstration at the home of Joan Heath Hawks (UCLA).

Shirley Eglund Spalla (USC) opened her home in May for our annual auction party. Proceeds of the event enable handicapped children to attend camp. Pam Lynch McDonald (Wisconsin) was hostess of our salad bar dinner and installation of officers.

We welcome you to join us by calling Ruth Mellen Mendenhall (Arizona) at 349-1602. *Lyn Perkins Mesner (Oregon)*

Seattle

At our September meeting we received a report about the super new pledge class at Lambda Chapter and listened to Polly Cassity's account of her years as a Gamma Phi Beta housemother. Founders Day was celebrated at a local country club and was highlighted by an old time fashion show, organized and narrated by Lee Marsh Yates.

Our December luncheon bazaar at the home of Janet Nelson Schmitt included a presentation on antique Christmas tree ornaments. Our February meeting featured a restaurant review magazine editor. At our May luncheon, held at the home of Janet Wight Merrill, a wardrobe consultant helped us organize our fashion thoughts.

If you are new in Seattle, please contact our TransISter, Janet Merrill, at 236-0204. *Carol Tremper Hall (Wisconsin)*

South Bay

One of the year's highlights was hosting the Los Angeles Intercity Founders Day dinner in Long Beach. Kay Johnson Marovich (Kansas St.) was mistress of ceremonies and was named Woman of the Year.

The proceeds from our annual nut sale enabled us to give four scholarships to graduating seniors. We also provided two camperships to the YMCA day camp with the help of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.

Other activities included an Oktoberfest with husbands and escorts, a lesson in aerobic dancing, a visit to a nursery, a demonstration in fashion recycling, a Christmas cookie exchange and our installation brunch.

We hope Gamma Phis new to the area will call our TransISter, Pat Grimwood Kraatz (UCLA), at 541-1743. *Beverly Henricks Manning (N. Dakota)*

S. Orange County

Our year opened with a speaker on transactional analysis and a luncheon at the home of Betty Findlay Krehbiel. A buyer for Neiman Marcus gave a preview of the Christmas catalog in October. We celebrated Founders Day with other Los Angeles area Gamma Phis.

A tour of Lawry's Food and a luncheon were enjoyed by all in January. Our April meeting provided us the opportunity to present Golden Crescent Awards to Margaret Crabtree Keith (Washington), Betty Findlay Krehbiel (Kansas) and Lucille Meyer Powell (UCLA).

Alumnae, guests and friends attended a soup and salad dinner at the home of Margy Dye Risner before attending the Pageant of the Masters in August. Our chapter took pleasure in seeing the profits of our nut sales go toward five camper-ships.

Any members new in the area are invited to call Wendy Pile McCalley at 831-2024. *Janet Wissmiller Barrett*

Springfield, Ohio

In October, Alpha Nu celebrated its 50th anniversary with a dinner organized by Donna Jean Driscoll.

Other plans for the year include a covered dish dinner, a pledge dinner, a plant sale, dessert party for graduating seniors and a dinner meeting at a local restaurant.

Springfield Gamma Phis were thrilled when Mary Lu Kissell Noonan (Wittenberg) was presented the Class of 1914 Award for "meritorious service to the university." And, Nancy Willis Carlson (Wittenberg) and her husband collaborated on "Lazarus," an opera which had its premiere at Wittenberg.

Springfield, Mo.

We have continued to develop our own potential as we watch Delta Nu Chapter grow. November brought a joint celebration of Founders Day and Delta Nu's first birthday. After a beautiful ceremony, we enjoyed birthday cake, punch, gifts and songs. Our tree trimming party with Delta Nu was complete with carols and cookies.

Jean Prewitt (Missouri) hosted a Valentine potluck dinner in February. In April, collegians treated alumnae and families to a picnic. In May, we held a senior brunch and awarded the Betty Haverfield Scholarship Award to Joanne Carlin. Delta Nu awarded the Outstanding Alumna Award to Carol Turner (SMU).

Any alumnae new to the Springfield area are urged to contact Charlotte Lilliedahl at 881-1676. *Charlotte Lilliedahl (Wisconsin)*

Toledo

Each of our members donated \$5, which we combined with funds from the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation to send five handicapped children to camp.

Our annual June luncheon was held at the home of Carolyn Holden. In August, we enjoyed a day at the summer cottage of Caroline Crouch Wood. Her husband gave us a tour of the island in his 1930 Model A Ford.

September brings out international dinner with delicious dishes with a foreign flare. *Caroline Crouch Wood*

Topeka

We had a potluck Founders Day dinner in November at the home of Ceil Priest Marshall. Dorothy Smith Gabel, Christine Shermerhorn Munns, Kay Huston Pulford, Grace Vaniman Russell and Florence Fink Taggart (all Kansas) received their 50 year pins.

May brought the annual garage sale. Profits enabled our chapter to sponsor two campers from the Topeka Girls Club and send a donation to the Camp Fund. The year of activities rewarded us with ten new members and many new friends and experiences. *Pam Page Powell*

Tucson

In May we celebrated the completion of the brick barbecue given to Alpha Epsilon Chapter by the fall pledge class.

Also in May, we honored the graduating seniors at the annual senior dinner. Alumnae prepared quiches, salads and vanilla ice cream with strawberries. After dinner, each senior briefly explained her future plans and was presented with a copy of "The Crescent Cookbook." *Diana Davies*

Washington, D.C.

Our programs featured quilting, tree and shrub selection, morality in modern art and ethical issues in contemporary genetics.

One meeting we were treated to an Indian dinner prepared by Nancy Jones Claunts (Texas Tech). She showed slides of her family's life in rural India.

Many members attended an evening of shopping at our Gamma Phi Boutique. Ruth Folwell Studley has run a shop for years in her home to benefit our projects.

We had two meetings at the Beta Beta Chapter house. They were a scholarship awards dinner and Founders Day with Northern Virginia alumnae in attendance.

Washington alumnae are always happy to see new members. Please call Nancy Claunts at 384-5493. *Margy Molden Wiltamuth (Iowa St.)*

Colossal Collegians

"Charming" Scholars

Having maintained 4.0 scholastic records for the 1977-78 academic year, these 59 Gamma Phi Betas will receive "A" Award charms for their achievements.

Province II

William and Mary—Doris Scheffel,
Mary Anne Sorenson

Province III

Bowling Green—Sandy Davies,
Barbara Glantz, Debbie Guelpa,
Kathy Waitzman
Miami—Emily Riley
Kentucky—Elizabeth Anne Barber,
Jane Connell

Province IV

Indiana—Carol Streepey

Province V

Illinois—Barbara Swift

Province VI

Minnesota—Michele Hougnon
North Dakota—Jeanne Dipple,
Karen Rohwaldt, Mary Traynor,
Linda Tryhus

Province VII

Texas—Karen Luedecke
Southern Methodist—Kathy
Fickenscher, Suzanne Fiederlein,
Linda Foreman, Znita Ranadell,
Laura Scott, Val West

Lamar—Sue Dens

Province VIII

Vanderbilt—Paige Highfield
Florida State—Judy Ivester
Auburn—Diana Brooks, Jeanne
White

Province IX

Oklahoma—Mary Jane Pruett,
Deborah Jane Winston
Oklahoma City—Renee DeMoss,
Mary Lee Jones
Texas Tech—Karen Mann
Oklahoma State—Stephanie
Grimes, Toni Mullendore, Laura
Radke

Province X

Kansas—Sally Maag
Missouri—Jill Brown, Maria
Krause
Kansas State—Christa Clark, Julie
Karlin, Colleen Kill, Toni
Thompson

St. Louis—Jill Tennis

Province XI

Denver—Janet Lewis
Colorado College—Marne Jenson
Colorado—Terri Zopf, Dianne
Rogowski

Province XII

British Columbia—Joanne
Tompkins

Province XV

Nebraska—Kim Chase
Iowa—Julie Johnson, Jerri Kleuver,
Cathryn Taylor
Kearney—Michelle Meeker
Drake—Linda Allen, Sara Justice,
Michaela Tilgner

Province XVI

California State-Fullerton—Alaire
Hinkle, Eloise Hock



Michelle Whitson
(Kansas)

Miss Kansas Sister 2nd Runner-up in Miss America

Michelle Whitson (Kansas) was selected second runner-up in the Miss America Pageant and received a \$10,000 scholarship.

A senior majoring in communications, she has earned academic and music scholarships and has been on the Dean's List every semester. Michelle has studied music, drama and dance for many years and played the harp in pageant competition. Her ambition is to "introduce the harp as a viable instrument used in the performance of pop and jazz music."

Her talents have gained her leading roles in children's theater, Greek Sing and the University of Kansas Rock Chalk Revue. She is a special event assistant for Hall's Crown Center and plays harp for weddings.

As a member of Gamma Phi Beta, Michelle has served Sigma Chapter as pledge class President and Membership Chairman.

Michelle enjoys needlepoint, sewing, running, swimming and softball. She has been a lifeguard for five years and a swimming instructor.

Accounting Position

- Qualifications:** Member of Gamma Phi Beta preferred
Accounting Degree
Experience in bookkeeping
Knowledge of fund accounting helpful
- Responsibilities:** Handles day to day accounting functions
Monthly Financials
Administer chapter house loans
Handle international insurance programs
Cash management

An exciting opportunity to live in Denver and take part in the challenge of restructuring Gamma Phi Beta's financial operations. Salary commensurate with experience. For information please call Jonette Crowley, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, (303)-771-3031.

Gamma Phi Bookshelf

Slum Dwellers Plight, Change Told in Gripping Account

Profanity Hill, Irene Burns Miller's (Washington) first book, chronicles her work of 40 years ago, when as a young social worker, she tackled the job of relocating Seattle slum dwellers who were displaced by one of the nation's first public housing projects.

Irene's sensitive, yet gripping, book paints a vivid picture of the poverty and misery that imprisoned so many on Profanity Hill. With the help of colorful descriptions and uncensored dialogue, she introduces some of her acquaintances from those bygone days: Buffalo Bill, who showed her the realities of racial discrimination; 83-year-old Lon Chang whose dreams are realized when Hill residents help him return to China; and the madams

and prostitutes with whom the convent-educated Irene eventually established a kind of rapport.

At the age of 21, she was one of the first, and probably the youngest, female city editor of a daily newspaper, when she held that job at the Spokane Press. It wasn't long, though, before she traded her editor's eyeshade for a wedding band and embarked on a short career as a housewife. Six years later, when tragedy left her a widow with a small daughter to support, she tried to return to newspaper work, only to find the depression job market glutted.

During a long and illustrious career in social work which followed, Irene held responsible positions with the Los Angeles County Charities, Family Society of Seattle,



Irene Burns Miller
(Washington)

Federal Housing Authority and the Seattle Council of Civic Unity.

Although the 139-page book had to wait almost 40 years to get written, it immediately won the 1978 editors award in the Pacific Northwest Writers' Conference. In paperback, it is available from the Workman's Press and sells for \$4.50.

Judy Haverfield Beaupre

Sister's Pioneer Family Prompts Books

610 Ellis And the Hospital Children—This warm and gentle story of a physician's family growing up in a lumberjack hospital at the turn of the century is written by Edith Dodd Culver (Wisconsin.)



Edith Dodd Culver
(Wisconsin)

The daughter of that doctor, Edith relates the story of her childhood, a tale that brings to life the true spirit of the hardy souls who did the pioneering—the lumberjacks, the sailors, the Indians and the everyday people. The 212-page paperback (Browzer Books, \$8.95) has been published as one in the Browzer Americana Series.

It gives us a look into a facet of north Wisconsin history that has never before been documented, and is written with such zest and richness of expression that the whole era comes alive. In this, her second book, Edith recaptures the spirit of her father, a pioneer doctor who tended the medical needs of lumberjacks when the timber industry was at its peak in the 1980s.

"Those tough lumberjacks rarely got sick," she remembers. "They

didn't have time to. But they had horrible accidents."

Edith's picture of life in the North during the logging boom is so richly recreated that parts of the manuscript were selected by the State Historical Society to appear in the Wisconsin Magazine of History.

A native of Ashland, Wisconsin, Edith was married to Paul Culver, a pioneer who flew America's first scheduled Air Mail flight in May of 1918. His experiences were the subject of her first book, *The Day the Airmail Began*, published in 1971.

An active Gamma Phi Beta and past province alumnae director, Edith now lives in Santa Fe, N. Mexico, with her Gamma Phi sister, Helen Dodd Winter (Wisconsin).

Judy Haverfield Beaupre

Couples and Cradles

Sharon Noftz (Wisc.-Milwaukee) to Robert McLean, February 17, 1979.

A girl to James and Deborah Lawson Fritz (California), November 27, 1978.

Elena Hannan (Colorado College) to Gabriel Renero, May 13, 1979.

A boy to Kenn and Jan Brickwood Haines (Drake), June 3, 1979.

Vija Magone (Oregon) to Stephen Dose, June 16, 1979.

Lusa Thierfelder (Oklahoma) to Richard Taylor, August 11, 1979.

A girl to John and Cindy Mace Anderson (Auburn), April 20, 1979.

A girl to Phillip and Gloria Little Martin (Auburn), July 8, 1979.

Adrienne Carpentier (Syracuse) to Robert Newton, August 4, 1979.

A girl to Charles and Lizbeth Landes Miller (Illinois), June 4, 1979.

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Gamma Phi Betas at Northern Arizona look forward to the first snowfall because it signals spontaneous fun. Snowball fights and snowman building contests between classes and snow related pledge pranks are fun for all.

Coaching mentally retarded children in skiing and ice skating for the Special Winter Olympics proves extremely rewarding. Sledging, intertubing, ice skating and skiing exchanges with fraternities and sororities build Greek friendships.

A warm feeling is shared by all as we venture into the forest to find the chapter Christmas tree. Upon returning, the decorating party begins, complete with hot chocolate, cookies and carols.



Beta Rho Chapter at the University of Colorado sent Melody Townley to camp last summer. Melody is retarded and attended the Easter Seal camp.

Proceeds from our fund raising project and help from the Camp



Gamma Phis at the University of Illinois participated in Sigma Chi Derby Days with the help of their two Sigma Chi coaches.

Fund enabled the chapter to participate in Gamma Phi Beta's international philanthropy. Next year we plan to send more girls to camp, complete with camp supplies.

Alpha Phi Chapter at Colorado College held Gamma Phi Beta Awareness Week. The purpose was to let people see the house and get to know the members in anticipation for a formal rush open house.

We held a Valentine's Day all campus party to start things off. During the week we invited prospective rushees for an evening study break and an afternoon get together.



Parents arrived in Nashville from all around the country to attend the biennial Gamma Phi Beta Alpha Theta Chapter Parents Weekend.

The chapter sponsored a luncheon on Saturday for members, friends, parents, faculty and the Chancellor and President of the University. It provided a good opportunity for parents to visit with professors, administrators and members.

Saturday night we attended the Grand Ole Opry and the weekend

finished with a Sunday brunch at a nearby restaurant.



Gamma Omicron Chapter at the University of Kentucky sponsored a basketball dance. The proceeds were donated to the Cancer Society.

We held a St. Patrick's Day party for the children at the Methodist Home of Kentucky. Refreshments were served and we all enjoyed entertaining the children.



At Beta Gamma Chapter at Bowling Green, invitations are sent to each housemother on campus inviting her for dessert and entertainment. Members of other chapters must then bring a ransom of canned goods to retrieve their housemothers. The canned goods are donated to a local charity.



Gamma Phis at Lehigh University make new pledges feel special by holding a pizza dinner and a "kidnap" breakfast.

To discover who their big sisters were, the pledges were sent around campus in search of clues. The big sisters then surprised the pledges with chocolate covered crescent moons and took them to lunch.

An Opportunity



These beautiful badges represent a tie between the past and future of our Sorority.

The upper badge belonged to Harriet (Hattie) Ludlow Lozier (Wisconsin) and is part of Gamma Phi Beta's historical badge display. Below it is a reproduction which is now available for purchase.

Little is known about Hattie, who was pledged to Gamma Phi Beta while still in high school. The reverse of her badge is engraved, "Harriet Ludlow, Gamma, 10/17/1902." She attended the University of Wisconsin for one year and then transferred and graduated from Wellesley in 1907.

The badge was turned in to Central Office in 1968 by Jessie Williams Hamilton (Illinois), a dear friend of Hattie. Hattie died in 1971.

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